With plans to extend Light Rail to Woden, more upgrades will continue in the town centre.

These upgrades include new cycleway and verge improvements along Corinna Street and Furzer Street. Paths will also be widened on Melrose Drive and Ball Street.

A major priority will be improving the streetscape of the area, which was identified in the Woden Town Centre Master Plan. Work is expected to start in 2019-20.

As Canberra grows, we’re strengthening our public health system and care in our hospitals.

This month our new University of Canberra Hospital opens and will care for patients recovering from surgery, illness or injury, or experiencing mental illness. Construction of the Gungahlin Walk-In Centre is progressing and upgrades to Calvary Public Hospital’s Emergency Department will start soon.

ACT Health is currently recruiting for all types of health professionals and we’d like you to help. Visit health.act.gov.au/employment to find out more.
MORE EDUCATORS FOR A GROWING CITY

Public schools across Canberra will welcome 66 new teachers and support staff over four years starting from the 2019 school year.

Schools will also receive more support for students with a disability and have access to a new teacher mentor program.

More than 1,300 extra students are set to join the ACT public education system next year.

For more information visit education.act.gov.au

LEAVE FIREWOOD ON THE GROUND

Collecting firewood and cutting down trees in our reserves and public areas is illegal.

Fallen timber provides safe shelter for native animals to hide from predators and seek refuge from the cold.

Instead of taking it from the bush, firewood can be purchased from a number of legal vendors in the ACT.

For more information visit environment.act.gov.au

IT WASN’T ME!

Have you ever received a speeding or red light traffic camera infringement, but don’t remember committing the offence?

You can now view camera images of most traffic offences online at the time you receive your infringement notice.

For more information visit act.gov.au/speedcameraimage

PLANNING STRATEGY

Our city is changing, our population is growing rapidly, and we need greater housing choice.

With this in mind, help us refresh and update the ACT’s Planning Strategy to shape Canberra over the coming decades.

To join the conversation visit yoursay.act.gov.au
DUPLICATION OF COTTER ROAD FINISHED

Motorists can expect an easier drive on Cotter Road with the duplication now complete.

The 1.7 kilometre section from west of the Tuggeranong Parkway to east of Yarralumla Creek is now open.

The works complete the duplication of Cotter Road between Dudley Street, Yarralumla and John Gorton Drive, Weston Creek.

LIGHT RAIL ROUTE TO WODEN

In preparation for light rail to Woden, planning and design work is underway for changes to the bus interchange, upgrades to the park and ride facilities and surrounding road network, and improvements to the Yarra Glen roundabout and intersections.

The light rail project is expected to bring more investment to the Woden town centre and will deliver an important north-south transport spine for Canberra.

The ACT Government is continuing to work with the National Capital Authority on its preferred route, which will connect the city to Woden via Parkes and Barton.

USE WALK-IN CENTRES THIS WINTER

Visit the Tuggeranong Walk-In Centre for free, one-off treatment of minor injury or illness.

Walk-In Centres are open every day between 7.30am and 10pm, no appointment is necessary.

If you need emergency care, call 000, or go directly to Canberra Hospital Emergency Department.

The Tuggeranong Walk-In Centre is located on the corner of Anketell and Pitman Streets, Tuggeranong.

SAFE TRAVEL HEADING TO THE SNOW

Snow has started falling across the mountains around the bush capital.

Access roads into the mountains are sealed and are at times unsuitable for 2WD vehicles.

Stay up-to-date on road conditions by visiting tccs.act.gov.au, or drop into the Namadgi or Tidbinbilla Visitor Centres for the latest advice.

HELP ROUGH SLEEPERS in CANBERRA

The 2016 Census showed more than 50 people in the ACT are sleeping rough on the streets every night.

Help rough sleepers by supporting homelessness charities, buying the Big Issue magazine or contacting support services like ‘OneLink’ and ‘Street to Home’.

For more information visit act.gov.au and search ‘rough sleeping’.
**WARM TREES**

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**NATIONAL ARBORETUM**

The National Arboretum is brightening up winter with a colourful knitted installation.

Warm Trees is the combined effort of hundreds of knitters from Australia and overseas.

For more information on events at the Arboretum visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

*Photograph: J Mohr*

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**INTERNATIONAL TEST CRICKET IN CANBERRA**

Tickets are now on sale for Canberra's first International Test match between Australia and Sri Lanka at Manuka Oval in February.

For more information visit cricket.com.au/tickets

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**NOMINATE AN AUSTRALIAN of the YEAR**

Play your part by giving our nation’s best the recognition they deserve. If you know a remarkable Canberran, nominate them for an Australian of the Year Award, before 31 July 2018.

Nominate at australianoftheyear.org.au

*Pictured above: Suzanne Funks, 2018 ACT Local Hero*

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**‘WINTERVENTION’ IN THE CITY**

Break out your beanies, gloves and winter coats and head to the city to enjoy some mid-winter fun. ‘Wintervention’ is on now in the city, offering a range of family-friendly activities. There’s ice skating, a circus performance at the La Petite Grand Theatre tent, carnival rides and you can warm your belly at the World Curry Festival from 13-15 July.

**LOCATION:** Garema Place, City Walk and Civic Square

For more information visit act.gov.au/cityrenewal

*NOW TO AUGUST*

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