



GIRALANG

LOCATION: Belconnen

NAME: The word Giralang comes from the language of the Wiradjuri tribe of central western NSW, meaning "star".

POPULATION: 3564

MEDIAN AGE: 31

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD: 3 people

WEEKLY INCOME: \$500-\$599

DWELLINGS: 95 per cent of dwellings in Giralang are houses. The remaining 5 per cent is made up of semi-detached, terrace or townhouses (4 per cent) and units or flats (1 per cent).

Giralang was gazetted in 1974 and is 79km from the city centre.

It could be said that Giralang is full of stars, street names throughout the suburb being Aboriginal words

meaning star, and astronomers and constellations seen from the Southern Hemisphere.

Chuculba Crescent is the main thoroughfare through the suburb with Canopus Crescent, Antares Crescent, Mirrabucca Crescent and Baracchi Crescent the other link roads.

Canopus Crescent is named after the second-brightest star in the sky. The name is taken from Egyptian mythology and refers to a helmsman of Menelaus.

Centaurus represents the constellation of Chiron who in Greek mythology was a centaur - half-man, half horse.

Giralang is bound in the north by the intersection of William Slim Drive and the Barton Highway, in the east by a strip of parkland and in the south by Baldwin Drive.

Giralang is in Belconnen, 4.2km from the Westfield Belconnen Mall and 5.1km from Calvary Public Hospital in Bruce.

Schools in and around include Giralang Primary School, Kaleen High School and Copland College. The University of Canberra is in nearby Bruce.

The outer perimeters of Giralang are made up of parklands, including cricket practice nets. A bike track that follows Lake Ginninderra's northern arm to Ginninderra Creek passes through the south-western corner of the suburb. There is a tavern, a grocer, a small supermarket, a petrol station with a mechanics' workshop, and a community association building.

Giralang shares its border with Kaleen, Crace, Nicholls, Lawson and McKellar.