

OUR CANBERRA

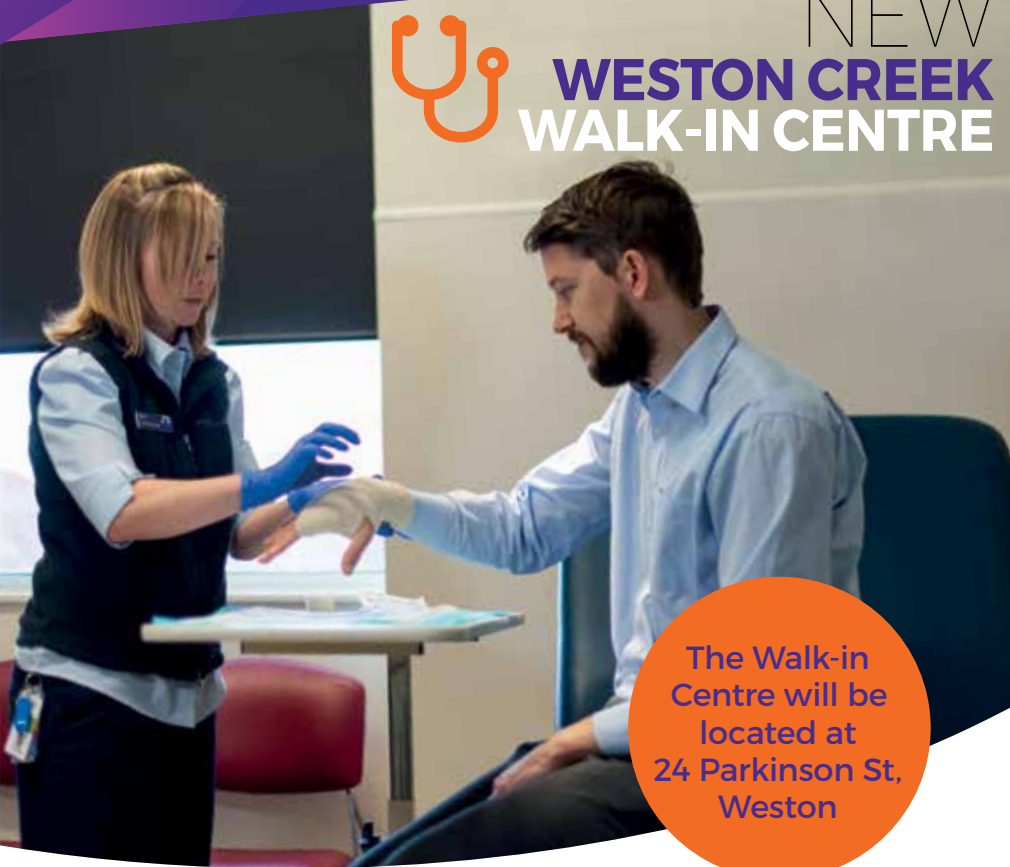
Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



ACT Government

September 2018

NEW WESTON CREEK WALK-IN CENTRE



The Walk-in Centre will be located at 24 Parkinson St, Weston

Weston Creek's new Walk-in Centre will be located in the heart of the local community.

This will be Canberra's fourth Walk-in Centre and will provide the community in Weston Creek, Molonglo and Woden access to free treatment and health care advice for people with minor illness and injury.

This includes cold and flu, cuts and abrasions, and bites and stings.

The Weston Creek Walk-in Centre will be open by the end of 2019.

 For more information visit walkincentre.act.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The Federal Government must let Canberrans make our own laws about voluntary assisted dying.

The Bill to restore our right to legislate on this issue was recently defeated in the Senate. Voluntary assisted dying is an incredibly difficult issue, and I respect the differing views held in the community.

But Canberrans should not be stopped from discussing something that their friends and family in Melbourne or Queanbeyan can.

We are absolutely capable of having a mature and respectful conversation on this important issue and the ACT Government will continue to work with the Federal Parliament on this matter.



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LEISURE CENTRE BUILDING TO START

Construction is starting on the new Stromlo Leisure Centre this month.

The Leisure Centre is part of the Stromlo Forest Park Masterplan and will include a 50 metre lap and competition pool, seating for events, a gym and splash park.

It will also have a program pool for swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, gentle exercise and other recreation activities.

The Leisure Centre is due for completion in early 2020.

 For more information visit stromloforestpark.com.au



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

YOURsay

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

REGISTER BIRTHS ONLINE

Canberra parents will soon be able to register the birth of their new baby from the comfort of their home.



A new online birth registration form will be available on the Access Canberra website.

Parents can use it to complete the birth registration online and apply for a birth certificate at the same time.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/accessCBR



TALK IT OUT, on NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISE

Many noise concerns can be resolved with a simple conversation.

Your neighbour may not realise how their noise is affecting you.

 For tips on how to start the conversation with your neighbour visit act.gov.au/noise



CREATING CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK



Thank you for your feedback on Canberra's new bus network, over 9,500 people completed the online survey.

The new network has been designed to respond to the community's calls for more buses, more often, seven days a week with expanded Rapid services and light rail.

The objective is to provide better, more frequent services to more Canberrans. Consultation on our proposed bus network has now closed and Transport Canberra is incorporating community input into the new network.

