Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT is in the final stages of reaching our target of powering the city by 100% renewable energy by 2020. I’m proud that the Territory is demonstrating national leadership in taking action to become more sustainable.

However, there is more that we can do to become a sustainable city for future generations. In Canberra, approximately 160,000 straws are used and discarded every day. Many Canberra businesses are already encouraging their customers to consider alternates to single use plastics and the Government wants to work with the community on how we can continue this trend.

Did you know about 10 million plastic straws are used in Australia every day and then thrown away? The rise of plastic consumption is an increasing threat to our environment.

Eastlakes Calwell is among numerous businesses reducing the amount of plastic straws used by replacing them with paper ones. Organisations can take the pledge at actsmart.act.gov.au

Have your say on how we can continue to reduce our plastic use in the ACT.

More at yoursay.act.gov.au

Stamp duty changes for first home buyers

More first home buyers in Tuggeranong won’t have to pay stamp duty from 1 July 2019.

People with a household income below $160,000 won’t have to pay stamp duty on their first home whether it’s newly built or existing.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra
Looking after cats in Canberra

One in four households in Canberra owns a cat.

The Draft ACT Cat Plan allowsCanberrans to have their say on how to
better manage cats in the ACT for their
health, welfare and safety, and
to protect our local wildlife.
→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au

Recycling drop-off points

Express drop-off points for the
ACT Container Deposit Scheme
are available in Tuggeranong.

You can drop-off eligible containers
at the Vinnies or Salvos for a 10-cent
refund or donate returns to charity.
→ More at actcds.com.au

Illegal dumpers beware

A new compliance team will
soon be visible around Canberra.
The team may issue fines to people seen
doing the wrong thing, including illegal
dumping, misuse of public land and
irresponsible pet ownership.
They will be identifiable in ACT Government
uniforms and marked vehicles.
→ More at tccs.act.gov.au

2019-20 ACT Budget on 4 June

Keep an eye on your mailbox for
information on what this year’s
budget means for your region.

2020 target for renewable electricity

We are close to reaching our target of 100% renewable
electricity supply.
The 109 megawatt Hornsdale wind
farm will start generating renewable
electricity for the ACT in October 2019.
Reaching our renewable goal will
ensure zero-emissions electricity
for Canberrans and helps to stabilise
electricity prices.
→ More at environment.act.gov.au

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Tuggeranong residents receive Gold Award

Jewel Mangelsdorf and her family are among new recipients of the Canberra Gold Awards. The Canberra Gold Award is awarded to community members, businesses or associations who have resided in Canberra for 50 years.

“The best thing about Canberra is that it is a great place to live for us as a family because we’re able to live close by and remain well connected,” Jewel said.

Nominate for Canberra Gold at act.gov.au/cb rgold

Jewel with her daughter Cheryl in Tuggeranong

Fadden Primary leads sustainable innovation

Fadden Primary won the Actsmart Schools Innovation Award for 2018. The Year 6 Green Team implemented a new waste management system that changed the school’s culture and awareness of sustainability.

Find out more about the Actsmart Schools Program at actsmart.act.gov.au

Better playgrounds for Richardson

Richardson is one of five Canberra suburbs to receive a play space review. The review is planning for a better mix of playgrounds that cater to more ages, abilities and play styles.

Stay up to date at yoursay.act.gov.au

Improvements to Monaro Highway

Major safety improvements to key intersections along the Monaro Highway will aim to improve traffic flow and travel times. These include intersections at Lanyon Drive and Isabella Drive, and Mugga Lane, Tralee Street and Sheppard Street into Hume. An overtaking lane between Royalla Drive and Williamsdale Road is also proposed.

More at tccs.act.gov.au
Wintervention is coming

Embrace the chilly weather these winter school holidays with Wintervention in Civic.

Ice skate in the open air as Civic Square is transformed into a winter wonderland.

Enjoy local food or treat yourself with a gift from the Winter Food and Makers Markets.

More at wintervention.com.au

World Environment Day in Canberra

Celebrate on 5 June with a variety of opportunities to be at one with nature.

More at environment.act.gov.au

Use MyWay across Canberra’s public transport network

MyWay is the smartcard ticketing system used to pay for travel across Canberra’s public transport network.

It’s now fully integrated across buses and light rail. Make sure you tap on and off at the validators located on buses and at each light rail stop.

More at transport.act.gov.au

New mountain biking tracks for Canberra

Mountain biking is expanding in Canberra with a new pump track opened at Majura Pines.

The Best of Canberra Mountain Biking project will continue to grow the city’s biking experiences.

In coming months, we will hold a series of engagement activities so the community can contribute to a new concept plan.

More info at yoursay.act.gov.au

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