

OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition




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PARK & RIDE NOW IN WANNIASSA

Park at the new facility and complete your journey on a bus.

There's a new Park & Ride facility now operating in Wanniasa. If you need to travel to Woden, the City, Tuggeranong or Belconnen, you can drive, walk or cycle to the new Park & Ride facility and complete your journey on bus.

The Wanniasa Park & Ride is located near the corner of Rylah Crescent and Langdon Avenue. It has 60 parking spaces, 16 bike racks and two new bus stops, with large shelters and improved path connections. It's one of 20 Park & Ride facilities across the ACT.

 Find out more about Park & Ride at transport.act.gov.au

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UPGRADES AT TUGGERANONG DOG PARK

Canberra's six dog parks have been improved to increase safety, comfort and fun for dogs and their owners.

Upgrades at Tuggeranong Dog Park include an improved entry path, two new water stations, more mature trees to increase shade and new screen planting to separate the small and large dog enclosures.

Over 580 Canberrans provided feedback during consultation to identify dog park upgrade priorities.



 For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Housing affordability and homelessness are important topics for many Canberrans and we want to hear from you about what more the Government can do.

We're working on a new housing strategy that will aim to reduce homelessness, strengthen social housing assistance, increase affordable rental options and improve pathways to affordable home ownership.

Suitable and secure housing is an important foundation for full and active participation in our community. Without it, individuals and families may become isolated and excluded and the adverse consequences of this can be long-term and intergenerational.

We want your ideas to help shape our thinking. Visit yoursay.act.gov.au/affordablehousing to have your say.



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



For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au



YOU CAN HELP IMPROVE THE COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME

Everyone who registers a motor vehicle in the ACT pays Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance.

How much do you know about CTP? Did you know that if you hit a kangaroo and are injured, you are not covered under CTP? We're holding the ACT's first citizens' jury in October to consider improvements to the CTP scheme. The jury of everyday Canberrans will be helped by experts and will consider the views of the wider community.

i Have your say at yoursay.act.gov.au/ctp and learn more about our current scheme and how citizens' juries work.

CBR IS AUSTRALIA'S EDUCATION CAPITAL

Canberra has been ranked in the top 20 student cities in the world. Our city is also home to the top-ranked university in Australia.

Around 64,000 tertiary students are educated in Canberra, including about 14,000 international students and a similar number from interstate. One in six people in Canberra, study or work in tertiary education.

In this year's Budget, there's more resourcing to promote Canberra as Australia's study destination of choice, in partnership with our strong tertiary institutions.



FACELIFT COMPLETE ON ANKETELL ST COURTYARD

Improvements have been completed at the courtyard on Anketell Street opposite the Hyperdome and the laneway to the lake, as part of a stage 1 upgrade of Anketell Street north.

The area has been opened up, raised planter boxes removed and replaced with new pavers, street furniture and nicer trees. A feature light structure has been installed to enhance the junction of the courtyard and Anketell Street. The new courtyard supports greater use of the space for both private reflective use during the working day and for community activities.



NEW ACT LAW COURTS CLOSER TO COMPLETION

The ACT Law Courts project continues to take shape with the roof now installed on the Supreme Court building.

Stage one of the project, to be completed in early 2018, includes new courtrooms, chambers, jury facilities, cafe and new dedicated vulnerable witness zones.

Stage two of the project, which focuses on the refurbishment of the existing Supreme Court heritage building, is expected to be completed in late 2018.

i For more information visit actlawcourtsproject.com.au

CBR NEEDS FOSTER CARERS

Foster carers come from all walks of life. Couples, families, singles, LGBTI and all religions and cultures.

No matter how much time you have to give—from one weekend a month, one year, or indefinitely, you can change a child's life.

ACT Together is looking for foster carers in the Canberra region to provide safe and stable homes for children and young people.

