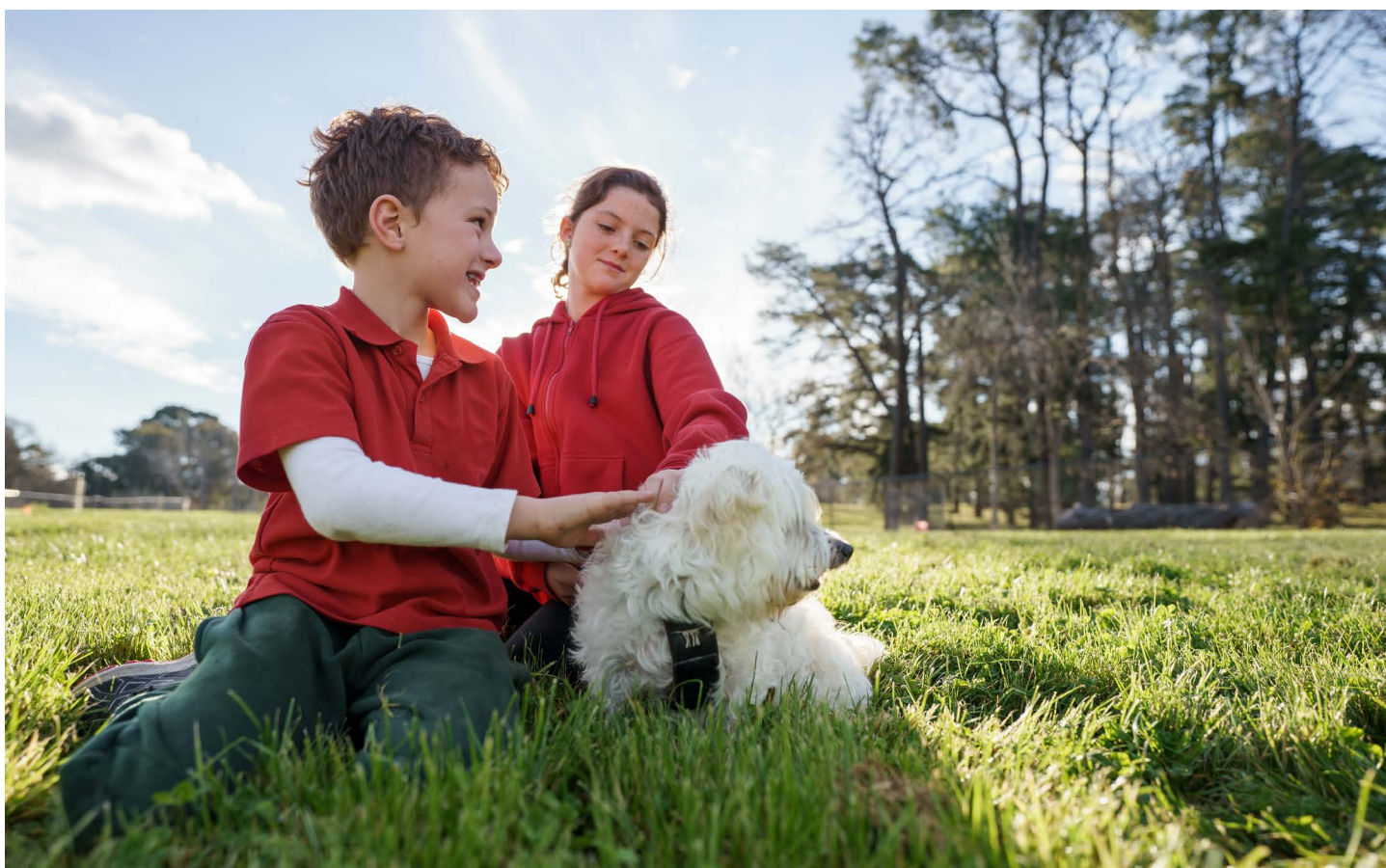


Delivering for Canberra's future



Message from the Chief Minister

With nation-leading population growth and more people choosing to make Canberra home, the ACT Government is continuing to invest in our city, in infrastructure that is built for Canberra, to ensure we remain one of the most liveable cities in the world.

