

OUR CANBERRA

GUNGAHLIN EDITION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016



A NEW RECREATIONAL PARK FOR FRANKLIN



Franklin residents have a new recreation park close to home, where they can enjoy outdoor fun with family and friends.

The park includes irrigated turf areas, a cricket net, a learn to skate bowl, sheltered picnic and BBQ areas, ping pong tables, outdoor fitness equipment, a playground, a multi sport area and toilet facilities. This new local facility is a fantastic addition to an area that's grown into a welcoming and well-served community.

78 Gwen Meredith Loop, Franklin

NEW SCHOOLS

FOR GUNGAHLIN

As the 2016 school year gets underway in Canberra, the growing **Gungahlin community** can look forward to getting **two new schools** in the coming years.

The new **north Gungahlin suburb of Taylor** will be home to a **new primary school to be built by 2019**. This new school will meet the educational needs of students in the suburbs of Moncrieff, Jacka and Taylor. When fully established it will cater for around 80 preschoolers and approximately 450 primary schoolers from kindergarten to year 6.

New high school facilities will also be constructed. A study will look into the timing and location of this school.

For more information visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

Now open at Calvary Hospital. A new multi-storey **car park** offering an additional **515 spaces**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

I hope you are all refreshed after the summer break. I'm sure, like me, you have a busy year ahead of you.

The ACT Government has a big agenda for 2016 including major investments in new health, education and transport infrastructure. We are targeting reductions in waiting times in our emergency departments and faster access to elective surgery. New schools and TAFE facilities are being constructed in Gungahlin, Tuggeranong and the Molonglo Valley. New roads, cyclepaths and footpaths are being built right across the city.

I look forward to updating you through future editions of **Our Canberra**.



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GET OFF TO A GREAT START THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR



1. GET *involved* IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Getting involved in your school is a great way for the whole family to **engage and stay connected with your school's community**. This year get to know your child's teacher and other families, attend events or volunteer, and if you can, take part in school committees.

2. GET *online* FOR TIPS AND RESOURCES

To help make the 2016 school year a good one for your children, **take a look at some of the fact sheets and resources available online**. These include tips and advice on supporting and encouraging learning, and how to build confidence.

 For details visit edu.act.gov.au

3. GET *engaged* WITH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Children do better and learn more when families and teachers work together.

Take some time to explore the range of publications available on parental engagement, why it matters, how it works and how best to foster it.

 For details on parental engagement visit edu.act.gov.au

4. GET *talking* COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Good communication between parents and teachers ensures everyone is on the same page.



HEALTHY CANTEEN GRUB

Canberra school canteens will be offered the opportunity to trial in a new online ordering service for healthy home-made lunches and snacks this school year.

 canberra.ymca.org.au
or act.gov.au/ourcanberra



Term 1 for all Canberra Public Schools **starts:**


Monday 1 February
for new students or

Tuesday 2 February
for continuing students.

 Look up all 2016 term dates at edu.act.gov.au

SUNSMART AT SCHOOL

From 11 am - 3 pm between September and April, UV levels are at their highest. Ensure your child takes a broad-brimmed or legionnaire style hat to school every day and a 30+ broad spectrum and water repellent sunscreen. Contact your child's school for further information on their sun protection guidelines.

 Get more back to school tips at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



MOVIE MARATHON COMING TO GUNGAHLIN

A **movie marathon** is coming to the Gungahlin community in **2016**.

The LDA will partner with Gungahlin College and Communities@Work. It will be seeking support from local businesses and will develop fundraising opportunities for the event.

i For any enquiries please email lda@act.gov.au

TRY CBRfree WI-FI ON THE BUS

Passengers can now be connected on the bus thanks to a **12-month 'CBRfree Wi-Fi trial' on five ACTION buses**.

The buses selected for this trial will be clearly identified and available across several routes and services.



i For more information visit action.act.gov.au

EARTH MOVES FOR CANBERRA'S



**NEWEST
PUBLIC
HOSPITAL**

Work will soon begin on Canberra's newest public hospital - the **University of Canberra Public Hospital**, set to open in 2018.

