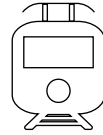


## Building light rail to Woden



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The next stage of Canberra's light rail network, linking the city to Woden, is underway after the ACT Government approved the business case for Stage 2A from Alinga Street to Commonwealth Park.

Construction is expected to start on Stage 2A at the end of 2020 or early 2021 with three new stops at City West, City South and Commonwealth Park.

Coinciding with this project, the ACT Government will also be raising London Circuit, providing better walking, cycling and public transport links between the CBD and the Acton Waterfront.

The ACT Government is working with the Australian Government on approvals for Stage 2B, which will take light rail from Commonwealth Park to Woden.

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

Canberra's city-wide light rail journey is progressing

## A message from the Chief Minister

We are planning for our growing city by building the major infrastructure projects our city needs to ensure we remain one of the world's most liveable cities.

We're expanding the Canberra Hospital and our Walk-in Centre network, building new schools in our suburbs, delivering a city-wide light rail network and investing in our cultural and community facilities across the city.

As we build the infrastructure our city needs, we are also continuing to renew the facilities in our suburbs and town centres that Canberrans rely upon.

Andrew Barr



## Build, buy or renovate



Getting started with a renovation, new build or off-the-plan purchase?

The Build, Buy, Renovate website provides important information on your rights and responsibilities.

→ Visit [act.gov.au/buildbuyrenovate](http://act.gov.au/buildbuyrenovate)

## Building for Canberra's future



Canberra's population is growing towards 500,000 so we're building our future infrastructure to ensure our city continues to be a great place to work, live and enjoy.

Over the next 10 years we will extend light rail and build new hospital facilities, walk-in centres, schools, sporting facilities and arts and cultural precincts..

→ Find out more about how we are planning for the future at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## Light Rail comes to Floriade

Join the Light Rail Team at Floriade from 8-13 October for free kids' activities and the latest updates on the expansion of Canberra's light rail network.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

## Canberra maternity options



It's not always clear what to do when you first find out you're having a baby.

There's now a new way to access and learn about Canberra's public maternity system.

You will need to call **5124 9977** when you're pregnant to arrange an appointment with a midwife to find and start the best public maternity care for you.

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

## A new climate change strategy



Our city has come a long way in reducing emissions. We will reach our 100% renewable electricity target next year, but there is still more to do.

A new climate change strategy for Canberra outlines how we will work together to reduce transport emissions, build smarter buildings, reduce waste,

improve energy efficiency and find innovative solutions to climate change.

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





## New sensory spaces

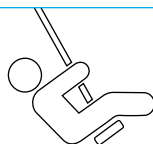
at Black Mountain School



Black Mountain School's sensory room and outdoor learning spaces have been upgraded, including the bathroom and kitchen.

A new hoist and rail have been installed, providing students who have restricted mobility better access to the new facilities.

## Better playgrounds



for Central Canberra

Playgrounds across 31 Canberra suburbs, including in Deakin, Barton, Campbell, Yarralumla and Griffith, have been upgraded.

New shade sails, fencing, seating, inclusive play equipment and footpaths have been installed across 39 playgrounds to make sure local kids have access to well-maintained places to play and explore.

→ Stay updated at [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## A new facility for Winnunga Nimmityjah



A new facility will offer better health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.

Work will commence shortly on the new government funded Winnunga Nimmityjah health facility in Narrabundah.

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

## Bulky waste collection service



rolling out across Canberra

Households will receive a single free collection each year as part of a new bulky waste collection service.



You can dispose of items including damaged furniture and worn-out appliances.

The service kicks off in Gungahlin and Tuggeranong in mid-2020.

It will roll out to the inner south and inner north in 2023-24.

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



## Clare Holland House



set to expand

A major expansion of palliative care at Clare Holland House will start later this year.

The expansion will boost palliative care services in the ACT as our community grows. It will increase the number of specialist inpatient palliative care beds and provide more features to enable patients to enjoy the company of loved ones, family and friends.

The expansion is being made possible with the support of the Australian Government and The Snow Foundation.





# Socceroos coming to Canberra



Canberra will host the Caltex Socceroos against Nepal on 10 October.

Get down to the game at GIO Stadium and show your support for Australia's first match on home soil in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 second round qualifier.

→ Buy tickets at [giostadiumcanberra.com.au](http://giostadiumcanberra.com.au)



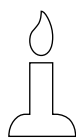
## Around the world without a passport

Experience international culture, flavours and sounds inside Canberra's embassies and high commissions during Windows to the World.

Enjoy free and ticketed events from 5-20 October including an expo at Floriade, traditional Singaporean dancing, and wife-carrying at the Embassy of Finland.

→ More at [windowstotheworld.com.au](http://windowstotheworld.com.au)

## Japanese culture shines at Nara Candle Festival

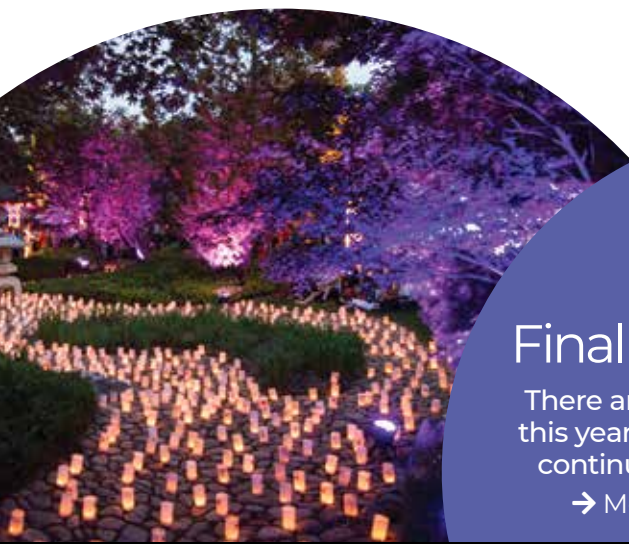


View the sea of candles, watch martial arts displays, take part in drumming workshops and lantern making, and enjoy Japanese music, food and market stalls.

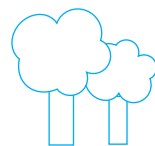
Join the festivities at Canberra Nara Peace Park in Lennox Gardens.

→ See the full program at [events.act.gov.au/nara](http://events.act.gov.au/nara)

Nara Candle Festival  
26 October



## Arboretum's new tracks and trails



Twelve kilometres of new tracks and trails are now open at the National Arboretum Canberra.

The new tracks and trails provide more access for visitors to explore some of the Arboretum's 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees.

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



## Final weeks of Floriade

There are only a couple of weeks left of this year's Floriade festivities, with tulips continuing to bloom until 13 October.

→ More at [floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)



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