

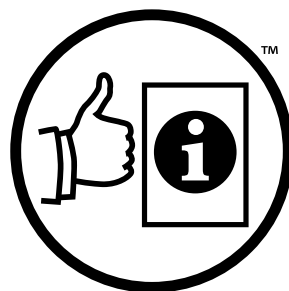


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# **Our Canberra December 2023**

**ACT Government**



**Easy English**

## Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book

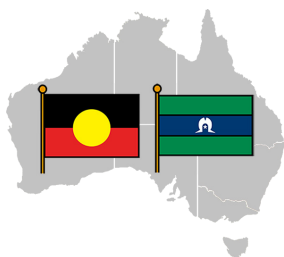


- find more information.

## We acknowledge the First Nations Peoples



**First Nations Peoples** are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

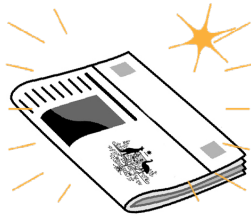


**Acknowledge** means we understand that the First Nations Peoples belong to this land.

## About this book



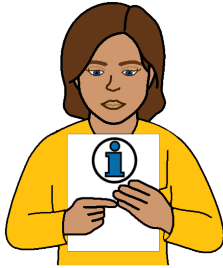
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This book is the Easy English **newsletter**  
**Our Canberra.**

A newsletter tells you about lots of new things that

- you should know about
  
- you can do.

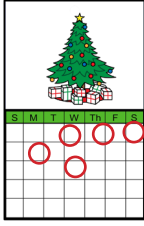


The newsletter is for December 2023.



The next newsletter is February 2024.

## Our services during the holidays



Some of our services will be closed during the Christmas and New Year holidays.



Other services will be open at different times.



For example, some services will be closed on Christmas Day.

You can use the Access Canberra website at any time.

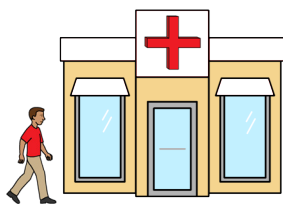


Find out when our services are open on our website.

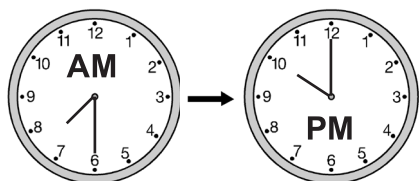
Website

[act.gov.au/xmasopeninghours](https://act.gov.au/xmasopeninghours)

## Walk in health centres



Our walk in health centres are open **every day** including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

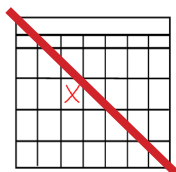


The centres are open from **7.30 AM to 10 PM.**

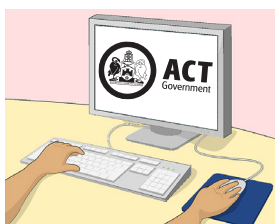


A walk in health centre is a place where a nurse can help you for free

- if you feel sick
- if you have an injury, like a cut or a burn.



You do **not** need an appointment.

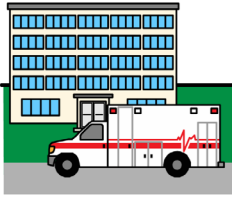


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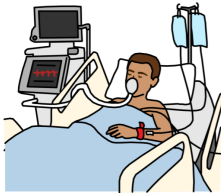
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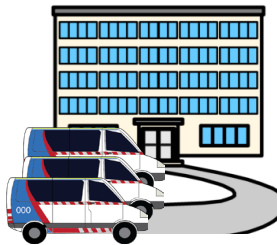
## Better hospitals for Canberra



We will open a new **critical care** building at Canberra Hospital next year.



Critical care is when doctors treat you if your life is in danger.

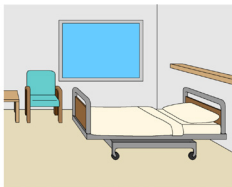


The new building will have

- a bigger emergency area



- an emergency area for children



- more beds for people who need extra care



- more **surgery** rooms.

Surgery is when a doctor operates on you.

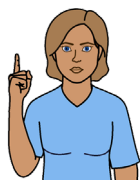


We will also build a new hospital at Bruce in the next few years.

