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## Celebrate spring with **Floriade**



### Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to implement policies that ensure more Canberrans can benefit from the transition to a zero net emissions future. The ACT is already powered by 100% renewable electricity, and the Sustainable Household Scheme is supporting more Canberra families

to upgrade their homes and save money. Over the coming months, the Government will be rolling out more public electric vehicle charging infrastructure and reducing taxes and charges on zero emission vehicles.

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# Light rail is coming

With work starting on the raising of London Circuit to enable the construction of the next stage of light rail, commuters should be aware of changing traffic conditions, including:

- Some existing car parking spaces will be required for the establishment of three construction compounds.
- Traffic changes on Vernon Circle and at Parkes Way/Coranderrk Street.
- London Circuit will be closed between Edinburgh and Constitution Avenues for around two years.
- Arterial roads leading to the city will be busier during peak hours.

The project will create a level intersection between London Circuit and Commonwealth Avenue, enabling the next stage of light rail.

## Plan your journey

Adjust your travel time or consider using public transport.



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Early indicative design with light rail passing through the intersection, pending approval.



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# Supporting the switch to electric vehicles



As zero emission vehicles become cheaper and easier to buy, the ACT Government is supporting Canberrans to make the switch.

If you're eligible, you can take advantage of free stamp duty and two years of free registration. You can also apply for a zero interest loan of up to \$15,000 through the Sustainable Household Scheme to purchase an electric vehicle or install a vehicle charger in your home.

The ACT Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy maps out the plans to make it cheaper and easier for Canberrans to own an electric vehicle in the ACT.

## Stay alert to scams

Did you know that Canberrans lost a record \$7 million as a result of scams last year?

Be careful if someone you don't know contacts you, or you receive a text or email asking for money or personal information.

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## ACT to go all-electric by 2045

As part of the ACT's net zero emission by 2045 target, fossil fuel gas will be phased out over the next two decades.

For most households, this will be a gradual transition. The best time to switch to electric heating or cooking in your home is when your current appliances reach the end of their life.

However, for those ready to upgrade now, there are government supports and incentives available including:

- the Sustainable Household Scheme,
- Home Energy Support Program, and
- Business Water and Energy Program.

If your gas appliance is reaching end of life, it might be time to choose a more efficient electric alternative.

## Get where you're going faster

Don't forget rapid bus services linking town centres run at least every 15 minutes during peak periods on weekdays. View the timetable online.

## Inner North health care options

While the Inner North Walk-in Centre remains closed, please consider the following non-emergency health care options:

- Walk-in Centres in Gungahlin, Weston, Belconnen or Tuggeranong
- Your GP
- Healthdirect: 1800 022 222
- CALMS: 1300 422 567
- National Home Doctor Service: 13 74 25

Visit the Canberra Health Services website to find the closest ACT Government health services to you; and for life-threatening injuries and illnesses, always call triple zero (000).



## New classrooms at Telopea Park School

New transportable classrooms at Telopea Park School are providing students with spacious, versatile learning spaces.

Principal Jason Holmes says the sustainable, modern classrooms have helped cater for a growing student population.

The 2022-23 ACT Budget recently funded more of the flexible and energy-efficient classrooms – known as Modular Learning Centres – to help meet learning and enrolment needs across ACT public schools.



### Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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# Floriade and NightFest return

Australia's biggest celebration of spring is coming to Commonwealth Park this month.

Floriade will celebrate its 35th year with a program of music, cultural celebrations, food and wine, horticultural workshops, market stalls and more.

NightFest also returns with stunning illuminations and entertainment after dark.

Entry to Floriade is free, with gates open from 9am-5.30pm daily.

Head online for more.

**Floriade:** 17 Sept-16 Oct  
**NightFest:** 29 Sept-2 Oct



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## Time for a **spring clean?**

Clean up around the house by:

- Taking unwanted items that might be useful to others to a charity or second-hand store.
- Booking a bulky waste collection – each household is entitled to one per year.
- Dropping off excess recyclables – including glass, metal, rigid plastic containers and flattened cardboard – at a Recycling Drop Off Centre.

## What's on in September

**Fri 9- Sun 11 Sept** **Canberra Moon Festival**  
Canberra City Walk

**Sat 10 Sept** **Rockwiz Live!**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**Sun 11 Sept** **Makers-Con at the Old Bus Depot Markets**  
The Old Bus Depot Markets

**Wed 14- Thu 15 Sept** **Llewellyn Series War and Peace**  
Llewellyn Hall

**Wed 21 Sept** **The Whitlams**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**Sat 24- Sun 25 Sept** **Fox Superflow sealed by Stan's Mountain Biking**  
Stromlo Forest Park



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