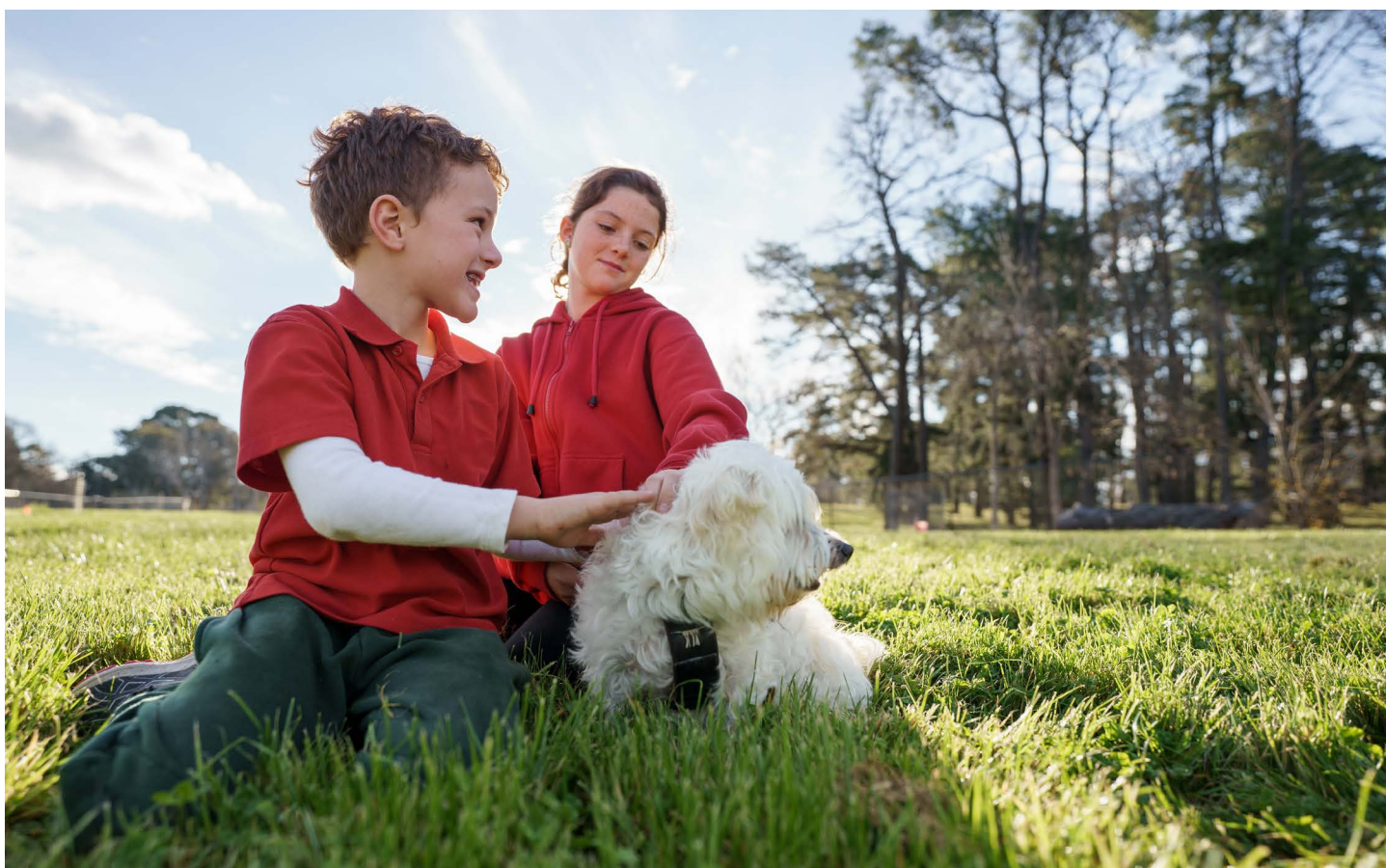


## Delivering for Canberra's future



### Message from the Chief Minister

With nation-leading population growth and more people choosing to make Canberra home, the ACT Government is continuing to invest in our city, in infrastructure that is built for Canberra, to ensure we remain one of the most liveable cities in the world.

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget, the Government is increasing investment into schools, hospitals, and into the services and local infrastructure that Canberrans know and love.

