

# OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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## GUNGAHLIN WALK-IN CENTRE NOW OPEN



First patients will be seen on 4 September

Gungahlin's new Walk-in Centre is now open. It's Canberra's third, along with popular centres in Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

The Walk-in Centre is co-located with the Gungahlin Community Health Centre on Ernest Cavanagh Street in the Gungahlin Town Centre.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness.

They are open every day, between 7:30am and 10pm, including public holidays. No appointment is needed.

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

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## NEW SCHOOL for NORTH GUNGAHLIN

Canberra's newest school in North Gungahlin now has a name, chosen by the community.

The new school in Taylor will be called Margaret Hendry School, named after the first woman landscape architect appointed to the National Capital Development Commission in 1963.

Enrolment are now open. Margaret Hendry School will welcome its first students on the first day of the 2019 school year.

 For more information visit [margarethendryschool.act.edu.au](http://margarethendryschool.act.edu.au)



## 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](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra) or follow us on social media.

**YOURsay**

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

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

 For tips on how to start the conversation with your neighbour visit [act.gov.au/noise](http://act.gov.au/noise)



## CREATING CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK

BUS STOP



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.

 For more information visit [canberrabuses.com.au](http://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.

 For more information on what services have moved visit [health.act.gov.au/uch](http://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.



# 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 ensuites and four large twin rooms with shared bathrooms.

Other upgrades include a new patient and family lounge, and a parent education and assessment room.

 For more information visit [calvarycare.org.au/public-hospital-bruce](http://calvarycare.org.au/public-hospital-bruce)



# EXPLORE

## CANBERRA **with TRACKS APP**

Head outdoors with the Canberra Tracks app to learn about Gungahlin's early years.

Using augmented reality technology you can discover life before suburban development including historic villages, an ochre ground and scarred trees.

 For more information visit [canberratracks.act.gov.au](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://floriadeaustralia.com) and tickets from [ticketek.com](http://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](http://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](http://act.gov.au/fixmystreet)



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