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# Everyday climate choices help ACT lead the way



## Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT was the first Australian jurisdiction to secure 100% of our electricity supply from renewable sources. From this month, ACT residents will see a decrease in electricity prices, and have the lowest standing offer of any jurisdiction in Australia.

This is a feature of the long term, renewable electricity supply contracts that the ACT Government has been entering into over the last 10 years.

By doing so, the ACT Government continues to reduce emissions and provide sustainable energy to our growing city.

This is one of many ways that the ACT Government is ensuring that everyone benefits from a zero-net emissions future, not just those that can afford it.

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## Big batteries to power Canberra

The ACT Government continues to invest in renewable energy, with large scale batteries to help the city store and release energy as Canberrans need it.

The 'Big Canberra Battery' will be made up of an ecosystem of batteries across the city to make the most of

the energy we get through wind and solar. It's construction supports the Government's priority to become a net zero emissions city.

Work is currently underway to find a provider to build these batteries across Canberra.



## Save energy this winter

Save money, stay warm and support the environment this winter with these energy-saving tips:

- ▶ Cover your windows to keep the warmth in.
- ▶ Set your heater to 18-21 degrees – every degree warmer adds up to 10 per cent to your bill.

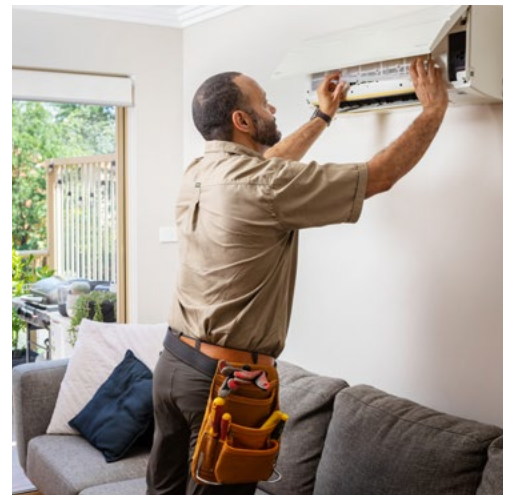
- ▶ Seal gaps around doors and windows.
- ▶ Open the curtains during the day to use the sun's warmth.
- ▶ Add an extra layer of clothing before turning the heater up.

**Go online for more tips and advice.**



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## Replace your wood heater and save

You can play a part in reducing smoke from wood heaters – one of the largest contributors to air pollution in the ACT.

There are rebates of up to \$1250 available to replace your wood heater with a more efficient heating system.

**Head online for more.**



2022 ACT Australian of the Year award recipients Sean Dondas, Val Dempsey and Luke Ferguson.

## Australian of the Year nominations open

Nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards are now open.

Our city is full of outstanding candidates for these awards, so head online and nominate someone you think deserves to be recognised.



# Goodberry's embraces single-use plastics ban

The team behind Goodberry's Erindale have sustainability on their mind.

They've proactively transitioned to more sustainable products ahead of the second phase of the ACT's single-use plastics ban. They serve menu items with thick paper straws and wooden spoons instead of plastic.

"We get a lot of people through our store so it's important for us to do the right thing and be more sustainable," store manager Samantha Irvin said.

The next phase of the ACT's single-use plastics ban started on 1 July.

**Head online to find out more.**



The team at Goodberry's Erindale.



## Students support lake health

Lake Tuggeranong College students recently teamed up with a local community group to monitor and support the health of Lake Tuggeranong.

The students worked with Waterwatch ACT to collect water samples, conduct tests in their classrooms and report on their findings.

They have also shared this knowledge with other southside schools to grow awareness around the importance of caring for the environment.

## Calwell playing fields transformed

The new-look Calwell District Playing Fields are now being enjoyed by local footballers, after major restorations were completed during the off season. The project is part of upgrades to sporting facilities across Canberra.



## Locals contribute to playground upgrades

The local community has helped shape upcoming playground upgrades in Chisholm and Gordon.

Responses to a recent survey showed support for improved amenities, such as picnic shelters, shade sails and outdoor furniture.

The top three priorities were nature play options, learn to ride facilities and all abilities play equipment.

Playground upgrades are currently being designed based on this feedback, with a full report available online.



### Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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## Holiday fun for the whole family

Wondering what to do these winter school holidays? Check out the activity guide online to find ways to keep the whole family entertained this winter. Some ideas include:

- ▶ Enjoy the return of Canberra's winter festival in Civic Square from 1-17 July. Winter in the City features food, drink, performances and an outdoor ice-skating rink.
- ▶ Attend special holiday sessions of Story Time (ages 3-5) and Giggle & Wiggle (ages 0-2) at your local library.
- ▶ Fly a kite at the National Arboretum Canberra before heading to the POD playground.



## What's on in July

**1-31 July** **Megafauna: Myths & Legends!**  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

**10 July** **Creative Fibre**  
The Old Bus Depot Markets

**16 July** **GWS Giants v Brisbane Lions**  
Manuka Oval

**23 July** **Raiders v Warriors**  
GIO Stadium

**24 & 31 July** **Winter Wonderland**  
Haig Park Village Markets

**28-30 July** **William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet**  
Canberra REP Theatre

**30-31 July** **Handmade Market Canberra**  
Exhibition Park (EPIC)



For more events and details, visit  
[events.canberra.com.au](http://events.canberra.com.au)

## Free flu shot

Getting a flu shot is one of the best ways to protect you and your family from the flu this winter.

Free flu shots are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, children aged 6 months to under 5 years, anyone pregnant, people aged 65 and older and people aged 6 months and older with underlying medical conditions.

The ACT Government is also offering free flu vaccinations for



concession card holders, and anyone with a disability and their carers, at its Access and Sensory Clinic.

Go online for more information and find out how to make a booking.



## YOUR SAY

### ACT Government consultations

Help shape decisions affecting you and your community for current and upcoming projects, including:

- ▶ Acton Waterfront;
- ▶ Multicultural Recognition Act;
- ▶ ACT Disability 10 year strategy; and
- ▶ ACT Disability Health Strategy.

**For more, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au).**

## New cat ownership laws introduced

New cat registration and containment laws are now in effect across Canberra, helping local cats to live healthier lives, while also protecting native wildlife.

**Head online for more information and to register your cat.**



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