

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley

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New hospital building opens this month



Message from the Chief Minister

This month, a major part of the Canberra Hospital expansion will open.

The new Critical Services Building includes a bigger emergency department, 22 new operating theatres, a bigger intensive care unit and expanded health services for children.

The ACT Government is now hiring more nurses, doctors, specialists, midwives, physiotherapists and other allied health professionals to provide free health care in the expanded hospital.

The Canberra Hospital expansion is part of the Government's plan to provide the right health care, at the right place and at the right time.

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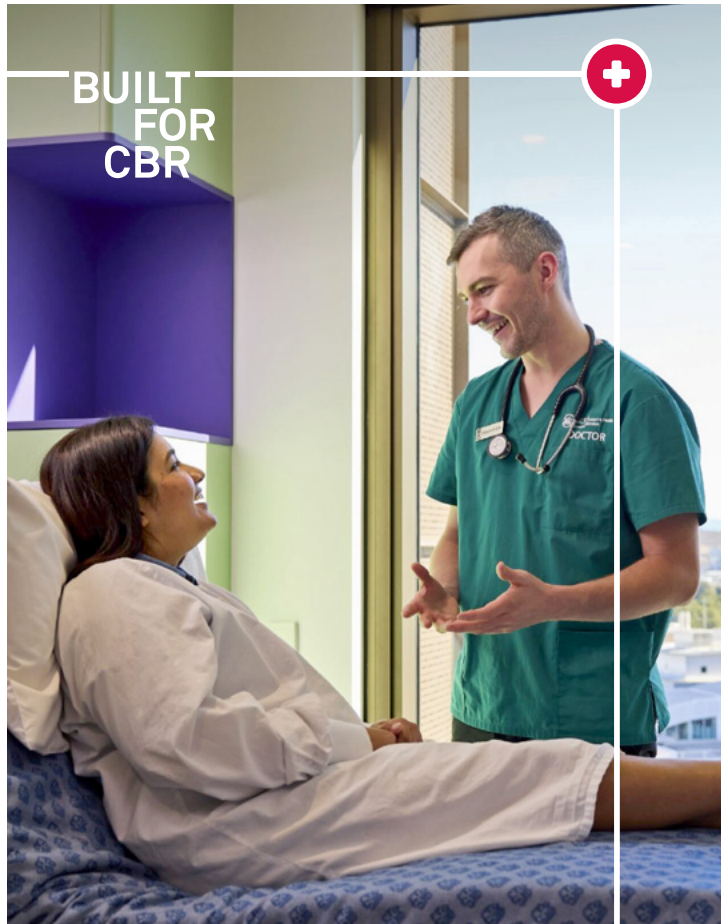
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A new emergency department at Canberra Hospital

Canberra Hospital's state-of-the-art Critical Services Building opens this month. It will be known as Building 5. Services in the building will include:

- The Emergency Department (street level) – with its own entrance and dedicated children's emergency area.
- Operating theatres (level 3) – day-of-surgery admissions and theatres.
- Intensive Care Unit (level 5) – providing natural light and more space at the bedside.
- Inpatient cardiology services (level 6) – the Acute Cardiac Care Unit, Cardiac Day Unit and Cardiac Catheter Labs.
- Inpatient wards (levels 6 and 7) – surgical and medical inpatient beds.
- Medical imaging – adding more X-ray, CT, ultrasound and MRI services.

Remember the emergency department is for emergencies. To know where you can go for your health care, visit canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au.



Funding boost for ACT public education

The ACT Government is investing in strengthening literacy and numeracy education across ACT public schools. A new program, Strong Foundations, will ensure consistent, high-quality literacy and numeracy education across ACT public schools.

From the start of 2025, every school with kindergarten to year 2 students will receive additional funding for approved literacy and numeracy teaching materials and equipment.

Scan the QR code for more.



New recycling facility for Canberra

Canberra's new recycling facility will be built on the same Hume site damaged by fire in 2022.

Investment from both the ACT and Australian Governments will fund the new and expanded facility with a contract expected to be awarded in the coming months. The facility's new technology will expand the ACT's capacity to sort and process glass, plastic, paper and cardboard, reducing waste going to landfill.



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CIT Woden Campus reaches a major milestone

August marks less than one year until the CIT Woden Campus welcomes students, staff and the community in semester 2, 2025.

The main CIT building reached its full height last month. With the façade and roof almost completed, the construction focus has turned to the fitout of the many contemporary learning spaces.

The new Public Transport Interchange is also progressing well with pavements being installed and preparation works for the bus shelters underway.

CIT Woden Campus will support up to 6500 students each year, and offer the skills and training required for tomorrow's careers in IT, cybersecurity, business and hospitality.



Upgrades ahead for public schools across Canberra

Eight public schools in the Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo Valley region will receive upgrades through funding in the 2024–25 ACT Budget.

These include:

- Canberra College: outdoor basketball court and toilets upgrades
- Curtin South Preschool: floor upgrades
- Duffy Primary School: improvements to Junior and Kindergarten learning areas

- Farrer Primary School: a new perimeter fence
- Hughes Primary School: upgrades to windows and staffrooms
- Malkara School: window upgrades
- Lyons Early Childhood School: improvements to playground shade and administration areas
- Mawson Primary School: school hall toilet upgrades.

Scan the QR code for the full list of upgrades coming to ACT public schools.



Toilets for Ruth Park Playground

A range of community infrastructure is on the way for the region.

Toilets will be installed at the popular Ruth Park Playground in Coombs.

Southlands Shopping Centre in Mawson will also receive an upgraded toilet.

Design work will soon get underway on these projects, with construction timing to follow.

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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Some easy (and free) ways to support local

Cost of living pressures are being felt by everyone, especially our local businesses.

Little changes in the way you spend your money can make a big difference to Canberra's local business community. And making a conscious effort to support local doesn't need to cost more.

Here are some ways to help local businesses:

- Do your weekly shop at the farmer's market and support growers from the region.
- Book ahead if you're planning on eating out (and cancel early if you can't make it).
- Leave a positive review on Google and tag them on social media.
- Do you make your morning brew at home? Buy your beans locally.
- Pick up unique birthday gifts from a local maker.
- Take public transport and treat yourself to lunch – not parking.



Batteries in bins can cause fires

All batteries and items containing batteries need to be disposed of safely.

Don't use your household bin – Canberra has more than 50 locations where you can discard selected batteries for free.

Scan the QR code for details.

What's on

Date	Event
All Aug	Curiosity Lego exhibition Questacon
10 Aug	Fired Up Winter Festival Canberra Potters, Watson
10 Aug	Classical Diamond – Trilogy in Symphony Canberra Southern Cross Club, Phillip
11 Aug	Portobello Road – antiques & collectibles Old Bus Depot Markets
16 Aug	Art and Dementia: Art with Friends National Gallery of Australia
19 Aug	Ballet International Gala: V Canberra Theatre Centre
30 Aug	Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour Canberra Theatre Centre

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.

 For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au

What's your favourite memory of Manuka Oval?

Canberra's beloved Manuka Oval celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

The ACT Government is creating a rich community history of the oval in recognition of its centenary and Canberrans are invited to contribute stories, memories, images and footage.

These memories will help tell a story not only of Manuka Oval, but of sport, entertainment and the Canberra community over the past 100 years.

Scan the QR code to find out how you can contribute.

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