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A new emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility at Canberra Hospital

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Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to take action on climate change and ensure Canberrans can benefit from a transition to a zero net emissions future.

Single-use plastics in the ACT will start to be phased out from 1 July. Banning items like plastic

cutlery, plastic drink stirrers and polystyrene cups will cut the amount of waste going to landfill.

We are also supporting the reduction of carbon emissions from our daily travel by supporting the switch to low emission electric vehicles with

a range of tax breaks and fee reductions.

We are also getting on with the job of building the Big Canberra Battery, a project that will support electricity network reliability and allow us to store the renewable power we generate.

Andrew Barr



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Canberra Hospital Expansion

Demolition of two buildings will begin soon, making room for a brand new emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility.

The project has already delivered new teaching and training spaces and a new administration building.

The expansion will support our city's economic recovery from COVID-19 through the creation

of about 500 local construction jobs, as well as providing opportunities for trainees.

Construction of the new 40,000sqm facility is expected to be completed in 2024.

➔ More at hospitalexpansion.act.gov.au



Get your flu jab now

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from getting influenza (the flu).

Like COVID-19, the flu is a highly contagious virus. They can have similar symptoms, and both can make you severely unwell.

This year, most Canberrans should get the flu vaccine and two separate doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. That's three vaccine jabs in 2021. The flu vaccine should be 14 days before or after the

COVID-19 vaccination.

The flu vaccine is readily available from GPs, pharmacies, and other immunisation providers now.

Find out how and where to get vaccinated:

- ▶ health.act.gov.au/flu
- ▶ covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/vaccine

Single-use plastics banned in the ACT

From 1 July 2021, the ACT will ban the sale and supply of selected single-use plastic items including:

- ▶ Single-use plastic cutlery
- ▶ Single-use plastic drink stirrers
- ▶ Expanded polystyrene takeaway food and beverage containers.

It's part of the ACT Government's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

➔ More at act.gov.au/single-use-plastics



Enrol your child for the 2022 school year

Public school enrolments are now open for 2022.

Go online to find your local public school, see what's on offer and enrol your child by 4 June to receive an offer from 26 July. Your local public school has a place for your child to learn, develop and reach their potential.

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2022, you can also enrol now for a guaranteed 15 hours of preschool.

➔ Enrol at education.gov.au or by phoning the Enrolments Telephone Service on 6205 5429.



Lonsdale Street upgrades

The ACT Government is improving Lonsdale Street in Braddon.

The \$4 million upgrade includes new and improved pedestrian crossings, new paving, lighting, street furniture and landscaping. The project is part of the ACT Government's Jobs and Economic Recovery Plan supporting local businesses and creating jobs. View the draft designs and provide feedback before 26 May.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au/braddon-streetscape-upgrade

Volunteers care for lost dogs

Feeding, walking and spending time with lost and seized dogs is why Lisa Burns volunteers at the Domestic Animal Shelter in Symonston.

It lifts your spirits when you come to the animal shelter. "Even though it's sad they are in the pound, when the dogs see you, they want to lick you

and sniff you and it makes me so happy," she said. Lisa and other Canberra volunteers will be recognised

for their community work during National Volunteers Week (17-23 May).



Lisa Burns (right) with Barbara Lynn at Domestic Animal Shelter.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/central/volunteersweek

Woolley Street Dickson upgrade



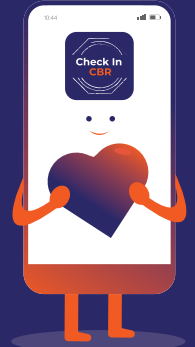
One of Canberra's most popular dining precincts is getting an upgrade and you're invited to have your say.

The project seeks to make Dickson's much-loved Woolley Street a more accessible, safe and attractive destination for both locals and visitors to our city.

Look at the designs and provide your feedback before 14 May.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au/dickson-streetscape-upgrade

Use the Check In CBR app to protect yourself and your loved ones.



E-scooters safety

- ▶ You can ride e-scooters on shared paths, bike paths and footpaths. You must give way to people walking.
- ▶ E-scooters are not permitted on the road, unless there is no footpath available or using the footpath is impractical.
- ▶ Show courtesy to other path users and ride to the conditions.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/e-scooter-safely-in-canberra



Join us for Reconciliation Day

Reconciliation Day is a time for all Canberrans to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The fourth annual Reconciliation Day in Canberra will be celebrated on 31 May with a program designed to start conversations and create a deeper understanding of our national story and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

The ACT is the first and only Australian jurisdiction to recognise Reconciliation Day as a public holiday.

→ More at events.canberra.com.au



Free registration for zero emission vehicles

All new or used zero emission vehicles registered in the ACT will automatically receive two years' free registration from 24 May until 30 June 2024.



Farrer resident Warwick Cathro has made the switch to a more energy efficient way of travelling by purchasing an electric vehicle.

"Our car is great to drive and has enough range to get us around every day

and the occasional trip to the coast," he said.

"I can easily charge it at home, and I look forward to seeing more charging stations around Canberra as the number of cars on the road increases."

→ More at environment.act.gov.au/cc/zero-emissions-vehicles

Warwick Cathro, electric vehicle owner.

Work commences on Big Canberra Battery

Work for the Big Canberra Battery is underway which, when complete, will support our electricity network as more Canberrans move to electricity as a more efficient energy source. This initiative progresses the ACT Government's commitment to climate action.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra/bigbattery



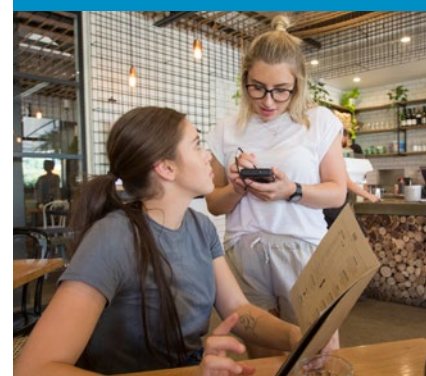
Support for local businesses

Local businesses across Canberra can access support and advice, as well as a range of rebates to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

While the ACT economy is recovering, businesses can still get support from the Canberra Business Advice and Support Service, which offers four hours of free expert advice on a range of topics.

There is a range of rebates still available including a one-off \$1,000 electricity rebate for cafes, restaurants, and takeaway businesses.

→ More at act.gov.au/business



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