

COVID-19 vaccination program continues

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Roll up
your sleeves
Canberra



Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans have been turning out in great numbers to get their COVID-19 vaccination. The proportion of our population above 16 with one dose of the vaccine is among the highest in the nation.

There has been particularly strong take up from Canberrans over the age of 70.

Thank you to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves.

The vaccination rollout is accelerating at the ACT's mass vaccination clinics and GPs across the city. More vaccines have been promised by the Australian Government in the coming months.

Let's keep up our nation leading vaccination effort and keep our community safe.

ANDREW BARR



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Canberrans continuing to roll up their sleeves



The ACT community's response to the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines has been impressive. It's clear that Canberrans want to keep our city safe and strong.

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from the most serious health risks posed by COVID-19.

Right now ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination

clinics are providing access to COVID-19 vaccines in Canberra. Eligible people should plan ahead by making an appointment as soon as possible.

→ Find out if you're eligible and where you can make an appointment at covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking

Don't delay, get tested today!

Recent COVID-19 outbreaks across the country have reinforced the importance of testing.

Getting tested means early detection of COVID-19 and allows ACT Health to quickly respond before there is widespread transmission.

You should get tested if you experience any COVID-19 symptoms – fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, shortness of breath, or loss of smell or taste - no matter how mild they may be.



→ More information about symptoms and testing locations is available at covid19.act.gov.au

Simple steps to save on your energy bills

Being on an energy plan that's right for you could save hundreds of dollars on your energy bill.

Shop around with other energy retailers to get the lowest cost plan.

Call your energy provider to ask if you're on the best plan and if there are other deals and discounts.

Also, making simple changes around the house can make your home more energy efficient.



→ Find more tips at actsmart.act.gov.au/energy-saving



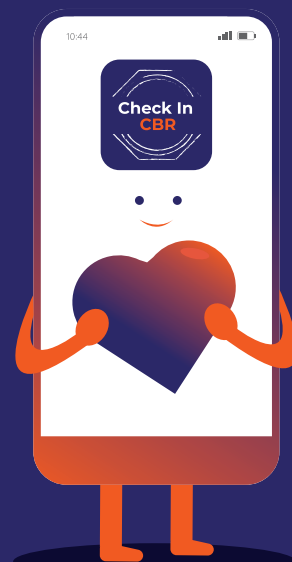
Important changes to Check In CBR app

It is now mandatory to use the Check In CBR app in supermarkets, department stores, petrol stations, takeaway services, public transport, taxis, Uber and ride sharing services.

Everyone 16 years of age and older is required to check in, even if they are only in the venue for a brief amount of time.

→ For more information visit covid19.act.gov.au

Use the Check In CBR app to protect yourself and your loved ones.



The Nest café opens at Evatt Primary School

A new space is providing a welcoming environment to encourage families and children to connect and read a book before class at Evatt Primary School.

The Nest was designed in partnership with the school's P&C and partly funded through an ACT Government grant.

School-led initiatives such as the popular 'Giggle and Wiggle' program for parents with new babies are now hosted in The Nest.



➔ More at education.act.gov.au

Making Belco roads safer

New traffic lights and safety measures have been put in place across Belconnen to make your trip safer. The upgrades include newly operational traffic lights at:

- ▶ Belconnen Way/Springvale Drive, Hawker; and
- ▶ Kuringa Drive/Owen Dixon Drive, Spence.

A new roundabout has also been built on Copland Drive.

➔ To learn more about the upgrades and how we are making your commute safer, head to cityservices.act.gov.au

These projects are jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.



Preschoolers get the green light

When a group of preschool students at the Southern Cross Early Childhood School in Scullin noticed a set of traffic lights on the school's bike track weren't working properly, they worked together with the help of their teacher to submit a Fix My Street request to the ACT Government's Traffic Signals Unit.

The Traffic Signals Unit said they were "touched" by the request and arranged for the maintenance contractor to restore the signals to service.

➔ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/preschool-traffic-light



Belco Library has events for everyone

August is a busy month for Libraries ACT. Visit Belconnen Library or library.act.gov.au to find out how we're celebrating National Science Week, Children's Book Week and Family History Month.

Floriade: Coming soon to Commonwealth Park

Floriade, Australia's biggest celebration of spring, is returning to Commonwealth Park next month.

You're invited to enjoy the jam-packed program of music, cultural celebrations, food and wine, horticulture workshops, artistic displays, markets and entertainment.

When the sun goes down, discover what Floriade's dark side has to offer at Floriade NightFest, with an array of live entertainment and food on offer across four special nights.

Floriade
Sat 11 Sep
until
Sun 10 Oct

**Floriade
NightFest**
Thu 30 Sep
until
Sun 3 Oct



→ Stay up to date on programming, ticketing information and COVID-safe requirements at floriadeaustralia.com

Green Caffeine makes sustainability easy

Calling all CBR coffee lovers – do some good for the environment and embrace the Green Caffeine reusable coffee cup scheme.

More than 100 local cafes participate in the free and COVID-safe 'swap-and-go' scheme which allows Canberrans to order their coffee in a reusable cup and return it to any participating cafe.

→ More at greencaffeine.com.au



Time to renew your driver licence? We'll text you

The ACT Government is trialling a new SMS reminder service for driver licence renewals. To receive a reminder, be sure your mobile number is up to date at act.gov.au/updateyourrego



Calendar of EVENTS AUGUST

Until **15** **Reflections of My Country**
Belco Arts Centre

Until **15** **Heart Strong**
Belco Arts Centre

Until **29** **The Truffle Festival**
Canberra Region,
Multiple locations

SAT **7** **Fired Up 2021**
Watson Arts Centre

WED **11-22** **Sensory Art Lab**
Gorman Arts Centre

SAT **14-15** **Canberra Youth Science and Entrepreneurship**
Llewellyn Hall, ANU

MON **16-21** **STEM in the Community Challenge**
Manning Clark Hall

WED **18** **How to Manage a Disaster: Complexity in the 21st Century**
Verity Lane Market

FRI **20-22** **Other Worlds**
Belco Arts Centre

SAT **21-22** **Stars in 3D**
Canberra College

SAT **28** **Public Art Treasure Hunt**
O'Connor shops

The COVID-19 situation evolves quickly and can impact events. Stay up to date at events.canberra.com.au



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