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Our CBR

Woden, Weston Creek
and Molonglo Valley

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Message from the Chief Minister

The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project is progressing well and will include a new Emergency Department, and new intensive care facilities including four paediatric ICU beds, 22 operating theatres and 156 inpatient beds.

The ACT is also continuing our transition to a low-emissions future by increasing capacity in our Sustainable Household Scheme. Over 9000 Canberrans have used the zero-interest loan program to make sustainable home upgrades like switching from gas to electric heating and installing solar and battery systems.

Andrew Barr



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What's on at the Enlighten Festival

Enlighten, Canberra's annual autumn festival, is back with 17 days of culture and creativity. Enjoy must-see events across March, including:

- Enlighten Illuminations @ Enlighten Festival (3–13 March)
- Lights! Canberra! Action! @ Enlighten Festival (10 March)
- Pride Weekend @ Enlighten Festival (10–12 March)
- Canberra Balloon Spectacular @ Enlighten Festival (11–19 March)

Concert lovers can also enjoy Symphony in the Park @ Enlighten Festival (12 March), featuring award-winning duo Electric Fields, and Canberra Day @ Enlighten Festival (13 March) with local legends SAFIA as special guests.

For more detailed programming and ticketing information visit enlightencanberra.com



Information for women in the ACT

The ACT Government offers a range of support for women and girls to ensure they are safe, healthy, equally represented, and valued for their contribution to the Canberra community.

The Women's Directory provides an entry point to information about government and external programs and services across a range of areas including health, education, disability and legal services.

Scan the QR code to access the Directory.

Share your favourite memories of school

The ACT celebrates 50 years of public education this year. Share your memories of a school or teacher to help keep making every ACT public school a great school. Visit yoursayconversations.act.gov.au



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What's on in March

**1 Mar–
2 Apr** **See What I See**
Botanic Gardens

**9–11
Mar** **Ascent**
Canberra Theatre
Centre

**12–13
Mar** **Canberra
Racing Carnival**
Thoroughbred Park

**16–26
Mar** **Canberra Comedy
Festival**
Various locations

19 Mar **Ramsay Health Care
Triathlon Pink**
Stromlo Forest Park
and Leisure Centre

**31 Mar–
2 Apr** **Woden Seniors
Big Book Fair**
Woden Seniors

**Cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies
and CBR United at GIO Stadium
and McKellar Park this month.**



For more events and details,
visit events.canberra.com.au

Did you know more than 3000 trips are taken every day on shared e-scooters? Now available in all regions.

Rethink your routine.

Construction is ramping up in the city to deliver light rail to Woden.

Change up your commute by using public transport, taking an alternative route or getting active by walking, riding or scooting.



Bus services

Rapid bus services run **every 15 minutes** and local bus services run **every 30 minutes** during peak periods on weekdays. You can also travel off peak to avoid the rush and for a cheaper fare.

There are five Rapid services that connect the region to the City:

- R4 (Woden to City, Belconnen and Tuggeranong)
- R5 (Woden to City)
- R6 (Woden to City via Barton)
- R7 (Weston Creek to City)
- R10 (Molonglo to City).



Park and Ride

Take advantage of five Park and Ride facilities and pay for lunch, not parking.

Park and connect to a bus service at:

- Cooleman Court
- Curtin shops
- North Weston
- Mawson
- Mawson Oval.



Cycling and walking

Work out before your workday. Cycling or walking are great ways to get exercise and save on both money and emissions. Ride part of the way using one of the Park and Pedal facilities, or take your bike using bus bike racks or bike cages at major stops.

Scenic cycle routes connect the region with the rest of Canberra:

- C4 (Tuggeranong to City via Woden)
- C5 (Weston Creek to Belconnen, or City via Lake Burley Griffin).

Alternatively, use an e-scooter. They are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel short distances or connect with public transport.



Sustainable Household Scheme to receive a **\$50 million boost**

The ACT Government has invested an additional \$50 million in the Sustainable Household Scheme to continue helping Canberrans transition to a more environmentally sustainable future.

