

COVID-19 vaccination program continues

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Roll up
your sleeves
canberra



Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans have been turning out in great numbers to get their COVID-19 vaccination. The proportion of our population above 16 with one dose of the vaccine is among the highest in the nation.

There has been particularly strong take up from Canberrans over the age of 70.

Thank you to everyone who has rolled up their sleeves.

The vaccination rollout is accelerating at the ACT's mass vaccination clinics and GPs across the city. More vaccines have been promised by the Australian Government in the coming months.

Let's keep up our nation leading vaccination effort and keep our community safe.

ANDREW BARR

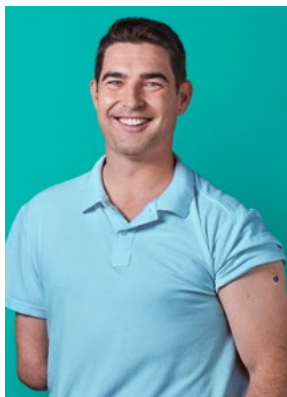


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Canberrans continuing to roll up their sleeves



The ACT community's response to the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines has been impressive. It's clear that Canberrans want to keep our city safe and strong.

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from the most serious health risks posed by COVID-19.

Right now ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination

clinics are providing access to COVID-19 vaccines in Canberra. Eligible people should plan ahead by making an appointment as soon as possible.

→ Find out if you're eligible and where you can make an appointment at covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking

Don't delay, get tested today!

Recent COVID-19 outbreaks across the country have reinforced the importance of testing.

Getting tested means early detection of COVID-19 and allows ACT Health to quickly respond before there is widespread transmission.

You should get tested if you experience any COVID-19 symptoms – fever, sore throat, cough, runny or blocked nose, shortness of breath, or loss of smell or taste - no matter how mild they may be.



→ More information about symptoms and testing locations is available at covid19.act.gov.au

Simple steps to save on your energy bills

Being on an energy plan that's right for you could save hundreds of dollars on your energy bill.

Shop around with other energy retailers to get the lowest cost plan.

Call your energy provider to ask if you're on the best plan and if there are other deals and discounts.

Also, making simple changes around the house can make your home more energy efficient.



→ Find more tips at actsmart.act.gov.au/energy-saving



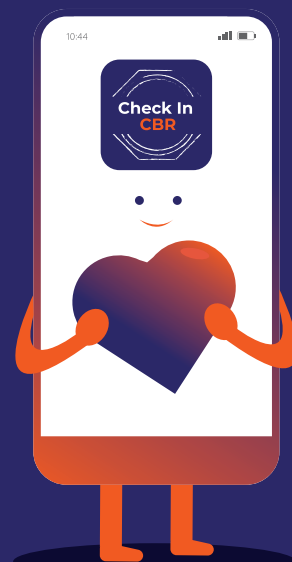
Important changes to Check In CBR app

It is now mandatory to use the Check In CBR app in supermarkets, department stores, petrol stations, takeaway services, public transport, taxis, Uber and ride sharing services.

Everyone 16 years of age and older is required to check in, even if they are only in the venue for a brief amount of time.

→ For more information visit covid19.act.gov.au

Use the Check In CBR app to protect yourself and your loved ones.



New community centre for Coombs

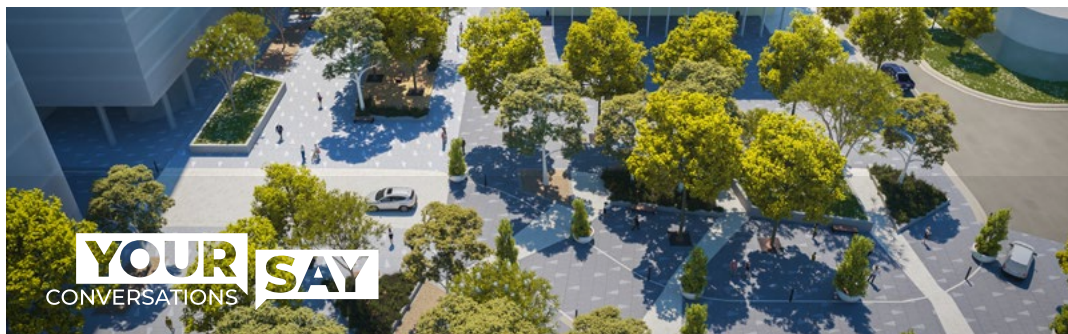
The Coombs Community Activity Centre will be transformed into a much-needed community facility in the coming months.

