

# OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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## WODEN GETS A NEW ACCESS CANBERRA SHOPFRONT



The old Access Canberra shopfront has moved with a brand new location and fitout in the Cosmopolitan Building at the Woden bus interchange.

It offers a number of new services and the convenience of touch screen terminals so you can complete your transactions easily online.

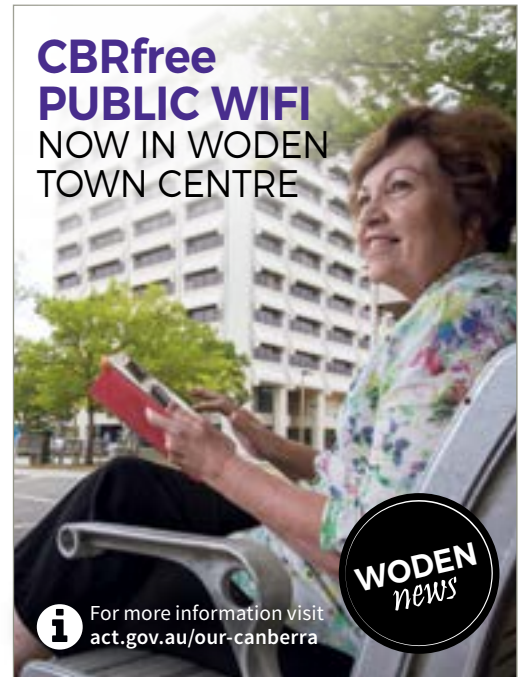
For faster service, payments at the new shopfront will be electronic only using debit or credit card.


 For more information visit [act.gov.au/accesscbr](http://act.gov.au/accesscbr)

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## CANBERRA

Celebrate the Canberra Day public holiday on Monday 13 March

Find out more in this edition

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Making it faster and easier for Canberrans and businesses to interact with the government is the driving force behind Access Canberra. Whether you want to recharge your MyWay card, register your pet dog or find a licensed tradesperson, Access Canberra has all that information, and more. You can also improve your suburb through the Fix My Street portal.

We're offering many new services both online and at the new and efficient high-tech Access Canberra shopfronts across the city.

Through these services, we have been able to reduce red tape for residents and businesses and deliver significant reform in the way Canberrans interact with government. Read more details about the services in this edition.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.





### IMPROVING CANBERRA'S MENTAL HEALTH

The Office for Mental Health is being established in Canberra. The office will address gaps in mental health services, set targets for suicide reduction, and provide more support for young people to improve their mental health.

### NEW SUPPORT PROGRAM NEUROMOVES

A new NeuroMoves Program will provide people with spinal cord and various neurological conditions with access to much needed support.

Developed by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, this is a new program to Canberra that improves access to quality, individualised support including innovative exercise and rehabilitation.

NeuroMoves will operate out of John James HealthCare Campus and is expected to start later this year.

For more information visit [scia.org.au/exercise-neuromoves](http://scia.org.au/exercise-neuromoves)



### GROWTH IN THE MOLONGLO VALLEY

For more information visit [lda.act.gov.au](http://lda.act.gov.au)

Work is progressing as growth in the area continues. North Wright will include more than 280 homes and a site for a non-Government school. North Coombs will include more than 400 dwellings.

Planning for the new suburb of Whitlam is also progressing, with contracts soon to be awarded for works to start. This new suburb will have approximately 2,100 homes with a mix of densities, a community-zoned site and sites for commercial-use and a local centre.



MOLONGLO news

### STROMLO PLAYS 'TRUMP CARD' FOR ITS BRAVEST BIKERS



Stromlo Forest Park's expert riders can now gear up for a new challenge and try the new 'Trump Card' - a black diamond, advanced level jump and flow trail, now open for the ACT's most serious mountain bikers.

The opening of the run coincides with upgrades to the Vapour Trail, which has undergone significant refurbishments and is now open again.



For track opening times visit [stromloforestpark.com.au](http://stromloforestpark.com.au)



### COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLBEING

Canberra public schools are committed to providing all students with an inclusive and supportive education.

Many schools will take part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 17 March 2017, with students coming together to take a stand against all forms of bullying, harassment and violence.

In addition, the ACT Government-supported Safe Schools program assists same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students and their families. Every school also has its own programs to support student wellbeing. If you are concerned about your child, speak to their teacher or principal.

For more information and resources visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)

### FREE OFF-PEAK TRAVEL

Eligible senior and concession MyWay card holders can now travel free off-peak on ACTION buses as part of a 12 month trial (excludes student and tertiary card holders).

