

# LOOKING FORWARD AT BONNER

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## BONNER STREETS: IDA WEST STREET

Aunty Ida West was an Aboriginal elder, author and social activist

Ida West and her family were 'Islanders', Tasmanian Aborigines who survived the impact of colonial progress. Her extended family was spread across Tasmania, in contact with each other through a network of mail, itinerant family members, and Tasmanian Aboriginal seamen working on trading and fishing boats between Launceston, Victoria and the Bass Strait islands.

Ida West's life moved on when she married and moved to mainland Tasmania. A strong, outspoken woman who was prepared to fight for justice for her family and her community, Ida only ever wanted to see justice and fairness for all.

Ida West grew to be 'Aunty Ida', that Aboriginal matriarch who would step up to a challenge, and not step back until something was being done about whatever the problem was. In her later years before her death, her energy amazed most people who came to know her. Aunty Ida was always on the move, talking with politicians, church people, Aboriginal community leaders and young people.

Aunty Ida had her vision for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, and she also had a clear understanding of the wider white community and its problems. Aunty Ida cared for all people, black and white. Today many people continue to build on Aunty Ida West's vision for a better Tasmania, justice for Aborigines, and a happy future for later generations. Aunty Ida did her best, lived a happy life, and encouraged us all.



## THE FUTURE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IS HERE!

Welcome to the sixth edition of Looking Forward, the community newsletter for people buying, building and living at Bonner.

## MINGLE AT COFFEE AND MUFFIN DAY



Come along and meet your neighbours! Mingle's Coffee and Muffin Day is being held on Sunday 27 November at the corner of William Cooper Avenue and Mulligans Flat Road - near the big tree!

Time: 10am to 11am

For only \$2 grab both a delicious coffee and a muffin.



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Land Development Agency will be judging the best Christmas lights in Bonner. So if you're decorating your house with Christmas lights register now and you could be in the running to win a fantastic prize (\$200 prize value)! Judging will take place Thursday 15 December 2011 and the winner will be announced on Tuesday 20 December 2011.

Register your details at [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au)

Participating addresses will be listed online at [www.mingle.act.gov.au](http://www.mingle.act.gov.au)

## MINGLE AT BONNER - 'NEW LOOK' BONNER NEWSLETTER COMING IN 2012

The Mingle Program is an exciting LDA initiative that aims to build vibrant communities through a range of activities such as new resident programs family events, working groups and much more.

These fun filled activities provide a great opportunity for you to get involved in your local community and meet and connect with your neighbours.

To receive information about Mingle activities, join our Mingle database. Email us at [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au) or visit the website at [www.mingle.act.gov.au](http://www.mingle.act.gov.au)

### MINGLE NOTICEBOARD

Located on the southern end of Mabo Avenue (near Horse Park Drive), the Mingle noticeboard will keep you informed about upcoming events in Bonner. Don't forget to drive past and find out what's on!



If you would like more information on any of the topics in this edition of *Looking Forward*, please visit [www.lda.act.gov.au](http://www.lda.act.gov.au) or contact the LDA on 1800 777 952.

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**BONNER**  
somewhere to look forward to



## THINGS TO DO IN YOUR AREA

### PALMER TRIGONOMETRICAL STATION

*Access from Barrington Crescent, Amaroo.  
Overlooking Yerrabi Pond.*

Trigonometrical stations (or trig stations) are survey points used by land surveyors to produce maps of a region.

The Palmer Trig was originally erected in 1878. The Trig consists of a large stone cairn, and a wooden pole supporting galvanised iron sighting vanes.

The cairn is largely in its original form apart from cement binding to preserve the position of the stones. The pole and the vanes have been recently replaced with replicas of the originals.

A plaque next to the cairn commemorates the role of surveyors in the exploration and development of this region of Canberra.

## CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY

The festive season brings a number of extra fire risks to the community and your family.

Here are some precautions you should take to keep your family and friends safe during the Christmas period:

- Do not leave Christmas lights on when you go out or when you go to sleep;
- Do not let bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper or other decorations;
- Use only non-flammable or flame retardant artificial trees and decorations;
- Do not place candles near trees, decorations, presents or other flammable objects.

For more information and winter home fire safety tips visit [www.firebrigade.act.gov.au](http://www.firebrigade.act.gov.au)

## CHRISTMAS IN GUNGAHLIN

The Land Development Agency is hosting its free annual Christmas in Gungahlin event on Saturday 10th of December. Christmas in Gungahlin is an event that the LDA hosts each year to bring together communities in the Gungahlin region.

There will be plenty of entertainment and activities for the whole family to enjoy including live music, market stalls, kids entertainment and much more! Santa will also be making a special visit.

Make sure you come early to get your free show bag full of special offers and discount vouchers. There will also be plenty of other giveaways and prizes up for grabs on the day.

Come along to Gungahlin Place, between The G and the Marketplace, on Saturday 10th of December from 10:30am to 1:30pm for this year's Christmas in Gungahlin event.



*Christmas in Gungahlin 2010*

## CHRISTMAS IN GUNGAHLIN

WHERE:

GUNGAHLIN PLACE

WHEN:

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2011

TIME:

10.30AM - 1.30PM

## GET SMART IN YOUR GARDEN AND RECEIVE A \$50 REBATE

The ACT Government offers a FREE GardenSmart service where a qualified horticulturist will tell you how to make your garden more water-efficient through clever plant choice and garden design and give you practical maintenance and watering advice.

After the horticulturist's visit, you can apply for a \$50 rebate on the purchase of selected water-saving products for the garden such as:

- garden mulch
- tap timers
- grey water hoses
- compost bins
- worm farms; and
- books on water efficient gardening.

For information and tips for your garden visit [www.actsmart.act.gov.au](http://www.actsmart.act.gov.au)



## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE LDA

All the staff at the LDA wish you a very safe and happy festive season and best wishes for a fantastic year in 2012.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR SUBURB?

- During the 2010-11 financial year, the LDA released 659 dwellings sites to the market across the various stages in Bonner. This brings the total number of dwellings sites released in Bonner to 2201.
- The civil construction of Stage 4 has commenced with the contract awarded to BMD Construction. Stage 4 comprises 252 dwellings sites and civil construction is scheduled to be complete in 2013.
- The landscaping of the open space areas in Stage 2 is underway with the contract being awarded to Pyramid Contractors. This work includes landscaping the open space areas between Section 74 and 76 and Section 82 and 85.
- Following the completion of the sub-stages in Bonner Stage 3, settlements of the vacant blocks of land will be undertaken so expect to see a lot of building activity in Bonner Stage 3 in the next 6 months.

