

# Investing in Canberra's roads



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## Message from the Chief Minister

After years of above average rainfall, many of our roads need repair and resurfacing. The Government will significantly boost maintenance funding to repair and preserve our extensive road network.

The new maintenance program will improve the condition of Canberra's roads by more frequently resealing more roads. You can read more about the expanded road maintenance program inside.

**Andrew Barr**



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## Canberra prepares for the **Enlighten Festival**

Canberra's Enlighten Festival returns to light up the capital from 3–19 March.

The jam-packed program of diverse events includes Canberra Balloon Spectacular, Enlighten Illuminations, Symphony in the Park and more.

The festival will also celebrate LGBTIQ+ pride over the weekend

of 10–12 March. Canberra's iconic buildings will be illuminated with pride-themed projections, and there will be events across the city.

Entry is free, though some events may be ticketed.

Visit [enlightencanberra.com](https://enlightencanberra.com) for more information, to get involved or to volunteer.

## Electric buses are ready to roll



Canberra's first electric buses will hit the road this year. The buses are part of the ACT Government's transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040.

As well as reducing emissions, they will provide a cleaner, quieter and more comfortable ride.

Keep your eye out for our new buses this year.

## Help shape upcoming projects

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

- achieving equity for women and girls in the ACT
- the new draft City Plan

- ACT Planning System Review and Reform – draft Territory Plan and District Strategies
- Seniors Card.

For more, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)

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## What's on in February

Until **Pictures of You**  
5 Feb Belconnen Arts Centre

Until **Sunset**  
25 Feb **Cinema Canberra**  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

Until **Moments in the Australian Bush**  
26 Feb Australian National Botanic Gardens

11 Feb **Canberra United Home Game vs Sydney FC**  
McKellar Park

18 Feb **UC Capitals vs Adelaide Lightning**  
National Convention Centre Canberra

19 Feb **Three Sixty Fashion Markets**  
Fitters' Workshop, Kingston

25 Feb **The John Lennon Songbook in Concert**  
The Street Theatre



For more events and details, visit [events.canberra.com.au](https://events.canberra.com.au), or for a calendar of major ACT events in 2023 visit [events.canberra.com.au/2023](https://events.canberra.com.au/2023)



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# 2023 National Multicultural Festival

25th Anniversary



## Sections

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|--------------|---------------|
| A            | B             |
| Civic Square | Ainslie Place |
| C            | D             |
| Petrie Plaza | Akuna Street  |
| E            | F             |
| City Walk    | Garema Place  |
| G            | H             |
| Glebe Park   | Bundra Street |
- Alcohol can be consumed at the festival, but only in these marked sections. Please do not take alcohol out of these sections or into the Canberra Centre.

## Key

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| First Aid             | Information |
| Family Spaces         | Quiet Space |
| Water Refill Stations | Stage       |

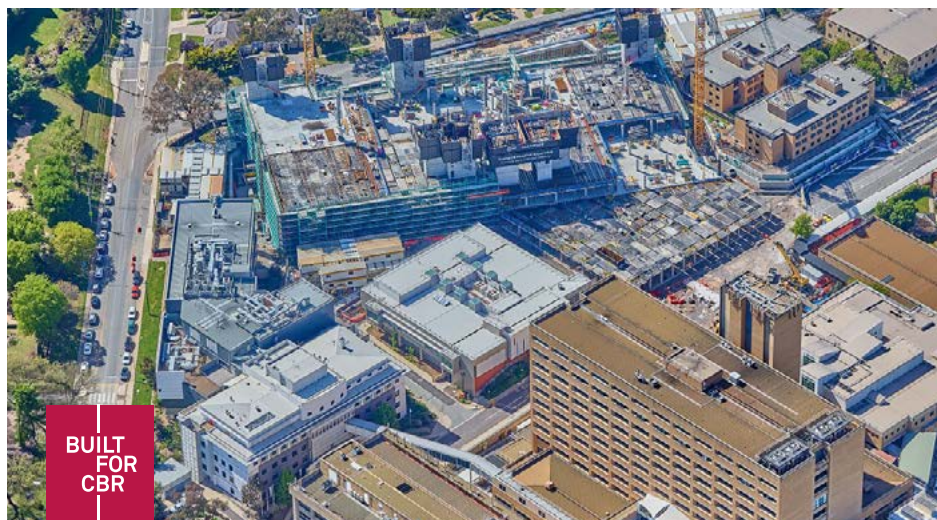
# Canberra Hospital Expansion continues

Since construction commenced on the main structure in early 2022, the transformation at the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project site has been huge.