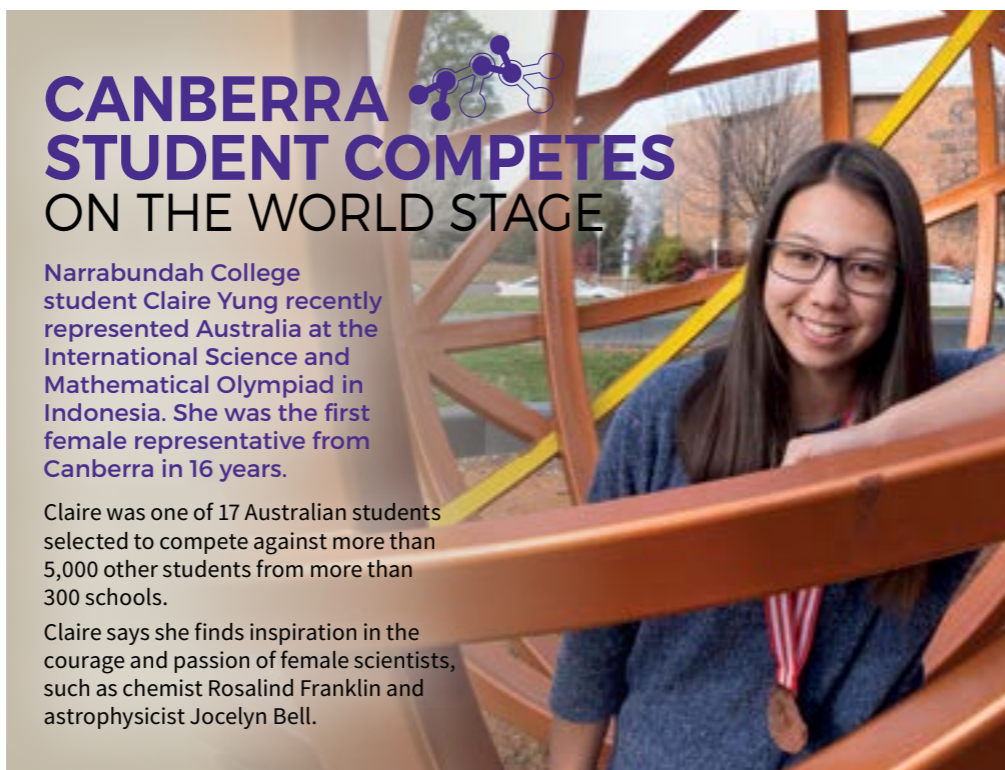
i Call 1300 WEFOSTER or visit acttogether.org.au

CANBERRA STUDENT COMPETES ON THE WORLD STAGE

Narrabundah College student Claire Yung recently represented Australia at the International Science and Mathematical Olympiad in Indonesia. She was the first female representative from Canberra in 16 years.

Claire was one of 17 Australian students selected to compete against more than 5,000 other students from more than 300 schools.

Claire says she finds inspiration in the courage and passion of female scientists, such as chemist Rosalind Franklin and astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell.



SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS

Canberra public school students are getting better access to mental health support. Five more school psychologists will join ACT public schools in 2018, and an extra 15 school psychologists will be employed over the next four years.

School psychologists play an important role in student learning, wellbeing and mental health. The increase will help address the social, emotional and learning needs of Canberra students and our school communities.



COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS FOR THE COTTAGE

The Canberra community has raised \$100,000 to refurbish The Cottage, an adolescent mental health day program, located on the Calvary Hospital campus at Bruce.

The Cottage aims to reduce the severity of mental health symptoms experienced by young people in Canberra. The refurbishment provides a safer and more welcoming environment for young people to receive treatment, foster life skills, improve at school, and manage social interactions and relationships.

i For more information search 'The Cottage' at health.act.gov.au

SHADED PLAY TIME FOR SUMMER

Before the weather starts to warm up, shade sails have been installed at eight Tuggeranong playgrounds.

Playgrounds on Boddington Crescent in Kambah, Bayly Place in Macarthur, Burgoyne Street in Bonython, Charleston Street in Monash, Chippindall Circuit in Theodore, Point Hut Pond District Park in Gordon, Kambah District Park and Fadden Pines District Park now have added protection from the sun.



Photo: Local foster carers Rachel and Todd Wright.