Importantly, it is a budget that puts the wellbeing of Canberrans first, while building a more diverse and resilient economy to protect and create local jobs.

This year's budget includes additional local infrastructure and services right across the city. More details are included in this edition of Our Canberra.

Andrew Barr



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**82.4% of  
Canberrans**  
recently rated their  
wellbeing as 'typical'  
or 'high' in a survey  
examining themes  
like standard of  
living, relationships,  
safety, achievement  
and future security.

Source: Living Well in the ACT  
Region (November 2021),  
University of Canberra.

## ACT budget focuses on wellbeing

The nation-leading comprehensive Wellbeing Framework helps guide decisions about how and where the ACT Government should invest money, ensuring the government delivers on programs, services and infrastructure that improve the lives of all Canberrans.

That is why the 2022-23 ACT Budget includes more than \$160 million to improve housing choice and affordability, \$240 million to support education and skills, and \$390 million to improve the health outcomes of Canberrans.



## Wellbeing into the future

The ACT Government is committed to working with the community to improve the wellbeing of all Canberrans.

Help inform the University of Canberra's latest research by telling them how you find living in the ACT at [livingwellintheact.net.au](https://livingwellintheact.net.au)





**The ACT was the first state or territory** in Australia to establish a comprehensive Wellbeing Framework.

## Supporting the wellbeing of Canberrans

Wellbeing means something different to everyone. It could be about ease of access to local services, or the ability to find work, make friends or get out in nature.

With our population now more than 450,000 and growing, the focus on wellbeing will help ensure Canberra remains one of the most liveable cities in the world.

That is why the ACT Wellbeing Framework was created and why it will now shape the programs, services and infrastructure to benefit Canberrans long into the future.

## What is the ACT Wellbeing Framework?

The ACT Government worked with the community in 2019 and 2020 to develop a set of indicators to measure and understand the individual and collective wellbeing of Canberrans.

Elements of wellbeing in the ACT include:

- access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities
- suitable housing
- a climate-resilient and healthy environment
- a strong economy
- access to places and services
- time to live the lives we aspire to
- good health and health care
- feeling and being safe
- sense of belonging, identity and connection



## What's in the budget for Belconnen?

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget the Government is continuing to deliver now and into the future by investing in our schools, hospitals, locals services and infrastructure. This includes:

- New and improved health services at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.
- Landscaping and pavement upgrades at Charnwood Shopping Centre.
- A new green waste facility in Strathnairn.
- Stage two of the Belconnen Bikeway, from Battye Street to Purdie Street.
- The replacement of three timber bridges in Umbagog District Park.
- Design work for a new community hub and skate park in Holt.

**For more on the 2022-23 ACT Budget, see page three.**



## Funding world-class local health services

The ACT Government is boosting investment to ensure Canberrans can access world-class healthcare when and where they need it.

An additional \$390 million in the 2022-23 ACT Budget will deliver a total investment in health of more than \$10 billion over four years.

This significant investment will deliver:

- Expanded support for our public hospitals and health centres;
- The continued COVID-19 response;
- More mental health services;
- State-of-the art medical imaging upgrades; and
- Record numbers of healthcare workers.



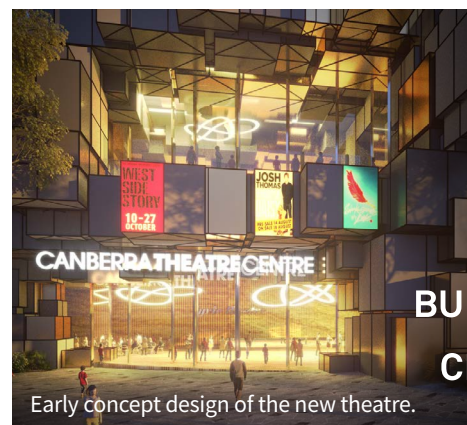
Grant applications **open soon!**

## Grants support senior Canberrans and veterans

Two grant programs supporting veterans and older Canberrans are opening soon.

The programs fund projects that promote the groups as valued community members.

**Head online for more information on how to apply.**



Early concept design of the new theatre.

## New theatre planned for city centre

A new 2000-seat theatre will form part of a major Canberra Theatre Centre redevelopment. The existing Canberra Theatre will be renovated and revitalised to support a bigger range of live performances coming to the capital.

