

Inner North, Inner South and City

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Message from the Chief Minister

Health, housing and cost of living support are the three main priorities in the 2024–25 ACT Budget.

The Budget delivers more public health services right across our city, from new health centres in our suburbs to more elective surgeries in the expanded Canberra Hospital in Woden and the North Canberra Hospital in Bruce.

There is cost of living relief for those who need it most and further cuts to stamp duty to help more Canberrans buy a home.

The Budget also provides more funding for city services and local infrastructure projects across the city.

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More support for cost of living

Following support for all households in the Commonwealth Budget, the ACT Government is offering targeted assistance for those in the community who need it most.

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Funding for ACT students

The Future of Education Equity Fund has been boosted to ensure more families can access support in the 2024 school year.

The Fund provides low-income families and independent students with a one-off payment to help with education costs such as music lessons or sporting equipment.

The Fund is open to eligible families with students living in Canberra and studying at any ACT public school.

Payments are:

- \$750 for high school and college students
- \$500 for primary school students
- \$400 for preschool students attending a preschool attached to an ACT public school.

Increases to the Electricity, Gas and Water Rebate



Low-income households can access an additional \$50 through the Electricity, Gas and Water Rebate in 2024–25.

The increase will provide eligible households with a total rebate of \$800 on their electricity bills.

Canberra households with an eligible Services Australia or Department of Veterans' Affairs concession card or an ACT Services Access card can apply to receive the rebate by contacting their energy provider.

Those already receiving the rebate will not need to reapply.

Support for apprentices and trainees



The 2024–25 ACT Budget includes a \$250 one-off payment for ACT apprentices and trainees to help complete their training.

The payment will support about 5700 local apprentices and trainees.

To be eligible, you need to live in Canberra and be employed by an ACT employer. You also need to be an active apprentice or trainee as of 1 July 2024. Eligible recipients will be contacted directly to receive the payment or support.



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Budget invests in Canberrans' health

The 2024–25 ACT Budget is investing in health programs and infrastructure throughout the city.

This includes funding to build the new Inner South Health Centre in Griffith. This will help provide the right services closer to where people live.

The Government is also investing in the new North Canberra Hospital, including upgrades to existing buildings to maintain services during construction and design work to relocate some existing services.

Other key health initiatives in the Budget include:

- increases to the nursing and midwifery workforce
- a new western entry and bus stop for Canberra Hospital
- implementation of Voluntary Assisted Dying from November 2025
- supported accommodation for people needing high intensity mental health support
- co-design of a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth mental health service
- continuation of CanTEST, and youth mental health services including Stepping Stones, WOKE, and MindMap.



More housing supply, access and choice

The ACT Government is supporting more Canberrans to buy a home by extending a range of stamp duty concessions and exemptions.

This includes expanding the Home Buyer Concession Scheme from this month, so more people are eligible for a full stamp duty concession on the first \$1 million of property value.

The Government has also temporarily expanded the stamp duty concession for off-the-plan unit-titled apartments and townhouses to include properties valued up to \$1 million in 2024–25. This is an increase from the previous value of \$800,000.

The ACT Government's Indicative Land Release Program for 2024–25 to 2028–29 will help cater to the ACT's growing population. As part of the program, 4,587 new homes are planned for the inner north, inner south and city over the five years.

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Path improvements across Canberra

Funding received through the 2024–25 ACT Budget will see improvements made to paths across Canberra.

Walkers, cyclists and those riding scooters can expect to see better line marking, completed missing links and more lighting as they exercise or head to and from work.



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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Winter in the City fires up

Canberra's winter celebration, Winter in the City: Fire and Ice, returns from 6–21 July.

This year, some of Australia's best fire performers will warm up the crowds in Garema Place. People of all ages can enjoy free nightly displays of fire juggling, twirling and pyrotechnics.

The popular ice rink will be set up in Glebe Park.

A digital What's On guide is also helping locals and visitors discover new businesses in the city centre this winter.

The guide features deals, events, experiences and other activities.

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Next steps for Canberra Theatre Centre

With work well underway on the design for a new Canberra Theatre Centre, the ACT Government is now seeking industry expertise to finalise the design and plan for construction.

Extensive community and stakeholder consultation has highlighted how the design can deliver for future visitors. This includes:

- First Nations Connection to Country
- people's physical and mental health requirements
- venue comfort and experience
- hospitality offerings and connections to the broader precinct.



Artist Impression

As design continues, there will be more opportunities to get involved.

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What's on

| Date | Event |
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| Until 7 Oct | Gauguin's World National Gallery of Australia |
| 8–19 July | Warehouse Circus school holiday programs Maclaurin Cres, Chifley |
| 14 July | Winter Wonderland at the Haig Park Village Markets Haig Park |
| 18–20 July | Creative Fibre Old Bus Depot Markets |
| 18–20 July | Horizon Canberra Theatre Centre |
| 25–27 July | Grug Canberra Theatre Centre |
| 27 July | GAMMA Expo Thoroughbred Park |
| 28 July | Canberra Fair National Convention Centre |

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders at GIO Stadium this month.

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

Canberra road safety cameras to check registration

Canberrans caught committing road offences by the road safety camera network will soon also have their vehicle checked to see if registration is current.

From August, Access Canberra will check registration details when processing

other traffic infringements caught on camera.

This includes for:

- speed cameras
- mobile device detection cameras
- red-light cameras.

To check your registration status or renew your registration, **scan the QR code.**

