Woden's new parks

Construction is underway on new nature play spaces in Eddison Park and in Farrer.

The Eddison Park space will have a sand and water theme. A new climbing feature with a tunnel, slide and bridges across the reed beds will be added to the existing park.

The Farrer Park includes a range of zones for children to explore, climb, hide and rest.

More at natureplaycbr.org.au

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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

Local communities came together to design the new play spaces

Artist's impression of Eddison Park nature play space.
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

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

Green bins for green thumbs

Spring into your garden this September and make use of your green waste bin.

Green bin collections are available across all Canberra suburbs. You can use them for:

→ garden prunings
→ leaves
→ grass clippings
→ weeds
→ small branches

→ Register for a green bin at tccs.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

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
**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

**Construction starts on Whitlam**

Canberra’s newest suburb Whitlam, located in northern Molonglo Valley 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

**Light rail to Woden gets moving**

Proposed plans for light rail from the City to Woden are being assessed by the Department of Energy and Environment for heritage and environmental impacts of the route.

Join us to discuss developments in the expansion of Canberra’s light rail network at an upcoming community pop-up near you.

More at yoursay.act.gov.au

**YourSay Community panel**

Through the new YourSay Community Panel, people in Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo told us the three most important factors for their wellbeing are:

- **66%** good relationships with family, friends and others
- **55%** health
- **38%** work-life balance.

Join at yoursaypanel.act.gov.au
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 florideaustralia.com

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

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 the Mingle Markets at Stromlo Cottage, Coombs on 29 September and Woden Town Square on 5 October, 12pm to 3pm.

→ More at florideaustralia.com

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 florideaustralia.com/nightfest

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 cityrenewalCRB.com.au

Out of the park & into the suburbs

For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/our-canberra or follow us on social media.

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