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Rupert at Duffy Primary School's bike track. This is the kind of fun that Caroline Chisholm School students will be able to enjoy this term, after their bike track was completed over the summer holidays.



Message from the Chief Minister

The pandemic isn't over so it is more important than ever before to get your booster shot.

The ACT Government's mass vaccination clinics are being scaled up to vaccinate 32,500 Canberrans each week. Pharmacies and GPs are vaccinating a similar number.

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 5-11, book them in for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination remains the most effective way to reduce the severity of disease and transmission of the virus.

Andrew Barr











Our COVER STORY

Better school infrastructure for Tuggeranong



Caroline Chisholm School students have a new bike track to enjoy this year.

The track was built over the summer holidays and is part of ACT Health's *It's Your Move* Outdoor Environment Project to promote physical activity and positive mental health.

The project also includes a nature play space, a gathering circle, and a sensory garden.

COVID-19 vaccines for kids

COVID-19 vaccines are available for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

The vaccines can help protect your kids for the new school year and can be booked through ACT Government COVID-19 vaccine clinics, GPs and pharmacies.

Have a chat with your trusted health care provider or visit the ACT Government's COVID-19 website for more information.







Get your COVID-19 booster vaccination

3 MONTHS

If you had a second COVID-19 vaccine dose three months ago, you are now eligible for a booster dose to increase your protection.

The ACT Government has accelerated the COVID-19 vaccination program through expanded capacity at the AIS Arena and the re-opening of the Canberra Airport vaccination hub to deliver more doses every day.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations are available for people aged 18+ at participating GPs, pharmacies and ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics. If you have any questions, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional.

To book your appointment at an ACT Government clinic call 5124 7700, between 7am and 7pm every day or visit **covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine** for online booking options.



Garran COVID-19 Clinic changes

A new dedicated clinic for people who are COVID-19 positive is now open at the Garran COVID-19 Surge Centre.

The clinic provides health care for people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and who need treatment for other non-life threatening injuries or illnesses. The clinic also provides patients who are COVID-19 positive with in-person support and

advice as they manage their symptoms during the illness. COVID-19 testing will continue to operate separately at the facility.

Open seven days a week from 7.30am to 10pm. Free service, no appointment is needed.

Keeping our kids safe in school zones

Karren Wilson says that being a school crossing supervisor at Namadgi School "is the best job in the world".

Her colleague Debbie White agrees, saying "It's nice to get to know the children, their parents and carers, and the school staff. The local drivers are also very appreciative of what we do to keep people safe when crossing the road."

Now 40km/h school zones are back in force, slow down and keep an eye out for Karren, Debbie and the 25 other crossing supervisors helping students get to and from school safely.



Monaro Highway work underway

The Monaro Highway and Lanyon Drive intersection is undergoing utility relocations and other preparation works ahead of major construction at the Lanyon Drive Interchange in 2023.

This project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments and will deliver a safer commute for Canberrans.

Theodore principal recognised for leadership



Your 2022 public transport, cycling + walking guide

Consider leaving the car at home more often and taking public transport, riding, walking or scooting in 2022.

It's better for the planet, reduces your time spent in traffic and helps you save on parking fees.

Public transport options

Rapid bus services

- ▶ Link town centres and other key destinations, with frequent weekday services departing from Tuggeranong Bus Interchange between 7am and 7pm.
- ▶ Gets you from Tuggeranong (R4) to the city in about 35 minutes, and Lanyon (R5) to the city via Woden in about 50 minutes.

Local bus services

- ▶ Operate every 30 minutes or less on weekdays, connecting the region's suburbs to local shops and the Tuggeranong Town Centre.
- ▶ Include weekday peak services (180,181 and 182) that get commuters to and from the city and Parliamentary Triangle quickly.



Get a discount

Want to save around \$300* a year on your fares?

Travel is cheaper with MyWay and there's further discounts for travel during offpeak times. Discounts apply 9am-4.30pm weekdays, after 6pm and all weekend. Save an extra 5% with autoload. Off-peak travel is **FREE** with a Seniors MyWayCard.

*Based on an adult fare, travelling five days a week, all year round.



Park and Ride

Take advantage of the six local Park and Rides to connect with nearby bus services (see map overpage).

Cycling and walking

Take advantage of the scenic cycle routes that connect Tuggeranong to neighbouring town centres, including:

- ▶ C4 (Tuggeranong to City via Woden)
- ▶ C5 (Tuggeranong to Belconnen via Weston Creek).

Bike rails and bike cages are located at many public transport stops and stations, and you can use the bike racks on the front of buses.

We're going electric

New electric buses are joining the fleet this year as part of Transport Canberra's transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040.

E-scooter expansion

Keep an eye out for e-scooters as they expand across Canberra in 2022. They are convenient, accessible, environmentally friendly and fun. E-scooters are perfect for shorter trips or connecting to bus services.

Better paths for Tuggeranong

It is now easier and safer to walk and cycle near the Tuggeranong Town Centre. Head online to find out more about initiatives to improve active travel in the area.

Enlighten Festival is back!

Over 17 days 5 major events

Canberra will shine bright with culture and creativity during March as the Enlighten Festival returns with five major events. All attendees are asked to abide by ACT Public Health Directions in place at the time of the event, and practise COVID-safe behaviours while attending Enlighten Festival.

- **▶** Illuminations
 - **4-14 March:** see the capital's most iconic buildings light up with projections.
- Lights! Canberra! Action!
 11 March: applaud local creativity as the spotlight shines on local filmmakers.
- Symphony in the Park
 13 March: sit back and enjoy the Canberra
 Symphony Orchestra in Commonwealth Park.
- Canberra Day festivities
 14 March: celebrate Canberra Day with an array of festivities.
- Canberra Balloon
 Spectacular
 12-20 March:
 watch the skies fill
 with colour at this
 annual favourite.





Royal Canberra Show returns with less plastic

The Royal Canberra Show is returning this month, welcoming back visitors while reducing single-use plastics.

Single-use plastic straws, bowls and takeaway containers will be banned when the show returns from **25-27 February 2022** at Exhibition Park.

Its transition to sustainable items goes beyond the current Canberra-wide ban on single-use plastic cutlery, drink stirrers and polystyrene containers.



Surface Festival to bring colour to the streets

The ACT's first urban street art festival is taking place on **4-6 March.**

Surface Festival will see local and interstate artists transform blank surfaces in the City into colourful urban creations. It will also feature workshops, tours and satellite events across Canberra.

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