

OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



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GREEN BINS HAVE ROLLED INTO TUGGERANONG



Tuggeranong residents can register for a green bin now.

Residents across Tuggeranong will have their first green waste collections later this month.

If you haven't already registered for a bin and you live in Tuggeranong it's not too late. You can register at any time with a one-off registration fee of \$50. Eligible concession card holders are exempt from payment.

Green bins are for garden waste only and collections are fortnightly.

Green waste collections are already in place in Kambah and Weston Creek and will start in Belconnen around September. Collections for all other parts of Canberra start around mid-2019.



For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste

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MORE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR CANBERRA

Canberrans can soon fly Qatar Airways between Doha and Canberra when its daily service begins in mid-February.

The airline will fly a Boeing 777-300 daily from Canberra to Sydney and then onto Doha. The new service enhances the ACT Government's focus on expanding international connections.



For more information visit qatarairways.com



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

We're hitting the ground running in 2018 in what will be a big year for our city.

From the first light rail vehicles being seen in Canberra and a new public hospital opening, to more international flights, continued jobs growth, city renewal and all public school students receiving electronic devices, significant landmarks will be achieved this year.



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

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

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BECOME A BACKYARD LIFEGUARD

A swim in the pool is the perfect place to escape Canberra's hot summer days, but remember to play it safe with these tips:

- ✓ Supervise kids in and around the pool;
- ✓ know CPR;
- ✓ check your pool barriers meet current safety standards and upgrade them if required.

The more backyard lifeguards we have, the more kids we keep safe.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/backyardlifeguard

BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT



A better seven day public transport service is coming and we'd like to hear from you about service ideas for your local area.

The improved service will include nine Rapid Routes, with more frequent and direct services making it easier for everyone to get where they need to go.

 For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au



SAVE ELECTRICITY & MONEY THIS SUMMER

Summer is the perfect time to save on your electricity bills. Here are some tips:



CLOSE windows and curtains during the day, and open them at night



CONSOLIDATE your refrigerators if you have more than one



TAKE shorter showers and reduce the temperature



INCREASE air conditioner thermostat from 18 to 23 degrees



USE your clothesline on those sunny days



CONSIDER installing solar panels.



For more information visit actsmart.act.gov.au



MORE CHOICE FOR CANBERRANS

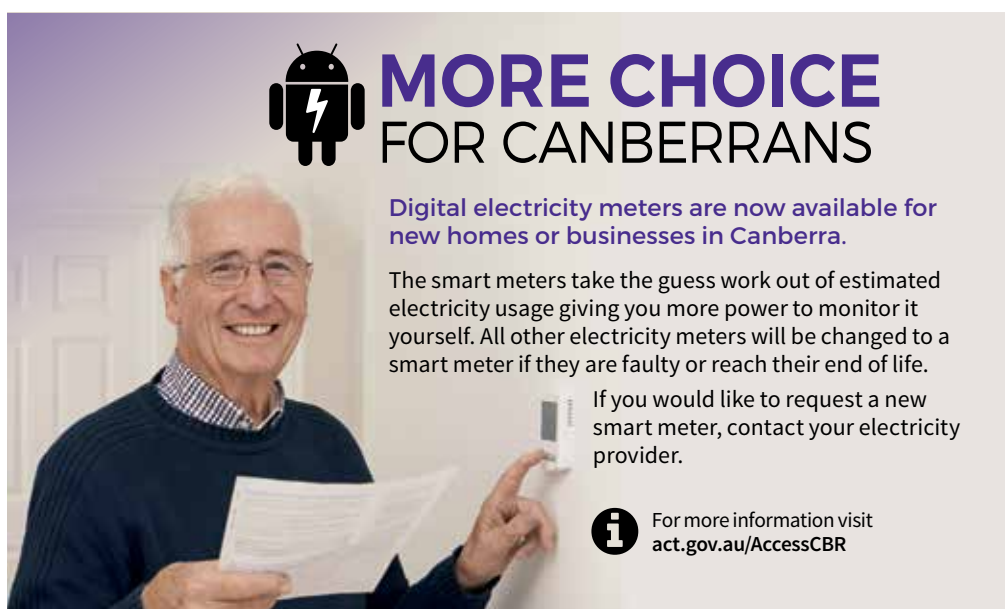
Digital electricity meters are now available for new homes or businesses in Canberra.

