

# OUR CBR

Woden, Weston Creek & Molonglo edition

March 2019

## Get a green bin for autumn



Green waste collections will start across Canberra from 1 April.

Get some help tidying up your garden this autumn by ordering your green waste bin before the first leaves start to fall.

Residents can opt-in for a one-off \$50 payment to receive a green waste bin, with eligible concession card holders exempt from payment.

→ More at [act.gov.au/greenbins](http://act.gov.au/greenbins)

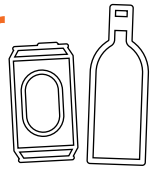
Register now for fortnightly collections.



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- Work has started on Weston Creek's new Walk-In Centre

## Return your containers



to Phillip

It's now even more convenient to drop off your eligible containers in the Woden area as part of the ACT Container Deposit Scheme.

A new Phillip location at 17 Dundas Court has already proved popular, with more than 432,000 containers returned through the depot since December.

Eligible containers such as cans and drink bottles can be taken to a return point for a 10 cent refund for each container. Residents can choose to keep the refund or donate it to charity.

→ More at [actcde.com.au](http://actcde.com.au)



## Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT Government is continuing to invest in more health infrastructure to give Canberrans access to high quality healthcare when and where they need it.

The Government has recently announced more plans about our new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre, which you can read about in this *Our CBR* edition. This is on top of recent significant expansions of emergency departments at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital, Gungahlin's new Walk-In Centre and more mobile dental services for vulnerable Canberrans.

We're future-proofing our healthcare system to better meet the needs of a growing city.

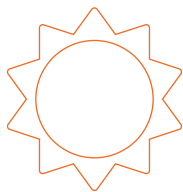


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## More help with energy bills



Canberrans on low and fixed incomes will be able to access an increased Utilities Concession for energy bills from 1 July 2019.

The Utilities Concession provides eligible concession card holders with a rebate to help meet the ongoing costs of electricity and gas services. The \$46 increase will bring the total payment to \$700.

→ More at [assistance.act.gov.au](http://assistance.act.gov.au)

## Top up with new ticketing machines



Top up your MyWay card using new Transport Canberra ticket vending machines now installed at major bus stations and light rail stops.

Machines are stationed at the Belconnen, City, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and Woden major bus stations. They have touch screens and are easy to use to check your MyWay card balance, instantly top up, or to purchase a single or daily ticket.

You'll also be able to use your MyWay card on light rail when operations start in the coming months.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## Water refill options

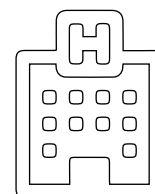
You can now refill your water bottle with free tap water at any participating cafe or business when you see the Refill Canberra sticker displayed in the window.

Cafes across Canberra have already signed up and you can nominate your favourite cafe to consider joining up.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/refillcanberra](http://health.act.gov.au/refillcanberra)



## More hospital services for the future



Planning is underway for Canberra's new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre at the Canberra Hospital.

The centre will boost acute and hospital-based healthcare services, replace ageing buildings and completely renew the north-eastern end of the Canberra Hospital precinct. Construction is expected to start in 2020.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/infrastructure](http://health.act.gov.au/infrastructure)



# Have your baby **at home**

Eligible Canberra women have the option of birthing their baby in the comfort and familiarity of their own home through Canberra Health Services' homebirth trial.

Find out more about homebirth at an information session on 29 March. You'll hear from women about their recent homebirth experience.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au/homebirth](http://health.act.gov.au/homebirth)



New Weston  
Creek Walk-In  
Centre due to  
open late 2019.



# Health centre closed for upgrade

The upgrade of the Weston Creek community health centre into a new nurse-led Walk-In Centre is set to commence.

The new Walk-In Centre will provide the growing Molonglo Valley and Weston Creek region better access

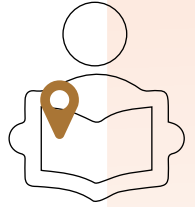
to free health care for minor injuries or illnesses.

While the upgrade is underway, existing Occupational Therapy and Maternal and Child Health Services have moved to the Village Creek Centre in Kambah.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)



# Rejuvenating Woden Town Square



The #WodenExperiment is now in place, bringing new life to the Woden Town Square for the next six months.

It includes a number of permanent and temporary elements, including furniture, landscaping, play opportunities and workshop buildings.

→ Take a look, and tell us what you think at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

# Vision for the Curtin Group Centre



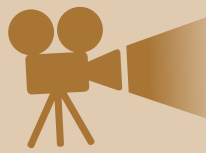
The Curtin Group Centre Master Plan has been finalised after extensive community engagement.

It details a number of recommendations for the Centre and identifies the importance that the central courtyard and pedestrian spaces play in allowing people to relax and enjoy the area.

→ See the plan at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



# Get a taste of Enlighten



Eat, see and explore Canberra as our city transforms for the annual Enlighten Festival.

Until 17 March the centre of Canberra is a hive of activity with a range of free and ticketed events, as well as the ever-popular architectural projections in the Parliamentary Triangle until 11 March.

Enlighten Festival is expanding into Civic again this year with illuminations by local artist Hannah Quinlivan on the Sydney and Melbourne buildings until 11 March.


→ More at [enlightencanberra.com](http://enlightencanberra.com)

## Enlighten events

Lights! Canberra! Action!   
8 March

 Canberra Balloon Spectacular  
9-17 March

 Symphony in the Park  
10 March

Canberra Day – 11 March  
Hit 104.7 Skyfire   
16 March



National  
Ride2School Day  
22 March

## Active ways

### to get to school

Active school communities not only help to reduce carbon emissions, they also reduce congestion around our schools, making it safer for children to enjoy riding or walking every day.

Support your kids to be more active in 2019 and take part in National Ride2School Day on 22 March.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## Young CBR Citizen awards

Nominations are open for the 2019 Young Canberran Citizen of the Year Awards.

→ More at [dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/YCCY2019](http://dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/YCCY2019)

## Get cycling in March

As the weather starts to cool, March is the perfect time to hop onto a dockless bike.

The bike share service, with Australian provider Airbike, is still operating as the original six-month trial undergoes evaluation.

Data on the bike share trial has shown that dockless bikes were hired more than 8,000 times within six months in areas including the ANU, the City bus station and the Inner North.

→ More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

