

# OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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## BLACK RAPID LINKS GUNGAHLIN TO BELCO

You'll be able to try this new Rapid service FREE for two months.

A new frequent bus service is coming soon to Canberra's northside linking Gungahlin and Belconnen town centres.

The new Black Rapid will operate Monday to Friday, every 15 minutes or better. Best of all, you can try this new service for free during the first two months of operation.

This new service will get started in the coming months.

The ACT Government is expanding its high frequency Rapid bus network over the next four years with an additional seven Rapid services.

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

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## A WALK-IN CENTRE FOR GUNGAHLIN

A new nurse-led walk-in centre is coming to Gungahlin in 2018.

The Gungahlin centre will be one of two new walk-in centres opening in Canberra, with two existing centres already operating in Belconnen and Tuggeranong. Gungahlin's centre will be connected to the Gungahlin Community Health Centre and is expected to open late 2018.

Walk-in Centres are open every day from 7.30am to 10pm, with no appointment needed.

 For more information on walk-in centres visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

It was great to speak to commuters at Canberra Station recently about their experience with the current slow and unreliable rail service between Canberra and Sydney. I took the long four hour journey myself on the way to discuss possible solutions with the NSW Government, so we can try to get a better service with reduced travel time.

A faster train service will make the journey safer and less stressful for thousands of Canberrans, reduce the numbers of cars on the Hume Highway, improve productivity for business travel and enhance the lives of Canberrans and those in NSW towns along the route.

Together, we will lobby the Federal Government to upgrade the route as part of its national rail program to make the rail service more competitive with road. I'll keep you informed about how it goes.



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)



## BETTER ACCESS TO TRAINING FOR ALL AGES

Canberrans of all ages now have more opportunity to up-skill or re-skill.

The limit on the number of funded Australian apprenticeships a person can access under the 'ACT Australian Apprenticeships program' has been removed. This means that Canberrans at different stages of life have more opportunities to enhance their job prospects or to seek a new career.



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

Photo: Elizabeth Suarez is a qualified chef. She is currently being trained in leadership and management, via a traineeship at the Food Service Department of The Canberra Hospital.

## STUDENTS REAP BENEFITS OF LOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Research has found that engaging in musical activities helps children learn and enhances skills in other areas.

More than 2,300 students in ACT Public Schools are getting involved in the ACT Instrumental Music Program. These kids are learning social interaction and performance skills, and how to cooperate and strive for excellence.

For more information visit [imp.act.edu.au](http://imp.act.edu.au)



## THE ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY TURNS ONE

A world-first free mobile laundry service for the homeless has now been operating in Canberra for a year.

Thanks to the dedication of many volunteers, Orange Sky Laundry provides people experiencing homelessness with the opportunity to clean their clothes as well as a friendly chat.

The ACT Government has committed \$50,000 to support the service.

To donate, volunteer or learn more go to [orangeskylaundry.com.au](http://orangeskylaundry.com.au)

Photo: Volunteers Hilary Thomson and Neil Stafford operating the mobile laundry near the Canberra City Uniting Church Early Morning Centre.

