

# OUR CBR

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## Reducing plastic use in Tuggeranong

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](http://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](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



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## 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](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

### Straws suck!

Plastic straws take up to 200 years to breakdown

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### 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 alternatives to single use plastics and the Government wants to work with the community on how we can continue this trend.



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# Looking after cats in Canberra



One in four households in Canberra owns a cat.

The Draft ACT Cat Plan allows Canberrans 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](http://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](http://actcds.com.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.

## Illegal dumpers beware



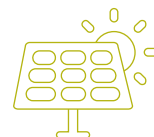
A new compliance team will soon be visible around Canberra.

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](http://tccs.act.gov.au)

## 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](http://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/cbrgold](http://act.gov.au/cbrgold)

*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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://wintervention.com.au)

Wintervention  
in Civic  
5-21 July



## 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](http://environment.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](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

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## 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](http://transport.act.gov.au)



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