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Our CBR

Gungahlin

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Message from the Chief Minister

The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project is progressing well and will include a new Emergency Department, and new intensive care facilities including four paediatric ICU beds, 22 operating theatres and 156 inpatient beds.

The ACT is also continuing our transition to a low-emissions future by increasing capacity in our Sustainable Household Scheme. Over 9000 Canberrans have used the zero-interest loan program to make sustainable home upgrades like switching from gas to electric heating and installing solar and battery systems.

Andrew Barr



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What's on at the Enlighten Festival

Enlighten, Canberra's annual autumn festival, is back with 17 days of culture and creativity. Enjoy must-see events across March, including:

- Enlighten Illuminations @ Enlighten Festival (3–13 March)
- Lights! Canberra! Action! @ Enlighten Festival (10 March)
- Pride Weekend @ Enlighten Festival (10–12 March)
- Canberra Balloon Spectacular @ Enlighten Festival (11–19 March)

Concert lovers can also enjoy Symphony in the Park @ Enlighten Festival (12 March), featuring award-winning duo Electric Fields, and Canberra Day @ Enlighten Festival (13 March) with local legends SAFIA as special guests.

For more detailed programming and ticketing information visit enlightencanberra.com



Information for women in the ACT

The ACT Government offers a range of support for women and girls to ensure they are safe, healthy, equally represented, and valued for their contribution to the Canberra community.

The Women's Directory provides an entry point to information about government and external programs and services across a range of areas including health, education, disability and legal services.

Scan the QR code to access the Directory.

Share your favourite memories of school

The ACT celebrates 50 years of public education this year. Share your memories of a school or teacher to help keep making every ACT public school a great school. Visit yoursayconversations.act.gov.au



What's on in March

**1 Mar–
2 Apr** **See What I See**
Botanic Gardens

**9–11
Mar** **Ascent**
Canberra Theatre
Centre

**12–13
Mar** **Canberra
Racing Carnival**
Thoroughbred Park

**13–19
Mar** **The National
Sheep Dog Trial
Championships**
Hall Village
Showground

**16–26
Mar** **Canberra Comedy
Festival**
Various locations

25 Mar **Wine Machine
Canberra**
Commonwealth Park

**Cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies
and CBR United at GIO Stadium
and McKellar Park this month.**



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

Rethink your routine.

Construction is ramping up in the city to deliver light rail to Woden.

Change up your commute by using public transport, taking an alternative route or getting active by walking, riding or scooting.



Light rail and bus services

Leave the traffic behind. It takes just **24 minutes** to get from the City to Gungahlin Town Centre on the light rail. Services operate **every five to six minutes** during peak periods.

Rapid bus services run **every 15 minutes** and local bus services run **every 30 minutes** during peak periods on weekdays. You can also travel off peak to avoid the rush and for a cheaper fare.

There is also the R8 Rapid service to get you from Gungahlin to Belconnen.



Park and Ride

Take advantage of three Park and Ride facilities in Gungahlin and pay for lunch, not parking.

Park and connect to a bus or light rail service at these Park and Ride facilities:

- EPIC
- Gungahlin
- Well Station.



Cycling and walking

Work out before your workday. Cycling or walking are great ways to get exercise and save on money and emissions. Ride part of the way and take your bike using bus bike racks, bike cages or on board light rail.

Scenic cycle routes connect Gungahlin with the rest of Canberra:

- C1 (Gungahlin to City)
- C7 (Gungahlin to Belconnen)
- C9 (Gungahlin to Airport).

Alternatively, use an e-scooter. They are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel short distances or connect with public transport. More than 3000 trips are taken every day on shared e-scooters, now available in all regions.

Did you know there were more than 3.1 million light rail passenger boardings last year?



Sustainable Household Scheme to receive a **\$50 million boost**

The ACT Government has invested an additional \$50 million in the Sustainable Household Scheme to continue helping Canberrans transition to a more environmentally sustainable future.

The Scheme provides zero-interest loans to eligible ACT residents and community groups to help upgrade their homes or facilities, or to utilise renewable energy products. To date, more than 9000 energy-efficient upgrades to ACT households have been completed under the Scheme.

So far, 331 Gungahlin homeowners have taken the step to transition their home from gas to all-electric by applying for a loan for electric heating and cooling systems.

For more information and how to apply visit climatechoices.act.gov.au



Everyday **climate choices**



Contribute to the discussion

Public consultation to help develop a voluntary assisted dying model for the ACT is currently open until 6 April 2023.

Voluntary assisted dying is a safe and effective medical process that gives an eligible person the option to end their suffering by choosing how and when they die.

Find out more or contribute to the discussion at yoursay.act.gov.au/vad

Online tool helps Canberrans cut costs

Did you know there are more than 65 discounts, rebates and subsidies available to Canberrans to help with cost of living pressures?

Try our savings finder to find savings relevant to you, visit act.gov.au/assistance



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Work progresses on Gungahlin's new schools

Work continues on two new public high schools for Gungahlin, in Kenny and Taylor.

Both schools will provide high-quality general and specialist learning environments, incorporating indoor and outdoor learning areas, as well as integrated spaces to support students with specialised needs.

Existing schools are also receiving upgrades. Automatic sliding doors installed at Gold Creek School senior site will improve access, while a new shade shelter at Ngunnawal Primary School has enhanced an outdoor learning and play space for students and staff.



Franklin dog park design soon to be released

Did you have your say on the proposed new off-leash dog park in Franklin?

A design will soon be released following feedback from the community. The new Franklin dog park will feature irrigated grass, deciduous trees, an agility play area, accessible loop path and car parking. The new Franklin dog park will offer Gungahlin dog owners more options to safely exercise and socialise their dogs off leash.

Construction will begin later this year. Find out more and keep updated at yoursayconversations.act.gov.au



Four lanes now open on Gundaroo Drive

Four lanes have opened on Gundaroo Drive between Ginninderra and Baldwin Drives. New traffic lights are operating at the Dumas Street intersection.

Work is continuing on new lanes between Baldwin Drive and Chuculba Crescent, with new traffic lights to come at Owen Dixon Drive intersection.

Construction is expected to be completed later in 2023.

This project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.

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



Ph 131 450

Legend

- Cycle route
- Bus route
- **RAPID** bus stop
- Light rail
- 🚲 Bike rack
- 🚲 Bike cage
- 🚲 Park & pedal
- 🚲 Park & Ride (light rail connections)
- 🚲 Park & Ride (bus connections)



Hall

25 27
26 28

Casey Market Town

R1 R8

Gungahlin Interchange

18 24
19 25
20 26
21 27
22 28
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Rethink your routine.

Whether you're new to public transport or a seasoned traveller, we have everything you need to get started or back into the groove.

Explore your travel options at transport.act.gov.au