

OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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LATEST ON GUNGALIN ROADS



There's a lot of construction right now across Gungahlin to improve local roads and our wider transport network.

Construction continues on the duplication of Gundaroo Drive between Gungahlin Drive and Mirrabai Drive. Utility relocation and earthworks should be finished soon.

Works then transfer to the widening of the existing carriageway. Work is expected to finish in early 2018.

The first stage of Horse Park Drive duplication between Anthony Rolfe Avenue and Well Station Drive is almost finished. These works include bridges over Gungahlin Creek, traffic lights on Mapleton Avenue and reconfiguration of the signals at Well Station Drive.

Works have also started on stage two of Horse Park Drive duplication between Anthony Rolfe Avenue and Mulligans Flat Road. For safety, traffic speeds will reduce during construction. Impacts on the pedestrian underpasses will be staggered for safe access under Horse Park Drive. This work is expected to finish late 2018

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THE MOVIES ARE COMING TO GUNGALIN

The plans have been approved for Gungahlin's new three storey cinema complex.

The complex will have almost 20,000 square metres of cinema, restaurants, retail and commercial space as well as underground parking. It follows significant recent investment in the town centre. This includes the expansion of the Marketplace, construction of new apartment complexes and the start of light rail.

Located on the corner of Hibberson and Hinder Streets, construction is expected to start later this year.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

With work well underway on the first stage of our city-wide light rail network, we have asked Canberrans to help shape the route for stage two of the project – linking the City to Woden town centre.

Light rail to Woden involves crossing the lake and going through the Parliamentary Triangle and, by 2041, almost 90,000 people will live within one kilometre of stage 2. Have your say on exactly where the route goes, and where the stops are located.

Since we asked Canberrans their views in early May, we've had a huge amount of constructive feedback. There is still some time to have your say on stage 2. Visit yoursay.act.gov.au before this phase of consultation closes on Sunday 11 June.



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

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For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au

NEW AUTHORITY TO RENEW OUR CITY CENTRE



Canberra's new City Renewal Authority starts operating next month. It will focus on breathing new life into the city centre and Dickson.

The new authority will support development of public spaces and buildings around Northbourne Avenue and will create West Basin's new lakeside precinct. The authority will take the same successful precinct based approach as Brisbane's Southbank and Perth's Elizabeth Quay. It will have a board of directors and expertise in design, engineering, sustainability, community building and administration.

NEW AGENCY TO FOCUS ON OUR SUBURBS

Starting from 1 July is the new Suburban Land Agency, focusing on our suburbs. It will deliver greenfield residential estates, land releases and affordable housing, as well as urban renewal projects in town centres and suburbs.

MORE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR REFUGEES

More refugees and asylum seekers in the ACT now have access to training in areas of skills shortage.

The eligibility criteria for the Australian Apprenticeships and Skilled Capital programs have been expanded. It now includes refugees and asylum seekers on temporary and bridging visas. The changes provide more employment opportunities for our newest Canberrans.

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



21 year-old Jawad Haidari is a permanent humanitarian visa holder. Jawad is an apprentice at Simplicity Kitchens. You can read more about Jawad's story at act.gov.au/ourcanberra

ACT BUDGET 6 JUNE 2017

On 6 June 2017 visit treasury.act.gov.au for details on the ACT Budget 2017/2018.

Also keep an eye out in your letterbox during June for more information on how this year's budget benefits your region.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

All ACT students deserve access to a quality education so they can have a bright future. While the ACT is generally a high performing jurisdiction, there's more we can do.

We have started a conversation about what the future of education looks like and we need your help. We're seeking views from our children and young people, teachers, support staff and administration staff, parents, carers and families, as well as the broader community.

i To join this important conversation, go to yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation



THANKS GUNG AHLIN SES

ACT SES crews have responded to more than 2,500 calls for assistance since July 2016. We thank all our SES volunteers for the vital assistance they provide the community throughout the year.

"I love being part of the SES Gungahlin because it has given me the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and give back to my community."

Louise O'Connor, Gungahlin Unit.

i For information on how you can prepare your home for winter storms visit esa.act.gov.au



WALTZING IN NEW MONCRIEFF PARK

A new park named in honour of two famous Australian musicians is now open in Moncrieff.

Dawson Park recognises the contributions of Smoky Dawson and Peter Dawson to the Australian music industry. Smoky Dawson strongly influenced Australian country music. Peter Dawson was a bass-baritone singer-songwriter and recording artist. His recordings of *Advance Australia Fair* and *Waltzing Matilda* made both songs very popular.



Dawson Park is a neighbourhood play space located at Slim Dusty Circuit, Moncrieff.

L to R: Norm and Terry Griffin (relatives of Smoky Dawson) Iris, Alan and Raylene Mullins (relatives of Peter Dawson).

