

Christmas in the heart of Canberra will be bigger and better this year with 12 days of festivities.

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A week of free outdoor movies in Glebe Park, backyard cricket, a longtable dinner and a family fun day form part of a program of events from 13 December to Christmas Eve.

City Walk, Garema Place and Petrie Plaza will be dressed for the season, with street art, decorations, lighting,

a Christmas forest and entertainment to get Canberrans into the holiday spirit.

WHAT'S ON

- > Canberra Christmas Markets, EPIC, **16 December**. Uncover Christmas gifts from speciality items to gourmet foods.
- > New Year's Eve in the City, 31 December. Ring in the New Year with family-friendly celebrations and fireworks at 9pm and midnight.



risk of bushfires this summer.

A dry winter has left Canberra with a significantly increased

Our hardworking Emergency Services are reminding all Canberrans to prepare their home and discuss action plans with family, friends and neighbours. Trimming trees, mowing grass and removing flammable materials are simple tasks that can prepare your home for the summer.

This edition of Our Canberra has more information on how to be Bushfire Ready.

More on at the ACT Emergency Services website at esa.act.gov.au



The two full-sized natural grass fields are next to the new Margaret Hendry School and will have lighting, a synthetic cricket pitch, goal posts and line marking for soccer, rugby union and rugby league.

New community playing fields in Taylor will be ready to use in early 2019.

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Be Bushfire

Ready

During school days the school will use the ovals. Sporting groups can hire out the ovals during after school hours and on weekends.



MESSAGE FROM THE **CHIEF** MINISTER, **ANDREW BARR**











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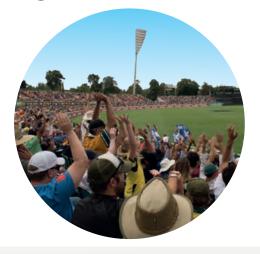
CRICKET BIG BASH

Canberra's best and biggest summer of cricket is here.

Manuka Oval will host four more matches this summer including Canberra's inaugural cricket Test Match from 1 to 5 February 2019, when Australia takes on Sri Lanka. If the Big Bash is more your style, head to Manuka Oval on 21 December and 9 February.



More at manukaoval.com.au/events



ONE TICKET ONE FARE ONE NETWORK

Commuters will be able to use their MyWay cards on buses and light rail.

The new and expanded network will feature a convenient, efficient and fully integrated MyWay ticketing system where passengers can transfer seamlessly from light rail to buses under the same rules that currently apply to bus users.



More at transport.act.gov.au



HOLIDAY SERVICES

Most Access Canberra Service and Specialised Centres will close from 4pm on Monday 24 December 2018 until Wednesday 2 January 2019.

If you need to check opening hours, pay your car or trailer rego, renew your driver's licence or do more than 300 other transactions with the ACT Government, just go online.

More information on access to services during the holidays relating to crisis accommodation, dogs and animal care, waste collections and emergencies can be found online too.



More at act.gov.au/accessCBR





LOCALS LOVE NEW WALK-IN CENTRE

Gungahlin residents are enjoying access to free treatment and health advice at Canberra's newest Walk-in Centre. An average of 46 people a day sought treatment in its first six weeks of operation.

People are making use of the centre from when it opens at 7.30am, until it closes at 10pm, meaning they're getting treatment at a time that suits them.

Walk-in Centres provide free treatment of minor injuries and illness. They're open every day, including Christmas and New Year's Day, and you don't need an appointment.

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More at health.act.gov.au/walk-in-centre



Thank you to more than 140 volunteers who have mentored Canberra kids across 42 ACT public schools in 2018, through the School Volunteer Program.

Ann Donovan volunteers at Palmerston District Primary School because she finds volunteering rewarding. "From February to December the children's learning improves so much," she said.

We will celebrate all Canberra volunteers on International Volunteer Day on 5 December.

Pictured is Ann Donovan at Palmerston District Primary School.







HIBBERSON STREET OPEN for BUSINESS

Construction on the Hibberson Street one-way shared zone from Gungahlin Place to Gozzard Street is complete.

This project has delivered a safer space for pedestrians including improved landscaping, bike racks and places to sit and relax under the shade.

Construction in the Gungahlin

Town Centre has made the area more people-friendly and linked the light rail terminus with the bus station and local shopping centres.



CANBERRA BE BUSHFIRE READY



Canberra can expect a long hot summer ahead with an increased risk of bushfires. Right now is the time to prepare your home and discuss an action plan with your family. A written Bushfire Survival Plan saves lives and means decisions have been made ahead of any possible bushfire threat. **Download a plan today at esa.act.gov.au**

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

TO CREATING YOUR
BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN



1. DISCUSS

With your household what you will do in a bushfire.



2. PREPARE

A plan and your home for bushfire.



3. KNOW

The bushfire alert levels.



4. KEEP

Information, numbers, websites, and the App.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RISK?

Where you live is one of the things that determines if both you and your home are at risk of bushfire, and what kind of fire you might experience. Think about the area you live in:

BUSH



If you live in an area that's close to or surrounded by bush, you're at risk. Bushfires can be hot, intense and throw burning embers towards your home.



PADDOCKS

If you live on the outskirts of the city or near paddocks you're at risk. Fires can spread quickly over great distances.





GRASSLANDS

If you live in an area where grasslands meet built up areas or homes, you're at risk. Grass fires can start easily and spread quickly.



ON A HILL

If you live at the top of a hill, you're at risk. Fires travel uphill faster. For every 10 degrees of slope, the fire can double in speed.

THE TOP 5 ACTIONS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER



1. TRIM

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. MOW

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. REMOV

Remove material that can burn (e.g. door mats, wood piles, leaves, paint, furniture).



4. CLEAR

To prevent embers setting alight clear and remove debris and leaves from gutters.



5. PREPARE

A sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Have a reliable source of water.

KEEP KEY INFORMATION

In an emergency call: **Triple Zero (000)**. For information on bushfires call Access Canberra: **13 22 81**



rely on just one source!

Do not

Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV and news websites.



For Fire Danger Ratings visit the ACT Emergency Services website: esa.act.gov.au









