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Gungahlin's new meeting place



Image: Gungahlin
Chinese Dance Group

Message from the Chief Minister

As Canberra continues to grow, the ACT Government is investing in the infrastructure that keeps the city connected.

The new Gungahlin Community Centre has officially opened its doors, featuring a commercial kitchen, meeting rooms, halls and studios that can host a wide range of events.

Works to improve lighting at the Jacka netball courts have also finished, making it easier to train and play after dark.

This month offers plenty of reasons to get out and about, with markets, major events, community celebrations and sporting fixtures happening right across Canberra.

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More support to electrify your home

The Sustainable Household Scheme (SHS) loan cap has increased.

New applicants can now borrow up to \$20,000 to invest in energy-efficient upgrades and products for their home. These include electric heating and cooling systems, household battery storage systems and more.

Loans can also be used to buy a new or used electric vehicle or charging infrastructure. From September 2026, loans can also be used to buy electric cargo bikes.

SHS loans are low interest, with no upfront costs or fees. Participants have up to 10 years to pay off their loan (terms and conditions apply).

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Next steps for UNSW Canberra City

The 2026–2027 ACT Budget supports the delivery of the new UNSW Canberra City campus in Reid.

Site preparation work has begun on the first stage of the project. A tower crane will be installed on site in the coming months.

Stage 1 includes construction of two new buildings that will deliver major education and research facilities. This stage is expected to be completed in 2028.

UNSW is already operating from the former CIT Reid site as work progresses.

When the new university campus is complete, it is expected to accommodate up to 5,000 students and 1,000 staff.

Period product dispensers for all ACT public schools

Dispensers for free period products are being installed in ACT public schools during term three.

This will enable every ACT public school student who needs to access period products to do so with dignity, privacy and confidence. Students can also access free period products at schools' front offices.

Free period products are available from a range of community locations across the ACT.

These include libraries, health and community services and some government facilities.

Scan the QR code for further details.



Spaces to connect at Gungahlin Community Centre

Canberrans are now making use of the flexible spaces available at the new Gungahlin Community Centre.

The facility offers welcoming, inclusive options to host a wide range of events, including meetings, creative programs and other community activities.

As well as meeting halls, multipurpose rooms and workstations, there are creative studios for visual and digital arts, a dedicated exhibition room, a studio for dance or fitness activities and a commercial kitchen.

It's easy to hire a space online – whether it's a hall for 120 people or a desk for one.

Scan the QR code for details of all spaces and to book.



Image: Gungahlin Country Women's Association



Jacka netball courts shine brighter

New floodlighting has been installed at the Jacka netball courts.

The 200-lux lighting, alongside recently added toilet facilities, supports more flexible court use and helps local netballers stay active into the evening, as well as during the day.

Now it's easier to enjoy extended play, more teams can train, compete and come together after dark.

Jacka netball courts opened in December 2024, giving the Canberra netball community more options for play on the northside.

The four courts are available for community use all year round and can be booked until 9 pm each day.

Scan the QR code for details.

Updates in your region



Recent bus network updates have improved reliability and connections for Gungahlin passengers travelling to the city and Belconnen.



Keep hazardous waste out of bins and drains. Drop off small amounts for free at either Mitchell or Mugga Lane resource management centres.



Batteries and items with built-in batteries don't belong in your household bins. **Scan the QR code** for a list of locations in Gungahlin where you can safely dispose of them for free.



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**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.



NightFest tickets on sale

Tickets are now available for Floriade NightFest, which returns from 1–4 October for four nights of lights, music and entertainment.

Wander through glowing gardens, discover dazzling light installations and enjoy performances as part of a vibrant after-dark experience.

This year's headline acts include ARIA Award-winning band The Temper Trap, best

known for the global hit 'Sweet Disposition'. The iconic Tim Finn – of Split Enz and Crowded House fame – will also perform.

They will be joined by indie rockers Pacific Avenue, plus Busby Marou and Christine Anu, alongside some of Canberra's leading local performers.

Tickets are limited. **Scan the QR code to get yours now.**

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Answer a few simple questions about your situation. The tool will then recommend the best place for help – whether that's your GP, a Walk-in Centre, a community health service or the emergency department.

It covers a wide range of health issues and you can access all recommended services without a referral.

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What's on

5–6 Aug

Canberra CareersXpo
EPIC

8 Aug

Fashion Thrift Society Canberra
EPIC

10 Aug

The Big Bike Film Night
Kambri at ANU

14–23 Aug

Heathers the Musical
Canberra Theatre Centre

15–16 Aug

Oz Comic-Con Canberra
EPIC

16 Aug

Book Club at NFSA
National Film and Sound Archive

28–30 Aug

Capital to Coast trail race
Various locations

30 Aug

Paris to Canberra – French Market
Thoroughbred Park

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Brave this month at GIO Stadium Canberra, Vikings Park and AIS Arena.



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