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Hospital expansion fuels economic recovery

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Apprentice plumbers Joshua Torley and Lily Bowling are involved in the construction of the new hospital building.



Message from the Chief Minister

Canberra's economic recovery has begun – led by strong spending from local consumers and interstate visitors.

There are also 250 infrastructure projects kicking off – including more schools, more public housing

and extending light rail – and these will support thousands of jobs for Canberrans over the coming years.

We have all had a tough year, but we now have a lot to look forward to over the summer months.

Andrew Barr



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Work starts on Canberra Hospital expansion

Construction has started on the Canberra Hospital Expansion's centrepiece building, with more than 500 local jobs created to deliver the world-class healthcare facility.

The new facility will increase the hospital's emergency department, surgical and critical care capacity with more beds and modern treatment spaces.

The city's largest ever infrastructure program – which spans health, education, transport, public housing and urban renewal – will fuel Canberra's recovery from COVID-19 and support thousands of ACT jobs for years to come.

COVID-19 booster vaccinations now available

Aged 18+ and had your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine more than six months ago? Get a COVID-19 booster vaccination from a participating GP, pharmacy or ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinic.



Upskill yourself with JobTrainer

A range of free courses and qualifications are now available for Canberrans to help develop skills in high demand industries.

The JobTrainer program supports young people who have left school and job seekers to access free training in a range of industries, including aged care, early childhood education and care, disability care and digital skills.



Small changes for a cleaner future

Canberra has led the way on climate action in Australia, and we can all do our bit to work towards our city's ambitious target of net zero emissions by 2045.

The Everyday Climate Choices website climatechoices.act.gov.au shows how we can all take steps towards a cleaner future, including reducing food waste.



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Namarag is open

New recreation spaces, an event terrace, walking tracks and nature conservation areas are among the community facilities now available to enjoy at Namarag, part of the Molonglo River Nature Reserve.

Canberrans are encouraged to explore the new nature space near Whitlam and Denman Prospect, and discover the cultural connection to the land with Ngunnawal art, language and storytelling woven into the landscape.



New health centre coming to Coombs

The ACT Government will co-locate a health centre with the new Molonglo Valley Medical Centre in Coombs to provide the local community with accessible, affordable healthcare closer to home.

The new centre will primarily offer appointment based services that complement the existing network of Walk-in Centres and Community Health Centres. It's expected to be open in early 2022.



Better facilities across our suburbs

New infrastructure has made it even easier and safer to move around our neighbourhood. This includes:

- a new off-road cycling path on Devonport Street, the final stage of the Heyson Street Link connecting Weston Creek and Woden
- a two-way cycling path linking Launceston Street to Callam Street within the Woden Town Centre
- new pedestrian crossings and lighting near Cooleman Court

Some of these projects include funding from the Australian Government.

Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day. Go online to find the interim bus and Christmas Day timetables in place over the summer holiday period.





Stay safe this holiday season

It's important that all Canberrans stay safe this summer, whether it be around the pool, staying cool during heatwaves, keeping our pets safe and driving responsibly on our roads. If you're heading interstate, be sure to stay up to date with the latest travel advice and information on COVID-affected areas at covid19.act.gov.au.

Thank you to CBR's essential workers

Canberra Hospital Emergency Department nurse John Yongque says all Canberrans deserve to celebrate this holiday season with friends and family after such a challenging year.

"I am really looking forward to celebrating Christmas," John said. "Everyone has worked hard for it and we deserve it."

"I am really proud of my own team's efforts over the past year to fit everyone into our emergency department. I'm also proud of the vaccination numbers in Canberra."

John is one of thousands of essential workers – spanning transport, city services, education, health and more – who kept Canberra running during the recent COVID-19 lockdown.

Thank you to John and all our essential workers for their efforts in a challenging year.



NYE fireworks are back!

You're invited to the shores of Lake Burley Griffin this New Year's Eve to bring in 2022 with two spectacular fireworks displays.

The family and community evening starts at 6pm, with locals invited to picnic in a COVID-safe manner ahead of the 9pm and midnight fireworks.

Support local businesses by purchasing picnic hampers or enjoying the New Year's Eve specials on offer.

Services available during the holiday season



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

