

# OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



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## MOUNT TAYLOR CAR PARK UPGRADES



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new car park  
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this month

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on a surfaced car park at  
Mount Taylor.

Defined entry and exit points on a  
section of the verge on Sulwood Drive  
Kambah, will make the nature park safer  
for people using the car park.

The dirt car park will also be levelled and  
resurfaced with chip seal to control dust  
and dirt.

About 4,000 visitors are estimated  
to visit Mount Taylor every month.



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

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## REVITALISING CALWELL CENTRE



The revised Calwell Group Centre  
Master Plan aims to encourage  
more activity throughout the  
Calwell Centre with places for  
people to meet and socialise.

The master plan also aims to improve  
pedestrian and cycling networks and  
provide more trees and outdoor play  
spaces.

Thanks to those who provided feedback  
on the draft variation, which implements  
the recommendations of the master plan.



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



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Everyone has to buy Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance, but at the moment, our scheme doesn't always cover Canberrans when it matters. If you are the driver and get injured in a single car accident, you can't claim under our current CTP scheme. So we're making some changes.

The new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme means everyone injured in a motor vehicle accident can get up to 5 years of medical treatment and wages replacement, as long as they're not breaking the law when the accident happens.

The new Scheme means getting help more quickly, without having to go to court, and ensures everyone is better protected.

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



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## LAWNMOWING SCHEDULE RAMPS UP



More investment in City Services means you'll see our teams out and about keeping Canberra neat and tidy during peak growing times of spring and summer.

View the interactive map to see when mowing will take place in your suburb.

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## EMERGENCY SIGNS KEEPING YOU SAFE

There are now 12 Electronic Fire Danger Signs installed along major arterial roads across the ACT.

The signs will keep Canberrans informed on fire danger during the warmer months.

The signs automatically display the Fire Danger Rating each day during the Bushfire Season and if required, other safety and information messages.



## CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK

Thanks Canberra for your feedback on plans for a new bus network. By 2030 we'll be a city of 500,000, so we're getting ready with an integrated transport network.

For eight weeks we heard your views in focus groups, at interchanges, schools, community meetings and online. You told us you were happy to get more buses more often, but current bus users also told us how the changes could affect them.

'Xpresso' users were concerned their travel times will be longer. We also heard you want more information on school services to prepare for the new network. We'll have more to tell you in the coming months.



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## CBR BE READY



This year's bushfire season has started a month earlier than usual in Canberra.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) supports the community through times of fire, storm and extreme heat, especially during the September to March storm and bushfire season.

Canberrans should ensure they understand Fire Danger Rating (FDR) levels to help them make decisions when travelling in and around the ACT. The ESA will update the FDR daily. It is displayed on electronic signs on all major arterial roads across the ACT, and online.



For more information on how to 'Be Ready' visit [esa.act.gov.au](http://esa.act.gov.au)





## CANBERRA HOSPITAL'S MOST ENTERTAINING EMPLOYEE



The newest staff member at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children is a robot named MediZen.

MediZen is programmed to sing, dance and talk to children, to help them cope with stress and distract them during medical procedures.

Thanks to funding raised through the EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment Charity and the Canberra Hospital Foundation, children receiving treatment and their families can have a less stressful experience during their stay and be fascinated with this high-tech entertainment.

See MediZen perform at  
[act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)



## TUGGERANONG ROADS RESURFACED



Almost one million square metres of road will be resurfaced across the ACT between now and early next year.

In Tuggeranong, work will take place on arterial roads including: northbound on Drakeford Drive from Mortimer Lewis Drive north to Athllon Drive; sections of the Monaro Highway; and on Woodcock Drive from Tharwa Drive/Box Hill Avenue to Point Hut Road.

The resurfacing program protects and extends the life of Canberra's roads while improving safety.

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



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## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Tuggeranong Town Park is a 10 hectare park located on the shores of Lake Tuggeranong.

The park includes a swimming beach, running track, picnic facilities and barbecues, art work, a skate park and an amphitheatre.

Tuggeranong Town Park is located off Bartlett Place and Anketell Street.



**Tuggeranong  
Town Park**





# NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
27 October  
4pm-9pm

A sea of 2,000 shimmering candles will light up Canberra Nara Peace Park for the 16th annual Canberra Nara Candle Festival.

This year's festival celebrates the 25th year of the Sister City relationship shared between Canberra and Nara, Japan. Participate in calligraphy, lantern making, origami, ikebana and kite flying, while enjoying Japanese music, food and market stalls.

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

 Canberra Nara Peace Park & Lennox Gardens, Yarralumla

# REDISCOVER TIDBINBILLA

Open day: Sunday 7 October 2018 10am - 3pm

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is opening its doors to the Canberra community to 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' and celebrate its diverse people, habitat and heritage.

Visitors can experience the wildlife living in the sanctuary, trek the many walking trails, take part in ranger-guided activities, or discover the rich indigenous and early pioneer history of the Tidbinbilla Valley.

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

FREE ENTRY  
SUNDAY  
7 October

# GET OUTDOORS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With so many parks and reserves in and around the Canberra region, why not tick a few off your list these school holidays?

Get the kids active with a mountain bike ride in Namadgi National Park, a hike through Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve, or spend some time looking for unique wildlife at Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary.

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


# ESA OPEN DAY



The ACT Emergency Services Open Day is a family event filled with skills demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and entertainment.

Learn about emergency services across the ACT region and speak directly with the people responsible for keeping our community safe.

SUNDAY  
28 October  
10am-3pm

 9 Amberley Avenue, Fairbairn



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