

OUR CANBERRA

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WEST BASIN'S HENRY ROLLAND PARK



This new park is the first stage in renewing West Basin.

Canberra's newest park, on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin, is now open.

Henry Rolland Park is the first stage in the renewal of West Basin, transforming the area into

a destination for Canberrans and visitors.

The park is connected to the lake by a 150m long boardwalk, has lawn areas, picnic and barbecue facilities, exercise equipment and more than 23,000 plants.

 For more information visit cityrenewalcanberra.com.au and follow City Renewal Canberra on social media.

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NORTHBOURNE NEW TREES PLANTED

A major tree planting program is happening along Northbourne Avenue with more than 1,000 new trees set to line Canberra's grand boulevard.

The light rail project is transforming the gateway to Canberra with Eucalyptus mannifera trees to sit alongside one million plants along the stage one route.

 To stay up-to-date with light rail, visit transport.act.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Survivors of child sexual abuse that occurred in institutions under the responsibility of the ACT Government will have access to a range of extra supports, with the ACT signing up to a new national scheme.

The ACT Government acknowledges that survivors of child sexual abuse suffer long-lasting and severe damage that can affect them for the rest of their lives.

Opting-in to the national Redress Scheme is an important step in acknowledging the harm

caused by institutionalised child sexual abuse and accepting responsibility.

We are working to ensure the Scheme, which will begin on 1 July, meets the needs of survivors and assists in their recovery.

Opting-in means eligible survivors from the ACT will now have access to counselling and psychological services, monetary payments up to \$150,000 and will receive a direct personal response from the institution where the abuse occurred.



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

YOURsay

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

NEED TO KNOW:

LIGHT RAIL



Light rail is coming soon.

Here are some interesting facts about light rail vehicles:

- > They take longer to come to a stop than cars and trucks, and cannot swerve.
- > They are wider than the tracks, so stay well clear as they approach.
- > The tracks are smooth. In wet weather, the rail surface may be slippery.
- > The overhead wire is LIVE and carries 750 volts of power. Keep away!
- > For tradies and contractors, if you need to do work around the light rail corridor, contact Canberra Metro first on 1300 208 824.



TOURISM BOOMING



One in seven new jobs created in the ACT is in the tourism sector as more people visit Canberra than ever before.

The ACT's tourism sector now employs 16,800 people and contributes \$2.3 billion to the ACT's economy.

With Lonely Planet naming Canberra as one of the best cities in the world to visit this year, this growth is likely to continue.

FROM



PLATES to NO PLATES



Have YourSay on special considerations for new reforms to improve the safety of young drivers in the ACT.

Between 2006 and 2017, 15 drivers aged 17 to 24 were killed in the ACT and young drivers were also responsible for the deaths of 23 other people. Research shows introducing a range of measures can lead to significant reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes.

The 'Your Plates' consultation seeks your views on the implementation of seven measures across L and P plates, proven to save young lives across the country. These include night time driving and P1 peer passenger restrictions.

Have your say on the new scheme before 28 May at yoursay.act.gov.au



HOME BIRTH

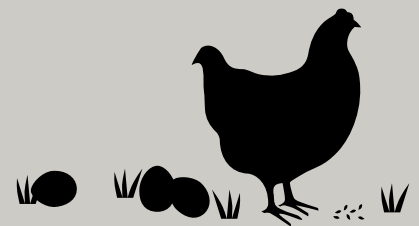


TRIAL FOR CANBERRA MUMS

A Home Birth Trial is available for mothers aged 18-40 years old living within 15 minutes of the Canberra Hospital.

The trial is available to women who meet the eligibility criteria.

To see if you are eligible, visit health.act.gov.au/homebirth



CHOOSING FREE RANGE

A new national standard now requires free range egg packaging to prominently state the stocking density of hens that laid the eggs.

The new national 'free range' standard can include stocking densities of up to 10,000 birds per hectare.

However the ACT supports a free range standard that limits stocking densities to 1,500 birds per hectare or less. Choosing free range eggs produced at these lower stocking densities supports better animal welfare standards.

For more information visit act.gov.au/fairtrading



DISCOVER ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Have you considered one of Canberra's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

i For more information on enrolment visit education.act.gov.au

NEW BELL in NARA PEACE PARK



Created from melted down coins and medals from the United Nations' member states, the new Nara Peace Bell resides in an iconic part of the Canberra Nara Peace Park.

It is a symbol of our commitment to peace and our connection to the people of Japan.

The bell was brought to the park with the vision of the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin. Nara Peace Park is in Yarralumla.

i For more information visit environment.act.gov.au and search 'Nara Park'.

THANK YOU CBR NIGHT CREW



A big thank you to the CBR Night Crew volunteers who watch over Canberra City revellers.

The CBR Night Crew set up their tent every Friday and Saturday night in the city bus interchange and will continue to patrol over the coming months. Volunteers are available from 10pm to 4am. They help party goers with safe transport options, basic first aid, water for hydration, and mobile phone charging.



USING WOOD HEATERS THIS WINTER



Using wood heaters correctly can save money and reduce the negative impacts of wood smoke on our health.

- Burn right tonight by:
- > buying wood from an authorised firewood merchant
 - > only using dry, well seasoned, untreated wood
 - > using smaller logs to maintain a vigorous fire
 - > not overfilling the wood heater.

i For more information visit accesscanberra.act.gov.au or for rebates on more efficient heating visit actsmart.act.gov.au



NEW PLASMA DONOR CENTRE



The Australian Red Cross Blood Service has opened a new pilot plasma donor centre on Moore Street in Canberra City, one of two in Australia.

Australia's demand for plasma is growing each year and is used in 18 different life-giving medical treatments. Donating plasma is simple, and is a powerful contribution to the many thousands of Australians who need it.

i For more information on how to donate, visit donateblood.com.au/donate

RECONCILIATION DAY



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

On Monday 28 May 2018, the ACT will celebrate its inaugural Reconciliation Day Public Holiday. The ACT is the first Australian jurisdiction to implement a public holiday to celebrate reconciliation.

 For details on a community event in Glebe Park on the public holiday visit events.act.gov.au

Artwork: Raminging Artists, *The Aboriginal Memorial*, 1987–88 (detail)
National Gallery of Australia

GROWING UP ABORIGINAL IN AUSTRALIA

Don Bemrose is a primary school teacher, an opera singer, a Canberran and a Gungarri man.

In 2017, Don was selected from hundreds of entrants to share his piece “Dear Australia” in a recently published anthology ‘*Growing up Aboriginal in Australia*’.

The anthology is a collection of diverse voices, experiences and stories that will enlighten, inspire and educate the community about the lives of Aboriginal people in Australia today. Don’s contribution is a deeply personal story reflecting the many significant experiences growing up as a Gungarri man.

 To read more about Don and his story visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



Don Bemrose is a teacher at Yarralumla Primary School.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2018

Also this month is National Reconciliation Week.

The week commences on the anniversary of the 1967 referendum, which amended the Australian constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It ends on the anniversary of the Mabo decision, which led to the *Native Title Act 1993*.

 For more information on events and activities during Reconciliation Week visit reconciliation.org.au

2018 is the 10 year anniversary of the formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the stolen generations, whose lives have been affected by past government policies.

National Sorry Day is 26 May.



We acknowledge Lynnice Keen as the artist of the artwork featured on the cover page. The original artwork is located in ESA Headquarters Fairbairn, ACT.



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