 For more information visit canberrabuses.com.au



REHAB SERVICES MOVE to NEW HOSPITAL



Following last month's opening of the new University of Canberra Hospital, some rehabilitation and mental health services have moved to the dedicated hospital in Belconnen.

Services that have moved include:

- > Rehabilitation Allied Health Services
- > Adult Mental Health Day Service
- > Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Program
- > Aged Care Rehabilitation Service from Calvary Public Hospital
- > ACT Health's hydrotherapy service.

 For more information on what services have moved visit health.act.gov.au/uch



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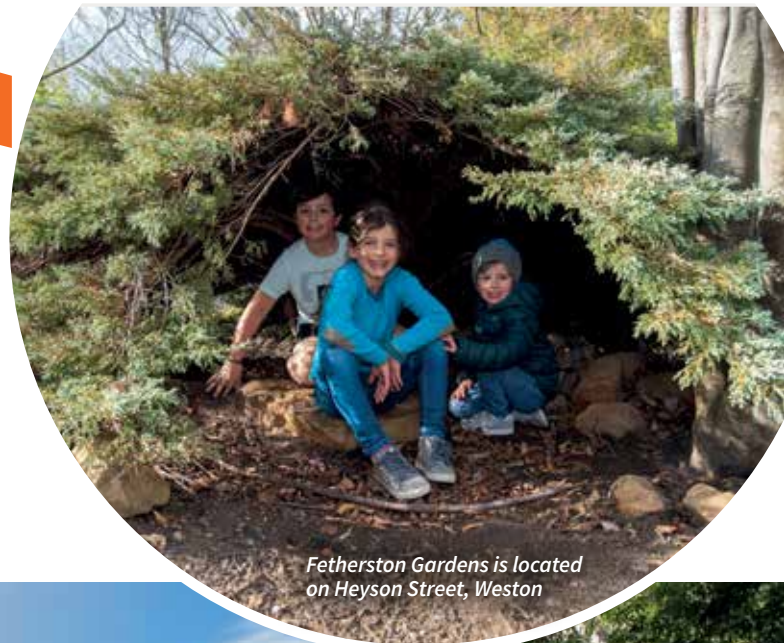
Get outdoors this spring by exploring Fetherston Gardens in Weston.

There are 3.5 hectares of parkland, named to commemorate Gerald Henry (Tony) Fetherston MBE horticulturist, landscape designer and educator.

The gardens were designed and planted in 1973-74, and include a small arboretum, woodland gardens and basic picnic amenities.

A network of pathways and natural trails allow for safe, quiet public enjoyment of the gardens.

 For more information visit environment.act.gov.au



Fetherston Gardens is located on Heyson Street, Weston

BRIGHTENING UP WODEN TOWN SQUARE



The ACT Government, in collaboration with Street Furniture Australia, is re-energising Woden Town Square.

Building on the success of the pop-up micro park in front of the Woden Library, #WodenExperiment is a six-month furniture installation project that will provide a comfortable place for the community to stay, use and enjoy the area with family and friends.

 For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au



EXPLORE CANBERRA with TRACKS APP



Head outdoors with the Canberra Tracks app to learn about Canberra's rich history.

Using augmented reality technology you can discover the old Weston and Cooleman homesteads, as well as innovative developments at Swinger Hill and Callam Offices.

 For more information visit canberratracks.act.gov.au




BREATHE EASIER WITH AirRater APP



Thousands of Canberrans who suffer from asthma and hayfever can manage their symptoms by using the free 'AirRater' app.

It provides real-time, location-specific information on pollen, air quality and temperature.

Users can also report their daily symptoms of asthma, allergies and hayfever. Over time, the app will provide personal feedback on what sets off users' symptoms.

 You can download the app from airrater.org





FLORIADE CELEBRATES POP CULTURE

FLORIADE
15 September
to 14 October

Floriade signals the start of spring in the capital with more than one million bulbs and annuals bursting into bloom in a celebration of Pop Culture.

Retro inspired flowerbeds form the backdrop to a brimming festival program. Highlights include Jazz in the Park, a revitalised kid zone including the appearance of Dirtgirl, Dogs' Day Out, morning yoga sessions, more food trucks and a local craft beer garden.

i For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com

Photography: Jo Bakas

NIGHTFEST BIGGER and BETTER

Floriade becomes an illuminated wonderland during NightFest, which returns for five nights from Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 September.

i Program details at floriadeaustralia.com and tickets from ticketek.com



NIGHTFEST
26 September to
30 September

GO WILD at WILDFEST



Wake up in the wild and experience Tidbinbilla in a whole new light these spring school holidays.

Experience 'glamping', Dreamtime stories by firelight, Ranger and Wildlife Officer behind-the-scenes adventures, and much more.

i For more information visit wildfest.com.au/tidbinbilla



SWOOPING MAGPIES TAKE FLIGHT

Follow these simple tips to help avoid being swooped this spring:

- > Walk through the magpies' territory quickly, but don't run
- > Protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses
- > Look towards the magpie
- > Attach flags or streamers on a pole to your backpack or bike.

Warning signs will be placed in troublesome areas.

i To report troublesome areas visit act.gov.au/fixmystreet



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