Growing services for Canberra

Canberra’s direction through the 2020s depends on the decisions and investments we make as a community today. Canberra is a great place to live, work, start a business and raise your family. We want to make sure it keeps getting better into the coming decade.

In this Our CBR edition, you’ll see how we’re increasing health services across Canberra and future-proofing our hospitals for our growing city. We are building new schools and expanding existing ones, we’re making our transport networks faster, safer and cleaner, and we’re expanding support to keep cost of living down.

Andrew Barr
Chief Minister

New Walk-in Centre for Dickson

Central Canberra will have a new Walk-in Centre by late 2020.

The Dickson Walk-in Centre will be located at Dickson Community Health Centre, Dickson Place. Walk-in Centres are open 7 days a week from 7.30am to 10pm, including Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. They are perfect for one-off treatments, including:

- cuts and bruises
- strains and sprains and
- common illnesses (cold and flu).

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin, with a Weston Creek centre opening later this year.

More at health.act.gov.au

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YOURsay

Community panel

Another way to have your say

Want a quick and easy way to help shape Canberra? Then join the new YourSay Community Panel.

Sign up, tell us a bit about yourself, and short surveys and other activities will appear in your inbox.

Your views and opinions on a whole range of topics will help shape government policies and decision-making.

You can contribute anytime, anywhere. By sharing your views, you could win prizes.

Go to yoursaypanel.act.gov.au

Walk-in Centre coming to Dickson

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Need help buying an affordable home?

A mix of units, apartments and townhouses are available to buy as part of the Affordable Home Purchase.

Eligible homebuyers can purchase properties across new development sites including in the city, Lyneham, Gungahlin Town Centre, Taylor, Coombs, Wright, Whitlam, Strathnairn, Belconnen Town Centre, Lyons, Phillip, Moncrieff, Throsby, Lawson and Greenway.

More at planning.act.gov.au

Find savings with the Assistance website

From bus fares to funerals, the Assistance website will suggest savings to help with the cost of living in Canberra.

The website also includes a new savings finder tool, so you can quickly see what discounts, rebates and other concessions you might be eligible for across Canberra.

Find savings at act.gov.au/assistance

Total mobile ban for L and P drivers

It is already illegal to call, text or use social media while driving and now L and P drivers can’t use Bluetooth handsfree or speaker mode.

Evidence shows that devices, even hands free, are not safe to use while driving. The safety of young drivers and other road users is a top priority for our community to achieve zero deaths or injury on ACT Roads.

More info at justice.act.gov.au

Helping older Canberrans

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme helps eligible pensioners who own their home to move to accommodation more suited to their needs.

Property value thresholds are also being adjusted to better target the scheme to those most in need.

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme will continue to 30 June 2020.

More at revenue.act.gov.au

Did you know that in central Canberra there are...

- 25 public schools
- 13,094 public school students
- 880 public school teachers
- 89 parks
- 67 playgrounds
- 24 sports grounds maintained
**More health services for all Canberrans**

Expansion of Calvary Public Hospital and The Canberra Hospital will give Canberrans more health options.

Calvary Public Hospital is expanding, with two new operating theatres and 41 new doctors and nurses in the emergency department. The first theatre will be ready for use next year. The Canberra Hospital is receiving an upgrade with the Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre. At the SPIRE Centre there will be 114 spaces in Emergency and 60 Intensive Care beds. Site work will start this year and is expected to be complete by 2023-24.


**More places at Lyneham High**

Every year, enrolments are increasing in ACT public schools.

Lyneham High School has 1,101 students and it will increase capacity by 50 students next year. Transportable classrooms will provide flexible, high-quality learning environments for our students.


**Upgrades at Boomanulla Oval**

The first stage of the interim works at Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah are now complete.

The upgrades are part of the 2019-28 ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement. The oval is now available for use by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.


**Narrabundah & Campbell to become age friendly**

Canberrans of all ages should be able to move more freely around their suburb.

The community has provided feedback through Fix My Street and other avenues to shortlist upgrades to Narrabundah and Campbell, as part of the Age Friendly Suburbs Program.

Stay up to date on upgrades in your area at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)
Looking for ways to enjoy winter in Canberra? Rug up and make your way down to Wintervention in Civic from 5-21 July. Ice skate, enjoy local food or visit the Winter Food and Makers Markets (5-7 July).

Warm Trees is back again for 2019. The knitted installation brightens up trees at the National Arboretum Canberra. Tiptoe through the knitted tulips, see a giant cargo bike knitted installation and discover the sea of colourful scarves wrapped around trees in the Himalayan Cedar forest. This year features the world’s largest handcrafted frieze of colourful tulips, decorated bicycle wheels and groves of magical colour.

Nominate an Australian of the Year for the 60th anniversary. You know great people. You know their stories. Be great and nominate a Canberran for an Australian of the Year Award by 31 July 2019. Dr Sue Packer AM (pictured) from Canberra won the 2019 Senior Australian of the Year award for her work advocating for the rights of children.

Nominate now at australianoftheyear.org.au

More at nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

More at wintervention.com.au

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