Simply tap on with your MyWay card for free travel between 9am and 4.30pm, and after 6pm weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



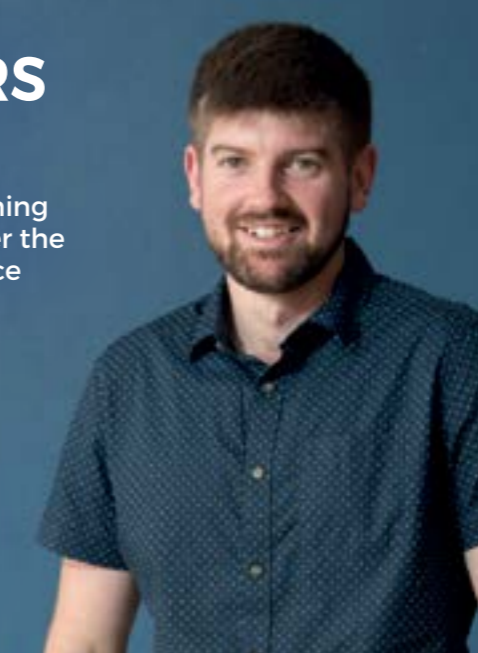
### NEW TEACHERS JOIN THE TEAM

"I'm looking forward to watching students grow and improve over the year with my input and influence as their teacher"

Sam Hancox, new teacher at Torrens Primary

Sam is one of 270 new teachers and staff who have joined one of Canberra's 87 public schools this year.

For more on Sam and other new teachers visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



### SOLAR FOR CANBERRA

Two new solar farms are now operating in the ACT and the numbers are impressive.

They'll produce **44,300 Mwh** a year to power around **6,050 homes**

There's **84,000 solar panels** At the **2 farms**

**40%** of Canberra's electricity supply will come from renewables in **2017**

For more information visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)



### CANBERRA WALK & RIDE WEEK

17-24 MARCH



Look out for an exciting program of events hosted by a range of community organisations.

Canberrans are encouraged to use a GPS tracking Smartphone app to record their walking and cycling activities across the week.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)



### CONNECTING NORTH & SOUTH: LIGHT RAIL STAGE TWO

The City to Woden corridor is the preferred route in the next stage of the development of Canberra's light rail network. The proposed route will run from Alinga Street in the City, to Woden, via the Parliamentary Triangle.


Preparations are now underway with the government calling for world-class expertise to help advise on alignment, stops and locations, connection to other transport, procurement and the delivery model.

Visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au) for updates.



# A SYMPHONY FOR CANBERRA

Framed by the tree lined landscape of the iconic Commonwealth Park sit back and relax as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra brings the work of a well known band to life. Bring a picnic, blanket and popcorn or enjoy a bite to eat from the food stalls.

 Sunday 12 March at Stage 88. For more information visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au)

## A PASSPORT TO AN AMAZING CHILDHOOD

Kick-start some amazing outdoor adventures for your children with a Nature Play Passport.

The Passport has 10 'mission' pages, stickers and suggestions on great places to go and things to do outdoors. The idea is to get kids to run, jump, climb, splash, invent, create and play outside by completing a series of fun, low and no cost missions and record their results in the Passport.

 Get your free Passport at [natureplaycbr.org.au](http://natureplaycbr.org.au)


### LIGHTS! CANBERRA! ACTION!


A piece of Hollywood returns with the 14th year of this short film festival on Friday 10 March from 7pm in the Senate Rose Gardens.

## CELEBRATE CANBERRA DAY

Canberra's turning 104! Celebrations kick off bright and early at the Canberra Balloon Spectacular. Enjoy a delicious breakfast on the lawns of Old Parliament House, watching hot air balloons take to the sky as the sun rises.

Later in the day, join us to celebrate all things Canberra with a program bursting to the seams with food and free entertainment.


 Monday 13 March at Commonwealth Park.


 For more information on Canberra Day and the Balloon Spectacular, visit [events.act.gov.au](http://events.act.gov.au)

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## CONNECT & PARTICIPATE IN CBR

The Connect and Participate Expo showcases opportunities for Canberrans of all abilities and ages to join groups and build social connections around common interests, such as art, sport and music. Entry is free.

 Saturday 25 March, 11am to 4pm at the Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston.

 For more information visit [connectandparticipateexpo.com.au](http://connectandparticipateexpo.com.au)



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