

# OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



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## IMPROVEMENTS TO ISABELLA POND



Two  
Tuggeranong  
ponds will be  
drained for the  
project

Three projects in the Isabella Pond area will provide more recreational space and help to improve water quality.

The improvements mean both ponds will be drained; Isabella Pond for about 18 months and Upper Stranger Pond for

approximately two months. However, work will occur simultaneously to minimise the impact.

Isabella Weir will be upgraded, with excavated sediment used to build new wetlands. While the ponds are drained, carp will be eradicated and the ponds re-stocked with native fish once construction is complete.

Work will occur during 2017 and 2018.



For more information, visit [economicdevelopment.act.gov.au](http://economicdevelopment.act.gov.au)

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## PROGRESS ON ASHLEY DRIVE DUPLICATION



Work is progressing well on the Ashley Drive duplication including the relocation of underground utilities.

You will see more changes above ground in coming months with a new footpath connection to the pedestrian bridge over Monks Creek and work starting on the new road bridge over the creek.

Work will be completed in early 2018.



## CANBERRA

Celebrate the Canberra Day public holiday on Monday 13 March

Find out more in this edition

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Making it faster and easier for Canberrans and businesses to interact with the government is the driving force behind Access Canberra. Whether you want to recharge your MyWay card, register your pet dog or find a licensed tradesperson, Access Canberra has all that information, and more. You can also improve your suburb through the Fix My Street portal.

We're offering many new services both online and at the new and efficient high-tech Access Canberra shopfronts across the city.

Through these services, we have been able to reduce red tape for residents and businesses and deliver significant reform in the way Canberrans interact with government. Read more details about the services in this edition.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.

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## IMPROVING CANBERRA'S MENTAL HEALTH

The Office for Mental Health is being established in Canberra. The office will address gaps in mental health services, set targets for suicide reduction, and provide more support for young people to improve their mental health.

## NEW SUPPORT PROGRAM NEUROMOVES

A new NeuroMoves Program will provide people with spinal cord and various neurological conditions with access to much needed support.

Developed by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, this is a new program to Canberra that improves access to quality, individualised support including innovative exercise and rehabilitation.

NeuroMoves will operate out of John James HealthCare Campus and is expected to start later this year.

For more information visit [scia.org.au/exercise-neuromoves](http://scia.org.au/exercise-neuromoves)



## ACCESS CANBERRA NOW IN NEW LOCATIONS

There are now faster transactions, more services and less waiting in line at Access Canberra shopfronts.

Land titles and revenue services have relocated to Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson.

All other services previously offered at the old Fyshwick shopfront are available at our existing Access Canberra Service Centres in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin. The shopfront in Woden is now located at the Cosmopolitan Building at the Woden bus interchange.

For more information visit [act.gov.au/accesscbr](http://act.gov.au/accesscbr)

