MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra has established a reputation as Australia’s most inclusive city - a place where we strive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The recently launched Chief Minister’s Charitable Fund will provide targeted support for our community to deliver help where it is most needed.

The Government will continue to support those in greatest need as our city grows.

NEW CIVIC ARTS & CULTURAL PRECINCT

A new Canberra Civic and Arts Precinct is one step closer following the appointment of an international planning and design team.

The precinct includes Civic Square, the Canberra Theatre, the Canberra Museum and Gallery, the ACT Legislative Assembly, a new ACT Government office building (under construction) and a future land release site.

Over the next 12 months a plan will be developed to improve public spaces and increase the cultural offering in the area.

For more information visit cityrenewalCBR.com.au

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BEETTER BUS NETWORK
7 days a WEEK

A new, more frequent and reliable public transport network is set to reshape the way Canberrans move around the city.

For the Inner North there will be local connections to the City Centre and Dickson interchanges linking into the light rail and multiple rapid bus routes. For the Inner South, local services will run to the City, Woden, Belconnen, Fyshwick, Kingston and Canberra Hospital and multiple rapid routes will connect to these local services for travel across Canberra.

Have your say on how we can support your use of this new network.

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

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

The ACT is now the health care hub for a region of more than 1 million people.

Soon there will be opportunities to share your experiences, ideas and insights about health care in Canberra. Whether you are a patient, doctor, nurse, midwife or other health professional, there will be opportunities to have your say. We will use your views to inform key projects.

To register for updates and notifications visit yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future

EMMA RUBY HOUSE

A second respite care home has been opened in Cook by the Ricky Stuart Foundation. ‘Emma Ruby House’ provides care for young people aged 12-18 years who have a disability.

The house is named after Ricky’s daughter Emma Ruby, who has autism. Emma Ruby House complements ‘Ricky Stuart House’ in Chifley, which opened two years ago for children aged six to 12 years.

Emma Ruby House is managed by The Disability Trust.

For more information visit rickystuart.org

RECYCLE for CASH

The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has begun. Receive a 10 cent refund for eligible drink containers, or donate the proceeds to participating charities.

Your nearest drop off point is at the St Vincent De Paul shop in Dickson. To return large quantities use the bulk depot at 151 Gladstone Street Fyshwick. There will be 18 return points located across the ACT by July 2019.

For more information, including a list of more drop off points and eligible containers visit actcds.com.au

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

> Microchip, register and de-sex your dog – it’s compulsory to do all three!
> Walk your dog on a lead and have effective control – it’s an offence not to.
> Make your yard escape-proof – it’s the law.
> Update microchip details and use an ID tag.
> Expect heavy penalties if you don’t follow the rules – it’s about putting public safety first.

Our rangers will be out – know your obligations.

For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au/pawsforthought

For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future

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WHY THE NAME KILDUFF STREET?

The streets in Watson are named to honour judges and members of the legal profession.

Kilduff Street commemorates Charles Kilduff, the inaugural Chief Magistrate of the ACT, appointed in April 1974.

Using the place names search tool online you can find stories on other Canberra street and suburb names.

For more information visit planning.act.gov.au

CMAG TURNS 20

Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG) turns 20 this year. New funding is set to help CMAG continue to collect, conserve and exhibit our region’s visual art and social history well into its third decade.

The funding will allow for the refit of CMAG’s upstairs gallery and expansion of the collection storage area. These funds will help create an amassed collection display in a new open study area to allow for greater access to collection material for talks, events, cultural and research purposes.

All work is expected to be complete by late 2019.

For more information visit cmag.com.au

MORE UPGRAGES at CALVARY

Central Canberra residents will be able to access better facilities and equipment at Calvary Public Hospital.

Calvary’s busy northside Emergency Department is being expanded with new equipment, additional treatment spaces, improved access and triage arrangements, upgraded waiting areas and eight new Short Stay Unit beds.

Also being refurbished is the Adult Inpatient Mental Health Unit, creating a more modern mental health service hub in Canberra’s north.

This new work builds on the recently completed upgrades to Calvary’s operating theatres and public maternity ward.

All work is expected to be complete by late 2019.

For more information visit health.gov.au

MORE CHOICE for FIRST HOME BUYERS

 Eligible first home buyers in Canberra won’t have to pay stamp duty on new and existing properties from July 2019.

This will fully abolish stamp duty for any type of property at any purchase price, for eligible first home buyers.

To be eligible you must have a household income lower than $160,000.

For more information visit planning.act.gov.au

Charles F Kilduff
SPRING MEANS FLORIADE

Bursts of flowers in Commonwealth Park mean one thing – Floriade is almost here!

Get set to experience a Pop Culture inspired Floriade – Australia’s biggest celebration of spring.

Opening hours this year will be 9.30am to 5.30pm daily, with the ticketed Floriade NightFest returning to illuminate the event.

For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com

DOCKLESS BIKE SHARE

A dockless bike share trial has started in Canberra. Bike share is ideal for short and spontaneous one-way trips and integrates well with public transport systems.

Australian-owned company Airbike will deliver the six-month trial.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week will be celebrated around Canberra and by our public schools this month.

The theme for this year’s Science Week is 'Game Changers and Change Makers.'

For more information on what’s on in Canberra visit scienceweek.net.au

CBR THE CYCLING DESTINATION

Our goal is to make the Canberra region Australia’s cycling destination of choice.

A new CBR Cycle Tourism Strategy sets out a 10-year roadmap for how government, private sector and the cycling community will work together towards putting Canberra firmly on the cycle tourism map.

To read more about the strategy visit tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism

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