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## Free Meals in Schools pilot underway



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## Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government has launched a pilot program offering meals to students at five schools across the city.

Gilmore Primary School, Richardson Primary School, Narrabundah Early

Childhood School, Gold Creek School (high school campus) and Melba Copland Secondary School senior campus (years 10-12) will take part in the program to support students in government schools.

Andrew Barr



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## Milestone for Big Canberra Battery project

The ACT Government is future-proofing Canberra's energy supply by expanding its renewable energy storage.

The government has partnered with Eku Energy to deliver the next stage of the Big Canberra Battery – a large-scale battery storage facility to be built in Williamsdale.

The 250MW battery energy storage system will provide enough renewable energy to power one-third of Canberra for two hours during a network outage.

The Big Canberra Battery project will help the ACT grow its sustainability industry and provide more employment opportunities for Canberrans.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2024.



## Early Pregnancy Unit now open

Patients experiencing complications in early pregnancy now have better access to health services with a dedicated three-bed inpatient unit open at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.

The Early Pregnancy Service supports patients experiencing early pregnancy complications and loss. Until now, no dedicated facility has existed to provide this type of care in a private, healing space.

Clinicians, consumers and carers contributed to the design of the unit, which is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of health professionals.

A new 15-bed Antenatal and Gynaecology Unit has also opened, adjacent to the Early Pregnancy Service, with both units part of the \$50 million Centenary Hospital for Women and Children expansion.

## Strengthening renters' rights

Changes to tenancy laws are now in place, creating more secure housing and a fairer system for Canberra's renters. There are four key changes:

- An end to 'no-cause' evictions
- A minimum standard for ceiling insulation
- Preventing landlords or agents from requesting rent bids
- Supporting tenants to grow food and to compost.

Find more online.



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## Free Meals in Schools pilot for Gold Creek High School

Gold Creek School's high school campus is one of five ACT public schools taking part in an 18-month Meals in Schools pilot program.

As part of the pilot, all students in years 7 to 10 at the school will have access to breakfast and lunch up to three days a week.

The program will begin later this year and will be delivered in collaboration with school communities.



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## A better Ngunnawal Neighbourhood Oval on the way

Upgrades are set to be carried out at Ngunnawal Neighbourhood Oval, benefitting the local community and sporting teams.

These changes will include improved parking arrangements, LED lighting upgrades, irrigation improvements and the addition of an accessible toilet.

Construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2023.

## Progress continues on Gungahlin tennis facility

Gungahlin's new tennis facility is one step closer, following the lodgement of an Estate Development Plan Application.

The facility will include 10 full-sized tennis courts, hot shots courts, a hitting wall, LED flood lighting, parking and a pavilion.

Design development and construction is scheduled to commence later this year.



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### 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.



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## Arm yourself against the flu

Influenza is serious and can cause severe illness, or sometimes even death. It circulates in our community more during the winter months, so getting your annual flu vaccination now is the best way to protect yourself and your family. You can get your flu vaccine at a GP and at some pharmacies.

Government-funded flu vaccines are available for children aged six months to under five years, as well as anyone pregnant, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with certain medical conditions, and those aged 65 years and older (a consultation fee may apply).

Find out more at [health.act.gov.au/flu](http://health.act.gov.au/flu)

## Reconciliation Day at the Arboretum

The sixth annual Reconciliation Day event will be held on Monday 29 May at the National Arboretum, between 10am and 3pm.

Reconciliation Day is a time for Canberrans to come together to learn about our shared history, cultures and achievements, and to explore ways to contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's family-friendly program will feature a range of displays, live entertainment and activities.



## What's on in May

**1-7 May** **Canberra Tree Week**  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

**14 May** **Super Sunday for Mother's Day**  
Old Bus Depot Markets

**19-28 May** **The Trials**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**20-21 May** **Canberra Gemcraft and Mineral Show**  
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**20-21 May** **Canberra Wool Expo**  
Old Bus Depot Markets

**21 May** **Canberra MS Walk, Run + Roll**  
Rond Terrace, Parkes

**28 May** **Storytime: Listen, Engage & Create**  
National Archives of Australia

**30 May-4 June** **Kitty Flanagan Live**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.



For more events and details, visit [events.canberra.com.au](http://events.canberra.com.au)



## Have you seen the Light Rail Stage 2A plans?

Light Rail Stage 2A will connect the city to Commonwealth Park and deliver three new stops. As part of the planning approval process, a Works Approval and Development Application are now open for public consultation and will close soon.

For more information including links for submissions, go to **YourSay Conversations**, or scan the QR code above.