LIGHT RAIL STOPS DESIGNED for CANBERRA

As the start of light rail approaches, the fit out and completion of the 13 stops is getting closer. All stops are modern and designed for the Canberra climate and environment. At each stop a large canopy area provides shade during summer, skylights add light in winter and screens provide shelter when it’s wet and windy. Stops also have digital information displays, accessible ramps, seating, good lighting, help points, artwork and CCTV cameras for added security.


NEW SENSORY GARDEN for CAMPBELL PRIMARY

Campbell Primary School students have a new sensory garden and small outdoor classroom. The garden features different zones for sand and water play, seating and spaces designed to ensure children with special needs can also participate. Students can now enjoy this new space thanks to the partnership between the school’s P&C, the school and the ACT Government.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

The ACT Government is building a better healthcare system. We now have three nurse-led Walk-in Centres and two more are on their way; we’re providing grants to expand bulk billing GP services across Canberra’s Southside; we’ve expanded maternity services and the emergency department at Calvary Public Hospital; we’re delivering our biggest ever mental health support network; and we’re investing in the ‘Hospital in the Home’ program.

Delivering accessible, high quality healthcare where and when you need it is one of the Government’s top priorities.
FAST TICKET HOME

The best way to be reunited quickly with your beloved lost pet is to keep their contact details up to date.

This means keeping your pet’s microchip information current, as well as their registration details and the contact details on their ID tags and collars. Updates can be made online and by vets.

More at tccs.act.gov.au

SUMMER GARDEN

Love gardening but can’t seem to keep your plants alive?

Actsmart’s FREE ‘Canberra Plant Selector’ and ‘WaterRight’ web tools will help you make some smart gardening decisions this summer, like the best plants to choose, where to position them, and how much to water them.

More at actsmart.act.gov.au

KNOW the FIRE DANGER RATING

This bushfire season, make sure you understand the Fire Danger Rating levels displayed on electronic roadside signs.

The rating is based on how fire is expected to behave on that particular day. The higher the rating, the more prepared you need to be.

A ‘very high’ rating means you should activate your Bushfire Survival Plan and regularly check for updates. ‘Severe’ means that fires will be unpredictable, fast moving, and your survival is the first priority.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Download a bushfire Survival Plan template at esa.act.gov.au

PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES to EXPAND

Patients and families receiving palliative care will have access to better facilities and services with a major expansion of Clare Holland House.

With the need for palliative care growing, expanding services at Clare Holland House will ensure more Canberrans receive specialist palliative and end-of-life care. The expansion will include more specialist inpatient palliative care beds and more family friendly features that enable loved ones to stay with patients on site.

This expansion is a project by the Australian and ACT Governments in partnership with The Snow Foundation, and is expected to start in 2019.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra
NARRABUNDAH BALLPARK READY for SUMMER SEASON

Canberra’s home of elite baseball will look a little different when the first home game for the Cavalry comes around.

Spectators, players and officials will enjoy upgrades to the existing grandstand with a new club room, as well as broadcast, scorers and media facilities.

The existing change rooms will be upgraded and the batting cages relocated and fully enclosed for all weather conditions.

These upgrades follow on from improvements made to parking and concession stands last year.

Goyder Street, Narrabundah

MORE CITY IMPROVEMENTS

Work has started on more improvements to our City Centre near the historic Sydney and Melbourne buildings.

The works include new pedestrian areas as well as seating, lighting, a cycle path and a new outdoor dining area.

Simple changes to the verges will complement the new Alinga Street light rail stop and a future extension of the bus interchange.

The works are located on Northbourne Avenue between London Circuit and Rudd/Bunda Street. They will be completed before Christmas.

SAFE TRAVEL on BUSES

When travelling on the bus we want to make sure you get to your destination comfortably and safely.

Over the coming weeks new safety signage with some simple safety messages will be displayed on buses and at bus stops across Canberra.

TIP: Take a seat and remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop or hold onto handrails and straps.

More at transport.act.gov.au

UPDATE RENEWAL at DICKSON

Community feedback is helping shape the future of Dickson Section 72, Antill Street.

Thanks to all those involved in Stage 2 consultation activities for this important precinct.

We heard a range of views about land use, public spaces, landscape, infrastructure and transport.

Your views will guide the urban renewal of this area as it moves into the next phase of planning, design and site preparations.

More at yoursay.act.gov.au
A CITY LOAD of ACTIVITIES

Canberra’s city centre comes alive during November with a calendar full of pop-up events and activities including, arts, festivals and a community day. All these activities are funded through the City Grants program.

JOIN IN

> Get active with free lunchtime Zumba classes in Garema Place.
> Enjoy a two-day festival of wine in Tocumwal Lane (23–24 November).
> Check out some local art on board the ANCA Art Bus mobile gallery.
> Bring your family and friends to Glebe Park for a community day on 25 November to conclude the SpringOUT festival.

More at cityrenewalcbbr.com.au

EXPLORE

The DESIGN Canberra Festival will be featuring a program of city-based festival activities this month.

A highlight on 22 November will be a field of balloons on City Hill by Montreal-based artists Daily tous les jours, called Museum of Possibilities. Here the community will be able to imagine and share their ideas on the future of their city centre.

More at designcanberrafestival.com.au

SECURITY for the EASTERN BETTONG

Since 2011 these small kangaroo-like marsupials have been reintroduced to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary and Tidbinbilla from Tasmania. They love their new surroundings.

The Eastern Bettong’s future is more secure by being added to the ACT’s Threatened Native Species List.

More at environment.act.gov.au

IT’S SPRINGOUT SEASON

Canberra’s pride festival SpringOUT, celebrating the diversity of Canberra’s LGBTQI communities is on during November.

More at springout.com.au

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