

OUR CANBERRA

BELCONNEN EDITION

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BETTER PREPARING BELCONNEN YOUTH FOR THE WORKFORCE



Young people in the Belconnen region seeking employment now have access to tailored support through a new Youth Employment Pathways Hub.

The hub provides free one-on-one activities for people aged between 18 and 24, focused on improving skills and employability.

Activities offered at the hub includes adult literacy and language support, financial management and life-skills development, job readiness and help to access further education and training or employment services.

The Hub is open Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Corner@BCS Youth Centre, 26 Chandler Street, Belconnen.

 For more information contact employmentpathways@bcsact.com.au

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UC DEVELOPMENT BRINGS NEW JOBS TO CANBERRA

A new agreement between the University of Canberra and Canberra-based developers CIC Australia will transform the campus into a world leader in sustainable residential development and urban design.

Worth an estimated \$1.7 billion dollars, the agreement will see a staged release of up to 3,300 residences over the next 20 years, with the number of dwellings capped at 200 a year.

This agreement was assisted by a series of legislative amendments to the University of Canberra Act.

 For more information visit canberra.edu.au/on-campus/campus-development



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

It's always good to see Canberra leading the nation. Some recent examples have made me proud.

We're going to be using 100 percent renewable energy by 2020, five years ahead of schedule and light years ahead of the rest of Australia. This makes sense for the environment and it's a good economic move as we can lock in a great price for power. We've also brought forward our zero emissions target and plan for the ACT to be carbon neutral by 2050. Together, these give our children a cleaner planet and great new job opportunities.

I was also delighted to learn on Mother's Day that the ACT is the best place in Australia to be a mum, according to research by Save the Children. What a great area to lead the nation.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.



CANBERRA'S FIRST SECURE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT REACHES HALF-WAY MARK

Construction of Canberra's first Secure Mental Health Unit has reached the half-way point.

The facility is set to be operational later this year. It has been purpose-built to provide a safe and structured in-patient environment for people with acute and severe mental illness and will offer unique care and

therapeutic treatment to protect them and the community.

The facility will provide 10 acute care beds and 15 rehabilitation beds, which will be opened in a staged process once the unit becomes operational.



REPORT YOUR RENTAL

The ACT Revenue Office is targeting land tax compliance on rental properties in 2016. If you own a rental property in the ACT, make sure you are paying the required land tax.

For more information on land tax obligations visit revenue.act.gov.au

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ENROLLED TO VOTE FOR THE OCTOBER 2016 ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

All ACT residents who are Australian citizens and 18 years or over are reminded to enrol or update their details. If your name is not on the roll you will miss out on your opportunity to vote.

To update your enrolment visit elections.act.gov.au



HONOUR WALK RECIPIENTS FOR 2016

Six new worthy recipients have been recognised for their contributions to the ACT and inducted onto the ACT Honour Walk.

Recipients recognised in 2016 are St John's Anglican Church Canberra, the Jennings Germans, the Taverner family, The Honourable Jeffrey Miles AO, Geoff Pryor and William (Bill) Hoffmann OAM.

What is the ACT Honour Walk?

It was commissioned in 2005 and provides enduring recognition of individuals or groups that have made sustained contributions to the ACT. The walk can be found at Ainslie Place, near the Canberra Times Fountain in Civic.

How to nominate

Any person or group who has played a leading role in shaping the city of Canberra is eligible. Nominations are open year round at cmd.act.gov.au/communication/act-honour-walk

For more information on all six inductees visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra



The Taverner family (pictured), Canberrans since 1928, managed Manuka Pool from 1955 until 2012. The family strived to conserve the heritage aspects of the buildings and surrounding grounds, ensuring they stayed as close to the original condition as possible.

ON THE ROAD TO RIO WITH CANBERRA'S ATHLETES

The road to the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio has been made a little easier for 30 local athletes who've received financial support to help with costs of training, competition and equipment as they strive to represent Australia.

