

BELCONNEN HOME TO CANBERRA'S NEWEST PUBLIC HOSPITAL



Belconnen will be home to Canberra's newest public hospital, to be built at the University of Canberra.

The University of Canberra Public Hospital will provide 140 inpatient beds and 75 day service places. It will specialise in rehabilitation services, long-term accommodation for mental health clients and targeted services for people suffering from dementia.

The hospital will also be a teaching facility with the University of Canberra,

to help educate and train Australia's next generation of medical researchers and clinicians.

While Canberra's newest and third public hospital will not include an emergency unit, it will lighten the load of the emergency departments at nearby Calvary, and at Canberra Hospital at Woden.

Construction is due to commence early next year.

 For more information, visit www.health.act.gov.au

“ HAVE YOUR SAY ”



TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE BELCONNEN EVEN BETTER

We are making plans for a better Belconnen town centre and we need your input.

Belconnen town centre is a great place to shop, but it can be tricky to get around and needs a plan to guide development.

With this in mind, Belconnen residents and businesses are now invited to comment on a new draft master plan that is based on your ideas and feedback received earlier this year.

While 'active travel' (walking and cycling) has a strong focus, the draft plan also touches on improving public spaces, parks and parking, building heights and diversifying housing options.

Consultation closes on 20 November 2015. Your feedback from the community and local businesses will go into the final master plan, due to be issued in early 2016.

 To see the plan and have your say, visit haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Since becoming Chief Minister of the ACT, I have been speaking to Canberrans about how we can improve services to their community.

The ACT Government is unique in Australia because it provides state level services such as health, education and public transport, and also municipal services such as mowing, cleaning and rubbish collection. We've been working hard to

deliver the services Canberrans need. In recent months we've regulated ridesharing, finalised plans for a new hospital at the University of Canberra and have reached an agreement with the Federal Government to continue providing 15 hours of preschool for Canberra's children.

I hope you will find this a useful update on the work going on in your community.



NEW FUN OUTDOOR FITNESS IN BELCONNEN

Get your 30 minutes of exercise each day at the new outdoor fitness station at John Knight Memorial Park at Lake Ginninderra.

A wide range of exercise equipment is available to cater for people of

different ages and abilities within the Canberra community.



For tips on how to use the equipment, or to share your fitness journey, visit www.act.gov.au/outdoorfitness



VOICES IN THE FOREST

Enjoy performances by world-renowned sopranos, including Australia's own Cheryl Barker AO and Mexico's Diego Torre, at this year's Voices in the Forest at the National Arboretum Canberra.

The ticketed event will be held from 5.30pm to 9.30pm on Saturday 21 November 2015.



For more information visit www.voicesintheforest.com.au



or follow Voices in the Forest on Facebook



ARE YOU CANBERRA BUSHFIRE READY?

The 2015-2016 bushfire season runs until 31 March 2016.

The ACT is facing a higher than average risk of bushfires this summer according to expert analysis.

Now is the time to get your home and family bushfire ready.



Visit www.esa.act.gov.au/bushfireready for tips on how to prepare. A few simple actions could make all the difference to surviving a bushfire.

NEW BELCONNEN EMERGENCY SERVICES STATION BY MID 2016

Work has started on a brand new co-located emergency services station at Bardi Place in Aranda, just off Bindubi Street near the intersection with Belconnen Way.

The new station will be the base for paramedics and firefighters, replacing the two separate stations currently at the Belconnen town centre.



To find out more about the ACT's Station Upgrade and Relocation Strategy visit www.esa.act.gov.au



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FIFTEEN HOURS A WEEK OF FREE PUBLIC PRE-SCHOOL IN 2016

Public pre-schools will continue to offer 15 hours per week of free pre-school in 2016.

The ACT is one of few jurisdictions in Australia to offer free public pre-school for 15 hours per week to all four-year-old children in the year before they start formal schooling.

Enrolments are now open for 2016.

i For information about the wide range of pre-school and support services available in the ACT, as well as tips about how to get involved in your child's pre-school education, visit www.preschoollmatters.act.gov.au



CBRFREE WI-FI GOES LIVE IN BELCONNEN

Belconnen town centre is going CBRfree. By the end of this month, you'll be able to access 250 megabytes per day, totalling 7.5 gigabytes of data per month as part of Canberra's free public outdoor Wi-Fi called CBRfree.

