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Message from the Chief Minister

From 1 July 2026, first home buyers in the ACT will not have to pay stamp duty when they buy a home to live in.

This removes a large upfront cost that young buyers usually need to save for when purchasing their very first home.

The stamp duty removal extends to other eligible Canberrans, including pensioners, people with disability and those buying off-the-plan or turn-key units. These changes remove previous property value limits, allowing more people to qualify for reduced or no stamp duty.

The ACT Government is also supporting the delivery of more public, community and affordable housing to assist those most in need.

Work is continuing across Canberra on local infrastructure projects, along with ongoing investment in essential services such as health and education.

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Stamp duty removed for all first home buyers

Stamp duty has been abolished for all first home buyers, with expanded exemptions for other eligible groups, including pensioners and people buying a new unit titled property.

The missing middle housing changes are also now in effect, paving the way for more low rise townhouses, terrace houses and duplexes across Canberra. This will give people more choice when it comes to purchasing a home.

A range of incentives will support this missing middle housing across our city.

A new Canberra House Pattern Book will fast-track new builds with quality pre-approved designs.

Land releases will support close to 26,000 homes, helping meet the ACT Government's commitment to enable 30,000 new homes by 2030.

These measures help remove key barriers to home ownership, allowing more Canberrans to enter the housing market sooner.

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More homes for those who need it most

The 2026–27 ACT Budget invests in more social, public, community and affordable housing across Canberra.

A new Public Housing Pipeline program funds the delivery of 450 additional homes through new builds, redevelopment projects and purchases, many with Australian Government support.

Delivery will be streamlined through Territory Priority Projects legislation, allowing Canberrans to move in sooner.

The Budget also includes more funding to improve public housing repairs, maintenance and upgrades, and to bring vacant properties back into use.

Investment in new crisis and transitional housing and community organisations will further assist vulnerable Canberrans.

These measures align with the ACT Government's commitment to growing Canberra's public housing portfolio to 13,200 homes by the end of 2030.

Investing in public health services

The Budget invests in public health services and the health workforce to improve access to timely, high-quality health care.

Funding will expand and establish new specialist services. These include a new Acute Palliative Care Unit and paediatric orthopaedic care at Canberra Hospital, enhanced breast cancer screening and support at North Canberra Hospital for people at high risk, and more specialist lung cancer services.

These initiatives aim to strengthen Canberra's health system, support early detection and treatment, and meet the needs of a growing community.

The Budget also includes more support for health workers, with an investment in the wellbeing, development and retention of junior doctors.



Next steps for South Tuggeranong Health Centre

As construction nears completion on the South Tuggeranong Health Centre in Conder, the 2026-27 Budget delivers funding for the new services it will offer.

These appointment-based services will include paediatrics, pathology, diabetes clinics, chronic disease management, and programs for falls and injury prevention.

The project is expected to be complete in October this year, with services to begin soon after.

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Chisholm shops set for upgrades

Public spaces at Chisholm shops will be upgraded as part of the 2026-27 ACT Budget.

Proposed improvements may include new seating, lighting and landscaping as well as improved access, such as new paths.

The upgrades aim to support local businesses and encourage people to stay longer at their local shops.

Planning will begin this year and draft designs will be shared with the community once complete.

Investing in Lake Tuggeranong

The 2026-27 ACT Budget invests in a 10-year plan to improve the health of Lake Tuggeranong.

A trial of anti-algal technologies will test new ways to control algae and improve lake water quality.

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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.



Targeted cost of living relief for Canberrans

The Budget delivers further targeted support to help Canberrans with the cost of living.

This includes more funding for frontline food relief services. This will support increased demand and ensure help is available for those in need.

A new Housing Crisis Support Fund will assist eligible low-income households experiencing rental stress.

The Fund provides support for short-term rental costs, helping people stay in safe, stable housing, as well as a Crisis Support Payment to help with essential expenses.

Budget funding will also strengthen the Emergency Material and Financial Aid (EMFA) scheme, and expand the Education Equity Fund.

More support measures are available at act.gov.au/costoflivingsupport

Investing in Canberra's arts scene

Through the 2026–27 ACT Budget, investment in local artists, arts organisations and creative industries will increase by 25%.

Ongoing funding will support local talent, providing certainty to artists, creatives and organisations and helping them plan, invest and grow.

This support will strengthen the ACT's cultural calendar, enhancing the experiences that attract people to live in, work in, and visit the Territory.

It will also benefit the community by making diverse, high-quality arts,

entertainment and experiences more accessible, and will create local jobs.

To read more about this investment, scan the QR code.



Winter in the City 8–18 July

Free afternoon circus and evening fire performances, right in the heart of the city. **Scan the QR code.**



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What's on

Until 9 August

Winter in the Woods
National Arboretum

Throughout July

Arthur Boyd: Tapestries
National Gallery of Australia

9–17 July

Warehouse Circus Holiday Program
Chifley

10 July

The Magical World of Crazy Science
Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden

15 July

**City Renewal Authority
plant giveaway**
Haig Park

17 July

**Vika & Linda – Where Do You
Come From?**
Canberra Theatre Centre

25 July

Movie Marathons at the NFSA
National Film & Sound Archive

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Brave this month at GIO Stadium Canberra, Vikings Park and AIS Arena.



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