

# OUR CANBERRA

Central Canberra edition



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## CAPTURING AINSLIE SCHOOL'S HISTORY FOR ITS 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY



**Students at Ainslie School are busy working on an oral history project that captures Ainslie's unique heritage.**

Year 5 and 6 students have been working with an oral historian in the art of interviewing and recording oral history.

They've worked with a sound recordist and designer to create audio and video. The project will be unveiled later this year as part of the school's 90th birthday celebrations.

The students are working on the project as part of an ACT Heritage Grant, which helps the community conserve and promote the heritage of the ACT.



For more information on the grants visit [environment.act.gov.au](http://environment.act.gov.au)

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## NEW BUS STATION FOR DICKSON

Catching the bus to and from Dickson will soon be a much better experience with a new bus station under construction.

It'll be located on Cape Street between Northbourne Avenue and Challis Street. A set of traffic lights will be installed where Cape Street intersects with Challis Street and Northbourne Avenue. Project completion is due in mid 2017.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As the ACT Government plans and develops major projects, it's important the views of the entire Canberra community are heard and considered along the way.

The Your Say website is an exciting new way to engage online, share ideas and have your say on ACT Government projects and initiatives. Canberrans have great ideas about life in our city and we want to hear them. In this edition of Our Canberra you'll see projects that are open for public consultation, including improvements to our enclosed dog parks.

Your Say is just one of the ways we listen to Canberrans and I'm committed to improving our community engagement so all Canberrans can have their say in making the city we love even better.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.

**YOURsay**

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)






## IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL DOG PARK

If you use one of Canberra's six fenced dog parks, then we want to hear from you. We're seeking feedback from dog park users on what improvements could improve safety and convenience for the dogs and people who visit them.



There's not much time left to have your say so make sure you visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au) today. 

## KEEPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE



If you're a coach, employee or volunteer in junior or disability sports, you need to hold a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

Do you need to be registered? If you are not sure, take the online survey at [act.gov.au/wwwvptakethetest](https://act.gov.au/wwwvptakethetest).

The WWVP Scheme is an important way to protect children and vulnerable members of our community.

There are three easy steps to apply for WWVP registration, and it's free for volunteers.

 For more information and to apply visit [act.gov.au/accessCBR](https://act.gov.au/accessCBR)



## SUPPORTING FUTURE CAREERS

The future careers of eight Canberra students have been given a boost after being awarded an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Scholarship.

Sarah Mills was awarded one for the high calibre of her school work, community involvement and her passion for learning.

The scholarships support year 11 and 12 students and help increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals in the vocational education and training sector.

 For more information visit [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au)




## GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

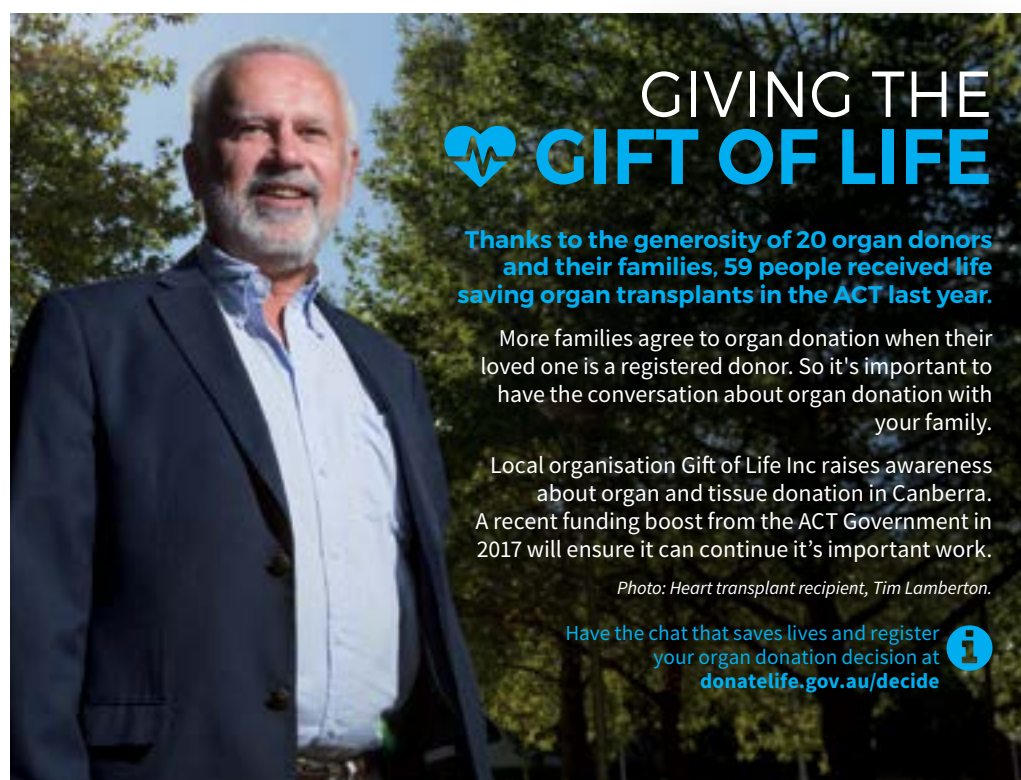
Thanks to the generosity of 20 organ donors and their families, 59 people received life saving organ transplants in the ACT last year.

