

# OUR CANBERRA

Central Canberra edition



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## NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE UPGRADES



There are 22 new transportable buildings

The first stage of Narrabundah College's building modernisation is complete.

Students and staff have been enjoying their new learning environments from the start of Term 3.

The new buildings which are purpose-built and transportable, replace facilities which were almost 60 years old.

Arts, English, Philosophy, History, Politics and Science faculties as well as Learning Support will benefit from the upgrades.

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## URBAN RENEWAL in DICKSON



Have YourSay on the future of an important part of Canberra's inner north.

Dickson Section 72 is a precinct with opportunities to protect and enhance cultural, community and natural assets for the Dickson and inner north community.

Following feedback from the first stage of consultation, two design scenarios have been developed that show how the future of Dickson Section 72 might take shape.

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Everyone has to buy Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance, but at the moment, our scheme doesn't always cover Canberrans when it matters. If you are the driver and get injured in a single car accident, you can't claim under our current CTP scheme. So we're making some changes.

The new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme means everyone injured in a motor vehicle accident can get up to 5 years of medical treatment and wages replacement, as long as they're not breaking the law when the accident happens.

The new Scheme means getting help more quickly, without having to go to court, and ensures everyone is better protected.

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



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



## LAWNMOWING SCHEDULE RAMPs UP



More investment in City Services means you'll see our teams out and about keeping Canberra neat and tidy during peak growing times of spring and summer.

View the interactive map to see when mowing will take place in your suburb.

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



## EMERGENCY SIGNS KEEPING YOU SAFE



There are now 12 Electronic Fire Danger Signs installed along major arterial roads across the ACT.

The signs will keep Canberrans informed on fire danger during the warmer months.

The signs automatically display the Fire Danger Rating each day during the Bushfire Season and if required, other safety and information messages.



## CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK

Thanks Canberra for your feedback on plans for a new bus network. By 2030 we'll be a city of 500,000, so we're getting ready with an integrated transport network.

For eight weeks we heard your views in focus groups, at interchanges, schools, community meetings and online. You told us you were happy to get more buses more often, but current bus users also told us how the changes could affect them. 'Xpresso' users were concerned their travel times will be longer. We also heard you want more information on school services to prepare for the new network. We'll have more to tell you in the coming months.

**i** Stay informed by subscribing to news in your inbox at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## CBR BE READY



This year's bushfire season has started a month earlier than usual in Canberra.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) supports the community through times of fire, storm and extreme heat, especially during the September to March storm and bushfire season.

Canberrans should ensure they understand Fire Danger Rating (FDR) levels to help them make decisions when travelling in and around the ACT. The ESA will update the FDR daily. It is displayed on electronic signs on all major arterial roads across the ACT, and online.

**i** For more information on how to 'Be Ready' visit [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)





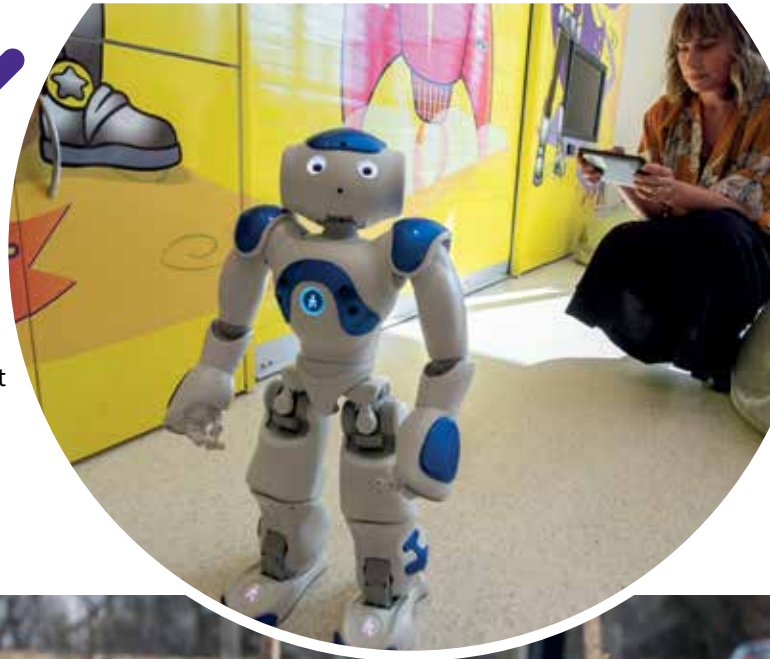
## CANBERRA HOSPITAL'S MOST ENTERTAINING EMPLOYEE



The newest staff member at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children is a robot named MediZen.

MediZen is programmed to sing, dance and talk to children, to help them cope with stress and distract them during medical procedures.

Thanks to funding raised through the EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment Charity and the Canberra Hospital Foundation, children receiving treatment and their families can have a less stressful experience during their stay and be fascinated with this high-tech entertainment.



See MediZen perform at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

## NEW ART WORK HENRY ROLLAND PARK



An interactive sculpture by local artist Dr Hanna Hoyne has been installed at Henry Rolland Park, on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

*Crying Dinghy* is part of Hanna's Cosmic Recharge series. Other artworks in the series have featured in Sydney's Sculpture by the Sea and at the University of Canberra.

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



## NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS for LIGHT RAIL

New T lights will be in use along the light rail corridor when light rail is running.

The new lights will signal for light rail vehicles to 'stop' on a red T and 'go' on a white T.

For all other traffic, the road rules have not changed. Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians should continue to obey existing lights and signs.



## LOCAL ROADS RESURFACED



Almost one million square metres of road will be resurfaced across the ACT between now and early next year.

Central Canberra's arterial roads will be resurfaced including: sections of the Monaro Highway; Hindmarsh Drive from Dalrymple Street to Jerrabomberra Avenue; westbound on Parkes Way from Clunies Ross Street to Glenloch Interchange; and westbound on Canberra Avenue from Woods Lane to Hindmarsh Drive.

The resurfacing program protects and extends the life of Canberra's roads while improving safety.

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





# NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
27 October  
4pm-9pm

A sea of 2,000 shimmering candles will light up Canberra Nara Peace Park for the 16th annual Canberra Nara Candle Festival.

This year's festival celebrates the 25th year of the Sister City relationship shared between Canberra and Nara, Japan. Participate in calligraphy, lantern making, origami, ikebana and kite flying, while enjoying Japanese music, food and market stalls.

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

 Canberra Nara Peace Park & Lennox Gardens, Yarralumla

# REDISCOVER TIDBINBILLA

Open day: Sunday 7 October 2018 10am - 3pm

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is opening its doors to the Canberra community to 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' and celebrate its diverse people, habitat and heritage.

Visitors can experience the living in the sanctuary, trek the many walking trails, take part in ranger-guided activities, or discover the rich indigenous and early pioneer history of the Tidbinbilla Valley.

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

FREE ENTRY  
SUNDAY  
7 October

# GET OUTDOORS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With so many parks and reserves in and around the Canberra region, why not tick a few off your list these school holidays?


Get the kids active with a mountain bike ride in Namadgi National Park, a hike through Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve, or spend some time looking for unique wildlife at Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary.

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

# ESA OPEN DAY

The ACT Emergency Services Open Day is a family event filled with skills demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and entertainment.

Learn about emergency services across the ACT region and speak directly with the people responsible for keeping our community safe.

 9 Amberley Avenue, Fairbairn

SUNDAY  
28 October  
10am-3pm



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