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Our CBR

Inner North, Inner
South and City

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Message from the Chief Minister

The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project is progressing well and will include a new Emergency Department, and new intensive care facilities including four paediatric ICU beds, 22 operating theatres and 156 inpatient beds.

The ACT is also continuing our transition to a low-emissions future by increasing capacity in our Sustainable Household Scheme. Over 9000 Canberrans have used the zero-interest loan program to make sustainable home upgrades like switching from gas to electric heating and installing solar and battery systems.

Andrew Barr



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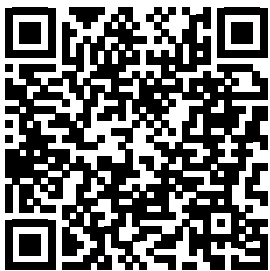
What's on at the Enlighten Festival

Enlighten, Canberra's annual autumn festival, is back with 17 days of culture and creativity. Enjoy must-see events across March, including:

- Enlighten Illuminations @ Enlighten Festival (3–13 March)
- Lights! Canberra! Action! @ Enlighten Festival (10 March)
- Pride Weekend @ Enlighten Festival (10–12 March)
- Canberra Balloon Spectacular @ Enlighten Festival (11–19 March)

Concert lovers can also enjoy Symphony in the Park @ Enlighten Festival (12 March), featuring award-winning duo Electric Fields, and Canberra Day @ Enlighten Festival (13 March) with local legends SAFIA as special guests.

For more detailed programming and ticketing information visit enlightencanberra.com



Information for women in the ACT

The ACT Government offers a range of support for women and girls to ensure they are safe, healthy, equally represented, and valued for their contribution to the Canberra community.

The Women's Directory provides an entry point to information about government and external programs and services across a range of areas including health, education, disability and legal services.

Scan the QR code to access the Directory.

Share your favourite memories of school

The ACT celebrates 50 years of public education this year. Share your memories of a school or teacher to help keep making every ACT public school a great school. Visit yoursayconversations.act.gov.au



YOUR SAY

What's on in March

**1 Mar–
2 Apr** **See What I See**
Botanic Gardens

**9–11
Mar** **Ascent**
Canberra Theatre
Centre

**12–13
Mar** **Canberra
Racing Carnival**
Thoroughbred Park

**14–16
Mar** **Ocean Film Festival
World Tour**
National Film &
Sound Archive

**16–26
Mar** **Canberra Comedy
Festival**
Various locations

19 Mar **Ramsay Health Care
Triathlon Pink**
Stromlo Forest Park
and Leisure Centre

**Cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies
and CBR United at GIO Stadium
and McKellar Park this month.**



For more events and details,
visit events.canberra.com.au

Rethink your routine.

Construction is ramping up in the city to deliver light rail to Woden.

Did you know more than 3000 trips are taken every day on shared e-scooters? Now available in all regions.

Change up your commute by using public transport, taking an alternative route or getting active by walking, riding or scooting.



Light rail and bus services

Leave the traffic behind. It takes just **24 minutes** to get from the City to Gungahlin Town Centre on the light rail. Services operate **every five to six minutes** during peak periods.

Rapid bus services run **every 15 minutes** and local bus services run **every 30 minutes** during peak periods on weekdays – ideal for connecting with neighbouring town centres.

You can also travel off peak to avoid the rush and for a cheaper fare.



Cycling and walking

Work out before your workday. Cycling or walking to work are great ways to exercise and save on money and emissions. Ride part of the way and take your bike using bus bike racks, bike cages or on board light rail.

Central Canberra has many scenic cycle routes that connect with all Canberra regions:

- C1 (City to Gungahlin)
- C2 (City to Queanbeyan)
- C3a (City to Belconnen via Town Centre)
- C3b (City to Belconnen Town Centre bypass)
- C4 (City to Tuggeranong via Woden)
- C6 (ANU to Dickson)
- C8 (City loop) and LBG (Lake Burley Griffin Circuit)

Alternatively, use an e-scooter. They are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel short distances or connect with public transport.



Sustainable Household Scheme to receive a **\$50 million boost**

The ACT Government has invested an additional \$50 million in the Sustainable Household Scheme to continue helping Canberrans transition to a more environmentally sustainable future.

The Scheme provides zero-interest loans to eligible ACT residents and community groups to help upgrade their homes or facilities, or to utilise renewable energy products. To date, more than 9000 energy-efficient upgrades to ACT households have been completed under the Scheme.

So far, 1020 households in central Canberra have applied to participate in the Sustainable Household Scheme.

For more information and how to apply visit climatechoices.act.gov.au



Everyday **climate choices**



Contribute to the discussion

Public consultation to help develop a voluntary assisted dying model for the ACT is currently open until 6 April 2023.

Voluntary assisted dying is a safe and effective medical process that gives an eligible person the option to end their suffering by choosing how and when they die.

Find out more or contribute to the discussion at yoursay.act.gov.au/vad

Online tool helps Canberrans cut costs

Did you know there are more than 65 discounts, rebates and subsidies available to Canberrans to help with cost of living pressures?

Try our savings finder to find savings relevant to you, visit act.gov.au/assistance



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Inner north school upgrades

Two inner north schools are set to receive significant improvements.

