

# OUR CANBERRA

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## RENEWING OUR CITY CENTRE



Revitalisation of the Sydney and Melbourne buildings continues in 2019

New Budget funding will continue the renewal of our city centre, including further revitalisation of the heritage-listed Sydney and Melbourne buildings.

Initiatives to activate and improve our public spaces, like pop-up parks and

entertainment, have proven popular, so more funding has been allocated for activities and events across the city centre, Dickson and Braddon.

Footpath and streetscape improvements will also continue, with projects in the city centre, Braddon and Haig Park starting this year and finishing in 2019.

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## REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OPENING



Canberra's new dedicated rehabilitation hospital is opening this month in Belconnen.

The University of Canberra Hospital will care for patients over 18 recovering from surgery, illness or injury, or experiencing mental illness.

This is an ACT Health service for public patients, but it will not have an emergency department. If you need emergency care call 000, or go to your nearest emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital in Bruce or Canberra Hospital in Garran.

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As Canberra grows, we're strengthening our public health system and care in our hospitals.

This month our new University of Canberra Hospital opens and will care for patients recovering from surgery, illness or injury, or experiencing mental illness. Construction of the Gungahlin Walk-In Centre is progressing and upgrades to Calvary Public Hospital's Emergency Department will start soon.

ACT Health is currently recruiting for all types of health professionals and we'd like you to help. Visit [health.act.gov.au/employment](http://health.act.gov.au/employment) to find out more.



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



For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)





## LEAVE FIREWOOD ON THE GROUND

Collecting firewood and cutting down trees in our reserves and public areas is illegal.

Fallen timber provides safe shelter for native animals to hide from predators and seek refuge from the cold.

Instead of taking it from the bush, firewood can be purchased from a number of legal vendors in the ACT.

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



## PLANNING STRATEGY

Our city is changing, our population is growing rapidly, and we need greater housing choice.

With this in mind, help us refresh and update the ACT's Planning Strategy to shape Canberra over the coming decades.

 To join the conversation visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## MORE EDUCATORS FOR A GROWING CITY

Public schools across Canberra will welcome 66 new teachers and support staff over four years starting from the 2019 school year.

Schools will also receive more support for students with a disability and have access to a new teacher mentor program.

More than 1,300 extra students are set to join the ACT public education system next year.

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




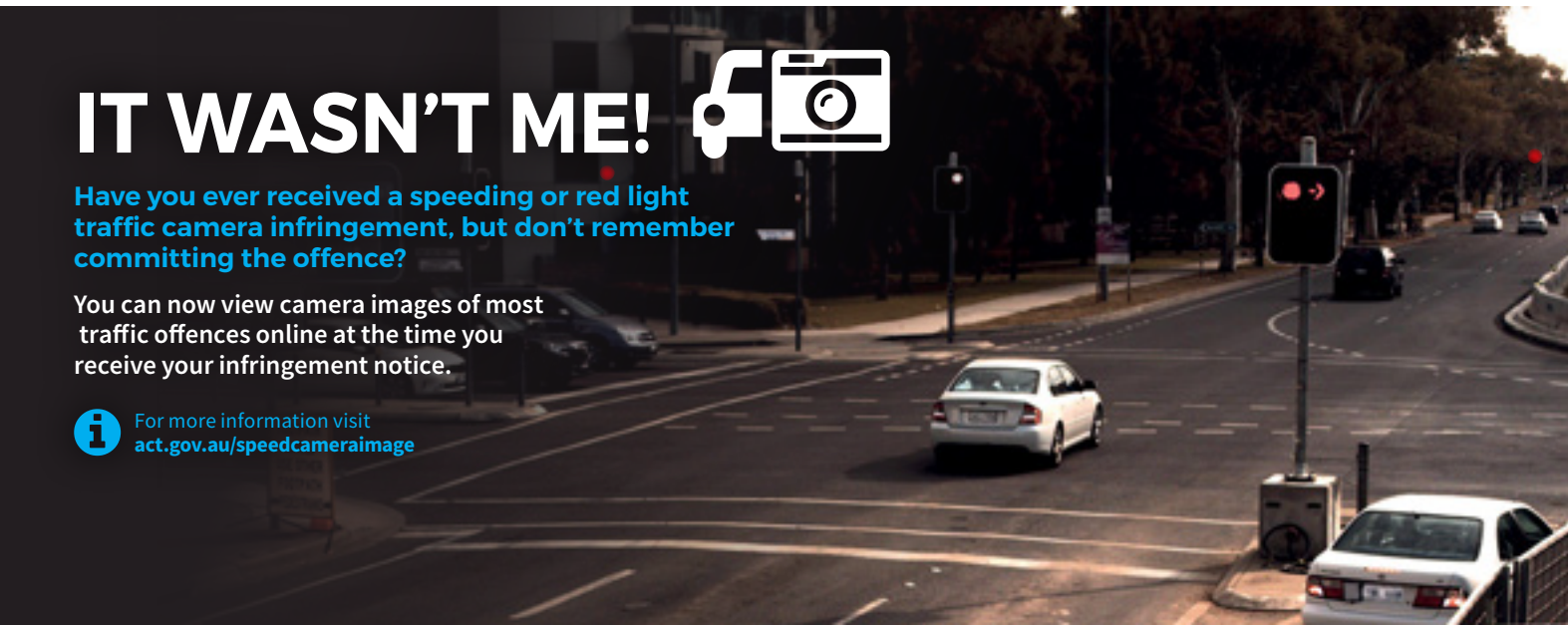
## IT WASN'T ME!