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget, the Government is increasing investment into schools, hospitals, and into the services and local infrastructure that Canberrans know and love.

Importantly, it is a budget that puts the wellbeing of Canberrans first, while building a more diverse and resilient economy to protect and create local jobs.

This year's budget includes additional local infrastructure and services right across the city. More details are included in this edition of Our Canberra.

Andrew Barr



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**82.4% of
Canberrans**
recently rated their
wellbeing as 'typical'
or 'high' in a survey
examining themes
like standard of
living, relationships,
safety, achievement
and future security.

Source: Living Well in the ACT
Region (November 2021),
University of Canberra.

ACT budget focuses on wellbeing

The nation-leading comprehensive Wellbeing Framework helps guide decisions about how and where the ACT Government should invest money, ensuring the government delivers on programs, services and infrastructure that improve the lives of all Canberrans.

That is why the 2022-23 ACT Budget includes more than \$160 million to improve housing choice and affordability, \$240 million to support education and skills, and \$390 million to improve the health outcomes of Canberrans.



Wellbeing into the future

The ACT Government is committed to working with the community to improve the wellbeing of all Canberrans.

Help inform the University of Canberra's latest research by telling them how you find living in the ACT at livingwellintheact.net.au



The ACT was the first state or territory in Australia to establish a comprehensive Wellbeing Framework.

Supporting the wellbeing of Canberrans

Wellbeing means something different to everyone. It could be about ease of access to local services, or the ability to find work, make friends or get out in nature.

With our population now more than 450,000 and growing, the focus on wellbeing will help ensure Canberra remains one of the most liveable cities in the world.

That is why the ACT Wellbeing Framework was created and why it will now shape the programs, services and infrastructure to benefit Canberrans long into the future.

What is the ACT Wellbeing Framework?

The ACT Government worked with the community in 2019 and 2020 to develop a set of indicators to measure and understand the individual and collective wellbeing of Canberrans.

Elements of wellbeing in the ACT include:

- access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities
- suitable housing
- a climate-resilient and healthy environment
- a strong economy
- access to places and services
- time to live the lives we aspire to
- good health and health care
- feeling and being safe
- sense of belonging, identity and connection



What's in the budget for your region?

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget the Government is continuing to deliver now and into the future by investing in our schools, hospitals, locals services and infrastructure. This includes:

- The raising of London Circuit between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue.
- Design work for a new health precinct in Watson.
- A new playground and recreation park for Watson.
- The modernisation and expansion of Majura Primary School.
- Lighting upgrades at Watson Neighbourhood Oval and Deakin District Playing Fields.

For more on the 2022-23 ACT Budget, see page three.



Funding world-class local health services

The ACT Government is boosting investment to ensure Canberrans can access world-class healthcare when and where they need it.

An additional \$390 million in the 2022-23 ACT Budget will deliver a total investment in health of more than \$10 billion over four years.

This significant investment will deliver:

- Expanded support for our public hospitals and health centres;
- The continued COVID-19 response;
- More mental health services;
- State-of-the art medical imaging upgrades; and
- Record numbers of healthcare workers.

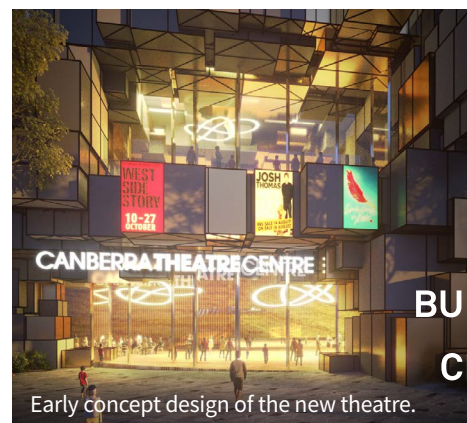


Grants support senior Canberrans and veterans

Two grant programs supporting veterans and older Canberrans are opening soon.

The programs fund projects that promote the groups as valued community members.

