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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to support thousands of Canberra families with the rising cost of living.

The Education Equity Fund has already assisted over 2500 students, helping cover the costs of things like book packs, uniforms and excursions, sport equipment and activities, tuition and music lessons. This is just one part of the Government's efforts to relieve cost of living pressures for Canberrans who need it most. This includes direct financial support for Canberrans with their energy bills, health care and transport, as well as sustainable home upgrades and support to rent or buy a home.

More information is available at **act.gov.au/costoflivingsupport**.

Andrew Barr





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Free health care at ACT Walk-in Centres

Canberra's Walk-in Centres are a great option when you have an injury or illness that is not life-threatening.

Walk-in Centres can assess and treat anyone from one year of age and all services are free of charge. You don't need an appointment, referral or Medicare card – simply walk in.

There are five Walk-in Centres in convenient locations across Canberra, so you won't need to travel far. You'll find them in Tuggeranong, Weston, Dickson, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

All centres are open between 7.30am and 10pm every day of the year. ACT Walk-in Centres are part of the national network of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.





Compare and save on energy bills

Shopping around can save you up to \$700 per year on your energy bills.

The Energy Made Easy website makes it simple to compare what the ACT's energy retailers are offering.

Simply add your postcode and answer some questions about your energy use. You will then get an estimate of how much you would pay under different retailers' plans.

Compare plans to find the best one for your household.

Visit energymadeeasy.gov.au

Find help with education costs

This school year, the Future of Education Equity Fund has helped more than 2500 students.

The fund helps low-income families with a one-off, annual payment to help cover education costs like uniforms, excursions, sport equipment and music lessons. It is open to eligible families with students in preschool to year 12.

Scan the QR code to apply.





act.gov.au/ costofliving support

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New playground and dog park for Gungahlin

Burrumarra Avenue playground in Ngunnawal is now open.

The newly fenced space now offers:

- nature play facilities with balancing elements
- all ages and abilities equipment with a timber double swing and spinner
- toddler play options including a seesaw and platypus sculpture
- picnic tables, shelter and seating, new trees and landscaping.

Construction will soon begin on the new Franklin dog park and is expected to take about nine months to complete.

Located near the new community recreation park on the corner of Oodgeroo and Nullarbor avenues, it will feature:

- an agility area with play elements
- an irrigated grass area for ball and frisbee play
- deciduous trees for canopy cover.



Gungahlin road resurfacing continues

Road resurfacing crews have recently completed work on Flemington Road, Mitchell and sections of the Federal Highway.

This month, crews will be on Lexcen Avenue, Nicholls and continuing work on Mabo Boulevard, Bonner, weather permitting.

The process includes road resealing and asphalt resurfacing to waterproof the road and fill cracks.

Find daily updates on local roads being resurfaced at cityservices.act.gov.au

New inclusive equipment at Neville Bonner Primary

Neville Bonner Primary School has a new space specifically designed for diverse learners, including children and young people with sensory processing needs.

The space has rubber soft-fall flooring, a sand pit, a swing set and play equipment for students of all abilities. The space is responsive to students' needs and supports their safety and wellbeing out in nature.

Neville Bonner Primary is one of 13 public schools to receive inclusive upgrades over the summer holidays.



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.





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Commemorate Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial

On Thursday, 25 April, the Australian War Memorial will begin Anzac Day commemorations with the Dawn Service at 5.30am.

The RSL ACT Branch Veterans' March will be held at 9.30am on the Memorial's new Parade Ground.

Free public transport will be available to anyone attending these events.

Register to ride via the Transport Canberra website. Anyone wearing or displaying war service medals will ride free of charge throughout the day.

Canberra buses and light rail will run to a Sunday timetable for the Anzac Day public holiday.

Scan the QR code for more.



More Saturday bus services for Canberra

A new weekend bus timetable will begin on Saturday, 6 April to include more frequent local bus services on Saturday afternoons.

Local bus services will run hourly from the first service through until 6pm on Saturdays. Rapid bus services will continue to run every 15 to 30 minutes across the entire weekend.

Check the new weekend timetables to see the updated bus times and use the Journey Planner to plan your travel.

Visit transport.act.gov.au

What's on

| Date | Event |
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| 5–7 April | Canberra Times Marathon Festival 2024 John Dunmore Lang Place, Parkes |
| 13 April | Relay for Life 2024 Australian Institute of Sport |
| 13–28 April | Tuff Nutterz Parkes Place Lawns |
| 13–28 April | Canberra & Region Heritage Festival Various locations |
| 14 April | Canberra Fashion Market Fitter's Workshop, Kingston |
| 18 April | Duntroon Estate and its People Canberra Museum and Gallery |
| 20 April | African Festival in the Park Commonwealth Park |
| 30 April | Canberra International Music Festival Various locations |
| Canberrans can also cheer on the | |

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

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



Have you or someone you know been affected by domestic or sexual violence?

The ACT Government is developing a 10-year ACT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy to help Canberrans feel safe in their relationships, homes and communities.

The draft strategy is underpinned by a set of principles, focus areas and priorities that will guide work over the next decade. You can now review the draft strategy and share your feedback.

Have your say by 28 April 2024 at yoursayconversations.act.gov.au

If you need support, call the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (02) 6280 0900 or the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (02) 6247 2525.

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