

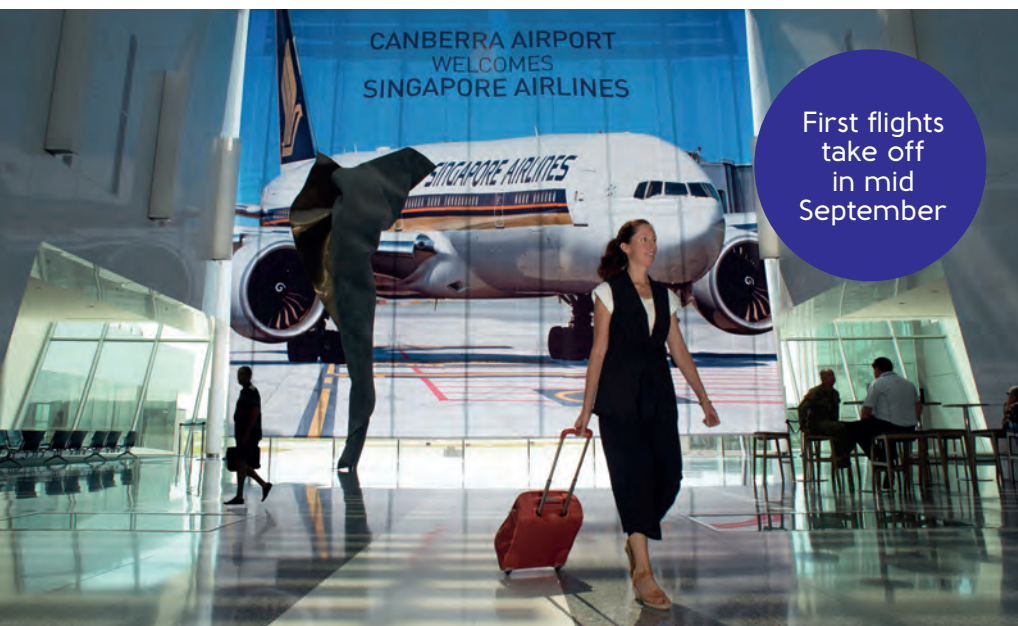
OUR CANBERRA

BELCONNEN EDITION

MARCH 2016



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS COME TO CANBERRA



CANBERRA AIRPORT
WELCOMES
SINGAPORE AIRLINES

First flights
take off
in mid
September

Canberrans will soon have more travel choices and be better connected to the rest of the world with Singapore Airlines announcing direct flights from Canberra to Singapore and Wellington, NZ.

From September this year, Singapore Airlines will fly direct services from Singapore to Canberra and Canberra to Wellington in a route dubbed the 'capital express', offering four services a week to both cities on a Boeing 777-200.

The start of direct international flights will create significant positive economic and social impacts for Canberra and

the region in terms of trade, investment, higher education and tourism.

Flights from Singapore will arrive on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON NEW PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Construction has started on Canberra's newest public hospital – the University of Canberra Public Hospital set to open in 2018.

Over the coming years, the project will provide construction jobs, improve economic activity in Belconnen and help the University of Canberra attract new students and researchers.

The first sod was turned last month, officially beginning the construction phase of the project.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

It's been a busy start to the year, with some of the world's biggest companies giving our city a major vote of confidence. International flights are finally a reality with Singapore Airlines announcing it will fly direct from Canberra to Singapore and Canberra to Wellington.

Also in transport, we've announced the international consortium that will build the first stage of Canberra's light rail network. The companies involved are some of the world's best and they'll get the job done faster and at a lower cost than originally anticipated.

Infrastructure investment is not limited to transport and it was great to recently turn the sod to start construction on the new University of Canberra Public Hospital.



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THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR CANBERRA

Climate change is likely to mean more heatwaves and extreme weather in our region.

That means we need to improve how we manage our water resources and reduce the effects of heat, prepare our emergency responses, help Canberrans reduce their electricity costs, protect native species and urban forests, and support and encourage private enterprise to take action.

The ACT Government has released its new ‘Climate Change Adaptation Strategy’ and you are invited to have your say.

i For more information visit haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au



CANBERRA STUDENTS ARE CONNECTED

Canberra's public schools are now some of the best connected in the world.

25,200 of our local students at most Canberra public schools have registered with the Google Apps for Education platform, making a real difference to the way they learn.

Teachers, parents and students can use Google Apps to communicate, collaborate and explore on real-world platforms.

i Contact your school to learn more about Google Apps for Education.



LOCK CYBER SAFETY AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



If you need advice on cyberbullying and eSafety, head to your local library for help

Young people in the ACT are among the first in the country to trial a new program called eSafe spaces—offered by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner. If successful, the pilot will be rolled out to public libraries across Australia.