Head online for more information on how to apply.



New theatre planned for city centre

A new 2000-seat theatre will form part of a major Canberra Theatre Centre redevelopment. The existing Canberra Theatre will be renovated and revitalised to support a bigger range of live performances coming to the capital.

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Expanding Majura Primary School

Majura Primary School will be modernised and expanded with a \$39.3 million investment in the 2022-23 ACT Budget.

The funding will create more student places for Inner North children through upgrading existing classrooms and building new school facilities.

It's part of the ACT Government's commitment to ensuring every child has access to a great local public school.



More local healthcare

The 2022-23 ACT Budget is funding better services for people seeking mental health support and drug rehabilitation assistance in the Inner North.

Almost \$3 million has been allocated over the next two years to design and plan three new health facilities at the Watson Health Precinct.

The precinct will include residential rehabilitation and mental health facilities for young Canberrans, as well as a community-run Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residential rehabilitation facility.

The new facilities will be operated by the Ted Noffs Foundation, CatholicCare and Winnunga Nimmityjah.



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New playground coming to Watson

A new playground will be built next to Watson's Canberra Technology Park, with funding of \$2.6 million over three years allocated in the 2022-23 ACT Budget. The playground will provide a great new destination for families.

Lighting up local sportsgrounds

Two local sportsgrounds will have LED lights installed as part of an 2022-23 ACT Budget commitment.

New floodlighting at Deakin District Playing Fields and Watson Neighbourhood Oval will improve night-time visibility for players and spectators.

It's part of a broader program being rolled out across Canberra, with new lights already installed across the city.



Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



Accessibility
Ph 13 22 81



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Floriade:
17 September to 16 October

NightFest:
29 September to 2 October



Floriade returns with the Sounds of Spring

Canberra will come alive with vibrant colour and beauty next month when Floriade returns to Commonwealth Park as a plastic-free event.

This year's theme, the Sounds of Spring, will see visitors explore a

stunning display of more than one million blooms to a soundtrack of classical and contemporary tunes.

If you want to get involved and support the event, sign up as a volunteer online.

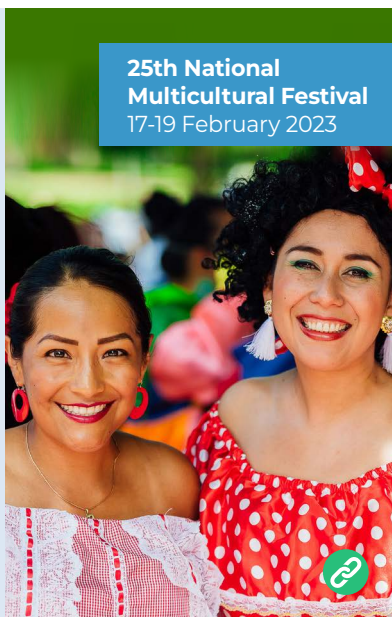
Apply now for Multicultural Festival grants

Community organisations are invited to apply for grants to help bring their cultural activities and showcases to the 2023 National Multicultural Festival.

The event will mark the 25th anniversary of the festival and its celebration of Canberra's cultural diversity.

Applications are open for stallholders, performers and volunteers.

25th National Multicultural Festival
17-19 February 2023



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What's on in August

6 August	NRL: Raiders v Panthers GIO Stadium
14 August	Ben Portsmouth – This is Elvis Canberra Theatre Centre
19 August	GWS Giants v Fremantle Dockers Manuka Oval
17-18 August	Canberra CareersXpo Exhibition Park in Canberra
18 August	Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour Canberra Theatre Centre
26-28 August	Capital to Coast 100km Multistage Trail Running Race Multiple Locations
27 August	NRL: Raiders v Sea Eagles GIO Stadium



For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au

YOUR SAY

Help shape upcoming projects

We want your input on current and upcoming ACT Government initiatives, including:

- Right to a Healthy Environment;
- Gungahlin Tennis Facility;
- ACT Disability Health Strategy;
- Multicultural Recognition Act; and
- Active Travel Plan.

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