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Reducing plastic use in Belconnen



Did you know about 10 million plastic straws are used in Australia every day and then thrown away? The rise of plastic consumption is an increasing threat to our environment.

Some Belconnen businesses, including Eastlakes Kaleen, are reducing the

amount of plastic straws used by replacing them with paper ones. Organisations can take the pledge at actsmart.act.gov.au

Have your say on how we can continue to reduce our plastic use in the ACT.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au

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Stamp duty changes for first home buyers



More first home buyers in Belconnen won't have to pay stamp duty from 1 July 2019.

People with a household income below \$160,000 won't have to pay stamp duty on their first home whether it's newly built or existing.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Straws suck!

Plastic straws take up to 200 years to breakdown

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Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT is in the final stages of reaching our target of powering the city by 100% renewable energy by 2020. I'm proud that the Territory is demonstrating national leadership in taking action to become more sustainable.

However, there is more that we can do to become a sustainable city for future generations.

In Canberra, approximately 160,000 straws are used and discarded every day. Many Canberra businesses are already encouraging their customers to consider alternatives to single use plastics and the Government wants to work with the community on how we can continue this trend.



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Looking after cats in Canberra



One in four households in Canberra owns a cat.

The Draft ACT Cat Plan allows Canberrans to have their say on how to better manage cats in the ACT for their

health, welfare and safety, and to protect our local wildlife.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au

New recycling drop-off points



New express drop off points for the ACT Container Deposit Scheme are available in Belconnen.

You can drop-off eligible containers at Vinnies and Basketball ACT in Belconnen or Anglicare in Jamison for a 10-cent refund or donate returns to charity.

→ More at actcds.com.au



2019-20 ACT Budget on 4 June

Keep an eye on your mailbox for information on what this year's budget means for your region.

Illegal dumpers beware



A new compliance team will soon be visible around Canberra.

The team may issue fines to people seen doing the wrong thing, including illegal dumping, misuse of public land and irresponsible pet ownership.

They will be identifiable in ACT Government uniforms and marked vehicles.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au

2020 target for renewable electricity



We are close to reaching our target of 100% renewable electricity supply.

The 109 megawatt Hornsdale wind farm will start generating renewable electricity for the ACT in October 2019.

Reaching our renewable goal will ensure zero-emissions electricity for Canberrans and help to stabilise electricity prices.

→ More at environment.act.gov.au

Photo: Neoen



Gold Award



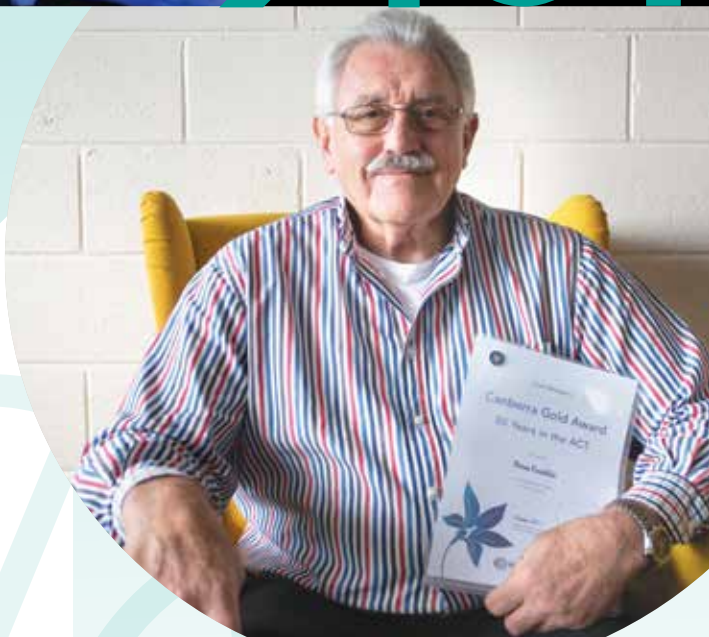
for long time basketball member

Belconnen's Brian Franklin is one of our city's most recent Canberra Gold Award recipients. The Canberra Gold Award is awarded to community members, businesses or associations who have been in Canberra for 50 years.

Brian was the Canberra agent for the Harlem Globetrotters for 15 years. He is currently the interim CEO of Basketball ACT.

"I remember when I first started playing basketball; there were about 300 members at the time and now we have about 9000," Brian said.

→ Nominate for Canberra Gold at act.gov.au/cbargold



Aranda Primary award winners in sustainability

Aranda Primary School received the Highly Commended award for the Actsmart Sustainable School of the Year award in 2018.

A student team, G-force, has developed sustainable practices such as classroom recycling and organic waste composting.

The school also has a harvesting garden.

→ Find out more about the Actsmart School Program at actsmart.act.gov.au



Conservation a priority for Ginninderry



A new trust will oversee more than 500 hectares of conservation area across Murrumbidgee River and Ginninderra Creek in West Belconnen.

The trust aims to enable sustainable community use of places such as Ginninderra Falls.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Better playground for Higgins

Higgins is one of five Canberra suburbs to receive a play space review.

The review is planning for a better mix of playgrounds that cater to more ages, abilities and play styles.

→ Stay up to date at yoursay.act.gov.au



Wintervention is coming

Embrace the chilly weather these winter school holidays with Wintervention in Civic.

Ice skate in the open air as Civic Square is transformed into a winter wonderland.

Enjoy local food or treat yourself with a gift from the Winter Food and Makers Markets.

→ More at wintervention.com.au

Wintervention
in Civic
5-21 July



World Environment Day in Canberra

Celebrate on 5 June with a variety of opportunities to be at one with nature.

→ More at environment.act.gov.au

Use MyWay across

Canberra's
public transport
network



MyWay is the smartcard ticketing system used to pay for travel across Canberra's public transport network.

It's now fully integrated across buses and light rail. Make sure you tap on and off at the validators located on buses and at each light rail stop.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au

New mountain biking tracks



for Canberra

Mountain biking is expanding in Canberra with a new pump track opened at Majura Pines.

The Best of Canberra Mountain Biking project will continue to grow the city's biking experiences.

In coming months, we will hold a series of engagement activities so the community can contribute to a new concept plan.

→ More info at yoursay.act.gov.au



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