

OUR CBR

Gungahlin edition

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Plans for duplication of **William Slim Drive**



Designs for the duplication of William Slim Drive between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway can now be viewed online or at the Gungahlin Library.

Two lanes will be built in each direction between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway, as well as 6.4 kilometres of new on-road cycle lanes and a new signalised intersection at Dumas Street and William Slim Drive.

With about 20,000 vehicles using the road every day and more housing to come in surrounding areas, the future road upgrade is designed to improve conditions for all road users.

→ See the draft designs online at tccs.act.gov.au

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Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT Government is continuing to invest in more health infrastructure to give Canberrans access to high quality healthcare when and where they need it.

The Government has recently announced more plans about our new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre, which you can read about in this *Our CBR* edition. This is on top of recent significant expansions of emergency departments at the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital, Gungahlin's new Walk-In Centre and more mobile dental services for vulnerable Canberrans.

We're future-proofing our healthcare system to better meet the needs of a growing city.

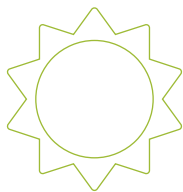


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More help with energy bills



Canberrans on low and fixed incomes will be able to access an increased Utilities Concession for energy bills from 1 July 2019.

The Utilities Concession provides eligible concession card holders with a rebate to help meet the ongoing costs of electricity and gas services. The \$46 increase will bring the total payment to \$700.

→ More at assistance.act.gov.au

Top up with new ticketing machines



Top up your MyWay card using new Transport Canberra ticket vending machines now installed at major bus stations and light rail stops.

Machines are stationed at the Belconnen, City, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and Woden major bus stations. They have touch screens and are easy to use to check your MyWay card balance, instantly top up, or to purchase a single or daily ticket.

You'll also be able to use your MyWay card on light rail when operations start in the coming months.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au



Water refill options

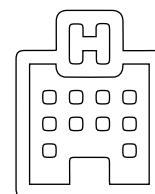
You can now refill your water bottle with free tap water at any participating cafe or business when you see the Refill Canberra sticker displayed in the window.

Cafes across Canberra have already signed up and you can nominate your favourite cafe to consider joining up.

→ More at health.act.gov.au/refillcanberra



More hospital services for the future



Planning is underway for Canberra's new Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency (SPIRE) centre at the Canberra Hospital.

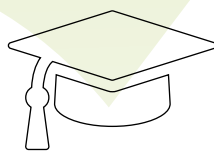
The centre will boost acute and hospital-based healthcare services, replace ageing buildings and completely renew the north-eastern end of the Canberra Hospital precinct. Construction is expected to start in 2020.

→ More at health.act.gov.au/infrastructure



New principal

for Harrison School



School leaders have a vital role guiding schools to be happy and productive environments.

Jacqui Ford is the new principal of the Harrison School senior site. Jacqui says being a principal is a great privilege and she's excited to be continuing to work within the Harrison School community.

"Students all bring their own unique experiences and abilities and I am keen to see all students grow and develop on their personalised learning pathway," Ms Ford said.



Nicholls gets new turf

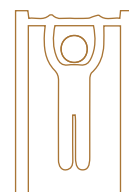


Sport will continue all year round at Nicholls Neighbourhood Oval with the installation of new synthetic turf.

The upgrade is nearing completion and involves replacing the two synthetic playing surfaces including underlay and reconfiguring the line markings to accommodate a greater range of sport.

The existing 300-metre running track will also be replaced and a rubber underlay installed.

Gungahlin's newest parks



Taylor has two new parks that are now open for locals to swing, run and play.

The bigger park is situated on Sutherland Crescent while the smaller park is bound by Marjorie Matthews Street, McCredie Street and Mottram Street in Taylor.

Register now for your green waste bin.

Get a green bin for autumn

Green waste collections will be in place across the city from 1 April, just in time for Gungahlin's autumn leaves.

Get some help tidying up your garden by ordering your green waste bin before the first leaves start to fall.

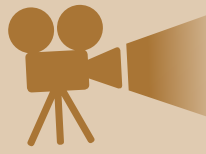
Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, flowers and small branches can all go into the green waste bins.

Residents can opt-in to the service for a one-off \$50 payment, with eligible concession card holders exempt from payment. Green waste is collected fortnightly.

→ More at act.gov.au/greenbins



Get a taste of Enlighten




Eat, see and explore Canberra as our city transforms for the annual Enlighten Festival.

Until 17 March the centre of Canberra is a hive of activity with a range of free and ticketed events, as well as the ever-popular architectural projections in the Parliamentary Triangle until 11 March.


Enlighten Festival is expanding into Civic again this year with illuminations by local artist Hannah Quinlivan on the Sydney and Melbourne buildings until 11 March.


→ More at enlightencanberra.com

Enlighten events

Lights! Canberra! Action! 
8 March

 Canberra Balloon Spectacular
9-17 March

 Symphony in the Park
10 March

Canberra Day – 11 March
Hit 104.7 Skyfire 
16 March



National
Ride2School Day
22 March

Active ways

to get to school

Active school communities not only help to reduce carbon emissions, they also reduce congestion around our schools, making it safer for children to enjoy riding or walking every day.

Support your kids to be more active in 2019 and take part in National Ride2School Day on 22 March.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au



Young CBR Citizen awards

Nominations are open for the 2019 Young Canberran Citizen of the Year Awards.

→ More at dhcs.smartygrants.com.au/YCCY2019

Get cycling in March

As the weather starts to cool, March is the perfect time to hop onto a dockless bike.

The bike share service, with Australian provider Airbike, is still operating as the original six-month trial undergoes evaluation.

Data on the bike share trial has shown that dockless bikes were hired more than 8,000 times within six months in areas including the ANU, the City bus station and the Inner North.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au

