

# OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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CANBERRA NAMED

## World's 3<sup>rd</sup> Best City

TO VISIT IN LONELY PLANET'S BEST IN TRAVEL 2018.

**CANBERRA:**  
highest ever ranked Australian city in this annual list.

Lonely Planet thinks that our little city packs a big punch naming Canberra the number three city to visit in the world in its 'Best in Travel Top Cities' list for 2018.

Best in Travel 2018 is Lonely Planet's annual agenda-setting collection of the world's hottest destinations, experiences and trends for each upcoming year. Canberra has ranked higher than any Australian city has ever been ranked before in the travel publisher's annual Top 10 Best in Travel lists.

Lonely Planet said Canberra has a new lease of life, a unique sense of style, cool bars, cafes and endless family friendly entertainment.

**We are world-class Canberra!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

There are many reasons to be proud of our city and last month we felt particularly proud of how Canberrans responded to the marriage equality postal survey.

The national vote was a resounding yes, but the ACT stood out. We had the highest response rate of any jurisdiction at 82.4 per cent, which demonstrates how much Canberrans care about the future.

And we had the highest yes vote proportional to population at 74.1 per cent of any jurisdiction, demonstrating how inclusive Canberrans are.

Fairness and equality are at the heart of Australian society. Canberrans have voted for all Australians to have the same opportunities for love and happiness.

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## DUPLICATION OF HORSE PARK DRIVE **A**

The duplication of Horse Park Drive is now complete between Anthony Rolfe Avenue and Gundaroo Drive.

Work will begin in early 2018 to finish the duplication between the Federal Highway and Well Station Drive.



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

**YOURsay**

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## NEW APP TRACKS TRAFFIC HOT SPOTS

Avoid traffic build ups in Gungahlin by downloading a new app called 'ACT Traffic'.

Users will get audio alerts on their phone about hazards or delays, so you can find an alternative route.

The app is available on iTunes or [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au).



## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE THIS CHRISTMAS

Let's be kinder to the environment this festive season.



**RECYCLE RIGHT**  
Go to the website for A-Z tips



**SAY NO TO**  
Plastic bags



**REDUCE**  
Less is more



**NOT RECYCLABLE**  
No Polystyrene



**REUSE**  
Wrapping paper



**RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES**  
Free real tree drop off



**REDUCE WASTE**  
Love your leftovers



**RECYCLING DROP OFF**  
Gungahlin O'Brien Place



For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste](http://tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste)

## KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER

It's officially summer. Here are some tips to keep cool in the capital when the weather heats up.

- > Keep fluids up by drinking plenty of water. Free outdoor water refill stations are available across Canberra. For water station locations visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)
- > to beat the heat, head to cooler public places like libraries, shopping centres or cinemas and
- > don't forget to Slip-Slop-Slap.

Most importantly, check on your neighbours, especially if they are elderly.

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



## HOLIDAY CONTACT INFORMATION



### HEALTH SERVICES

Walk-in Centres at Belconnen and Tuggeranong are free and open on public holidays from 7.30am to 10pm. Emergency Departments at Canberra Hospital and Calvary Hospital are also open.

For information or advice phone 1800 022 222 or visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)



### PRIORITY HOUSING

If you are seeking priority housing, please contact Housing ACT on 133 427.



### BUSHFIRE INFORMATION

Call 000 in an emergency and stay tuned to [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au) for alert and updates.



### REPORTING CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a child or young person, you can notify Child and Youth Protection Services 1300 556 729



### ANIMAL CARE

If you come across a lost or injured pet contact Domestic Animal Services 13 22 81 to speak with the on duty ranger.



### CRISIS ACCOMMODATION

Anyone experiencing domestic violence during the holiday period can contact the Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 6280 0900 (24-hour service).




For information on holiday period operating hours for ACT Libraries, Domestic Animal Services, Yarralumla Nursery and Waste Management Services visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## A NEW DEVICE FOR ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Every public school student in years 7 to 11 across Canberra will get a brand new Chromebook in 2018.

Access to technology is important. This device will give students the chance to participate in technology-based learning regardless of their family circumstances.

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




## AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CANBERRANS

The ACT Government has a new Housing Strategy for 2018.

