

OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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LIGHT RAIL STOPS DESIGNED for CANBERRA



All 13 stops are designed for the Canberra climate and environment

As the start of light rail approaches, the fit out and completion of the 13 stops is getting closer.

All stops are modern and designed for the Canberra climate and environment. At each stop a large canopy area provides shade during summer, skylights add light in winter and

screens provide shelter when it's wet and windy.

Stops also have digital information displays, accessible ramps, seating, good lighting, help points, artwork and CCTV cameras for added security.

More at transport.act.gov.au/light-rail

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WALK-IN CENTRE NOW OPEN in GUNGAHLIN

Walk-in Centres are a great option for free treatment and health advice for people with minor injuries and illnesses.

Gungahlin residents don't have to travel far for this great service with a centre now open on Ernest Cavanagh Street in the Gungahlin Town Centre.

The centre is open every day, between 7.30am and 10pm, including public holidays. No appointment is needed.

More at walkincentre.act.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT Government is building a better healthcare system. We now have three nurse-led Walk-in Centres and two more are on their way; we're providing grants to expand bulk billing GP services across Canberra's Southside; we've expanded maternity services and the emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital; we're delivering our biggest ever mental health support network; and we're investing in the 'Hospital in the Home' program.

Delivering accessible, high quality healthcare where and when you need it is one of the Government's top priorities.



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FAST TICKET HOME

The best way to be reunited quickly with your beloved lost pet is to keep their contact details up to date.

This means keeping your pet's microchip information current, as well as their registration details and the contact details on their ID tags and collars.

Updates can be made online and by vets.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au



SUMMER GARDEN

Love gardening but can't seem to keep your plants alive?

Actsmart's FREE 'Canberra Plant Selector' and 'WaterRight' web tools will help you make some smart gardening decisions this summer, like the best plants to choose, where to position them, and how much to water them.

 More at actsmart.act.gov.au




KNOW the FIRE DANGER RATING

This bushfire season, make sure you understand the Fire Danger Rating levels displayed on electronic roadside signs.

The rating is based on how fire is expected to behave on that particular day. The higher the rating, the more prepared you need to be.

A 'very high' rating means you should activate your Bushfire Survival Plan and regularly check for updates. 'Severe' means that fires will be unpredictable, fast moving, and your survival is the first priority.

 More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

 Download a bushfire Survival Plan template at esa.act.gov.au

PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES to EXPAND

Patients and families receiving palliative care will have access to better facilities and services with a major expansion of Clare Holland House.

With the need for palliative care growing, expanding services at Clare Holland House will ensure more Canberrans receive specialist palliative and end-of-life care. The expansion will include more specialist inpatient palliative care beds and more family friendly features that enable loved ones to stay with patients on site.

This expansion is a project by the Australian and ACT Governments in partnership with The Snow Foundation, and is expected to start in 2019.



AMAROO SCHOOL GETS A BIKE SHED



A new roof has been installed over the senior school bike enclosure at Amaroo School.

The bike shelter is a practical addition to the school campus and the shelter protects bicycles from the weather.

Riding or walking is one of the easiest and healthiest ways to get to and from school for many students. It's also a great way for children to get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity every day.



GIANT KANGAROOS for JOEY PARK



A sculpture commissioned for the 30th anniversary of Floriade now has a permanent home in 'Joey Park' in Throsby.

The park on Bettong Avenue was a fitting location with its proximity to both Mulligans Flat and Goorooyarro Nature Reserves.

'Stopping to Smell the Flowers'
by artist Jimmy Rix.



SAFE TRAVEL on BUSES



When travelling on the bus we want to make sure you get to your destination comfortably and safely.

Over the coming weeks new safety signage with some simple safety messages will be displayed on buses and at bus stops across Canberra.

 More at transport.act.gov.au

TIP:

Take a seat and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or hold onto handrails and straps.



INDOOR CATS are SAFE CATS



With new legislation now in effect in the ACT, Gungahlin Town Centre East now joins the suburbs of Crace, Forde, Jacka, Moncrieff, Taylor and Throsby as a cat containment area.

Cat containment means that cat owners must keep their cats contained on their properties. It helps protect our native wildlife in nearby nature reserves, and helps ensure the family cat lives a longer healthier life.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au



A CITY LOAD of ACTIVITIES

Canberra's city centre comes alive during November with a calendar full of pop-up events and activities including, arts, festivals and a community day.

All these activities are funded through the City Grants program.

JOIN IN



- > Get active with free lunchtime Zumba classes in Garema Place.
- > Enjoy a two-day festival of wine in Tocumwal Lane (23–24 November).
- > Check out some local art on board the ANCA Art Bus mobile gallery.
- > Bring your family and friends to Glebe Park for a community day on 25 November to conclude the SpringOUT festival.

 More at cityrenewalcbr.com.au



THROUGHOUT
NOVEMBER

EXPLORE

The **DESIGN Canberra Festival** will be featuring a program of city-based festival activities this month.

A highlight on 22 November will be a field of balloons on City Hill by Montreal-based artists Daily tous les jours, called Museum of Possibilities. Here the community will be able to imagine and share their ideas on the future of their city centre.

 More at designcanberrafestival.com.au



SECURITY for the EASTERN BETTONG

Since 2011 these small kangaroo-like marsupials have been reintroduced to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary and Tidbinbilla from Tasmania. They love their new surroundings.

The Eastern Bettong's future is more secure by being added to the ACT's Threatened Native Species List.

 More at environment.act.gov.au

Eastern Bettongs, once common to the Australian mainland, disappeared a century ago with European settlement.



SPRINGOUT
continues to
25 November

IT'S SPRINGOUT SEASON

Canberra's pride festival SpringOUT, celebrating the diversity of Canberra's LGBTIQ communities is on during November.

 More at springout.com.au



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