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Telstra Tower



Milestone for light
rail extension



Progress at Acton
Waterfront

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Inner North, Inner South and City

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Floriade and NightFest return



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Message from the Chief Minister

Spring has arrived, and with it the return of Floriade, bringing colour, great food and visitors from across the nation and the world to Canberra.

As evening falls, NightFest will once again transform Commonwealth Park with a diverse program of entertainment and activities for all ages.

Together, these events offer a chance to enjoy the nation's largest spring festival, support local businesses and make the most of Canberra's spring season.

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Milestones reached for Light Rail Stage 2A

The substation that will help power the next stage of light rail has been installed in Lyneham.

The installation follows extensive construction across the city centre, with construction of the structures at the three new light rail stops well underway.

More than 140 new trees will be planted along the light rail extension, helping to enhance the city's urban landscape.

Major construction is expected to be completed in early 2027, followed by thorough testing before passenger services commence in early 2028.

Scan the QR code to see the tree plantings map and to find out more.



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Next steps for Telstra Tower transformation

Plans to revitalise Telstra Tower have taken another step forward.

The ACT Government has signed a Heads of Agreement with Telstra, which will guide detailed planning, design and operational work for the renewed tourist attraction.

The National Capital Authority has also granted conditional works approval for a

change of use and key design elements.

The unique visitor experience will celebrate the cultural significance of Black Mountain, Canberra's identity, the tower's history and Australia's telecommunications story.

Telstra Tower is expected to reopen to visitors in the summer of 2027/28.

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Free health care when you need it

Walk-in Centres provide free health care for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses for anyone over one year of age.

Staffed by advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners, Walk-in Centres can treat a wide range of everyday health concerns. If you need a higher level of care, staff will help connect you with the right service.

There's no need to make an appointment. Walk-in Centres are open seven days a week from 7.30 am to 10 pm, including all public holidays.

The Inner North Walk-in Centre is located on Joan Kellert Way in Dickson.

Download the updated Canberra Health Services app. It makes it easier to find a health care option near you, as well as clear information on wait times.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Ngamawari progresses at Acton Waterfront

Ngamawari has reached a major milestone with the arrival of 700 tonnes of boulders.

Designed in partnership with the Ngunnawal community, the park will celebrate the stories, flora and fauna of Ngunnawal Country through artworks, native gardens and community spaces.

The boulders will be placed throughout the park's landscape to tell stories and reflect the meaning of Ngamawari, or 'cave place', through cave-like landforms and sheltered gathering spaces.

Access around the site will change during construction. Keep an eye out for signage to help you find your way safely.

The park is due to be completed in 2028.

Scan the QR code for more.



Mowing season has begun

The ACT's annual mowing season is underway across Canberra.

When possible, grass in suburbs and open spaces is mown every 20 days and grass along arterial roads is mown every 25 days, weather permitting.

You can view maps and mowing information on the City Services website, including where mowing crews have recently mown and where they are scheduled to work next.

Scan the QR code for mowing information.

Updates in your region



The site at 91A Wakefield Gardens, Ainslie, will become a new community space integrated with Wakefield Gardens following demolition of the fire-damaged building. Work will protect the precinct's heritage values.



Libraries ACT's opening hours have changed. Branches will open earlier on weekdays and weekend hours have changed at some locations.



Scan the QR code for a list of maintenance work underway across the region. This includes road and path improvements, tree planting and weed management.



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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.



Floriade returns with a Feast of Flowers

Australia's biggest celebration of spring returns to Commonwealth Park from 12 September to 11 October.

This year's theme, Feast of Flowers, sees garden beds inspired by food alongside a program of cooking demonstrations, tastings and workshops.

NightFest is also back from 1–4 October with dazzling lights, delicious food and live entertainment.

It is recommended to catch public transport, or park in the city and follow the Floriade Walking Trail. The trail is a short 15-minute walk to the gates, with cafes, shops and restaurants along the way.

You will also have the chance to see Glorious Wally, a giant Royal Bluebell standing six-metres tall in Garema Place.

Scan the QR code to plan your visit and buy NightFest tickets.

Licence renewal discounts for safe drivers

If you haven't received a driving-related infringement in over five years, you may be eligible for a discount on your licence renewal.

The 30% discount applies to ACT licence holders who have not:

- received a traffic or camera-detected traffic infringement notice
- been convicted of a major offence like drink or drug driving
- been convicted of a motor vehicle-related traffic offence.

The discount only applies to certain ACT licence holders.

Your licence renewal notice will tell you if you can receive a discount.

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What's on

17 Sept

Studio26

CIT Woden

From 19 Sept

RELICS: A New World Rises

Canberra Museum + Gallery

19–20 Sept

Handmade Market Canberra

EPIC

25–26 Sept

Canberra Disability Expo

EPIC

26–27 Sept

Kite Fest

National Arboretum

27 Sept

Spring Sustainability Market

Haig Park

17–18 Oct

CBR Fitness Expo

EPIC

24 Oct

Canberra Nara Candle Festival

Canberra Nara Peace Park

Canberrans can also cheer on the UC Capitals at AIS Arena and GWS Giants AFLW team at Corroboree Group Oval, Manuka.



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