

OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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NEW STROMLO LEISURE CENTRE IN 2020



Gym, splash park, 50 metre lap and competition pool opening early 2020

Construction is starting soon on the new Stromlo Leisure Centre.

This new facility will include a 50 metre lap and competition pool, a program pool for activities like swimming lessons and aqua aerobics,

a reception, kiosk, administration offices and change rooms.

After community consultation last year, a gym, splash-park and more seating throughout the centre will be included. The centre is expected to open early 2020.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT's third public hospital is an important milestone as we roll out better healthcare across our growing city. University of Canberra Hospital will be a specialist centre for rehabilitation, recovery and research and will help with tailored programs for patients.

Along with more Walk-In Centres, refurbished maternity and elderly acute care wards, more ambulance crews and free vaccinations for Canberra's children, the ACT Government is committed to providing better healthcare for growing city.

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BETTER FACILITIES for EMERGING SPORTS STARS



A new indoor and outdoor cricket centre adjacent to Phillip Oval is part of a major upgrade which will co-locate AFL and Cricket.

The facility will provide better training facilities for our emerging sports stars. Ground-keeping work on the oval is continuing, and it is expected to be available later this month for training and match play.

The project is a partnership between the ACT Government, AFL NSW/ACT, Cricket ACT, Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia.



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

FREE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE



Canberrans aged 16 to 19 can get a free meningococcal ACWY vaccine in 2018 through their GP.

Meningococcal disease is a rare and potentially life-threatening illness and the best way to protect yourself and others is by getting vaccinated.

A free vaccine is also available to year 10 students attending ACT high schools through a schools-based program.

 For more information visit health.act.gov.au

Free vaccine at school for year 10 school students



FREE FLU VACCINE



A free flu vaccine is now available to all children aged from six months to under five years. Parents are encouraged to get their child vaccinated in autumn before the start of the flu season.

The vaccine is available through GPs and ACT Health Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics (GPs may charge a consultation fee).

 For more information visit health.act.gov.au




BIKE STOPS FOR A SMOOTHER RIDE

There are a range of local businesses across the ACT who are offering 'bike stop' facilities to support local and visiting cyclists.

Facilities provided will vary at each registered 'Bike Stop', but could include toilets, showers and change rooms, bag storage, water refill and tyre pumps.

The program is helping shape Canberra as a bike friendly city and Australia's cycling capital.

To register your business email TCCS.ActiveTravel@act.gov.au.

 For more information including a list of 'Bike Stops' visit transport.act.gov.au and search 'Bike Stop Program'



CHECK IF YOUR VEHICLE IS IMPACTED:

TAKATA AIRBAG RECALL

Up to a quarter of Canberra vehicles may be affected by the compulsory defective Takata airbag recall.

Check if your vehicle's make or model is affected by visiting act.gov.au/airbag.

Defective airbags have caused death and serious injury.

If you receive a letter from your vehicle supplier or manufacturer please act immediately.

If you have questions please call **13 22 81**.



SHARING BOOKS IN MOLONGLO

The new Wright Community Book Box is now open, bringing together like-minded people from across the Molonglo Valley to share their favourite books.

The Book Box offers a free book-swap service. It's available to anyone with a book they are willing to swap. It was built by members of the Wright community with support from the ACT Government.

The Book Box is located at the Link Park on Dot Butler Street, Wright.



CANBERRA'S NEWEST HOSPITAL OPENS MID-2018

Construction work is now complete at the University of Canberra Hospital, the specialist centre for rehabilitation, recovery and research.

At full capacity, Canberra's newest hospital will have 140 overnight inpatient beds, 75 day places and additional outpatient services.

The hospital features a hydrotherapy pool, therapeutic courtyards and gymnasiums.



For more information visit health.act.gov.au and search 'University of Canberra Hospital'



DUFFY DOG PARK ALMOST COMPLETE

Canberra's seventh off-leash dog park is nearly ready for your four legged friends. The 1.2 hectare dog park is located on Warragamba Avenue and is opening in the next few months.

