

Investing in Canberra's roads



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Message from the Chief Minister

After years of above average rainfall, many of our roads need repair and resurfacing. The Government will significantly boost maintenance funding to repair and preserve our extensive road network.

The new maintenance program will improve the condition of Canberra's roads by more frequently resealing more roads. You can read more about the expanded road maintenance program inside.

Andrew Barr



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Canberra prepares for the **Enlighten Festival**

Canberra's Enlighten Festival returns to light up the capital from 3–19 March.

The jam-packed program of diverse events includes Canberra Balloon Spectacular, Enlighten Illuminations, Symphony in the Park and more.

The festival will also celebrate LGBTIQ+ pride over the weekend

of 10–12 March. Canberra's iconic buildings will be illuminated with pride-themed projections, and there will be events across the city.

Entry is free, though some events may be ticketed.

Visit enlightencanberra.com for more information, to get involved or to volunteer.

Electric buses are ready to roll



Canberra's first electric buses will hit the road this year. The buses are part of the ACT Government's transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040.

As well as reducing emissions, they will provide a cleaner, quieter and more comfortable ride.

Keep your eye out for our new buses this year.

Help shape upcoming projects

We want your input on current and upcoming ACT Government initiatives, including:

- achieving equity for women and girls in the ACT
- the new draft City Plan

- ACT Planning System Review and Reform – draft Territory Plan and District Strategies
- Seniors Card.

For more, visit yoursay.act.gov.au

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Keep me on your fridge

What's on in February

Until **Sunset**
25 Feb **Cinema Canberra**
Australian National Botanic Gardens

Until **Moments in the**
26 Feb **Australian Bush**
Australian National Botanic Gardens

10 - 12 **Lifeline Bookfair**
Feb EPIC

11 Feb **Canberra United Home**
Game vs Sydney FC
McKellar Park

18 Feb **UC Capitals vs**
Adelaide Lightning
National Convention Centre Canberra

19 Feb **Three Sixty**
Fashion Markets
Fitters' Workshop, Kingston

25 Feb **The John Lennon**
Songbook in Concert
The Street Theatre



For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au, or for a calendar of major ACT events in 2023 visit events.canberra.com.au/2023



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2023 National Multicultural Festival 25th Anniversary



Sections

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| A | B |
| Civic Square | Ainslie Place |
| C | D |
| Petrie Plaza | Akuna Street |
| E | F |
| City Walk | Garema Place |
| G | H |
| Glebe Park | Bundra Street |
- Alcohol can be consumed at the festival, but only in these marked sections. Please do not take alcohol out of these sections or into the Canberra Centre.

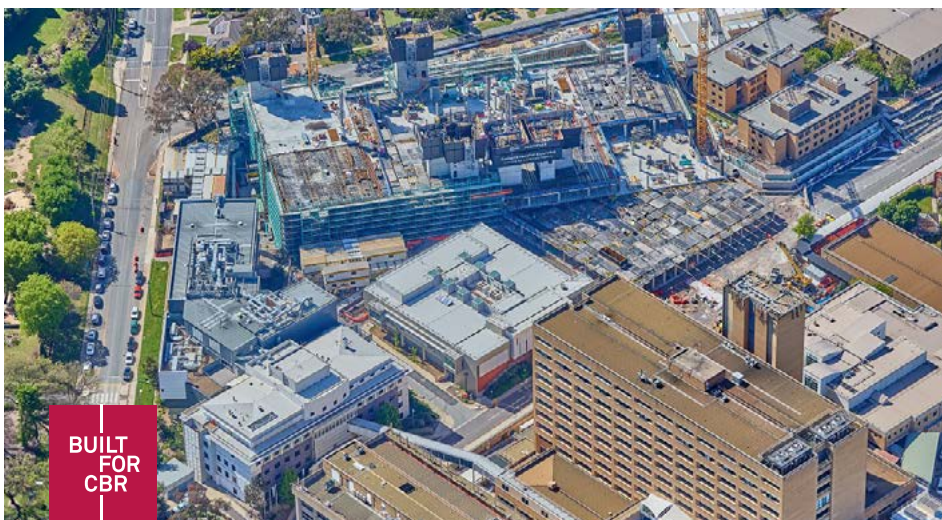
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| First Aid | Information |
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| Family Spaces | Quiet Space |
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| Water Refill Stations | Stage |

Canberra Hospital Expansion continues

Since construction commenced on the main structure in early 2022, the transformation at the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project site has been huge.

