



**ACT**  
Government

# Our Canberra September 2026

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# About this newsletter



This newsletter is from the ACT Government.



A newsletter tells you about lots of things that

- you should know
- you can do.



This newsletter is for September 2026.

# More progress on the light rail



Work continues on the next stage of the light rail project. This is called Stage 2A.



Workers are building 3 new light rail stops between the city and Commonwealth Park.



They will also plant over 140 new trees along this route. This will make the city greener and prettier.



The ACT Government has installed a new power station in Lyneham. This will help give power to the light rail.



Workers expect to finish major construction on Stage 2A in early 2027.



They will test the light rail before it opens to passengers in early 2028.



### Website

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/light-rail-2a](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/light-rail-2a)

# Telstra Tower will reopen soon



The ACT Government wants to make Telstra Tower a tourist attraction again.



The Government has signed an agreement with Telstra. They will work together to plan and design the new attraction.



Telstra Tower should open again in the summer of 2027–28.



You can read more about it on our website.

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/telstra-tower](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/telstra-tower)

# Get free health care at a Walk-in Centre



You can get free health care at 1 of Canberra's Walk-in Centres.



Nurses work at the Walk-in Centres. They can help with illnesses and injuries that are not life-threatening.



Anyone aged 1 year and older can go there. You do not need an appointment.



The nurses can

- check your health problem
- give you treatment
- help you find the right place to go if you need more care.



Walk-in Centres are open

- from 7.30 am to 10 pm
- 7 days a week
- every public holiday.



### **The Canberra Health Services app**

You can download the updated Canberra Health Services app.



It can help you

- find health services near you
- choose the right service
- see waiting times.



## Websites

- Find a Walk-in Centre  
[act.gov.au/our-canberra/WiC](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/WiC)
- Download the Canberra Health Services app  
[canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/chs-app](https://canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/chs-app)

# Mowing season has started



The ACT Government mows grass in public places across Canberra.



Workers usually mow the grass every 20 to 25 days. This depends on

- where the grass is
- the weather.



You can visit the City Services website to

- see mowing maps
- find out where mowing has already happened
- check where mowing crews will work next.

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/mowing](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/mowing)

# What's on at Floriade



Floriade is on at Commonwealth Park from Saturday 12 September to Sunday 11 October.



There will be

- gardens and flowers
- cooking demonstrations
- workshops
- food and drink
- entertainment and rides.



NightFest is part of Floriade. It will be on in the evenings from 1 to 4 October.



You can catch the free Floriade shuttle bus to and from Commonwealth Park.



You can plan your visit on the Floriade website.



### Websites

- Floriade  
[floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)
- Floriade NightFest  
[act.gov.au/our-canberra/nightfest](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra/nightfest)

# You could pay less to renew your licence



If you have been a safe driver for a long time, you might get a discount when you renew your driver's licence.



Not everyone can get the discount. You need to have a good driving record for more than 5 years.



This means you must not have

- got a traffic fine
- got a traffic camera fine
- been found guilty of a serious driving offence, like drink driving or drug driving
- been found guilty of a traffic offence involving a motor vehicle.



The discount is 30% off the renewal fee.



Access Canberra will contact you when it is time to renew your driver's licence.



You do not have to do anything. Access Canberra will apply the discount for you if you are eligible.



You can read more about this on the Access Canberra website.

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/licence](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/licence)

# Library opening times have changed



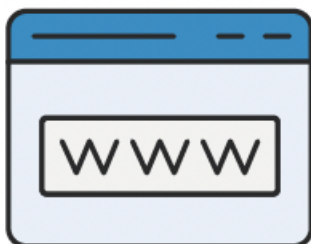
Local libraries now have different opening hours.



Some libraries now open earlier in the morning on Monday to Friday.



Some also have different opening times on the weekend.



You can see the new times on the Libraries ACT website.

[library.act.gov.au/find-us](https://library.act.gov.au/find-us)

# Tell us what you think about Canberra



You can join the YourSay Panel to share your thoughts on Canberra issues.



You can complete short surveys and tell us what you think.



It's easy to sign up on the YourSay website.



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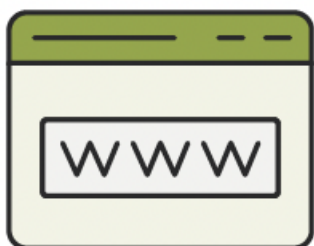
[act.gov.au/our-canberra/yoursay-panel](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/yoursay-panel)

# More information



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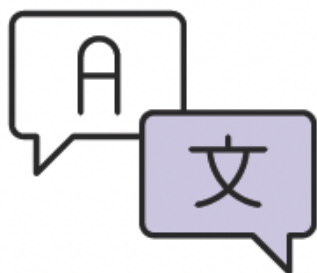
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# Contact us for more information



Use the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

Call 131 450. Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



Use the National Relay Service (NRS)

Visit the National Relay Service website.

# Acknowledgement of Country



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of Australia.

They have always looked after **Country**.  
Country means the land, water, sky and everything in them.



We respect the important connection they have with Country.