



## Mobile Speed Cameras Don't risk your ride!

A three-month warning period has commenced for mobile device detection cameras. During this period, motorists detected by the cameras using their mobile device while driving will receive a written warning. Infringements will start being issued from February 2024.

The goal of mobile detection cameras is to increase road safety by utilising the latest in road safety technology to deter and detect unsafe driving on our roads.

Any time you take your eyes off the road you are risking your own life and the lives of other road users. If you're behind the wheel, leave your phone alone.

ACT Policing will continue to issue infringement notices for mobile device offences they detect. The warning period only applies to mobile detection cameras.

Scan the QR code for more information.



## Community Support Fund

Did you know that Mingle has a Community Support Fund available? This fund is designed to provide financial resources for community initiatives. If you have an idea to help Whitlam's community thrive come and talk to the Mingle team or send an email at [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au). We look forward to hearing what type of activities you would like to see! Share your ideas with us and we'll see how we can support you.

## Resources and Reminders

Organisations and tips you may find useful:

**Woden Community Service** – our partner in Whitlam and provider of community services in Molonglo Valley and beyond. [wcs.org.au](http://wcs.org.au)

**Evelyn Scott School, Denman Prospect** is open for **Junior AND Senior School enrolments** for the 2023 school year.

**Visit Namarag** – A 35 hectare nature space right on Whitlam's doorstep. Plan your adventure at: [bit.ly/Namarag](http://bit.ly/Namarag)

**Molonglo Valley Community Forum** - Your local community council welcoming your input and participation. [mvcommunityforum.org.au](http://mvcommunityforum.org.au)

We know that illegal dumping can occur in new suburbs. Be sure to speak to your builder about fencing your block as soon as possible. Please report sightings to Access Canberra **13 22 81** or visit: **Feedback and Complaints** ([act.gov.au](http://act.gov.au))

The ACT Government offers a bulky waste kerbside pickup to Canberra households. This is a FREE, once-a-year pickup service. You will need to book the pick up through the City Services website: **Bulky waste collections - City Services** ([act.gov.au](http://act.gov.au)).

Communities at Work run a thriving hub in Denman Prospect, Whitlam's neighbouring suburb. These include church services and the Rahimoon Prayer Group, Bollywood Dancing classes, the Young at Heart Seniors group and community rooms for hire. Contact [communitydevelopment@commsatwork.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@commsatwork.org) for more information on any of these.

## Community Noticeboards

Do you have an activity, local business or community announcement to share with the Whitlam community? The Blue Poles and Heartbeat Café noticeboards are both available to the community to use. If you have a poster or flyer for them then drop them off at the Whitlam Community Space in the Display Village, at Heartbeat Café or email [mingle@act.gov.au](mailto:mingle@act.gov.au).

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## A community that comes together!



I was thrilled to hear about some of Whitlam's resident-led initiatives over spring, such as the Whitlam fruit and veggie stall each Sunday, the community Diwali event and a 3 on 3 basketball competition. I hope you continue to find ways to build your community together as this is what makes our local neighbourhoods so special. Enjoy the festive season ahead and take the chance to gather together and celebrate family, friends and this special place we call home.

**Minister for Housing and Suburban Development,  
Yvette Berry MLA**

## Straight to your inbox

Did you receive this Mingle newsletter in your letterbox? If you would like to receive it electronically, complete with links and a format that is easy to scroll through on your device, simply scan this QR code and sign-up. We only send 3-4 Mingle newsletters per year and promise not to flood your inbox.



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians, and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and future.



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# What's on in Whitlam over the Summer?

Mingle have planned a few activities to support the Whitlam community over summer. We hope you can find something to enjoy in the mix.

## Drop into the Mingle Space these holidays



We're bringing some community drop-ins to Whitlam every week over January.

Please remember that parents must be in attendance with their children during this time.

