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Hospital expansion fuels economic recovery

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Apprentice plumbers Joshua Torley and Lily Bowling are involved in the construction of the new hospital building.



Message from the Chief Minister

Canberra's economic recovery has begun – led by strong spending from local consumers and interstate visitors.

There are also 250 infrastructure projects kicking off – including more schools, more public housing

and extending light rail – and these will support thousands of jobs for Canberrans over the coming years.

We have all had a tough year, but we now have a lot to look forward to over the summer months.

Andrew Barr



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Work starts on Canberra Hospital expansion

Construction has started on the Canberra Hospital Expansion's centrepiece building, with more than 500 local jobs created to deliver the world-class healthcare facility.

The new facility will increase the hospital's emergency department, surgical and critical care capacity with more beds and modern treatment spaces.

The city's largest ever infrastructure program – which spans health, education, transport, public housing and urban renewal – will fuel Canberra's recovery from COVID-19 and support thousands of ACT jobs for years to come.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations now available

Aged 18+ and had your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine more than six months ago? Get a COVID-19 booster vaccination from a participating GP, pharmacy or ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinic.



Upskill yourself with JobTrainer

A range of free courses and qualifications are now available for Canberrans to help develop skills in high demand industries.

The JobTrainer program supports young people who have left school and job seekers to access free training in a range of industries, including aged care, early childhood education and care, disability care and digital skills.



Small changes for a cleaner future

Canberra has led the way on climate action in Australia, and we can all do our bit to work towards our city's ambitious target of net zero emissions by 2045.

The Everyday Climate Choices website climatechoices.act.gov.au shows how we can all take steps towards a cleaner future, including reducing food waste.



Everyday climate choices

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Better facilities across our suburbs

Suburbs across the Inner North, City and Inner South have been improved, making our city an even better place to live. These include:

- new trees, park benches, water stations and a shade structure at Yarralumla dog park
- a new shared bike and pedestrian path on the Lake Burley Griffin Circuit along Menindee Drive
- new public toilets at Lyneham shops, which will soon feature a beautiful community artwork.

Some of these projects include funding from the Australian Government.



Celebrate Christmas in the City

Christmas has kicked off with the installation of a uniquely Canberran kaleidoscope tree and decorations in City Walk.

Head online to view the city's Christmas Countdown Advent Calendar and the program of free performances and entertainment.



New playground and park for Watson

More opportunities for outdoor fun are coming to the Inner North, with a new playground and recreation park planned for the green space near Canberra Technology Park in Watson.

Head to yoursay.act.gov.au by 14 December to have your say on what the park should include. Children are also encouraged to share their ideas and submit a drawing or short story via the online kids' corner.

Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day. Go online to find the interim bus and Christmas Day timetables in place over the summer holiday period.





Stay safe this holiday season

It's important that all Canberrans stay safe this summer, whether it be around the pool, staying cool during heatwaves, keeping our pets safe and driving responsibly on our roads. If you're heading interstate, be sure to stay up to date with the latest travel advice and information on COVID-affected areas at covid19.act.gov.au.

Thank you to CBR's essential workers

Light rail driver Asim Awan will spend this holiday season performing the essential service he has been doing all year - transporting Canberrans between the city and Gungahlin.

As a Muslim, Asim chooses to work so his colleagues can take much-deserved time off with friends and families.

"I would like to thank my colleagues and all frontline workers who have done a tremendous job during this challenging year. I would like to wish them all a Merry Christmas."

Asim is one of thousands of essential workers - spanning transport, city services, education, health and more who have kept Canberra running during the recent COVID-19 lockdown.

Thank you to Asim and all our essential workers for their efforts in a challenging year.

Fireworks over Lake Burley Griffin



NYE fireworks are back!

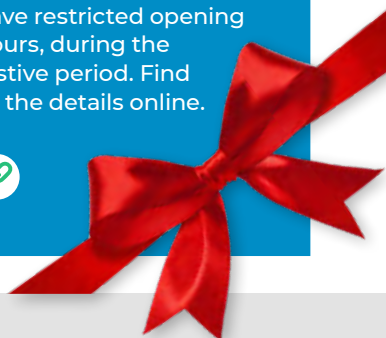
You're invited to the shores of Lake Burley Griffin this New Year's Eve to bring in 2022 with two spectacular fireworks displays.

The family and community evening starts at 6pm, with locals invited to picnic in a COVID-safe manner ahead of the 9pm and midnight fireworks.

Support local businesses by purchasing picnic hampers or enjoying the New Year's Eve specials on offer.

Services available during the holiday season

Some ACT Government services will be closed, or have restricted opening hours, during the festive period. Find all the details online.



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