

OUR CANBERRA

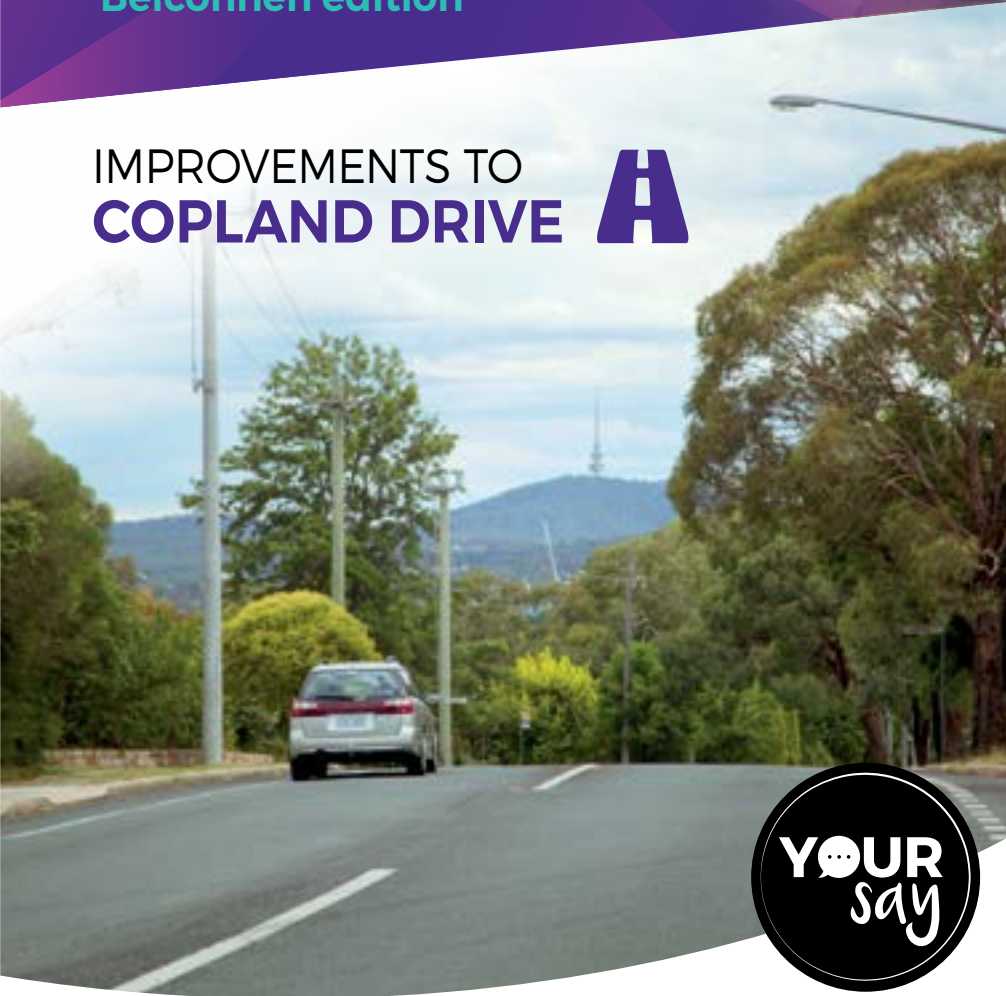
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IMPROVEMENTS TO COPLAND DRIVE **A**



DO YOU LIVE IN EVATT, MELBA OR SPENCE?

Have you noticed traffic improvements on Copland Drive and surrounding streets? These include new pavement markings, signage and pedestrian refuge islands.

We're now evaluating the effectiveness of these upgrades in reducing traffic speeds and improving road safety and want to hear from you.

i Tell us what traffic changes you have noticed in this area at yoursay.act.gov.au

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NEW TEACHERS JOIN THE TEAM

Shaun Grandi is a new teacher at Giralang Primary. He is one of 270 new teachers and staff who have joined one of Canberra's 87 public schools this year.

i For more on Shaun and other new teachers visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



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Celebrate the Canberra Day public holiday on Monday 13 March

Find out more in this edition

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Making it faster and easier for Canberrans and businesses to interact with the government is the driving force behind Access Canberra. Whether you want to recharge your MyWay card, register your pet dog or find a licensed tradesperson, Access Canberra has all that information, and more. You can also improve your suburb through the Fix My Street portal.

We're offering many new services both online and at the new and efficient high-tech Access Canberra shopfronts across the city.

Through these services, we have been able to reduce red tape for residents and businesses and deliver significant reform in the way Canberrans interact with government. Read more details about the services in this edition.



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

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IMPROVING CANBERRA'S MENTAL HEALTH

The Office for Mental Health is being established in Canberra. The office will address gaps in mental health services, set targets for suicide reduction, and provide more support for young people to improve their mental health.

NEW SUPPORT PROGRAM NEUROMOVES

A new NeuroMoves Program will provide people with spinal cord and various neurological conditions with access to much needed support.

Developed by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, this is a new program to Canberra that improves access to quality, individualised support including innovative exercise and rehabilitation.

