New natural play spaces are now ready for action on Finn Street in O’Connor and at Telopea Park in Barton.

Explore the amphitheatre style nature classroom at the O’Connor play space. Here your children can get creative in the loose parts shop with small sticks, rocks, logs and other natural elements for building their first masterpiece.

Kids will also love the loose parts shop at Telopea Park, as well as the campfire style social spot, timber post maze, pipe tunnels for exploring, freestyle logs and stepping stones.

Recently-released data from last year’s Census shows the ACT population grew faster than any State or Territory over the past five years, adding more than 40,000 new residents – an increase of 11 per cent.

We are now a Territory of 400,000 people and another eight suburbs’ worth of people – the equivalent of Weston Creek – are expected to make Canberra their home over the next four years.

We understand the importance of renewing and boosting our essential transport, health, housing and education services now so we’re ready as more people call Canberra home. It will also help us avoid the gridlock and stretched services experienced in cities like Sydney or Melbourne.
If you see a fault or outage report it & avoid it!

Like electrical devices in your home, territory-owned electrical assets can become faulty and potentially become a safety risk. Faulty fixtures such as streetlights, barbecues and power outlets should be avoided and faults reported so we can fix it as a priority.

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Canberra's youngest patients have had a more comfortable wait for treatment in the ACT's first Paediatric Streaming area, which is part of Canberra Hospital's Emergency Department.

Splashes of bright colours, native fish and birds are part of the design in the triage and treatment areas. The facility has now been operating for a year and includes six beds, two consultation rooms and a private waiting area.

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Environmental and sustainability initiatives have been a driving force in the design and construction of the new University of Canberra Public Hospital (UCPH).

Green and clean initiatives include solar panels, rain water harvesting for reuse in the facility, LED lighting and a facade specifically designed for the Canberra climate.

The design of UCPH was inspired by Canberra's bush landscape, with the rolling hills and colours of the Brindabellas being incorporated into the design.

UCPH is on track to open in mid-2018.

Young Canberrans aged 12- to 25 years with ideas to strengthen social inclusion in Canberra can apply for grants for up to $1500.

Applications close Sunday 3 September 2017.
To apply, visit https://dhcs.smartgrants.com.au/2017-18YouthInterACTGrants

For further information, please contact the Youth InterACT team youthinteract@act.gov.au or 6207 8698.

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FLORIADE OPENING NIGHT CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

The Canberra Symphony Orchestra will be joined on stage by The Ziggy Band, at the inaugural Floriade Opening Night Concert. Hear all your favourite Bowie hits, from *Let’s Dance* through to *Starman* and enjoy exclusive access to Floriade before gates officially open the next morning.

TWO WEEKENDS OF NIGHTFEST

To celebrate Floriade’s 30th birthday, NightFest will be held on two weekends for the first time ever. 22-24 September and 29 September - 1 October.

Tickets available via Ticketek. For more information visit floriaustralia.com

TOP 3 BUSHWALKS IN NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK

Canberra’s outskirts have plenty of scenic bushwalks for all levels. Try these three popular walks in Namadgi National Park.

1. **Square Rock Walking Track** - this 9km bushwalk is relatively easy for the whole family.
2. **Booroomba Rocks** - as you make your way up to the summit, this track has a smorgasbord of native flora along the 4km round trip.
3. **Yankee Hat walking track** – the best known Aboriginal art site in the ACT. As you trek through the stunning grasslands, kangaroos are a common sight on the 6km return walk.

Remember to always let someone know about your plans. Also wear comfortable shoes and carry food and water.

For maps and more information visit act.gov.au/bestbushwalks

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\[ \text{Photo: Allie Matthews, 6, from Rivett, received a donor liver when she was one year old.} \]

NOMINATE A GREAT CANBERRAN

Is there a Canberran who inspires you? Someone who makes an exceptional contribution to their field or the Canberra community? Then nominate them for the Order of Australia.

The Order of Australia formally recognises Australians from all walks of life who, every day, make outstanding contributions to our communities and our nation. Nominations are open all year round.

For more information and to nominate visit gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards

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