- 52,000m³ of soil excavated – equivalent to 21 Olympic swimming pools
 - 49,000m²: total building floor area – equal to 251 tennis courts
 - 1383m² – the gross floor area of the 22 new operating theatres – equivalent to 350 king-size beds
 - 556 windows, 155,000 bricks and 7500 façade panels
 - three trucks have delivered 16 rolls (over 5km) of 400mm² high-voltage cable to power the all-electric building
 - about 500 jobs created over the life of the project.
- The project is scheduled for completion in 2024.
- Head online for more details.



School's back for 2023

This week, the ACT's 90 public schools will welcome 50,000 students as they begin term 1.

Sixty schools will benefit from upgrades this financial year. Improvements include new shade sails, inclusive upgrades, bike shelters and enhanced building facilities.

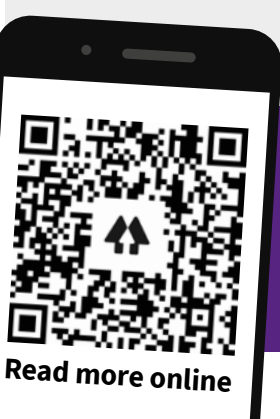
This year, Canberra celebrates 50 years of ACT public education, as well as milestone birthdays for several schools.

More at education.act.gov.au

Slow down, students around

As the new school year begins, parents, carers and students are reminded that 40km per hour school zones are back in place. Stay alert and look out for pedestrians on and around school roads. If you live close by, why not walk, ride, scoot or skate to school? The benefits are endless.

Keep an eye out for school crossing supervisors at selected schools across Canberra – they help children cross the road and make our school zones much safer for everyone. Remember, slow down.



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Rethink your routine this year

Light rail to Woden is coming, and there's no better time to think about how and when you travel into the city.

Construction is already underway on the raising of London Circuit, so why not keep the car at home and walk, cycle or take public transport?

A new bus timetable is now in place, with several changes made across the network, including to school services.

Alternatively, go halfway with Park and Ride facilities. EPIC Park and Ride features 300 allocated and overflow carparks, so you won't be hunting for a space. Well Station Drive Park and Ride offers 135 carparks and a Bike and Ride facility and there is also a Park and Ride facility at Gungahlin Town Centre.

Plan your trip today at transport.act.gov.au



Major investment in Gungahlin roads

More than \$150 million will be invested to repair and preserve Canberra's roads over the next four years.

The ACT Government manages more than 3,200km of sealed ACT roads, and this increased investment will see resurfacing of the network increase by 268,000m² a year.

The 2022–23 program is already underway in Gungahlin. Arterial road resealing will be carried out on roads including Gungahlin Drive, Horse Park Drive and Mirrabai Drive. Municipal roads, including in Mitchell and Bonner, are also being resealed.

For more information on which roads are being resurfaced and when, visit act.gov.au/roadresurfacing

New artwork at Margaret Hendry brightens school

Margaret Hendry School students have collaborated with Kamilaroi artist Steven Kennedy to create a new artwork. This will bring to life the new amphitheatre and play space at the school.

Students from preschool to year 6 helped shape the design in a workshop with Steven.

The school's expansion will support up to 600 more students and will be completed later this year.



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Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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2023
National
**Multicultural
Festival**
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25th Anniversary

3 big days

CBD and Glebe Park

Friday, 17 February
from 2pm to 11pm

Saturday, 18 February
from 10am to 11pm

Sunday, 19 February
from 10am to 5pm

Festival highlights

Friday

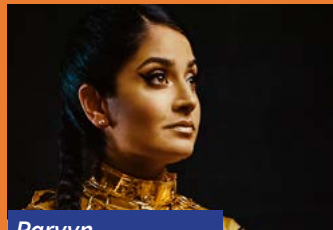


Mitch Tambo



Lisa Hunt

Saturday



Parvyn



The festival parade



James Morrison

Sunday



Justine Clarke



Jay Laga'aia

Every day of the festival

- ▶ Hundreds of tasty food stalls
- ▶ Cooking demonstrations with chefs sharing their cultural dishes
- ▶ Family-friendly entertainment and programs
- ▶ Hands-on cultural workshops
- ▶ Unforgettable performances across eight stages
- ▶ Sensational cultural showcases

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Parking options in the city will be limited so make the most of public transport and shuttle buses.

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Travel options, full program and all the information you need to plan your visit can be found at multiculturalfestival.com.au or scan the QR code.

