

OUR CANBERRA

Central Canberra edition



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GREEN RAPID 
**FREE FOR
ONE MORE
MONTH**

Get a
free ride
on the Green
Rapid in
November

Bus services across central Canberra have been improved and there is still one month left to try the new Green Rapid bus for free. It runs between Woden and the city via Barton.

Improvements have also been made to other Rapid services as part of the new bus timetable which started in October.

To get on board, grab a MyWay card from your local newsagent.



For more information on all Rapid services across Canberra visit transport.act.gov.au

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A SMOOTHER WALK & RIDE IN KINGSTON

It is now easier to walk and cycle in Kingston.

There are new raised pedestrian crossings, as well as wider footpaths and new street lighting. A footpath now connects Kingston Foreshore to the town centre, providing safer and easier access for visitors and residents.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra is growing significantly and this needs to be reflected in the city services delivered by the ACT Government.

Recently, we have invested in additional mowing, street sweeping, upgraded shopping centres and better, safer parks and playgrounds.

We are seeking community feedback to prioritise service delivery in the future. Visit yoursay.act.gov.au to tell us your priorities for city services.



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

YOURsay

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

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YOURSAY: ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

All year we've been asking
Canberrans about the future of
schools and education in the ACT.

There's been lots of useful feedback about what's working in our schools, what might need to change, how success is defined and what children and young people want to learn. Make sure you have your say too.

 For more information or to add your ideas visit yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation

UNITE AGAINST DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

Saturday 25 November marks
the first day of 16 days of activism
against gender-based violence.

For 16 days, members of our community can help raise awareness about this issue, which affects women, men and children from all walks of life.


 Find out more at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

PARKING PATROLS GO HIGH-TECH

If you are tempted to overstay
your parking time limit this
summer, don't!

New licence plate recognition
technology has been rolled out across
Canberra, which can inspect more than
500 vehicles per hour. The technology
is mounted in a car and takes infrared
photos to electronically chalk cars and
their licence plates.

This new technology is freeing up
more parking spaces and allowing foot
patrol inspectors to target illegal and
unsafe parking.

 For more information visit
act.gov.au/accesscbr



SERVICE OPTIONS WITH ACCESS CANBERRA

Access Canberra offers four service centres
across Canberra. But if you can't get there
in person, you can call us on 13 22 81,
or access more than 250 services online
at act.gov.au/accesscbr.

The Dickson service centre is now closed,
with the building being demolished
as part of the renewal project of the
Northbourne Avenue corridor. If you
need to get to a service centre, other
centres are located at Swanson
Court Belconnen, Homeworld
Shopping Centre at Tuggeranong,
Winyu House at Gungahlin and
Bowes Street in Woden.

*Note: Only electronic payments can be
made at Woden and Gungahlin.*



GROUNDS OF GAREMA POP UP MICRO PARK

Construction is getting underway on the temporary pop up Micro Park
at Garema Place. 'Grounds of Garema' is the winning design that was
selected through a community vote.

It will provide a vibrant and attractive space with spots for cosy conversations, resting,
playing, learning and enjoying the spring weather. The micro park is expected to be
open to the public soon and will be located in Garema Place for two months.

 Follow us on Facebook to find out when it's open.



RESTORING THE SIGNS OF TIME IN BARTON



Barton's historic concrete street signs have been restored.

The Kingston and Barton Residents Group received a Heritage Grant from the ACT Government to undertake the work on the street signs.

This is part of a bigger project to restore and document local street furniture.

Find out more about what the group did with their grant at [youtube.com/user/actgovernment](https://www.youtube.com/user/actgovernment)



A BETTER & SAFER HAIG PARK

Wider paths, new furniture and more lighting have been installed in Haig Park to improve safety and accessibility. These upgrades are just the start of renewing this public space.

Thanks to community members who contributed time, ideas and feedback. We will continue the conversation during the design process.

For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au/haigpark



MOWING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

This year's mowing program is now in full swing. Keep an eye out for new equipment in the mowing fleet with new wide area mowers being introduced soon.

For more information on mowing in your suburb visit tccs.act.gov.au

NEW DICKSON BUS STATION NOW OPEN

Buses now service Dickson through the new Dickson bus station which will also provide direct transfer to light rail once operational.

Traffic lights have been introduced at the intersections of Northbourne Avenue/ Cape Street and Cape Street/Challis Street to facilitate the bus services.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au



CANBERRA'S LIGHT RAIL UPDATE



Work continues to progress along the stage 1 route, with tracks now in the ground as construction continues.

Thank you for your understanding while we continue to temporarily close intersections along the route for construction – we appreciate your patience.

For more information or to subscribe for light rail updates visit transport.act.gov.au

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE CANBERRA GOLD AWARDS



The Canberra Gold Awards recognise individuals and groups who have lived or operated in Canberra for 50 years or more. The Awards celebrate their contribution to our community and the role they have played in shaping our city.

Nominations close in mid February with the awards presented in March as part of Canberra Day celebrations.

i Nominate online at act.gov.au/CBRgold

Bruce Podmore is a 2016 Gold Award recipient.



SAVE THE DATE:
 Christmas concert in the city—Friday 1 December 2017.

KEEP COOL IN THE POOL THIS SUMMER



Canberra's public pools are now open to help you beat the heat this summer.

Programs are available at all of Canberra's public pools to help our community live a healthy, active and productive lifestyle.

If you haven't visited one of these pools in a while, pack your pool bag and go see what's on offer.

i For information on pool services, programs and opening hours visit act.gov.au/accesscbr and search 'swimming pools in Canberra'



READY... STEADY... PLAY... IN CBR

22-23 NOVEMBER
 THEO NOTARAS MULTICULTURAL CENTRE

The Play, Creativity and Culture Symposium is on this month and you're invited to join in the fun.

The symposium will explore the concepts, practices and potential of play within cities. A playful city can provide benefits for individual and community health and wellbeing; for creativity, collaboration and innovation; and for engagement and pleasure.

i For more information and tickets visit cityrenewalcanberra.com.au

EXPLORE THE BUSH CAPITAL IN SPRING



Spring flowers, magnificent birds and intriguing native animals are just a few of the spectacular natural features you'll discover if you venture into the bush this month.

November is a fantastic time to explore Canberra's parks and reserves, with walks to suit all ages, levels of mobility and interest.

Take a stroll in your nearby reserve, encounter rare and threatened species at Mulligans Flat and Tidbinbilla, check out the birds at Jerrabomberra Wetlands, camp at the Cotter, trek through the majestic mountains of Namadgi National Park, or join a local Parkcare group.

i For more information visit environment.act.gov.au and search 'parks and reserves'.



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