

# OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



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## **PARK & RIDE** ON ITS WAY TO WANNIASSA

Located on the Blue Rapid route with regular weekday bus services.

Canberra's newest Park & Ride is coming soon to Wanniasa. Work has started on the new facility which will be ready for Tuggeranong commuters in the next few months.

The new Park & Ride will make it easier to combine walking, cycling and vehicle use

with rapid public transport. It will feature 60 parking spaces, 16 bike racks, two new bus stops with large shelters and improved path connections. The bus stops are located on the high frequency Blue Rapid route with regular weekday services travelling to Tuggeranong, Woden, the City and Belconnen.



For more information about Park and Ride visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

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## A FUTURE CENTRE FOR LEARNING IN CHISHOLM



An exciting new 'Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics' (STEM) Centre for Innovation and Learning is being built at Caroline Chisholm School.

The \$5.9 million learning centre will support schools across Tuggeranong to deliver creative learning and innovative STEM programs for students.

Students will be able to use the centre from the start of the 2018 school year.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

With work well underway on the first stage of our city-wide light rail network, we have asked Canberrans to help shape the route for stage two of the project – linking the City to Woden town centre.

Light rail to Woden involves crossing the lake and going through the Parliamentary Triangle and, by 2041, almost 90,000 people will live within one kilometre of stage 2. Have your say on exactly where the route goes, and where the stops are located.

Since we asked Canberrans their views in early May, we've had a huge amount of constructive feedback. There is still some time to have your say on stage 2. Visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au) before this phase of consultation closes on Sunday 11 June.



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

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



## NEW AUTHORITY TO RENEW OUR CITY CENTRE



Canberra's new City Renewal Authority starts operating next month. It will focus on breathing new life into the city centre and Dickson.

The new authority will support development of public spaces and buildings around Northbourne Avenue and will create West Basin's new lakeside precinct. The authority will take the same successful precinct based approach as Brisbane's Southbank and Perth's Elizabeth Quay. It will have a board of directors and expertise in design, engineering, sustainability, community building and administration.

## NEW AGENCY TO FOCUS ON OUR SUBURBS

Starting from 1 July is the new Suburban Land Agency, focusing on our suburbs. It will deliver greenfield residential estates, land releases and affordable housing, as well as urban renewal projects in town centres and suburbs.

## MORE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR REFUGEES

More refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT now have access to training in areas of skills shortage.

The eligibility criteria for the Australian Apprenticeships and Skilled Capital programs have been expanded. It now includes refugees and asylum seekers on temporary and bridging visas. The changes provide more employment opportunities for our newest Canberrans.

**i** For more information visit [skills.act.gov.au](http://skills.act.gov.au)



21 year-old Jawad Haidari is a permanent humanitarian visa holder. Jawad is an apprentice at Simplicity Kitchens. You can read more about Jawad's story at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)

## ACT BUDGET 6 JUNE 2017

On 6 June 2017 visit [treasury.act.gov.au](http://treasury.act.gov.au) for details on the ACT Budget 2017/2018.

Also keep an eye out in your letterbox during June for more information on how this year's budget benefits your region.



## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

All ACT students deserve access to a quality education so they can have a bright future. While the ACT is generally a high performing jurisdiction, there's more we can do.

We have started a conversation about what the future of education looks like and we need your help. We're seeking views from our children and young people, teachers, support staff and administration staff, parents, carers and families, as well as the broader community.

**i** To join this important conversation, go to [yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation](http://yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation)



## THANKS TUGGERANONG SES

ACT SES crews have responded to more than 2,500 calls for assistance since July 2016. We thank all our SES volunteers for the vital assistance they provide the community throughout the year.

**"I love serving the community and helping the people of Tuggeranong in their time of need."**

*Kim Channing, Tuggeranong Unit.*

**i** For information on how you can prepare your home for winter storms visit [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)



## NEW NATURAL PLAY SPACES FOR OUTDOOR FUN

Tuggeranong Town Park will soon be home to some new natural play areas for local kids to enjoy.

Four natural play spaces are now under construction near the existing playground and in the open area next to the eucalypt grove. The spaces include sloping log balance beams, stepping stones, circuits, a sand rill, totem poles and 'ochre pots' for painting and making mud pies.

**i** For more information visit [natureplaycbr.org.au](http://natureplaycbr.org.au)



## GOWRIE'S EXCELLENT EDUCATOR

Gowrie Primary School teacher Lyn Cleaver has been honoured nationally with an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. The awards recognise the role inspirational teachers play in the development of young people.

Lyn was one of just 12 other teachers selected from more than 1,350 nominations. She has taught kindergarten for around seven years and was nominated by a grandparent. Her goal is to build independence, self-confidence and a passion for learning in her students.



## KAMBAH VILLAGE COURTYARD UPGRADE

The central courtyard at the Kambah Village shops is changing, with upgrade works now underway.

Walls will be removed, the old raised timber deck will be replaced with paving and there'll be new outdoor furniture, landscaping, bike racks and water station. Completion is expected soon.

## ISABELLA POND IMPROVEMENTS

Work is now underway to upgrade Isabella Pond as part of a suite of improvement works.

In April both Upper Stranger and Isabella Ponds were drained allowing more than 3.8 tonnes of carp, a pest fish species to be removed.

Work has now begun to construct two new wetlands at Isabella Pond and the widening of Isabella Weir. These are the first of up to 25 infrastructure projects that will improve water quality in the region and downstream in the Murrumbidgee River system. Due for completion by mid-2018.

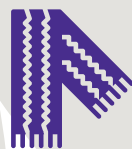
**i** For more information visit [act.gov.au/h2ok](http://act.gov.au/h2ok)







## WARM TREES AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM



Come and see a huge installation of knitting and crochet on trees this July at the National Arboretum's Warm Trees event. This year the largest knitted flowers in the world will be on display.

Join us for a free 'knit in', enjoy a free guided Warm Trees walk or attend the origami workshops for children. Sponsored by Friends of the Arboretum and the Embassy of Japan, Warm Trees is a volunteer community project.

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



## NOMINATE AN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

Give our nation's best the recognition they deserve. Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards. Nominations close 6 August 2017.



For more information and to nominate visit [australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate](http://australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate)

## WINTER WARMING TIPS AT ACTSMART WORKSHOPS



Winter is here along with cold feet and higher bills. Actsmart's free winter workshop series shows you how you can stay warm while minimising your energy bills.

The workshops include practical demonstrations on draught proofing your home, reducing the amount of escaping heat as well as tips on operating your heating systems. There are workshops on solar panels and battery storage too.

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



## CANBERRA'S PUBLIC HOUSING STORY

Public housing is an important part of Canberra's story and our community. Many Canberrans grew up in the familiar 'govvies'.

Today, our public housing is targeted to those in particular need. It helps women and children leaving family violence, older people, many single parent households and people with limited financial means.

Public housing and its tenants helped shape our city and represent the wider Canberra community.



For more information about public housing visit [economicdevelopment.act.gov.au](http://economicdevelopment.act.gov.au)



## REGATTA POINT: NOT JUST FOR VISITORS

Canberra locals are encouraged to check out the new Canberra and Region Visitors Centre at Regatta Point.

The state-of-the-art centre presents visitor information in a different way, with interactive digital displays, a large-scale video wall and a dedicated kids' zone. It's also the perfect place to pick up event tickets, shop for local products or have a break after a lakeside walk.

The National Capital Exhibition and The Deck café provide even more reasons to drop by, with plenty of parking nearby.



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