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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

We are now in the third year of COVID-19. The pandemic isn't over and it continues to throw new challenges our way.

We will be maintaining our public health response, providing Canberrans with a trusted source of health information and delivering a community-wide booster program.

Our economic recovery plan will be front and centre of the Government's work in 2022. The plan is focused on creating, and protecting, local jobs in a diverse range of industry sectors.

The Government will continue investing in the infrastructure that will make Canberra even better. Infrastructure that is built for Canberra, built to support the city Canberrans want.

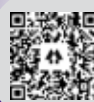
We live in a time of great uncertainty. We don't know what is coming next.

However, we have optimism, community resilience, and a focus on delivering our important legislative, infrastructure and services program.

Andrew Barr



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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 to 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.



New hospital suite for mental health treatment

A new suite on the Canberra Hospital campus is providing better support and treatment for adults experiencing mental health issues.

The suite provides specialist mental health treatment – known as electroconvulsive therapy – to patients in a welcoming and comfortable environment.

The ACT Government invested \$3.6 million into the project to help meet Canberra's healthcare needs as our population increases.



The suite's coordinator Joyce Thanabal.



Paul Alexander working on the Easty Street upgrades last month.

Easty Street reopens

Safer pedestrian crossings and cycle paths have been installed on the reopened Easty Street as part of the project to bring a new CIT Campus and public interchange to Woden.

The project is making it easier for Canberrans to move around the town centre and enjoy its public spaces and facilities.



Hospital showcases local student art

Budding artists from Garran Primary School's Year 1 class will see their artwork feature on fences around the Canberra Hospital Expansion project site.

The artwork showcases student interpretations of how the hospital's new Critical Services Building will help the community when completed in 2024.

The works are on display on the corner of Gilmore Crescent and Palmer Street.



A selection of the local student artwork now on display at the Canberra Hospital Expansion project site.



New community resources at Woden Library

From its new recording studio and podcast suite to more collaborative areas and quiet areas, now is the perfect time to rediscover Woden Library.

Head online for opening hours.



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.

