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## COVID-19 restrictions ease

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Killiney Kopitiam owner Catharine looks forward to serving Canberrans in her Singaporean restaurant once again.

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## Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans – thank you. Thank you for supporting our response to the COVID-19 and getting vaccinated. Our city is now one of the most vaccinated cities in the world.

Leading into Christmas, our priority will be supporting a safe, and strong, economic recovery. This includes creating, and protecting, secure local jobs across our Territory economy.

Over the next few months, we will see many Australians return home from overseas, a resumption of domestic tourism and international students recommencing their studies at Territory universities.

This will significantly boost our economy and support local businesses.

**Andrew Barr**



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# Canberrans, your local shops need you

While food deliveries have helped Singaporean restaurant Killiney Kopitiam survive the recent lockdown, owner Catharine says nothing beats the experience of eating in.

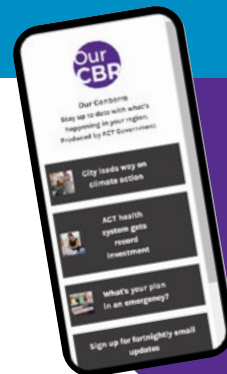


She looks forward to the hum of people returning to the city centre as COVID-19 restrictions ease and outdoor dining resumes.

"I'm excited to welcome people back to the restaurant, sit at our tables and have a chat," Catharine said.

"We only opened in April, so the lockdown has been very hard. However, we're doing our best to let Canberrans know that we're open and ready to serve them."

The community can help Canberra make a COVID-safe economic recovery, complementing ACT Government business initiatives like outdoor dining permits waivers, financial support and outdoor space activations.



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## Local suburbs get infrastructure upgrades

Suburban shops at Campbell and Narrabundah will be upgraded through funding in the ACT Budget.

Paths in Reid and O'Connor will be improved, while better paths and parking will be built in Pialligo - along Beltana and Kallaroo

roads - to improve safety. The Pialligo upgrades are through joint funding with the Commonwealth Government.

Pictured: Local shopowner Barney from Hello Cafe, Campbell Shops.



## Restrictions have eased but your responsibility hasn't



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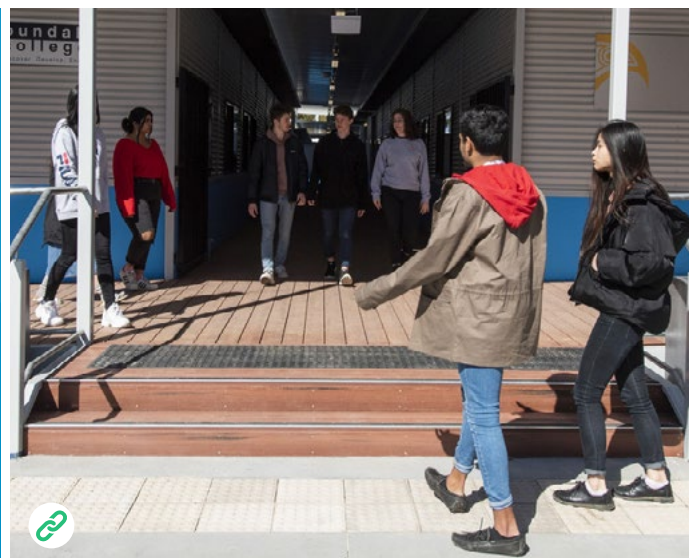


# Local schools get upgrades

Record investments in public education will see work begin on the design to improve and modernise Narrabundah College.

The 2021-22 ACT Budget includes funding to plan the upgrade to ageing buildings and replace temporary transportable classrooms with permanent, modern and energy efficient classrooms.

The O'Connor Cooperative School will also receive funding to upgrade their kindergarten courtyard, with students invited to provide input on their new space to play and learn.

