MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

We hear a lot about innovation. It’s a word that truly applies to our city.
We have world leading universities that are creating jobs and diversifying our economy. Alongside the CBR Innovation Network, they’re creating a knowledge capital that supports entrepreneurs. Just last month, two of our female innovators were named most influential female entrepreneurs in Australia.
We are showing innovation in transport by being the first Australian city to regulate ridesharing technology, working with researchers to improve motor vehicle safety, integrating light rail and bus networks and introducing smart parking technology.
Access Canberra is also using technology to make it easier to do business with government.

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GUNDAROO DRIVE DUPLICATION BEGINS
Preparatory works to duplicate Gundaroo Drive from Gungahlin Drive to Mirrabei Drive/Anthony Rolfe Avenue have begun.

From 1 July this year Transport Canberra will manage the integration of transport across the city.

The road upgrade will improve safety and relieve traffic congestion in the growing Gungahlin region. Off peak lane closures will be required, with reduced speed limits and diversion routes for cyclists.

IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In the next 20 years, Canberra’s population is set to increase by a third, with almost 500,000 people calling our city home by 2035.
Canberrans need a modern transport system that can meet the requirements of our growing and changing city and offer a genuine alternative to driving.
We want to hear from all Canberrans on their expectations and aspirations for Canberra’s transport system.

For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.
ACTION SERVICES ON ANZAC DAY

ACTION will provide free bus travel all day on ANZAC Day, Monday 25 April 2016 to anyone wearing or displaying service medals.

Canberrans are also reminded that ACTION will be running to a Sunday timetable on this day. ACTION will again be running free services to the dawn services from all major bus stations.

For more information visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.

The ACT Government is committed to delivering more bus services for Canberrans, more often. Find out how at transport.act.gov.au

A MAKEOVER FOR MOUNT AINSLIE SUMMIT

Congratulations to Sue Barnsley and Jane Irwin, the inspiring duo who wowed judges with their compelling design for the Mount Ainslie Summit.

The national competition to rejuvenate one of Canberra’s most significant lookout attracted 17 entrants from across Australia. Future visitors will enjoy a striking new circular lookout, lawns for picnicking as well as a native meadow as part of the new design.

For more information on the winning designs visit tams.act.gov.au

A SHELF FULL OF LOCAL AUTHORS

Canberra has a vibrant, active and diverse writing and publishing scene and our public libraries are some of the best places to connect with local and regional authors. There’s a shelf full of local author talks all around Canberra for you to enjoy throughout autumn.

Bookings for author talks are essential and can be made online at library.act.gov.au

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Applications are now open for young people aged between 12 and 25 years to join the ACT’s Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Advisory Council, comprising 15 young people, provides a platform for local youth to take a leading role in participation and consultation activities on issues that affect their lives. Members are appointed for a two year term 2016 to 2018. Applications close on 29 April 2016.

For more information visit communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/youth-interact
A NEW CLEAN AND GREEN ROAD IN NICHOLLS

An innovative approach to road resurfacing is being trialled in the ACT with recycled materials, such as printer toner, included in the final asphalt mix. As part of Roads ACT’s scheduled resurfacing program, Kelleway Avenue in Nicholls was selected as the first site to receive the new asphalt product.

THE EASTERN QUOLL RETURNS TO MULLIGANS FLAT

The Eastern Quoll is back on the Australian mainland after a 50-year absence. The small feisty meat-eating marsupial became extinct on the mainland in the middle of last century and survives in Tasmania only.

It is now being reintroduced into the 485 hectare Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary where it will be surrounded by 11.5 kilometres of fox and cat-proof fencing. The translocation is part of Bringing Back Biodiversity - a joint project between the ACT Government, the Fenner School at the ANU and CSIRO.

For more on the Eastern Quoll visit environment.act.gov.au

CHEAPER FOOD ON GAME DAY AT GIO STADIUM

As part of the new reduced food options, and in response to feedback received from football fans, pies will be 18% cheaper, hot chips will be 20% cheaper, hot dogs will be 23% cheaper and salads will be 28% cheaper.

The new prices are as follows:

- Meat pie: $4.50 (from $5.50)
- Hot chips: $4.00 (from $5.00)
- Plain hot dog: $5.00 (from $6.50)
- Salad: $5.00 (from $7.00)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT IN CANBERRA

If current trends continue, domestic violence will impact one in three Australian women in their lifetimes.

Accommodation, outreach, legal and domestic violence services are available for people in Canberra who are escaping domestic or family violence and sexual assault, and who may be experiencing homelessness.

If you or someone you know is experiencing violence there is help available, contact Domestic Violence Crisis Service on 1800RESPECT.
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