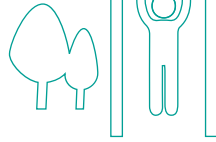


OUR CBR

Belconnen edition

Jan/Feb 2019

New & improved playgrounds



Kids and families across Belconnen will soon benefit from improved playgrounds across our region.

Funding from the 'Play Spaces Forum' will be provided for:

- Higgins is one of the five suburbs across Canberra that will have a 'whole of suburb' review on its playgrounds.

- Macgregor, Latham, Dunlop, Page, Kaleen and Florey are among the suburbs to receive new amenities such as seating or shade.
- A new Nature Play space will be opened at Glebe Park in the City.
- More on all initiatives at yoursay.act.gov.au/bettersuburbs

Playgrounds in 32 suburbs across Canberra receive works.

YOURsay

In this issue

- ➔ One year of Chromebooks
- ➔ Belconnen's popular baby names

Teachers shine at education awards

Belconnen has great teachers, with three locals recognised at the recent 2018 ACT Public Education Awards.

Winners from Belconnen schools included the Secondary Teacher of the Year, Janet Richardson from the University of Canberra High School Kaleen, and Kelly Pulver, from Evatt Primary School, for her Leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

School Leader of the Year was awarded to Cheryl Diggins from the Instrumental Music Program.

- ➔ More at education.act.gov.au

Kelly Pulver from Evatt Primary School and two of her students.



Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

Happy New Year to every Canberran. 2019 is going to be another huge one for our city, as we continue to make our community even better.

From opening more great local schools, to delivering better healthcare where and when you need it, and investing in an integrated transport network to keep Canberra connected – we are hitting the ground running in 2019.

I'm particularly pleased we will complete the city-wide rollout of green bins in the coming months, by bringing forward the rollout in Gungahlin into early 2019, along with Woden, the Molonglo Valley, the inner north and the inner south.



Produced by: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.
For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/our-canberra or follow us on social media.

YOURsay



Be a backyard lifeguard

Every year children under five drown in backyard pools – accidents we can help prevent.

As a community we are all responsible for safety around pools and together we can reduce the risk of children drowning in swimming pools in the ACT. Keep our kids safe this summer and be a backyard lifeguard with these summer safety tips:

- > close supervision of children in and around the pool
 - > knowing CPR, which can save lives and, if performed early, help reduce serious or long-term injuries
 - > checking that pool barriers meet current safety standards.
- More at act.gov.au/backyardlifeguard



Join a

volunteer emergency service in 2019



Canberra volunteers are a key part of the ACT's emergency services, providing frontline response to bushfires, storms and floods.

Volunteer positions include rural firefighters, State Emergency Service members, community education practitioners and community fire unit members.

→ More on volunteering at esa.act.gov.au/join-the-esa

One year of Chromebooks

365



It's been a year since the roll-out of Chromebooks across Canberra public secondary schools and more devices will be provided this year.

Students starting year seven in 2019, along with new students to the ACT public education system in years eight to 12, will receive their Chromebook in term one.

Chromebooks are used as a teaching and learning tool to help develop the capacity of students to analyse information, solve problems and communicate in an increasingly digital world.



Your health options



Do you know how to get the most appropriate medical care for your symptoms?

Canberra has a range of convenient and accessible health services that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department - there's more than one front door to our health system.

Many of our local health services are free and available after hours, so make sure you choose the best care for your symptoms next time you need help.

→ More at act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions



Belconnen schools helping preservice teachers



Preservice teachers from the University of Canberra will now have increased opportunities for extended placements at Belconnen schools.

Teachers and school leaders will work with local schools as part of the University of Canberra Affiliated Schools Program.

Schools involved in the University of Canberra Affiliated Schools Program include: UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra, UC Kaleen High School, Giralang Primary School, Maribyrnong Primary School and Kaleen Primary School.

→ More at education.act.gov.au



Belconnen's most popular baby names 2018

The most popular baby names of 2018 have been released and, while William and Amelia are the reigning names across Canberra, Belconnen parents had some other ideas on what to name their bubs.

Ella shared the honours with Olivia, while William proved the most popular boys' name.

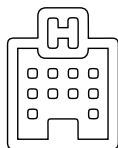
→ Birth registration is now available online at act.gov.au/birthregistration



Find the full list of popular baby names at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Rehabilitation services

relocate to Belconnen



Since the University of Canberra Hospital (UCH) opened in July, rehabilitation services across the Territory have relocated to the Belconnen site.

UCH is Canberra's first purpose-built rehabilitation hospital for adults recovering from illness, injury or surgery, or experiencing mental illness. Its facilities include a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool, four gymnasiums, and art therapy rooms.

→ More at health.act.gov.au



Update Calvary Maternity Ward

Next year Calvary Hospital will be celebrating 40 years of providing public maternity services.

Calvary's recently refurbished Maternity Unit can now cater for more expectant mothers in a safe, comfortable and contemporary setting.

The updated unit has 10 single rooms, four large twin-share rooms, a special care nursery, a spacious baby assessment and education area and a family lounge.

→ More at calvarycare.org.au

Starting school in 2019?



ACT Public
School
Term
dates

4 Feb new students
5 Feb continuing students

All 2019 term dates are at
education.act.gov.au

Here are some tips for a safe and stress-free first day of school for your child.

- Talk to your child about what to expect and who to ask for help.
- Label all your child's belongings.
- Consider the school route, likely road crossings and reinforce road safety.
- Apply sunscreen before leaving for school.

- Clarify after school pickup arrangements or who is collecting them.

If your child is starting kindergarten in an ACT Public School in 2019, make sure you get your copy of 'Starting School: A Guide for Families'.

- ➔ To get your copy go to education.act.gov.au



Grab 'n Go lunchbox

If you're looking for easy prep ideas for your kid's lunchbox, download a Grab 'n Go school lunchbox shopping list from the 'Parents' section at act.gov.au/freshtastes

Our favourite festival is back

BACK ON
15 - 17 Feb

The National Multicultural Festival is back for its 23rd year. Join us in Civic for this musical and culinary celebration of Canberra's diversity.

This year's headline acts are the iconic Christine Anu, chef Mark Oliver and up and coming star Isaiah Firebrace.

Leave the car at home

Late Night Rapid bus services will operate during the festival and have teamed up with Uber to get you home safely.

Services on both the Blue 300 and 200 Red Rapids to and from the City are running every 20 minutes. Connect with Uber until 3am to receive a discount.

- ➔ More at multiculturalfestival.com.au



Australia Day



There's a lot going on across Canberra this Australia Day.

Support our Australian of the Year Awards local nominees on 25 January.

Then on 26 January enjoy the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony, children's activities, and an evening concert with a fireworks finale.

You can celebrate the public holiday on 28 January at Lanyon with a walking tour and live music near the lawns.

- ➔ More at events.act.gov.au/australia-day



Produced by: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.
For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/our-canberra or follow us on social media.

YOURSAY

