

## Better bus interchange

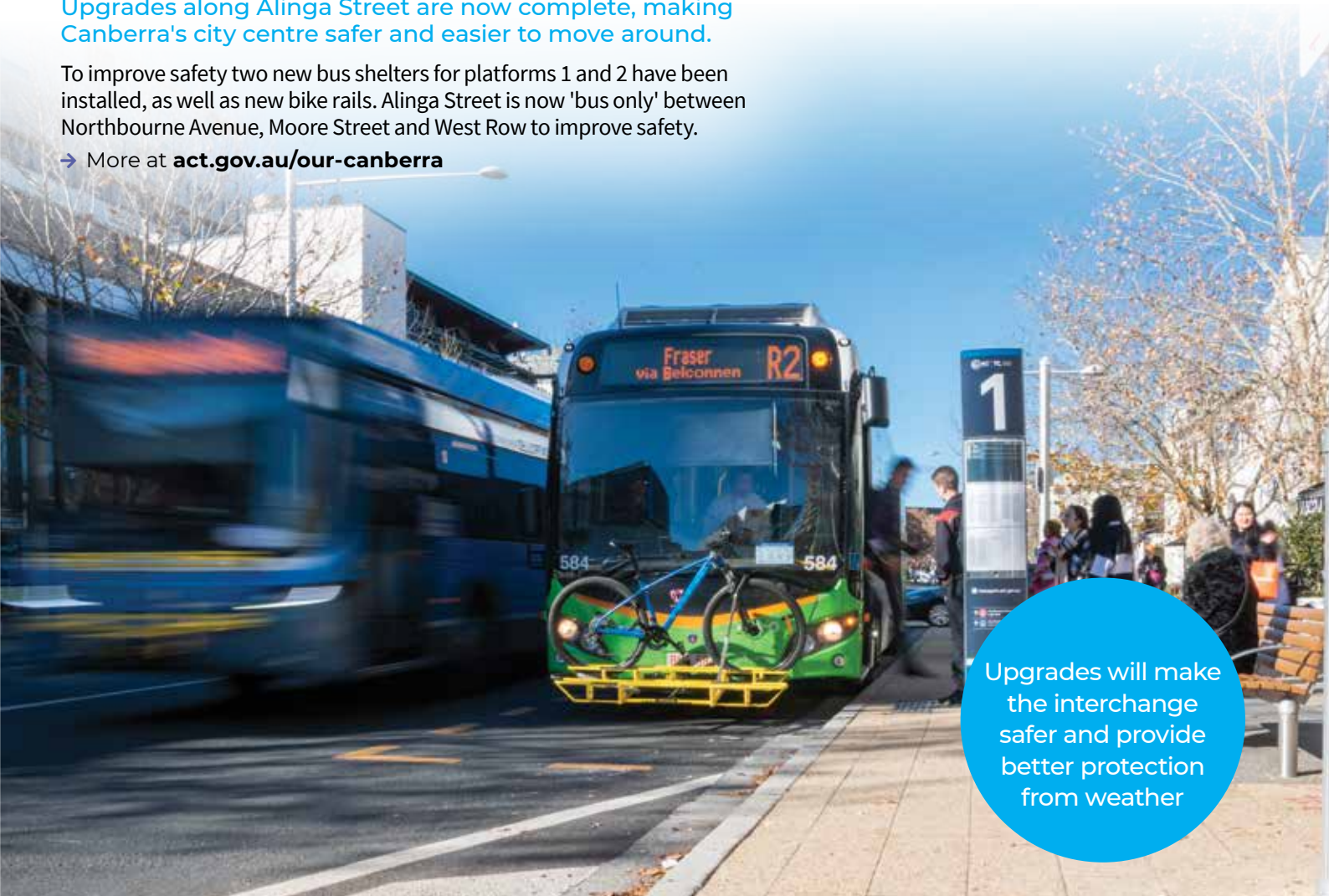
Upgrades along Alinga Street are now complete, making Canberra's city centre safer and easier to move around.

To improve safety two new bus shelters for platforms 1 and 2 have been installed, as well as new bike rails. Alinga Street is now 'bus only' between Northbourne Avenue, Moore Street and West Row to improve safety.

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

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### A message from the Chief Minister

The ACT has recorded strong economic growth over the past few years, with low unemployment and record tourism delivering more jobs for more Canberrans.

