

# OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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## BETTER BUS NETWORK 7 DAYS a WEEK



YOUR say

Have your say by 12 August

A new, more frequent and reliable public transport network is set to reshape the way Canberrans move around the city.

Local services in Gungahlin will provide residents with frequent connections to the Gungahlin Town Centre, connecting all suburbs to the Light Rail network. Bus routes will also service the newer

suburbs of Moncrieff, Taylor and Throsby.

The new network will deliver the same routes, with the same route numbers, 7 days a week.

Have your say on how we can support your use of this new network.

**i** For more information and to have your say visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

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## GUNGAHLIN WALK-IN CENTRE



## OPENING SOON

Canberra's third Walk-in Centre will open in Gungahlin next month.

The Gungahlin Walk-in Centre on Ernest Cavanagh Street will provide access to one-off treatment and advice for cold, flu, minor injuries and illnesses.

Walk-in Centres are free, and you don't need an appointment.

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra has established a reputation as Australia's most inclusive city - a place where we strive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The recently launched Chief Minister's Charitable Fund will provide targeted support for our community to deliver help where it is most needed.

The Government will continue to support those in greatest need as our city grows.



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.

YOUR say

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

## HAVE YOUR SAY on HEALTH

The ACT is now the health care hub for a region of more than 1 million people.



Soon there will be opportunities to share your experiences, ideas and insights about health care in Canberra.

Whether you are a patient, doctor, nurse, midwife or other health professional, there will be opportunities to have your say. We will use your views to inform key projects.

**i** To register for updates and notifications visit [yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future](https://yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future)



## BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER



- > Microchip, register and de-sex your dog – it's compulsory to do all three!
- > Walk your dog on a lead and have effective control – it's an offence not to.
- > Make your yard escape-proof – it's the law.
- > Update microchip details and use an ID tag.
- > Expect heavy penalties if you don't follow the rules – it's about putting public safety first.

Our rangers will be out – know your obligations.

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



## EMMA RUBY HOUSE

A second respite care home has been opened in Cook by the Ricky Stuart Foundation. 'Emma Ruby House' provides care for young people aged 12-18 years who have a disability.

The house is named after Ricky's daughter Emma Ruby, who has autism. Emma Ruby House complements 'Ricky Stuart House' in Chifley, which opened two years ago for children aged six to 12 years.

Emma Ruby House is managed by The Disability Trust.

