

SouthFest celebrations return to Tuggeranong



Celebrate what's great about living in Tuggeranong at SouthFest on Saturday 16 November.

Enjoy markets, food stalls, free rides, activities and entertainment at the community celebration, which made its popular debut in 2018.

A huge community effort involving local organisations, businesses and residents with the support of the ACT Government

has made staging the free event possible again this year.

SouthFest 2019 will run from 10am to 3pm at the Tuggeranong Town Centre on Cowlshaw Street.

→ More at southfest.com.au

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Catch a bus to the festival



Catch a free* bus to and from the Tuggeranong bus interchange between 8.30am and 4.30pm on 16 November to enjoy the SouthFest celebrations.

→ *See which services are included at transport.act.gov.au

SouthFest will be held on Saturday 16 November in the Town Centre

A message from the Chief Minister

Canberra is one of Australia's safest cities – and we're determined to keep it that way.

We're hiring more police officers and upgrading their equipment; there are more firefighters across our city and we're building new stations for our emergency services.

That safety also extends to preparing for bushfires. Our city will experience a long hot summer and now is the time to prepare your family for bushfires. Check out the full Bushfire Survival Plan kit in this edition.

Andrew Barr

Take care this party season



Summer's just around the corner and work parties, festivals, school formals and end-of-year celebrations are ramping up.

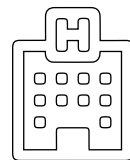
We've got all the information you need to party smart, make the most of your nights out and stay safe.

You'll find transport options, event details, tips for students (and parents!) as well as what to do and where to go if you need extra help when you're out.

→ Visit act.gov.au/accesscanberra



Better healthcare at the Canberra Hospital



We're building a new emergency, surgical and critical care facility at the heart of the hospital campus.

Construction will start next year on the expansion, and we'd like your views on the services it will provide.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

More police for the ACT



As our city grows, the ACT Government continues to invest in policing to ensure the capital remains one of the safest places in the country.

Over the next four years the Government will fund more than 60 new staff. It will also support ACT Policing as it moves to a new policing model that will mean more police connected with the community.

The Territory is also investing in new state-of-the-art technology so our police will be more visible across the city.

→ More at police.act.gov.au



New laws to better protect children



A number of changes to ACT law came into effect from 1 September 2019 to better protect children from abuse.

They include:

- the introduction of a new failure to report offence (applies to all adults 18 years+)
- expansion of Mandatory Reporting
- changes to the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

The changes are an important step as the ACT Government continues working towards a safer society for children and a stronger legal framework for survivors.

→ More at act.gov.au/childabuseroyalcommission

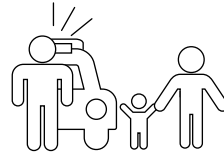


Making our roads safer for new drivers

From 1 January 2020, there will be a range of changes for L and P plate drivers to improve their safety on our roads.

→ More at act.gov.au/saferplates

Meet your local police officer: Constable George Blattman



Constable George Blattman has been patrolling the Tuggeranong area for almost a year since graduating from the Australian Federal Police College.

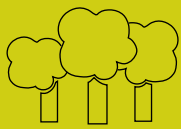
At the College, Constable Blattman worked with members from Tuggeranong Police Station and was drawn to the area by the great team and mix of jobs.

"I get satisfaction from being able to help people in trouble and I'm always appreciative

when someone takes the time to say thank you," Constable Blattman said.

"There is a lot of variety in the types of jobs we respond to. I especially like being on patrol in the hilly suburbs."

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Love trees in your suburb?

The ACT Government is planting 17,000 trees over the next four years. Tell us where you want to see more trees in your area.

→ Visit yoursay.act.gov.au

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Making the Monaro Highway safer A

Work will soon get underway on safety improvements to the Monaro Highway between Royalla Drive and Williamsdale Road.

Construction will start soon on a two-kilometre northbound overtaking lane along with a left turn slip lane at the intersection of the Monaro Highway and Old Cooma Road.

Design work has also begun for safety improvements and intersection upgrades at key locations on the Monaro Highway from Johnson Drive through to the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au



New bus stops on Ashley Drive

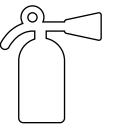
If you're a regular bus user along Ashley Drive, you may have noticed six new bus stops.

Installed earlier this year, these bus stops improve access for Tuggeranong commuters to Rapid and local bus routes.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au



New firefighters for south Canberra



The ACT Emergency Services Agency is strengthening its firefighting services across the ACT by hiring new firefighters.

Twenty firefighter recruits will finish their training soon, and 36 more will begin training early next year.



Canberrans be fire ready



Canberra can expect a long hot summer ahead with an increased risk of bushfires.

Right now is the time to prepare your home and discuss an action plan with your family. A written Bushfire Survival Plan saves lives and means decisions have been made ahead of any possible bushfire threat. Complete your Bushfire Survival Plan inside.

→ More at esa.act.gov.au

Four simple steps to creating your bushfire survival plan



1. Discuss

with your household what you will do in a bushfire.



2. Prepare

a plan and your home for bushfire.



3. Know

the bushfire alert levels.



4. Keep

information, numbers, websites, and

Top 5 actions to make your home safe



1. Trim

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. Mow

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. Remove

Remove material that can burn (e.g. door mats, wood piles, leaves, paint, furniture).



4. Clear

Clear and remove debris and leaves from gutters to prevent embers setting alight.



5. Prepare

A sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Have a reliable source of water.

Stay informed The ACT Rural Fire Service strongly advises saving these numbers, links and app now.



In an emergency call:
Triple Zero (000)
For information on bushfires call Access Canberra: **13 22 81**



For Fire Danger Ratings visit the ACT Emergency Services website:
esa.act.gov.au



Install the RFS
'Fires Near Me' app



Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV and news websites.



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