

# OUR CANBERRA

Central Canberra edition



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## NEW LEARNING SPACES FOR CANBERRA KIDS



With the 2017 school year well underway, students at Turner School have settled into their new upgraded facilities, which have revitalised one of Canberra's oldest schools.

Students, parents and teachers all had input into the design, which created new

spaces for play and learning, including moveable dividers for classroom flexibility and outdoor areas for play.

Upgrades are continually taking place across Canberra's public schools. These improvements ensure students and teachers have access to high quality learning facilities and that great schools and education are also available in growing areas of the city.

 For more information visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)

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## DESIGN IDEAS WANTED FOR GAREMA PLACE MICRO PARK



**Garema Place is set to host a temporary micro park this coming spring.**

It's going to be a small, green, inviting public space perfect for resting, relaxing, reading a book and socialising with friends. But we need your help to design it.

Expressions of interest will open soon.

 For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As Canberra grows, we need to shape our city so we can stay as one of the world's most liveable cities. In this edition you'll see that we've started building and consulting on a number of parks and recreational facilities that will make life more enjoyable for thousands of people.

Canberrans love our natural setting and our urban renewal agenda will put green spaces at the heart of well-designed new developments. The new City Renewal Authority will lead and manage major projects and better connect suburbs to make sure we avoid the mistakes of Sydney and Melbourne.

From micro parks in Garema Place to revitalising Haig Park and planting hundreds of extra trees along the light rail stage one route, I want to increase the natural beauty of Canberra as we renew our urban areas.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.

**YOURsay**

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

## YOUR SAY CBR GETS INTERESTED IN HAIG PARK'S FUTURE

Over the past two months Canberrans have provided more than 400 ideas for Haig Park, which will be used to influence a plan for its future use.

Community suggestions so far have included running tracks, an east-west bike path, play facilities, dog parks and additional open lawn space.

Draft designs for the plan will be available at the end of April and will be shared online and at drop-in sessions.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and at [yoursay.act.gov.au/haigpark](https://yoursay.act.gov.au/haigpark) for updates.

## AUTUMN HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS

A program of hazard reduction burns will take place throughout autumn across the ACT. These are essential in helping to keep the community safe and protect our city from bushfires.

For updates and more information visit [environment.act.gov.au](https://environment.act.gov.au)



## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN THIS AUTUMN

Everything that goes down the stormwater drain ends up in our lakes and rivers. The end result is poor water quality that affects everyone, including our local wildlife.

To protect our waterways, we need to keep all rubbish, including grass, leaves, cigarette butts, soil, fertilisers and pet poo, out of our stormwater drains.

Be the 'solution for pollution' and visit the H2OK webpage for practical advice on how you can help to keep our waterways healthy.

For more information visit [act.gov.au/h2ok](https://act.gov.au/h2ok)



## PARK, COFFEE, PEDAL TO WORK

How does this sound? Drive part of the way to work, park your car for free, grab a coffee, and then pedal your bike the remainder of the journey.

Canberra's first 'Park & Pedal' is now open at the Lindsay Pryor National Arboretum car park, on Barrenjoey Drive. After parking your car, it's then an easy, off-road, 30 minute ride to the City, Woden, Parliamentary Triangle or Barton.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)



## FROM SCHOOL TO CAREER IN CBR

Canberra public schools offer students a wide range of activities and programs like work experience to help prepare them for life after formal education.

Local student Elise Palethorpe hopes to one day become an environmental scientist or engineer and recently completed work experience at Questacon.

"The experience helped reinforce my love of science and my determination to start a career that will make a difference," she says.

To find out more, students can talk to the work experience coordinator at their school or visit [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)



## MY KITCHEN RULES AT NARRABUNDAH EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL



Families and students are cooking up a fun and delicious storm at Narrabundah Early Childhood School thanks to an ACT Government Health Promotion Innovation Grant.

The school worked with the Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre to develop the Freshen-Up program which offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families an opportunity to participate in a healthy cooking program. Families plan, prepare, taste and get creative with fresh produce in the school kitchen, led by a skilled nutritionist. They also get to take a meal home with them following each session.

Health Promotion Innovation Grants provide funds to projects that aim to reduce obesity, reduce smoking and alcohol-related harm, and support healthy ageing in Canberra.

