

OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition

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CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE ON NEW HOSPITAL



The new hospital opens to patients mid-year

Construction work is now complete at the University of Canberra Hospital, the specialist centre for rehabilitation, recovery and research.

At full capacity, Canberra's newest hospital will have 140 overnight

inpatient beds, 75 day places and additional outpatient services. The hospital features a hydrotherapy pool, therapeutic courtyards and gymnasiums.

i For more information visit health.act.gov.au and search 'University of Canberra Hospital'

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT's third public hospital is an important milestone as we roll out better healthcare across our growing city. University of Canberra Hospital will be a specialist centre for rehabilitation, recovery and research and will help with tailored programs for patients.

Along with more Walk-In Centres, refurbished maternity and elderly acute care wards, more ambulance crews and free vaccinations for Canberra's children, the ACT Government is committed to providing better healthcare for our growing city.

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GREEN BINS IN TIME FOR SPRING



Get ready Belconnen, green bins arrive in September this year, just in time for spring gardening. You'll be asked to register your interest in the coming months.

Green bins are for garden waste only and collections will be fortnightly. A one-off registration fee of \$50 will apply. Eligible concession card holders will be exempt from payment.

i For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au and search 'Green Bins'.



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YOURsay

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au



FREE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

Canberrans aged 16 to 19 can get a free meningococcal ACWY vaccine in 2018 through their GP.

Meningococcal disease is a rare and potentially life-threatening illness and the best way to protect yourself and others is by getting vaccinated.

A free vaccine is also available to year 10 students attending ACT high schools through a schools-based program.

 For more information visit health.act.gov.au

Free vaccine at school for year 10 school students



FREE FLU VACCINE

for under 5s



A free flu vaccine is now available to all children aged from six months to under five years. Parents are encouraged to get their child vaccinated in autumn before the start of the flu season.

The vaccine is available through GPs and ACT Health Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics (GPs may charge a consultation fee).

 For more information visit health.act.gov.au




BIKE STOPS FOR A SMOOTHER RIDE

There are a range of local businesses across the ACT who are offering 'bike stop' facilities to support local and visiting cyclists.

Facilities provided will vary at each registered 'Bike Stop', but could include toilets, showers and change rooms, bag storage, water refill and tyre pumps.

The program is helping shape Canberra as a bike friendly city and Australia's cycling capital.

To register your business email TCCS.ActiveTravel@act.gov.au.

 For more information including a list of 'Bike Stops' visit transport.act.gov.au and search 'Bike Stop Program'



CHECK IF YOUR VEHICLE IS IMPACTED: TAKATA AIRBAG RECALL

Up to a quarter of Canberra vehicles may be affected by the compulsory defective Takata airbag recall.

Check if your vehicle's make or model is affected by visiting act.gov.au/airbag.

Defective airbags have caused death and serious injury.

If you receive a letter from your vehicle supplier or manufacturer please act immediately.

If you have questions please call **13 22 81**.





MORE BEDS for MUMS AND BUBS

Expectant mums in Canberra's north will soon have access to an expanded maternity unit at Calvary Hospital.

The new unit will increase its bed capacity to 18 and offer more comfortable and spacious birthing facilities. It will also have a new patient and family room and a new baby and parent education and assessment room.

Work will be completed in mid-2018.



STAY ON TOP OF LIGHT RAIL

Work continues on stage one of Canberra's Light Rail Network with some intersection closures in place.

To stay on top of how work can affect your travel, pre-plan your route with email alerts. These will notify you of road closures and congested areas.

Sign up at transport.act.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY on the BELCONNEN BIKEWAY



Consultation on the Belconnen Bikeway will open later this month.

The Belconnen Bikeway will provide a strong connection from the Belconnen Town Centre, University of Canberra, Radford College and CIT Bruce campus to the east, and Page and Florey to the west. We want your feedback on the proposed alignment and the facilities such as water fountains and seats you would like to see along the way.

Check the Your Say website for details yoursay.act.gov.au



A 'SPARK' in NEW COMMUNITIES



Belconnen's newest area, Ginninderry, has a training and employment initiative to help Canberrans in new communities reach their potential in 2018.

This year the SPARK program will focus on skills development, work experience and employment in the early childhood education and construction sectors.

For more information visit ginninderry.com.au

BETTER FACILITIES at BELCONNEN HIGH



Students at Belconnen High will benefit from the modernisation works that will continue throughout the year.

Work will include renovations to the main building, administration areas, classrooms, technology areas and some outdoor spaces, as well as a new roof.

Once complete the school will provide a more modern learning environment for students and teachers.





MY CULTURE,
MY STORY

CANBERRA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

14-29
APRIL



There's something for everyone at this year's Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. With over 100 events happening across the capital there are plenty of ways to celebrate our city's colourful stories, culture and buildings.

In Belconnen, get ready to:

Walk among the snow gums in the frost hollow at Aranda – Sunday 15 April.

Research family history at the Heraldry & Genealogy Society – Saturday 21 April.

Explore the Pinnacle with an Aboriginal guide – Sunday 22 April.

Discover our role in the Cold War – Sunday 22 April.

i For more information visit act.gov.au/heritagefestival



Learn about Aboriginal bush tucker

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APRIL

FREE BUSES
to ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Free bus transport to Anzac Day services will once again be available in 2018.

You can 'Register to Ride' at transport.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10

POWERED by THE SUN



New solar panels and battery storage have been installed at the Arboretum's horticultural works depot, powering everything from air conditioning to welders.

The system will reduce the ACT's greenhouse gas emissions by about 28.5 tonnes per year, equivalent to taking 11.8 cars off the road each year.

i For more information on solar energy visit actsmart.act.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE ARBORETUM



The National Arboretum has plenty of space for the kids to run and roam these school holidays.

They'll love Pod Playground and the labyrinth in the new Gallery of Gardens. You can also bring your own kites to fly at the amphitheatre.

Pack a picnic to enjoy on the Himalayan Cedar deck, or enjoy delicious food from Sprout Café.

i For more information visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au



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