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The staff at Mookie in Tuggeranong look forward to locals dining in with food fresh out of the kitchen.

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Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans – thank you. Thank you for supporting our response to the COVID-19 and getting vaccinated. Our city is now one of the most vaccinated cities in the world.

Leading into Christmas, our priority will be supporting a safe, and strong, economic recovery. This includes creating, and protecting, secure local jobs across our Territory economy.

Over the next few months, we will see many Australians return home from overseas, a resumption of domestic tourism and international students recommencing their studies at Territory universities.

This will significantly boost our economy and support local businesses.

Andrew Barr



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Canberrans, your local shops need you

Mookie owner Jaye believes hospitality is the best industry in the world because of the smiles it puts on people's faces.

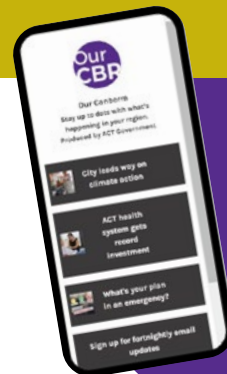


It's the reason he's excited to welcome customers back to his unique American-Japanese burger joint as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

"We want to offer a safe and enjoyable dining experience for everyone," Jaye said.

"It's been an incredibly hard period, but I feel lucky to be in Canberra and have so much community and government support."

The community can help Canberra make a COVID-safe economic recovery, complementing ACT Government business initiatives like outdoor dining permits waivers, financial support and outdoor space activations.



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Highway upgrades to improve your trip

Many Tuggeranong residents will benefit from a safer and quicker commute, with improvements at the Lanyon Drive intersection to improve safety and traffic flow.

This project will also support the safe and efficient movement of more people and freight around the whole Canberra and southern New South Wales region.

The current design stage is being finalised. This project is jointly funded with the Australian Government.



Restrictions have eased but your responsibility hasn't



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Local students get new science labs

The science labs at Wanniasa School's senior campus will be upgraded as part of the 2021-22 ACT Budget's record investment in public education. The new science labs will support the school to deliver high quality STEM education for its students.



Tuggeranong Foreshore upgrades continue

Further improvements for the Tuggeranong Town Centre have been funded in the 2021-22 ACT Budget, with upgrades to the Lake Tuggeranong foreshore precinct from Reed Street South to Athllon Drive.

This will include playground upgrades, improvements to access and recreational facilities as well as revitalising green spaces.



Better community facilities for Tuggeranong

A new dog park will be built in the Lanyon Valley.

The ACT budget allocated funding to the project, as well as upgrades for shopping areas in Calwell, Lanyon and Monash. Playgrounds in Gordon and Chisholm will also be upgraded.



Southern Memorial Park designs progress

A major new memorial park will be built in Tuggeranong following community consultation. The Southern Memorial Park will include a large cemetery to meet the needs of a growing city. It will be built on Mugga Lane, Hume.





CBR leads the way on climate action

Canberra will remain the national leader on climate action and environmental protection, with an additional funding committed as part of the 2021-22 ACT Budget.

The funding focuses on reducing emissions and supporting healthy habitat in our bushland, suburbs and waterways, helping Canberra reach its zero-net emissions target by 2045.

The investment comes as the ACT Government has opened its Sustainable Household Scheme to all eligible households and individuals.

The Scheme offers zero-interest loans of up to \$15,000 to invest in energy efficiency products. Attendance at a free one-hour online workshop is required to be eligible for the Scheme.

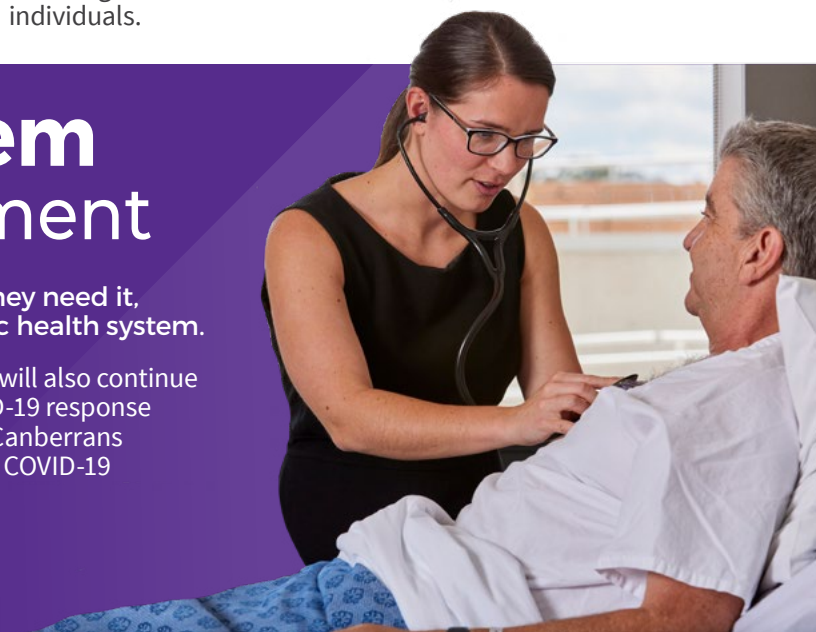
Find out more and how to apply on climatechoices.act.gov.au

ACT health system gets record investment

Canberrans will receive better healthcare when they need it, thanks to a record investment in Canberra's public health system.