The Scheme provides zero-interest loans to eligible ACT residents and community groups, to help upgrade their homes and facilities or to utilise renewable energy products. To date, more than 9000 energy-efficient upgrades to ACT households have been completed under the Scheme.

So far, 1366 homeowners in the Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley region have applied for a Sustainable Household Scheme loan.

For more information and how to apply visit climatechoices.act.gov.au



Everyday **climate choices**



Contribute to the discussion

Public consultation to help develop a voluntary assisted dying model for the ACT is currently open until 6 April 2023.

Voluntary assisted dying is a safe and effective medical process that gives an eligible person the option to end their suffering by choosing how and when they die.

Find out more or contribute to the discussion at yoursay.act.gov.au/vad

Online tool helps Canberrans cut costs

Did you know there are more than 65 discounts, rebates and subsidies available to Canberrans to help with cost of living pressures?

Try our savings finder to find savings relevant to you, visit act.gov.au/assistance



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Next steps for Molonglo River Bridge

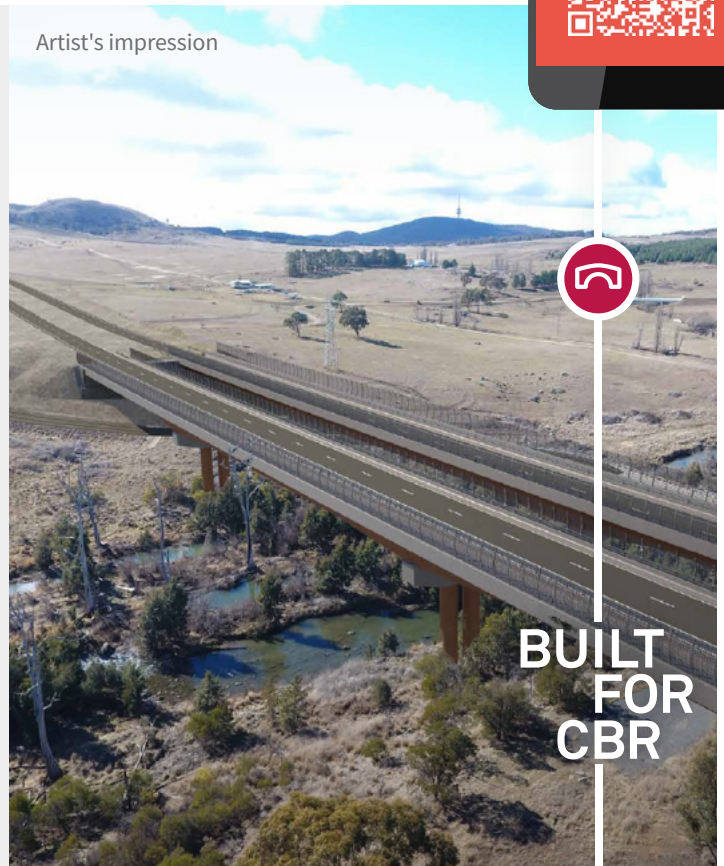
A major milestone has been achieved on the Molonglo River Bridge project. The contract for the design and construction of the bridge, including the associated road and public transport infrastructure, has been awarded to B.M.D Construction Pty Ltd.

The new 227-metre bridge over the Molonglo River will better connect the Molonglo Valley with Whitlam and Canberra's northern suburbs.

Expected to open to traffic in late 2025, the project will support the local economy through the creation of more than 500 jobs. The bridge will significantly improve road safety and support Canberrans travelling between Woden and Belconnen via Coppins Crossing.

The project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.

Artist's impression



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Garran Primary School modernisation begins

Significant upgrades are underway at Garran Primary School to help the school meet its current and future needs.

With Stage 1 due to be delivered in 2025, the school will gain new learning areas, specialist learning environments, administration facilities, community facilities including a gymnasium, external hard courts, external learning and play spaces, plus additional car parking and improvements to school access.

More than 600 students attend Garran Primary, from preschool to year 6. Find out more online.



New facilities for Woden community

Phillip District Enclosed Oval will benefit from a new, stand-alone community sports pavilion, as well as LED lighting upgrades, additional parking spaces, and refurbishments to the existing Michael O'Connor Grandstand.