## Stay safe in the water



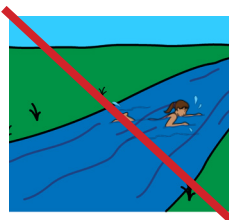
Many people like to swim in a river or a lake when the weather is hot.



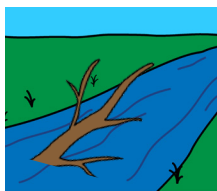
It is important to stay safe when you swim.



Tell someone where you are going.



Do **not** swim alone.



Look for danger in the water before you swim.



Call for help if something goes wrong.

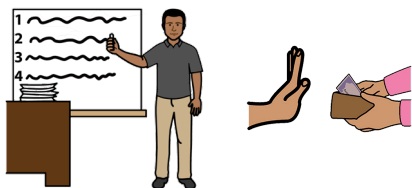
Find out more on our website.



Website

[act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2023/november/keep-safe-around-the-water](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2023/november/keep-safe-around-the-water)

## Free TAFE

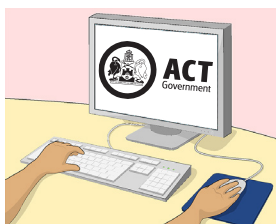


Some people in Canberra can get free **TAFE**.

TAFE is a place where you can learn new things after you leave high school.



For example, you can learn things that can help you get a job.



Find out what you can learn for free online.

Website

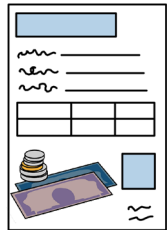
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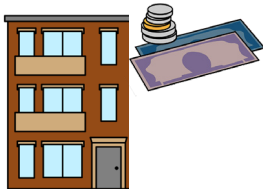
## More help for new home buyers



You can now spend more on a new home before you need to pay **stamp duty**.



Stamp duty is money you sometimes need to pay the government when you buy a home.



For example, an apartment.

Find out more about stamp duty rules online.



Website

[revenue.act.gov.au/home-buyer-assistance/owner-occupier-duty-concession](https://revenue.act.gov.au/home-buyer-assistance/owner-occupier-duty-concession)

## Celebrate Christmas in the city and Braddon



There will be fun things to do and entertainment during December.

For example, music.

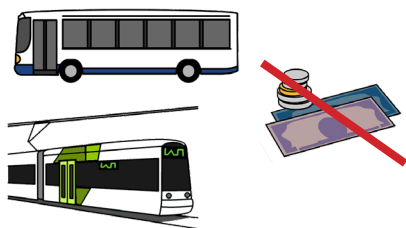


Find out more online.

Website

[festivefinds.inthecity.com.au](http://festivefinds.inthecity.com.au)

## Free public transport



Buses and light rail are free on Christmas Day.



Find out bus and light rail times online.

Website

[transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/timetables](http://transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/timetables)

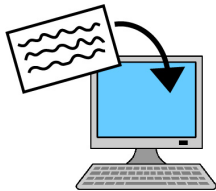
## More information



For more information contact the  
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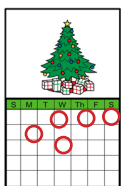
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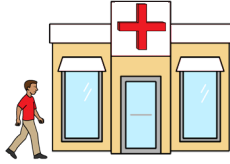


**Find out our holiday opening times**

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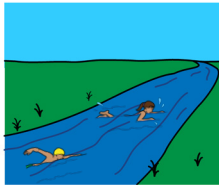


## Find a walk in centre for free health care



Website

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## How to stay safe in the water



Website

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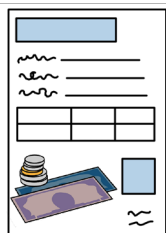


## Find out what you can learn for free at TAFE



Website

[cit.edu.au/study/fee\\_free\\_tafe](http://cit.edu.au/study/fee_free_tafe)



## Find out about the new stamp duty rules

Website

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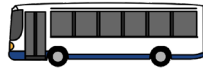


## Join us for our Christmas celebrations

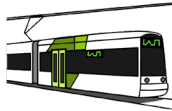


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## Find out bus and light rail times



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### If you do not speak English

Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



### If you need help to speak or listen

The National Relay Service can help you make a phone call.



Call 1800 555 660



Website [accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk](https://accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk)

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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