

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley

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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to support thousands of Canberra families with the rising cost of living.

The Education Equity Fund has already assisted over 2500 students, helping cover the costs of things like book packs, uniforms and excursions, sport equipment and activities, tuition and music lessons.

This is just one part of the Government's efforts to relieve cost of living pressures for Canberrans who need it most. This includes direct financial support for Canberrans with their energy bills, health care and transport, as well as sustainable home upgrades and support to rent or buy a home.

More information is available at act.gov.au/costoflivingsupport.

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Free health care at ACT Walk-in Centres

Canberra's Walk-in Centres are a great option when you have an injury or illness that is not life-threatening.

Walk-in Centres can assess and treat anyone from one year of age and all services are free of charge. You don't need an appointment, referral or Medicare card – simply walk in.

There are five Walk-in Centres in convenient locations across Canberra, so you won't need to travel far. You'll find them in Tuggeranong, Weston, Dickson, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

All centres are open between 7.30am and 10pm every day of the year. ACT Walk-in Centres are part of the national network of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.



Find help with education costs

This school year, the Future of Education Equity Fund has helped more than 2500 students.

The fund helps low-income families with a one-off, annual payment to help cover education costs like uniforms, excursions, sport equipment and music lessons. It is open to eligible families with students in preschool to year 12.

Scan the QR code to apply.

Compare and save on energy bills

Shopping around can save you up to \$700 per year on your energy bills.

The Energy Made Easy website makes it simple to compare what the ACT's energy retailers are offering.

Simply add your postcode and answer some questions about your energy use. You will then get an estimate of how much you would pay under different retailers' plans.

Compare plans to find the best one for your household.

Visit energymadeeasy.gov.au





Major upgrades throughout the region

Work has begun on the John Gorton Drive extension and a new Molonglo River Bridge. These are expected to open by the end of 2025.

The road is being realigned to minimise traffic impacts during construction. Bridge foundation and environmental protection work have begun.

Traffic lights will soon be installed on Streeton Drive, Weston, at the Heysen

Street and Namatjira Drive intersections. Work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

These projects are jointly funded by the ACT and Australian governments.

Improvements to Brierly Street, adjacent to Coleman Court, will soon be complete; with new seating, alfresco dining, lighting and two new raised pedestrian crossings.



Artist's impression of the Molonglo River Bridge

New engagement pilot for the Molonglo Valley

The ACT Government is trialling a new way for Molonglo Valley community members to have their say on developments across the region – the fastest growing in the ACT.

During the 12-month pilot, a Molonglo Valley Hub Page on YourSay Conversations will provide residents with a single access point to a range of ACT Government projects seeking feedback.

Pop-up information stalls will also be held, when required.

Scan the QR code for more.



Have your say on the region's library

A new library and community hub will be built in the Molonglo Valley.

An online survey is now open for your feedback on the spaces included and the accessibility and appearance of the buildings.

Share your thoughts by 24 April.

Have your say on future facilities and services

The ACT Government is committed to Molonglo Valley becoming the ACT's sixth town centre.

This will provide greater job opportunities and recognise Molonglo as the main commercial hub for the district. There are plans to include:

- a public transport hub
- community facilities
- a well-located town park
- road connections to the wider area.

You can soon have your say on what you would like to see.



Artist impression illustrating street elevation 1 along Cross Street Central looking north

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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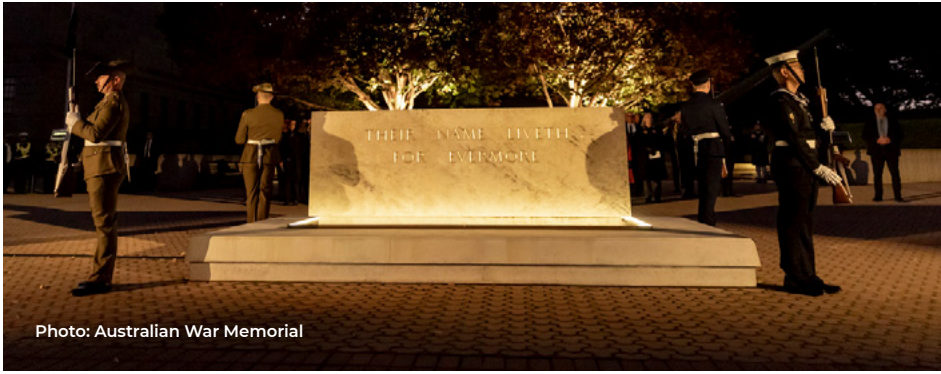


Photo: Australian War Memorial

Commemorate Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial

On Thursday, 25 April, the Australian War Memorial will begin Anzac Day commemorations with the Dawn Service at 5.30am.

The RSL ACT Branch Veterans' March will be held at 9.30am on the Memorial's new Parade Ground.

Free public transport will be available to anyone attending these events.

Register to ride via the Transport Canberra website. Anyone wearing or displaying war service medals will ride free of charge throughout the day.

Canberra buses and light rail will run to a Sunday timetable for the Anzac Day public holiday.

Scan the QR code for more.



More Saturday bus services for Canberra

A new weekend bus timetable will begin on Saturday, 6 April to include more frequent local bus services on Saturday afternoons.

Local bus services will run hourly from the first service through until 6pm on Saturdays. Rapid bus services will continue to run every 15 to 30 minutes across the entire weekend.

Check the new weekend timetables to see the updated bus times and use the Journey Planner to plan your travel.

Visit transport.act.gov.au

What's on

Date	Event
5-7 April	Canberra Times Marathon Festival 2024 John Dunmore Lang Place, Parkes
13 April	Relay for Life 2024 Australian Institute of Sport
13-28 April	Tuff Nutterz Parkes Place Lawns
13-28 April	Canberra & Region Heritage Festival Various locations
14 April	Canberra Fashion Market Fitter's Workshop, Kingston
18 April	Duntroon Estate and its People Canberra Museum and Gallery
20 April	African Festival in the Park Commonwealth Park
30 April	Canberra International Music Festival Various locations

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.

i For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au

YOUR SAY CONVERSATIONS

Have you or someone you know been affected by domestic or sexual violence?

The ACT Government is developing a 10-year ACT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Strategy to help Canberrans feel safe in their relationships, homes and communities.

The draft strategy is underpinned by a set of principles, focus areas and priorities that will guide work over the next decade. You can now review the draft strategy and share your feedback.

Have your say by 28 April 2024 at yoursayconversations.act.gov.au

If you need support, call the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (02) 6280 0900 or the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (02) 6247 2525.