

TAYLOR

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Taylor – a close-knit community!

I was delighted to hear how many Taylor residents were out and about during spring, walking the fantastic footpaths throughout the suburb and enjoying the local playgrounds. Over 550 people participated in regular weekly activities, weekend and school holiday events supported and hosted by Mingle in the last three

months. The Mingle team love providing the opportunity for residents to get together and meet one another. Please continue to reach out and share your ideas as Mingle supports you to build your Taylor community.

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

Save the date!



Activity Name	Date	Location
MEGA fitness	Mondays 11:00am – 11:20am	The Hive, Margaret Hendry School
Bike Library	Tuesdays 11:00am – 2:00pm	Taylor Bike Library, Margaret Hendry School lower carpark
Playgroup	Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:00am	The Hive, Margaret Hendry School
Taylor Morning Tea	Wednesdays 10:00am – 11:30am	Mingle Suite, next to the Taylor Adventure Playground
English Conversation Group	Thursdays 11:00am – 12:45pm (in school term)	The Hive, Margaret Hendry School
GOG Crafternoon	Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm (in school term)	The Hive, Margaret Hendry School



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Introducing Taylor's new BAPS Hindu Mandir and Community Centre

In the coming month, the new BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir and Community Centre will open in Taylor.

Inspired by the BAPS Leader, this Hindu temple will be a place of worship, cultural learning, celebration, and selfless community service (or *seva*).

The Mingle team recently had opportunity to visit the BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir and Community Centre. It was fantastic to see the variety of spaces and learn more about how the different assemblies and classes will be run in this Hindu centre. We look forward to sharing information on the official public opening of the temple in early 2024.

Taylor Morning Tea

Are you home on a Wednesday and keen to drop in for a cuppa? Our team will be at the Mingle Suite until December 2023. Drop in on a **Wednesday between 10.00am and 11.30am** to meet the team and other residents. We are often brainstorming new ways to help Taylor residents connect so come along and share your thoughts.



Taylor Book Club is now turning pages every month

We are very excited to be supporting the new Taylor Book Club – initiated and organised by residents for residents. If you have a love of reading, listening to podcasts or even binge streaming, come along to The Hive every month for a relaxed meet up with others of similar interest.



The Hive, Margaret Hendry School



Thursday 23 November and 21 December, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

For more information, contact Taylor resident, Erin on erinbarry@hotmail.com

Bike Fix 'n' Ride Session



Come along to the next Fix 'n' Ride Session at **the Bike Library, Margaret Henry School**. Bring your bikes along so the wonderful volunteer bike mechanics can teach you how to fix your bike. Borrow a bike for free – there are bikes to suit all ages! There will be a coffee cart, music, and market stalls. Everyone is welcome. **Saturday 2 December, 9:00am – 12:00pm.**



Pedal Power ACT

Do you know what to do in an emergency?

Do you have a household emergency plan in place? Do you know your neighbours well enough to help them in an emergency? If not, come along to a Red Cross Emergency Redi session, where you can learn about preparing for emergencies and take steps to build your own emergency RediPlan.

During the session you will learn about the practical, psychological, and social steps you can take to prepare for emergencies and minimise their impacts. The session will give you an introduction to preparedness, managing stress, building a social network with your neighbours and community, and provide you with the knowledge and tools to develop your own emergency preparedness plan.

Thursday 7 December, 6:30pm – 8:00pm at The Hive, Margaret Hendry School.



 **Australian Red Cross**



The Mingle team are moving

From January 2024, your friendly Mingle team will be based at **The Hive office at Margaret Hendry School on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Pop in to see the space, have a chat, meet other neighbours, or talk with us about your great ideas for Taylor community building.

Come and meet the team - Briony, Selina, Emma and Jagmeet – we'd love to get to know you!



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.

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

Like Taylor Mingle

Wow, we've made it to 828 followers! Keep liking the **Taylor Mingle Facebook page** and encourage your neighbours to as well – we want to hit 1000 in 2024!!

Taylor's first Community Diwali Celebration is coming!

The Festival of Lights will soon shine over Taylor with a community-organised Diwali celebration to be held in the **Margaret Hendry School gymnasium on Saturday 18 November from 5:00pm – 9:00pm**.

This event is open to all Taylor residents, those who celebrate Diwali and those who would like to experience it. Numbers are limited though, so to be able to participate please ***click here to register***.



ACT Container Deposit Scheme is the smart way to recycle!

Return your empty drink bottles, cans, and cartons through the ACT Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) and receive a 10c refund for each eligible container, while protecting the environment at the same time. Most drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. Look for the 10c refund mark on the label.

There are 22 return points across the ACT, including cash-back depots, reverse vending machines, Drop and Go pods, and Drop and Go points.

If you're not near a return point, the home collection service offered by ReCollect may be for you, actcds.org.au/recollect

To find your nearest return point, visit actcds.org.au.



The Hive Community Garden is GO!

Have you seen the beautiful honeycomb-shaped raised garden beds for the new Taylor Community Garden at The Hive? Phil Taylor, sustainability lead at Margaret Hendry School, is the brains and braun behind these beautiful creations. The beds were recently filled with soil by the community and are just about ready for planting.

If you would love to get involved in the next steps towards planting, please reach out to Phil directly at Philip.Taylor@ed.act.edu.au.



Community Service Bus Tours

Our partner, Community Services #1, will soon be offering community service bus tours for Taylor residents. Ever wondered where the Gungahlin Child and Family Centre is, how to access the library or where to find a food pantry? Then come along on a mid-week bus tour to find out all this and more as we offer a free bus tour of Gungahlin region community and public services. Keep an eye on the Taylor Mingle Facebook page for more details, dates and to register your spot.

Monday 27 November, 10:00am – 2:30pm – a tour for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

Thursday 30 November, 10:00am – 1:00pm – a tour for families, parents, and carers



We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the land and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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