The design is now complete, incorporating community and local sporting club input.

To help clubs access more and improved sport and recreation facilities, the ACT Government has also increased grant funding for its Sport and Recreation Investment Program.

Discover more online.



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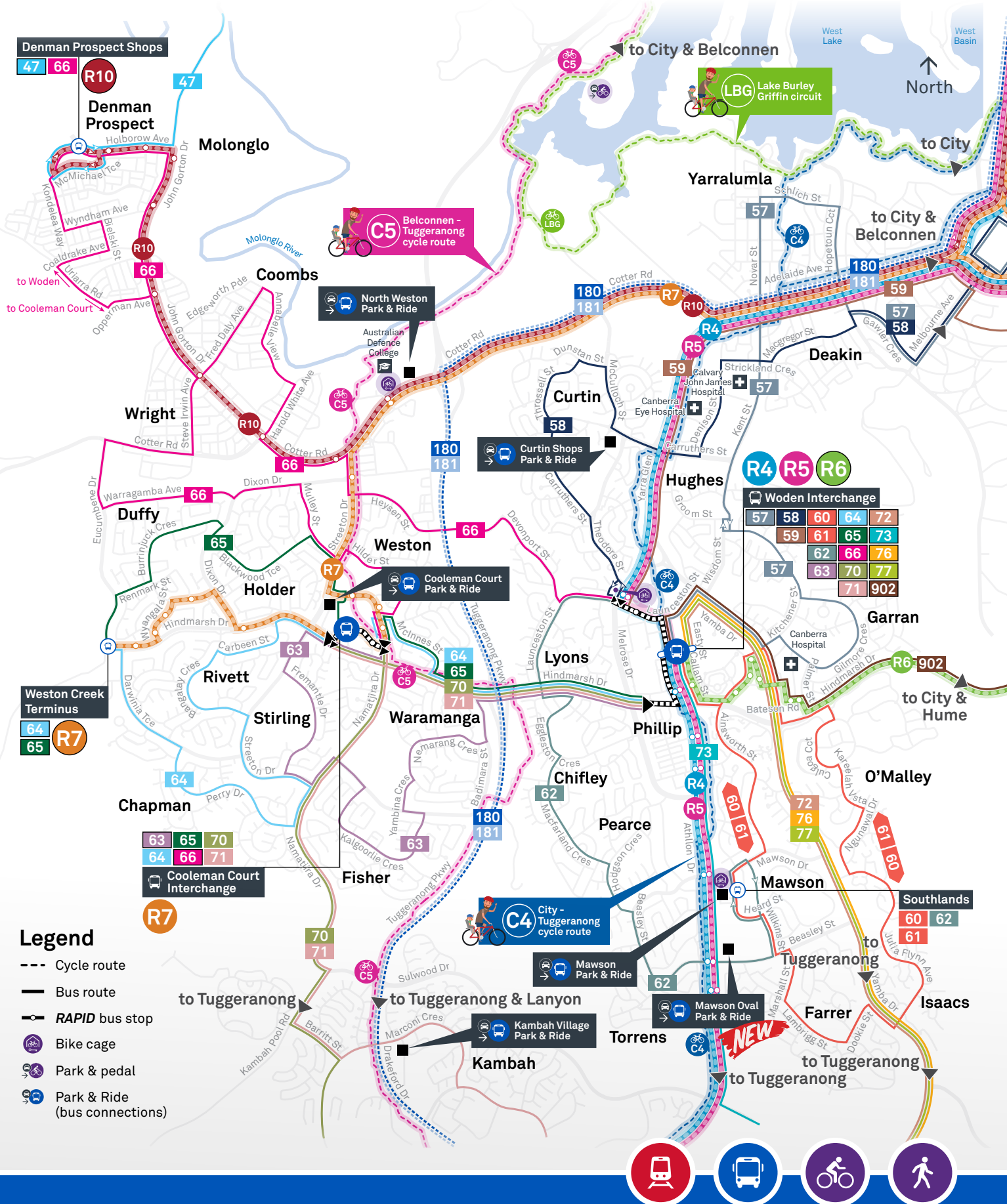
The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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Explore your travel options at transport.act.gov.au