NeuroMoves will operate out of John James HealthCare Campus and is expected to start later this year.

For more information visit scia.org.au/exercise-neuromoves



ACCESS CANBERRA NOW IN NEW LOCATIONS

There are now faster transactions, more services and less waiting in line at Access Canberra shopfronts.

Land titles and revenue services have relocated to Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson.

All other services previously offered at the old Fyshwick shopfront are available at our existing Access Canberra Service Centres in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin. The shopfront in Woden is now located at the Cosmopolitan Building at the Woden bus interchange.

For more information visit act.gov.au/accesscbr



FREE OFF-PEAK TRAVEL

Eligible senior and concession MyWay card holders can now travel free off-peak on ACTION buses as part of a 12 month trial (excludes student and tertiary card holders).

Simply tap on with your MyWay card for free travel between 9am and 4.30pm, and after 6pm weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au



CANBERRA WALK & RIDE WEEK

17-24 MARCH



Look out for an exciting program of events hosted by a range of community organisations.

Canberrans are encouraged to use a GPS tracking Smartphone app to record their walking and cycling activities across the week.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au



COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLBEING

Canberra public schools are committed to providing all students with an inclusive and supportive education.

For more information and resources about student wellbeing visit education.act.gov.au

Many schools will take part in the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** on **17 March 2017**, with students coming together to take a stand against all forms of bullying, harassment and violence. It's just one way of encouraging a safe and respectful environment.

In addition, the ACT Government-supported Safe Schools program assists same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students and their families.

Every school also has its own programs to support student wellbeing. If you are concerned about your child, speak to their teacher or principal.

A SAFER GATEWAY FOR NORTH CANBERRA

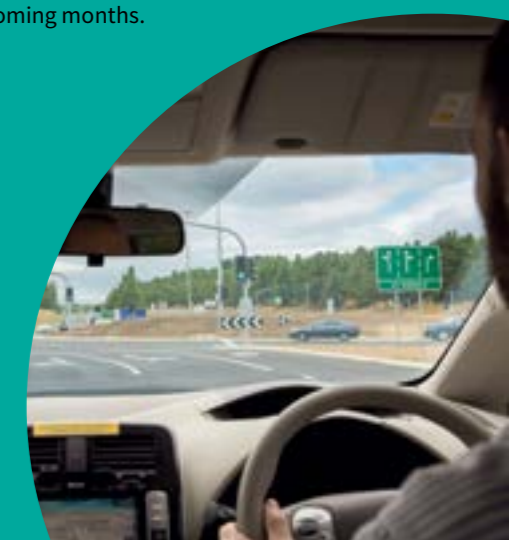


Traffic lights are now operating at the Barton Highway and Gundaroo Drive intersection.

Even though it's still in a roundabout layout, drivers should approach the lights just like any other intersection. Stop on a red light, go when it's green and be aware that the traffic lights may direct you to stop as you travel through the intersection.

These traffic lights will help improve safety and balance traffic flow during peak periods.

Traffic at the intersection will continue to be monitored over the coming months.



SOLAR FOR CANBERRA

Two new solar farms are now operating in the ACT and the numbers are impressive.

They'll produce **44,300 Mwh** a year to power around **6,050 homes**

There's **84,000 solar panels** at the **2 farms**


40% of Canberra's electricity supply will come from renewables in **2017**

Visit actsmart.act.gov.au for more information.



A SYMPHONY FOR CANBERRA

Framed by the tree lined landscape of the iconic Commonwealth Park sit back and relax as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra brings the work of a well known band to life. Bring a picnic, blanket and popcorn or enjoy a bite to eat from the food stalls.

 Sunday 12 March at Stage 88. For more information visit events.act.gov.au

A PASSPORT TO AN AMAZING CHILDHOOD

Kick-start some amazing outdoor adventures for your children with a Nature Play Passport.

The Passport has 10 'mission' pages, stickers and suggestions on great places to go and things to do outdoors. The idea is to get kids to run, jump, climb, splash, invent, create and play outside by completing a series of fun, low and no cost missions and record their results in the Passport.

 Get your free Passport at natureplaycbr.org.au


LIGHTS! CANBERRA! ACTION!


A piece of Hollywood returns with the 14th year of this short film festival on Friday 10 March from 7pm in the Senate Rose Gardens.

CELEBRATE CANBERRA DAY

Canberra's turning 104! Celebrations kick off bright and early at the Canberra Balloon Spectacular. Enjoy a delicious breakfast on the lawns of Old Parliament House, watching hot air balloons take to the sky as the sun rises.

Later in the day, join us to celebrate all things Canberra with a program bursting to the seams with food and free entertainment.


 Monday 13 March at Commonwealth Park.


 For more information on Canberra Day and the Balloon Spectacular, visit events.act.gov.au

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CONNECT & PARTICIPATE IN CBR

The Connect and Participate Expo showcases opportunities for Canberrans of all abilities and ages to join groups and build social connections around common interests, such as art, sport and music. Entry is free.

 Saturday 25 March, 11am to 4pm at the Old Bus Depot Markets, Kingston.

 For more information visit connectandparticipateexpo.com.au



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