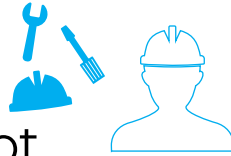


# OUR CBR

Central Canberra edition

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## Major restoration for Former Transport Depot



Kingston's much-loved Former Transport Depot—home to the popular Old Bus Depot Markets and many community events—is getting a significant upgrade.

A range of improvements will be made over the next three years, but starting later this year will be the replacement of electrical and roof

drainage systems, upgrades to the fire protection system and overall improvements to the building's access.

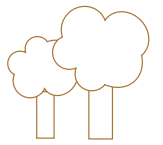
The Former Transport Depot is a heritage building and these upgrades, delivered in accordance with heritage requirements, will make sure the venue can continue to host events like the Old Bus Depot Markets every Sunday.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

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## Making Haig Park safer with CCTV



A new CCTV camera has been installed in Haig Park. It's part of the continued expansion of a network of cameras to improve community safety.

The new Haig Park camera is located at the pedestrian walkway between Mort and Henty Streets and provides 360 degree, high definition footage to ACT Policing and the ACT Government. Other cameras operate in the CBD, entertainment venues and bus stations.

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## Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT Government is continuing to invest in more health infrastructure to give Canberrans access to high quality healthcare when and where they need it.

The Government has recently announced more plans about our new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre, which you can read about in this *Our CBR* edition. This is on top of recent significant expansions of emergency departments at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital, Gungahlin's new Walk-In Centre and more mobile dental services for vulnerable Canberrans.

We're future-proofing our healthcare system to better meet the needs of a growing city.

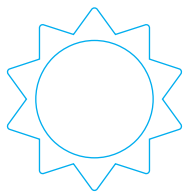


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## More help with energy bills



Canberrans on low and fixed incomes will be able to access an increased Utilities Concession for energy bills from 1 July 2019.

The Utilities Concession provides eligible concession card holders with a rebate to help meet the ongoing costs of electricity and gas services. The \$46 increase will bring the total payment to \$700.

→ More at [assistance.act.gov.au](http://assistance.act.gov.au)

## Top up with new ticketing machines



Top up your MyWay card using new Transport Canberra ticket vending machines now installed at major bus stations and light rail stops.

Machines are stationed at the Belconnen, City, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and Woden major bus stations. They have touch screens and are easy to use to check your MyWay card balance, instantly top up, or to purchase a single or daily ticket.

You'll also be able to use your MyWay card on light rail when operations start in the coming months.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## Water refill options

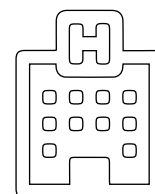
You can now refill your water bottle with free tap water at any participating cafe or business when you see the Refill Canberra sticker displayed in the window.

Cafes across Canberra have already signed up and you can nominate your favourite cafe to consider joining up.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/refillcanberra](http://health.act.gov.au/refillcanberra)



## More hospital services for the future



Planning is underway for Canberra's new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre at the Canberra Hospital.

The centre will boost acute and hospital-based healthcare services, replace ageing buildings and completely renew the north-eastern end of the Canberra Hospital precinct. Construction is expected to start in 2020.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/infrastructure](http://health.act.gov.au/infrastructure)





# Have your baby **at home**

Eligible Canberra women have the option of birthing their baby in the comfort and familiarity of their own home through Canberra Health Services' homebirth trial.

Find out more about homebirth at an information session on 29 March. You'll hear from women about their recent homebirth experience.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/homebirth](http://health.act.gov.au/homebirth)



## Events and upgrades to **revitalise Dickson**



Big improvements could be on the way to Dickson as part of a new plan. It includes streetscape improvements, annual festivals, more public art and the creation of a Dickson grants program.

The plan also recommends upgrades along Woolley Street, a temporary park in the Dickson village area, play spaces, and skate facilities.

→ More at [cityrenewalCBR.com.au](http://cityrenewalCBR.com.au)

Register now for your green waste bin.

## Get a green bin for autumn

Green waste collections will be in place across the city from 1 April, just in time for Canberra's autumn leaves.

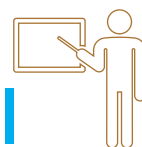
Get some help tidying up your garden by ordering your green waste bin before the first leaves start to fall.

Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, flowers and small branches can all go into the green waster bins.

Residents can opt-in to the service for a one-off \$50 payment, with eligible concession card holders exempt from payment. Green waste is collected fortnightly.

→ More at [act.gov.au/greenbins](http://act.gov.au/greenbins)

## New principal for Campbell High



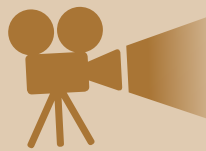
School leaders have a vital role in guiding schools to be happy, productive environments.

Steve Collins is the new principal for Campbell High School and said it is an honour to take on the leadership position in such a supportive school.

*"To be working alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of teachers that have the wellbeing of students at the forefront of everything they do is an absolute privilege," Steve said.*



# Get a taste of Enlighten



Eat, see and explore Canberra as our city transforms for the annual Enlighten Festival.

Until 17 March the centre of Canberra is a hive of activity with a range of free and ticketed events, as well as the ever-popular architectural projections in the Parliamentary Triangle until 11 March.

Enlighten Festival is expanding into Civic again this year with illuminations by local artist Hannah Quinlivan on the Sydney and Melbourne buildings until 11 March.


→ More at [enlightencanberra.com](http://enlightencanberra.com)

## Enlighten events

Lights! Canberra! Action!   
8 March

 Canberra Balloon Spectacular  
9-17 March

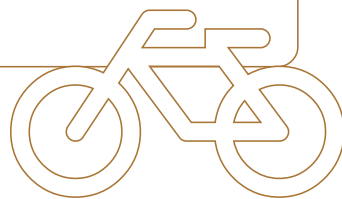
 Symphony in the Park  
10 March

Canberra Day – 11 March  
Hit 104.7 Skyfire   
16 March



National  
Ride2School Day  
22 March

SCHOOL



## Active ways

### to get to school

Active school communities not only help to reduce carbon emissions, they also reduce congestion around our schools, making it safer for children to enjoy riding or walking every day.

Support your kids to be more active in 2019 and take part in National Ride2School Day on 22 March.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## Get cycling in March

As the weather starts to cool, March is the perfect time to hop onto a dockless bike.

The bike share service, with Australian provider Airbike, is still operating as the original six-month trial undergoes evaluation.

Data on the bike share trial has shown that dockless bikes were hired more than 8,000 times within six months in areas including the ANU, the City bus station and the Inner North.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## Young CBR Citizen awards

Nominations are open for the 2019 Young Canberran Citizen of the Year Awards.

→ More at [dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/YCCY2019](http://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/YCCY2019)



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