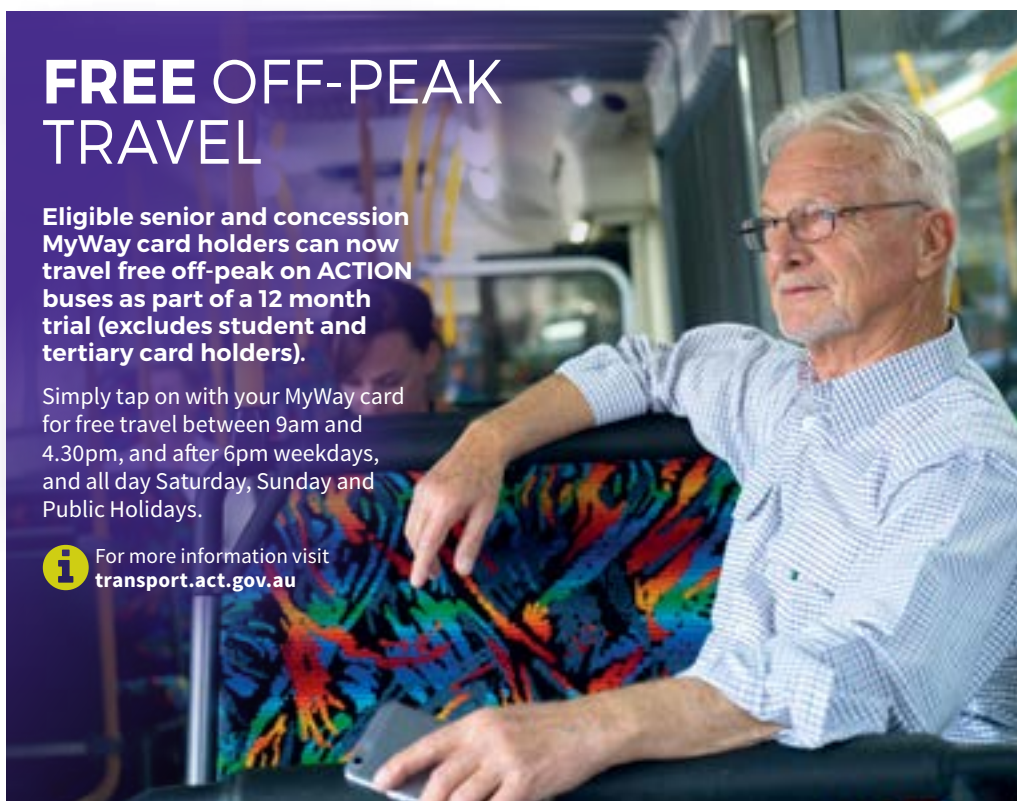


## FREE OFF-PEAK TRAVEL

Eligible senior and concession MyWay card holders can now travel free off-peak on ACTION buses as part of a 12 month trial (excludes student and tertiary card holders).

Simply tap on with your MyWay card for free travel between 9am and 4.30pm, and after 6pm weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## CANBERRA WALK & RIDE WEEK

17-24 MARCH



Look out for an exciting program of events hosted by a range of community organisations.

Canberrans are encouraged to use a GPS tracking Smartphone app to record their walking and cycling activities across the week.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## MORE NATIVE FISH IN OUR WATERWAYS

16,000 golden perch fingerlings are now making Lake Tuggeranong their home. The new arrivals will boost the number of native fish in our waterways and help control carp.

## NEW TEACHERS JOIN THE TEAM

“I’m really looking forward to implementing personal learning strategies that enable students to present work in a variety of different ways. It’s not just about writing an essay”

Madeleine Clayden,  
new teacher at Wanniasa High School.

Madeleine is one of 270 new teachers and staff who have joined one of Canberra’s 87 public schools this year.

For more on Madeleine and other new teachers visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLBEING

Canberra public schools are committed to providing all students with an inclusive and supportive education.

Many schools will take part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 17 March 2017, with students coming together to take a stand against all forms of bullying, harassment and violence.

In addition, the ACT Government-supported Safe Schools program assists same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students and their families. Every school also has its own programs to support student wellbeing. If you are concerned about your child, speak to their teacher or principal.

For more information and resources visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)



## SOLAR FOR CANBERRA

Two new solar farms are now operating in the ACT and the numbers are impressive.

They'll produce  
**44,300 Mwh**  
a year  
to power around  
**6,050 homes**

There's  
**84,000 solar panels**  
at the  
**2 farms**

**40%**  
of Canberra's  
electricity supply  
will come from  
renewables  
in **2017**


For more information visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)





# A SYMPHONY FOR CANBERRA

Framed by the tree lined landscape of the iconic Commonwealth Park sit back and relax as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra brings the work of a well known band to life. Bring a picnic, blanket and popcorn or enjoy a bite to eat from the food stalls.

 Sunday 12 March at Stage 88. For more information visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au)

## A PASSPORT TO AN AMAZING CHILDHOOD

Kick-start some amazing outdoor adventures for your children with a Nature Play Passport.

The Passport has 10 'mission' pages, stickers and suggestions on great places to go and things to do outdoors. The idea is to get kids to run, jump, climb, splash, invent, create and play outside by completing a series of fun, low and no cost missions and record their results in the Passport.

 Get your free Passport at [natureplaycbr.org.au](http://natureplaycbr.org.au)

### LIGHTS! CANBERRA! ACTION!

A piece of Hollywood returns with the 14th year of this short film festival on **Friday 10 March from 7pm in the Senate Rose Gardens.**

## CELEBRATE CANBERRA DAY

Canberra's turning 104! Celebrations kick off bright and early at the Canberra Balloon Spectacular. Enjoy a delicious breakfast on the lawns of Old Parliament House, watching hot air balloons take to the sky as the sun rises.

Later in the day, join us to celebrate all things Canberra with a program bursting to the seams with food and free entertainment.



Monday 13 March at Commonwealth Park.



For more information on Canberra Day and the Balloon Spectacular, visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au)



## CONNECT & PARTICIPATE IN CBR

The Connect and Participate Expo showcases opportunities for Canberrans of all abilities and ages to join groups and build social connections around common interests, such as art, sport and music. Entry is free.



Saturday 25 March, 11am to 4pm at the Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston.



For more information visit [connectandparticipateexpo.com.au](http://connectandparticipateexpo.com.au)



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