As part of the funding more than 90 nurses and midwives will be employed, the Canberra Hospital Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department will be expanded, more elective surgeries will be delivered and planning will get underway for a new cancer research centre at Canberra Hospital.

Investment will also continue in the COVID-19 response to support Canberrans through the COVID-19 pandemic.



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN IN AN EMERGENCY?

Start your **Survival Plan** with the **Discussion Guide** included in this edition of Our CBR.



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SURVIVAL PLAN

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Getting ready for an emergency is easier than you think.

By taking 20 minutes with your household to discuss what you'll do during an emergency, you could save their lives, as well as your home. This discussion guide is the first step in developing your emergency survival plan.



DISCUSS



PREPARE



KNOW



KEEP


STEP 1: DISCUSS

What will you do in an emergency?
Get together and discuss a survival plan.



During an emergency how would you decide when to leave or stay?


☒ Discuss what you would do in a **bushfire**

LEAVE		STAY
Leaving early is your safest option.		Only stay if you are physically and emotionally prepared to defend your home. Only those with well-prepared homes and survival plans.


☒ Discuss what you would do in **extreme heat**

LEAVE		STAY
If you're not able to stay cool at home.		If you are able to keep your home cool enough.

☒ Discuss what you would do in a **storm**

LEAVE		STAY
If significant damage has been done to your home.		If you have prepared your home and have a home emergency kit.

☒ Discuss what you would do in a **flood**

LEAVE		STAY
If your home is inundated with water.		If surrounding roads are flooded and unsafe, and your home isn't inundated with water.

Where will you go if you need to leave?

Identifying safe places in different areas is a good idea.

☒ Discuss different evacuation options, which may include:

- Friend's house
- Family member's house
- Shopping Centre
- Library

Evacuation centres should be a last resort – these will not be set up and identified to the public until they are needed.

Who do you need to check on in the event of an emergency?

☒ Discuss who you may need to check on. Examples include:

- Neighbours
- Family
- Friends

Emergencies can strike anywhere, any time and without warning.
It is important to know your risk and make plans together ahead of time.

STEP 2: PREPARE

How will you prepare your home?
Think about the actions you can take.



✓ Trim trees and shrubs

This will keep them from falling on your home during a storm, and stop fire spreading to buildings.



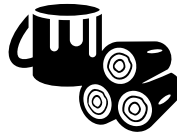
✓ Clear cuttings and gutters

Mow grass and clear the cuttings to minimise fuel for a fire near your house. Clear your gutters – embers can spark fires in fuel stuck in gutters and endanger your home. Clogged gutters increase the chances of water damage and flooding during heavy rain.



✓ First aid

Know how to help someone in an emergency and how to care for someone experiencing heat stress.



✓ Remove and secure

Remove material from around your home that can burn, like door mats, paint tins, gas bottles or wood piles. Remove smaller things that can be blown around by strong wind, like umbrellas or outdoor furniture. Secure larger items like trampolines, and park cars under cover.



✓ Home Emergency Kit

Pack your home emergency kit, check it regularly.

Download the Home Emergency Kit checklist from esa.act.gov.au



✓ Insurance

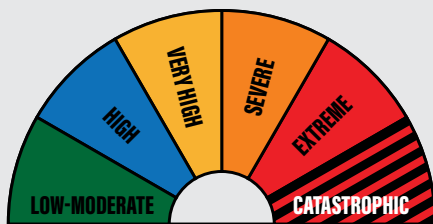
Keep your home and car insurance up to date.

STEP 3: KNOW

Do you understand emergency advice?
Learn about emergency warnings and alerts.



Fire Danger Ratings



SEVERE

Only stay if your home is well prepared and you are ready to defend it.

EXTREME

Only stay if your home is prepared to the highest level and is built to survive a bushfire.

CATASTROPHIC

Leaving is your only safe option.

Bushfire Alert Levels



ADVICE

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing. Start taking action to protect you and your family.



EMERGENCY WARNING

Emergency Warning is the highest level of alert. You may be in danger. Take action immediately. Any delay now risks your life.



For weather warnings and advice visit the Bureau of Meteorology at bom.gov.au

STEP 4: KEEP

How will you keep up to date?
Know where to find emergency information.



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Storm and Flood assistance **132 500**



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