

# OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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## MORE BULK BILLING GPs & CLINICS

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Better access to affordable health care with more bulk billing


### Canberra's south will soon have more access to GP bulk billing.

The ACT Government's new Bulk Billing General Practices Grant Fund is incentivising more clinics and

more doctors, to offer bulk billing in Molonglo and Tuggeranong, in particular to those most in need.

Canberra has some of the lowest bulk billing rates in the country. By encouraging more GPs to bulk bill,

we can provide better healthcare in Canberra's south, where and when people need it.

 More at [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT Government is building a better healthcare system. We now have three nurse-led Walk-in Centres and two more are on their way; we're providing grants to expand bulk billing GP services across Canberra's Southside; we've expanded maternity services and the emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital; we're delivering our biggest ever mental health support network; and we're investing in the 'Hospital in the Home' program.

Delivering accessible, high quality healthcare where and when you need it is one of the Government's top priorities.



For more stories and information from across Canberra visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra) or follow us on social media.



For consultations in Canberra visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

## FAST TICKET HOME

The best way to be reunited quickly with your beloved lost pet is to keep their contact details up to date.

This means keeping your pet's microchip information current, as well as their registration details and the contact details on their ID tags and collars.

Updates can be made online and by vets.

 More at [tccs.act.gov.au](https://tccs.act.gov.au)



## SUMMER GARDEN

Love gardening but can't seem to keep your plants alive?

Actsmart's FREE 'Canberra Plant Selector' and 'WaterRight' web tools will help you make some smart gardening decisions this summer, like the best plants to choose, where to position them, and how much to water them.

 More at [actsmart.act.gov.au](https://actsmart.act.gov.au)




## KNOW the FIRE DANGER RATING

This bushfire season, make sure you understand the Fire Danger Rating levels displayed on electronic roadside signs.

The rating is based on how fire is expected to behave on that particular day. The higher the rating, the more prepared you need to be.

A 'very high' rating means you should activate your Bushfire Survival Plan and regularly check for updates. 'Severe' means that fires will be unpredictable, fast moving, and your survival is the first priority.

 More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

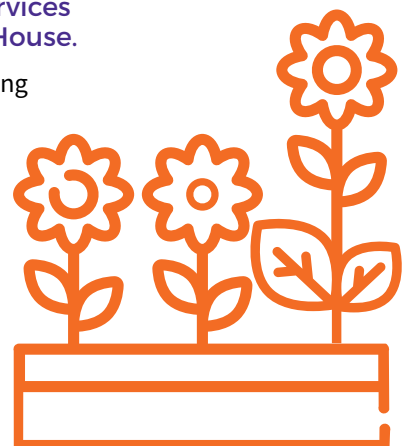
 Download a bushfire Survival Plan template at [esa.act.gov.au](https://esa.act.gov.au)

## PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES to EXPAND

Patients and families receiving palliative care will have access to better facilities and services with a major expansion of Clare Holland House.

With the need for palliative care growing, expanding services at Clare Holland House will ensure more Canberrans receive specialist palliative and end-of-life care. The expansion will include more specialist inpatient palliative care beds and more family friendly features that enable loved ones to stay with patients on site.

This expansion is a project by the Australian and ACT Governments in partnership with The Snow Foundation, and is expected to start in 2019.



# IMPROVED PATHS & CYCLEWAYS

Improvements to walking and cycling routes between Holder, Weston and Lyons are on their way.

These upgrades include constructing a new path along parts of Heysen Street and Devonport Street. Work is expected to begin in the second half of 2019.

Proposed for Woden is a new separated cycleway and verge improvements along Corinna Street between Furzer Street and Callam Street, as well as plans to widen shared paths on Melrose Drive and Ball Street. You'll have an opportunity to have your say on concept designs in early 2019.

 More at [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## BETTER SUBURBS to 2030



The Better Suburbs Statement 2030 is now available. It outlines short term priorities and a vision for how we service our city to 2030.

The priority areas include lakes, ponds, stormwater and water quality, street and park trees and household waste and recycling.

 More at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

## NEW WETLANDS in WESTON CREEK

Holder's new wetlands are scheduled to open before the end of the year.

When full, the wetlands will contain about 2.4 million litres of water, about the same as an Olympic swimming pool. To fill it, water will be diverted from stormwater pipes.

Final landscaping including the installation of wet plants is now underway. Some areas of the site may remain closed to allow plants to establish.

 More at [environment.act.gov.au](http://environment.act.gov.au)



## INDOOR CATS are SAFE CATS

Did you know that the suburbs of Coombs, Wright, Molonglo and Denman Prospect are cat containment areas?

Cat containment means that cat owners must keep their cats contained on their properties.

It helps protect our native wildlife in nearby nature reserves, and helps ensure the family cat lives a longer healthier life.

 More at [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



# A CITY LOAD of ACTIVITIES

Canberra's city centre comes alive during November with a calendar full of pop-up events and activities including, arts, festivals and a community day.

All these activities are funded through the City Grants program.

## JOIN IN



- > Get active with free lunchtime Zumba classes in Garema Place.
- > Enjoy a two-day festival of wine in Tocumwal Lane (23–24 November).
- > Check out some local art on board the ANCA Art Bus mobile gallery.
- > Bring your family and friends to Glebe Park for a community day on 25 November to conclude the SpringOUT festival.

 More at [cityrenewalcbr.com.au](http://cityrenewalcbr.com.au)



THROUGHOUT  
NOVEMBER

## EXPLORE

The DESIGN Canberra Festival will be featuring a program of city-based festival activities this month.

A highlight on 22 November will be a field of balloons on City Hill by Montreal-based artists Daily tous les jours, called Museum of Possibilities. Here the community will be able to imagine and share their ideas on the future of their city centre.

 More at [designcanberrafestival.com.au](http://designcanberrafestival.com.au)



## SECURITY for the EASTERN BETTONG

Since 2011 these small kangaroo-like marsupials have been reintroduced to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary and Tidbinbilla from Tasmania. They love their new surroundings.

The Eastern Bettong's future is more secure by being added to the ACT's Threatened Native Species List.

 More at [environment.act.gov.au](http://environment.act.gov.au)

Eastern Bettongs, once common to the Australian mainland, disappeared a century ago with European settlement.



SPRINGOUT  
continues to  
25 November

## IT'S SPRINGOUT SEASON

Canberra's pride festival SpringOUT, celebrating the diversity of Canberra's LGBTIQ communities is on during November.

 More at [springout.com.au](http://springout.com.au)



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