Have you ever received a speeding or red light traffic camera infringement, but don't remember committing the offence?

You can now view camera images of most traffic offences online at the time you receive your infringement notice.

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





## USE WALK-IN CENTRES THIS WINTER

Visit one of Canberra's Walk-In Centres for free, one-off treatment of minor injury or illness this winter.

Walk-In Centres are open everyday between 7.30am and 10pm, no appointment is necessary.

If you need emergency care, call 000, or go directly to your nearest Emergency Department.

**North:** Belconnen Walk-In Centre is at 56 Lathlain Street, Belconnen.

**South:** Tuggeranong Walk-In Centre is at Anketell Street and Pitman Street Greenway.

**i** For more information visit [walkincentre.act.gov.au](http://walkincentre.act.gov.au)



## HELP ROUGH SLEEPERS in CANBERRA

The 2016 Census showed more than 50 people in the ACT are sleeping rough on the streets every night.

Help rough sleepers by supporting homelessness charities, buying the Big Issue magazine or contacting support services like 'OneLink' and 'Street to Home'.

**i** For more information visit [act.gov.au](http://act.gov.au) and search 'rough sleeping'.



## YARRALUMLA CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

People and pooches will benefit from upgrades to the car parks at Yarralumla Dog Park and Pescott Lane in Weston Park, due for completion this month.

The upgrades include resurfacing work to seal the car parks, more spaces and new trees for shade.

**i** For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## \$\$\$ FOR YOUR OLD WOOD FIRE HEATER



Help reduce winter pollution and get a rebate by replacing your old wood heater.

Rebates range from \$100 for removing a wood heater, to \$1100 for replacing it with efficient electric heating.

**i** For more information visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au), email [actsmartadvice@act.gov.au](mailto:actsmartadvice@act.gov.au) or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

## SAFE TRAVEL HEADING TO THE SNOW



Snow has started falling across the mountains around the bush capital.

Access roads into the mountains are unsealed and are at times unsuitable for 2WD vehicles.

Stay up-to-date on road conditions by visiting [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au), or drop into the Namadgi or Tidbinbilla Visitor Centres for the latest advice.





# WARM TREES

## at the NATIONAL ARBORETUM

30 JUNE - 29 JULY

The National Arboretum is brightening up winter with a colourful knitted installation.

Warm Trees is the combined effort of hundreds of knitters from Australia and overseas.

 For more information on events at the Arboretum visit [nationalarboretum.act.gov.au](http://nationalarboretum.act.gov.au)

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# INTERNATIONAL TEST CRICKET IN CANBERRA

Tickets are now on sale for Canberra's first International Test match between Australia and Sri Lanka at Manuka Oval in February.



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



# NOMINATE AN AUSTRALIAN of the YEAR

Play your part by giving our nation's best the recognition they deserve. If you know a remarkable Canberran, nominate them for an Australian of the Year Award, before 31 July 2018.

 Nominate at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au)

*Pictured above: Suzanne Tunks, 2018 ACT Local Hero*

# 'WINTERVENTION' in THE CITY

Break out your beanies, gloves and winter coats and head to the city to enjoy some mid-winter fun. 'Wintervention' is on now in the city, offering a range of family-friendly activities. There's ice skating, a circus performance at the La Petite Grand Theatre tent, carnival rides and you can warm your belly at the World Curry Festival from 13-15 July.

**LOCATION:** Garema Place, City Walk and Civic Square

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



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