

Teachers shine at education awards



Tuggeranong has many great teachers, with a number of locals recognised at the recent 2018 ACT Public Education Awards.

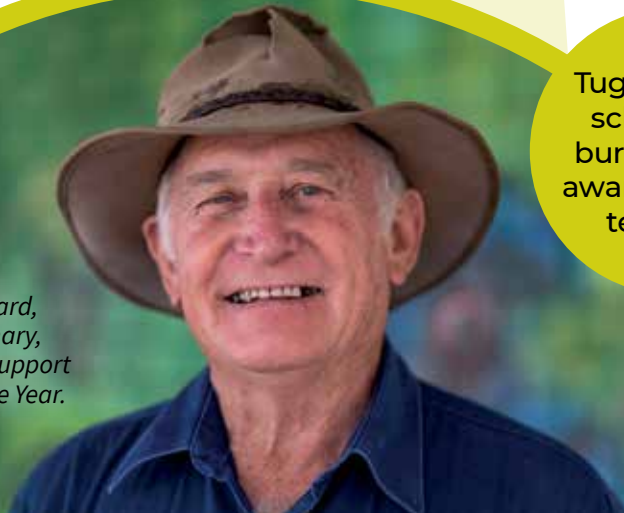
Winning teachers from Tuggeranong schools included Early Childhood Teacher of the Year, Sharon de Rooy from Bonython Primary School. Primary Teacher of the Year went to both Anthea Theodoridis and Matthew Weickhard from Gordon Primary School.

Other winners were Frank Maynard from Gowrie Primary as Education Support Person of the Year and Leah House from Namadgi School as Volunteer of the Year. Andrew Kingston of Kids Hope Mentoring and Isabella Plains Early Childhood School were awarded for Outstanding Partnerships of the Year.

→ More on the awards at education.act.gov.au

Tuggeranong schools are bursting with award-winning teachers.

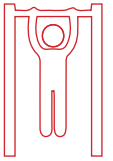
Frank Maynard,
Gowrie Primary,
Education Support
Person of the Year.



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New & improved playgrounds



Kids and families across Canberra will soon benefit from new and improved playgrounds across our city.

Richardson is one of the five suburbs that will have a 'whole of suburb' review on its playgrounds. Gordon, Bonython and Oxley are among the suburbs to receive amenity upgrades to existing parks and playgrounds.

→ More on all initiatives at yoursay.act.gov.au/bettersuburbs



Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

Happy New Year to every Canberran. 2019 is going to be another huge one for our city, as we continue to make our community even better.

From opening more great local schools, to delivering better healthcare where and when you need it, and investing in an integrated transport network to keep Canberra connected – we are hitting the ground running in 2019.

I'm particularly pleased we will complete the city-wide rollout of green bins in the coming months, by bringing forward the rollout in Gungahlin into early 2019, along with Woden, the Molonglo Valley, the inner north and the inner south.

Be a backyard lifeguard



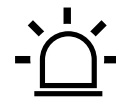
Every year children under five drown in backyard pools – accidents we can help prevent.

As a community we are all responsible for safety around pools and together we can reduce the risk of children drowning in swimming pools in the ACT. Keep our kids safe this summer and be a backyard lifeguard with these summer safety tips:

- > close supervision of children in and around the pool
 - > knowing CPR, which can save lives and, if performed early, help reduce serious or long-term injuries
 - > checking that pool barriers meet current safety standards.
- More at act.gov.au/backyardlifeguard



Join a volunteer emergency service in 2019



Canberra volunteers are a key part of the ACT's emergency services, providing frontline response to bushfires, storms and floods.

Volunteer positions include rural firefighters, State Emergency Service members, community education practitioners and community fire unit members.

→ More on volunteering at esa.act.gov.au/join-the-esa

One year of Chromebooks



It's been a year since the roll-out of Chromebooks across Canberra public secondary schools and more devices will be provided this year.

Students starting year seven in 2019, along with new students to the ACT public education system in years eight to 12, will receive their Chromebook in term one.

