

# OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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## HAPPY CBR CHRISTMAS

12 days  
of festival fun  
in the heart  
of CBR

Christmas in the heart of Canberra will be bigger and better this year with 12 days of festivities.

An outdoor movie night, backyard cricket in Glebe Park, a long table dinner and a Family Fun Day form part of a program of events from 13 December to Christmas Eve.

City Walk, Garema Place and Petrie Plaza will be dressed for the season,

with street art, decorations, lighting, a Christmas forest and entertainment to get Canberrans into the holiday spirit.

### WHAT'S ON

- > **Christmas Carols, 8 December.**  
An evening of magical Christmas fun in the Lanyon gardens.
- > **New Year's Eve in the City, 31 December.** Ring in the New Year with family-friendly celebrations and fireworks at 9pm and midnight.

 More on Christmas events at [act.gov.au/cityrenewal](http://act.gov.au/cityrenewal)



**Be Bushfire Ready**

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## BULK BILLING COMING to MOLONGLO



More bulk billing services will soon be available in the growing Molonglo Valley with the National Health Co-op receiving a grant to establish a new GP clinic.

The funding will help build and fit-out an 11 room clinic in Coombs. It will have space for up to 10 bulk billing GPs, as well bulk billing psychologists, dieticians, nurses and other allied health care providers.

This will provide locals with better healthcare where and when you need it.

 More at [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

A dry winter has left Canberra with a significantly increased risk of bushfires this summer.

Our hardworking Emergency Services are reminding all Canberrans to prepare their home and discuss action plans with family, friends and neighbours. Trimming trees, mowing grass and removing flammable materials are simple tasks that can prepare your home for the summer.

This edition of *Our Canberra* has more information on how to be Bushfire Ready.

 More on at the ACT Emergency Services website at [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)



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.

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



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## CRICKET BIG BASH



Canberra's best and biggest summer of cricket is here.

Manuka Oval will host four more matches this summer including Canberra's inaugural cricket Test Match from 1 to 5 February 2019, when Australia takes on Sri Lanka. If the Big Bash is more your style, head to Manuka Oval on 21 December and 9 February.

 More at [manukaoval.com.au/events](http://manukaoval.com.au/events)



## HOLIDAY SERVICES



Most Access Canberra Service and Specialised Centres will close from 4pm on Monday 24 December 2018 until Wednesday 2 January 2019.

If you need to check opening hours, pay your car or trailer rego, renew your driver's licence or do more than 300 other transactions with the ACT Government, just go online.

More information on access to services during the holidays relating to crisis accommodation, dogs and animal care, waste collections and emergencies can be found online too.

 More at [act.gov.au/accessCBR](http://act.gov.au/accessCBR)



## ONE TICKET ONE FARE ONE NETWORK



Commuters will be able to use their MyWay cards on buses and light rail.

The new and expanded network will feature a convenient, efficient and fully integrated MyWay ticketing system where passengers can transfer seamlessly from light rail to buses under the same rules that currently apply to bus users.

 More at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## HELPING WOMEN



### GIVE TRADES a GO

More support is now being offered to help Women in Canberra interested in traditional trades to give it a go.

New grants are now available for projects across Canberra that support an increase in the promotion and take up of women in male-dominated trades, as well as projects that help to retain women in trades.

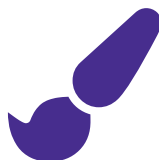
If you think your project or business is eligible, contact a Skills Canberra Manager by emailing [skills@act.gov.au](mailto:skills@act.gov.au).

Applications close 20 December.





## GET STREETWISE



A group of senior Canberrans have learned how to create their own street art in Woden.

Under the guidance of local artists Ben Reeve and Dai Cameron, the talented group used their new found skills to rejuvenate a site at the Woden Bus Interchange.

The project has refreshed the area, discouraged graffiti tagging and delivered a more welcoming space for the whole community.

This initiative was possible through the ACT Government-supported Streetwise program.



## A FRESH TAKE on WODEN TOWN CENTRE



The Woden Town Square will be rejuvenated through the #WodenExperiment in early 2019.

Ideas came from locals and include new landscaping, furniture, art and non-traditional play elements for six months, with some installed permanently.

Keep an eye out for the pre-experiment event in the square this month and the launch early next year.



More at [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## BINS on CHRISTMAS DAY TUESDAY



Tuesday bin collections scheduled for Christmas Day will be brought forward to **Saturday 22 December**.



More at [tcccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste](https://tcccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste)

## HO HO OH NO



Accidents and illnesses can also happen over the holidays. Make sure you know where to go for help.

Walk-in Centres in Belconnen, Gungahlin and Tuggeranong provide free treatment of minor injuries and illness.

They're open 7.30am to 10pm every day, including Christmas and New Year's Day and you don't need an appointment.



More at [health.act.gov.au/walk-in-centre](https://health.act.gov.au/walk-in-centre)

## THANK YOU SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to more than 140 volunteers who have mentored Canberra kids across 42 ACT public schools in 2018, through the School Volunteer Program.

Monica Pflaum volunteers at Curtin Primary School because she loves reading with children. "This gives me the opportunity to take pleasure from watching their love of reading and feel satisfaction in contributing to their learning," she said.

We will celebrate all Canberra volunteers on International Volunteer Day on 5 December.

*Pictured is Monica Pflaum at Curtin Primary School.*



# CANBERRA BE BUSHFIRE READY



Canberra can expect a long hot summer ahead with an increased risk of bushfires. Right now is the time to prepare your home and discuss an action plan with your family. A written Bushfire Survival Plan saves lives and means decisions have been made ahead of any possible bushfire threat. **Download a plan today at [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)**

## FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO CREATING YOUR BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN



### 1. DISCUSS

With your household what you will do in a bushfire.



### 2. PREPARE

A plan and your home for bushfire.



### 3. KNOW

The bushfire alert levels.



### 4. KEEP

Information, numbers, websites, and the App.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR RISK?

Where you live is one of the things that determines if both you and your home are at risk of bushfire, and what kind of fire you might experience. Think about the area you live in:

### BUSH



If you live in an area that's close to or surrounded by bush, you're at risk. Bushfires can be hot, intense and throw burning embers towards your home.

### PADDOCKS



If you live on the outskirts of the city or near paddocks you're at risk. Fires can spread quickly over great distances.

### GRASSLANDS



If you live in an area where grasslands meet built up areas or homes, you're at risk. Grass fires can start easily and spread quickly.

### ON A HILL



If you live at the top of a hill, you're at risk. Fires travel uphill faster. For every 10 degrees of slope, the fire can double in speed.

## THE TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER



### 1. TRIM

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



### 2. MOW

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



### 3. REMOVE

Remove material that can burn (e.g. door mats, wood piles, leaves, paint, furniture).



### 4. CLEAR

To prevent embers setting alight clear and remove debris and leaves from gutters.



### 5. PREPARE

A sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Have a reliable source of water.

## KEEP KEY INFORMATION



In an emergency call: **Triple Zero (000)**. For information on bushfires call Access Canberra: **13 22 81**



For Fire Danger Ratings visit the ACT Emergency Services website: **[esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)**



Install the smartphone '**Fires Near Me**' App



Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV and news websites.



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