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Canberrans are invited to attend a fun-filled day of activities on 14 March in Commonwealth Park. Photo credit: Matt Witcombe.



Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to coordinate the clean-up of the Belconnen region following January's storms.

ACT Parks and Conservation staff have joined the Government's response teams, helping to remove fallen trees and debris across the region. The current focus has shifted to clearing fallen trees and debris in high-use areas around

shopping centres and schools, before moving to nature strips, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and parks.

I want to thank Belconnen residents for their patience and support. Further information on the story recovery is available from the ACT City Services website.

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Local businesses to shine at Enlighten

More than 25 local businesses will showcase their wares at Enlighten Festival this month, providing Canberrans with a wide range of tasty food and drink options.

Organised by The Forage, founder Belinda Neame says the street food event is important for the platform it provides local businesses.

“I’d say to locals: don’t come once, come twice. Tag our foodies on social media, tell your friends, come out and have fun – a little bit of support can go a long way,” Belinda said.

Enlighten Festival takes place from **4-20 March**, with The Forage running nightly from **11-14 March between 5pm-11pm** at Reconciliation Place.



The Forage Founder Belinda Neame and Miss Van’s owner Andrew Duong look forward to showcasing local food and drink at the Enlighten Festival.

Canberra kids due for second COVID-19 vaccine dose

Children aged 5-11 will soon be due for their second COVID-19 vaccination dose.

The second dose – due eight weeks after the first dose – can be booked at an ACT Government COVID-19 vaccine clinic, GP or pharmacy.

It provides even more protection from getting very sick with COVID-19.

Children who have had COVID-19 can get the vaccine as soon as they’ve been released from isolation and recovered.

Contact a healthcare provider with any questions and, if your child is worried about their vaccine, explore the helpful resources on the ACT COVID-19 website.



COVID-19 booster vaccinations available

If you’re aged 16+ and had a second COVID-19 vaccine dose three months ago, you are now eligible for a booster dose to increase your protection.

Even if you’ve had COVID-19, it is important that you still get your booster – you can do this as soon as you’ve been released from isolation and recovered.

Head online to make a booking.





Better healthcare for Belco

Specialist staff are now rostered to operate 24/7 medical imaging services at Calvary Public Hospital.

Overnight services – previously provided on an on-call basis – recognise the needs of our growing population, and will support medical staff in the investigation, treatment and monitoring of patients.

Safer roads across Belconnen

Road resurfacing is taking place across Belconnen, including Flynn, Macquarie and Holt.

The work follows a record program of road repairs in the last financial year.

The lifespan of roads – and therefore when they need treatment – depends on traffic volume, traffic speed, the effects of sun over time and more.

Head online for our daily program of upgrades.



Previous road resurfacing work being undertaken in the region.

More job opportunities for locals

Siobhan Nelson (pictured) is one of a new generation of female electricians working in Canberra after completing the SPARK Ginninderry Women in Trade Program.

The financial barrier of studying was broken down thanks to free training through the JobTrainer program, which also led to Siobhan securing an apprenticeship.

Head online to find out how you can upskill with free training in high demand industries.



Storm recovery continues

The clean-up of Belconnen following January's storm continues, with roads, driveways and other high-use areas being prioritised.

More than 2000 jobs have been identified and may take months to complete due to the scale of damage.



Join in Canberra Day celebrations

Join in Canberra Day activities on 14 March with a celebration of multicultural food, drink, music and dance taking place at Commonwealth Park.

Part of the Enlighten Festival, the event will showcase our diverse and vibrant local community. So grab a picnic blanket and come along with your friends and family for a fun-filled day.



What's on at the Enlighten Festival



- ▶ Illuminations **4-14 March**
- ▶ Lights! Canberra! Action! **11 March**
- ▶ Symphony in the Park **13 March**
- ▶ Canberra Day festivities **14 March**
- ▶ Canberra Balloon Spectacular **12-20 March**

All attendees are asked to practise COVID-safe behaviours and abide by ACT Public Health Directions in place at the time of the event.

→ Find out more at enlightencanberra.com



Celebrate International Women's Day

Canberrans are encouraged to mark International Women's Day on 8 March and help create a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Head online to get involved.

