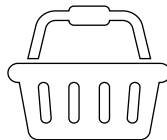


Shops upgrades for the region



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Work will start soon on upgrades to the Fraser and Dunlop shops.

Fraser shops will receive:

- new landscaping,
- improved pathways and stairs, and
- new outdoor furniture in the existing courtyard.

Dunlop shops will receive:

- a public noticeboard, and
- new shade sails over the playground behind the shops.
- ➔ More at tccs.act.gov.au

Upgrades will mean better access and facilities at your local shops

A message from the Chief Minister

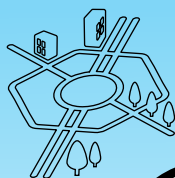
The ACT has recorded strong economic growth over the past few years, with low unemployment and record tourism delivering more jobs for more Canberrans.

However, we recognise that economic performance is not the only measure of wellbeing.

To help frame future Government decisions, we are developing wellbeing indicators with a focus on social inclusion, housing and access to good quality public healthcare.

Andrew Barr

Planning for our city's future



We're reviewing Canberra's planning system.

We want to know what is most important when considering new development in your area.

→ Have your say at yoursay.act.gov.au



Save time go online

Access Canberra is making it easier and more convenient to do life admin with more than 400 services now available online.

Renew your car registration, pay your rates or apply for a birth or marriage certificate – anytime, anywhere.

→ Visit act.gov.au/accessCBR

Spring into action with AirRater



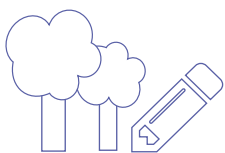
Pollen season can be a trigger for asthma and hay fever sufferers in Canberra. So make sure you download the free AirRater app.

AirRater gives real-time information on pollen levels and air quality to help Canberrans manage their symptoms.

→ Download the AirRater app at airrater.org



More trees at school

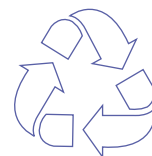


Tree planting programs are in place across Canberra schools to give kids more shade to play in.

These trees will form part of the city's urban forest, adding to the character of the bush capital we all love.

→ More at education.act.gov.au

More express container deposit points



The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has five new express locations, making it easier to return containers.

Your nearest locations are:

- Charnwood Shops, Charnwood Place
- Hawker Shops, Hawker Place

The express return pods are open from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week. You can deposit eligible drink bottles and cans here.

→ More at actcds.com.au





Keeping a high quality of life

Canberra is a thriving and inclusive community that aims for everyone to share in the benefits of a good life.

We are developing a set of Wellbeing Indicators that will guide future government decisions and investments. The indicators will ensure all Canberrans, no matter their circumstances, continue to enjoy a high quality of life here in the ACT.

→ Follow the work on the development of Wellbeing Indicators at yoursay.act.gov.au



Weekend timetable update

An updated weekend bus timetable will be introduced from Saturday 28 September.

It will maintain the popular Rapid services as well as late night services, while making some adjustments to route services.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au



YOURsay Community panel

Through the new YourSay Community Panel, people in Belconnen told us the three most important factors for their wellbeing are:



59% health



56% good relationships with family, friends and others



33% work-life balance.

→ Join at yoursaypanel.act.gov.au

Construction starts on



Whitlam

Canberra's newest suburb Whitlam, to Belconnen's south will have its first land release in 2020.

The suburb will be home to parks and open spaces with access to the Molonglo river corridor and Kama Nature reserve.

→ More at suburbanland.act.gov.au



New parents: remember you can register the birth of your child online at

act.gov.au/accessCBR

Sally McRae,
midwife



Meet your midwife of the year



Sally McRae won the 2019 ACT Midwife of the Year for her tireless work alongside women, before, during and after childbirth.

Sally, a Clinical Development Midwife from Calvary Public Hospital (Bruce), was recognised for leading birthing education programs and supporting research to reduce the risk of infant mortality.

"Our role is very special because we're involved in more than one generation simultaneously and there's not many careers that can do that," Sally said.

→ More at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

Floriade

blooms this spring



Floriade signals the start of spring as more than one million bulbs and annuals burst into bloom in Commonwealth Park.

Enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, market stalls plus delicious food and drinks. You'll find something for everyone as Floriade celebrates the World in Bloom.

→ See the full program at floriadeaustralia.com

Floriade
14 Sep – 13 Oct

NightFest
3-6 October



NightFest

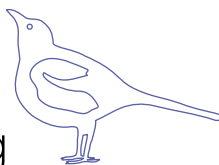
When the sun goes down NightFest comes to life with an illuminated playground for those who dare to dabble in Floriade's dark side over four magical nights.

→ More at floriadeaustralia.com/nightfest

Picnic in
the burbs
21 September

Watch out!

Swooping magpies this spring



Take simple precautions to stay safe as you share the environment with magpies protecting their babies:

- walk through the magpie's territory quickly, but don't run
- protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses, and
- plan to take a different route next time.

→ More at act.gov.au/accessCBR

Garema Place
6 Sep – 20 Oct

Canberra's Garden of Enchantment

Experience the joy of spring at Garema Place in the Garden of Enchantment.

Delight in the fresh tulips, relax on the lawn, dip your feet in the pond and let your little ones play in the secret fairy garden.

→ More at cityrenewalCBR.com.au

Out of the park & into the suburbs



Floriade is bursting out of Commonwealth Park and stopping by your local town centre.

Floriade in the Suburbs is bringing a little bit of Floriade flavour to Emu Inlet, Beissel Street, Belconnen on 21 September, 12pm to 3pm.

→ More at floriadeaustralia.com

