

# OUR CBR

Central Canberra edition

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## New bus network starts 29 April



Canberra's new bus network will start operating on Monday 29 April, in time for the start of school term two.

For the Inner South, bus services will provide frequent connections to the City, Woden, Belconnen, Fyshwick, Kingston and Canberra Hospital. For the Inner North, there will be frequent connections to the City, Dickson and

Belconnen. Light Rail will provide rapid links through the inner north to the City, Dickson, Gungahlin and key destinations along Northbourne Avenue.

Give the new network a try with FREE travel during the first month for passengers using a MyWay card.

→ To view timetables or plan your future trip visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

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## Improving H<sub>2</sub>O quality



### in Lake Burley Griffin

Construction has started on three new wetlands in the Fyshwick catchment at Narrabundah and Kingston.

These new wetlands will offer improved habitat for fish, birds and frogs, will clean stormwater flowing into Lake Burley Griffin and help improve water quality downstream in the Murrumbidgee River system.

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



### Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

Our city is growing, and that's why we're investing in a better public transport network to keep Canberra connected.

With stage one of light rail set to begin services shortly, the ACT Government is introducing a new, integrated bus network that will provide more buses, more often.

The new network will start later this month and includes more bus services on weekends and at night. We are significantly increasing our rapid bus network, with seven new routes providing services every 15 minutes between our town centres and CBD.



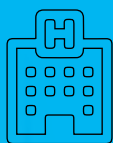
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# Centenary Hospital

## continues to grow



The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children provides vital healthcare to women, children and adolescents from Canberra and the regions. Since opening in 2012, thousands of babies have also been delivered at the hospital.

Important upgrades and expansions continue this year. These will provide more special care nursery cots, inpatient beds, a new adolescent gynaecology area and mental health unit.

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

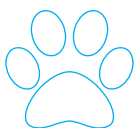


## Better access to rental bond loans

Rental bond help is an interest-free loan, helping to meet the upfront costs of renting in Canberra.

→ Find out if you are eligible at [act.gov.au](http://act.gov.au) and search 'rental bond loans'.

## Pawsitive Therapy at court



A new program to help vulnerable people feel more relaxed in the ACT Courts is being piloted in Canberra.

The program involves a Therapy Dog from Guide Dogs NSW/ACT visiting the courts with their handler for a few hours each week.

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



## Raising building standards



Exams for new Class A, B and C builders are now mandatory to be licenced in the ACT.

Some builders renewing their licenses will also need to sit the exam. This is part of an initiative to raise building standards in the ACT.

You can also check if a builder has been subject to any disciplinary activity in the past 10 years by searching on the Disciplinary Register.

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



New builder exams raising building standards

## Save time & renew rego online



Renew your driver's licence, car rego, apply for birth or marriage certificates, top up MyWay cards or pay your rates.

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





## Makeover for Haig Park and Dickson Group Centre

**Dickson Group Centre and Haig Park are set to get a makeover based on community feedback.**

Dickson will have new community events, festoon lighting and temporary changes to Woolley Street.

Haig Park will benefit from a series of short-term infrastructure improvements and activities to upgrade safety while retaining its heritage value.

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

## Ward changes at Calvary Hospital

**Calvary Public Hospital in Bruce has reconfigured some of its inpatient wards.**

Each level of the Xavier Building is now dedicated to a particular clinical stream making it easier for patients to access inpatient services within Calvary Hospital.

The changes have also improved the general amenity for patients and visitors.

→ More at [calvarycare.org.au/public-hospital-bruce](http://calvarycare.org.au/public-hospital-bruce)

# Better learning spaces for Dickson kids



**Students at Dickson College are settling into their upgraded school facilities.**

Improvements include a new kitchenette to help students develop independent life skills. Students at Forrest Primary are also benefitting from a new learning support area and outdoor courtyard.

Upgrades continue to take place across public schools in Canberra, with a focus on the assistance of special needs students.



## Easter bin collection

**Waste, recycling and green bin collections will change slightly for the Easter break.**

There will be no kerbside bin collections on Good Friday (19 April), with bins collected Saturday 20 April instead.

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



# Explore space at Canberra Heritage Festival



Heritage  
Festival  
13 April to 5 May

In 2019 the Canberra Heritage Festival is exploring 'SPACE'.

Not just outer space, but the 'space' in our city, landscape and architecture. Walter Burley Griffin once said "architecture is a space art".

More than 200 events will take place across the Canberra region.

→ Get the program at [act.gov.au/heritagefestival](http://act.gov.au/heritagefestival)



## A wild night out at Tidbinbilla



Join the wilderness camping experience these school holidays at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

Wildfest offers something for the whole family including overnight 'glamping' accommodation, stories by firelight, ranger and wildlife officer behind the scenes adventures, and much more.

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



## Anzac Day bus services

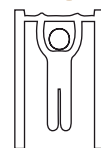
Book your free travel to  
Anzac Day Dawn Services  
with Register to Ride!

→ Visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



Playground  
Glebe Park  
13 - 26 April

## Playground fun these school holidays



Let your kids enjoy a different  
kind of play experience.

The loose-parts playground is back in Glebe Park these school holidays offering a range of materials specifically selected to encourage creative play and social interaction.

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



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