

OUR CANBERRA

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GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS START



Register for
your green bin
service now

Green bin collections start this month in Belconnen.

It's not too late to register for your own green bin. Pay a one-off, cost-recovery fee of \$50, with bins collected every fortnight. Eligible concession card holders can receive their bin for free.

Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, flowers and small branches can all go into green bins. Avoid contaminating this valuable source of mulch with household garbage, recyclables or plastic bags (including biodegradable or compostable bags).

 For more information or registration visit tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste

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MORE ROOMS at CALVARY MATERNITY WARD



Calvary Public Hospital has a newly refurbished maternity ward for pregnant mums when delivering their new babies.

The maternity ward has increased its capacity and can deliver more babies in a modern and comfortable environment.

It now has 10 single rooms with ensembles and four large twin rooms with shared bathrooms.

 For more information visit calvarycare.org.au/public-hospital-bruce



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The Federal Government must let Canberrans make our own laws about voluntary assisted dying.

The Bill to restore our right to legislate on this issue was recently defeated in the Senate. Voluntary assisted dying is an incredibly difficult issue, and I respect the differing views held in the community.

But Canberrans should not be stopped from discussing something that their friends and family in Melbourne or Queanbeyan can.

We are absolutely capable of having a mature and respectful conversation on this important issue and the ACT Government will continue to work with the Federal Parliament on this matter.



For more stories and information from across Canberra visit act.gov.au/our-canberra or follow us on social media.

YOURsay

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

REGISTER BIRTHS ONLINE

Canberra parents will soon be able to register the birth of their new baby from the comfort of their home.



A new online birth registration form will be available on the Access Canberra website.

Parents can use it to complete the birth registration online and apply for a birth certificate at the same time.

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



TALK IT OUT, on NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE



Many noise concerns can be resolved with a simple conversation.

Your neighbour may not realise how their noise is affecting you.

i For tips on how to start the conversation with your neighbour visit act.gov.au/noise



CREATING CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK



Thank you for your feedback on Canberra's new bus network, over 9,500 people completed the online survey.

The new network has been designed to respond to the community's calls for more buses, more often, seven days a week with expanded Rapid services and light rail.

The objective is to provide better, more frequent services to more Canberrans. Consultation on our proposed bus network has now closed and Transport Canberra is incorporating community input into the new network.

i For more information visit canberrabuses.com.au



REHAB SERVICES MOVE to NEW HOSPITAL



Following last month's opening of the new University of Canberra Hospital, some rehabilitation and mental health services have moved to the dedicated hospital in Belconnen.

Services that have moved include:

- > Rehabilitation Allied Health Services
- > Adult Mental Health Day Service
- > Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Program
- > Aged Care Rehabilitation Service from Calvary Public Hospital
- > ACT Health's hydrotherapy service.

i For more information on what services have moved visit health.act.gov.au/uch



ACADEMY of **FUTURE SKILLS**

Belconnen students are getting the opportunities they need for the jobs of the future, with the establishment of a 'Future Skills Academy'

The Academy will be based at University of Canberra, Lake Ginninderra Senior Secondary College and will focus on STEM education.

The Future Skills Academy is for use by all local public schools.



HELPING OLDER CANBERRANS **STAY at HOME**

The ACT Government recognises that many older Canberrans may want to age in their homes.

The Aged Deferral Scheme gives older Canberrans the option to defer paying their annual household general rates against the future sale of their property.

The 2018 ACT Budget expanded the eligibility of the scheme so that anyone aged 65 or over, who has at least 75 per cent equity in their home, can take advantage.

 For more information visit revenue.act.gov.au/home-owner-assistance



EXPLORE CANBERRA with **TRACKS APP**

Head outdoors with the Canberra Tracks app to explore some of Canberra's most historic sites.

Using augmented reality technology you'll discover homesteads and unmarked burial grounds, while learning about Belconnen's early life.

 For more information visit canberratracks.act.gov.au




BREATHE EASIER WITH **AirRater APP**

Thousands of Canberrans who suffer from asthma and hayfever can manage their symptoms by using the free 'AirRater' app.

It provides real-time, location-specific information on pollen, air quality and temperature.

Users can also report their daily symptoms of asthma, allergies and hayfever. Over time, the app will provide personal feedback on what sets off users' symptoms.

 You can download the app from airrater.org





FLORIADE CELEBRATES POP CULTURE

FLORIADE
15 September
to 14 October

Floriade signals the start of spring in the capital with more than one million bulbs and annuals bursting into bloom in a celebration of Pop Culture.

Retro inspired flowerbeds form the backdrop to a brimming festival program. Highlights include Jazz in the Park, a revitalised kid zone including the appearance of Dirtgirl, Dogs' Day Out, morning yoga sessions, more food trucks and a local craft beer garden.

i For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com

Photography: Jo Bakas

NIGHTFEST BIGGER and BETTER

Floriade becomes an illuminated wonderland during NightFest, which returns for five nights from Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 September.

i Program details at floriadeaustralia.com and tickets from ticketek.com



NIGHTFEST
26 September to
30 September

GO WILD at WILDFEST



Wake up in the wild and experience Tidbinbilla in a whole new light these spring school holidays.

Experience 'glamping', Dreamtime stories by firelight, Ranger and Wildlife Officer behind-the-scenes adventures, and much more.

i For more information visit wildfest.com.au/tidbinbilla



SWOOPING MAGPIES TAKE FLIGHT

Follow these simple tips to help avoid being swooped this spring:

- > Walk through the magpies' territory quickly, but don't run
- > Protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses
- > Look towards the magpie
- > Attach flags or streamers on a pole to your backpack or bike.

Warning signs will be placed in troublesome areas.

i To report troublesome areas visit act.gov.au/fixmystreet



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