

# Our CBR

Tuggeranong edition

December 2020

## New look for >>> Tuggeranong town square

Tuggeranong's town centre and laneways have been refreshed, providing a great spot to catch up with family and friends over the festive season.

Work has finished to upgrade the centrepiece of Tuggeranong with new seating, walls and shade structures, providing picturesque views from Anketell Street through to Lake Tuggeranong. Forty large deciduous trees have also been planted throughout the area.

Future upgrades will include more landscaping and seating, as well as new playground and toilet facilities in consultation with the community.

Next year, active travel improvements will also be delivered in and around the Tuggeranong Town Centre to complete missing links and upgrade existing pathways in the town centre.

→ More at [cityservices.act.gov.au/Infrastructure-Projects](https://cityservices.act.gov.au/Infrastructure-Projects)



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**The Wanniasa park & ride expansion** is now complete.

*The new town square*



### Message from the Chief Minister

It's been a year like no other, with bushfires, hail and a global pandemic and economic crisis presenting immense challenges.

The pandemic isn't over and we will feel the impacts of 2020 for many years to come.

As we enter the festive period, there will still be many Canberrans working hard to keep our city safe and cared for.

Please be COVID-safe. When you're out and about in Canberra, download the Check In CBR app and check in to the venue you're at. This will help ACT Health with contact tracing.

When you're travelling across Australia, always be mindful of the ABC of COVID safe travel. Avoid COVID-affected areas; behave in a COVID-safe way; and check back when you're home by monitoring the COVID website of the state or territory you visited.

→ Visit [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au) for up-to-date information.

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## Stay COVID Safe this festive season

Let's keep CBR safe and strong over the holidays.

Whether you're travelling interstate to visit family and friends, or hosting or attending an end of year event, it's important to continue practising COVID-safe behaviour.

Remember to keep your physical distance, practise good hand hygiene, stay home if you are unwell and get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.

→ More at [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au)



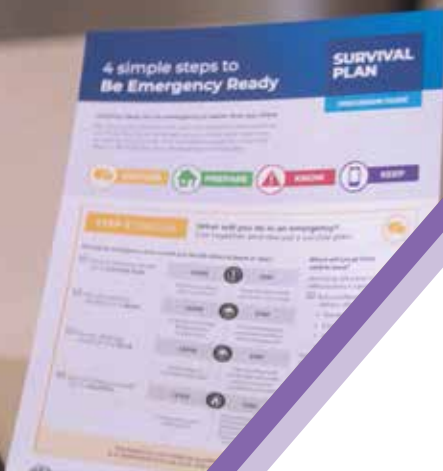
## Preparing for an emergency

A year ago, Canberra was covered in a thick blanket of smoke from one of the worst bushfire seasons on record.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency's new-look Survival Plan will help you prepare not just for bushfires, but for multiple hazards at the same time.

You can edit your plan online – making it easier for you to save a copy on any device, to share it with family and friends, and update it each year.

→ More at [esa.act.gov.au/survival-plan](https://esa.act.gov.au/survival-plan)

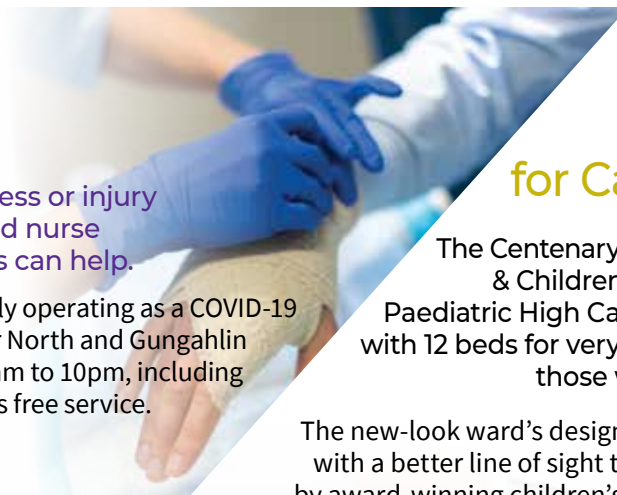


## Walk-in Centres open all summer

If you or a family member face a minor illness or injury this summer, advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners at Canberra's Walk-in Centres can help.

While the Weston Creek Walk-in Centre is currently operating as a COVID-19 testing clinic, the Tuggeranong, Belconnen, Inner North and Gungahlin centres are open every day of the year from 7.30am to 10pm, including Christmas Day. No appointment is needed for this free service.

