

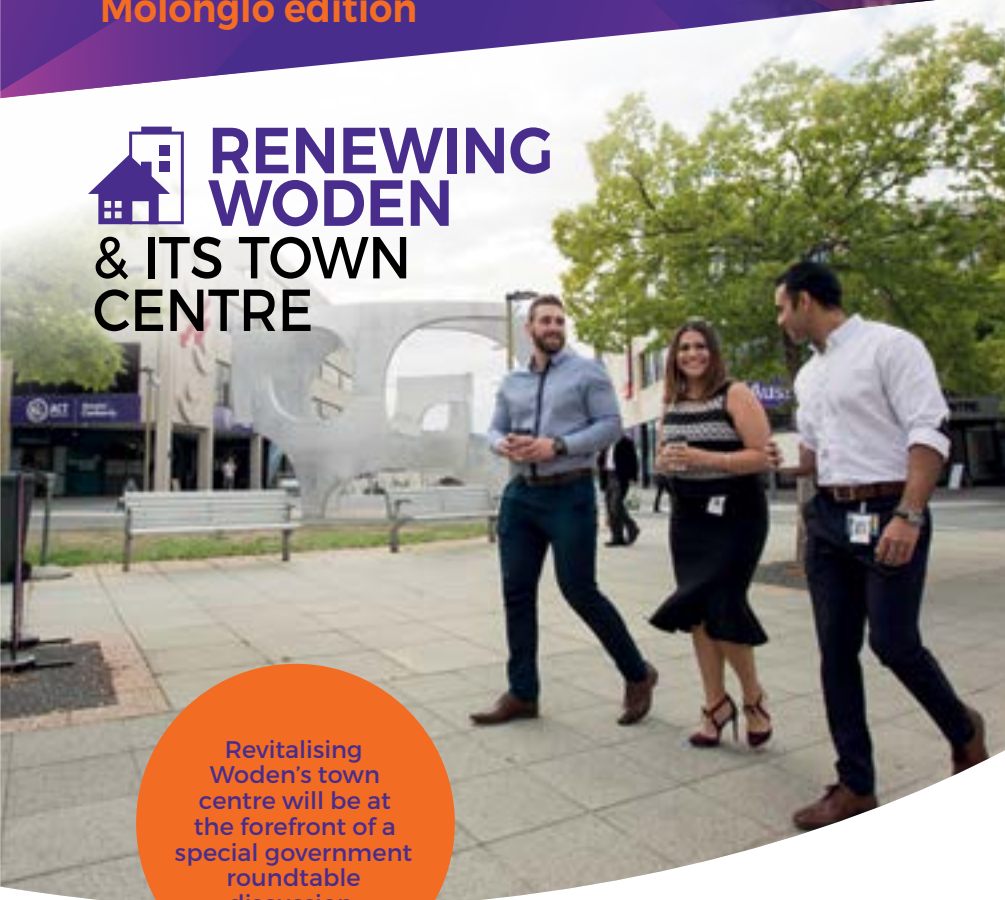
# OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



May 2017

## RENEWING WODEN & ITS TOWN CENTRE



Revitalising Woden's town centre will be at the forefront of a special government roundtable discussion.

Woden's revitalisation is continuing with the new Access Canberra opening and ACT Health staff moving into Bowes Street.

Work to upgrade Phillip Oval and walking and cycling infrastructure is also underway.

More than 1000 ACT Government employees are now working in Woden, bringing new business to the area.

There have been upgrades to local roads, intersections and the bus interchange. And plans are underway for Light Rail Stage 2 to Woden.

Local stakeholders will share ideas for further town centre renewal at a special roundtable to be held in the coming months.

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## GET A RIDE ON THE WESTON LINE



Route 182 is Weston Creek's new all day direct bus service to the City and Woden.

Known as the Weston Line, route 182 operates Monday to Friday travelling between Woden, Cooleman Court and the City. This service also stops at the North Weston 'Park and Ride' on Cotter Road. Here you can park your car for free and bus the rest of the way. There are also secure 'Bike and Ride' facilities on site.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au) or call 13 17 10



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As the ACT Government plans and develops major projects, it's important the views of the entire Canberra community are heard and considered along the way.

