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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government has been reducing stamp duty on property purchases over the past decade – saving new Canberra homeowners thousands of dollars.

Our next step is to completely abolish stamp duty on the purchase off-the-plan units valued under \$500,000.

This will save first home buyers and Canberrans looking to downsize up to \$11,400 off the up-front cost of buying a home.

Andrew Barr



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Stamp duty abolished for all off-the-plan units up to \$500,000

Stamp duty is now fully abolished on owner-occupier purchases of off-the-plan units valued at \$500,000 or less. This is a significant next step in the ACT Government's ongoing tax reform program and reflects our commitment to improving housing affordability in the ACT.

The next phase of stamp duty reductions will be targeted at the lowest property value thresholds for owner-occupier purchases.

Stamp duty creates a barrier for many people to enter the housing market and that's why the next phase of reform will be targeted at increasing the benefit most for people buying a lower value property to live in.

Whether you're looking to purchase your first home, wanting to upgrade or to downsize, continuing to reduce stamp duty will make it easier for Canberrans to purchase the home that's right for them.

→ Find out more by visiting revenue.act.gov.au

More improvements at Canberra Hospital

The Canberra Hospital Expansion continues with the opening of a new building housing the Canberra Sexual Health Centre, as well as clinical teaching and training facilities.

100 local jobs were supported during the project, which will help Canberrans in need of assistance and provide valuable training facilities for nurses and doctors.

The new building supports the relocation of services to make way for the construction of the Emergency, Surgical and Critical Healthcare facility, due for completion in 2024.



→ More at hospitalexpansion.act.gov.au

Be COVID-19 alert this winter

Stay up to date with the latest travel and health advice through the ACT COVID 19 website and ACT Health's social media channels.

→ More at covid19.act.gov.au



Driving? Phones down, eyes up!

Canberra drivers are being urged to put their phones on 'do not disturb' or out of reach to help keep the community safe.

If you use your mobile phone while driving, you're 10 times more likely to crash and are just as dangerous as a drink driver.

→ More at act.gov.au/roadsafety



Two Before Ten makes the switch from single-use plastics

Two Before Ten in Greenway is backing the ACT Government's ban on selected single use plastic items.

"It's important because we need to be the ones helping to drive the change," says owner Chris Dennis.

"We have a responsibility as the retail industry to provide customers with the best available options to live more sustainably."

The ACT's ban on the sale and supply of single use plastic cutlery, single use plastic drink stirrers and expanded polystyrene takeaway containers is now in effect.

→ Learn more about the ban by visiting www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics



Pictured: Chris Dennis from Two Before Ten Cafe at Greenway with their plastic-free takeaway containers and cutlery.

Namadgi school students design new uniforms

"I got a chill – it was a proud moment."

That was the reaction from Namadgi School Principal Tiffany Mahon when the school's secondary students stepped out for the first time in their Indigenous-inspired uniforms.

"The students came up with the idea of designing a uniform that they could connect with, and they followed it through right to the end," Tiffany said.

The group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students worked alongside Canberra Aboriginal design business Darkies Designs to design the new t-shirts and hoodies, which incorporate the school colours with traditional storytelling elements.



Local shop upgrades in Kambah and Gordon

New footpaths have been installed at Kambah and Gordon shops as part of the ACT Government's fast-track stimulus program to support local jobs.

The upgrades make it easier for all community members to enjoy these local shopping centres, with further landscaping and tree planting scheduled for later in the year.

→ Find out more at cityservices.act.gov.au

Learn to Burn Right Tonight

Smoke from domestic wood heaters is one of the main sources of air pollution in Canberra during winter.

You can help protect the community and the environment from harmful smoke by learning how to run your wood heater efficiently. It will also save you money and keep your family warm!

→ For tips on how to burn right tonight, visit environment.act.gov.au.

BURN RIGHT TONIGHT

IMPROVE AIR QUALITY.
SAVE MONEY AND
STAY WARM





COVID-19 vaccinations now open to more Canberrans

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community from COVID-19. They are free and available at ACT Government vaccination clinics or participating GPs.