**i** For more information visit [rickystuart.org](https://rickystuart.org)



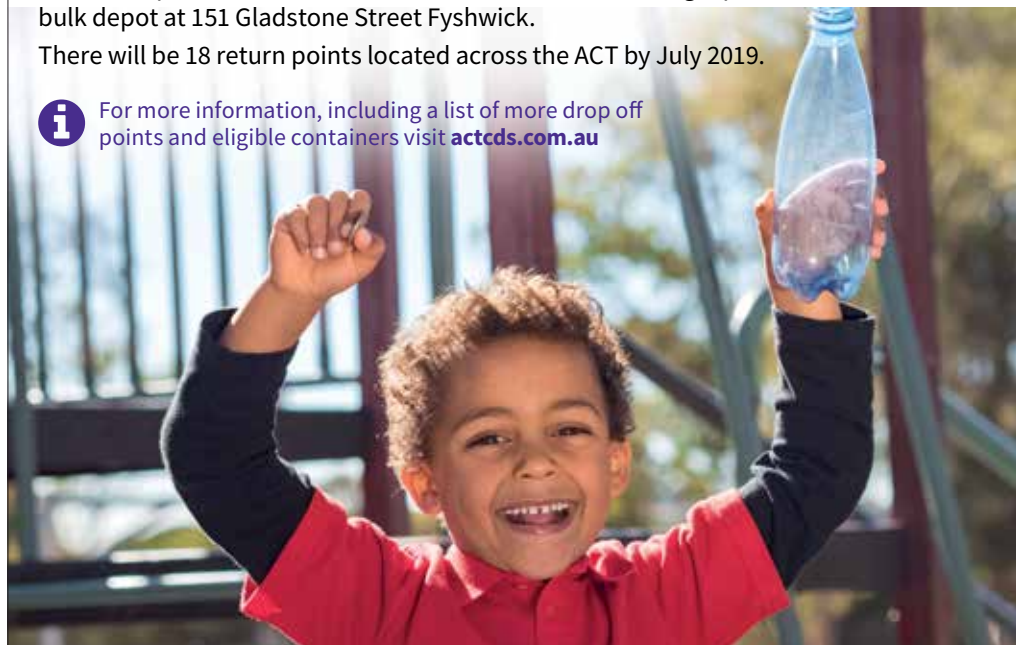
## RECYCLE for CASH

The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has begun. Receive a 10 cent refund for eligible drink containers, or donate the proceeds to participating charities.

In Gungahlin, your nearest drop off point is at the Salvation Army Store, Mitchell and the depot at 10 Buckland Street, Mitchell. To return large quantities use the bulk depot at 151 Gladstone Street Fyshwick.

There will be 18 return points located across the ACT by July 2019.

**i** For more information, including a list of more drop off points and eligible containers visit [actcds.com.au](https://actcds.com.au)





# HELPING OLDER CANBERRANS STAY at HOME

The ACT Government recognises that many older Canberrans may want to age in their homes.

The Aged Deferral Scheme gives older Canberrans the option to defer their annual household rates against the future sale of their property.

The 2018 ACT Budget expanded the eligibility of the scheme so that anyone aged 65 or over, who has at least 75 per cent equity in their home, can take advantage of this offer.

 For more information visit [revenue.act.gov.au/home-owner-assistance](http://revenue.act.gov.au/home-owner-assistance)



# MORE UPGRADES at CALVARY

Upgrades to facilities and equipment are now underway at Calvary Public Hospital.

Calvary's busy northside Emergency Department is being expanded with new equipment, additional treatment spaces, improved access and triage arrangements, upgraded waiting areas and eight new Short Stay Unit beds.

Also being refurbished is the Adult Inpatient Mental Health Unit, creating a more modern mental health service hub in Canberra's north.

This new work builds on the recently completed upgrades to Calvary's operating theatres and public maternity ward.

All work is expected to be complete by late 2019.

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



# MORE CHOICE for FIRST HOME BUYERS

Eligible first home buyers in Canberra won't have to pay stamp duty on new and existing properties from July 2019.

This will fully abolish stamp duty for any type of property at any purchase price, for eligible first home buyers.

To be eligible you must have a household income lower than \$160,000.



# WHY THE NAME AMICUS STREET?

The streets in Moncrieff are named to celebrate musicians.

Amicus Street in Moncrieff remembers Peter Dodds McCormick, who composed Advance Australia Fair under the pen-name 'Amicus'. The original composition consisted of four verses.

Using the place names search tool online you can find stories on other Canberra street and suburb names.

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





# SPRING MEANS FLORIADE



Nightfest  
26 September to  
30 September

Floriade  
15 September  
to 14 October

**Bursts of flowers in Commonwealth Park mean one thing - Floriade is almost here!**

Get set to experience a *Pop Culture* inspired Floriade - Australia's biggest celebration of spring.

Opening hours this year will be 9.30am to 5.30pm daily, with the ticketed Floriade NightFest returning to illuminate the event.

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

## DOCKLESS BIKE SHARE



A dockless bike share trial has started in Canberra. Bike share is ideal for short and spontaneous one-way trips and integrates well with public transport systems.

Australian-owned company Airbike will deliver the six-month trial.

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

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

**National Science Week will be celebrated around Canberra and by our public schools this month.**

The theme for this year's Science Week is 'Game Changers and Change Makers.'




 For more information on what's on in Canberra visit [scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au)



## CBR THE CYCLING DESTINATION

**Our goal is to make the Canberra region Australia's cycling destination of choice.**

A new CBR Cycle Tourism Strategy sets out a 10-year roadmap for how government, private sector and the cycling community will work together towards putting Canberra firmly on the cycle tourism map.

 To read more about the strategy visit [tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism](http://tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism)



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