

# OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



December 2016

## FACELIFT FOR ANKETELL STREET

Stage one upgrades to Anketell Street will be underway early next year.



The works include new furniture, street trees and feature lighting, as well as improved pedestrian access to the laneway entry to the lake.

This first stage of the upgrade is part of a long term plan to revitalise the

Tuggeranong Town Centre's public spaces, and is based on the Tuggeranong Town Centre Master Plan.

Construction will start mid-year and be completed by the end of 2017.

**i** Keep an eye on [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au) for updates on future upgrades.

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## BUSTING ILLEGAL GRAFFITI

A new graffiti buster volunteer program is now underway in Kambah. The program gets community groups and individuals involved in removing illegal graffiti from private property.

Other areas of Canberra may be included in the program as the initiative grows. Before graffiti busters get to work, approval will be sought from affected property owners.

**i** For details on how to join, visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

When the first flight from Singapore landed on a wet Canberra day a couple of months ago, our city changed for the better. We became a globally connected city.

Our young and vibrant city is growing up. We have reached 400,000 people and are growing at more than 5000 people a year. The ACT Government is investing in new city shaping infrastructure while making sure we keep the Canberra we love. Whether it be the new light rail, better healthcare and mental health services or investments in the future of education, Canberra is set for its next exciting phase.

It's been a big year in the ACT and as 2016 draws to a close, I'd like to wish all Canberrans a very Merry Christmas and may 2017 be a happy and prosperous New Year.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.



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## NEW SECURE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT 'DHULWA' OPENS



Dhulwa, the secure mental health unit in Symonston officially commenced operations in November.

Dhulwa is the first unit of its type in our region and has capacity for 25 residents. This includes 10 acute care beds and 15 rehabilitation beds, as well as 24-hour clinical support.

Dhulwa is a Ngunawal term meaning 'honey suckle', a native plant with healing properties.

 For more information visit [health.act.gov.au/dhulwa](http://health.act.gov.au/dhulwa)



## SCHOOL UPGRADES ACROSS CANBERRA



Primary schools, high schools and colleges across Canberra will be getting some major upgrades and improvements over the next four years.

An infrastructure upgrade program will provide new classrooms and upgrade existing classrooms, refurbish toilets, new gardens, upgrades to equipment and heating and cooling systems.

## NOMINATE FOR CANBERRA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award recognises and celebrates the community's most outstanding contributors. To nominate, go to [act.gov.au/cbrcitizen](http://act.gov.au/cbrcitizen)

Nominations close 31 January 2017. The winner will be announced in March 2017.

*2016 Canberra Citizen of the Year, Narelle Hargreaves, OAM*



## IMPORTANT HOLIDAY PERIOD CONTACT INFORMATION



### ACTION HOLIDAY BUS TIMETABLE

The festive season bus timetable runs 19 December to 6 January 2017 inclusive. There will be a special Christmas Day timetable where travel is free on the day.

Look out for new trial Peak Express services between Gungahlin and Tuggeranong offering three non-stop morning and evening services between the two centres.

 For information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



### Health services

Cuts, sprains and grazes can be treated at walk-in centres in Belconnen and Tuggeranong. They're free and open 7.30 am to 10 pm every day, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



### Crisis accommodation

Anyone experiencing domestic violence during the holiday period can contact the Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 6280 0900 (24-hour service).



### Priority housing

If you are seeking priority housing, please contact Housing ACT on 133 427.



### Bushfire information

Call 000 in an emergency and stay tuned to [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au) for alert and updates.



### Reporting child abuse & neglect

Notify Child and Youth Protection Services. Phone: 1300 556 729  
Email: [childprotection@act.gov.au](mailto:childprotection@act.gov.au)

For information on holiday period operating hours for ACT Libraries, Domestic Animal Services, Yarralumla Nursery and Waste Management Services visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

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## POINT HUT POND PLAYGROUND UPGRADE READY FOR SUMMER

Play time at the Point Hut Pond District Park in Gordon just got better with new play equipment now installed.

