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Message from the Chief Minister

Spring has arrived, and with it the return of Floriade, bringing colour, great food and visitors from across the nation and the world to Canberra.

As evening falls, NightFest will once again transform Commonwealth Park with a diverse program of entertainment and activities for all ages.

Together, these events offer a chance to enjoy the nation's largest spring festival, support local businesses and make the most of Canberra's spring season.

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Milestones reached for Light Rail Stage 2A

The substation that will help power the next stage of light rail has been installed in Lyneham.

The installation follows extensive construction across the city centre, with construction of the structures at the three new light rail stops well underway.

More than 140 new trees will be planted along the light rail extension, helping to enhance the city's urban landscape.

Major construction is expected to be completed in early 2027, followed by thorough testing before passenger services commence in early 2028.

Scan the QR code to see the tree plantings map and to find out more.



Next steps for Telstra Tower transformation

Plans to revitalise Telstra Tower have taken another step forward.

The ACT Government has signed a Heads of Agreement with Telstra, which will guide detailed planning, design and operational work for the renewed tourist attraction.

The National Capital Authority has also granted conditional works approval for a

change of use and key design elements.

The unique visitor experience will celebrate the cultural significance of Black Mountain, Canberra's identity, the tower's history and Australia's telecommunications story.

Telstra Tower is expected to reopen to visitors in the summer of 2027/28.

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Free health care when you need it

Walk-in Centres provide free health care for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses for anyone over one year of age.

Staffed by advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners, Walk-in Centres can treat a wide range of everyday health concerns. If you need a higher level of care, staff will help connect you with the right service.

There's no need to make an appointment. Walk-in Centres are open seven days a week from 7.30 am to 10 pm, including all public holidays.

The Belconnen Walk-in Centre is located on Lathlain Street in Belconnen.

Download the updated Canberra Health Services app. It makes it easier to find a health care option near you, as well as clear information on wait times.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Have your say on improvements to Charnwood shops

The ACT Government is asking for feedback on ways to improve the public spaces at Charnwood shops.

This includes better pedestrian connections, new furniture, landscaping, bins, shade, lighting and car park upgrades. The centre is a valued community hub for local residents and those in the surrounding suburbs.

Share your feedback by 25 September to help guide improvements.

Scan the QR code to have your say.



Mowing season has begun

The ACT's annual mowing season is underway in Belconnen.

When possible, grass in suburbs and open spaces is mown every 20 days and grass along arterial roads is mown every 25 days, weather permitting.

You can view maps and mowing information on the City Services website, including where mowing crews have recently mown and where they are scheduled to work next.

Scan the QR code for mowing information.

Updates in your region



Libraries ACT's opening hours have changed. Branches will open earlier on weekdays and weekend hours have changed at some locations.



Repairs are underway at Mitchell Resource Management Centre until 30 September. All services are available during normal opening hours. Please allow extra time and follow staff directions.



Scan the QR code for a list of maintenance work underway in Belconnen. This includes road and path improvements, tree planting and weed management.



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Acknowledgement of Country

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.



Floriade returns with a Feast of Flowers

Australia's biggest celebration of spring returns to Commonwealth Park from 12 September to 11 October.

This year's theme, Feast of Flowers, sees garden beds inspired by food alongside a program of cooking demonstrations, tastings and workshops.

NightFest is also back from 1–4 October with dazzling lights, delicious food and live entertainment. It is recommended to catch public transport.

On the weekends you can catch a free bus direct to Floriade from Belconnen. Or park in the city and follow the Floriade Walking Trail. The trail is a short 15-minute walk to the gates, with cafes, shops and restaurants along the way.

You will also have the chance to see Glorious Wally, a giant Royal Bluebell standing six-metres tall in Garema Place.

Scan the QR code to plan your visit and buy NightFest tickets.

Licence renewal discounts for safe drivers

If you haven't received a driving-related infringement in over five years, you may be eligible for a discount on your licence renewal.

The 30% discount applies to ACT licence holders who have not:

- received a traffic or camera-detected traffic infringement notice
- been convicted of a major offence like drink or drug driving
- been convicted of a motor vehicle-related traffic offence.

The discount only applies to certain ACT licence holders.

Your licence renewal notice will tell you if you can receive a discount.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



What's on

From 19 Sept

RELICS: A New World Rises
Canberra Museum + Gallery

19–20 Sept

Handmade Market Canberra
EPIC

24–26 Sept

All In
Belco Arts

26–27 Sept

Kite Fest
National Arboretum

27 Sept

Spring Sustainability Market
Haig Park

17–18 Oct

CBR Fitness Expo
EPIC

24 Oct

Canberra Nara Candle Festival
Canberra Nara Peace Park

Canberrans can also cheer on the UC Capitals at AIS Arena and GWS Giants AFLW team at Corroboree Group Oval, Manuka.



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