

OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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HELP SHAPE LIGHT RAIL TO WODEN



There's still time. Consultation closes 11 June

There's still some time to have your say on the route for stage two of the light rail network to Woden.

Light rail will link Gungahlin and the City to Woden. It will form a public transport spine for Canberra, linking major retail, entertainment precincts, employment hubs and education institutions to the suburbs.

The conversation is still open on the 'Your Say' website. Your voice will help influence route options, stop locations, alignment and identify items or locations of interest. All community feedback will inform future planning decisions. More opportunities to have your say are still to come.

 For more information and to have your say visit yoursay.act.gov.au

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HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GARRAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Garran Primary School celebrates its 50th birthday this year. A large artwork honouring the milestone now sits in the main foyer of the school.

The work by artist Paul Summerfield is titled 'Islands of Learning' and incorporates many different elements of the school in its design. Also being planned for the celebrations, are a ball and a colour run for students.



 For more information visit garranps.act.edu.au

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

With work well underway on the first stage of our city-wide light rail network, we have asked Canberrans to help shape the route for stage two of the project – linking the City to Woden town centre.

Light rail to Woden involves crossing the lake and going through the Parliamentary Triangle and, by 2041, almost 90,000 people will live within one kilometre of stage 2. Have your say on exactly where the route goes, and where the stops are located.

Since we asked Canberrans their views in early May, we've had a huge amount of constructive feedback. There is still some time to have your say on stage 2. Visit yoursay.act.gov.au before this phase of consultation closes on Sunday 11 June.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.



For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au

NEW AUTHORITY TO RENEW OUR CITY CENTRE



Canberra's new City Renewal Authority starts operating next month. It will focus on breathing new life into the city centre and Dickson.

The new authority will support development of public spaces and buildings around Northbourne Avenue and will create West Basin's new lakeside precinct. The authority will take the same successful precinct based approach as Brisbane's Southbank and Perth's Elizabeth Quay. It will have a board of directors and expertise in design, engineering, sustainability, community building and administration.

NEW AGENCY TO FOCUS ON OUR SUBURBS

Starting from 1 July is the new Suburban Land Agency, focusing on our suburbs. It will deliver greenfield residential estates, land releases and affordable housing, as well as urban renewal projects in town centres and suburbs.

MORE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR REFUGEES

More refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT now have access to training in areas of skills shortage.

The eligibility criteria for the Australian Apprenticeships and Skilled Capital programs have been expanded. It now includes refugees and asylum seekers on temporary and bridging visas. The changes provide more employment opportunities for our newest Canberrans.

For more information visit skills.act.gov.au



21 year-old Jawad Haidari is a permanent humanitarian visa holder. Jawad is an apprentice at Simplicity Kitchens. You can read more about Jawad's story at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

THANKS RIVERS & WODEN SES

ACT SES crews have responded to more than 2,500 calls for assistance since July 2016. We thank all our SES volunteers for the vital assistance they provide the community throughout the year.

"I feel privileged to be able to help the people of the Rivers district, it is a role that I really love doing."

Peter Simpfendorfer, Rivers Unit

For information on how you can prepare your home for winter storms visit esa.act.gov.au



A 'GARDEN CITY' FUTURE FOR BRICKWORKS

A 'garden city' development of 380 homes, with a balanced mix of commercial and community uses, is coming to the Canberra Brickworks heritage precinct in Yarralumla.

The Brickworks development will be a mix of stand-alone houses, terraces and apartments. The design will ensure the heritage and history of the Brickworks is preserved for future generations.

Canberra developer Doma Group has been selected to build the development. This followed a thorough tender process that included input from a community panel.



HINDMARSH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Works are almost complete at the two Hindmarsh Drive intersections at Eggleston Crescent and Launceston Street.

New traffic lights have been installed. These lights will improve safety and make access easier for cars and buses entering and exiting Hindmarsh Drive from Lyons and Chifley.

ACT BUDGET 6 JUNE 2017

On 6 June 2017 visit treasury.act.gov.au for details on the ACT Budget 2017/2018.

Also keep an eye out in your letterbox during June for more information on how this year's budget benefits your region.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

All ACT students deserve access to a quality education so they can have a bright future. While the ACT is generally a high performing jurisdiction, there's more we can do.

We have started a conversation about what the future of education looks like and we need your help. We're seeking views from our children and young people, teachers, support staff and administration staff, parents, carers and families, as well as the broader community.

To join this important conversation, go to yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation



MEN'S HEALTH WEEK: HEALTHY BODY - HEALTHY MIND

It is not always easy to stay on top of your physical and mental wellbeing. This year's Men's Health Week focuses on 'healthy body - healthy mind', exploring ways in which men and boys are keeping physically and emotionally healthy.

For links to support services and tips visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

For more information on Men's Health Week 12 - 18 June, visit menshealthweek.org.au



NEW EXERCISE STATION INSTALLED

Woden's Eddison Park now has a new outdoor exercise station.

The equipment includes a sit up bench, seated rower, leg press, chest press, leg raise and dip bars. The new fitness station adds to Canberra's network of fitness equipment across 20 suburbs.

For information on outdoor fitness opportunities available near you visit act.gov.au/outdoorfitness





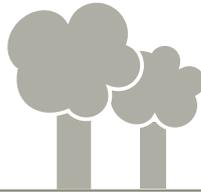
WARM TREES AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM



Come and see a huge installation of knitting and crochet on trees this July at the National Arboretum's Warm Trees event. This year the largest knitted flowers in the world will be on display.

Join us for a free 'knit in', enjoy a free guided Warm Trees walk or attend the origami workshops for children. Sponsored by Friends of the Arboretum and the Embassy of Japan, Warm Trees is a volunteer community project.

For more information visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au 



NOMINATE AN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

Give our nation's best the recognition they deserve. Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards. Nominations close 6 August 2017.

 For more information and to nominate visit australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate

WINTER WARMING TIPS AT ACTSMART WORKSHOPS



Winter is here along with cold feet and higher bills. Actsmart's free winter workshop series shows you how you can stay warm while minimising your energy bills.

The workshops include practical demonstrations on draught proofing your home, reducing the amount of escaping heat as well as tips on operating your heating systems. There are workshops on solar panels and battery storage too.

For more information visit actsmart.act.gov.au 



CANBERRA'S PUBLIC HOUSING STORY

Public housing is an important part of Canberra's story and our community. Many Canberrans grew up in the familiar 'govies'.

Today, our public housing is targeted to those in particular need. It helps women and children leaving family violence, older people, many single parent households and people with limited financial means.

Public housing and its tenants helped shape our city and represent the wider Canberra community.

 For more information about public housing visit economicdevelopment.act.gov.au



REGATTA POINT: NOT JUST FOR VISITORS

Canberra locals are encouraged to check out the new Canberra and Region Visitors Centre at Regatta Point.

The state-of-the-art centre presents visitor information in a different way, with interactive digital displays, a large-scale video wall and a dedicated kids' zone. It's also the perfect place to pick up event tickets, shop for local products or have a break after a lakeside walk.

The National Capital Exhibition and The Deck café provide even more reasons to drop by, with plenty of parking nearby.



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