

OUR CANBERRA

BELCONNEN EDITION

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YOUR
SAY

IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT



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SUPPORT FOR NEW CANCER TREATMENT RESEARCH AT UC

New company EpiAxis Therapeutics Pty Ltd recently received government approval to work out of the University of Canberra to bring a revolutionary breast cancer treatment to market and create jobs for Canberrans in the health sector.


Changes to ACT Government planning regulations in 2015 paved the way for the construction of a new state-of-the-art cancer centre at the University of Canberra which opened in February. The Radiation Oncology Centre will increase the availability of radiation and medical oncology services in the ACT.

In the next 20 years, Canberra's population is set to increase by a third, with almost 500,000 people calling our city home by 2035.

Canberrans need a modern transport system that can meet the requirements of our growing and changing city and offer a genuine alternative to driving.

We want to hear from all Canberrans on their expectations and aspirations for Canberra's transport system.

From
1 July this year
Transport Canberra
will manage the
integration of transport
across the city.

 For more information visit
transport.act.gov.au

 To have your say visit
haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

We hear a lot about innovation. It's a word that truly applies to our city.

We have world leading universities that are creating jobs and diversifying our economy. Alongside the CBR Innovation Network, they're creating a knowledge capital that supports entrepreneurs. Just last month, two of our female innovators were named most influential female entrepreneurs in Australia.

We are showing innovation in transport by being the first Australian city to regulate ridesharing technology, working with researchers to improve motor vehicle safety, integrating light rail and bus networks and introducing smart parking technology.

Access Canberra is also using technology to make it easier to do business with government.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.





A MAKEOVER FOR MOUNT AINSLIE SUMMIT

Congratulations to Sue Barnsley and Jane Irwin, the inspiring duo who wowed judges with their compelling design for the Mount Ainslie Summit.


The national competition to rejuvenate one of Canberra's most significant lookouts attracted 17 entrants from across Australia. Future visitors will enjoy a striking new circular lookout, lawns for picnicking as well as a native meadow as part of the new design.

 For more information on the winning designs visit tams.act.gov.au



A SHELF FULL OF LOCAL AUTHORS

Canberra has a vibrant, active and diverse writing and publishing scene and our public libraries are some of the best places to connect with local and regional authors. There's a shelf full of local author talks all around Canberra for you to enjoy throughout autumn.

 Bookings for author talks are essential and can be made online at library.act.gov.au



NOMINATIONS FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



Applications are now open for young people aged between 12 and 25 years to join the ACT's Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Advisory Council, comprising 15 young people, provides a platform for local youth to take a leading role in participation and consultation activities on issues that affect their lives. Members are appointed for a two year term 2016 to 2018. Applications close on 29 April 2016.

 For more information visit communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/youth-interact



ACTION SERVICES ON ANZAC DAY

ACTION will provide free bus travel all day on ANZAC Day, Monday 25 April 2016 to anyone wearing or displaying service medals.

Canberrans are also reminded that ACTION will be running to a Sunday timetable on this day. ACTION will again be running free services to the dawn services from all major bus stations.

For more information visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.

The ACT Government is committed to delivering more bus services for Canberrans, more often. Find out how at transport.act.gov.au



MAKING KALEEN MORE AGE-FRIENDLY



Kaleen has been selected as the next pilot suburb in the ACT Government's Age Friendly Suburbs Active Travel project. The project will improve local infrastructure and facilities to make it easier for older residents to get around.

Kaleen was chosen based on its demographic profile and follows Ainslie and Weston whose residents were consulted in late 2015. Community feedback from consultations held in March will help develop a list of priority improvements for the suburb to be designed and constructed over the next financial year.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



CHEAPER FOOD ON GAME DAY AT GIO STADIUM



As part of the new reduced food options, and in response to feedback received from football fans, pies will be 18% cheaper, hot chips will be 20% cheaper, hot dogs will be 23% cheaper and salads will be 28% cheaper.