For more information about health promotion grants visit [health.act.gov.au](https://health.act.gov.au)



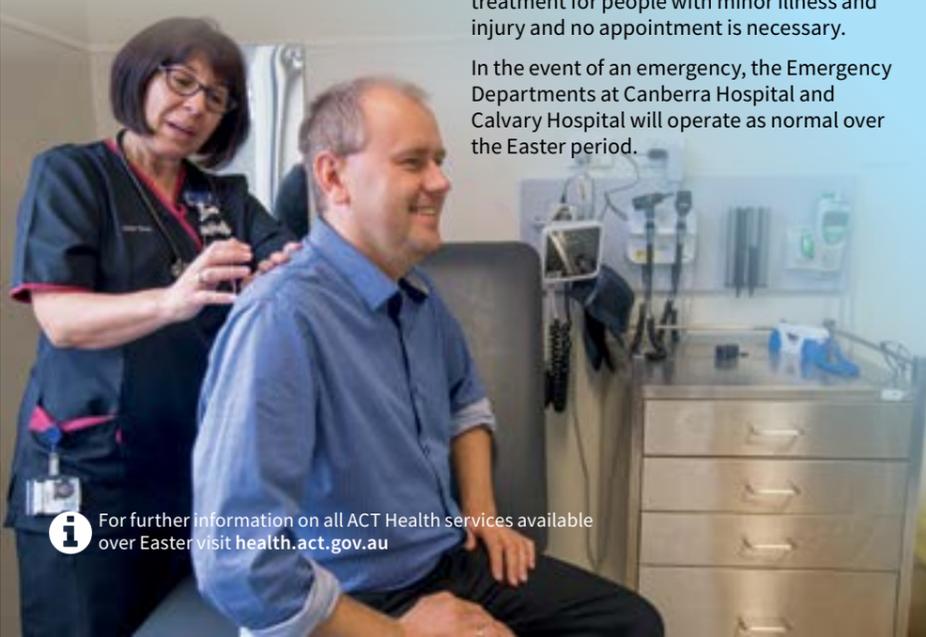
## HEALTH SERVICES OPEN OVER EASTER

A range of ACT health services will continue to operate over the Easter long weekend. This includes walk-in centres on the corner of Anketell and Pitman Streets in Tuggeranong, and Lathlain Street in Belconnen, which are open from 7.30am to 10pm daily.

Walk-in centres provide free advice and treatment for people with minor illness and injury and no appointment is necessary.

In the event of an emergency, the Emergency Departments at Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospital will operate as normal over the Easter period.

For further information on all ACT Health services available over Easter visit [health.act.gov.au](https://health.act.gov.au)



## WEST BASIN BOARDWALK TAKES SHAPE

The boardwalk area will be a destination for people to meet, celebrate and socialise.

The first 150m of boardwalk is almost finished, with high-quality, architecturally designed, precast concrete panels now installed. These mark the first stage of the boardwalk, which will be positioned just above the water level. Work on the adjacent public park will also start soon.

## MORE SERVICES ONLINE WITH ACCESS CANBERRA

With 60% of Canberrans choosing to access ACT Government services online, it's time to log on to [act.gov.au/accesscbr](https://act.gov.au/accesscbr) and see how you can save time.

Renew your car rego, apply for permits, register your new puppy, apply for a birth certificate, pay rates and fines and much more.

There's even a web chat service to help get your questions answered quickly.

If you prefer getting things done in person, you can still visit one of our service centres.

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# REGISTER TO RIDE FOR FREE TO ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Free public transport to Anzac Day services will once again be available in 2017. For those wanting to travel by bus to the Dawn Service or National Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, register to ride now.

You can 'Register to Ride' at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au) or call 13 17 10 



## GET TO THE GAME ON A FREE BUS

This winter sports season there'll be FREE charter services from major bus stations departing regularly to sports venues around Canberra.

Return charter services are also available for those seeking to save the hassle of parking or combine car and bus travel on the day. Alternatively, you can 'Park and Ride' at your nearest major bus station, and catch a free return charter.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)  and sign up for email alerts.

Or follow Transport Canberra on Facebook  for regular transport updates.

29 OCT-10 NOV

## RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP COMES TO CANBERRA

Canberra is hosting three exciting matches of the Rugby League World Cup 2017, including a much anticipated Australian Kangaroos' fixture.

Experience the pinnacle of the international game when Lebanon play France on Sunday 29 October at Canberra Stadium. The Kangaroos, coached by Canberra Raiders Legend Mal Meninga, will face France under lights on Friday 3 November. The entertaining Fiji Bati is set to take on Italy on Friday 10 November.

 Tickets are now available at [RLWC2017.com](http://RLWC2017.com)



## FESTIVAL CELEBRATES OUR LOCAL IDENTITY

18 APR-2 MAY

This year's Canberra Region Heritage Festival is on again this month. In 2017, the festival commemorates the 50th anniversary of the 1967 constitutional referendum, with more than 100 events over three weeks.

Taste local produce in the historic Majura Valley, take a hair-raising ghost tour through the National Film and Sound Archives, enjoy high tea at Hotel Kurrajong or uncover the hidden mysteries of Lake George.

 For more information visit [act.gov.au/heritagefestival](http://act.gov.au/heritagefestival)



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