Before your appointment, make sure you leave 7 days between the COVID-19 vaccine and most other vaccines.

By getting vaccinated, you're helping to keep Canberra safe and strong.

➔ If you're eligible, book now covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking

Annual dog registration begins

Update your dog's details and find more information.

➔ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/dogrego



NAIDOC Week to help Heal Country

Canberrans are being called upon to seek greater protections for our lands, waters, sacred sites and cultural heritage, as part of this year's NAIDOC Week theme: Heal Country!

NAIDOC Week runs from 4 to 11 July and is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the history, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For more information on how to participate in community events and activities, visit naidoc.org.au



Artwork: Care For Country by Maggie-Jean Douglas (Gubbi Gubbi).

Calendar of EVENTS JULY

15 Aug Belco Arts Centre

SUN 11 **Kite Flying Festival**
Exhibition Park

TUE 13-18 **Potted Potter**
Canberra Theatre Centre

THU 15-17 **Sandsong**
Stories from the Great Sandy Desert
Canberra Theatre Centre

SAT 17 **NRL Raiders v Sharks**
GIO Canberra Stadium

TUE 20-11 Sep **A journey through French art**
Gorman Arts Centre

SAT 31 **The John Lennon Song Book in Concert**
The Street Theatre

Until 31 **Don't forget the Milk: 50 years of Canberra Milk**
Canberra Museum and Gallery

SAVE THE DATE - FLORIADE
11 Sep - 10 Oct
Commonwealth Park

For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au



Our CBR

Save yourself a trip to the tip!

Are unwanted bulky items taking up space in your home?

Take advantage of the **ACT Government's free bulky waste collection service.**



Free of charge

All Canberra residents can now book **ONE FREE COLLECTION PER YEAR** of up to two cubic metres of unwanted bulky household items.



➔ Book your free bulky waste collection at act.gov.au/bulkywaste

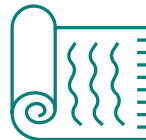
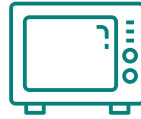


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What can I include?

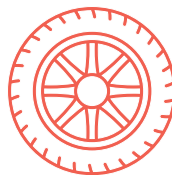
✓ Acceptable

- ▶ Furniture and household appliances including televisions and computers
- ▶ Tools including garden equipment with fuel and batteries removed
- ▶ Timber up to two metres in length
- ▶ White goods and sinks
- ▶ Building materials/products (excludes rubble)
- ▶ Metal products/scrap metal including hot water systems
- ▶ Electrical equipment with batteries removed
- ▶ Blankets, linen and manchester
- ▶ Lighting
- ▶ Automotive parts with fuel and batteries removed
- ▶ Camping and outdoor equipment
- ▶ Mattresses and ensembles (\$25 fee per mattress and \$25 fee per bed base/ensemble)



✗ Not acceptable

- ▶ More than two cubic metres of waste
- ▶ Items weighing more than 25kg
- ▶ Household chemicals or hazardous waste
- ▶ Sheet glass and mirrors
- ▶ Asbestos sheeting or asbestos products
- ▶ Gas bottles or fire extinguishers
- ▶ Soil or mixed fill material
- ▶ Tyres
- ▶ Sharps, needles or sharps containers
- ▶ Timber over two metres in length
- ▶ Garden waste (grass clipping, prunings) or food waste
- ▶ Building and construction rubble
- ▶ Solar panels



Please keep all bulky waste inside your property boundary and do not leave it outside more than 48 hours before your scheduled collection. It must be in an easily accessible location for collection.

Keeping waste out of landfill

Items collected through the service are sorted and re-purposed where possible, to keep more waste out of landfill and support our local charity partners including GIVIT, Vinnies and The Salvation Army.



Live in an apartment or townhouse?

If you live in a multi-unit development, contact your body corporate or managing agent to make a booking on your behalf.

Check the Recyclopaedia to make sure you're recycling right.

Have other items to dispose of?

➔ **Recyclopaedia** is your one stop guide on how to correctly dispose of and recycle items in the ACT. Visit [act.gov.au/Recyclopaedia](https://act.gov.au/recyclopaedia)



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