



Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley

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Merry Christmas, Canberra



Message from the Chief Minister

The summer months in the nation's capital are a great time of the year, and Canberrans can once again celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve in the City with plenty of entertainment and opportunities to support local businesses.

We are expecting that the festive season will also bring an increase in COVID-19 cases, so please keep testing for COVID and isolating if you are unwell.

As we get closer to the end of the year, there will be many Canberrans working hard to keep our city safe and cared for. There are also many city services staff working as hard as possible to repair potholes and mow the grass following extensive rain across the ACT.

I wish you a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Andrew Barr



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London Circuit road closure

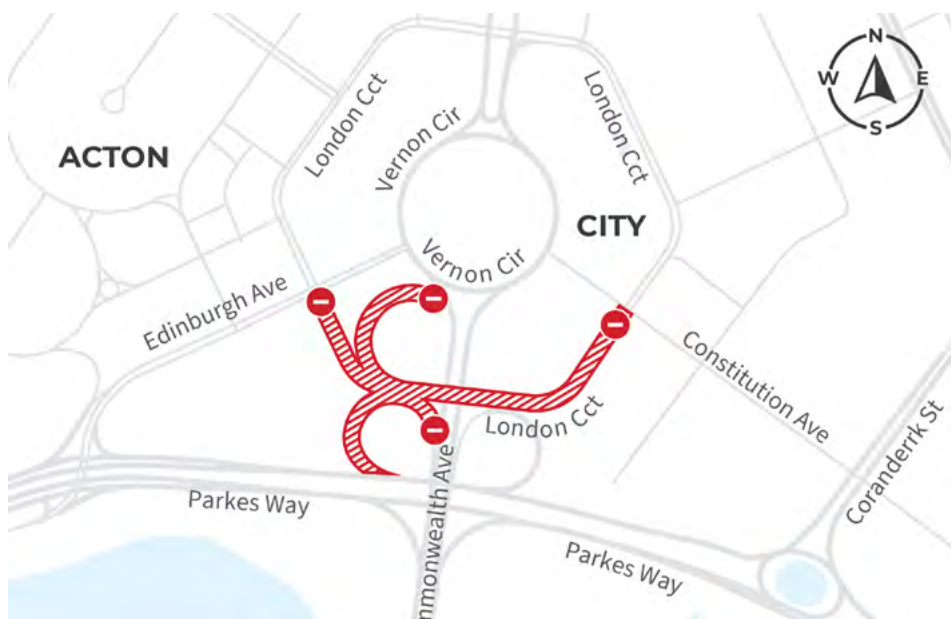
Work to deliver the second stage of light rail has started with the raising London Circuit project now underway.

The following roads are impacted for the duration of the project:

- London Circuit between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue
- the cloverleaf ramps on the north end of Commonwealth Avenue.

When complete, this new city intersection will improve road, pedestrian and transport connections, provide more functional public spaces, and allow light rail to cross the lake.

For the latest information, including detailed maps on how to get around the city, visit builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts



Walk-in Centres open for Christmas

Don't forget ACT Walk-in Centres are open seven days a week, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day, between 7.30am and 10pm.

If you find yourself with a non-life threatening injury or illness, head to your local nurse-led Walk-in Centre in Weston Creek.

Scan the QR code to view all ACT Government service changes over the festive season.

Make road safety your priority this summer

Over the holiday season, it's more important than ever to put your phone away, slow down, drive to the conditions and avoid fatigue. There are more motorists on the road in summer, particularly on the Kings Highway.

Whether you are travelling or staying in Canberra, ensure everyone gets home safely this summer by making road safety your priority.

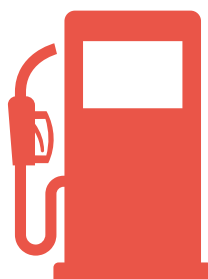
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Have your say on where you live, work and play

The ACT Government is asking for your help with planning your district's future.

Draft district strategies for Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo outline a range of proposed, potential and possible initiatives up for discussion as part of the community engagement process.

Initiatives include:

- improving waterway and green space connections
- developing Woden town centre as an educational and commercial hub
- growing employment opportunities in Weston, Curtin and Mawson centres
- investigating key change areas for development linked to the future light rail corridor
- developing more diverse housing
- improving public transport connections
- improving local centres for community and employment
- strengthening community facilities.

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Local infrastructure upgrades

This year community consultation has taken place on key projects planned for the region, including:

- playground upgrades in Lyons
- upgrades to Brierly Street near Cooleman Court
- improvements to path infrastructure in Chifley.

Construction began on public space upgrades at Duffy shops this year, including a new playground, toilet and landscaping. Work is expected to be completed in the middle of 2023. Toilets will also be installed at Farrer Nature Play Space next year.

Bus stops in Duffy, Fisher, Holder, Waramanga and Weston have been upgraded throughout the year, with Chifley, Coombs and Garran next in line.

Molonglo River Bridge to start construction in 2023

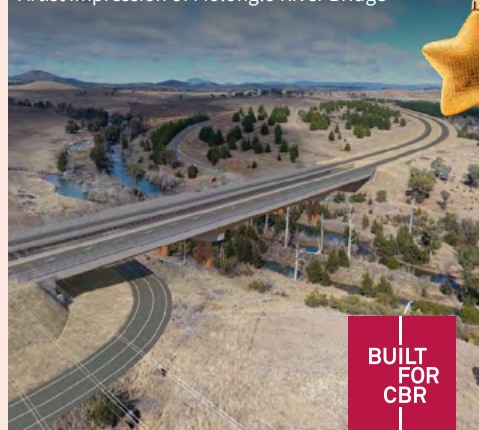
A 227-metre bridge will be built over the Molonglo River to better connect the Molonglo Valley with Whitlam and Canberra's northern suburbs.

Expected to open to traffic in late 2025, the project will support the local economy through the creation of more than 500 jobs.

The bridge will significantly improve road safety and support Canberrans travelling between Woden and Belconnen via Coppins Crossing.

This project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments. For more information scan the QR code above.

Artist impression of Molonglo River Bridge



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.



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Celebrate Christmas in the city



The city will come alive with roving performances, photo-worthy moments, and of course, Canberra's most captivating Christmas tree this month.

Visitors will find something on every weekend in City Walk in the lead-up to Christmas.

Be sure to take a look around when you're Christmas shopping, celebrating with end-of-year drinks, or getting that classic Santa photo.

Take a stroll down City Walk and immerse yourself in the festive fun.

Check out the full program at christmas.inthecity.com.au



Bring in the new year with a bang

Welcome 2023 with a huge New Year's Eve celebration on Lake Burley Griffin.

Gather your friends and family, find a great lakeside spot and take in the amazing fireworks display.

Grab a bite to eat from the food vendors on site and enjoy the music and atmosphere as you await the countdown.

There will be fireworks at both 9pm and midnight.



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What's on this holiday season

24 Nov -25 Feb **Sunset Cinema**
Australian National Botanic Gardens

10 Dec **UC Capitals v Sydney Flames**
National Convention Centre Canberra

11 & 18 Dec **Christmas Village Markets**
Haig Park

13 Dec **Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Men's Big Bash**
Manuka Oval

5-8 Jan **Summernats**
Exhibition Park

13-15 Jan **Storytime Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty**
Canberra Theatre Centre

21 Jan **Lunar New Year**
Woolley St Dickson



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



Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day.

During the festive season and especially on New Year's Eve, why not leave the car at home and let Transport Canberra do the driving? (Normal fares apply).

View the timetable online.