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.

Get a free ride on the Green Rapid in November

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

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.
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.

GROUND 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 cozy 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.

YOURSAAY: 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
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

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

MOeling 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
EXPLORE THE BUSH CAPITAL IN SPRING

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For more information visit environment.act.gov.au and search ‘parks and reserves’.

KEEP COOL IN THE POOL THIS SUMMER

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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.

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

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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.

For more information and tickets visit cityrenewalcanberra.com.au

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

Nominate online at act.gov.au/CBRgold

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE CANBERRA GOLD AWARDS

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