Dickson College will have new roofs installed over the next 12 months as part of a \$10.9 million investment in public school roof replacements. As school buildings age, replacing roofs is a vital part of maintaining school safety and standards.

Master planning and detailed design work has commenced on the modernisation of Majura Primary School. The school will be upgraded and expanded to increase its capacity by up to 300 student places, as growth in the region increases demand. This work will deliver a larger, more contemporary school for students and staff.



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Have your say on light rail to Woden

There will be more opportunities this year to have your say on light rail to Woden.

Next is the public display and consultation on the works approval and development application for Stage 2A between the City and Commonwealth Park, which includes an environmental assessment.

Stage 2A will extend the existing light rail system 1.7km south, and add three new stops at Edinburgh Avenue, City South and Commonwealth Park. This will better connect the city centre with Acton, ANU, national attractions and lakeside events and parks.

To find out how to have your say, visit act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden

New City Hill footpath now open

The new footpath at City Hill is now open. Linking Edinburgh and Constitution Avenues, the path provides a safe connection for Canberrans to cross the City Centre, particularly as construction continues to raise London Circuit and extend light rail to Woden. New pedestrian signals have also been installed between City Hill and Edinburgh Avenue to facilitate safe crossing.



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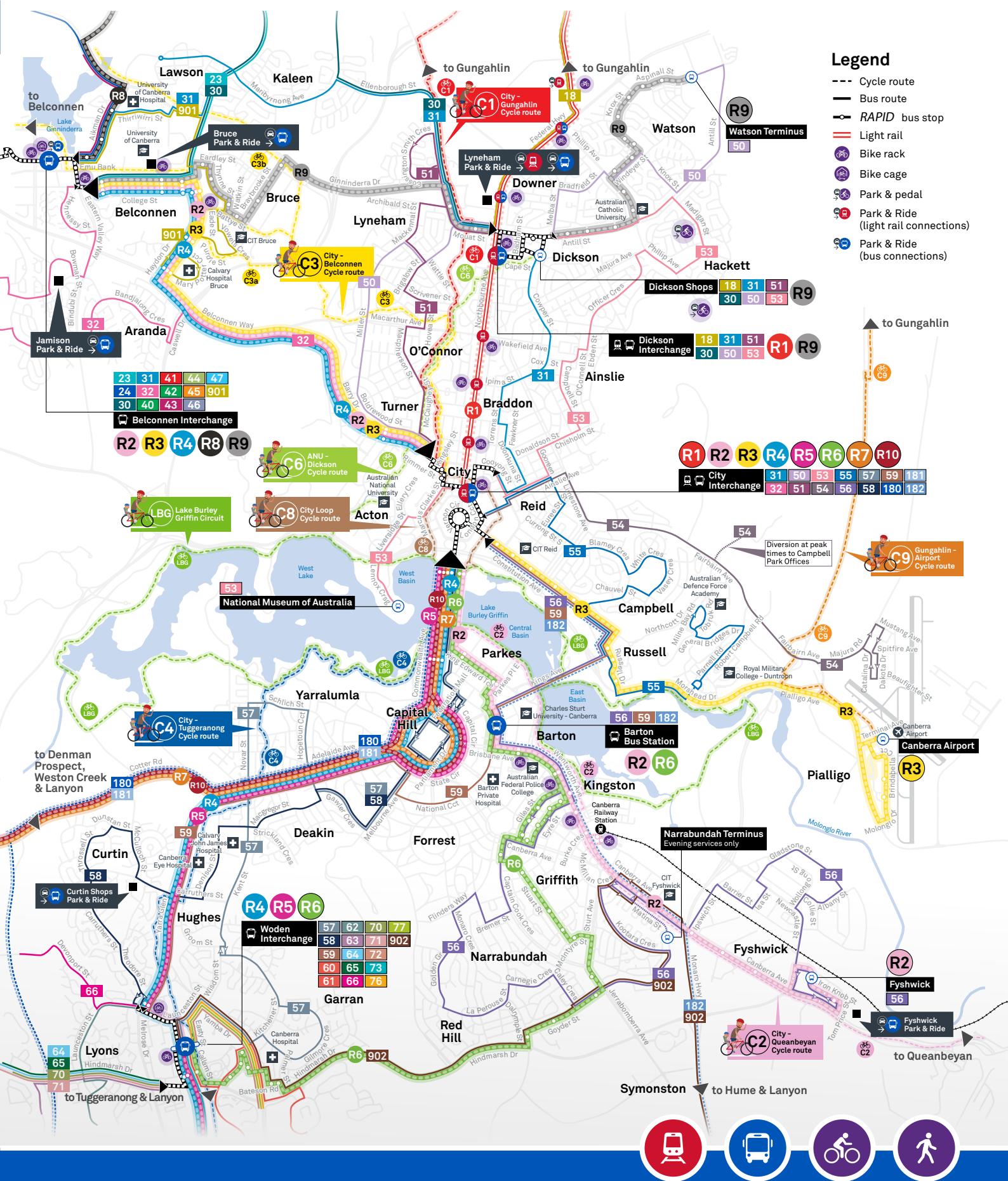
The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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