

# OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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## GUNGAHLIN ROADS UPDATE



Roadworks are continuing on Horse Park Drive.

More road improvements on the way for Gungahlin.

### Work is continuing across Gungahlin on multiple road projects.

The Gundaroo Drive duplication between the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club entrance and the Barton Highway has started.

On Horse Park Drive, work is continuing between Gundaroo Drive and Mulligans

Flat Road, including the construction of two bridges near Katherine Avenue and Yerrabi Pond.

Work will also start soon between the Federal Highway and Well Station Drive.

The extension of Ernest Cavanagh Street has begun between Hinder Street and Manning Clark Crescent.

 Find out more at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

It's important we continue to create opportunities for locals as our city grows.

Last year, more than 10,000 new jobs were created in Canberra, the most in a decade. These jobs are in sectors that fit our strengths as a city – in education and training, health care, the energy sector and IT – and most are full-time positions.

There are now around 230,000 jobs in Canberra's economy.

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## DIRECT DAILY FLIGHTS WITH SINGAPORE AIRLINES



Direct daily flights to Singapore from Canberra start 1 May 2018.

The new flights will be serviced by a Boeing 777-300ER, offering various seat types, including economy, premium economy, business and first class.

 For more information visit [singaporeair.com](http://singaporeair.com)



### JOB GROWTH IN THE ACT THOROUGHOUT 2017

**10,000 new jobs**

**4.6%** increase in jobs



**80%** are full time



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**YOURsay**

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## ACTIVE A STREETS are SAFE STREETS

Several new initiatives are helping to make getting to and from school safer for Canberra kids.



## LOOK FOR THE CROSSING SUPERVISOR

20 new crossing supervisors will help children to cross roads safely and improve traffic flow. As you approach school crossings, remember to stop when instructed by a supervisor or when children are on the crossing.

## FOLLOW THE BLUE STENCILS

Blue stencils can be found on footpaths leading up to more than 20 participating schools across Canberra. These stencils guide students and give parents peace of mind that the route is safe and has minimal road crossings.



For more information on participating schools as well as maps, guides and tips visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## CHROMEBOOKS for PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Every public high school student in years 7-11 across Canberra has received a new Chromebook to start the school year.

Access to technology is important. This device will give students the chance to participate in technology-based learning regardless of their family circumstances.

For more information visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)



## RAINBOW PLATES AVAILABLE NOW

Support and celebrate equality in CBR with these vibrant rainbow number plates which are now available from Access Canberra.

They are \$60 and can be ordered online or in person for both new and replacement plates.

For more information visit [act.gov.au/AccessCBR](http://act.gov.au/AccessCBR)



## A SMILE for the RIGHT SPEED

New speed detecting signs are now being trialled on Abena Avenue in Crace.

If you are going the speed limit or below a smiley face will appear. If you are over the speed limit a slowdown message will appear. During the 12 month trial the signs will also move to Amy Ackman Street in Forde.



# NEW PRINCIPAL for GUNGAHLIN



Over 200 new educators were welcomed into the ACT public school system in 2018.

"I love being a Principal at Gold Creek School. I feel privileged to be a school leader in the ACT education system and am excited about the future of education in Canberra."

Angela Spence (pictured), Gold Creek School



## FREE WI-FI AT CALVARY

Free public Wi-Fi is now available at Calvary Public Hospital and Clare Holland House.

Free Wi-Fi is also available for patients and visitors at Canberra Hospital and other ACT Community Health Centres.

# MORE AMBULANCE OFFICERS for GUNGAHLIN

Two new ambulances and 11 paramedics will hit Canberra's frontline this year.

These additional resources will help ease pressure on the ACT Ambulance Service, which has continued to deliver the best response times in the nation, despite a 25% increase in demand since 2012-13.



# THANK YOU to our LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Margaret Wong (pictured) from Bruce, along with her fellow library volunteers, has been recognised for delivering a range of services across the Canberra community.

"My most memorable moments are meeting with community of all ages, listening to their life stories, learning and gaining skills and appreciating their invaluable life experiences."

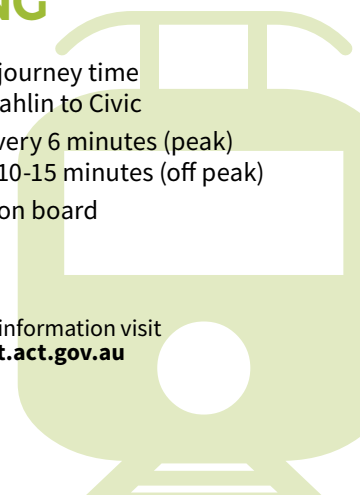


For more information visit [volunteeringact.org.au](http://volunteeringact.org.au)

# LIGHT RAIL: HERE'S WHAT'S COMING

- ✓ 24 minute journey time from Gungahlin to Civic
- ✓ Services every 6 minutes (peak) and every 10-15 minutes (off peak)
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi on board
- ✓ 13 stops

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)







# CANBERRA IS 105 IN 2018!


9-12  
MAR



Join in the Canberra Day festivities with a long weekend of fun for the whole family.

Start your weekend at the Enlighten Festival on Friday evening. Then wake up to hot air balloons on Saturday as the sky fills with more than 30 on the first day of the Canberra Balloon Spectacular.

Continue the celebrations on Sunday in Commonwealth Park as Symphony in the Park brings the best of iconic band Queen to life, and enjoy Canberra Day Monday 12 March.

 For more information visit [enlightencanberra.com](http://enlightencanberra.com)





## BONSAI WEEK at the ARBORETUM

19-25  
MAR

The National Bonsai and Penjing Collection presents a week of special events and activities, including demonstrations, tours and a gala cocktail evening in March.

There are also master classes and presentations by international guest artists Yannick Kiggen from Belgium, Ofer Grunwald from Israel, and Carlos van der Vaart from Holland.

 For more information visit [nationalarboretum.act.gov.au](http://nationalarboretum.act.gov.au)



*Yannick Kiggen from Belgium will be an international guest at the event.*

## JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS IN 2018

We're opening new conversations regularly on the challenges that shape our city and community.


Register now to join the conversations in 2018:  
[yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)



## A NEW ENTRANCE for CANBERRA

The ACT Government is working with the National Capital Authority to develop and grow the city centre along the gateway corridor of Northbourne Ave and the Federal Highway.

Have your say on the draft framework. It outlines future planning controls, development and urban renewal along the gateway corridor.

For more information visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au) 



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