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Even more health services for Tuggeranong



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Message from the Chief Minister

As Canberra continues to grow, the ACT Government is investing in infrastructure to support the city's future.

Construction of the new South Tuggeranong Health Centre is nearing completion. It will deliver a range of appointment-based health services to the community.

The next stage of work on the Athllon Drive Duplication project has also progressed,

with the request for tender released for the main construction works.

This month offers plenty of reasons to get out and about, with markets, major events, community celebrations and sporting fixtures happening right across Canberra.

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More support to electrify your home

The Sustainable Household Scheme (SHS) loan cap has increased.

New applicants can now borrow up to \$20,000 to invest in energy-efficient upgrades and products for their home. These include electric heating and cooling systems, household battery storage systems and more.

Loans can also be used to buy a new or used electric vehicle or charging infrastructure. From September 2026, loans can also be used to buy electric cargo bikes.

SHS loans are low interest, with no upfront costs or fees. Participants have up to 10 years to pay off their loan (terms and conditions apply).

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Next steps for UNSW Canberra City

The 2026–2027 ACT Budget supports the delivery of the new UNSW Canberra City campus in Reid.

Site preparation work has begun on the first stage of the project. A tower crane will be installed on site in the coming months.

Stage 1 includes construction of two new buildings that will deliver major education and research facilities. This stage is expected to be completed in 2028.

UNSW is already operating from the former CIT Reid site as work progresses.

When the new university campus is complete, it is expected to accommodate up to 5,000 students and 1,000 staff.

Period product dispensers for all ACT public schools

Dispensers for free period products are being installed in ACT public schools during term three.

This will enable every ACT public school student who needs to access period products to do so with dignity, privacy and confidence. Students can also access free period products at schools' front offices.

Free period products are available from a range of community locations across the ACT.

These include libraries, health and community services and some government facilities.

Scan the QR code for further details.



Construction progresses on South Tuggeranong Health Centre

Construction of the South Tuggeranong Health Centre is nearing completion.

Located on the corner of Box Hill Avenue and Heidelberg Street, the new facility will focus on prevention, early intervention and management of chronic conditions.

It will offer a range of free appointment-based services, including community paediatrics, diabetes clinics, falls and injury prevention programs, community nursing, multidisciplinary group programs and virtual care.

These will complement the services offered by the Tuggeranong Walk-in Centre, which provides free nurse-led care for minor injuries and illnesses.

The South Tuggeranong Health Centre has been designed in consultation with the community and local clinicians to ensure it meets the needs of local residents, now and into the future.

Construction is expected to be complete in October this year, with services to begin as quickly as possible.

Scan the QR code for more details.



Athllon Drive project set for next stage

The Athllon Drive Duplication project is progressing, with a request for tender released for the main construction works.

Construction is expected to start in early 2027 and finish by late 2029.

The Athllon Drive Duplication project will duplicate 2.4 kilometres of road between Sulwood Drive and Drakeford Drive, improving traffic flow, travel times and safety.

Upcoming work includes a new underpass, upgraded intersections, new bus stops and improved walking and cycling paths. Measures will also be put in place to protect water quality in Lake Tuggeranong.

The project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments as part of the Commonwealth's Infrastructure Investment Program.

Updates in your region



There are now more frequent Rapid 4 and 5 bus services, improving connections and making journeys more reliable for Tuggeranong passengers.



Batteries and items with built-in batteries don't belong in your household bins. **Scan the QR code** for a list of Tuggeranong locations where you can safely dispose of them for free.



Get 10 cents for each eligible drink container you return with the ACT Container Deposit Scheme. **Scan the QR code** to find a return point near you.



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We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



NightFest tickets on sale

Tickets are now available for Floriade NightFest, which returns from 1–4 October for four nights of lights, music and entertainment.

Wander through glowing gardens, discover dazzling light installations and enjoy performances as part of a vibrant after-dark experience.

This year's headline acts include ARIA Award-winning band The Temper Trap, best

known for the global hit 'Sweet Disposition'. The iconic Tim Finn – of Split Enz and Crowded House fame – will also perform.

They will be joined by indie rockers Pacific Avenue, plus Busby Marou and Christine Anu, alongside some of Canberra's leading local performers.

Tickets are limited. **Scan the QR code to get yours now.**

Know where to go for health care

Find the right care for you and your loved ones without the guesswork.

A free online tool can help you choose the most appropriate service for your health issue.

Answer a few simple questions about your situation. The tool will then recommend the best place for help – whether that's your GP, a Walk-in Centre, a community health service or the emergency department.

It covers a wide range of health issues and you can access all recommended services without a referral.

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No stamp duty for first home buyers.



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What's on

5–6 Aug

Canberra CareersXpo
EPIC

8 Aug

Worlds in Motion: Music for Canberra
Orana Steiner School, Weston

8 Aug

Fashion Thrift Society Canberra
EPIC

14–23 Aug

Heathers the Musical
Canberra Theatre Centre

15–16 Aug

Oz Comic-Con Canberra
EPIC

17 Aug

Foodie Fun Play!
Mura Lanyon Youth & Community Centre, Conder

22 & 29 Aug

Turn Back Time
Lanyon Homestead

30 Aug

Paris to Canberra – French Market
Thoroughbred Park

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Brave this month at GIO Stadium Canberra, Vikings Park and AIS Arena.



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