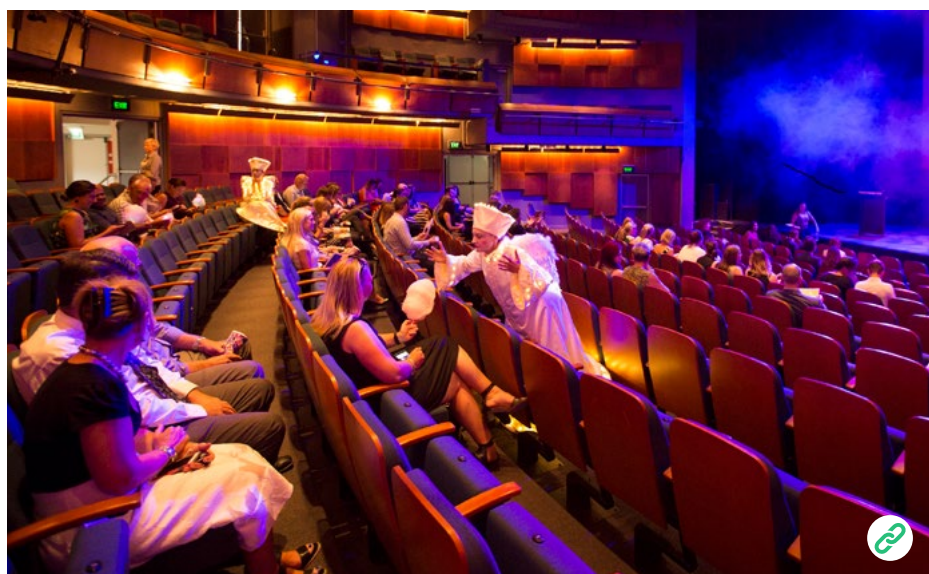


# New park coming to Acton waterfront

The transformation of the Acton Waterfront continues with the ACT Government designing a new 30,000 square metre public park.

The park design is likely to include event lawns, a new play space, barbecue areas, terraces overlooking the lake, and pavilions for cafes, food, and other commercial offerings.

The design for the new park will be developed in consultation with the community.



# Arts sector gets funding boost

Plans to expand the Canberra Theatre Centre have been funded in the 2021-22 ACT Budget, as part of a major investment in Canberra's tourism and events sectors.

The expansion of Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG) has also been funded, in addition to support for local artists, arts organisations and cultural facilities.

The investment will both support local jobs and help make Canberra a premier travel destination when domestic and international tourism resumes and grows the city's major events calendar.

# Bike path proposed for Watson to City

The 2021-22 ACT Budget will fund a feasibility study and planning work for a new Garden City Cycle Route route from Watson to the City, running along the eastern side of Northbourne Avenue. It's part of our commitment to make our suburbs even better.







## CBR leads the way on climate action

Canberra will remain the national leader on climate action and environmental protection, with an additional funding committed as part of the 2021-22 ACT Budget.

The funding focuses on reducing emissions and supporting healthy habitat in our bushland, suburbs and waterways, helping Canberra reach its zero-net emissions target by 2045.

The investment comes as the ACT Government has opened its Sustainable Household Scheme to all eligible households and individuals.

The Scheme offers zero-interest loans of up to \$15,000 to invest in energy efficiency products. Attendance at a free one-hour online workshop is required to be eligible for the Scheme.

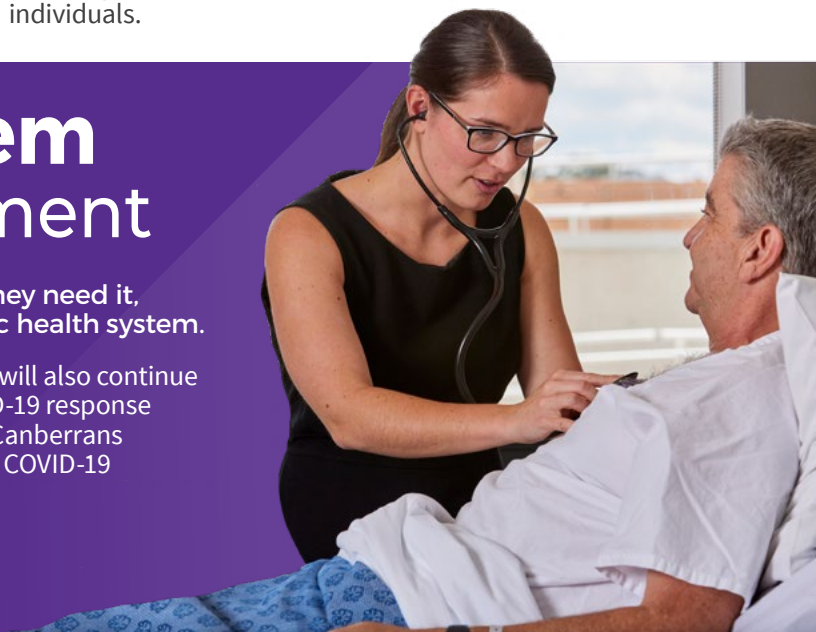
Find out more and how to apply on [climatechoices.act.gov.au](https://climatechoices.act.gov.au)

## ACT health system gets record investment

Canberrans will receive better healthcare when they need it, thanks to a record investment in Canberra's public health system.

