

OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition



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WOMEN OF THE YEAR SHINE IN BELCONNEN

Marie-Louise
Corkhill is
Canberra's
2017 Woman of
the Year.

Marie-Louise Corkhill is recognised for her leadership and contribution to Canberra women and their families.

She is Executive Director of Belconnen-based organisation Karinya House. Her tireless work plays a key role in increasing services at Karinya House, including a special mother and baby unit that supports pregnant and parenting women in crisis.

Belconnen resident and ANU student Francesca Maclean is the ACT Young Woman of the Year for 2017. Francesca founded the Fifty50 program. It helps young women develop careers in science, technology and engineering.

 For more information on this year's finalists and recipients visit communityservices.act.gov.au

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CREATING LINKS IN GINNINDERRY



A community facility called 'The Link' is now open at Ginninderry, west Belconnen's newest community. It's a hub where groups and organisations can come together and meet.

The Link is also an entry point and visitor centre for the conservation corridor that runs along the Murrumbidgee River and Ginninderra Creek.

The cross border community of Ginninderry includes the new Belconnen suburbs of Strathnairn and Macnamara. It will have 11,500 new dwellings over the next 30-40 years.

 For more information visit ginninderry.com



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As the ACT Government plans and develops major projects, it's important the views of the entire Canberra community are heard and considered along the way.

The Your Say website is an exciting new way to engage online, share ideas and have your say on ACT Government projects and initiatives. Canberrans have great ideas about life in our city and we want to hear them. In this edition of Our Canberra you'll see projects that are open for public consultation, including improvements to our enclosed dog parks.

Your Say is just one of the ways we listen to Canberrans and I'm committed to improving our community engagement so all Canberrans can have their say in making the city we love even better.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.

YOURsay


For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au



IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL DOG PARK

If you use one of Canberra's six fenced dog parks, then we want to hear from you. We're seeking feedback from dog park users on what improvements could improve safety and convenience for the dogs and people who visit them.



There's not much time left to have your say so make sure you visit yoursay.act.gov.au today. 

KEEPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE



If you're a coach, employee or volunteer in junior or disability sports, you need to hold a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

Do you need to be registered? If you are not sure, take the online survey at act.gov.au/wwwvptakethetest.

The WWVP Scheme is an important way to protect children and vulnerable members of our community.

There are three easy steps to apply for WWVP registration, and it's free for volunteers.

 For more information and to apply visit act.gov.au/accessCBR



SUPPORTING FUTURE CAREERS

The future careers of eight Canberra students have been given a boost after being awarded an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Scholarship.

Sarah Mills was awarded one for the high calibre of her school work, community involvement and her passion for learning.

The scholarships support year 11 and 12 students and help increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals in the vocational education and training sector.

 For more information visit education.act.gov.au




GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

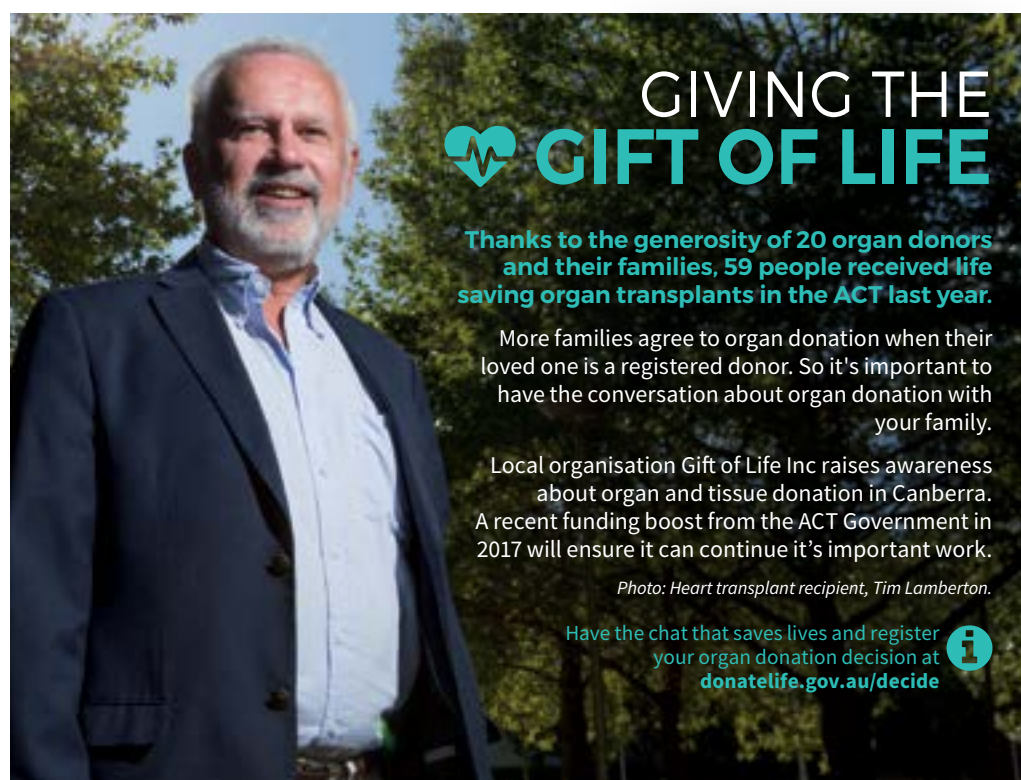
Thanks to the generosity of 20 organ donors and their families, 59 people received life saving organ transplants in the ACT last year.