More families agree to organ donation when their loved one is a registered donor. So it's important to have the conversation about organ donation with your family.

Local organisation Gift of Life Inc raises awareness about organ and tissue donation in Canberra. A recent funding boost from the ACT Government in 2017 will ensure it can continue its important work.

Photo: Heart transplant recipient, Tim Lamberton.

Have the chat that saves lives and register your organ donation decision at [donatelifelife.gov.au/decide](https://donatelifelife.gov.au/decide) 




## WORLD-CLASS FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN CANBERRA



Melrose High School is the home of Canberra's newest FIFA accredited synthetic football field.

Students and locals are all invited to play up a storm on the new field and its other upgraded sportsgrounds.

The Melrose High School community uses the complex during school hours. Sporting associations and other groups can use the new and improved facilities on weekends and after school hours.

 For more information and bookings visit [sport.act.gov.au](https://sport.act.gov.au)



## CATCH A BUS TO THE AIRPORT

A new bus service now connects Canberra Airport to Civic. Bus route 11 operates every half hour on weekdays and every hour on weekends.

Save money by using your MyWay card on the service, or pay a cash fare to the driver when boarding.

 For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)




## DISCOVER ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Have you considered one of Canberra's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

**"At Campbell High every student is important. Students are able to achieve their goals because our talents are recognised and we are supported."**

Isaac, Campbell High School

For more information on the enrolment process and school open nights visit [education.act.gov.au](https://education.act.gov.au) 

## ONE MILLION SQUARE METRES OF SMOOTHER, SAFER ROADS

Resurfacing crews have been working hard to improve Canberra's roads, day and night. Over the last five months more than one million square metres of roads were resurfaced across the capital, including the Monaro Highway and Parkes Way.

Canberra's annual road resurfacing program protects and extends the life of our road system and improves safety.


 A daily road resurfacing schedule is available at [tccs.act.gov.au](https://tccs.act.gov.au)

## CANBERRA'S TRANSFORMING GATEWAY

As construction continues on stage one of the light rail, urban renewal along Northbourne Avenue is also taking shape.

A recent sale of land will support a mixed-use development with up to 500 new homes and rejuvenate the entrance to Canberra. From 1 July a new City Renewal Authority will be instrumental in continuing to transform the corridor.

Construction so far is relocating and installing utilities and removing trees between Antill and Alinga Streets. There's also widening of the carriageway along Flemington Road between Mitchell and Watson. This will accommodate the light rail alignment.

 Sign up to receive regular email or SMS updates at [transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)







## TRACK MOWING IN YOUR SUBURB

We know how important mowing of public spaces is to Canberrans, especially for those who love to get outdoors in our bush capital.

There's now an online map to track mowing across the city. The map shows where mowing has been done and which suburbs are next.

It can also alert you of any delays to the mowing schedule due to wet weather or high fire danger. The map is updated every week.

 For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## MEET YOUR 2017 CANBERRA CITIZEN

For 22 years, Alex Sloan has been telling the stories of Canberrans and supporting community organisations and charitable events. Alex is our Canberra Citizen of the Year for 2017.

Alex says she's loved being able to make meaningful connections with the city and the people who live here. *"That's been my job - to connect with community. Canberra has grown and flourished in the 22 years I've been on air. I think I've been able to tell those stories and have those debates,"* she said.

 Read more about Alex at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)




## LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER



Canbrrrr...winter is coming. Here are some tips on how to stay warm and keep your energy bills low.

- > Draught-proof your house using door sweeps and weather strip your windows.
- > Have your gas or reverse cycle heating systems serviced, including duct work.
- > Ensure your ceiling insulation has an R-value of 5 or better and install good window coverings.
- > Turn off heating overnight, when not at home, and in unused rooms.
- > Make sure your hot water pipes are well insulated.




 For advice or to register for a FREE workshop, call 1300 141 777 or visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)



## BE PREPARED FOR FLU SEASON

Winter is almost upon us and so is the flu season. Now is the time to start thinking about a flu vaccination. It helps protect you, your family and the wider community.

Check with your GP, local pharmacist, or workplace to enquire about how you can book your vaccination now.

 For more information on immunisation, contact the Immunisation Information Line on 6205 2300, visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au) or email [immunisation@act.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@act.gov.au)



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