Brookfield Multiplex has been **chosen to design and build the \$139 million project**. The final design will include convenient underground parking.

Over time, Canberra's newest and third public hospital is **expected to support and lighten the load of Calvary and Canberra Hospitals**, by taking on more patients requiring sub-acute services such as rehabilitation from illness or injuries, or those recovering from surgery.

i For more information visit health.act.gov.au



TOP NAPLAN RESULTS

Great news. Compared to other jurisdictions, NAPLAN mean scores of **ACT students were top or equal top across 19 of the 20 areas tested in 2015**. NAPLAN test results are a great starting point for parents to understand how their children are performing at school.

i Have a **conversation** about your child's literacy and numeracy with their teacher in 2016

PARTIES & EXCURSIONS AT THE ARBORETUM

The National Arboretum will soon be the place to go for school excursions and birthday celebrations.

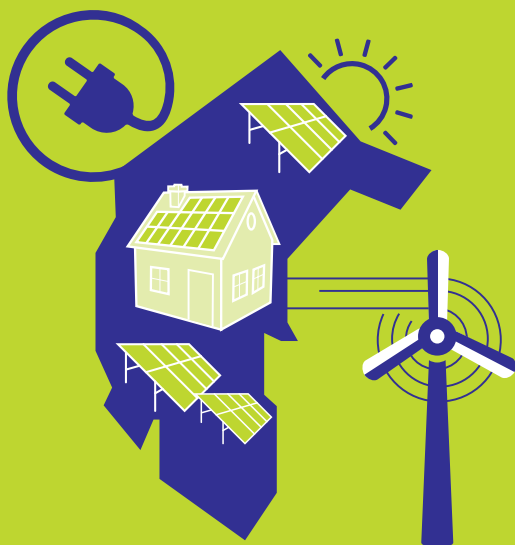
This popular and loved Canberra attraction **now offers birthday parties and school excursions** with a fun and educational twist. Your child can celebrate their birthday with kite-making or a forest adventure party.

i For more information and bookings, call **6207 8484**

i email arboretum@act.gov.au

i or visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au





60%
of the ACT's
electricity
will be renewable by
2017

100%
renewable by
2025

i For more information on renewable energy programs visit environment.act.gov.au/energy

Leading the nation on climate change action.

GET RE-PSYCHED ABOUT RECYCLING

TAKE YOUR TOPS OFF!
Remove lids from containers.

SET YOUR RECYCLING FREE!
Don't put it in a plastic bag.

EMPTY SPRAY? A-OK!
Empty aerosol cans are recyclable.

DON'T SEND FOIL TO THE SOIL!
All aluminium foil is recyclable.

FIRM & FLEXY IS SEXY!
If plastic is flexible but firm, like ice cream containers, it's recyclable.

i For more information visit act.gov.au/recycling



3-4 FEBRUARY 'SPEED MEET THE MINISTER' COMING TO GUNGAHLIN

i For more information visit act.gov.au



20 YEARS CELEBRATING CANBERRA'S DIVERSITY

Canberra's biggest, loudest and much loved celebration of diversity is back. The **National Multicultural Festival** runs from **12-14 February** and is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

This year's headline act will be **The Black Sorrows** with lead singer Joe Camilleri. Also new in 2016 is the **'Bellydance Spectacular Showcase'**, held as part of the Saturday Carnival Parade.

i For more information on the festival visit multiculturalfestival.com.au

t follow **@NatMultiFest** on Twitter or

f **National Multicultural Festival** on Facebook

CULTURE & CREATIVITY COLLIDE



FOR **ENLIGHTEN**
2016

Autumnal landscapes and childhood dreams will breathe life into Canberra after dark as **Enlighten** returns from **4-12 March**.

The national capital's Parliamentary Triangle will again be transformed into a vibrant arts precinct with a range of free and ticketed events – all set against a stunning backdrop. **The Enlighten Night Noodle Markets** also return this year, offering Asian eats, themed bars and live music.

i For program details visit enlightencanberra.com

f or follow **Enlighten** on Facebook



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