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# Budget boost for Calvary hospital



Canberrans will have access to new and improved health services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, following a \$58 million investment in the 2022-23 ACT Budget.

The funding includes:

- More inpatient and outpatient services, including an intensive care unit;
- Additional elective surgeries;
- Expansion of the special care nursery;
- Upgrading and replacing equipment; and
- The establishment of a gestational diabetes mellitus unit.

This funding will help ensure Canberra's health services meet growing needs, while continuing to provide a world-class public hospital on the northside.



ACT public schools

Photo: Members of the project team from the ACT Government and CK Architecture.

## Women lead Strathnairn school construction

The new Strathnairn Primary School and Early Childhood Education Care will be built by a female-led construction team, as part of ACT Government efforts to improve gender equity in the industry.

The successful contractor will be required to have a 100 per cent female site management team, as well as female participation in every trade involved.

Scheduled for completion in 2025, the school will cater for more than 600 preschool to year 6 students and include an integrated 130-place Early Childhood Education Care setting.



## Charnwood shop upgrades

Trip hazards will be fixed and new street furniture installed as part of upcoming Charnwood shop upgrades. Preliminary designs will be available online soon.

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## New green waste facility for Belco

A new green waste processing facility and landscape depot will be built in west Belconnen, with funding allocated in the 2022-23 ACT Budget.

The facility will be located on Stockdill Drive in Strathnairn and replace the existing green waste drop-off services on Parkwood Road, Holt. **Head online for more.**



### Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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**Floriade:**  
17 September to 16 October  
**NightFest:**  
29 September to 2 October



## Floriade returns with the Sounds of Spring

Canberra will come alive with vibrant colour and beauty next month when Floriade returns to Commonwealth Park as a plastic-free event.

This year's theme, the Sounds of Spring, will see visitors explore a

stunning display of more than one million blooms to a soundtrack of classical and contemporary tunes.

If you want to get involved and support the event, sign up as a volunteer online.

Keep me on  
your fridge

## What's on in August

- 6 August** **NRL: Raiders v Panthers**  
GIO Stadium
- 14 August** **Ben Portsmouth – This is Elvis**  
Canberra Theatre Centre
- 19 August** **GWS Giants v Fremantle Dockers**  
Manuka Oval
- 17-18 August** **Canberra CareersXpo**  
Exhibition Park in Canberra
- 18 August** **Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour**  
Canberra Theatre Centre
- 26-28 August** **Capital to Coast 100km Multistage Trail Running Race**  
Multiple Locations
- 27 August** **NRL: Raiders v Sea Eagles**  
GIO Stadium



For more events and details, visit [events.canberra.com.au](https://events.canberra.com.au)

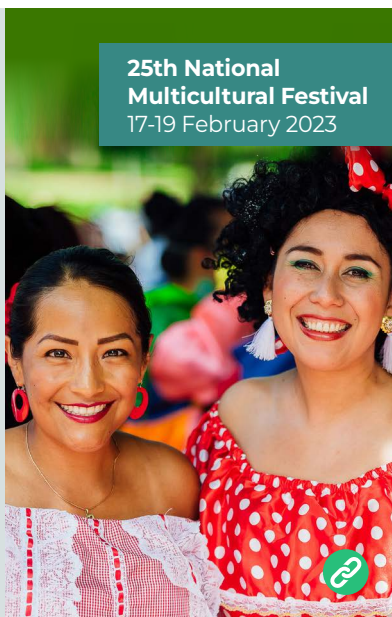
## Apply now for Multicultural Festival grants

Community organisations are invited to apply for grants to help bring their cultural activities and showcases to the 2023 National Multicultural Festival.

The event will mark the 25th anniversary of the festival and its celebration of Canberra's cultural diversity.

Applications are open for stallholders, performers and volunteers.

**25th National Multicultural Festival**  
17-19 February 2023



## Canberrans, we need you!

Tell us what you think about Our Canberra for your chance to **win a \$50 eGift card**. Your input will help shape future editions of this newsletter.

**10 x \$50 eGift cards available!**

## YOUR SAY

### Help shape upcoming projects

We want your input on current and upcoming ACT Government initiatives, including:

- Right to a Healthy Environment;
- Gungahlin Tennis Facility;
- ACT Disability Health Strategy;
- Multicultural Recognition Act; and
- Active Travel Plan.

For more, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)