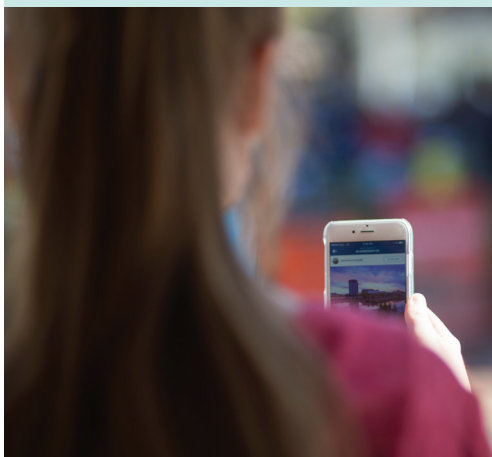
When rollout is complete, CBRfree will be one of Australia's largest free outdoor

public Wi-Fi networks.

It's already available in Civic East and Civic West, with installation in the Dickson and Manuka centres also going live this month. Installation at other town centres and commercial precincts across Canberra will be done in 2016.



For more information visit www.digitalcanberra.com.au



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**7.5 gigabytes
provides enough
data each month to
make around 1,500
Facebook posts or
download around
525 songs.**

DID YOU KNOW?

CANBERRA STADIUM – KICKING GOALS IN THE RECYCLING GAME

Canberra Stadium is kicking goals when it comes to recycling.

Since joining the ActSmart Business Recycling Program, the stadium has increased the amount of waste it recycles from 30% to 88%, with

only 12% of waste generated going to landfill.



Get free recycling advice for your home or business at www.actsmart.act.gov.au





MORE TRANSPORT OPTIONS FOR CANBERRA

Canberrans now have access to more transport options with ridesharing businesses such as Uber now operating legally.

Ridesharing is a service that uses smartphone apps to connect drivers who use their own cars, with passengers who want to get around. Every driver will have to have police and driving history checks and their car will have to have a safety check.

Ridesharing trips can only be booked through an app or over the phone. Canberra is the first city in Australia, and the first capital city in the world, to make ridesharing legal. As part of making ridesharing legal, the ACT Government has also reduced costs for taxi drivers.

i For more information on the taxi reforms, please visit www.act.gov.au/taxi-industry-reforms



TWO YEAR TRIAL TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

A two-year trial of new road safety laws has started in the ACT to improve safety for cyclists and other road users.

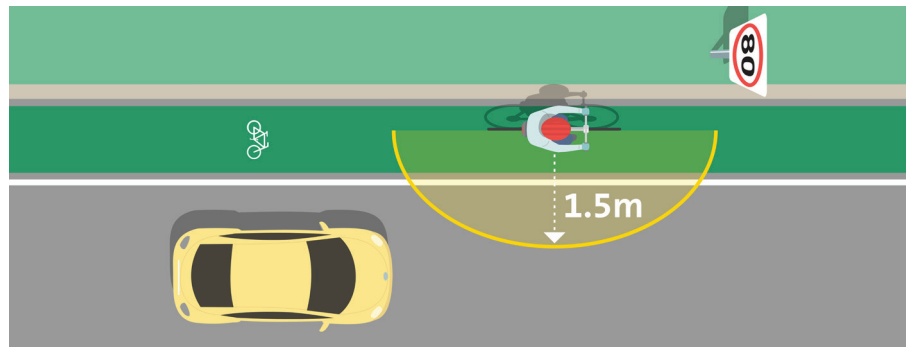
Motorists must now provide a minimum distance of one metre when overtaking a cyclist in speed zones at or below 60km/h and 1.5 metres in

speed zones above 60km/h.

This metre matters because it provides a practical measure for drivers when overtaking cyclists, and will help reduce collisions between cars and bike riders, by changing driving behaviour.

Motorists who fail to comply with the rule may be issued a \$215 fine and accrue two demerit points.

i For more information on the new rules for motorists and cyclists, and how to follow these new rules effectively, visit www.tams.act.gov.au/road-safety

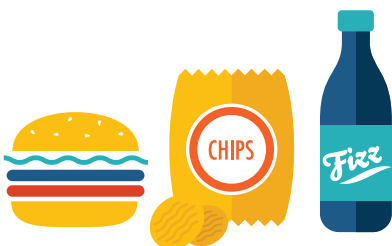


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ON FOOD AND DRINK MARKETING IN CANBERRA

We'd like to hear from Canberrans including local businesses and industry on ideas to better promote healthy food and drinks in the ACT, and on how we can reduce the unhealthy items we eat and drink.

i Visit www.timetotalk.act.gov.au for details on how to have your say.



GET OUT THIS SUMMER ON THE CENTENARY TRAIL

Enjoy Canberra's great outdoors by exploring the Centenary Trail this summer. It's a 145 kilometre off-road self-guided walk and cycle loop trail where you'll discover some of Canberra's most spectacular sights, scenery and hidden treasures.

Get your pedometers working hard by trying one or more of the seven sections. You can even take the dog on some sections.

i Need some inspiration before your trek? Watch the trail video at www.tams.act.gov.au



For service, payments and enquiries visit www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au or call 13 22 81.
For incident and emergency information visit www.esa.act.gov.au

