

# OUR CBR

Central Canberra edition

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## Holiday here, Canberra!



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The devastating bushfire season has taken a toll on our community, and some local businesses are doing it tough.

You can help give our restaurants, hotels and attractions a boost this autumn by taking a staycation in your home city or playing tourist with family and friends.

- Plan your staycation now at [visitcanberra.com.au/holiday-here](https://visitcanberra.com.au/holiday-here)

## Thank you, Canberra...

... for the support you have provided to the Emergency Services Agency, ACT Policing and ACT Government staff and volunteers who have worked to keep the ACT safe during this challenging summer.

As the bushfire season continues, so too do the tireless efforts of our emergency services crews and support teams.

- Please remain prepared and visit [esa.act.gov.au](https://esa.act.gov.au) for bushfire updates.
- Download your Bushfire Survival Plan today at [esa.act.gov.au](https://esa.act.gov.au).

## Message from the Chief Minister

It's been a tough start to the year, and we want to thank Canberrans for working with the Government and our Emergency Services to keep people safe and respond to extreme weather events.

Our local tourism industry, which employs over 18,000 Canberrans, has been significantly impacted in the past few months. We can all help these local businesses by eating out at our restaurants, planning a staycation or checking out an exhibition at one of our museums or galleries. The Enlighten Festival will also offer a fantastic program of events to bring our community together.

By hosting events like the Enlighten Festival (including the Canberra Balloon Spectacular) and the Australian Tourism Awards, the ACT Government will help our tourism sector through this period.

Andrew Barr



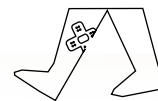
## MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN

The Our CBR email newsletter is now published fortnightly.

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# Making room for the Inner North's Walk-in Centre



Work has begun on the new Inner North Walk-in Centre, with the Dickson Community Health Centre now closed for renovations.

Services will return to the revamped Dickson Community Health Centre in late 2020.

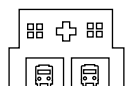
During the refurbishment, patients should check the website for their nearest community health services.

Once open, the Inner North Walk-in Centre will offer free health care for minor injuries and illnesses from 7.30am to 10pm daily. No appointment will be needed.

→ More at [walkincentre.act.gov.au](http://walkincentre.act.gov.au)



## Canberra Hospital expansion underway



Preparation works have begun at the Canberra Hospital for a new state-of-the-art emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility, as part of the SPIRE Project.

Existing facilities are being improved to ensure that Canberrans continue to receive quality healthcare during the estimated three-year construction period.

→ More at [act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra](http://act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra)

