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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to support thousands of Canberra families with the rising cost of living.

The Education Equity Fund has already assisted over 2500 students, helping cover the costs of things like book packs, uniforms and excursions, sport equipment and activities, tuition and music lessons.

This is just one part of the Government's efforts to relieve cost of living pressures for Canberrans who need it most. This includes direct financial support for Canberrans with their energy bills, health care and transport, as well as sustainable home upgrades and support to rent or buy a home.

More information is available at act.gov.au/costoflivingsupport.

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Free health care at ACT Walk-in Centres

Canberra's Walk-in Centres are a great option when you have an injury or illness that is not life-threatening.

Walk-in Centres can assess and treat anyone from one year of age and all services are free of charge. You don't need an appointment, referral or Medicare card – simply walk in.

There are five Walk-in Centres in convenient locations across Canberra, so you won't need to travel far. You'll find them in Tuggeranong, Weston, Dickson, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

All centres are open between 7.30am and 10pm every day of the year. ACT Walk-in Centres are part of the national network of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.



Find help with education costs

This school year, the Future of Education Equity Fund has helped more than 2500 students.

The fund helps low-income families with a one-off, annual payment to help cover education costs like uniforms, excursions, sport equipment and music lessons. It is open to eligible families with students in preschool to year 12.

Scan the QR code to apply.

Compare and save on energy bills

Shopping around can save you up to \$700 per year on your energy bills.

The Energy Made Easy website makes it simple to compare what the ACT's energy retailers are offering.

Simply add your postcode and answer some questions about your energy use. You will then get an estimate of how much you would pay under different retailers' plans.

Compare plans to find the best one for your household.

Visit energymadeeasy.gov.au





Construction underway on Molonglo River Bridge

Work has begun on the John Gorton Drive extension and a new bridge over the Molonglo River, to support the full development of the Molonglo Valley.

The road is currently being realigned to provide clear access and minimise traffic impacts during construction. Bridge foundation work has also begun.

Environmental protections, such as permanent sediment ponds, are being built to ensure the river is not

affected during construction.

Access to Namarag and Butters Bridge is now via Thancoupe Crescent in Whitlam. There is currently no safe access from Denman Prospect.

The bridge and road approaches are expected to open by the end of 2025.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian and ACT governments.



Canberra Citizen of the Year recognised

Roundabout Canberra founder and CEO Hannah Andrevski is the 2024 Canberra Citizen of the Year, recognised for her commitment to supporting families in need.

Roundabout Canberra provides safe, essential baby and children's items to families across the ACT and its surrounds. This year alone, the Holt-based charity has helped hundreds of children and gifted thousands of items – with each family's dignity upheld at all times. Read more online.



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Artist's impression of the Molonglo River Bridge

New-look Aranda playground now complete

Upgrades at the Banambila Avenue playground in Aranda are now complete.

With design guided by community feedback, the new features include:

- a nature play area with balancing, climbing and Ngunnawal cultural elements
- all ages and abilities play areas, including a spinner and basket swing, hidey tunnel and raised teepee climber

- fitness equipment
- more spaces to gather with seating, a picnic table and shelter
- a shade sail covering the all-abilities play area
- four new trees and landscaping including mulched garden beds.

The existing swing and rocker will be kept and relocated in the play space with the swing seating replaced.



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Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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Photo: Australian War Memorial

Commemorate Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial

On Thursday, 25 April, the Australian War Memorial will begin Anzac Day commemorations with the Dawn Service at 5.30am.

The RSL ACT Branch Veterans' March will be held at 9.30am on the Memorial's new Parade Ground.

Free public transport will be available to anyone attending these events.

Register to ride via the Transport Canberra website. Anyone wearing or displaying war service medals will ride free of charge throughout the day.

Canberra buses and light rail will run to a Sunday timetable for the Anzac Day public holiday.

Scan the QR code for more.



More Saturday bus services for Canberra

A new weekend bus timetable will begin on Saturday, 6 April to include more frequent local bus services on Saturday afternoons.

Local bus services will run hourly from the first service through until 6pm on Saturdays. Rapid bus services will continue to run every 15 to 30 minutes across the entire weekend.

Check the new weekend timetables to see the updated bus times and use the Journey Planner to plan your travel.

Visit transport.act.gov.au

What's on

Date	Event
5-7 April	Canberra Times Marathon Festival 2024 John Dunmore Lang Place, Parkes
13 April	Relay for Life 2024 Australian Institute of Sport
13-28 April	Tuff Nutterz Parkes Place Lawns
13-28 April	Canberra & Region Heritage Festival Various locations
14 April	Canberra Fashion Market Fitter's Workshop, Kingston
18 April	Duntroon Estate and its People Canberra Museum and Gallery
20 April	African Festival in the Park Commonwealth Park
30 April	Canberra International Music Festival Various locations

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.

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

YOUR SAY CONVERSATIONS

Have you or someone you know been affected by domestic or sexual violence?

The ACT Government is developing a 10-year ACT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy to help Canberrans feel safe in their relationships, homes and communities.

The draft strategy is underpinned by a set of principles, focus areas and priorities that will guide work over the next decade. You can now review the draft strategy and share your feedback.

Have your say by 28 April 2024 at yoursayconversations.act.gov.au

If you need support, call the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (02) 6280 0900 or the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (02) 6247 2525.