



Garran Primary
School expands



Government services
over Christmas



Ring in the New Year by
Lake Burley Griffin

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Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley

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Support local this Christmas



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Message from the Chief Minister

With the festive season now in full swing, I encourage everyone to shop local and support Canberra businesses at this time of giving. There will be a range of events throughout December and January for Canberrans to attend, including Christmas in the City and the New Year's Eve celebrations by the lake.

Work on community infrastructure projects will continue over this time,

and make sure to check which ACT Government services are still available, including when bin collections will occur over Christmas. With the arrival of warmer weather, the ACT Government's road resurfacing program will also ramp up throughout December and January. I wish all Canberrans a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Andrew Barr



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Services available during the holiday season

If you find yourself with a non-life-threatening injury or illness over the festive season, head to your local Walk-in Centre.

ACT Walk-in Centres are open seven days a week, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day, between 7.30 am and 10 pm. This service is free and you do not need an appointment.

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

This includes Access Canberra Service Centres, although online transactions can still be carried out at any time.

Walk-in Centres are part of the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic Network.

Scan the QR code to view all ACT Government service changes over the festive season.



Shop local this festive season

Stuck for gift ideas this festive season? Canberra's small businesses, artists and makers offer thoughtful, handcrafted gifts that celebrate creativity.

Whether it's ceramics, textiles, gourmet treats or original artworks, buying local means your gift has a story and

your purchase supports the Canberra community. Browse Canberra's markets, pop-ups, online stores and city shops.

Discover the joy of shopping local and support local jobs and talent.

Scan the QR code for more inspiration.

Recycling services over Christmas

Recycling drop-off centres are located across Canberra and are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including Christmas Day.

The centres accept steel and aluminium cans, paper, cardboard and rigid plastic containers.

Please dispose of hazardous waste, like batteries and gas bottles, correctly as they can cause fires if placed in household bins.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Garran Primary School update

The first stage of the Garran Primary School modernisation and expansion project is complete.

The school moved into new buildings in November. Students and staff are enjoying flexible learning spaces, a new library, science and technology labs, and a rooftop garden.

Stage 2 of the project will start soon. This includes demolishing the old school and building a new double gymnasium, canteen, music and dance spaces, as well as external learning play areas and green spaces.

The project is due for completion by the end of 2026.



Better roads for the region

The ACT Government's annual road resurfacing program has commenced.

Major roads to be resurfaced as part of the 2025–26 program include the Tuggeranong Parkway and Hindmarsh Drive.

Repairs and maintenance work will continue into autumn.

Lane or road closures may be in place during this time. Please slow down in roadwork zones to help protect workers and keep road users safe.

For more information, including a daily schedule, scan the QR code.

Updates in your region



Share your experience using outdoor recreational facilities at Evelyn Scott School or Canberra College in the Community Access Survey.



Bin collections scheduled for Thursday, 25 December have been rescheduled to Saturday, 27 December 2025. All other bin collection days will continue as normal.



Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day. Simply tap on and off to register your free travel.

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We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



Celebrate Christmas in the city

The intersection of City Walk and Petrie Plaza has been brought to life with festive cheer this month.

Stroll beneath overhead fairy-lights and hanging decorations, and marvel at the spectacular 16-metre-tall Christmas tree.

From 1–24 December, enjoy free rides on Civic's heritage merry-go-round and explore the city centre and Braddon.

For more information, including a list of the best places to shop, dine and soak up the season, scan the QR code.

New Year's Eve by the lake

Ring in 2026 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration alongside Lake Burley Griffin.

Gather your loved ones, pick the perfect picnic spot and enjoy a spectacular night of fireworks and festivities from 6 pm.

Savour delicious bites from food trucks, soak up the vibrant atmosphere, and groove to the music as the countdown begins.

Fireworks will light up the sky at 9 pm and again at midnight.

During the festive season and especially on New Year's Eve, why not leave the car at home?



View the public transport timetable online.

Scan the QR code to plan your night or follow Events ACT on Facebook.

What's on

Throughout December
Sunset Cinema Canberra
National Botanic Gardens

Various dates in December
Hansel and Gretel with the National Opera
Albert Hall

6 Dec
A Very Canberra Comedy Festival Christmas
Canberra Theatre Centre

6 Dec
Christmas at The Little Burley Market
Commonwealth Place

7, 14 and 21 Dec
Christmas at Haig Park Village Markets
Haig Park

13 Dec
Spilt Milk Canberra
EPIC

14 Dec
Harmonie German Club Christmas Markets
Harmonie German Club

22 and 28 Dec
BBL Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat and BBL Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder
Manuka Oval

Canberrans can also cheer on the UC Capitals at AIS Arena this month.



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