



## Tuggeranong

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# Hospital expansion fuels economic recovery

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Apprentice plumbers Joshua Torley and Lily Bowling are involved in the construction of the new hospital building.



## Message from the Chief Minister

Canberra's economic recovery has begun – led by strong spending from local consumers and interstate visitors.

There are also 250 infrastructure projects kicking off – including more schools, more public housing

and extending light rail – and these will support thousands of jobs for Canberrans over the coming years.

We have all had a tough year, but we now have a lot to look forward to over the summer months.

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## Work starts on Canberra Hospital expansion

Construction has started on the Canberra Hospital Expansion's centrepiece building, with more than 500 local jobs created to deliver the world-class healthcare facility.

The new facility will increase the hospital's emergency department, surgical and critical care capacity with more beds and modern treatment spaces.

The city's largest ever infrastructure program – which spans health, education, transport, public housing and urban renewal – will fuel Canberra's recovery from COVID-19 and support thousands of ACT jobs for years to come.

## COVID-19 booster vaccinations now available

Aged 18+ and had your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine more than six months ago? Get a COVID-19 booster vaccination from a participating GP, pharmacy or ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinic.



## Upskill yourself with JobTrainer

A range of free courses and qualifications are now available for Canberrans to help develop skills in high demand industries.

The JobTrainer program supports young people who have left school and job seekers to access free training in a range of industries, including aged care, early childhood education and care, disability care and digital skills.



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## Everyday climate choices



## Small changes for a cleaner future

Canberra has led the way on climate action in Australia, and we can all do our bit to work towards our city's ambitious target of net zero emissions by 2045.

The Everyday Climate Choices website [climatechoices.act.gov.au](https://climatechoices.act.gov.au) shows how we can all take steps towards a cleaner future, including reducing food waste.





# Infrastructure upgrades for Tuggeranong

Spending time outside in Tuggeranong this summer is even more enjoyable with numerous improvements now complete. These include:

- ▶ upgraded paths around the Tuggeranong Town Centre
- ▶ minor upgrades to 17 playgrounds across the region
- ▶ new fencing at Kambah Adventure Playground
- ▶ Greenway dog park upgrades
- ▶ new toilets at Lake Tuggeranong.

Some of these projects included funding from the Australian Government.



## Tidbinbilla turns 50

With the arrival of summer and longer days, it's the perfect time to visit Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and celebrate its recent 50th birthday milestone.



## Local arts on show this holiday season

A children's musical theatre program, jazz concert, dance showcase, art exhibitions and a range of other activities are taking place at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre this summer.

With something on for people of all ages, it's the perfect opportunity to discover your favourite local artist or to get out and entertain the kids. Head online for the summer program.



## Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day. Go online to find the interim bus and Christmas Day timetables in place over the summer holiday period.







# Stay safe this holiday season

It's important that all Canberrans stay safe this summer, whether it be around the pool, staying cool during heatwaves, keeping our pets safe and driving responsibly on our roads. If you're heading interstate, be sure to stay up to date with the latest travel advice and information on COVID-affected areas at [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au).

## Thank you to CBR's essential workers

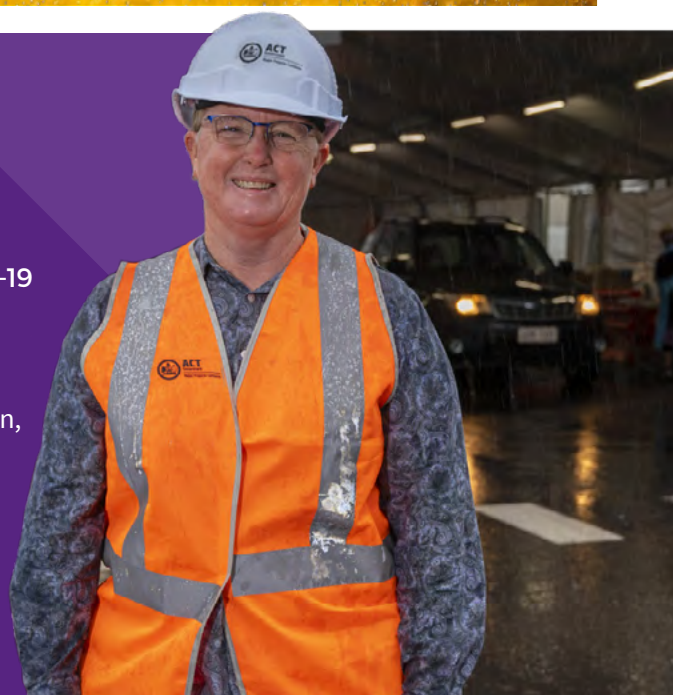
As part of the team behind Kambah's drive-through testing site, Karen McLellan says her first-hand experience of our city's COVID-19 response makes her "honoured to be a Canberran".

"We've all suffered from not being able to see our loved ones, but Canberrans have done the right thing," Karen said. "It's fantastic that we can now spend Christmas with family and friends."

"It's been a privilege to help the community and go from building the testing site over a weekend in August to testing 1000 people a day in our first week."

Karen is one of thousands of essential workers – spanning transport, city services, education, health and more – who kept Canberra running during the recent COVID-19 lockdown.

Thank you to Karen and all our essential workers for their efforts in a challenging year.



## NYE fireworks are back!

You're invited to the shores of Lake Burley Griffin this New Year's Eve to bring in 2022 with two spectacular fireworks displays.

The family and community evening starts at 6pm, with locals invited to picnic in a COVID-safe manner ahead of the 9pm and midnight fireworks.

Support local businesses by purchasing picnic hampers or enjoying the New Year's Eve specials on offer.

## Services available during the holiday season



Some ACT Government services will be closed, or have restricted opening hours, during the festive period. Find all the details online.