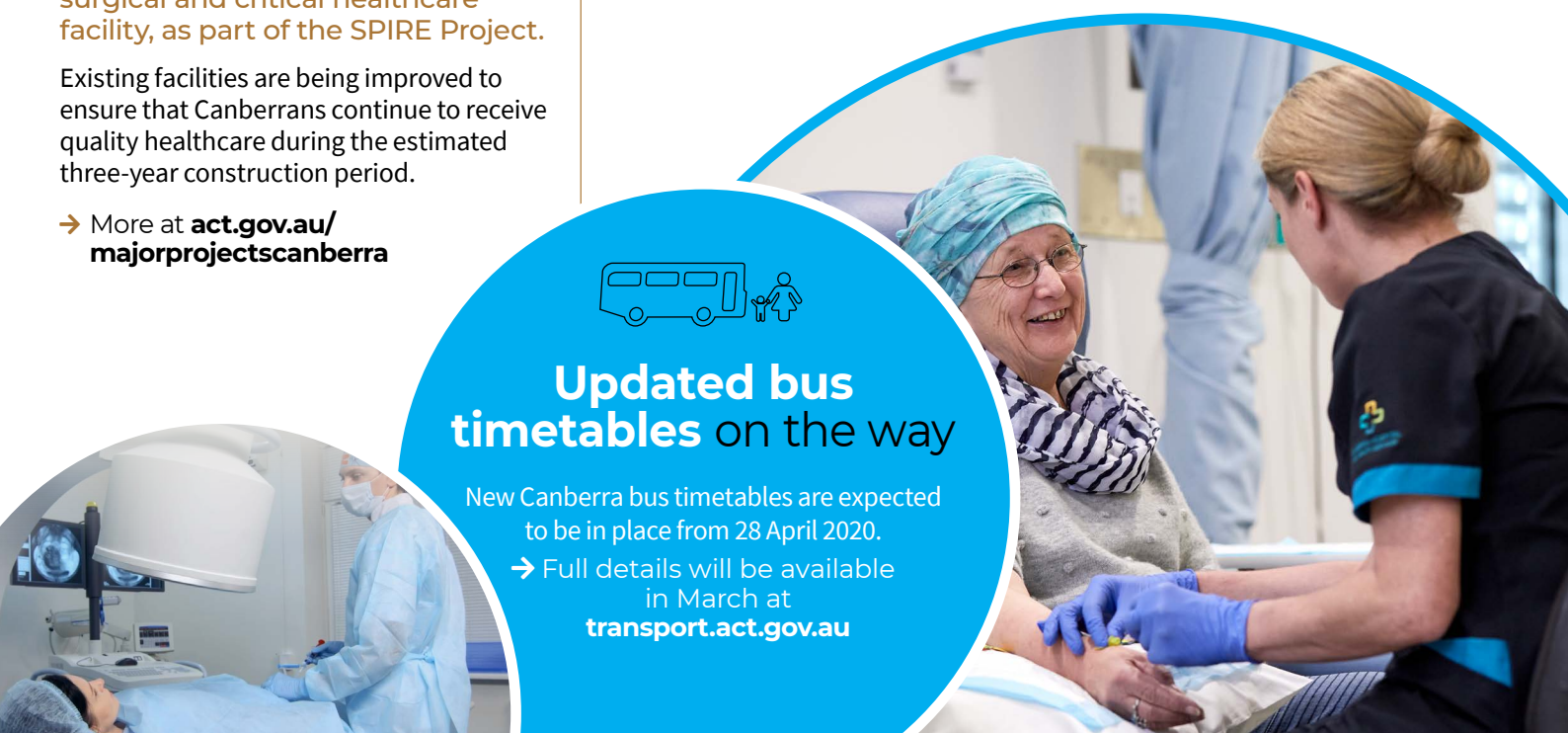
## High-tech cancer ward opens



A completely revamped ward for haematology and cancer patients has opened at Canberra Hospital.

The ward's design was informed by suggestions from patients, their families and staff. It features a dining room for patients, families and carers as well as day beds where families and carers can stay overnight.

→ More at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](http://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)



## Updated bus timetables on the way

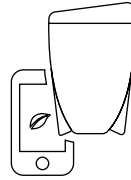
New Canberra bus timetables are expected to be in place from 28 April 2020.

→ Full details will be available in March at [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)





## Swap-and-go coffee cups take off



Several Central Canberra cafes have signed up to Green Caffein, a free 'swap-and-go' coffee cup scheme.

Visit one of the cafes in your area that's taking part, and start swapping.

Download the Green Caffein app, order your coffee in a reusable cup, drink it, then return your reusable cup to any participating cafe.

→ For a map showing nearby Green Caffein locations, visit [greencaffein.com.au](https://greencaffein.com.au)



## Upgrades at Yarralumla dog park



Improvements will be delivered at the Yarralumla dog park.

Stormwater infrastructure at the Banks Street site will be upgraded to keep the environment clean and safe.

→ More at [cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects](https://cityservices.act.gov.au/infrastructure-projects)



## Give your thirsty tree a drink

Keep your street tree hydrated with water collected with a bucket during your daily shower.

→ More at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](https://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)



## Extending light rail to Woden



The next stage of the light rail network, between the city and Commonwealth Park, will feature wireless infrastructure. It will also use on-board green energy batteries and grassed tracks to maintain Canberra's iconic city views.

The extension is due to open in 2024 and will add 1.7km of track along the western side of London Circuit and onto Commonwealth Avenue, finishing at Commonwealth Park.

The following stage will connect Commonwealth Park to Woden.

→ More at [act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra](https://act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra)

## Extra bins for Canberra



More bins are being installed in open spaces to help reduce littering and encourage recycling.

You will see them in areas including transport interchanges, near fast food outlets, in parks and outside shopping centres.

Rubbish collection will be increased in line with the added bins.

→ More at [act.gov.au/ourcanberra](https://act.gov.au/ourcanberra)







# Happy birthday, CBR


Celebrate our city's birthday on 9 March with the Canberra Day family entertainment from 10am then the final night of this year's Enlighten Illuminations and Canberra Night Noodle Markets.

 **Enlighten Illuminations & Canberra Night Noodle Markets**  
28 February – 9 March

 **Lights! Canberra! Action!**  
6 March, 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

 **Canberra Balloon Spectacular**  
7-15 March, From 6.15 am

 **Symphony in the Park**  
8 March, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

 **Canberra Day**  
9 March, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

 **Quick flick in the gardens**

Relax in the Senate Rose Gardens as 12 locally produced short films fill the screen at Lights! Canberra! Action!

## Wonders of the skies



More than 30 balloons are expected to take off from the lawns of Old Parliament House each morning (weather permitting) during the city's much-loved balloon festival.

## Fleetwood Mac tribute under the stars



Relax on a picnic rug as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra performs with *Rumours* – the Australian Fleetwood Mac experience at Stage 88.

→ More at [enlightencanberra.com](http://enlightencanberra.com)

## It's footy season!



Cheer the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants on as the NRL and AFL get underway for 2020 and Super Rugby continues.

Double up at GIO Stadium mid-month with the Raiders' season opener against the Titans on 13 March and the Brumbies v Waratahs grudge match on 15 March.

The Giants face the Western Bulldogs in their first Canberra outing this year at Manuka Oval on 3 April.

→ Book your tickets at [premier.ticketek.com.au](http://premier.ticketek.com.au)

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Arrive at GIO Stadium within 45 minutes of gates opening and pay just \$5 to park