Two new schools for Gungahlin

Two new schools will be built in Throsby and Kenny, providing more options for Gungahlin families.

- Throsby Primary School will be ready for students from the start of 2022, while the high school in Kenny will be open in 2023.
- Schools across Gungahlin are also expanding for the growing region:
  - Franklin Early Childhood School will grow from a P-2 facility to a P-6 school by mid 2021.
  - Gold Creek School’s senior campus will increase by 200 students.
  - More at education.act.gov.au

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Growing services for Canberra

Canberra’s direction through the 2020s depends on the decisions and investments we make as a community today. Canberra is a great place to live, work, start a business and raise your family. We want to make sure it keeps getting better into the coming decade.

In this Our CBR edition, you’ll see how we’re increasing health services across Canberra and future-proofing our hospitals for our growing city. We are building new schools and expanding existing ones, we’re making our transport networks faster, safer and cleaner, and we’re expanding support to keep cost of living down.

Andrew Barr
Chief Minister

ACT Government

Want a quick and easy way to help shape Canberra? Then join the new YourSay Community Panel.

Sign up, tell us a bit about yourself, and short surveys and other activities will appear in your inbox.

Your views and opinions on a whole range of topics will help shape government policies and decision-making. You can contribute anytime, anywhere. By sharing your views, you could win prizes.

Go to yoursaypanel.act.gov.au

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Need help buying an affordable home?

A mix of units, apartments and townhouses are available to buy as part of the Affordable Home Purchase.

Eligible homebuyers can purchase properties across new development sites including in the city, Lyneham, Gungahlin Town Centre, Taylor, Coombs, Wright, Whitlam, Strathnairn, Belconnen Town Centre, Lyons, Phillip, Moncrieff, Throsby, Lawson and Greenway.

More at planning.act.gov.au

Find savings with the Assistance website

From bus fares to funerals, the Assistance website will suggest savings to help with the cost of living in Canberra.

The website also includes a new savings finder tool, so you can quickly see what discounts, rebates and other concessions you might be eligible for across Canberra.

Find savings at act.gov.au/assistance

Total mobile ban for L and P drivers

It is already illegal to call, text or use social media while driving and now L and P drivers can’t use bluetooth handsfree or speaker mode.

Evidence shows that devices, even hands free, are not safe to use while driving. The safety of young drivers and other road users is a top priority for our community to achieve zero deaths or injury on ACT Roads.

More info at justice.act.gov.au

Helping older Canberrans

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme helps eligible pensioners who own their home to move to accommodation more suited to their needs.

Property value thresholds are also being adjusted to better target the scheme to those most in need.

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme will continue to 30 June 2020.

More at revenue.act.gov.au

Did you know that in Gungahlin there are...

- 10 public schools
- 8,234 public school students
- 625 public school teachers
- 78 parks
- 82 playgrounds
- 14 sports grounds maintained
A new home of football in Gungahlin

The new high performance and community football facility will be built to meet the high demand for indoor and outdoor football facilities across the ACT.

Football is the largest team participation sport in Canberra with nearly 40,000 registered players.
The new facility in Throsby will include multiple outdoor football fields, indoor futsal courts, office space for Capital Football staff and associated amenities.
Construction is expected to be complete by 2022.
More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

New Park & Ride in Gungahlin

Gungahlin residents will have a new Park & Ride facility at Well Station Drive.
You can leave your car and catch public transport to help reduce congestion.
More at tccs.gov.au

More parking at Palmerston shops

Parking at Palmerston shops will be upgraded and increased by up to 25 spaces.
More parking at Palmerston will increase safety and support local businesses. Construction is expected to start in 2020.

Gundaroo Drive update

Works are continuing on the duplication of Gundaroo Drive.
Four lanes have opened to traffic between Nudurr Drive and the Barton Highway, and work is underway between Nudurr Drive and Gungahlin Drive.
it is expected to be complete in mid-2020.
More at tccs.act.gov.au
Looking for ways to enjoy winter in Canberra?

Rug up and make your way down to Wintervention in Civic from 5-21 July. Ice skate, enjoy local food or visit the Winter Food and Makers Markets (5-7 July).

Warm Trees is back again for 2019. The knitted installation brightens up trees at the National Arboretum Canberra.

Tiptoe through the knitted tulips, see a giant cargo bike knitted installation and discover the sea of colourful scarves wrapped around trees in the Himalayan Cedar forest.

This year features the world's largest handcrafted frieze of colourful tulips, decorated bicycle wheels and groves of magical colour.

More at nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

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