COOL FOR THE SUMMER
WITH A NEW WATER PLAY PARK

There’s a new outdoor water play park for the kids at the Lakeside Leisure Centre.

Tuggeranong’s Lakeside Leisure Centre has reopened and next time you visit you’ll notice some big changes.

During the winter a new fun outdoor water play park for the kids was installed on site. Thank you to Tuggeranong residents who voted on their favourite design.

Other changes include extensive renovations to the men’s and women’s change rooms and new tiling throughout the entire facility.

There’s a lot on at Lakeside Leisure Centre this summer, including a teen gym, personal training and group fitness classes, swimming lessons for all ages and abilities, birthday parties and a crèche.

Visit www.lakesideleisure.com.au to find out why a trip to Lakeside is a must this summer.

FOR MINOR INJURIES OR ILLNESS
JUST WALK IN, EVERY DAY INCLUDING CHRISTMAS

Leave the emergency department for emergencies by popping into your local Walk-In Centre instead.

Your nearest centre in Tuggeranong can provide free one-off advice and treatment for people with minor illness and injury – and you don’t need an appointment.

The Walk-In Centre is located at the Tuggeranong Community Health Centre on the corner of Anketell and Pitman Streets and is open 7.30am to 10pm daily, including Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Children under two years and people with complex or serious conditions should see their GP.

Walk in if you have:
• Colds and flu
• Cuts and abrasions
• Bites and stings
• Minor illness
• Minor injuries.

For more information visit www.health.act.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

I’m sure Canberrans are looking forward to a bit of down-time with family and friends this summer.

There’ll be lots to do in town for Canberrans of all ages in the coming weeks.

In the lead up to Christmas, the CBD will be buzzing with night markets, family concerts, Santa Claus, a great range of children’s activities and our bid to set a world record for the most Christmas lights.

We’ll see in 2016 with two New Year’s Eve fireworks displays (at 9pm and midnight) and live music.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Andrew

For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit www.act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.
CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

Celebrate the 2015 festive season in the city with lights, entertainment and an exciting world record attempt.

The SIDS and Kids ACT Christmas Lights in the City will open on Friday 27 November with a family concert and an attempt to break the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title for the most lights on an artificial Christmas tree.

This year’s event will also feature a 70-metre tunnel of lights along City Walk. Entry is by gold coin donation, with proceeds going towards SIDS and Kids ACT.

The month-long celebration will also include night markets, family concerts, camels, furry and feathered friends, art and music, Santa Claus and a great range of children’s activities.

This event – delivered by Sids and Kids ACT and Canberra CBD Limited – is proudly supported by the ACT Government.

For more information visit www.inthecitycanberra.com.au

FIREWORKS AND FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR NEW YEAR’S EVE

Canberra is set to welcome in 2016 with a fantastic line-up of free entertainment including fireworks, an all-ages concert and a high-energy dance party.

Live music lovers can head to Civic Square from 7pm to enjoy sets by Melbourne indie pop group Saskwatch, and top local bands Los Chavos and The Advocates. Bass in the Place will get Garema Place crowds grooving from 9pm with a dance party headlined by DJ Tigerlily.

Two state-of-the-art pyrotechnics displays will light up the sky at 9pm and midnight, with best viewing from Civic Square.

For more information visit www.events.act.gov.au/nye or phone Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

NEW ACT LAW COURTS ONE STEP CLOSER

Canberra is getting new Law Courts that will meet the territory’s needs for the next 50 years and create 350 jobs during construction.

The new four storey building will front Vernon Circle joining the existing Magistrates and refurbished Supreme Court buildings. There will be an increase from the current 17 court rooms to capacity for 22.

This project is the ACT’s first Public Private Partnership (PPP) with construction expected to start in 2016.

To watch a flythrough of the new ACT Law Courts visit www.youtube.com/actgovernment

Or for more information visit apps.treasury.act.gov.au
SYRIAN AND IRAQI REFUGEES WELCOMED IN CANBERRA

The ACT Government is supporting the humanitarian settlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in our community, with an intake of 250 people as an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The Migrant and Refugee Settlement Service (MARSS) is the official channel for offers of support such as accommodation, goods or services. MARSS is also calling for volunteers in Canberra. Volunteers play an important role in helping refugees to adjust and learn more about their new home.

For more information on how to volunteer, take action or get involved visit www.marss.org.au

Or to make a donation contact MARSS directly via email at: MARSS@marss.org.au or phone (02) 6248 8577.
SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

With the warm weather upon us, why not consider exploring a range of family-friendly camping locations and swimming hot spots around Canberra.

Just a short drive away, campers can enjoy nature in the popular Cotter campground set on the banks of the Cotter River.

For a more remote experience, visit Orroral or Honeysuckle campgrounds in Namadgi National Park.

Or save yourself a drive to the coast and visit one of our local natural swimming hot spots for a dip this summer.

Some of our region’s best swim spots include Pine Island, Angle Crossing, Casuarina Sands, Kambah Pool, Cotter Bend and Tharwa Sandwash.

Uriarra Crossing is also a great place to take your dog for a swim.

For more information or to book a campground visit www.tams.act.gov.au or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

MAKE SURE YOUR BEST MATE CAN MAKE IT HOME

A microchip and registration tag is the best way to ensure your dog can always be identified if they get lost – in fact it’s a requirement by law.

If you find a lost dog these summer holidays, here are a few tips to help get them home:

- If the dog is wearing a collar and registration tag, call Access Canberra on 13 22 81 for help to contact the owner
- Check the lost pets list at www.tams.act.gov.au for a match
- Take the dog to a vet clinic where the microchip can be read
- Take the dog to the Domestic Animal Services (DAS) Shelter on Mugga Lane.

For more information on how to microchip and register your dog visit www.tams.act.gov.au

LAKE TUGGERANONG COLLEGE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Past and present principals, teachers and students gathered at Lake Tuggeranong College last month to celebrate 25 years of quality education.

The college’s four principals were together for the very first time at the birthday celebrations.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Lake Tuggeranong College.