The new prices are as follows:

- **Meat pie**
\$4.50 (from \$5.50)
- **Hot chips**
\$4.00 (from \$5.00)
- **Plain hot dog**
\$5.00 (from \$6.50)
- **Salad**
\$5.00 (from \$7.00)



NEW FACILITIES FOR LOCAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS


More than \$2.7 million will be invested in local sport and recreation providing the community with quality, diverse and safe physical activity experiences and places to play. In Belconnen the Canberra City Gymnastic Club will receive funding to upgrade their two balance beams and one set of uneven bars.

For more information visit sport.act.gov.au 

BRUCE CYCLE PATH LIGHTS THE WAY

You can now follow the light on a new glow in the dark cycle path adjacent to Purdie Street in Bruce. The new glow in the dark surface treatment technology is a great alternative to traditional overhead lighting.


It provides good visual guidance for cyclists, with less interference to native nocturnal species.

 Have you tried the new path?
Tell us what you think on our Facebook page.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT IN CANBERRA

If current trends continue, domestic violence will impact one in three Australian women in their lifetimes.

Accommodation, outreach, legal and domestic violence services are available for people in Canberra who are escaping domestic or family violence and sexual assault, and who may be experiencing homelessness.

 If you or someone you know is experiencing violence there is help available, contact **Domestic Violence Crisis Service** on **1800RESPECT**.



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IN CANBERRA

YOU ARE HERE



IN CBR

13 - 17 APRIL

A free, five-day curated showcase of independent and experimental arts in the Canberra CBD.

Popping up in shopfronts, alleyways, cafes, streets, car parks, galleries, museums and cars. You Are Here is playful, irreverent and lo-fi.

 Find the full event program at youareherecanberra.com.au

A TREAT FOR CULTURE VULTURES:



CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

28 APRIL - 8 MAY

A vibrant fusion of expertly curated music, iconic performances and exceptional music-making mixed with culinary surprises.

 Find the full program at cimf.org.au



DISCOVERIES & REDISCOVERIES AT THE

CANBERRA REGION HERITAGE FESTIVAL

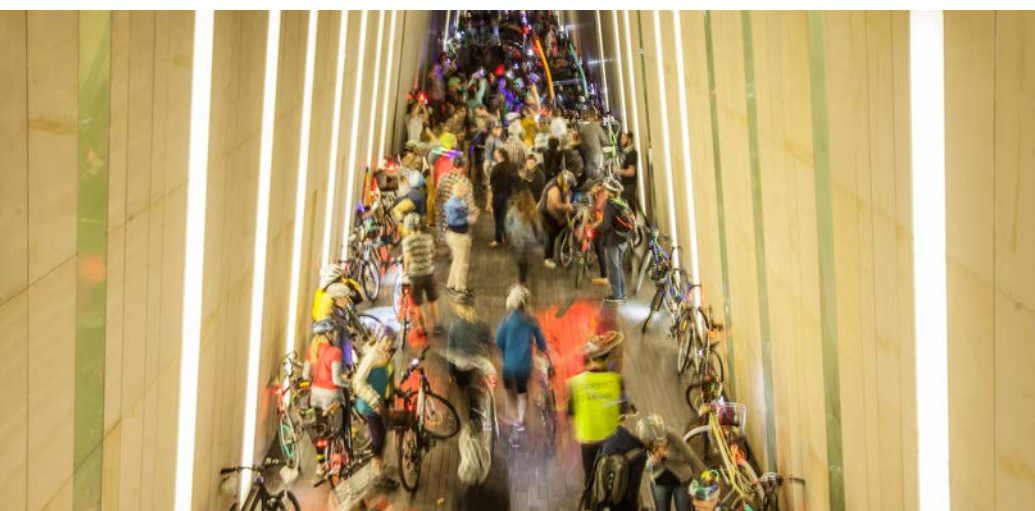


2 - 18 APRIL

With over 120 events, each heritage place or object tells a story from the past to the present and carries that story into the future.


The Canberra community will have an opportunity to learn about these stories through tours, workshops, exhibitions, open days, talks and more.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Youth advocate and the ACT's Official Visitor for Children and Young People, **Narelle Hargreaves OAM**, has been named the 2016 Canberra Citizen of the Year!

 Find out more about Narelle at act.gov.au/our-canberra



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