Almost 200 people from all over Canberra brought their energy and ideas to the Housing and Homelessness Summit in October. Information collected at the Summit has created three new strategies:

- > a \$1 million dollar Housing Innovation Fund for an affordable housing initiative
- > an affordable home purchase database
- > annual affordable, public and community housing supply targets.

 For more information visit [planning.act.gov.au/topics/affordable\\_housing](http://planning.act.gov.au/topics/affordable_housing)




## FIX MY STREET

## SEE IT. CHECK IT. REPORT IT.

A new and improved 'Fix My Street' website now offers more information on what's going on in Gungahlin.

On the new website you can:

- > easily report street issues that need attention, like street lights out or graffiti
- > see what other street issues have already been reported in your suburb with the interactive map
- > check on scheduled services in your suburb, like street sweeping, mowing and bin collections.

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



## A NEW PARK FOR NORTHSIDE FAMILIES

A new place to play in Gungahlin is coming soon, with Moncrieff Recreation Park opening this month.

The BBQ spaces will make it the perfect destination for summer. The park is located on the corner of O'Keefe Avenue and Gussy Street, Moncrieff.



## PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS



Jeff Hunt, a teacher at Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre, has been named Secondary Teacher of the Year at the Public Education Awards.

"Jeff works tirelessly and successfully to develop the whole person."

Steve Watson, Deputy Principal METC



# LET THE AIRPORT SHUTTLE TAKE YOU AWAY



For those getting away this festive season, let Transport Canberra take you to or from Canberra Airport on the Airport Shuttle. It runs seven days a week with pick up and drop off in the City.

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



## REVISED CHRISTMAS BUS TIMETABLE

Revised bus timetables will run over the Christmas and New Year period, from 21 December to 8 January 2018.

There is a special FREE service on Christmas Day.

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

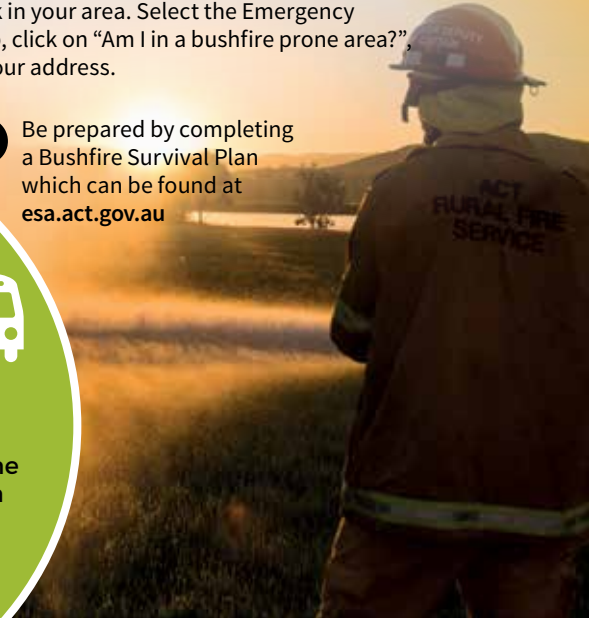
# ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?



After a dry winter the ACT can expect an above normal bushfire risk this summer.

Get online at [actmapi.act.gov.au](http://actmapi.act.gov.au) to assess the bushfire risk in your area. Select the Emergency Services tab, click on "Am I in a bushfire prone area?", and enter your address.

**i** Be prepared by completing a Bushfire Survival Plan which can be found at [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN GLEBE PARK

**Kicking off on Friday 8 December are two-and-a-half weeks of Christmas fun in Glebe Park.**

The celebrations will include light displays, a Christmas forest, food and drink options, and entertainment for kids and adults.

Entry to Glebe Park will be free but some activities will request a small donation to the event's charity partner, Red Nose.

**i** For more information visit [cityrenewalcanberra.com.au](http://cityrenewalcanberra.com.au)



# FAREWELL 2017 IN STYLE



Get ready to celebrate the end of another year right here in Canberra. The skies will again fill with a colourful display of fireworks at 9.00pm and midnight.

In Civic Square there's an all ages concert while Garema Place will be rocking with DJ sets.

**i** For more information visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au)



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