

OUR CBR

Woden, Weston Creek & Molonglo edition

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More health services for The Canberra Hospital



The Canberra Hospital will be upgraded with the Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre.

In addition to the SPIRE Centre, The Canberra Hospital will add another four Intensive Care beds and 12 beds for inpatient services in medicine, surgery and aged care.

The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children will expand to support women and young people seeking maternity services and other specialist care.

Site works on the SPIRE Centre will start this year and is expected to be completed by 2023-2024.

→ More at health.act.gov.au

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Another way to have your say

Want a quick and easy way to help shape Canberra? Then join the new YourSay Community Panel.

Sign up, tell us a bit about yourself, and short surveys and other activities will appear in your inbox.

Your views and opinions on a whole range of topics will help shape government policies and decision-making.

You can contribute anytime, anywhere. By sharing your views, you could win prizes.

→ Go to yoursaypanel.act.gov.au

More emergency beds at the SPIRE Centre

Growing services for Canberra

Canberra's direction through the 2020s depends on the decisions and investments we make as a community today. Canberra is a great place to live, work, start a business and raise your family. We want to make sure it keeps getting better into the coming decade.

In this Our CBR edition, you'll see how we're increasing health services across Canberra and future-proofing our hospitals for our growing city. We are building new schools and expanding existing ones, we're making our transport networks faster, safer and cleaner, and we're expanding support to keep cost of living down.

Andrew Barr
Chief Minister



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

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Need help buying an affordable home?



A mix of units, apartments and townhouses are available to buy as part of the Affordable Home Purchase.

Eligible homebuyers can purchase properties across new development sites including in the city, Lyneham, Gungahlin Town Centre, Taylor, Coombs, Wright, Whitlam, Strathnairn, Belconnen Town Centre, Lyons, Phillip, Moncrieff, Throsby, Lawson and Greenway.

→ More at planning.act.gov.au



Find savings with the Assistance website



From bus fares to funerals, the Assistance website will suggest savings to help with the cost of living in Canberra.

The website also includes a new savings finder tool, so you can quickly see what discounts, rebates and other concessions you might be eligible for across Canberra.

→ Find savings at act.gov.au/assistance



Total mobile ban for L and P drivers



It is already illegal to call, text or use social media while driving and now L and P drivers can't use bluetooth handsfree or speaker mode.

Evidence shows that devices, even hands free, are not safe to use while driving. The safety of young drivers and other road users is a top priority for our community to achieve zero deaths or injury on ACT Roads.

→ More info at justice.act.gov.au



Helping older Canberrans



The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme helps eligible pensioners who own their home to move to accommodation more suited to their needs.

Property value thresholds are also being adjusted to better target the scheme to those most in need.

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme will continue to 30 June 2020.

→ More at revenue.act.gov.au

Did you know that in Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo there are...



15 public schools

7,328 public school students

579 public school teachers



74 parks

86 playgrounds

30 sports grounds maintained



Coolleman Court carpark expanded

Up to 150 new car parks will be added at Coolleman Court shopping centre.

The upgrades will provide more parking for the general public.

The works will also improve safety and make it easier for cars to enter and exit the shopping centre.

Work is expected to start in 2020.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au



New school for Molonglo

A new primary school will open in Denman Prospect in 2021.

The school will cater for 600 students from Kindergarten to Year 6, as well as a preschool for families living in the area.

Planning for a high school in Molonglo is underway as the area continues to grow.

→ More at education.act.gov.au



Chill at the #WodenExperiment

There is still time to enjoy the #WodenExperiment.

Since March this year the experiment has brought colour and fun to the Woden Town Square.

The #WodenExperiment includes a range of permanent and temporary activities.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

There's something for everyone including table tennis, giant jenga, deckchairs to relax, a stage, meeting rooms, nature play space and charging stations for your devices.



