

## More health services for The Canberra Hospital



The Canberra Hospital will be upgraded with the Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) Centre.

In addition to the SPIRE Centre, The Canberra Hospital will add another four Intensive Care beds and 12 beds for inpatient services in medicine, surgery and aged care.

The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children will expand to support women and young people seeking maternity services and other specialist care.

Site works on the SPIRE Centre will start this year and is expected to be completed by 2023-2024.

→ More at [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

More emergency beds at the SPIRE Centre

## Growing services for Canberra

Canberra's direction through the 2020s depends on the decisions and investments we make as a community today. Canberra is a great place to live, work, start a business and raise your family. We want to make sure it keeps getting better into the coming decade.

In this Our CBR edition, you'll see how we're increasing health services across Canberra and future-proofing our hospitals for our growing city. We are building new schools and expanding existing ones, we're making our transport networks faster, safer and cleaner, and we're expanding support to keep cost of living down.

Andrew Barr  
Chief Minister



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Want a quick and easy way to help shape Canberra? Then join the new YourSay Community Panel.

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You can contribute anytime, anywhere. By sharing your views, you could win prizes.

→ Go to [yoursaypanel.act.gov.au](http://yoursaypanel.act.gov.au)



## Need help buying an affordable home?



A mix of units, apartments and townhouses are available to buy as part of the Affordable Home Purchase.

Eligible homebuyers can purchase properties across new development sites including in the city, Lyneham, Gungahlin Town Centre, Taylor, Coombs, Wright, Whitlam, Strathnairn, Belconnen Town Centre, Lyons, Phillip, Moncrieff, Throsby, Lawson and Greenway.

→ More at [planning.act.gov.au](http://planning.act.gov.au)



## Find savings with the Assistance website



From bus fares to funerals, the Assistance website will suggest savings to help with the cost of living in Canberra.

The website also includes a new savings finder tool, so you can quickly see what discounts, rebates and other concessions you might be eligible for across Canberra.

→ Find savings at [act.gov.au/assistance](http://act.gov.au/assistance)



## Total mobile ban for L and P drivers



It is already illegal to call, text or use social media while driving and now L and P drivers can't use bluetooth handsfree or speaker mode.

Evidence shows that devices, even hands free, are not safe to use while driving. The safety of young drivers and other road users is a top priority for our community to achieve zero deaths or injury on ACT Roads.

→ More info at [justice.act.gov.au](http://justice.act.gov.au)



## Helping older Canberrans



The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme helps eligible pensioners who own their home to move to accommodation more suited to their needs.

Property value thresholds are also being adjusted to better target the scheme to those most in need.

The Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme will continue to 30 June 2020.

→ More at [revenue.act.gov.au](http://revenue.act.gov.au)

## Did you know that in Tuggeranong there are...



20 public schools  
7,446 public school students  
634 public school teachers



88 parks  
126 playgrounds  
22 sports grounds maintained





# Better roads for Tuggeranong

Upgrades to the Monaro Highway will see work begin to improve safety.

This will allow for a safer road and a consistent 100Km/H speed limit along the Highway.

Athllon Drive will be fully duplicated between Drakeford and Sulwood

Drive and planning begins to complete the duplication all the way to Hindmarsh Drive.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## Upgraded helicopter base in Hume

The Toll SouthCare Rescue Helicopter base in Hume has been refurbished.

The upgrades include enhancements to the aircraft hanger, workshop and engineering areas, equipment, operations and planning room, and crew facilities for our doctors, pilots, and flight paramedics.

The SouthCare team provide critical care medical and rescue operations to the ACT and NSW Southern Eastern Region. In 2018 more than 500 missions were completed.

→ More info at [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)

## Walking trails improved

Some of Canberra's national parks will benefit from better walking trails and amenities to make the experience for visitors and locals more enjoyable.

Tidbinbilla's Sanctuary and Cascades walking trails will be upgraded and extended, while at Namadgi the public toilets at Orroral Valley will be upgraded.

Upgrades are expected to be complete by June 2020.

