

LOOKING OUT for OUR KIDS



Supervisors patrol the crossing on Ratcliffe Crescent in Florey.

The new School Crossing Supervisor program has been welcomed by schools and parents across Canberra.

Valdis Juskevics (pictured), who regularly supervises the crossing at Florey Primary on Ratcliffe Crescent, enjoys supporting the school community.

“Greeting the parents and children and receiving positive feedback tells me I am making a difference. That’s why I enjoy this job,” he said.

 For more information visit transport.act.gov.au and search ‘School Crossing Supervisor’.

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WEST BASIN’S HENRY ROLLAND PARK



Canberra’s newest park on the edge of Lake Burley Griffin, is now open. Henry Rolland Park is the first stage in the renewal of West Basin.

The park is connected to the lake by a 150m long boardwalk, it has lawn areas, picnic and barbecue facilities, exercise equipment and more than 23,000 plants.

 For more information visit cityrenewalcanberra.com.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Survivors of child sexual abuse that occurred in institutions under the responsibility of the ACT Government will have access to a range of extra supports, with the ACT signing up to a new national scheme.

The ACT Government acknowledges that survivors of child sexual abuse suffer long-lasting and severe damage that can affect them for the rest of their lives.

Opting-in to the national Redress Scheme is an important step in acknowledging the harm

caused by institutionalised child sexual abuse and accepting responsibility.

We are working to ensure the Scheme, which will begin on 1 July, meets the needs of survivors and assists in their recovery.

Opting-in means eligible survivors from the ACT will now have access to counselling and psychological services, monetary payments up to \$150,000 and will receive a direct personal response from the institution where the abuse occurred.

NEED TO KNOW:

LIGHT RAIL



Light rail is coming soon.

Here are some interesting facts about light rail vehicles:

- > They take longer to come to a stop than cars and trucks, and cannot swerve.
- > They are wider than the tracks, so stay well clear as they approach.
- > The tracks are smooth. In wet weather, the rail surface may be slippery.
- > The overhead wire is LIVE and carries 750 volts of power. Keep away!
- > For tradies and contractors, if you need to do work around the light rail corridor, contact Canberra Metro first on 1300 208 824.



TOURISM BOOMING



One in seven new jobs created in the ACT is in the tourism sector as more people visit Canberra than ever before.

The ACT's tourism sector now employs 16,800 people and contributes \$2.3 billion to the ACT's economy.

With Lonely Planet naming Canberra as one of the best cities in the world to visit this year, this growth is likely to continue.

FROM

PLATES to NO PLATES

Have YourSay on special considerations for new reforms to improve the safety of young drivers in the ACT.

Between 2006 and 2017, 15 drivers aged 17 to 24 were killed in the ACT and young drivers were also responsible for the deaths of 23 other people. Research shows introducing a range of measures can lead to significant reductions in fatal and serious injury crashes.

The 'Your PLates' consultation seeks your views on the implementation of seven measures across L and P plates, proven to save young lives across the country. These include night time driving and P1 peer passenger restrictions.

i Have your say on the new scheme before 28 May at yoursay.act.gov.au



HOME BIRTH

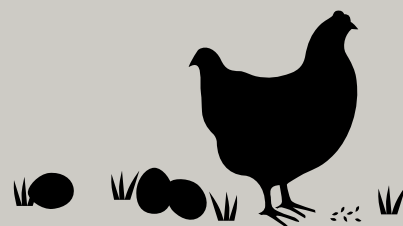


TRIAL FOR CANBERRA MUMS

A Home Birth Trial is available for mothers aged 18-40 years old living within 15 minutes of the Canberra Hospital.

The trial is available to women who meet the eligibility criteria.

i To see if you are eligible, visit health.act.gov.au/homebirth



CHOOSING FREE RANGE

A new national standard now requires free range egg packaging to prominently state the stocking density of hens that laid the eggs.

The new national 'free range' standard can include stocking densities of up to 10,000 birds per hectare.

However the ACT supports a free range standard that limits stocking densities to 1,500 birds per hectare or less. Choosing free range eggs produced at these lower stocking densities supports better animal welfare standards.