- 52,000m<sup>3</sup> of soil excavated – equivalent to 21 Olympic swimming pools
- 49,000m<sup>2</sup>: total building floor area – equal to 251 tennis courts
- 1383m<sup>2</sup> – the gross floor area of the 22 new operating theatres – equivalent to 350 king-size beds
- 556 windows, 155,000 bricks and 7500 façade panels
- three trucks have delivered 16 rolls (over 5km) of 400mm<sup>2</sup> high-voltage cable to power the all-electric building
- about 500 jobs created over the life of the project.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2024.

Head online for more details.



## School's back for 2023

This week, the ACT's 90 public schools will welcome 50,000 students as they begin term 1.

Sixty schools will benefit from upgrades this financial year. Improvements include new shade sails, inclusive upgrades, bike shelters and enhanced building facilities.

This year, Canberra celebrates 50 years of ACT public education, as well as milestone birthdays for several schools.

**More at [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)**

## Slow down, students around

As the new school year begins, parents, carers and students are reminded that 40km per hour school zones are back in place. Stay alert and look out for pedestrians on and around school roads. If you live close by, why not walk, ride, scoot or skate to school? The benefits are endless.

Keep an eye out for school crossing supervisors at selected schools across Canberra – they help children cross the road and make our school zones much safer for everyone. Remember, slow down.



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# Rethink your routine this year

Light rail to Woden is coming, and there's no better time to think about how and when you travel into the city.

Construction is already underway on the raising of London Circuit, and rethinking your routine is the best way to minimise disruption to your commute.

Why not keep the car at home and walk, cycle or take public transport? A new bus timetable is now in place with changes made across the network, including to school services.

Alternatively, go halfway with Park and Ride facilities at Belconnen, Belconnen Interchange, Kippax, Charnwood, Evatt, Bruce and Jamison Centre.

Plan your trip today at [transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)



## Major investment in Belconnen roads

More than \$150 million will be invested to repair and preserve Canberra's roads over the next four years.

The ACT Government manages more than 3200km of sealed ACT roads, and this increased investment will see resurfacing of the network increase by 268,000m<sup>2</sup> a year.

The 2022–23 program is already underway in Belconnen. Arterial road resealing is complete on sections of Caswell Drive and Belconnen Way. Municipal roads, including in Florey, Melba and Fraser, will also be resealed.

For more information on the current road resurfacing program, including which roads are being resurfaced and when, visit [act.gov.au/roadresurfacing](https://act.gov.au/roadresurfacing)



## New-look sportsgrounds for Belconnen

Irrigation, sportsground lighting and appropriate turf are being installed at the oval beside Holt District Playing Fields, to ready it for training and match play later this year.

The Holt District Playing Fields are also being upgraded. This includes improvements to make changerooms more female-friendly.

New and upgraded sportsground lighting will also be installed at the Scullin and Higgins ovals.



### 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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2023  
National  
**Multicultural  
Festival**  
.....  
25th Anniversary

*3 big days*

**CBD and Glebe Park**

**Friday, 17 February**  
from 2pm to 11pm

**Saturday, 18 February**  
from 10am to 11pm

**Sunday, 19 February**  
from 10am to 5pm

## *Festival highlights*

### *Friday*

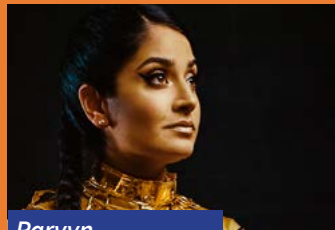


Mitch Tambo



Lisa Hunt

### *Saturday*



Parvyn



The festival parade



James Morrison

### *Sunday*



Justine Clarke



Jay Laga'aia

### **Every day of the festival**

- ▶ Hundreds of tasty food stalls
- ▶ Cooking demonstrations with chefs sharing their cultural dishes
- ▶ Family-friendly entertainment and programs
- ▶ Hands-on cultural workshops
- ▶ Unforgettable performances across eight stages
- ▶ Sensational cultural showcases

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Parking options in the city will be limited so make the most of public transport and shuttle buses.

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Travel options, full program and all the information you need to plan your visit can be found at [multiculturalfestival.com.au](https://multiculturalfestival.com.au) or scan the QR code.

