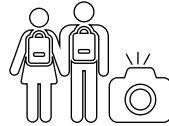


OUR CBR

Belconnen edition

March 2020

Holiday here, Canberra!



Also in this issue

- Upgraded Dunlop and Fraser shops
- Better pathways for Belconnen

The devastating bushfire season has taken a toll on our community, and some local businesses are doing it tough.

You can help give our restaurants, hotels and attractions a boost this autumn by taking a staycation in your home city or playing tourist with family and friends.

- Plan your staycation now at visitcanberra.com.au/holiday-here

Thank you, Canberra...

... for the support you have provided to the Emergency Services Agency, ACT Policing and ACT Government staff and volunteers who have worked to keep the ACT safe during this challenging summer.

As the bushfire season continues, so too do the tireless efforts of our emergency services crews and support teams.

- Please remain prepared and visit esa.act.gov.au for bushfire updates.

- Download your Bushfire Survival Plan today at esa.act.gov.au.

Message from the Chief Minister

It's been a tough start to the year, and we want to thank Canberrans for working with the Government and our Emergency Services to keep people safe and respond to extreme weather events.

Our local tourism industry, which employs over 18,000 Canberrans, has been significantly impacted in the past few months. We can all help these local businesses by eating out at our restaurants, planning a staycation or checking out an exhibition at one of our museums or galleries. The Enlighten Festival will also offer a fantastic program of events to bring our community together.

By hosting events like the Enlighten Festival (including the Canberra Balloon Spectacular) and the Australian Tourism Awards, the ACT Government will help our tourism sector through this period.

Andrew Barr



MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN

The Our CBR email newsletter is now published fortnightly.

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Bigger emergency department for Belconnen



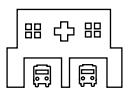
Works to expand the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce emergency department are nearly complete.

Eight additional beds are now open in the Short Stay Unit, including four equipped for the treatment of children.

Another 14 treatment spaces for a 'fast track' service, and an expanded triage and reception area will open soon.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

Canberra Hospital expansion underway



Preparation works have begun at the Canberra Hospital for a new state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility, as part of the SPIRE Project.

Existing facilities are being improved to ensure that Canberrans continue to receive quality healthcare during the estimated three-year construction period.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

High-tech cancer ward opens



A completely revamped ward for haematology and cancer patients has opened at Canberra Hospital.

The ward's design was informed by suggestions from patients, their families and staff. It features a dining room for patients, families and carers as well as day beds where families and carers can stay overnight.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



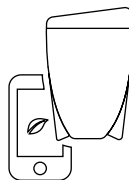
Updated bus timetables on the way

New Canberra bus timetables are expected to be in place from 28 April 2020.

→ Full details will be available in March at transport.act.gov.au



Swap-and-go coffee cups take off



Several Belconnen cafes have signed up to Green Caffeen, a free 'swap-and-go' coffee cup scheme.

Visit one of the cafes in your area that's taking part, and start swapping.

Download the Green Caffeen app, order your coffee in a reusable cup, drink it, then return your reusable cup to any participating cafe.

→ For a map showing nearby Green Caffeen locations, visit greencaffein.com.au



Dunlop and Fraser shops improved

Upgrades are underway at the Fraser shops.

At Fraser, key pathways and the existing stairs are being upgraded for safety. Outdoor furniture and new landscaping are also being installed.

At Dunlop, a noticeboard and shade sail will be installed in coming months.

→ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects



Give your thirsty tree a drink

Keep your street tree hydrated with water collected with a bucket during your daily shower.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

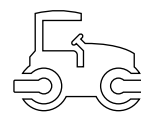
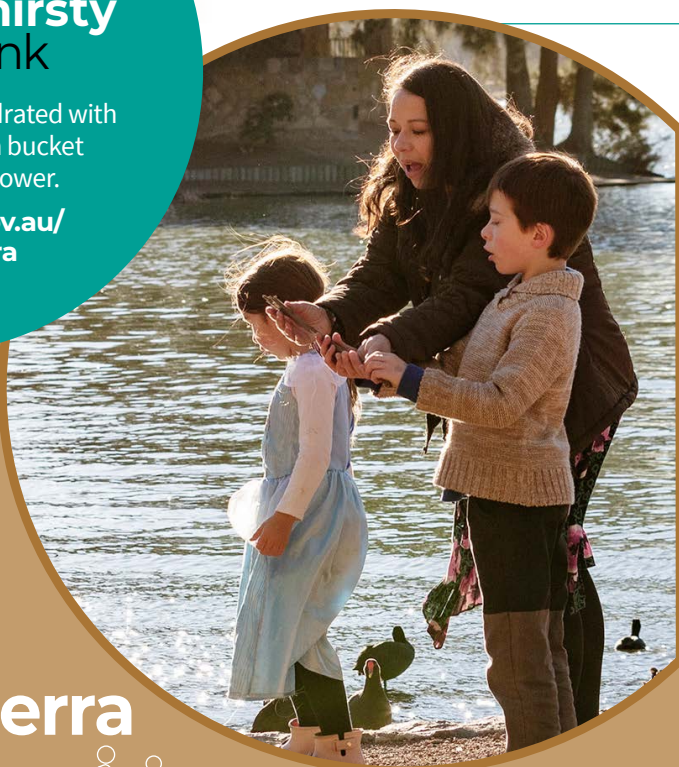
New Lake Ginninderra pathway



Construction will get underway this year on a new foreshore path between Lake Ginninderra and the expanded Belconnen Arts Centre.

The project will also deliver mini wetlands and a raised walkway with lookout platforms. There will be lighting over the pathway, too.

→ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects



Road upgrades to make Belconnen safer

Several intersections in Belconnen will be improved for safety.


Traffic lights will be installed at the intersections of Kuringa Drive and Owen Dixon Drive; Belconnen Way and Springvale Drive; and Southern Cross Drive and Starke Street.


→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra




Happy birthday, CBR


Celebrate our city's birthday on 9 March with the Canberra Day family entertainment from 10am then the final night of this year's Enlighten Illuminations and Canberra Night Noodle Markets.

 **Enlighten Illuminations & Canberra Night Noodle Markets**
28 February – 9 March

 **Lights! Canberra! Action!**
6 March, 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

 **Canberra Balloon Spectacular**
7-15 March, From 6.15 am

 **Symphony in the Park**
8 March, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

 **Canberra Day**
9 March, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

 **Quick flick in the gardens**

Relax in the Senate Rose Gardens as 12 locally produced short films fill the screen at Lights! Canberra! Action!

Wonders of the skies



More than 30 balloons are expected to take off from the lawns of Old Parliament House each morning (weather permitting) during the city's much-loved balloon festival.



Fleetwood Mac tribute under the stars

Relax on a picnic rug as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra performs with *Rumours* – the Australian Fleetwood Mac experience at Stage 88.

→ More at enlightencanberra.com

It's footy season!



Cheer the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants on as the NRL and AFL get underway for 2020 and Super Rugby continues.

Double up at GIO Stadium mid-month with the Raiders' season opener against the Titans on 13 March and the Brumbies v Waratahs grudge match on 15 March.

The Giants face the Western Bulldogs in their first Canberra outing this year at Manuka Oval on 3 April.

→ Book your tickets at premier.ticketek.com.au

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Arrive at GIO Stadium within 45 minutes of gates opening and pay just \$5 to park