

OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



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DUFFY DOG PARK OPEN



Canberra's 7th dog park is now open

Take your four-legged friend to the new fenced, off leash dog park at Duffy.

Features include 1.2 hectares of pooch playground and two dog enclosures – one large and one small – catering for dogs of varying energy, age, fragility and size.

The park also has water bubblers with dog bowls, bench seats, bins, trees and other greenery, and a sealed car park for more than 30 vehicles.

 For dog park locations and etiquette visit tccs.act.gov.au

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BETTER BUS NETWORK




7 days a WEEK

A new, more frequent and reliable public transport network is set to reshape the way Canberrans move around the city.

New routes in Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo will provide better connections to Woden Town Centre and Cooleman Court from all suburbs in the region. Rapid routes will run from Cooleman Court to the City and Woden. Multiple rapid routes through Woden will connect residents to the City, Barton, Russell, Canberra Hospital, Tuggeranong Town Centre and Kingston.

Have your say on how we can support your use of this new network.

 For more information and to have your say visit yoursay.act.gov.au



YOUR say

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra has established a reputation as Australia's most inclusive city - a place where we strive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The recently launched Chief Minister's Charitable Fund will provide targeted support for our community to deliver help where it is most needed.

The Government will continue to support those in greatest need as our city grows.



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

YOUR say

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

HAVE YOUR SAY on HEALTH

The ACT is now the health care hub for a region of more than 1 million people.



Soon there will be opportunities to share your experiences, ideas and insights about health care in Canberra.

Whether you are a patient, doctor, nurse, midwife or other health professional, there will be opportunities to have your say. We will use your views to inform key projects.

i To register for updates and notifications visit yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future



BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER



- > Microchip, register and de-sex your dog – it's compulsory to do all three!
- > Walk your dog on a lead and have effective control – it's an offence not to.
- > Make your yard escape-proof – it's the law.
- > Update microchip details and use an ID tag.
- > Expect heavy penalties if you don't follow the rules – it's about putting public safety first.

Our rangers will be out – know your obligations.

i For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au/pawsforthought



EMMA RUBY HOUSE

A second respite care home has been opened in Cook by the Ricky Stuart Foundation. 'Emma Ruby House' provides care for young people aged 12-18 years who have a disability.

The house is named after Ricky's daughter Emma Ruby, who has autism. Emma Ruby House complements 'Ricky Stuart House' in Chifley, which opened two years ago for children aged six to 12 years.

Emma Ruby House is managed by The Disability Trust.

i For more information visit rickystuart.org

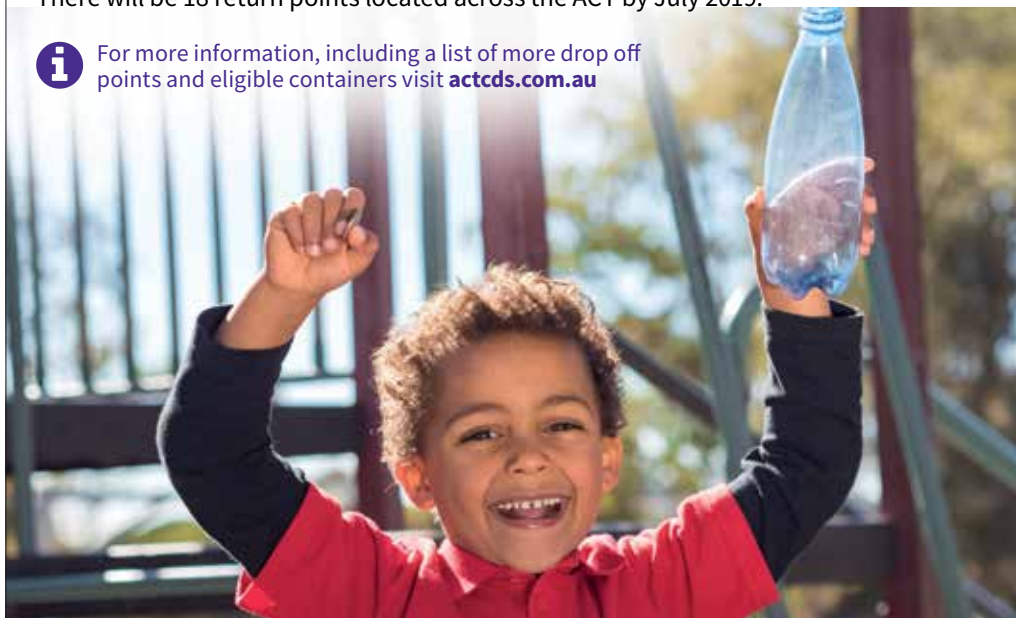


RECYCLE for CASH

The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has begun. Receive a 10 cent refund for eligible drink containers, or donate the proceeds to participating charities.

Your nearest drop off point is at the Salvation Army Store, Phillip. To return large quantities use the bulk depot at 151 Gladstone Street Fyshwick. There will be 18 return points located across the ACT by July 2019.

i For more information, including a list of more drop off points and eligible containers visit actcds.com.au



HELPING OLDER CANBERRANS STAY at HOME

The ACT Government recognises that many older Canberrans may want to age in their homes.

The Aged Deferral Scheme gives older Canberrans the option to defer their annual household rates against the future sale of their property.

The 2018 ACT Budget expanded the eligibility of the scheme so that anyone aged 65 or over, who has at least 75 per cent equity in their home, can take advantage of this offer.

 For more information visit revenue.act.gov.au/home-owner-assistance



CURTIN DRAFT PLAN UPDATE


The master plan for the Curtin Group Centre is almost finalised.

Working closely with the community and key stakeholders, the master plan ensures that the centre's existing strengths are valued and that its environmental, social and economic sustainability can be enhanced into the future.

 For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au



MORE CHOICE for FIRST HOME BUYERS

Eligible first home buyers in Canberra won't have to pay stamp duty on new and existing properties from July 2019. 

This will fully abolish stamp duty for any type of property at any purchase price, for eligible first home buyers.

To be eligible you must have a household income lower than \$160,000.

WHY THE NAME CURLEWIS CRESENT?

Streets in Garran are named to commemorate writers.

Mrs Ethel Curlewis wrote children's stories of the Australian outback under her maiden name, Turner.

At the age of 21 she wrote 'Seven Little Australians', which became an immediate international best seller when it was first published in 1894.

Using the place names search tool online you can find stories on other Canberra street and suburb names.

 For more information visit planning.act.gov.au



SPRING MEANS FLORIADE



Bursts of flowers in Commonwealth Park mean one thing - Floriade is almost here!

Get set to experience a *Pop Culture* inspired Floriade - Australia's biggest celebration of spring.

Opening hours this year will be 9.30am to 5.30pm daily, with the ticketed Floriade NightFest returning to illuminate the event.

 For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com

DOCKLESS BIKE SHARE



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week will be celebrated around Canberra and by our public schools this month.

The theme for this year's Science Week is 'Game Changers and Change Makers.'



 For more information on what's on in Canberra visit scienceweek.net.au



A dockless bike share trial has started in Canberra. Bike share is ideal for short and spontaneous one-way trips and integrates well with public transport systems.

Australian-owned company Airbike will deliver the six-month trial.

 For more information visit transport.act.gov.au

CBR THE CYCLING DESTINATION



Our goal is to make the Canberra region Australia's cycling destination of choice.

A new CBR Cycle Tourism Strategy sets out a 10-year roadmap for how government, private sector and the cycling community will work together towards putting Canberra firmly on the cycle tourism map.

 To read more about the strategy visit tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism



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