As part of the funding more than 90 nurses and midwives will be employed, the Canberra Hospital Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department will be expanded, more elective surgeries will be delivered and planning will get underway for a new cancer research centre at Canberra Hospital.

Investment will also continue in the COVID-19 response to support Canberrans through the COVID-19 pandemic.



## WHAT'S YOUR PLAN IN AN EMERGENCY?

Start your **Survival Plan** with the **Discussion Guide** included in this edition of Our CBR.



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# 4 simple steps to Be Emergency Ready

## SURVIVAL PLAN

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

Getting ready for an emergency is easier than you think.

By taking 20 minutes with your household to discuss what you'll do during an emergency, you could save their lives, as well as your home. This discussion guide is the first step in developing your emergency survival plan.



DISCUSS



PREPARE



KNOW



KEEP


### STEP 1: DISCUSS

**What will you do in an emergency?**  
Get together and discuss a survival plan.



**During an emergency how would you decide when to leave or stay?**

☒ Discuss what you would do in a **bushfire**

LEAVE		STAY
Leaving early is your safest option.		Only stay if you are physically and emotionally prepared to defend your home. Only those with well-prepared homes and survival plans.


☒ Discuss what you would do in **extreme heat**

LEAVE		STAY
If you're not able to stay cool at home.		If you are able to keep your home cool enough.

☒ Discuss what you would do in a **storm**

LEAVE		STAY
If significant damage has been done to your home.		If you have prepared your home and have a home emergency kit.

☒ Discuss what you would do in a **flood**

LEAVE		STAY
If your home is inundated with water.		If surrounding roads are flooded and unsafe, and your home isn't inundated with water.

**Where will you go if you need to leave?**

Identifying safe places in different areas is a good idea.

☒ Discuss different evacuation options, which may include:

- Friend's house
- Family member's house
- Shopping Centre
- Library

Evacuation centres should be a last resort – these will not be set up and identified to the public until they are needed.

**Who do you need to check on in the event of an emergency?**

☒ Discuss who you may need to check on. Examples include:

- Neighbours
- Family
- Friends

**Emergencies can strike anywhere, any time and without warning.  
It is important to know your risk and make plans together ahead of time.**

## STEP 2: PREPARE

**How will you prepare your home?**  
Think about the actions you can take.



### ✓ Trim trees and shrubs

This will keep them from falling on your home during a storm, and stop fire spreading to buildings.



### ✓ Clear cuttings and gutters

Mow grass and clear the cuttings to minimise fuel for a fire near your house. Clear your gutters – embers can spark fires in fuel stuck in gutters and endanger your home. Clogged gutters increase the chances of water damage and flooding during heavy rain.



### ✓ First aid

Know how to help someone in an emergency and how to care for someone experiencing heat stress.



### ✓ Remove and secure

Remove material from around your home that can burn, like door mats, paint tins, gas bottles or wood piles. Remove smaller things that can be blown around by strong wind, like umbrellas or outdoor furniture. Secure larger items like trampolines, and park cars under cover.



### ✓ Home Emergency Kit

Pack your home emergency kit, check it regularly.

**Download the Home Emergency Kit checklist from [esa.act.gov.au](https://esa.act.gov.au)**



### ✓ Insurance

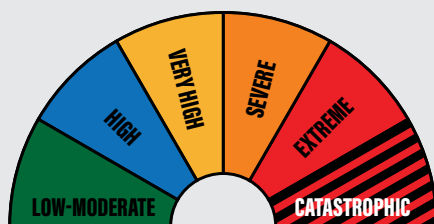
Keep your home and car insurance up to date.

## STEP 3: KNOW

**Do you understand emergency advice?**  
Learn about emergency warnings and alerts.



### Fire Danger Ratings



#### SEVERE

Only stay if your home is well prepared and you are ready to defend it.

#### EXTREME

Only stay if your home is prepared to the highest level and is built to survive a bushfire.

#### CATASTROPHIC

Leaving is your only safe option.

### Bushfire Alert Levels



#### ADVICE

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



#### WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing. Start taking action to protect you and your family.



#### EMERGENCY WARNING

Emergency Warning is the highest level of alert. You may be in danger. Take action immediately. Any delay now risks your life.



For weather warnings and advice visit the Bureau of Meteorology at [bom.gov.au](https://bom.gov.au)

## STEP 4: KEEP

**How will you keep up to date?**  
Know where to find emergency information.



**CALL** General information **13 22 81**  
Storm and Flood assistance **132 500**



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