For more information visit act.gov.au/fairtrading **i**



DISCOVER ACT public schools



Have you considered one of Belconnen's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

i For more information on enrolment visit education.act.gov.au

GREYHOUND RACING ENDS IN THE ACT

As at 30 April 2018, greyhound racing is no longer permitted in the ACT.

Free counselling and transition support is still available by contacting Woden Community Service on (02) 6282 3037.



GREEN BINS are COMING

Belconnen, in only a few months you'll be asked to register your interest in a green bin. Green waste collections will commence in September 2018 for Belconnen, with a city-wide rollout from July 2019.

Green bins are for garden waste only and collections will be fortnightly. A one-off registration fee of \$50 will apply. Eligible concession card holders will be exempt from payment.

i For more information on green bin services, visit tccs.act.gov.au and search 'green bins'.



USING WOOD HEATERS THIS WINTER

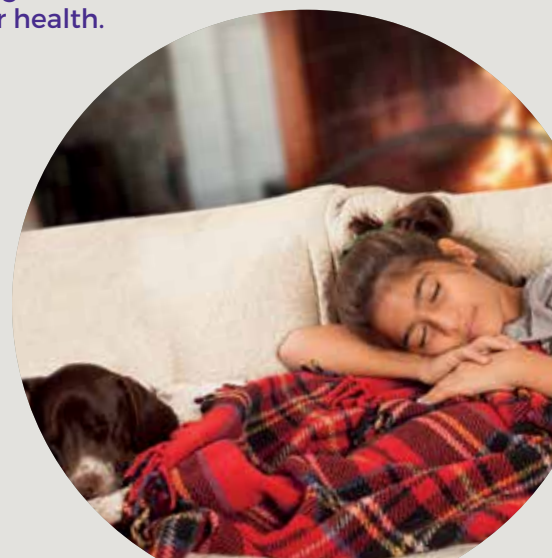


Using wood heaters correctly can save money and reduce the negative impacts of wood smoke on our health.

Burn right tonight by:

- > buying wood from an authorised firewood merchant
- > only using dry, well seasoned, untreated wood
- > using smaller logs to maintain a vigorous fire
- > not overfilling the wood heater.

i For more information visit accesscanberra.act.gov.au or for rebates on more efficient heating visit actsmart.act.gov.au



NEUROMOVES GYM OPENS IN THE ACT



The NeuroMoves program offers a range of innovative exercise services for people with a neurological condition or other physical disability.

The service, run by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, will help people to be rehabilitated locally and reduce the need for Canberrans to travel to Sydney, or beyond.

i For more information and to sign up for the program, visit scia.org.au and search 'neuromoves canberra'.



RECONCILIATION DAY



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

On Monday 28 May 2018, the ACT will celebrate its inaugural Reconciliation Day Public Holiday. The ACT is the first Australian jurisdiction to implement a public holiday to celebrate reconciliation.

 For details on a community event in Glebe Park on the public holiday visit events.act.gov.au

Artwork: Raminging Artists, *The Aboriginal Memorial*, 1987–88 (detail)
National Gallery of Australia

GROWING UP ABORIGINAL IN AUSTRALIA

Don Bemrose is a primary school teacher, an opera singer, a Canberran and a Gungarri man.

In 2017, Don was selected from hundreds of entrants to share his piece “Dear Australia” in a recently published anthology ‘*Growing up Aboriginal in Australia*’.

The anthology is a collection of diverse voices, experiences and stories that will enlighten, inspire and educate the community about the lives of Aboriginal people in Australia today. Don’s contribution is a deeply personal story reflecting the many significant experiences growing up as a Gungarri man.

 To read more about Don and his story visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



Don Bemrose is a teacher at Yarralumla Primary School.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2018

Also this month is National Reconciliation Week.

The week commences on the anniversary of the 1967 referendum, which amended the Australian constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It ends on the anniversary of the Mabo decision, which led to the *Native Title Act 1993*.

 For more information on events and activities during Reconciliation Week visit reconciliation.org.au

2018 is the 10 year anniversary of the formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the stolen generations, whose lives have been affected by past government policies.

National Sorry Day is 26 May.



We acknowledge Lynnice Keen as the artist of the artwork featured on the cover page. The original artwork is located in ESA Headquarters Fairbairn, ACT.



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