

Delivering for Canberra's future



Message from the Chief Minister

With nation-leading population growth and more people choosing to make Canberra home, the ACT Government is continuing to invest in our city, in infrastructure that is built for Canberra, to ensure we remain one of the most liveable cities in the world.

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget, the Government is increasing investment into schools, hospitals, and into the services and local infrastructure that Canberrans know and love.

Importantly, it is a budget that puts the wellbeing of Canberrans first, while building a more diverse and resilient economy to protect and create local jobs.

This year's budget includes additional local infrastructure and services right across the city. More details are included in this edition of Our Canberra.

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**82.4% of
Canberrans**
recently rated their
wellbeing as 'typical'
or 'high' in a survey
examining themes
like standard of
living, relationships,
safety, achievement
and future security.

Source: Living Well in the ACT
Region (November 2021),
University of Canberra.

ACT budget focuses on wellbeing

The nation-leading comprehensive Wellbeing Framework helps guide decisions about how and where the ACT Government should invest money, ensuring the government delivers on programs, services and infrastructure that improve the lives of all Canberrans.

That is why the 2022-23 ACT Budget includes more than \$160 million to improve housing choice and affordability, \$240 million to support education and skills, and \$390 million to improve the health outcomes of Canberrans.



Wellbeing into the future

The ACT Government is committed to working with the community to improve the wellbeing of all Canberrans.

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The ACT was the first state or territory in Australia to establish a comprehensive Wellbeing Framework.

Supporting the wellbeing of Canberrans

Wellbeing means something different to everyone. It could be about ease of access to local services, or the ability to find work, make friends or get out in nature.

With our population now more than 450,000 and growing, the focus on wellbeing will help ensure Canberra remains one of the most liveable cities in the world.

That is why the ACT Wellbeing Framework was created and why it will now shape the programs, services and infrastructure to benefit Canberrans long into the future.

What is the ACT Wellbeing Framework?

The ACT Government worked with the community in 2019 and 2020 to develop a set of indicators to measure and understand the individual and collective wellbeing of Canberrans.

Elements of wellbeing in the ACT include:

- access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities
- suitable housing
- a climate-resilient and healthy environment
- a strong economy
- access to places and services
- time to live the lives we aspire to
- good health and health care
- feeling and being safe
- sense of belonging, identity and connection



What's in the budget for Gungahlin?

Through the 2022-23 ACT Budget the Government is continuing to deliver now and into the future by investing in our schools, hospitals, locals services and infrastructure. This includes:

- Completion of the Margaret Hendry School expansion.
- Construction of a new public high school in Taylor.
- Design works for a second Gungahlin college.
- Expansion of the Child Early Intervention Program into Gungahlin.
- The construction of a new tennis facility in Amaroo.
- New and improved health services at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.
- New pedestrian crossings at Gold Creek High School and St Mary Mackillop College.

For more on the 2022-23 ACT Budget, see page three.



Funding world-class local health services

The ACT Government is boosting investment to ensure Canberrans can access world-class healthcare when and where they need it.

An additional \$390 million in the 2022-23 ACT Budget will deliver a total investment in health of more than \$10 billion over four years.

This significant investment will deliver:

- Expanded support for our public hospitals and health centres;
- The continued COVID-19 response;
- More mental health services;
- State-of-the art medical imaging upgrades; and
- Record numbers of healthcare workers.



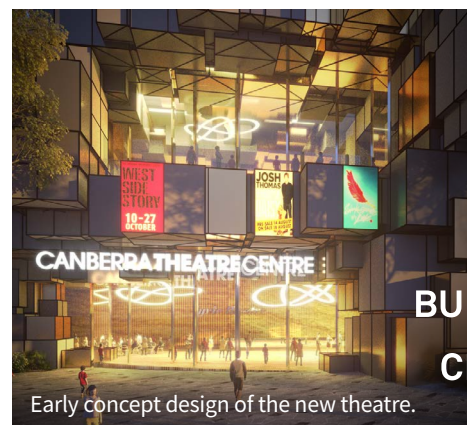
Grant applications open soon!

Grants support senior Canberrans and veterans

Two grant programs supporting veterans and older Canberrans are opening soon.

The programs fund projects that promote the groups as valued community members.

Head online for more information on how to apply.