→ More at [environment.act.gov.au](http://environment.act.gov.au)



## Isabella Plains to become age friendly

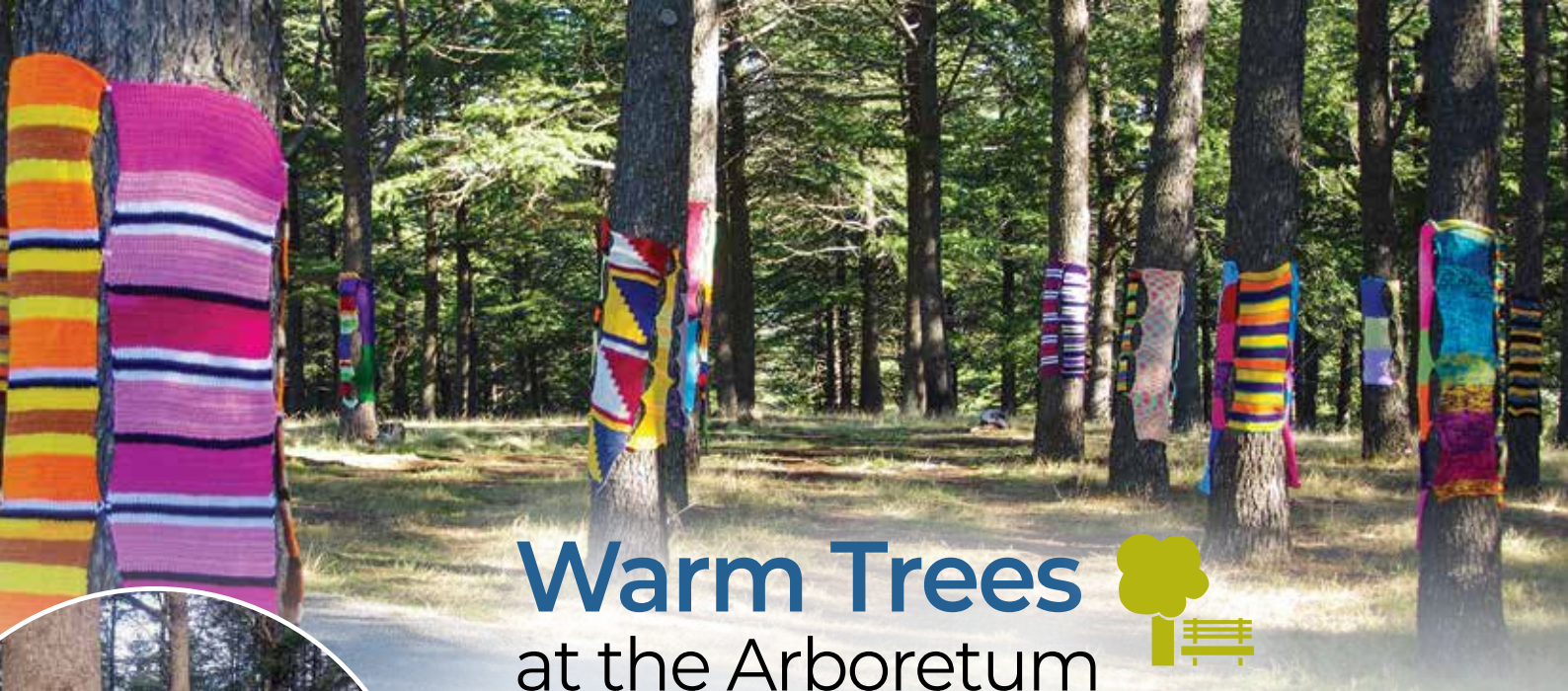


Canberrans of all ages should be able to move more freely around their suburb.

The community has provided feedback through Fix My Street and other avenues to shortlist upgrades to Isabella Plains, as part of the Age Friendly Suburbs Program.

→ Stay up to date on upgrades in your area at [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)





## Warm Trees at the Arboretum



Warm Trees is back again for 2019. The knitted installation brightens up trees at the National Arboretum Canberra.

Tiptoe through the knitted tulips, see a giant cargo bike knitted installation and discover the sea of colourful scarves wrapped around trees in the Himalayan Cedar forest.

This year features the world's largest handcrafted frieze of colourful tulips, decorated bicycle wheels and groves of magical colour.

➤ More at [nationalarboretum.act.gov.au](http://nationalarboretum.act.gov.au)



## Nominate an Australian of the Year for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary



You know great people.  
You know their stories.

Be great and nominate a Canberran for  
an Australian of the Year Award by 31 July 2019.

Dr Sue Packer AM (pictured) from Canberra won  
the 2019 Senior Australian of the Year award  
for her work advocating for the rights of children.

➔ Nominate now at  
[australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au)



## Wintervention on this month



Looking for ways to enjoy  
winter in Canberra?

Rug up and make your way down to  
Wintervention in Civic from 5-21 July.  
Ice skate, enjoy local food or visit the  
Winter Food and Makers Markets (5-7 July).

➔ More at [wintervention.com.au](http://wintervention.com.au)



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