

OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition



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3 STEPS for GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS



Belconnen residents can still sign up to receive a green bin

Got a green bin? Here are three steps to make sure your green waste gets collected.

1. Put your green bin near the kerb with the wheels towards your home.
2. Make sure your green bin is clear of obstructions such as cars, letterboxes or trees.

3. Make sure the lid is properly closed.

And remember to put your green bin away after collection. It keeps our suburbs looking tidy.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au

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NEW CHILL OUT SPACE for STUDENTS



As the weather warms up, students at University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra have been outdoors enjoying their new sensory garden.

Students worked together to build their new 'chill out' space where they can relax and unwind.

The private and tranquil garden features raised garden beds, a water tank and irrigation, and the students' favourite feature – hanging egg chairs.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT Government is building a better healthcare system. We now have three nurse-led Walk-in Centres and two more are on their way; we're providing grants to expand bulk billing GP services across Canberra's Southside; we've expanded maternity services and the emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital; we're delivering our biggest ever mental health support network; and we're investing in the 'Hospital in the Home' program.

Delivering accessible, high quality healthcare where and when you need it is one of the Government's top priorities.



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FAST TICKET HOME

The best way to be reunited quickly with your beloved lost pet is to keep their contact details up to date.

This means keeping your pet's microchip information current, as well as their registration details and the contact details on their ID tags and collars.

Updates can be made online and by vets.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au



SUMMER GARDEN

Love gardening but can't seem to keep your plants alive?

Actsmart's FREE 'Canberra Plant Selector' and 'WaterRight' web tools will help you make some smart gardening decisions this summer, like the best plants to choose, where to position them, and how much to water them.

 More at actsmart.act.gov.au




KNOW the FIRE DANGER RATING

This bushfire season, make sure you understand the Fire Danger Rating levels displayed on electronic roadside signs.

The rating is based on how fire is expected to behave on that particular day. The higher the rating, the more prepared you need to be.

A 'very high' rating means you should activate your Bushfire Survival Plan and regularly check for updates. 'Severe' means that fires will be unpredictable, fast moving, and your survival is the first priority.

 More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

 Download a bushfire Survival Plan template at esa.act.gov.au

PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES to EXPAND

Patients and families receiving palliative care will have access to better facilities and services with a major expansion of Clare Holland House.

With the need for palliative care growing, expanding services at Clare Holland House will ensure more Canberrans receive specialist palliative and end-of-life care. The expansion will include more specialist inpatient palliative care beds and more family friendly features that enable loved ones to stay with patients on site.

This expansion is a project by the Australian and ACT Governments in partnership with The Snow Foundation, and is expected to start in 2019.



MAKING PAGE AGE-FRIENDLY

Path upgrades are now complete in Page as part of the Age-Friendly Suburbs project, making it easier for everyone to get around the suburb.

A new path was constructed on Birrell Street between Burkitt Street and Knaggs Crescent and on Knaggs Crescent between Burkitt Street and Dallachy Street. A new path also now connects Thozet Place and Bynoe Place through the open space area.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au



BETTER SUBURBS to 2030



The Better Suburbs Statement 2030 is now available. It outlines short term priorities and a vision for how we service our city to 2030.

The priority areas include lakes, ponds, stormwater and water quality, street and park trees and household waste and recycling.

 More at yoursay.act.gov.au

SAFE TRAVEL on BUSES

When travelling on the bus we want to make sure you get to your destination comfortably and safely.

Over the coming weeks new safety signage with some simple safety messages will be displayed on buses and at bus stops across Canberra.

 More at transport.act.gov.au

TIP:
Take a seat and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or hold onto handrails and straps.



INDOOR CATS are SAFE CATS

With new legislation now in effect in the ACT, the Belconnen suburbs of Macnamara and Strathnairn join Lawson as cat containment areas.

Cat containment means that cat owners must keep their cats contained on their properties.

It helps protect our native wildlife in nearby nature reserves and helps ensure the family cat lives a longer healthier life.

 More at tccs.act.gov.au



A CITY LOAD of ACTIVITIES

Canberra's city centre comes alive during November with a calendar full of pop-up events and activities including, arts, festivals and a community day.

All these activities are funded through the City Grants program.

JOIN IN



- > Get active with free lunchtime Zumba classes in Garema Place.
- > Enjoy a two-day festival of wine in Tocumwal Lane (23–24 November).
- > Check out some local art on board the ANCA Art Bus mobile gallery.
- > Bring your family and friends to Glebe Park for a community day on 25 November to conclude the SpringOUT festival.

 More at cityrenewalcbr.com.au



THROUGHOUT
NOVEMBER

EXPLORE

The **DESIGN Canberra Festival** will be featuring a program of city-based festival activities this month.

A highlight on 22 November will be a field of balloons on City Hill by Montreal-based artists Daily tous les jours, called Museum of Possibilities. Here the community will be able to imagine and share their ideas on the future of their city centre.

 More at designcanberrafestival.com.au



SECURITY for the EASTERN BETTONG

Since 2011 these small kangaroo-like marsupials have been reintroduced to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary and Tidbinbilla from Tasmania. They love their new surroundings.

The Eastern Bettong's future is more secure by being added to the ACT's Threatened Native Species List.

 More at environment.act.gov.au


Eastern Bettongs, once common to the Australian mainland, disappeared a century ago with European settlement.



SPRINGOUT
continues to
25 November

IT'S SPRINGOUT SEASON

Canberra's pride festival SpringOUT, celebrating the diversity of Canberra's LGBTIQ communities is on during November.

 More at springout.com.au



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