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Early concept design of the new theatre.

New theatre planned for city centre

A new 2000-seat theatre will form part of a major Canberra Theatre Centre redevelopment. The existing Canberra Theatre will be renovated and revitalised to support a bigger range of live performances coming to the capital.

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Investing in Gungahlin schools

Gungahlin families will benefit from new investment in local public schools as part of the 2022-23 ACT Budget.

A second college has been earmarked for Gungahlin, while further funding in new and expanded schools will provide more than a thousand local students with modern learning facilities in coming years. The Margaret Hendry School expansion is expected to be completed for the 2023 school year, creating up to 600 more student places.

Nearby, work is progressing on a new high school in Taylor, which will support up to 800 students and include a double gymnasium for community use. It is expected to be completed for the 2024 school year.



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A render of the new high school being built in Taylor.



Local bus stop upgrades

Seven bus stops have been upgraded across Gungahlin to improve the community's public transport experience. This includes bus stops in the town centre, Franklin and Amaroo.



Budget puts health in focus

Canberrans will have access to new and improved health services at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, following an investment of up to \$58 million in the 2022-23 ACT Budget.

The funding will ensure the hospital continues to provide world-class services on the northside, increasing patient capacity, expanding its special care nursery and more.

About \$4 million will also go to providing youth mental health services in Gungahlin through the expansion of the ACT Government's Childhood Early Intervention Program.

This will ensure these services are readily available to local children aged 5-12 experiencing symptoms of anxiety, depression and other challenges.

The program will be located at Gungahlin's Child and Family Centre in 2023-24.

Stay safe this Rail Safety Week

A moment of distraction can change your life forever. This Rail Safety Week from 8-14 August is an important reminder for Canberrans to Stand Back. Look Up. Stay Rail Safe.



Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



Accessibility
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Ph 131 450

Floriade:
17 September to 16 October

NightFest:
29 September to 2 October



Floriade returns with the Sounds of Spring

Canberra will come alive with vibrant colour and beauty next month when Floriade returns to Commonwealth Park as a plastic-free event.

This year's theme, the Sounds of Spring, will see visitors explore a

stunning display of more than one million blooms to a soundtrack of classical and contemporary tunes.

If you want to get involved and support the event, sign up as a volunteer online.

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What's on in August

6 August	NRL: Raiders v Panthers GIO Stadium
14 August	Ben Portsmouth – This is Elvis Canberra Theatre Centre
19 August	GWS Giants v Fremantle Dockers Manuka Oval
17-18 August	Canberra CareersXpo Exhibition Park in Canberra
18 August	Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour Canberra Theatre Centre
26-28 August	Capital to Coast 100km Multistage Trail Running Race Multiple Locations
27 August	NRL: Raiders v Sea Eagles GIO Stadium



For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au

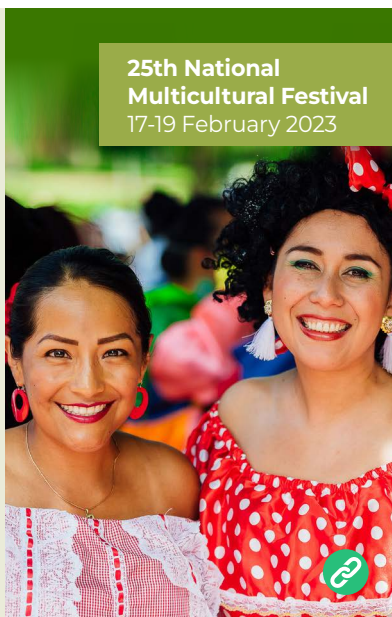
Apply now for Multicultural Festival grants

Community organisations are invited to apply for grants to help bring their cultural activities and showcases to the 2023 National Multicultural Festival.

The event will mark the 25th anniversary of the festival and its celebration of Canberra's cultural diversity.

Applications are open for stallholders, performers and volunteers.

25th National Multicultural Festival
17-19 February 2023



Canberrans, we need you!

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Help shape upcoming projects

We want your input on current and upcoming ACT Government initiatives, including:

- Right to a Healthy Environment;
- Gungahlin Tennis Facility;
- ACT Disability Health Strategy;
- Multicultural Recognition Act; and
- Active Travel Plan.

For more, visit yoursay.act.gov.au