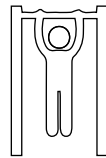


New play spaces for Gungahlin families



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Have you checked out the new inclusive playground in the Gungahlin Town Centre?

Built for children of all ages, it includes a range of play equipment like a bird's nest swing, stepping stones and stumps, walking planks, a drum kit, talking tubes and totem poles.

Gungahlin children and visitors to the area will also be able to enjoy a new nature play space to be built at Yerrabi Ponds in 2020. Nature play spaces offer exciting opportunities for children to be active, grow and learn.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

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A message from the Chief Minister

Canberra is one of Australia's safest cities – and we're determined to keep it that way.

We're hiring more police officers and upgrading their equipment; there are more firefighters across our city and we're building new stations for our emergency services.

That safety also extends to preparing for bushfires. Our city will experience a long hot summer and now is the time to prepare your family for bushfires. Check out the full Bushfire Survival Plan kit in this edition.

Andrew Barr

Take care this party season



Summer's just around the corner and work parties, festivals, school formals and end-of-year celebrations are ramping up.

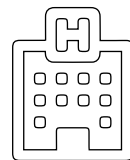
We've got all the information you need to party smart, make the most of your nights out and stay safe.

You'll find transport options, event details, tips for students (and parents!) as well as what to do and where to go if you need extra help when you're out.

→ Visit act.gov.au/accesscanberra



Better healthcare at the Canberra Hospital



We're building a new emergency, surgical and critical care facility at the heart of the hospital campus.

Construction will start next year on the expansion, and we'd like your views on the services it will provide.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

More police for the ACT



As our city grows, the ACT Government continues to invest in policing to ensure the capital remains one of the safest places in the country.

Over the next four years the Government will fund more than 60 new staff. It will also support ACT Policing as it moves to a new policing model that will mean more police connected with the community.

The Territory is also investing in new state-of-the-art technology so our police will be more visible across the city.

→ More at police.act.gov.au



New laws to better protect children



A number of changes to ACT law came into effect from 1 September 2019 to better protect children from abuse.

They include:

- the introduction of a new failure to report offence (applies to all adults 18 years+)
- expansion of Mandatory Reporting
- changes to the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

The changes are an important step as the ACT Government continues working towards a safer society for children and a stronger legal framework for survivors.

→ More at act.gov.au/childabuse
[royalcommission](https://act.gov.au/childabuse)

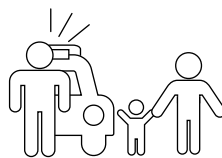


Making our roads safer for new drivers

From 1 January 2020, there will be a range of changes for L and P plate drivers to improve their safety on our roads.

→ More at act.gov.au/saferplates

Meet your local police officer: Constable Craig Abbott



Constable Craig Abbott has been patrolling the Gungahlin area for three years and has watched it grow.

"The region has a small town feel and a good sense of community. It's been both interesting and exciting to see the suburbs evolve and become dynamic," Constable Abbott said.

"I became a police officer because I wanted a job that was interesting, exciting and had a community focus. Something I really enjoy is the school liaison work we get to do."

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Get on board with Park & Ride

The Park & Ride across from EPIC on Flemington Road has just reopened.

Park & Ride allows you to park your car for free in an allocated space before catching a Transport Canberra bus or light rail to complete your journey. Facilities are located on Rapid routes and at selected group centres.

→ To check on eligibility and apply for a permit, visit transport.act.gov.au

Love trees in your suburb?

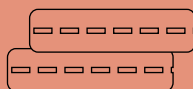
The ACT Government is planting 17,000 trees over the next four years. Tell us where you want to see more trees in your area.

→ Visit yoursay.act.gov.au



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Update on Gundaroo Drive Stage 2



Stage 2 of the duplication of Gundaroo Drive between Gungahlin Drive and the Barton Highway is progressing with work underway between Gungahlin Drive and Nudurr Drive.

Four lanes have already opened between Nudurr Drive and the Barton

Highway, with Stage 2 on track for completion in mid-2020.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au



New firefighters for north Canberra



The ACT Emergency Services Agency is strengthening its firefighting services across the ACT by hiring new firefighters.

Twenty firefighter recruits will finish their training soon, and 36 more will begin training early next year.



Canberrans be fire ready



Canberra can expect a long hot summer ahead with an increased risk of bushfires.

Right now is the time to prepare your home and discuss an action plan with your family. A written Bushfire Survival Plan saves lives and means decisions have been made ahead of any possible bushfire threat. Complete your Bushfire Survival Plan inside.

→ More at esa.act.gov.au

Four simple steps to creating your bushfire survival plan



1. Discuss

with your household what you will do in a bushfire.



2. Prepare

a plan and your home for bushfire.



3. Know

the bushfire alert levels.



4. Keep

information, numbers, websites, and

Top 5 actions to make your home safe



1. Trim

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. Mow

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. Remove

Remove material that can burn (e.g. door mats, wood piles, leaves, paint, furniture).



4. Clear

Clear and remove debris and leaves from gutters to prevent embers setting alight.



5. Prepare

A sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Have a reliable source of water.

Stay informed The ACT Rural Fire Service strongly advises saving these numbers, links and app now.



In an emergency call:
Triple Zero (000)
For information on bushfires call Access Canberra: **13 22 81**



For Fire Danger Ratings visit the ACT Emergency Services website:
esa.act.gov.au



Install the RFS
'Fires Near Me' app



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