IT'S FLORIADE'S 30TH BIRTHDAY IN 2017

**16 SEPTEMBER TO 15 OCTOBER,
COMMONWEALTH PARK**

Floriade will be celebrating its milestone birthday in style this year.

Explore more of the one million bulbs and annuals with extended opening hours from 10am to 7pm each day. Discover stunning sculptures around every corner. Enjoy exclusive access to the festival at an inaugural opening night concert, as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra take to the stage with the Ziggy Band to showcase the best of David Bowie.



For more information and tickets visit floriadeaustralia.com



RECEIVE YOUR RATES & LAND TAX NOTICES BY EMAIL

Register online at act.gov.au/rateselectronic

For ACT driver licence and vehicle registration email renewals register at act.gov.au/regoelectronic

Note: Adobe Reader is required to save and view your bill.

THIS WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK— FIND TIME FOR YOU

4-8 SEPTEMBER

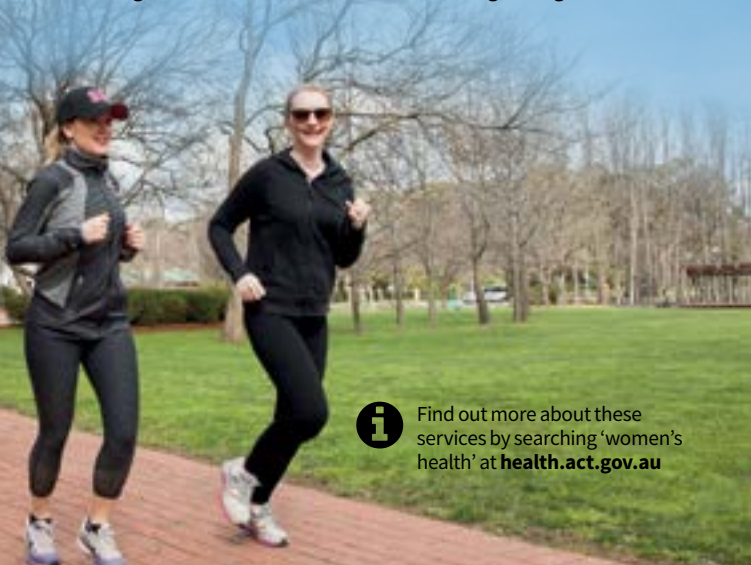
This Women's Health Week, mothers, daughters, aunts and sisters are being encouraged to put themselves first and dedicate some time to their health and wellbeing.

If you have any health appointments or matters you've put to the side, make this week the time follow up.

The ACT has a dedicated Women's Health Service offering free nursing, medical, nutrition and counselling to eligible women.



Find out more about these services by searching 'women's health' at health.act.gov.au



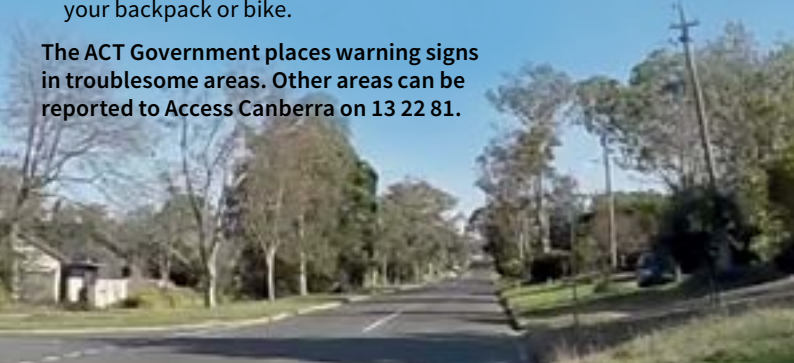
IT'S MAGPIE SWOOPING SEASON

Spring is in the air and so are the magpies.

During breeding season magpies may swoop people and animals in the area of their nests. Follow these simple precautions to help avoid being swooped:

- > walk through the magpie's territory quickly, but don't run
- > take a different route next time
- > protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses
- > look towards the magpie
- > attach flags or streamers on a stick to your backpack or bike.

The ACT Government places warning signs in troublesome areas. Other areas can be reported to Access Canberra on 13 22 81.



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