**i** Test out the new equipment and tell us what you think via our Facebook page [facebook.com/ACTGov](https://www.facebook.com/ACTGov)



## TRACKING CANBERRA: TUGGERANONG HERITAGE TRACK



Discover Canberra's tracks with a new app that uses augmented reality technology to bring the tracks to life. Set with the stunning background of the Brindabella Ranges, Tuggeranong has eclectic heritage for you to explore.

**i** Visit [canberratracks.act.gov.au](https://canberratracks.act.gov.au) to download the app and learn about tracks in other regions of Canberra.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ACT AUSTRALIANS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the four ACT Australian of the Year recipients, ACT Australian of the Year Alan Tongue, ACT Senior Australian of the Year Dick Telford, ACT Young Australian of the Year Heidi Prowse, and ACT Local Hero Stasia Dabrowski.

You can learn more about these remarkable Canberrans and their contribution to our community at [australianoftheyear.org.au](https://australianoftheyear.org.au). They will represent Canberra on the national stage on 25 January 2017.



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## CALWELL MASTER PLAN BUILDS ON CENTRE'S STRENGTHS

Thanks to some great community feedback, the Calwell Centre master plan is now complete and sets the scene for the area for the next 10 to 15 years.

The plan encourages more activity and places to meet and socialise, improves the pedestrian and cyclist network, upgrades public areas and allows for additional residential development to offer more housing choices in the future.

**i** Read more about the plan at [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEADER AT THEODORE PRIMARY

Matthew Holdway has been named Outstanding School Leader of the Year as part of the ACT Public Education Awards.

Matthew has been the principal at Theodore Primary since 2012 and took out the award for his outstanding leadership and vision which has increased engagement with the community.

**i** Read more about Matthew and the other ACT Public Education Award winners at [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)



# CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

Christmas in the City is back in 2016 and as well as the giant Christmas tree on City Walk, the Christmas Food Markets will be on in Civic Square.

Featuring a number of delicious culinary themed nights, as well as live music, Christmas in the City runs from 16 to 24 December.

 For more information visit [inthecitycanberra.com.au](http://inthecitycanberra.com.au)

## LONG-TERM CANBERRANS SHAPING OUR CITY

The Canberra Gold Awards recognise the unique contribution made by individuals and groups who have lived or operated in the ACT for 50 years or more. Nominate a family member, colleague, friend, or group who has helped shape our city.

Nominations close in early February with the awards to be presented in March as part of Canberra Day celebrations.

 Nominations can be made online at [act.gov.au/CBRgold](http://act.gov.au/CBRgold)



## FIREWORKS & FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE CITY

Canberra is set to ring in 2017 in style with a fantastic line-up of free entertainment and state-of-the-art fireworks this New Year's Eve.

Kick start your evening with music from the Brass Knuckle Brass Band. Potbelleez will also heat up the stage, performing energetic sets which will get your body moving. Nostalgia and Heuristic will feature, making sure there's no stop to the celebrations. Fireworks displays will light Canberra skies at 9pm and midnight, with best viewing from Civic Square.

 For more information visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au) or phone Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

Civic Square hosts an all ages concert line-up while Garema Place brings in the new year with bass beats and high-energy dancing.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE ARBORETUM & TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE

There are plenty of free activities at the National Arboretum during these summer school holidays.

Let the kids have fun in Pod Playground or fly a kite in the amphitheatre. The Arboretum grounds will be open until 8.30pm every night in summer.

 Visit [nationalarboretum.act.gov.au](http://nationalarboretum.act.gov.au)

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve has lots of activities for the whole family.

Discover the natural wonders of the sanctuary daily with a volunteer guide, feed the pelicans, spot an elusive platypus or maybe just go for a walk through the koala enclosure to see the latest addition - 'Ghanbi'.

 Visit [tidbinbilla.act.gov.au](http://tidbinbilla.act.gov.au)



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