More families agree to organ donation when their loved one is a registered donor. So it's important to have the conversation about organ donation with your family.

Local organisation Gift of Life Inc raises awareness about organ and tissue donation in Canberra. A recent funding boost from the ACT Government in 2017 will ensure it can continue its important work.

Photo: Heart transplant recipient, Tim Lamberton.

Have the chat that saves lives and register your organ donation decision at donatelife.gov.au/decide 




WORLD-CLASS FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN CANBERRA



Melrose High School is the home of Canberra's newest FIFA accredited synthetic football field.

Students and locals are all invited to play up a storm on the new field and its other upgraded sportsgrounds.

The Melrose High School community uses the complex during school hours. Sporting associations and other groups can use the new and improved facilities on weekends and after school hours.

 For more information and bookings visit sport.act.gov.au

CATCH A BUS TO THE AIRPORT

A new bus service now connects Canberra Airport to Civic. Bus route 11 operates every half hour on weekdays and every hour on weekends.

Save money by using your MyWay card on the service, or pay a cash fare to the driver when boarding.

 For more information visit transport.act.gov.au




DISCOVER ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Have you considered one of Canberra's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

"The school is a great environment to learn in and a place where you can feel safe. We love the teachers and they are always there for us."

Mackenzie, UC High School, Kaleen

For more information on the enrolment process and school open nights visit education.act.gov.au 



ONE MILLION SQUARE METRES OF SMOOTHER, SAFER ROADS

Resurfacing crews have been working hard to improve Canberra's roads, day and night. Over the last five months more than one million square metres of roads were resurfaced across the capital, including William Hovell Drive in Belconnen.

Canberra's annual road resurfacing program protects and extends the life of our road system and improves safety.

 A daily road resurfacing schedule is available at tccs.act.gov.au

SEEING DOUBLE ON AIKMAN DRIVE

The duplication of Aikman Drive between Ginninderra Drive and Emu Bank is progressing well, with around 50 percent of the works completed.

Underground utility works including the construction of new stormwater infrastructure are complete. Work will soon ramp up at the Joy Cummings Place intersection. The project is due for completion in late 2017 ahead of the opening of the University of Canberra Public Hospital.





TRACK MOWING IN YOUR SUBURB

We know how important mowing of public spaces is to Canberrans, especially for those who love to get outdoors in our bush capital.

There's now an online map to track mowing across the city. The map shows where mowing has been done and which suburbs are next.

It can also alert you of any delays to the mowing schedule due to wet weather or high fire danger. The map is updated every week.

 For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au



MEET YOUR 2017 CANBERRA CITIZEN

For 22 years, Alex Sloan has been telling the stories of Canberrans and supporting community organisations and charitable events. Alex is our Canberra Citizen of the Year for 2017.

Alex says she's loved being able to make meaningful connections with the city and the people who live here. *"That's been my job - to connect with community. Canberra has grown and flourished in the 22 years I've been on air. I think I've been able to tell those stories and have those debates,"* she said.

 Read more about Alex at act.gov.au/ourcanberra




LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER



Canbrrrr...winter is coming. Here are some tips on how to stay warm and keep your energy bills low.

- > Draught-proof your house using door sweeps and weather strip your windows.
- > Have your gas or reverse cycle heating systems serviced, including duct work.
- > Ensure your ceiling insulation has an R-value of 5 or better and install good window coverings.
- > Turn off heating overnight, when not at home, and in unused rooms.
- > Make sure your hot water pipes are well insulated.




 For advice or to register for a FREE workshop, call 1300 141 777 or visit actsmart.act.gov.au



BE PREPARED FOR FLU SEASON

Winter is almost upon us and so is the flu season. Now is the time to start thinking about a flu vaccination. It helps protect you, your family and the wider community.

Check with your GP, local pharmacist, or workplace to enquire about how you can book your vaccination now.

 For more information on immunisation, contact the Immunisation Information Line on 6205 2300, visit health.act.gov.au or email immunisation@act.gov.au



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