

# OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition



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## BLACK RAPID FREE FOR ONE MORE MONTH

Get a  
free ride  
on the Black  
Rapid in  
November

Bus services across Belconnen have been improved and there is still one month left to try the new Black Rapid bus for free. It runs between Gungahlin and Belconnen.

Improvements have also been made to Blue Rapid services, which run from Kippax to Lanyon, as part of the new bus timetable that started in October.

To get on board, grab a MyWay card from your local newsagent.



For more information on all Rapid services across Canberra visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

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## SMOOTHER & SAFER ROADS IN BELCONNEN

This year, around 840,000 square metres of roads will be resurfaced across the capital to improve safety.

In Belconnen, work will take place on arterial roads including sections of Coulter Drive from William Hovell Drive to Ginninderra Drive, Bindubi Street from William Hovell Drive heading north, and eastbound on Ginninderra Drive.



A daily road resurfacing schedule is available at [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra is growing significantly and this needs to be reflected in the city services delivered by the ACT Government.

Recently, we have invested in additional mowing, street sweeping, upgraded shopping centres and better, safer parks and playgrounds.

We are seeking community feedback to prioritise service delivery in the future. Visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au) to tell us your priorities for city services.



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

**YOURsay**

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## YOURSAY: ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



All year we've been asking  
Canberrans about the future of  
schools and education in the ACT.

There's been lots of useful feedback about what's working in our schools, what might need to change, how success is defined and what children and young people want to learn. Make sure you have your say too.

 For more information or to add your ideas visit [yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation](https://yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation)

## UNITE AGAINST DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Saturday 25 November marks  
the first day of 16 days of activism  
against gender-based violence.

For 16 days, members of our community can help raise awareness about this issue, which affects women, men and children from all walks of life.


 Find out more at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](https://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)

## PARKING PATROLS GO HIGH-TECH

If you are tempted to overstay  
your parking time limit this  
summer, don't!

New licence plate recognition  
technology has been rolled out  
across Canberra, which can inspect  
more than 500 vehicles per hour. The  
technology is mounted in a car and  
takes infrared photos to electronically  
chalk cars and their licence plates.

This new technology is freeing up  
more parking spaces and allowing foot  
patrol inspectors to target illegal and  
unsafe parking.

 For more information visit [act.gov.au/accesscbr](https://act.gov.au/accesscbr)



## SERVICE OPTIONS WITH ACCESS CANBERRA

Access Canberra offers four service centres  
across Canberra. But if you can't get there  
in person, you can call us on 13 22 81,  
or access more than 250 services online  
at [act.gov.au/accesscbr](https://act.gov.au/accesscbr).

The Dickson service centre is now closed,  
with the building being demolished  
as part of the renewal project of the  
Northbourne Avenue corridor. If you  
need to get to a service centre, other  
centres are located at Swanson  
Court Belconnen, Homeworld  
Shopping Centre at Tuggeranong,  
Winyu House at Gungahlin and  
Bowes Street in Woden.

*Note: Only electronic payments can be  
made at Woden and Gungahlin.*



## GROUNDS OF GAREMA POP UP MICRO PARK

Construction is getting underway on the temporary pop up Micro Park  
at Garema Place. 'Grounds of Garema' is the winning design that was  
selected through a community vote.

It will provide a vibrant and attractive space with spots for cosy conversations, resting,  
playing, learning and enjoying the spring weather. The micro park is expected to be  
open to the public soon and will be located in Garema Place for two months.

 Follow us on Facebook to find out when it's open.



# MENTAL HEALTH CENTRAL TO NEW HOSPITAL

A major focus of Canberra's first new purpose-built rehabilitation hospital in Belconnen will be on providing more individualised care tailored to people's mental health needs.

The new hospital will improve and expand the availability of mental health services through a new 20 bed Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit and Day Service. The new hospital is expected to open in mid 2018 and will provide rehabilitation and support for people with illness or injuries, and those recovering from surgery.

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




## FREE & AT YOUR FINGERTIPS & YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW IT

Our public libraries give you access to thousands of electronic resources using your library membership and PIN, and all have free wifi too.

You can...

- > borrow and download great Australian and international eBooks and eAudio books
- > download digital editions of hundreds of popular magazines and any of hundreds of thousands of music tracks and videos.
- > read digital editions of newspapers from 100+ countries.
- > begin practical language learning in any of 70+ languages, including English language modules.
- > listen to Australian children's stories read by famous people and play educational games to help teach reading fundamentals.


To access these services you'll need a library account and pin.

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



## MOWING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

This year's mowing program is now in full swing. Keep an eye out for new equipment in the mowing fleet with new wide area mowers being introduced soon.

 For more information on mowing in your suburb visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)

## PAWS FOR THOUGHT ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER?

Help avoid scuffles and keep our community a pet friendly place by:

- > walking your dog on a lead
- > monitoring your dog in designated off-leash areas, such as dog parks
- > cleaning up after your dog, and
- > making sure your dog is secured in a yard before you leave for the day.

 Check out our responsible ownership video series on our YouTube channel [youtube.com/user/actgovernment](https://www.youtube.com/user/actgovernment)



# NOMINATE NOW FOR THE CANBERRA GOLD AWARDS



The Canberra Gold Awards recognise individuals and groups who have lived or operated in Canberra for 50 years or more. The Awards celebrate their contribution to our community and the role they have played in shaping our city.

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

 Nominate online at [act.gov.au/CBRgold](http://act.gov.au/CBRgold)

*Bruce Podmore is a 2016 Gold Award recipient.*



 **SAVE THE DATE:** Christmas concert in the city—Friday 1 December 2017.

## KEEP COOL IN THE POOL THIS SUMMER



Canberra's public pools are now open to help you beat the heat this summer.

Programs are available at all of Canberra's public pools to help our community live a healthy, active and productive lifestyle.

If you haven't visited one of these pools in a while, pack your pool bag and go see what's on offer.

 For information on pool services, programs and opening hours visit [act.gov.au/accesscbr](http://act.gov.au/accesscbr) and search 'swimming pools in Canberra'



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## READY... STEADY... PLAY... IN CBR

22-23 NOVEMBER  
THEO NOTARAS MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

The Play, Creativity and Culture Symposium is on this month and you're invited to join in the fun.

The symposium will explore the concepts, practices and potential of play within cities. A playful city can provide benefits for individual and community health and wellbeing; for creativity, collaboration and innovation; and for engagement and pleasure.

 For more information and tickets visit [cityrenewalcanberra.com.au](http://cityrenewalcanberra.com.au)


## EXPLORE THE BUSH CAPITAL IN SPRING



Spring flowers, magnificent birds and intriguing native animals are just a few of the spectacular natural features you'll discover if you venture into the bush this month.

November is a fantastic time to explore Canberra's parks and reserves, with walks to suit all ages, levels of mobility and interest.

Take a stroll in your nearby reserve, encounter rare and threatened species at Mulligans Flat and Tidbinbilla, check out the birds at Jerrabomberra Wetlands, camp at the Cotter, trek through the majestic mountains of Namadgi National Park, or join a local Parkcare group.

 For more information visit [environment.act.gov.au](http://environment.act.gov.au) and search 'parks and reserves'.