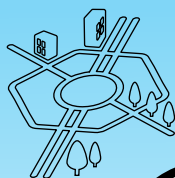
However, we recognise that economic performance is not the only measure of wellbeing.

To help frame future Government decisions, we are developing wellbeing indicators with a focus on social inclusion, housing and access to good quality public healthcare.

Andrew Barr



## Planning for our city's future



We're reviewing Canberra's planning system.

We want to know what is most important when considering new development in your area.

→ Have your say at [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## Save time go online

Access Canberra is making it easier and more convenient to do life admin with more than 400 services now available online.

Renew your car registration, pay your rates or apply for a birth or marriage certificate – anytime, anywhere.

→ Visit [act.gov.au/accessCBR](https://act.gov.au/accessCBR)

## Spring into action with AirRater



Pollen season can be a trigger for asthma and hay fever sufferers in Canberra. So make sure you download the free AirRater app.

AirRater gives real-time information on pollen levels and air quality to help Canberrans manage their symptoms.

→ Download the AirRater app at [airrater.org](https://airrater.org)



## More trees at school



Tree planting programs are in place across Canberra schools to give kids more shade to play in.

These trees will form part of the city's urban forest, adding to the character of the bush capital we all love.

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



## Green bins for green thumbs



Spring into your garden this September and make use of your green waste bin.

Green bin collections are available across all Canberra suburbs. You can use them for:

- garden prunings
- leaves
- grass clippings

- weeds
  - small branches
  - flowers.
- Register for a green bin at [tccs.act.gov.au](https://tccs.act.gov.au)







## Keeping a high quality of life

Canberra is a thriving and inclusive community that aims for everyone to share in the benefits of a good life.

We are developing a set of Wellbeing Indicators that will guide future government decisions and investments. The indicators will ensure all Canberrans, no matter their circumstances, continue to enjoy a high quality of life here in the ACT.

→ Follow the work on the development of Wellbeing Indicators at [yoursay.act.gov.au](https://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## Weekend timetable update

An updated weekend bus timetable will be introduced from Saturday 28 September.

It will maintain the popular Rapid services as well as late night services, while making some adjustments to route services.

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



## More fun for kids in Glebe Park

Construction will soon be under way on a new nature play space in Glebe Park.

The park will be built in the elm tree forest near the existing playground and rotunda. It will offer children exciting opportunities to be active, grow and learn.

→ More at [natureplaycbr.org.au](https://natureplaycbr.org.au)



## YOURsay Community panel

Through the new YourSay Community Panel, people in Central Canberra told us the three most important factors for their wellbeing are:

**57%** health

**52%** good relationships with family, friends and others

**35%** work-life balance.

→ Join at [yoursaypanel.act.gov.au](https://yoursaypanel.act.gov.au)

## Meet your midwife of the year



Sally McRae won the 2019 ACT Midwife of the Year for her tireless work alongside women, before, during and after childbirth.

Sally, a Clinical Development Midwife from Calvary Public Hospital (Bruce), was recognised for leading birthing education programs and supporting research to reduce the risk of infant mortality.

"Our role is very special because we're involved in more than one generation simultaneously and there's not many careers that can do that," Sally said.

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



Sally McRae,  
midwife



# Floriade

blooms this spring



Floriade signals the start of spring as more than one million bulbs and annuals burst into bloom in Commonwealth Park.

Enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, market stalls plus delicious food and drinks. You'll find something for everyone as Floriade celebrates the World in Bloom.

→ See the full program at [floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)

Floriade  
14 Sep – 13 Oct

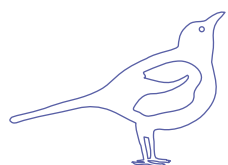
NightFest  
3-6 October



## NightFest

When the sun goes down NightFest comes to life with an illuminated playground for those who dare to dabble in Floriade's dark side over four magical nights.

→ More at  
[floriadeaustralia.com/nightfest](http://floriadeaustralia.com/nightfest)



## Watch out for swooping magpies this spring!

Take simple precautions to stay safe as you share the environment with magpies protecting their babies:

- walk through the magpie's territory quickly, but don't run
- protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses, and
- plan to take a different route next time.

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

## Canberra's Garden of Enchantment



Experience the joy of spring at Garema Place in the Garden of Enchantment.

Delight in the fresh tulips, relax on the lawn, dip your feet in the pond and let your little ones play in the secret fairy garden.

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

Garema Place  
6 Sep – 20 Oct

