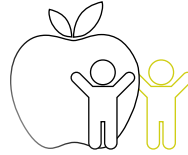


# OUR CBR

Tuggeranong edition

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## Free education for three-year-olds starts



A group of Tuggeranong's three-year-old children will start receiving free early childhood education this month.

The children are part of a trial offering 15 hours a week of free education for three-year-olds.

The program will start at five locations in Tuggeranong.

→ More at [education.act.gov.au/early-childhood](https://education.act.gov.au/early-childhood)

### In our back-to-school issue

- Better bike facilities at Calwell
- More psychologists in schools

### Also inside:

Buses to be removed from Anketell Street.

## A message from the Chief Minister

This summer's bushfires in our region, and associated smoke, have been a challenge for all Canberrans and I thank you all for your patience and hard work over recent weeks.

I would particularly like to thank our staff at the ACT Emergency Services Agency, Canberra Health Services and ACT Health, and the ACT Rural Fire Service volunteers, for keeping our community safe and healthy in difficult and testing circumstances.

I'm proud of the amazing community spirit Canberrans have shown over the summer and the ACT Government will continue to work hard to protect Canberrans throughout the remainder of the bushfire season.

Andrew Barr



## MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN

The Our CBR email newsletter is now published fortnightly.

→ Sign up at [act.gov.au/ourcbrsubscribe](https://act.gov.au/ourcbrsubscribe)





## School cleaners now on staff



Canberra's school cleaners are now ACT Public Service staff.

More than 300 former contract cleaners have accepted secure jobs with the ACT Government.

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



From left to right: Sahlu Mebrahru, Ucubatisae, Van Phuc Le, Kiba Lhamo, Kinley Pem and Lydia Utting.

## Devices for all high school students

Every ACT public high school student will have use of a Chromebook this year.

This enables all students to access a device regardless of family circumstances.



## New Motor Accident Injuries Scheme in place



If you are injured in a motor vehicle accident from 1 February you will receive fairer, faster and more comprehensive support under the ACT's new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme.

The scheme will provide lower premiums, too.

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



## Better safety at Tuggeranong's schools



Remember to slow down to 40km/h in school zones once school goes back from Monday, 3 February.

You'll notice improvements around some Canberra schools, including new footpath connections, refuge islands, speed humps and children's crossings, some with school crossing supervisors.

Parents should familiarise their child with their school route so they can

confidently and safely walk, ride or catch the bus or light rail each day.

→ For more and to use the TC journey planner, visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



## Free school vaccinations

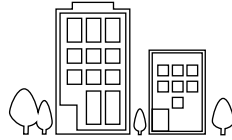


Free vaccinations are offered to all Canberra students in Years 7 and 10 to keep them, their families and our community healthy by reducing the spread of preventable diseases.

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



## Anketell Street to be bus-free



Buses will be rerouted from Anketell Street so the Tuggeranong community can enjoy a cleaner and quieter experience when visiting cafes or meeting friends.

From mid-April, buses will travel along Athllon Drive onto Soward Way, with new bus stops being installed on Athllon Drive. This will help reduce heavy vehicle traffic along

both Anketell Street and Cowlshaw Street, and make Tuggeranong's main street a better place to be.

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



## Making it easier to ride, skate or scoot to school

New bike shelters, racks and repair equipment have been installed in schools across Canberra to make it easier and safer to ride to school.

Tuggeranong schools that have had bike facilities upgraded include

Calwell Primary School and Richardson Primary School.

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



*Graham Mackay is one of the psychologists supporting ACT students.*

## More psychologists in Tuggeranong schools

More psychologists are supporting our schools in the Tuggeranong area.

Five new school psychologists joined the ACT public school system this year. The total number working across our schools is now 81.

School psychologists work with families, school staff and other allied health professionals to provide a strong support network for students.

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

## Kye takes junior world title

During a break in his studies at Erindale College last year, Kye A'Hern collected the junior mountain bike world champion title.

Kye won the UCI Junior Downhill Championships in Mont-Sainte-Anne Canada, beating his nearest rival by more than one second and bettering the silver that he claimed last year in Switzerland.

A two-time Australian Junior Champ, Kye became the first Australian to win the world title since 2011.

He was a joint winner of the Rising Star prize at the CBR Sport Awards in November 2019.

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





# Festival of culture returns



Get set for your annual summer fix of world street food and cultural diversity.

The National Multicultural Festival is back from 21 to 23 February. More than 200,000 people are expected to flock to the festival's food stalls and enjoy performances from many lands on six stages over the three days.

There will be information stalls, cultural displays, and on Saturday, the vibrant sea of colour and sound that is the festival parade.

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



## Celebrate **Enlighten**

Canberra and the skies above will be transformed during the annual **Enlighten Festival** from 28 February to 15 March.

Illuminations will light up national attractions and more after dark from 28 February to 9 March. The Night Noodle Markets will operate alongside the light displays. Also on the program are:

- > **7 to 15 March:** Canberra Balloon Spectacular
- > **6 March:** Lights! Canberra! Action!
- > **8 March:** Symphony in the Park
- > **9 March:** Canberra Day celebrations
- > **14 March:** Hit 104.7 Skyfire

→ For more, visit [enlightencanberra.com](http://enlightencanberra.com)

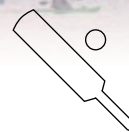
**Balloon Spectacular**  
7-15 March



## Rugby is back!

Catch the Brumbies v Reds when Super Rugby returns on 31 January.

→ For tickets, visit [premier.ticketek.com.au](http://premier.ticketek.com.au)



## Howzat!

See some of the world's best cricketers in action when five matches of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup are played in Canberra from 26 to 28 February.

Catch the following games at picturesque Manuka Oval:

- > **26 February:** England v Thailand and West Indies v Pakistan
- > **27 February:** Australia v Bangladesh
- > **28 February:** South Africa v Thailand and England v Pakistan

→ For tickets, visit [tickets.t20worldcup.com](http://tickets.t20worldcup.com)



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