Building light rail to Woden

The next stage of Canberra’s light rail network, linking the city to Woden, is underway after the ACT Government approved the business case for Stage 2A from Alinga Street to Commonwealth Park.

Construction is expected to start on Stage 2A at the end of 2020 or early 2021 with three new stops at City West, City South and Commonwealth Park.

Coinciding with this project, the ACT Government will also be raising London Circuit, providing better walking, cycling and public transport links between the CBD and the Acton Waterfront.

The ACT Government is working with the Australian Government on approvals for Stage 2B, which will take light rail from Commonwealth Park to Woden.

More at transport.act.gov.au

A message from the Chief Minister

We are planning for our growing city by building the major infrastructure projects our city needs to ensure we remain one of the world’s most liveable cities.

We’re expanding the Canberra Hospital and our Walk-in Centre network, building new schools in our suburbs, delivering a city-wide light rail network and investing in our cultural and community facilities across the city.

As we build the infrastructure our city needs, we are also continuing to renew the facilities in our suburbs and town centres that Canberrans rely upon.

Andrew Barr
A new climate change strategy

Our city has come a long way in reducing emissions. We will reach our 100% renewable electricity target next year, but there is still more to do.

A new climate change strategy for Canberra outlines how we will work together to reduce transport emissions, build smarter buildings, reduce waste, improve energy efficiency and find innovative solutions to climate change.

More at act.gov.au/climatechange

Build, buy or renovate

Getting started with a renovation, new build or off-the-plan purchase?

The Build, Buy, Renovate website provides important information on your rights and responsibilities.

→ Visit act.gov.au/buildbuyrenovate

Building for Canberra’s future

Canberra’s population is growing towards 500,000 so we’re building our future infrastructure to ensure our city continues to be a great place to work, live and enjoy.

Over the next 10 years we will extend light rail and build new hospital facilities, walk-in centres, schools, sporting facilities and arts and cultural precincts.

→ Find out more about how we are planning for the future at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Canberra maternity options

It’s not always clear what to do when you first find out you’re having a baby.

There’s now a new way to access and learn about Canberra’s public maternity system. You will need to call 5124 9977 when you’re pregnant to arrange an appointment with a midwife to find and start the best public maternity care for you.

→ More at health.act.gov.au/maternity

Light Rail comes to Floriade

Join the Light Rail Team at Floriade from 8-13 October for free kids’ activities and the latest updates on the expansion of Canberra’s light rail network.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra
Bulky waste collection service rolling out across Canberra

Households will receive a free collection each year as part of a new bulky waste collection service. You can dispose of items including damaged furniture and worn-out appliances. The service kicks off in Gungahlin and Tuggeranong in mid-2020. It will roll out to Molonglo in 2021-22 and to Woden and Weston Creek in 2022-23. More at act.gov.au/bulkywaste

Safer roads in Weston Creek and Molonglo

Sections of Coppins Crossing Road are being upgraded to a dual carriageway and will be renamed John Gorton Drive. The first phase of works from the William Hovell Drive intersection south was completed earlier this year and the second phase of roadworks are expected to be finished in mid-2020. More at tccs.act.gov.au

More health services at Centenary Hospital

An expansion project at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children will provide more high quality health services. Planning and design work is underway for maternity, paediatric and neonatal care, a new adolescent gynaecology service, and a new adolescent mental health inpatient facility and day service. Construction is due to start next year. More at health.act.gov.au

New parks for Coombs and Wright

Judy Harris Park has opened in Coombs and includes a custom swing set and climbing arch. Wright will also have two new recreation areas, which will include a half basketball court and cricket nets. More at tccs.act.gov.au

New hospitality learning spaces

Significant upgrades have taken place at The Woden School, including a new café, an outdoor area with a stage, a new accessible toilet and laundry, and a staff room. These new facilities provide additional learning spaces for the school as well as improved break out areas for the students. More at act.gov.au/our-canberra
Socceroos coming to Canberra

Canberra will host the Caltex Socceroos against Nepal on 10 October.

Get down to the game at GIO Stadium and show your support for Australia’s first match on home soil in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 second round qualifier.

➔ Buy tickets at giostadiumcanberra.com.au

Around the world without a passport

Experience international culture, flavours and sounds inside Canberra’s embassies and high commissions during Windows to the World.

Enjoy free and ticketed events from 5-20 October including an expo at Floriade, traditional Singaporean dancing, and wife-carrying at the Embassy of Finland.

➔ More at windowstotheworld.com.au

Japanese culture shines at Nara Candle Festival

View the sea of candles, watch martial arts displays, take part in drumming workshops and lantern making, and enjoy Japanese music, food and market stalls.

Join the festivities at Canberra Nara Peace Park in Lennox Gardens.

➔ See the full program at events.act.gov.au/nara

Arboretum’s new tracks and trails

Twelve kilometres of new tracks and trails are now open at the National Arboretum Canberra.

The new tracks and trails provide more access for visitors to explore some of the Arboretum’s 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees.

➔ More at nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

Final weeks of Floriade

There are only a couple of weeks left of this year’s Floriade festivities, with tulips continuing to bloom until 13 October.

➔ More at florideaustralia.com