EASING the PRESSURE

If a family member is sick or injured and it's not an emergency, here are some treatment options:

- > For free, one-off treatment of minor injury or illness visit the **Tuggeranong Walk-in Centre**. It's open every day between 7.30am and 10pm.
- > For after-hours GP appointments, call **CALMS** on 1300 422 567.
- > Call **Healthdirect** for nurse advice on non-serious conditions, 1800 022 222.
- > But remember, ongoing care is best provided by **your GP**.

For medical emergency or immediate life threatening condition go to **Canberra Hospital Emergency Department** or call '000'.



NEW ACUTE CARE WARD

Elderly patients who require specialised acute care now have a newly renovated ward at Canberra Hospital. It has 26 beds and has been redesigned to support patients in an age-appropriate environment.

A soon-to-be completed outdoor courtyard will also provide patients and families with different mobility options and spaces.



For more information visit health.act.gov.au and search 'acute care elderly'



MY CULTURE,
MY STORY

CANBERRA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

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There's something for everyone at this year's Canberra and Region Heritage Festival. With over 100 events happening across the capital there are plenty of ways to celebrate our city's colourful stories, culture and buildings.

In your area, get ready to:

Enjoy the autumn colours of Fetherston Gardens – Sunday 15 April.

Marvel at a collection of antique timepieces – Saturday 21 April.

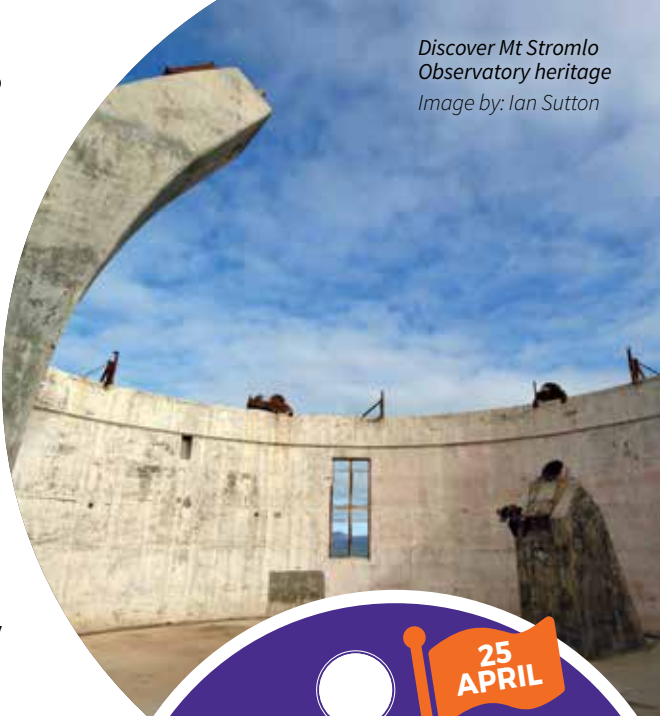
See a drama at the Yarralumla Woolshed – Thursday 19 – Saturday 28 April.

Discover our astronomical heritage at Mt Stromlo – Sunday 22 April.



For more information
visit act.gov.au/heritagefestival

Discover Mt Stromlo
Observatory heritage
Image by: Ian Sutton



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FREE BUSES to ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Free bus transport to Anzac Day
services will once again be
available in 2018.

You can 'Register to Ride'
at transport.act.gov.au
or call 13 17 10

POWERED by THE SUN



New solar panels and battery storage have been installed at the Arboretum's horticultural works depot, powering everything from air conditioning to welders.

The system will reduce the ACT's greenhouse gas emissions by about 28.5 tonnes per year, equivalent to taking 11.8 cars off the road each year.



For more information on solar energy
visit actsmart.act.gov.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE ARBORETUM



The National Arboretum has plenty of space for the kids to run and roam these school holidays.

They'll love Pod Playground and the labyrinth in the new Gallery of Gardens. You can also bring your own kites to fly at the amphitheatre.

Pack a picnic to enjoy on the Himalayan Cedar deck, or enjoy delicious food from Sprout Café.



For more information visit
nationalarboretum.act.gov.au



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