

OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition



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BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE EXPANSION

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Belconnen Arts Centre expansion begins this month

The stage 2 expansion includes a unique multi-use performance town hall space, new dance rehearsal studio, exhibition space and café.

Belconnen Arts Centre offers a range of programs and events including dance classes, art exhibitions, workshops and concerts.

There will be more opportunities for the Belconnen community to get involved with the centre when the building is completed at the end of 2019.

 For more information visit arts.act.gov.au

HEALTHY WATERWAYS in BELCONNEN

Construction has started on three projects in Belconnen to remove pollution from stormwater heading to Ginninderra Creek.

Two newly established wetlands in Evatt and Melba, plus the restoration of a waterway in Florey, will remove about 55,000 kilograms of nitrogen, phosphorous and suspended sediment every year.

Works are due to be completed by June 2019.

 For more information visit environment.act.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Everyone has to buy Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance, but at the moment, our scheme doesn't always cover Canberrans when it matters. If you are the driver and get injured in a single car accident, you can't claim under our current CTP scheme. So we're making some changes.

The new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme means everyone injured in a motor vehicle accident can get up to 5 years of medical treatment and wages replacement, as long as they're not breaking the law when the accident happens.

The new Scheme means getting help more quickly, without having to go to court, and ensures everyone is better protected.

For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au/ctp



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For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au

LAWNMOWING SCHEDULE RAMPING UP



More investment in City Services means you'll see our teams out and about keeping Canberra neat and tidy during peak growing times of spring and summer.

View the interactive map to see when mowing will take place in your suburb.

i For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au



EMERGENCY SIGNS KEEPING YOU SAFE

There are now 12 Electronic Fire Danger Signs installed along major arterial roads across the ACT.

The signs will keep Canberrans informed on fire danger during the warmer months.

The signs automatically display the Fire Danger Rating each day during the Bushfire Season and if required, other safety and information messages.



CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK

Thanks Canberra for your feedback on plans for a new bus network. By 2030 we'll be a city of 500,000, so we're getting ready with an integrated transport network.

For eight weeks we heard your views in focus groups, at interchanges, schools, community meetings and online. You told us you were happy to get more buses more often, but current bus users also told us how the changes could affect them.

'Xpresso' users were concerned their travel times will be longer. We also have heard you want more information on school services to prepare for the new network. We'll have more to tell you in the coming months.

i Stay informed by subscribing to news in your inbox at yoursay.act.gov.au



CBR BE READY



This year's bushfire season has started a month earlier than usual in Canberra.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) supports the community through times of fire, storm and extreme heat, especially during the September to March storm and bushfire season.

Canberrans should ensure they understand Fire Danger Rating (FDR) levels to help them make decisions when travelling in and around the ACT. The ESA will update the FDR daily. It is displayed on electronic signs on all major arterial roads across the ACT, and online.

i For more information on how to 'Be Ready' visit esa.act.gov.au



CANBERRA HOSPITAL'S MOST ENTERTAINING EMPLOYEE



The newest staff member at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children is a robot named MediZen.

MediZen is programmed to sing, dance and talk to children to help them cope with stress and distract them during medical procedures.

Thanks to funding raised through the EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment Charity and the Canberra Hospital Foundation, children receiving treatment and their families can have a less stressful experience during their stay and be fascinated with this high-tech entertainment.



See MediZen perform at act.gov.au/our-canberra

BELCONNEN ROADS RESURFACED



Almost one million square metres of road will be resurfaced across the ACT between now and early next year.

In Belconnen, resurfacing will take place on arterial roads including: sections of Coulter Drive from Belconnen Way to Redfern Street; eastbound on Ginninderra Drive from William Slim Drive to Aikman Drive; northbound on Gungahlin Drive from Belconnen Way towards Ginninderra Drive.

The resurfacing program protects and extends the life of Canberra's roads while improving safety.



For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au

DIGITAL FINGERTIPS



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Our public libraries give you access to thousands of electronic resources using your library membership and PIN. All have free WiFi.

For more information visit library.act.gov.au



REGISTER for YOUR GREEN BIN



More than 10,000 Belconnen residents had their first green collection last month.

You can register for your bin anytime. Pay a one-off fee of \$50 and your green waste will be collected every fortnight.

Eligible concession card holders are exempt from paying the fee.

For more information and to register visit tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste



NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
27 October
4pm - 9pm

A sea of 2,000 shimmering candles will light up Canberra Nara Peace Park for the 16th annual Canberra Nara Candle Festival.

This year's festival celebrates the 25th year of the Sister City relationship shared between Canberra and Nara, Japan. Participate in calligraphy, lantern making, origami, ikebana and kite flying, while enjoying Japanese music, food and market stalls.

For more information visit event.act.gov.au/nara

Canberra Nara Peace Park & Lennox Gardens, Yarralumla

REDISCOVER TIDBINBILLA

Open day: Sunday 7 October 2018 10am - 3pm

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is opening its doors to the Canberra community to 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' and celebrate its diverse people, habitat and heritage.

Visitors can experience the wildlife living in the sanctuary, trek the many walking trails, take part in ranger-guided activities, or discover the rich indigenous and early pioneer history of the Tidbinbilla Valley.

For more information visit tidbinbilla.act.gov.au

FREE ENTRY
SUNDAY
7 October

GET OUTDOORS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With so many parks and reserves in and around the Canberra region, why not tick a few off your list these school holidays?

Get the kids active with a mountain bike ride in Namadgi National Park, a hike through Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve, or spend some time looking for unique wildlife at Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary.

For more information visit environment.act.gov.au

ESA OPEN DAY

The ACT Emergency Services Open Day is a family event filled with skills demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and entertainment.

Learn about emergency services across the ACT region and speak directly with the people responsible for keeping our community safe.

9 Amberley Avenue, Fairbairn

SUNDAY
28 October
10am - 3pm



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