Nic Beveridge is training for the paratriathlon and says a limiting factor is the equipment required to compete. "I'm so glad I've found a sport I enjoy as much as I do with paratriathlon. The funding assistance has enabled me to maintain my equipment in the best operating order for training and racing," he says.

Follow the journey of our athletes at sport.act.gov.au/act-academy-of-sport or on Twitter via [@theACTAS](https://twitter.com/theACTAS)



EXPLORING CANBERRA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Canberra public schools are delivering special programs and engaging with students and families in creative ways across Canberra's northside.

In Holt, Kingsford Smith School offers a broad Performing Arts Program from pre-school to Year 10, interschool sports programs, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student programs, including Koori preschool.

Gungahlin College offers a unique gifted and talented program for students who are particularly academically ambitious. Their SMART (Science, Mathematics and Related Technologies) program is open to applications from across the ACT.

Enrolments are now open for 2017. Visit edu.act.gov.au



NEW EMERGENCY BEDS FOR KIDS AT CANBERRA HOSPITAL

Canberra's youngest patients and their families now have a more comfortable and less stressful environment while waiting for treatment at Canberra Hospital's Emergency Department with the opening of the ACT's first dedicated Paediatric Streaming space.

The new space has six additional patient beds, two consultation rooms and a private waiting area, which is separate to the emergency department's main and very busy waiting area. The facility is a part of the \$23 million Canberra Hospital Emergency Department expansion and is delivered with a \$5 million contribution from the Australian Government.

Visit health.act.gov.au for more information

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK: GET BACK ON TRACK

This year's Men's Health Week is all about 'Health Elements', reminding us that getting plenty of exercise, sleep and eating nutritious food is important to overall health and wellbeing.

If getting back on track seems easier said than done, take a look at some of these online resources for help.

For meal planning, recipes and tips about how to get active every day visit livelighter.com.au

To search for outdoor exercise parks or equipment near your home visit tams.act.gov.au/outdoorfitness. For mental health support on Canberra's northside, visit menslink.org.au or the New Access program through the Capital Health Network. People in the ACT can call 6287 8066 and speak to the central intake team to make an appointment with an Access Coach.

Visit health.act.gov.au for more information





CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE IN CANBERRA



Download Visit Canberra's new smartphone app and create your very own video trip itinerary for yourself or friends and family visiting Canberra.

Users can share their videos on social media to show off our 'coolest little capital'. Information about the experiences featured in the video is also available through the app.



For more information visit visitcanberra.com.au

100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR CANBERRA BY 2020

A 10 percent increase in the ACT's renewable energy target will see 100 percent of all energy delivered come from renewable sources by the year 2020.

For Canberrans this will mean clean power from wind and solar sources as well as the creation of jobs and economic benefits stemming from \$400 million in local investment.



For more information visit environment.act.gov.au



MORE BLOCKBUSTER CRICKET FOR CANBERRA



Canberra will host its first ever test match in the summer of 2018-19, ensuring Canberrans enjoy even more blockbuster cricket at Manuka Oval.

Australia will take on Sri Lanka in the Test, which will replace the Men's One Day International (ODI) match scheduled for 2018-19. New Zealand will also be playing a One Day International match at Manuka Oval for the first time during the 2016-17 Chappell-Hadlee series. Ticketing information for the ODI series will become available later in 2016.



CANBERRA REGION VISITORS CENTRE WILL MOVE TO REGATTA POINT IN JULY



For more information head to visitcanberra.com.au



NEW HEALTH SERVICES GUIDE FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Were you born overseas? Did you know ACT Health is making it easier for you to access health services in your area?

ACT Health's 'Using Health Services in the ACT' booklet is full of helpful tips and information on what services are available locally. Tours of local health facilities guided by our staff are also available.

The Gungahlin Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Access Project has been set up to help migrants and refugees new to the Gungahlin region to access ACT Health services.



For a copy of the booklet or for more information, visit health.act.gov.au/multicultural or contact the Multicultural Health Unit on (02) 6205 1011.



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