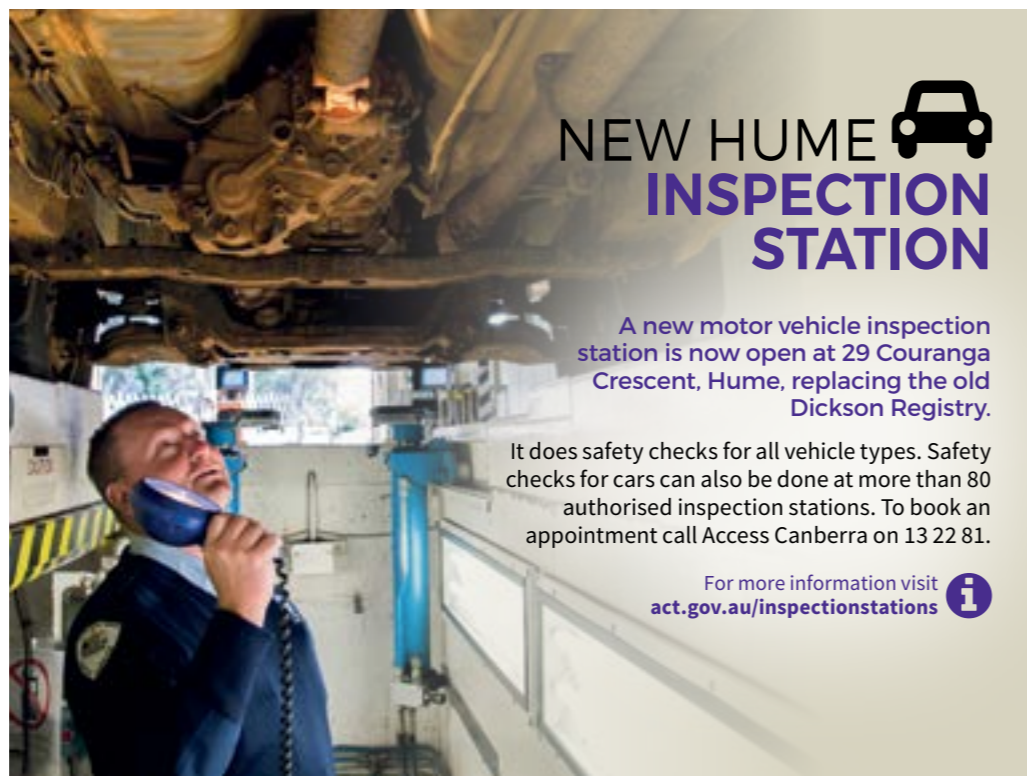


## NEW HUME INSPECTION STATION

A new motor vehicle inspection station is now open at 29 Couranga Crescent, Hume, replacing the old Dickson Registry.

It does safety checks for all vehicle types. Safety checks for cars can also be done at more than 80 authorised inspection stations. To book an appointment call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

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

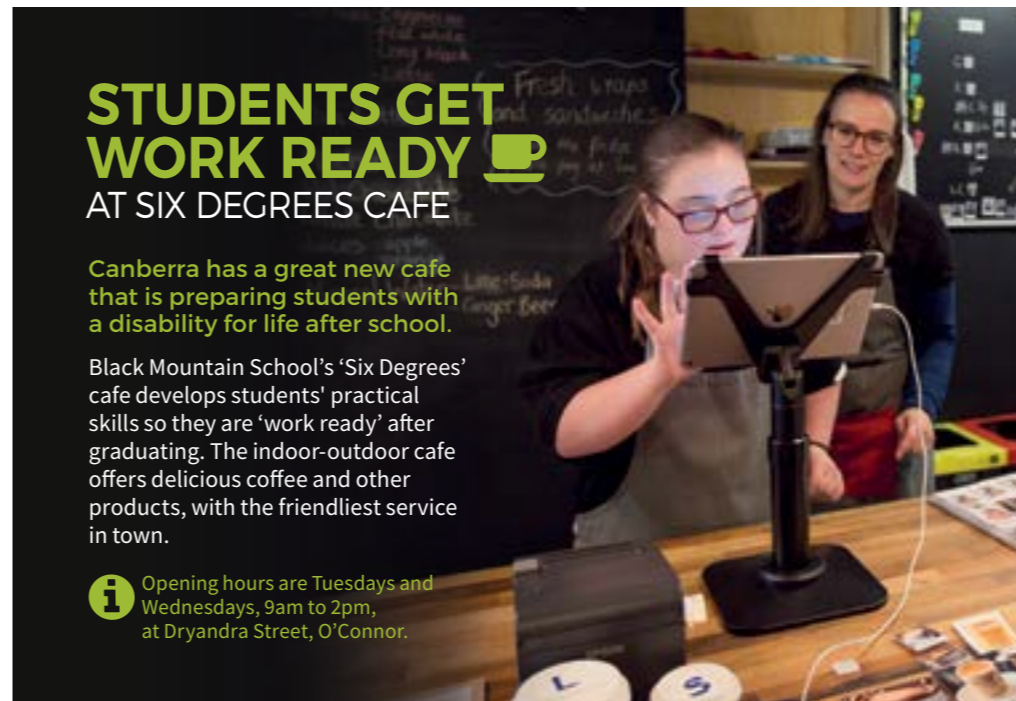


## STUDENTS GET WORK READY AT SIX DEGREES CAFE

Canberra has a great new cafe that is preparing students with a disability for life after school.