Stirling to become age friendly

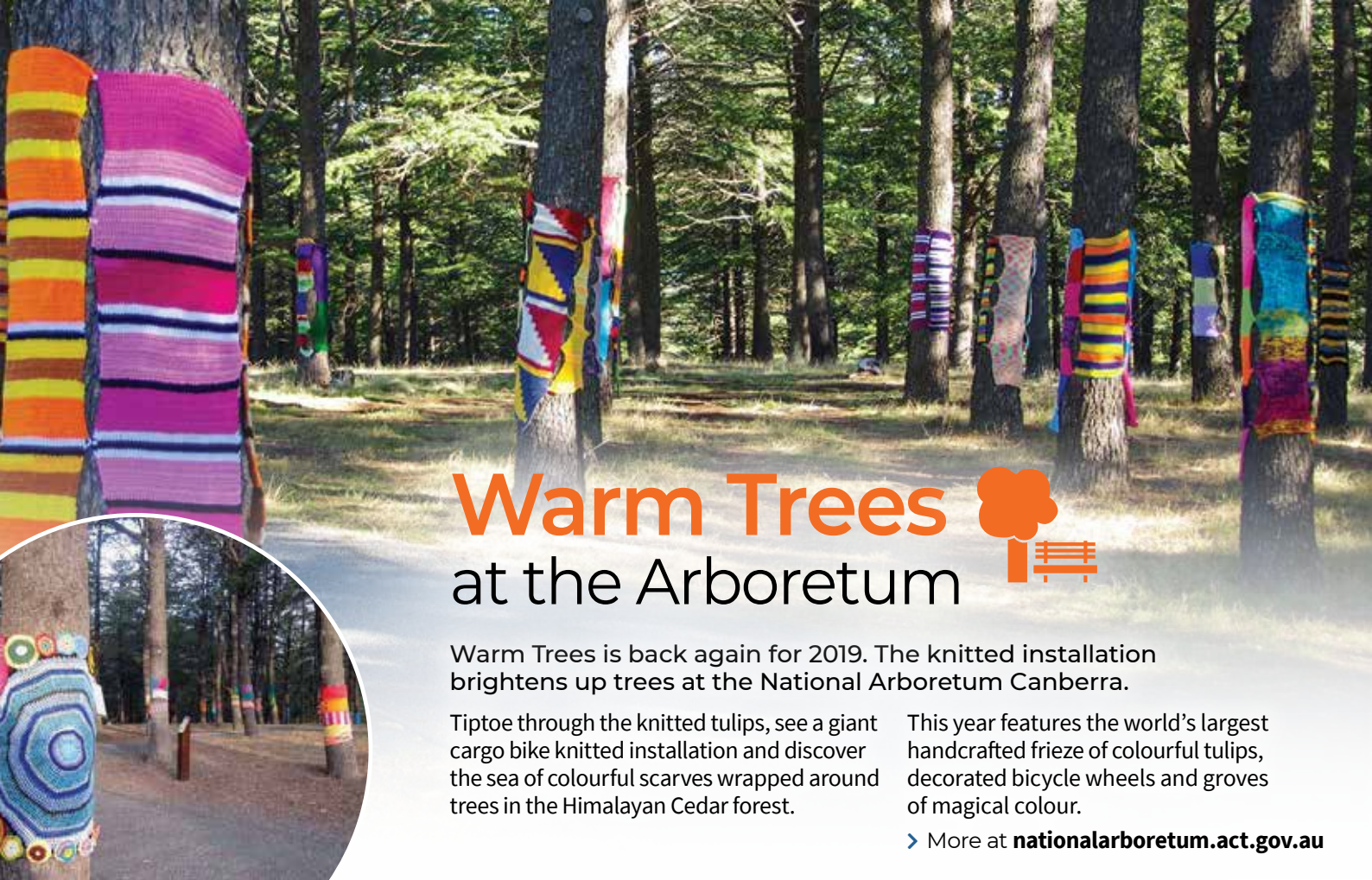


Canberrans of all ages should be able to move more freely around their suburb.

The community has provided feedback through Fix My Street and other avenues to shortlist upgrades to Stirling, as part of the Age Friendly Suburbs Program.

→ Stay up to date on upgrades in your area at yoursay.act.gov.au





Warm Trees at the Arboretum

Warm Trees is back again for 2019. The knitted installation brightens up trees at the National Arboretum Canberra.

Tiptoe through the knitted tulips, see a giant cargo bike knitted installation and discover the sea of colourful scarves wrapped around trees in the Himalayan Cedar forest.

This year features the world's largest handcrafted frieze of colourful tulips, decorated bicycle wheels and groves of magical colour.

➤ More at nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

Nominate an Australian of the Year for the 60th anniversary

You know great people.
You know their stories.

Be great and nominate a Canberran for
an Australian of the Year Award by 31 July 2019.

Dr Sue Packer AM (pictured) from Canberra won
the 2019 Senior Australian of the Year award
for her work advocating for the rights of children.

➔ Nominate now at
australianoftheyear.org.au



Wintervention on this month

Looking for ways to enjoy
winter in Canberra?

Rug up and make your way down to
Wintervention in Civic from 5-21 July.
Ice skate, enjoy local food or visit the
Winter Food and Makers Markets (5-7 July).

➔ More at wintervention.com.au