Visit your local library for advice on how to be safe online, to learn about managing your privacy and security online, removing cyber-bullying material, and to better understand games, apps and social networking.

i For more information visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

i For library location and contact details visit library.act.gov.au

TRAIN LIGHT RAIL OPERATING EARLY 2019

A world class light rail is coming, with stage one delivering 12km of light rail track, 13 stops, 14 light rail vehicles, a depot and 20 years of operation and maintenance.

The construction consortium has been chosen, with the first stage of the project to be completed by late 2018. Operations will begin in early 2019.

i For more information visit capitalmetro.act.gov.au

Canberra's light rail will operate from as early as 6 am, up to 1 am, with services every 6 minutes during peak times.



COOK SHOPS GET A REFRESH

Residents can soon look forward to more open space, new pathways, improved lighting, more disability parking, new outdoor furniture and improved landscaping. Work will be completed mid 2016.



+ NEW EMERGENCY STATION FOR BELCONNEN

Construction of Belconnen's new co-located ambulance and fire and rescue station is well under way and due for completion in June 2016.

The station is opposite Canberra High School at Bardi Place Aranda, just off Bindubi Street and near the intersection with Belconnen Way. Part of the development includes a new car park south of the station.

i For more information and an update on progress visit esa.act.gov.au



BELCONNEN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Community Health Centres offer a variety of services to help Canberra families look after their health and wellbeing.



In Belconnen, your local centre is on the corner of Lathlain and Cohen Streets and is open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

The centre provides dental, podiatry, respiratory, BreastScreen and women's and children's health services, cancer counselling, social work and mental health care, nutrition and obesity management services, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and falls injury prevention services.

It also features a Nurse-led Walk in Centre providing free one-off advice and treatment for people with a minor illness or injury.

Community Health Centres are located in all major town centres in the ACT (Civic, Dickson, Tuggeranong, Phillip, Gungahlin and Belconnen), each offering services to help Canberra families look after their health and wellbeing.

i For more information visit health.act.gov.au or call 6207 9977.

DOG-FRIENDLY CANBERRA GETS EVEN BETTER

You and your pooch can now enjoy even more of our Canberra, together.

You can now exercise your dog off-leash at all sportsgrounds when they're not being used for sport. In Belconnen that includes Kippax District Playing Fields. Dogs can also be off-leash at man-made wetland areas such as the Lyneham wetlands and Flemington Road ponds.

William Slim Drive pedestrian parkland in Lawson has changed from an on-leash area to off-leash. All major parks, including Black Mountain Peninsula, are now dog on-leash.

i For more information visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

REMEMBER THIS

- > Keep your dog on-leash on a path or cycleway
- > Ensure your dog isn't harassing other dogs, people or wildlife
- > Keep your dog 10m away from playgrounds and barbecues
- > Always clean up after your dog
- > Enclosed ovals remain dog prohibited.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANBERRA



LIGHTS! CANBERRA! ACTION!

11 MARCH FROM 7 pm

Kick back and enjoy an evening of free outdoor cinema at the 13th annual Lights! Canberra! Action!

The festival, which is part of Enlighten 2016, sees local film makers write, shoot and produce a 7-minute Canberra-centric film along the theme of 'Chance'.

Screening starts at Old Parliament House at 8 pm. Entertainment from 7 pm.



SYMPHONY IN THE PARK MEETS BABE

13 MARCH FROM 6.30 pm

The Australian family classic 'Babe' will light up the silver screen at Stage 88 this Canberra Day eve, accompanied by the renowned Canberra Symphony Orchestra.

Enjoy this free cinematic experience with a picnic and be thoroughly entertained.



UP UP & AWAY

12-20 MARCH

Canberra's annual Balloon Spectacular returns for its 30th year.

More than 30 giant hot air balloons from across the globe will take to our skies again this month. This year, look out for the Owlbert Einstein balloon and another inspired by the Disney movie Up.

Balloons inflate on the Lawns of Old Parliament House from 6.15 am, they launch from 6.30-7 am (weather permitting) and breakfast is available until 10 am.



CELEBRATE CANBERRA DAY IN COMMONWEALTH PARK

14 MARCH FROM 2 pm

There will be an exciting program of live music and entertainment, amusement park rides, food and festival style activities for the whole family.

Local bands and big name acts will take centre stage at this year's celebrations.

 For more information on any of these events call **Access Canberra** on 13 22 81 or visit events.act.gov.au, act.gov.au/ourcanberra, balloonspectacular.com.au or enlightencanberra.com



On 14 March visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra to meet our new

**2016 CANBERRA
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Citizen of the Year 2015, Sue Salthouse



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