

OUR CANBERRA

Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo edition



ACT Government

October 2018

FIVE STARS for ARAWANG PRIMARY SCHOOL



School awarded for reducing ecological footprint

Arawang Primary School has been recognised for reducing its ecological footprint.

Staff and students worked hard to see the Weston Creek school awarded a five-star Actsmart Schools accreditation.

The school introduced a number of initiatives such as waste-free lunches and a new Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. It is using vegetables from the garden program in its café kitchen. The school also took part in Earth Hour and Clean up Australia Day.

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NEW PHILLIP OVAL PAVILION

Upgrades to Phillip Oval are now complete.

The new look pavilion has a second level that features a community area, coaches' boxes, scorer and umpire rooms, as well as a multi-purpose room.

Matches and training can also be held at any time of the day or night. For fans a new electronic scoreboard has been installed at the ground.

The new pavilion adds to the indoor cricket centre and outdoor wickets, completed in 2017.

12 Spoering Street, Phillip



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Everyone has to buy Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance, but at the moment, our scheme doesn't always cover Canberrans when it matters. If you are the driver and get injured in a single car accident, you can't claim under our current CTP scheme. So we're making some changes.

The new Motor Accident Injuries Scheme means everyone injured in a motor vehicle accident can get up to 5 years of medical treatment and wages replacement, as long as they're not breaking the law when the accident happens.

The new Scheme means getting help more quickly, without having to go to court, and ensures everyone is better protected.

For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au/ctp



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

LAWNMOWING SCHEDULE

RAMPS UP



More investment in City Services means you'll see our teams out and about keeping Canberra neat and tidy during peak growing times of spring and summer.

View the interactive map to see when mowing will take place in your suburb.

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



EMERGENCY SIGNS KEEPING YOU SAFE

There are now 12 Electronic Fire Danger Signs installed along major arterial roads across the ACT.

The signs will keep Canberrans informed on fire danger during the warmer months.

The signs automatically display the Fire Danger Rating each day during the Bushfire Season and if required, other safety and information messages.



CANBERRA'S NEW BUS NETWORK

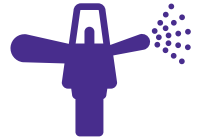
Thanks Canberra for your feedback on plans for a new bus network. By 2030 we'll be a city of 500,000, so we're getting ready with an integrated transport network.

For eight weeks we heard your views in focus groups, at interchanges, schools, community meetings and online. You told us you were happy to get more buses more often, but current bus users also told us how the changes could affect them. 'Xpresso' users were concerned their travel times will be longer. We also heard you want more information on school services to prepare for the new network. We'll have more to tell you in the coming months.

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CBR BE READY



This year's bushfire season has started a month earlier than usual in Canberra.

The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) supports the community through times of fire, storm and extreme heat, especially during the September to March storm and bushfire season.

Canberrans should ensure they understand Fire Danger Rating (FDR) levels to help them make decisions when travelling in and around the ACT. The ESA will update the FDR daily. It is displayed on electronic signs on all major arterial roads across the ACT, and online.

i For more information on how to 'Be Ready' visit esa.act.gov.au



CANBERRA HOSPITAL'S MOST ENTERTAINING EMPLOYEE



The newest staff member at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children is a robot named MediZen.

MediZen is programmed to sing, dance and talk to children, to help them cope with stress and distract them during medical procedures.

Thanks to funding raised through the EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment Charity and the Canberra Hospital Foundation, children receiving treatment and their families can have a less stressful experience during their stay and be fascinated with this high-tech entertainment.



See MediZen perform at act.gov.au/our-canberra

LOCAL ROADS RESURFACED



Almost one million square metres of road will be resurfaced across the ACT between now and early next year.

In Woden, Weston Creek and Molonglo work will take place on arterial roads including: Yamba Drive from Kitchener Street to Wisdom Street; and Lady Denman Drive from Cotter Road to Scrivener Dam.

The resurfacing program protects and extends the life of Canberra's roads while improving safety.



For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au

DIGITAL FINGERTIPS



There's so much to do online with Libraries ACT.

You can enjoy popular eBooks and eAudio books without leaving the comfort of your home. You can even download and keep hundreds of popular magazines and thousands of music tracks and videos, all for free.

Our public libraries give you access to thousands of electronic resources using your library membership and PIN. All have free WiFi.

For more information visit library.act.gov.au



DONATE and RECYCLE



There are a number of options in the ACT to help you recycle or donate unwanted items.

Seniors and concession card holders can book one free residential bulky waste collection each financial year.

If you aren't eligible for this service, you can recycle a range of reusable household and garden goods at The Green Shed (Mitchell and Symonston), or donate through the GIVIT website, or one of the many charity stores and op shops in Canberra.

Recycle your old mattresses with 'Soft Landing'.

For more information on bulky waste collections visit tccs.act.gov.au



NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
27 October
4pm-9pm

A sea of 2,000 shimmering candles will light up Canberra Nara Peace Park for the 16th annual Canberra Nara Candle Festival.

This year's festival celebrates the 25th year of the Sister City relationship shared between Canberra and Nara, Japan. Participate in calligraphy, lantern making, origami, ikebana and kite flying, while enjoying Japanese music, food and market stalls.

For more information visit event.act.gov.au/nara

Canberra Nara Peace Park & Lennox Gardens, Yarralumla

REDISCOVER TIDBINBILLA

Open day: Sunday 7 October 2018 10am - 3pm

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is opening its doors to the Canberra community to 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' and celebrate its diverse people, habitat and heritage.

Visitors can experience the wildlife living in the sanctuary, trek the many walking trails, take part in ranger-guided activities, or discover the rich indigenous and early pioneer history of the Tidbinbilla Valley.

For more information visit tidbinbilla.act.gov.au

FREE ENTRY
SUNDAY
7 October

GET OUTDOORS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With so many parks and reserves in and around the Canberra region, why not tick a few off your list these school holidays?

Get the kids active with a mountain bike ride in Namadgi National Park, a hike through Goorooyarroo Nature Reserve, or spend some time looking for unique wildlife at Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary.

For more information visit environment.act.gov.au

ESA OPEN DAY

The ACT Emergency Services Open Day is a family event filled with skills demonstrations, hands-on activities, food and entertainment.

Learn about emergency services across the ACT region and speak directly with the people responsible for keeping our community safe.

9 Amberley Avenue, Fairbairn

SUNDAY
28 October
10am - 3pm



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