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK: HEALTHY BODY - HEALTHY MIND

It is not always easy to stay on top of your physical and mental wellbeing. This year's Men's Health Week focuses on 'healthy body - healthy mind', exploring ways in which men and boys are keeping physically and emotionally healthy.

i For links to support services and tips visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

For more information on Men's Health Week 12 - 18 June, visit menshealthweek.org.au



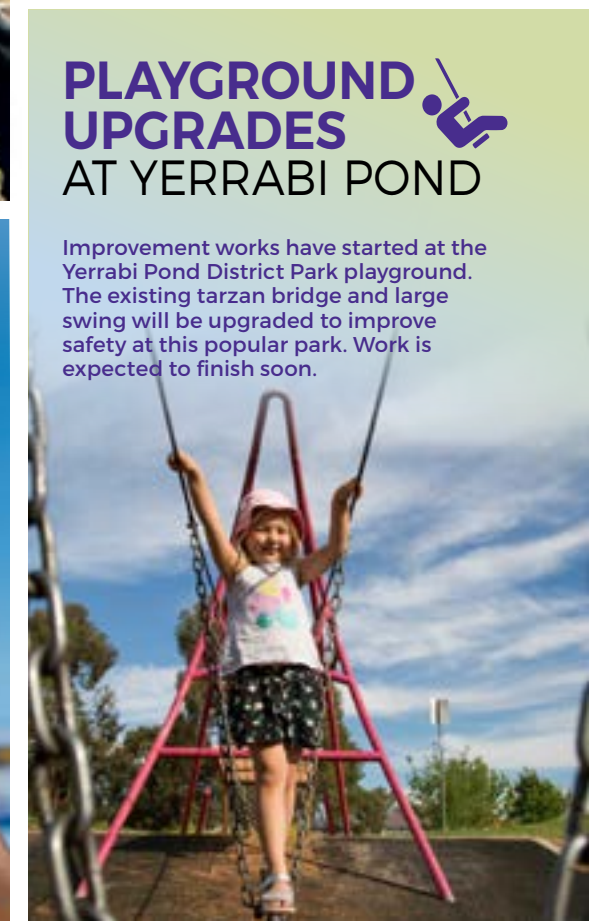
UC PUBLIC HOSPITAL TAKES SHAPE

The University of Canberra Public Hospital, the ACT's third public hospital, is taking shape. It's due to open in mid-2018.

The design of this purpose-built, state-of-the-art rehabilitation hospital is inspired by Canberra's landscape and the site's natural surroundings. The new hospital will offer dedicated services and support for people recovering from an injury, surgery or mental health condition.

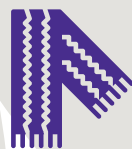
PLAYGROUND UPGRADES AT YERRABI POND

Improvement works have started at the Yerrabi Pond District Park playground. The existing tarzan bridge and large swing will be upgraded to improve safety at this popular park. Work is expected to finish soon.





WARM TREES AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM



Come and see a huge installation of knitting and crochet on trees this July at the National Arboretum's Warm Trees event. This year the largest knitted flowers in the world will be on display.

Join us for a free 'knit in', enjoy a free guided Warm Trees walk or attend the origami workshops for children. Sponsored by Friends of the Arboretum and the Embassy of Japan, Warm Trees is a volunteer community project.

For more information visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au



NOMINATE AN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

Give our nation's best the recognition they deserve. Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards. Nominations close 6 August 2017.



For more information and to nominate visit australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate

WINTER WARMING TIPS AT ACTSMART WORKSHOPS



Winter is here along with cold feet and higher bills. Actsmart's free winter workshop series shows you how you can stay warm while minimising your energy bills.

The workshops include practical demonstrations on draught proofing your home, reducing the amount of escaping heat as well as tips on operating your heating systems. There are workshops on solar panels and battery storage too.

For more information visit actsmart.act.gov.au



CANBERRA'S PUBLIC HOUSING STORY

Public housing is an important part of Canberra's story and our community. Many Canberrans grew up in the familiar 'govies'.

Today, our public housing is targeted to those in particular need. It helps women and children leaving family violence, older people, many single parent households and people with limited financial means.

Public housing and its tenants helped shape our city and represent the wider Canberra community.



For more information about public housing visit economicdevelopment.act.gov.au



REGATTA POINT: NOT JUST FOR VISITORS

Canberra locals are encouraged to check out the new Canberra and Region Visitors Centre at Regatta Point.

The state-of-the-art centre presents visitor information in a different way, with interactive digital displays, a large-scale video wall and a dedicated kids' zone. It's also the perfect place to pick up event tickets, shop for local products or have a break after a lakeside walk.

The National Capital Exhibition and The Deck café provide even more reasons to drop by, with plenty of parking nearby.



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