A meeting room, with a capacity of up to 100 people, will be the centrepiece. It will be available for community and social groups. Molonglo Valley Community Forum member Monique Brouwer said the new centre will be vital to the wellbeing of residents.

"I look forward to seeing local children and families, social, cultural, and community groups utilise the centre," Monique said. The centre will be ready by early 2022.

→ More at act.gov.au/coombscentre

Pictured: Monique Brouwer with students from Charles Weston School at the centre.



Have your say on the new Woden shared zone

As part of the CIT Campus Woden project, Bowes and Bradley streets in the Woden town centre will be connected to create a shared zone for pedestrians, cyclists and local traffic.

→ Visit yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/cit-campus-woden

Parking changes at Canberra Hospital

We're improving access to carparking at Canberra Hospital for our patients and visitors.

A new temporary carpark is now open for hospital staff and will soon offer more than 1100 parking spaces.

→ Find more at health.act.gov.au/canberrahospitalparking



Stromlo Leisure Centre turns one

The world-class aquatic and recreation centre has welcomed more than 330,000 visitors since opening in August 2020.

→ For information and bookings, visit stromloleisurecentre.com.au

Floriade: Coming soon to Commonwealth Park

Floriade, Australia's biggest celebration of spring, is returning to Commonwealth Park next month.

You're invited to enjoy the jam-packed program of music, cultural celebrations, food and wine, horticulture workshops, artistic displays, markets and entertainment.

When the sun goes down, discover what Floriade's dark side has to offer at Floriade NightFest, with an array of live entertainment and food on offer across four special nights.

Floriade
Sat 11 Sep
until
Sun 10 Oct

**Floriade
NightFest**
Thu 30 Sep
until
Sun 3 Oct



→ Stay up to date on programming, ticketing information and COVID-safe requirements at floriadeaustralia.com

Green Caffein makes sustainability easy

Calling all CBR coffee lovers – do some good for the environment and embrace the Green Caffein reusable coffee cup scheme.

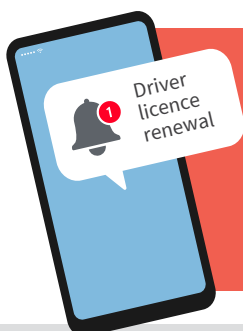
More than 100 local cafes participate in the free and COVID-safe 'swap-and-go' scheme which allows Canberrans to order their coffee in a reusable cup and return it to any participating cafe.

→ More at greencaffein.com.au



Time to renew your driver licence? We'll text you

The ACT Government is trialling a new SMS reminder service for driver licence renewals. To receive a reminder, be sure your mobile number is up to date at act.gov.au/updateyourrego



Calendar of EVENTS AUGUST

Until **15** **Reflections of My Country**
Belco Arts Centre

Until **15** **Heart Strong**
Belco Arts Centre

Until **29** **The Truffle Festival**
Canberra Region,
Multiple locations

SAT **7** **Fired Up 2021**
Watson Arts Centre

WED **11-22** **Sensory Art Lab**
Gorman Arts Centre

SAT **14-15** **Canberra Youth Science and Entrepreneurship**
Llewellyn Hall, ANU

MON **16-21** **STEM in the Community Challenge**
Manning Clark Hall

WED **18** **How to Manage a Disaster: Complexity in the 21st Century**
Verity Lane Market

FRI **20-22** **Other Worlds**
Belco Arts Centre

SAT **21-22** **Stars in 3D**
Canberra College

SAT **28** **Public Art Treasure Hunt**
O'Connor shops

The COVID-19 situation evolves quickly and can impact events. Stay up to date at events.canberra.com.au

Events funded under the ACT Government's Winter Event Series