The Your Say website is an exciting new way to engage online, share ideas and have your say on ACT Government projects and initiatives. Canberrans have great ideas about life in our city and we want to hear them. In this edition of Our Canberra you'll see projects that are open for public consultation, including improvements to our enclosed dog parks.

Your Say is just one of the ways we listen to Canberrans and I'm committed to improving our community engagement so all Canberrans can have their say in making the city we love even better.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra) or follow us on social media.



For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)





## IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL DOG PARK

If you use one of Canberra's six fenced dog parks, then we want to hear from you. We're seeking feedback from dog park users on what improvements could improve safety and convenience for the dogs and people who visit them.



There's not much time left to have your say so make sure you visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au) today.

## KEEPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE

If you're a coach, employee or volunteer in junior or disability sports, you need to hold a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

Do you need to be registered? If you are not sure, take the online survey at [act.gov.au/wwwptakethetest](http://act.gov.au/wwwptakethetest).

The WWVP Scheme is an important way to protect children and vulnerable members of our community.

There are three easy steps to apply for WWVP registration, and it's free for volunteers.

For more information and to apply visit [act.gov.au/accessCBB](http://act.gov.au/accessCBB)



## SUPPORTING FUTURE CAREERS

The future careers of eight Canberra students have been given a boost after being awarded an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Scholarship.

Sarah Mills was awarded one for the high calibre of her school work, community involvement and her passion for learning.

The scholarships support year 11 and 12 students and help increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals in the vocational education and training sector.

For more information visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)



## GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

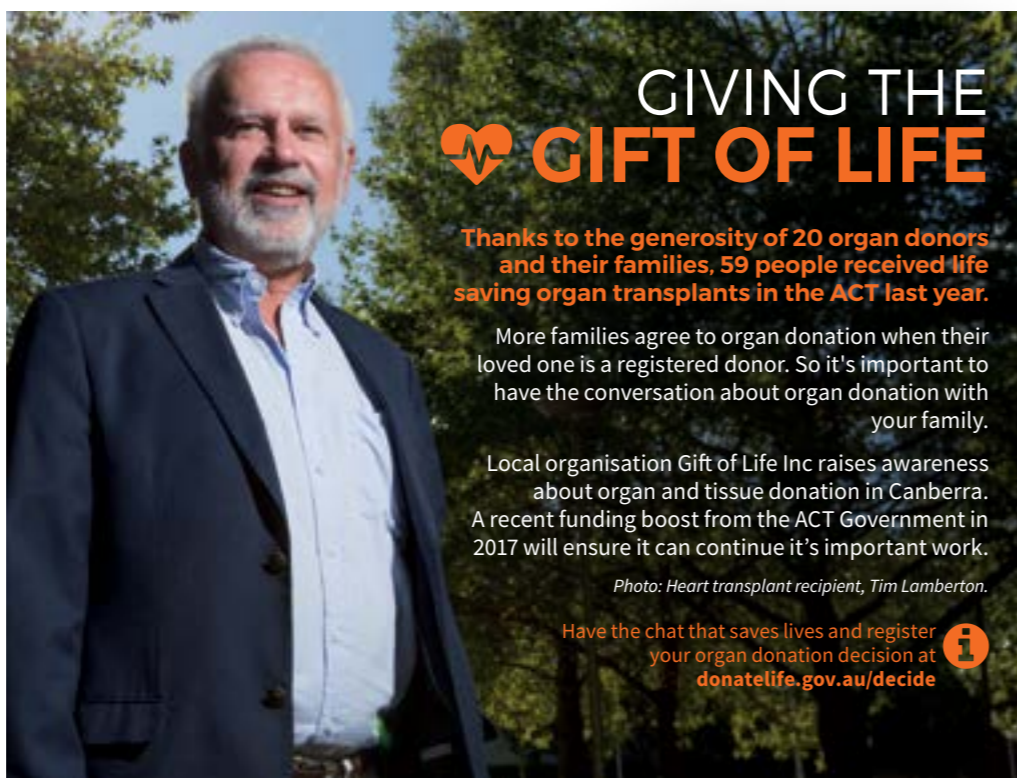
Thanks to the generosity of 20 organ donors and their families, 59 people received life saving organ transplants in the ACT last year.