→ More at [walkincentre.act.gov.au](https://walkincentre.act.gov.au)



## Better care for Canberra kids

The Centenary Hospital for Women & Children's newly refurbished Paediatric High Care Ward has opened with 12 beds for very unwell children and those with complex needs.

The new-look ward's design provides clinical staff with a better line of sight to patients. An artwork by award-winning children's book illustrator Freya Blackwood adds some sparkle.

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



## Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day. There is a reduced bus timetable in place over the summer holiday period.

More at  
[transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)







## More park & ride spaces for Wanniassa

Work is now complete on the Wanniassa park and ride expansion on Rylah Crescent.

The site, which has been popular with the local community, now has an additional 43 car spaces that will help accommodate more commuters. You can park your car for free and connect with the Rapid 4 or Rapid 5 to the city.

→ Stay up to date at [cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects](https://cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects)

## Fast-tracked infrastructure for Tuggeranong

Lake Tuggeranong College's Trade Training Centre has had the outdoor covered roof area extended and bus shelters have been upgraded across Tuggeranong as part of the ACT Government's fast-tracked infrastructure and maintenance works.

These projects protect local jobs during our COVID-19 recovery and deliver better services for our community.

→ More at [act.gov.au/fasttrack](https://act.gov.au/fasttrack)

## Support Canberra's jobs this summer

The ChooseCBR campaign is now open, providing our local businesses with more support to keep employing Canberrans.

Canberrans can get up to \$40 worth of discounts each day if they spend at participating businesses across Canberra.

This will help our local businesses with their economic recovery. Shopping locally over the festive period, or donating to local charities, will also help the Canberra community recover from a tough 12 months.

→ More at [choosecbr.act.gov.au](https://choosecbr.act.gov.au)



## Free training through the JobTrainer Fund

School leavers, young people and job seekers in the ACT can now apply for fee-free training through the JobTrainer Fund, which will help Canberrans build new skills that lead to future job opportunities.

With a range of full qualifications, pre-apprenticeships and short courses on offer, you are sure to find a course that will suit you. JobTrainer can give you a qualification for free and set you up for success.

→ Enrol in JobTrainer today and visit [act.gov.au/jobtrainer](https://act.gov.au/jobtrainer)





# Christmas fun in Civic

Celebrate Christmas in Civic!

Canberra's very own unique kaleidoscopic Christmas tree and summer decorations will deck the city centre. There will also be performances by local artists, family activities, giveaways and more.

→ More at [act.gov.au/cityrenewal](https://act.gov.au/cityrenewal)



## Free entry this December at Tidbinbilla

If you're excited to spend time outdoors this summer, then be sure to visit the newly-opened Rock Wallaby Wander at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

It's an easy 1km walk through an open woodland, where you'll wander past Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies in their rocky habitat. Tidbinbilla is the only place in the ACT where this threatened species can be found.

The Tidbinbilla team have also recently upgraded the Nil Desperandum Track, Cascades Trail and Xanthorrhoea Loop so there are plenty of other places to explore. And there's free entry until the end of December.

→ More at [tidbinbilla.act.gov.au](https://tidbinbilla.act.gov.au)



### Services available during the holiday season

Some ACT Government services will be closed, or have restricted opening hours, during the festive period.

→ More [act.gov.au/xmas-shutdown](https://act.gov.au/xmas-shutdown)

## Boost for mowing operations

Canberrans will see more mowing happening over the summer to tackle a particularly challenging season due to record rainfall.

This additional investment will create 24 new jobs and provide more equipment as teams on the ground continue to work seven days a week to keep up with increased demand.

Grassed areas near roads and intersections will be prioritised to maintain line of sight for motorists.

→ More at [cityservices.act.gov.au](https://cityservices.act.gov.au)



## Celebrate New Year's in the capital

This year Canberra will ring in the new year with three nights of delicious meals and musical performances at some of our city's favourite eat streets.

While fireworks won't form part of this year's New Year's Eve celebrations, Canberrans can count down to 2021 across multiple nights from 29 to 31 December.

And your celebratory meal will taste all the sweeter because you're choosing local. By supporting one local business, you are supporting many, including local producers, their suppliers and regional growers.

→ More at [events.act.gov.au/nye](https://events.act.gov.au/nye)