The smart meters take the guess work out of estimated electricity usage giving you more power to monitor it yourself. All other electricity meters will be changed to a smart meter if they are faulty or reach their end of life.

If you would like to request a new smart meter, contact your electricity provider.



For more information visit act.gov.au/AccessCBR



REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OPENS THIS YEAR

Canberra's brand new, purpose-built rehabilitation hospital at the University of Canberra will open in mid-2018.

Over the coming months the final touches will be completed and staff will begin their training.

The new hospital will focus on improving physical and mental health and wellness through recovery and research, and will relieve pressure on our other hospitals.



For more information visit health.act.gov.au and search 'UC hospital'



GARTSIDE STREET UPGRADE COMPLETE

Gartside Street in Erindale is now safer and easier to access thanks to recently completed upgrades.

Streetscape improvements include narrowing the street to slow down cars, new street trees, wider footpaths and paved gathering spaces with seats, bins and bike racks. There's also a new pedestrian crossing and lighting improvements.

PARKING CHANGES IN THE CITY

The renewal of Canberra's city centre is continuing and there are car park changes now in place.

Parking at the Legislative Assembly off London Circuit is now closed. Short-term parking can be found at the Magistrates Court, the Bailey's Corner car park, the Canberra Centre and at the parking areas near Civic pool.

Long stay parking is available on the corner of London Circuit and Constitution Avenue.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/cityrenewal


MORE IMPROVEMENTS AT KAMBAH VILLAGE

Design plans have been finalised on the next stage of improvements at the Kambah Village.

Improvements are for the public facilities and include new public toilets, an upgraded playground, more parking, better pedestrian connections, and an upgrade of pavements in the area near Kambah Inn.

 For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au and search 'Kambah'

FREE VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS


 For further information visit health.act.gov.au and search 'immunisation'

SCHOOL START DATES

Term 1 for all Canberra Public Schools starts:

Monday 5 February
for new students
or

Tuesday 6 February
for continuing students.

 For more info about term dates and starting school tips visit edu.act.gov.au




TIPS FOR STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school is an exciting time for children and families.

Here are some tips to make your child's first day fun, safe and stress free:

- > Talk to your child about what to expect and who they can ask for help;
- > Label all your child's belongings;
- > Consider the route you will take to school and likely road crossings, and reinforce road safety;
- > Ensure children apply sunscreen before leaving for school;
- > Make sure your child knows the after school pickup arrangements or who is collecting them.

 For more information and term dates visit edu.act.gov.au

EXPLORE CANBERRA'S HISTORY

A new exhibition in the Namadgi National Park showcases one of the thousands of trees that first marked the border of the ACT over 100 years ago.

Of the 1500 trees, only 60 remain and one of the trees now has its own shelter. The tree can be found behind the Namadgi Visitor's Centre.

 For more information visit environment.act.gov.au

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 25-26 JANUARY

There's something for everyone this Australia Day. Celebrations start on 25 January when you can cheer on our ACT finalists (pictured) in the Australian of the Year Awards.

On Australia Day there's a free concert and fireworks at Lake Burley Griffin, or participate in the National Citizenship and Flag Raising Ceremonies.

 For more information visit events.act.gov.au



ACT Young Australian of the Year Zack Bryers, ACT Local Hero Suzanne Tunks, ACT Australian of the Year Dion Devow, and ACT Senior Australian of the Year Dr Graham Farquhar AO



SEE THE LIGHT CANBERRA 2-18 MARCH

Enlighten is back bigger than ever in 2018. The whole family can enjoy free and ticketed events, exhibitions, architectural projections, live performances, tours, talks, delicious food and more.

This year's festival will include Symphony in the Park, Lights Canberra Action, Canberra Day celebrations and The Balloon Spectacular.

 For more information visit enlightencanberra.com




WHERE IN THE WORLD 16-18 FEBRUARY

At this year's National Multicultural Festival there's three jam-packed days of fun, music, dance, cultural performances, food and festivities.

The headline act for 2018 is legendary popstar Leo Sayer, along with Indigenous rapper Baker Boy.

Don't miss out —it's FREE and in the heart of Canberra! Download the app at Google Play or the Apple Store.

 For more information visit multiculturalfestival.com.au



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