Chromebooks are used as a teaching and learning tool to help develop the capacity of students to analyse information, solve problems and communicate in an increasingly digital world.



Your health options



Do you know how to get the most appropriate medical care for your symptoms?

Canberra has a range of convenient and accessible health services that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department - there's more than one front door to our health system.

Many of our local health services are free and available after hours, so make sure you choose the best care for your symptoms next time you need help.

→ More at act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions



60 a day treated at Walk-in Centre



More than 60 Tuggeranong residents every day are receiving treatment and health advice at the Tuggeranong Walk-in Centre.

People are making use of the centre in Greenway from when it opens at 7.30am until it closes at 10pm, getting access to treatment at a time that suits them.

Walk-in Centres provide free treatment of minor injuries and illness. Open every day, including Christmas & New Year's Day, and you don't need an appointment.

→ More at walkincentre.act.gov.au



Find the full list of popular baby names at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Tuggeranong's most popular baby names 2018

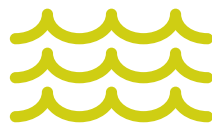
The most popular baby names of 2018 have been released and, while William and Amelia are the reigning names across Canberra, Tuggeranong had some different ideas on what to name their bubs.

Ava took the top honours as the most popular girls' name, while William kept the number one spot across the Tuggeranong region.

Ethan, Leo and Henry were also popular while the most popular girls' names included Aria, Amelia and Zoe.

→ Birth registration is now available online at act.gov.au/birthregistration

Tuggeranong waterways underway



Work will finish soon on three ACT Healthy Waterways projects in Tuggeranong.

The rain gardens in Wanniasa and Fadden and the pond in Kambah are expected to be completed in February, with some planting to take place in autumn.

Planting is already finished at three sites, the wetlands at Isabella Pond, the rain garden at Isabella Plains and the waterway restoration at Monash.

The projects will improve the quality of water flowing into our waterways and downstream into the Murrumbidgee River system.

→ More at act.gov.au/h2ok



Helping women

return to work

Women who have been out of the workforce can regain confidence and build on professional skills through the Return to Work for Women program.

The course held at CIT Tuggeranong can greatly improve a woman's chance for successfully re-entering the workforce, with 76 percent of graduates going on to employment or further studies in an area of interest.

→ More at cit.edu.au

Starting school in 2019?



ACT Public
School
Term
dates

4 Feb new students
5 Feb continuing students

All 2019 term dates are at
education.act.gov.au

Here are some tips for a safe and stress-free first day of school for your child.

- > Talk to your child about what to expect and who to ask for help.
- > Label all your child's belongings.
- > Consider the school route, likely road crossings and reinforce road safety.
- > Apply sunscreen before leaving for school.

- > Clarify after school pickup arrangements or who is collecting them.

If your child is starting kindergarten in an ACT Public School in 2019, make sure you get your copy of 'Starting School: A Guide for Families'.

- To get your copy go to education.act.gov.au



Grab 'n Go lunchbox

If you're looking for easy prep ideas for your kid's lunchbox, download a Grab 'n Go school lunchbox shopping list from the 'Parents' section at act.gov.au/freshtastes

Our favourite festival is back

BACK ON
15 - 17 Feb

The National Multicultural Festival is back for its 23rd year. Join us in Civic for this musical and culinary celebration of Canberra's diversity.

This year's headline acts are the iconic Christine Anu, chef Mark Oliver and up and coming star Isaiah Firebrace.

Leave the car at home

Late Night Rapid bus services will operate during the festival and have teamed up with Uber to get you home safely.

Services on both the Blue 300 and 200 Red Rapids to and from the City are running every 20 minutes. Connect with Uber until 3am to receive a discount.

- More at multiculturalfestival.com.au



Australia Day



There's a lot going on across Canberra this Australia Day.

Support our Australian of the Year Awards local nominees on 25 January.

Then on 26 January enjoy the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony, children's activities, and an evening concert with a fireworks finale.

You can celebrate the public holiday on 28 January at Lanyon with a walking tour and live music near the lawns.

- More at events.act.gov.au/australia-day



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