Pencil it in:

**10.30am – 12pm**

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| <b>4 January</b>  | Icy poles and paper craft                                     |
| <b>11 January</b> | Box City with Tom Buckland                                    |
| <b>18 January</b> | (Grandparents Day) – boardgames to share                      |
| <b>25 January</b> | All about paint! Canvases available for a gold coin donation. |

**Parents must be with their children during all Mingle activities.**

## Box City with Tom Buckland

Join artist Tom Buckland to create a city with just some cardboard and tape – then explore the city! Add doors, windows, even a turret or two!

**11 January, 10.30am – 12pm**



## Whitlam Community Space

Over January the Mingle office will be open on **Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am – 2.30pm**, feel free to drop in and meet the team during these times. From February the office will open from **Wednesdays to Fridays**.

During the school terms you'll find lots of things happening in the Whitlam Community Space. These activities will run until **14 December** and then recommence from **1 February**.

### Playgroup

Monday,  
10am – 11.30am,  
during school terms

### Mums and Bubs

In December join personal trainer, Kylee, for specific exercises for women. Young children are welcome at this class. This class will not be running from January 2024.

Thursday,  
10:30 – 11:30am

### English Conversation Class

Starting on the 7 September, this free, social class is for local residents to meet, chat, and practice their English language skills with a cup of tea in our Mingle Community Space. All welcome!.

Thursday,  
1pm – 3pm

### MEGA Yoga

To sign up and get more information about MEGA, go to their website [megamums.com.au](http://megamums.com.au).

Friday,  
1pm – 2pm

### Giggle and Wiggle

Join Libraries ACT for Giggle and Wiggle and Storytime. Only during school terms

First and  
Third Friday of  
every Month,  
10am – 11am

## Learn to Grow in Small Spaces

**2 December**

Join Fiona from the Ainslie Urban Farm to learn to grow in small spaces. Full of tips, tricks and practical application this workshop will give you all the knowledge you'll need to turn your small spaces into vibrant gardens.

Learn more and book through the QR code.



## Crafting My Story

**2 and 9 December**

Join Crafting My Story for two creating and connecting workshops before Christmas. Create place settings for the Christmas table, beautiful Christmas cards and use Macrame to turn everyday objects into beautiful pieces of art.

This is an opportunity for women to connect with each other and take some time out to be creative together.

Find out more about each workshop and book here using this QR code.



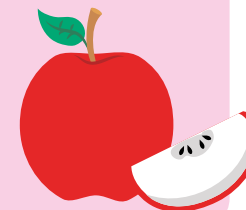
## Summer Picnic

**20 January, 3 – 5pm**

After last year's successful New Year Picnic, this year we've reached into the community to share some local talent. Join us at Whitlam's Blue Poles Park along Keith Bain Way for a Chinese Dragon Dance and African drumming.

The event kicks off at 3pm and will wrap up by 5pm, though community are welcome to stay on.

Bring your own picnic or BBQ and kick off 2024 with your community!



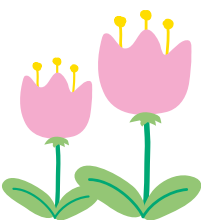
## Christmas Holiday Craft

Join us on **20 December, from 10:30 – 12pm**, for some Christmas Craft. Make a present and a card for Nan or Pop, or just get crafty and see what you can come up with.

This is a family activity and children must be supervised by a parent or carer.



## STEM Fairy



After the rained out spring holiday session, STEM Fairy is back to help you explore the pond and learn more about the tiny creatures who help to keep our waterways safe need our help to look after their habitats!

Come and learn more on **21 December from 12.30pm – 1.30pm**. Meet at the **Basketball Court on McDonagh Crescent**.

Scan the QR code to register.



## Stay cool and safe this summer!



To keep our skin protected, and stay cool and safe in the hot weather, it's important to:

- keep hydrated
- avoid outdoors between 11am and 3pm
- wear light clothing that covers as much skin as possible, a hat, sunglasses, SPF 30 (or higher) sunscreen and seek shade
- check the forecast so you know when hot weather is coming
- talk to your GP about how your condition or medication might affect your health in the heat

For more tips visit [health.act.gov.au/summersafety#ways-to-beat](http://health.act.gov.au/summersafety#ways-to-beat)