Black Mountain School's 'Six Degrees' cafe develops students' practical skills so they are 'work ready' after graduating. The indoor-outdoor cafe offers delicious coffee and other products, with the friendliest service in town.

Opening hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am to 2pm, at Dryandra Street, O'Connor.



## GUNGAHLIN ROADS UPDATE

### NEW ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE VALLEY AVENUE

Work will start in the coming months on a new road to the south of The Valley Avenue. The new road will provide access and services to the Gungahlin Town Centre East development and will link to Gungahlin Place, Kate Crace Street and Manning Clark Crescent. As part of this upgrade, the Gungahlin Place/The Valley Avenue intersection and Kate Crace/Valley Avenue intersection will become four-way signalised intersections. Work will take around 12 months to finish.

### ERNEST CAVANAGH STREET EXTENSION

Work will also soon start on the extension of Ernest Cavanagh Street between Hinder Street and Manning Clark Crescent to provide access for the Gungahlin Town Centre East development.

### GUNDAROO DRIVE UPGRADES

The duplication of 2.6 kilometres of Gundaroo Drive between Gungahlin Drive and the Barton Highway will start next year. The upgrade will include on-road cycle lanes and modifications to the roundabouts at Abena Avenue, Nudurr Drive and Burrowa Street. Construction is expected to start in early 2018.

An upgrade is also planned for the Gundaroo Drive and Mirrabai Drive intersection. It will replace the current roundabout with traffic lights and will provide a second traffic lane on Mirrabai Drive eastbound from Paul Coe Crescent to Gundaroo Drive.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT THE ARBORETUM

There'll be art and craft at the Arboretum this July school holidays.

Learn the art of origami or drop-in for a free knit-in as part of the Warm Trees event. Enjoy exploring the walking and cycling trails, pod playground and picnic deck in the Himalayan cedars.

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

## PARK & PEDAL: GLENLOCH INTERCHANGE

There's a new Park & Pedal site to help you get active and get around our capital. The new site is on Canberra's northside at Caswell Drive at the Glenloch Interchange.

At a Park & Pedal, you can park your car for free and pedal the rest of your journey. All sites also offer good connections with major road networks and off-road paths to nearby town centres.

For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au). Follow the 'Active Travel' links.



# CANBERRA STUDENTS




## FEEL THE ANZAC SPIRIT

Two Canberra public school students have had the trip of a lifetime to the Western Front.

Sophie Holloway from Campbell High School and Liam Hollis from Canberra High School (pictured) were the recipients of the 2017 ACT Chief Minister's ANZAC Spirit Prize. The duo represented the ACT on a two week study tour with a battlefield tour specialist, visiting key battlefields and laying a wreath at Villers-Bretonneux during the dawn service on Anzac Day.


The students were selected for their creative exploration of the connection between France, Australia and the ANZAC Spirit. Entries for the ACT Chief Minister's ANZAC Spirit Prize 2018 will open in term three 2017.

 To make an enquiry email [ANZACSpiritPrize@act.gov.au](mailto:ANZACSpiritPrize@act.gov.au)  
Information will soon be available at [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)



## STAY SAFE ON YOUR SNOW TRIP

During winter, roads in our mountains are often closed due to bad weather and extreme conditions. Closing roads prevents accidents and damage. Canberrans are urged to respect road closures, obey signage and take extreme caution when driving.

 For more information on road conditions and access visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au), or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.



## WEST BASIN'S NEW PUBLIC PROMENADE

A stunning public promenade that will make West Basin a more attractive and accessible destination for Canberrans and visitors is taking shape. Now underway is the first 150 metres of boardwalk and the creation of a new public park.


Stage two of the project starts in early 2018. It will include jetties and the next 500 metres of boardwalk, which will connect the future public promenade to the water's edge. This is part of a 50 metre wide public space along the entirety of the West Basin.



## BURN RIGHT THIS WINTER

Smoke from wood heaters is the largest source of air pollution in Canberra. Here are some tips to stay warm and help Canberra improve its air quality:

- only use dry, well-seasoned, untreated wood
- store wood in a well-ventilated, covered space
- don't overfill your heater – use two or three small logs instead of one large log
- buy wood from an authorised firewood merchant
- or consider replacing your wood heater. You could be eligible for a rebate under the 'Wood Heater Replacement Program'. Email [actsmart@act.gov.au](mailto:actsmart@act.gov.au) for details.

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



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