More families agree to organ donation when their loved one is a registered donor. So it's important to have the conversation about organ donation with your family.

Local organisation Gift of Life Inc raises awareness about organ and tissue donation in Canberra. A recent funding boost from the ACT Government in 2017 will ensure it can continue it's important work.

Photo: Heart transplant recipient, Tim Lambertson.

Have the chat that saves lives and register your organ donation decision at [donatelifelife.gov.au/decide](http://donatelifelife.gov.au/decide)



## WORLD-CLASS FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN CANBERRA



Melrose High School is the home of Canberra's newest FIFA accredited synthetic football field.

Students and locals are all invited to play up a storm on the new field and its other upgraded sportsgrounds.

The Melrose High School community uses the complex during school hours. Sporting associations and other groups can use the new and improved facilities on weekends and after school hours.

For more information and bookings visit [sport.act.gov.au](http://sport.act.gov.au)

## CATCH A BUS TO THE AIRPORT

A new bus service now connects Canberra Airport to Civic. Bus route 11 operates every half hour on weekdays and every hour on weekends.

Save money by using your MyWay card on the service, or pay a cash fare to the driver when boarding.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## DISCOVER ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Have you considered one of Canberra's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

"I love how diverse our school is and how supportive our staff members are. It is a nice place where everyone comes together."

Isabella, Mount Stromlo High School

For more information on the enrolment process and school open nights visit [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)



## ONE MILLION SQUARE METRES OF SMOOTHER, SAFER ROADS

Resurfacing crews have been working hard to improve Canberra's roads, day and night. Over the last five months more than one million square metres of roads were resurfaced across the capital, including Hindmarsh Drive and Athllon Drive.

Canberra's annual road resurfacing program protects and extends the life of our road system and improves safety.

A daily road resurfacing schedule is available at [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)

## DENMAN PROSPECT STREET NAMES HONOUR ACTIVISTS

The names of inspiring and dynamic people linked to activism and reform are the street names of Molonglo Valley's newest suburb 'Denman Prospect'.

One example is Freebury Street. Its name commemorates feminist and civil liberty activist Julia Trubridge-Freebury. Julia was a prominent activist for the campaign to repeal abortion law in NSW during the 60s and 70s.

For more information visit [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)







# TRACK MOWING IN YOUR SUBURB

We know how important mowing of public spaces is to Canberrans, especially for those who love to get outdoors in our bush capital.

There's now an online map to track mowing across the city. The map shows where mowing has been done and which suburbs are next.

It can also alert you of any delays to the mowing schedule due to wet weather or high fire danger. The map is updated every week.

 For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## MEET YOUR 2017 CANBERRA CITIZEN

For 22 years, Alex Sloan has been telling the stories of Canberrans and supporting community organisations and charitable events. Alex is our Canberra Citizen of the Year for 2017.

Alex says she's loved being able to make meaningful connections with the city and the people who live here. "That's been my job - to connect with community. Canberra has grown and flourished in the 22 years I've been on air. I think I've been able to tell those stories and have those debates," she said.

 Read more about Alex at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)




## LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER

Canbrrrr...winter is coming. Here are some tips on how to stay warm and keep your energy bills low.

- > Draught-proof your house using door sweeps and weather strip your windows.
- > Have your gas or reverse cycle heating systems serviced, including duct work.
- > Ensure your ceiling insulation has an R-value of 5 or better and install good window coverings.
- > Turn off heating overnight, when not at home, and in unused rooms.
- > Make sure your hot water pipes are well insulated.




 For advice or to register for a FREE workshop, call 1300 141 777 or visit [actsmart.act.gov.au](http://actsmart.act.gov.au)

## BE PREPARED FOR FLU SEASON

Winter is almost upon us and so is the flu season. Now is the time to start thinking about a flu vaccination. It helps protect you, your family and the wider community.

Check with your GP, local pharmacist, or workplace to enquire about how you can book your vaccination now.

 For more information on immunisation, contact the Immunisation Information Line on 6205 2300, visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au) or email [immunisation@act.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@act.gov.au)



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