

OUR CBR

Woden, Weston Creek
and Molonglo edition

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New High School in Molonglo to open in 2023



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The Molonglo Valley will have its first high school in time for the 2023 school year.

The high school will be an expansion of the preschool to Year 6 school already being built in Denman Prospect and due to open in 2021.

Once complete, the new school will be Canberra's 89th public school and second zero-emissions school after Margaret Hendry School in Taylor.

→ More at education.act.gov.au

Thank you, Canberra...

... for the support you have provided to the Emergency Services Agency, ACT Policing and ACT Government staff and volunteers who have worked to keep the ACT safe during this challenging summer.

As the bushfire season continues, so too do the tireless efforts of our emergency services crews and support teams.

→ Please remain prepared and visit esa.act.gov.au for bushfire updates.

Message from the Chief Minister

It's been a tough start to the year, and we want to thank Canberrans for working with the Government and our Emergency Services to keep people safe and respond to extreme weather events.

Our local tourism industry, which employs over 18,000 Canberrans, has been significantly impacted in the past few months. We can all help these local businesses by eating out at our restaurants, planning a staycation or checking out an exhibition at one of our museums or galleries. The Enlighten Festival will also offer a fantastic program of events to bring our community together.

By hosting events like the Enlighten Festival (including the Canberra Balloon Spectacular) and the Australian Tourism Awards, the ACT Government will help our tourism sector through this period.

Andrew Barr



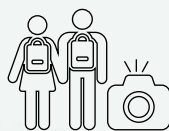
MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN

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Holiday here, Canberra!



The bushfire season has taken a toll on our community, and some businesses are doing it tough.

Take a staycation or play tourist in your own city to give our restaurants, hotels and attractions a boost.

→ Plan your staycation now at visitcanberra.com.au/holiday-here

Remain bushfire ready

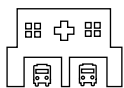
It is important to stay prepared as the bushfire season continues.

Make sure your home is prepared and discuss your Bushfire Survival Plan with your family.

→ Download your Bushfire Survival Plan today at esa.act.gov.au



Canberra Hospital expansion underway



Preparation works have begun at the Canberra Hospital for a new state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility, as part of the SPIRE Project.

Existing facilities are being improved to ensure that Canberrans continue to receive quality healthcare during the estimated three-year construction period.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

High-tech cancer ward opens



A completely revamped ward for haematology and cancer patients has opened at Canberra Hospital.

The ward's design was informed by suggestions from patients, their families and staff. It features a dining room for patients, families and carers as well as day beds where families and carers can stay overnight.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



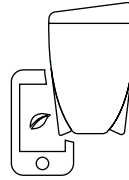
Updated bus timetables on the way

New Canberra bus timetables are expected to be in place from 28 April 2020.

→ Full details will be available in March at transport.act.gov.au



Swap-and-go coffee cups take off

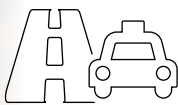


Several Woden and Weston Creek cafes have signed up to Green Caffein, a free 'swap-and-go' coffee cup scheme.

Visit one of the cafes in your area that's taking part, and start swapping.

Download the Green Caffein app, order your coffee in a reusable cup, drink it, then return your reusable cup to any participating cafe.

→ For a map showing nearby Green Caffein locations, visit greencaffein.com.au



Easier commute to the city

Drivers using the Cotter Road ramp onto Adelaide Avenue now have a continuous lane, improving traffic flow.

The Cotter Road on-ramp continues on Adelaide Avenue as the left-hand lane. The T2/bus lane merges with regular traffic in the middle lane. Cyclists will have safe gaps in the traffic to cross the Cotter Road ramp.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



Give your thirsty tree a drink

Keep your street tree hydrated with water collected with a bucket during your daily shower.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



Extending light rail to Woden

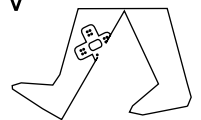


The next stage of the light rail network, between the city and Commonwealth Park, will feature wireless infrastructure. It will also use on-board green energy batteries and grassed tracks to maintain Canberra's iconic city views.

The extension is due to open in 2024. It will add 1.7km of track along the western side of London Circuit and onto Commonwealth Avenue, finishing at Commonwealth Park. The following stage will connect Commonwealth Park to Woden.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

Busy start for a new Walk-in Centre



Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo residents are enjoying access to free health care at Canberra's newest Walk-in Centre.

An average of 46 people a day sought treatment in the Weston Creek Walk-in Centre's first four weeks of operation.

Walk-in Centres are open every day of the year, and you don't need an appointment.

→ More at walkincentre.act.gov.au




Happy birthday, CBR


Celebrate our city's birthday on 9 March with the Canberra Day family entertainment from 10am then the final night of this year's Enlighten Illuminations and Canberra Night Noodle Markets.

 **Enlighten Illuminations & Canberra Night Noodle Markets**
28 February – 9 March

 **Lights! Canberra! Action!**
6 March, 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

 **Canberra Balloon Spectacular**
7-15 March, From 6.15 am

 **Symphony in the Park**
8 March, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

 **Canberra Day**
9 March, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

 **Quick flick in the gardens**

Relax in the Senate Rose Gardens as 12 locally produced short films fill the screen at Lights! Canberra! Action!

Wonders of the skies



More than 30 balloons are expected to take off from the lawns of Old Parliament House each morning (weather permitting) during the city's much-loved balloon festival.

Fleetwood Mac tribute under the stars



Relax on a picnic rug as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra performs with *Rumours* – the Australian Fleetwood Mac experience at Stage 88.

→ More at enlightencanberra.com

It's footy season!



Cheer the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants on as the NRL and AFL get underway for 2020 and Super Rugby continues.

Double up at GIO Stadium mid-month with the Raiders' season opener against the Titans on 13 March and the Brumbies v Waratahs grudge match on 15 March.

The Giants face the Western Bulldogs in their first Canberra outing this year at Manuka Oval on 3 April.

→ Book your tickets at premier.ticketek.com.au

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Arrive at GIO Stadium within 45 minutes of gates opening and pay just \$5 to park