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ChooseCBR back to support local business

\$2 million in vouchers available for Canberrans.

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Oscar's Bakery owner Oscar Gul hopes more locals discover his 'secret bakery' when ChooseCBR returns.



Message from the Chief Minister

The ChooseCBR voucher program is back, giving you vouchers to spend at your favourite local Canberra business from 9 June.

ChooseCBR lets you spend and save at participating Canberra cafes, restaurants, shops, beauty salons, cinemas and local attractions and other businesses.

With \$2 million available to support local businesses across Canberra, and higher

voucher amounts than before, there are now even more reasons to enjoy something extra when you shop local.

Check out which businesses are participating and use your vouchers from 9 June at chooseCBR.act.gov.au

Andrew Barr



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Enjoy more with ChooseCBR

Nestled in the grounds of the University of Canberra, you can find what Oscar Gul likes to call his "secret bakery".



As the owner of Oscar's Bakery, he hopes ChooseCBR will encourage more Canberrans to discover his 'secret' establishment and the assortment of baked goods on offer.

"ChooseCBR is good for business, and it's good for customers – and there's

nothing better than a happy customer."

The ACT Government initiative launches on 9 June and includes \$2 million in vouchers, which Canberrans can redeem at participating cafes, restaurants, shops, cinemas and other local businesses.

Choose CBR

sign up, spend & support

→ Sign up to access discounts at chooseCBR.act.gov.au

Canberrans show interest in climate action initiative

More than 900 Belconnen residents have already registered their interest in the ACT Government's Sustainable Household Scheme.

The Scheme will help reduce energy costs and greenhouse emissions by offering zero-interest loans of up to \$15,000 for Canberrans to purchase and install products such as rooftop solar panels, household batteries, electric stovetops, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.



→ Register your interest and read the guidelines at actsmart.act.gov.au

ACT organ donors recognised

Families can now have their loved one's donation acknowledged in the death register, on the donor's death certificate and by the Chief Minister on request.

This nation-leading reform recognises the importance of organ and tissue donors in our community.

→ To apply, visit act.gov.au/accessCBR



Debbie, Michael and Marjorie Taylor with a photo of the ACT's first organ donor, Annette Taylor.

Roll up
your sleeves
Canberra

**COVID-19
vaccinations
have started**



**Book now if
you're eligible**
[covid19.act.gov.au/
vaccinebooking](https://covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking)



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Businesses making the switch from plastic

“Taking small steps will ultimately lead to a better world.”

That’s the message from Pac Le’Mond owner Paul Dennison, who has been encouraging customers of his Hume-based food packing wholesaler business to switch away from single-use plastic items.

“It’s the right thing to do,” Paul said. “The changes demonstrate to the wider community that we’re serious about doing something here.”

On 1 July, the ACT will commence a ban on the sale and supply of selected single-use plastic products, which includes single-use plastic cutlery, single-use plastic drink stirrers and expanded polystyrene takeaway containers.

➔ More at act.gov.au/single-use-plastics



New cancer ward at Canberra Hospital

The newly-refurbished 28-bed cancer ward at the Canberra Region Cancer Centre has welcomed its first patients.

The new ward features private rooms and improved visitor facilities for patients and their families.

“Knowing how much of a difference it’s going to make for our patients, their carers and our staff means so much,” said Melissa O’Brien, Assistant Director of Nursing, Nursing & Midwifery and Patient Support Services.



➔ Find out more at health.act.gov.au/new-cancer-ward-opens

Making Belco’s roads safer

Work is continuing on the duplication of Gundaroo Drive between Ginninderra Drive and the Barton Highway. The intersections at Owen Dixon Drive and Dumas Street will receive traffic lights as part of this project, which is expected to be completed in mid-2023. These projects are jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.

The following three intersections are in the process of having traffic lights installed, new lanes asphalted and shared paths constructed:

- ▶ Southern Cross Drive and Starke Street, Holt
- ▶ Belconnen Way and Springvale Drive, Hawker
- ▶ Kuringa Drive and Owen Dixon Drive, Evatt

➔ Find more at cityservices.act.gov.au



A lift for Lily: improved accessibility at Hawker College

The installation of a wheelchair lift at Hawker College is improving the learning experience of Lily and other students living with a disability.

Lily is now able to move freely and easily between all areas of the college, ensuring she has access to the same experiences and opportunities as her peers.

The school upgrade is part of the ACT Government’s ongoing commitment to making ACT public schools great places to learn for all children.





New annual dog registration

A new annual ACT dog registration process will come into effect from 1 July to help maintain up-to-date information on Canberra's dog population.

If you're a dog owner, you will now need to confirm or update your dog's registration details on the anniversary date of when you first registered your dog. You will be able to do this online, at no extra cost.

➔ More at cityservices.act.gov.au/dogrego

Floriade coming back to a suburb near you

Canberrans will once again welcome Australia's biggest celebration of spring into their own backyard.

Floriade Community, introduced last year, will see 300,000 bulbs and annuals in public spaces throughout Canberra's town centres and suburbs.

The 34th annual Floriade will also see the event return to Commonwealth Park from 11 September to 10 October.

➔ Stay up to date at floriadeaustralia.com



Keep your home safe this winter

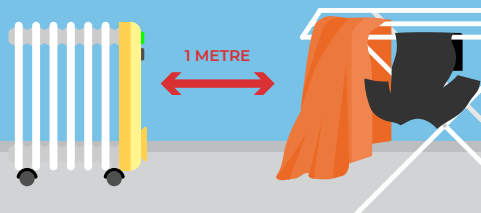
As the weather gets colder, more households will use heaters, dryers and fireplaces. Last winter, ACT Fire & Rescue attended 14 house fires in the Belconnen region.

ACT Emergency Services Agency has three simple reminders about common hazards to keep you and your family safe:

- ▶ Always stay one metre from the heater
- ▶ Fire risk is higher with a neglected dryer
- ▶ Electric blankets are neat until they overheat

ALWAYS STAY ONE METRE FROM THE HEATER

- WATCH
- KEEP CLEAR
- CLEAN
- SWITCH OFF



Learn more at esa.act.gov.au/home-fire-safety

Keep me on your fridge

Calendar of EVENTS JUNE

TUE 1-30 **Lunchbox Acoustics**
Weekdays
Civic and Braddon

THU 3-12 **Milk**
By Dylan Van Den Berg
The Street Theatre

SAT 5 **Super Rugby**
Brumbies v Hurricanes
GIO Canberra Stadium

SAT 5-6 **The 'Vietnam Requiem'**
Llewellyn Hall

FRI 11 **Super Rugby**
Brumbies v Highlanders
GIO Canberra Stadium

SAT 12 **NRL**
Raiders v Broncos
GIO Canberra Stadium

SUN 13-4 Sept **The Truffle Festival**
Canberra Region

FRI 18 **An Evening with the Chris Johnstone Trio**
The Street Theatre

FRI 18-19 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
Canberra Theatre Centre

SUN 20 **Canberra Kids Market**
Fitters' Workshop

FRI 25-11 Jul **Wintervention Festival**
Garema Place

SAT 26 **The Burley Griffin: Lost Limbs**
The Street Theatre

WED 30-3 Jul **Drummer Queens**
Canberra Theatre Centre

For more events and details, visit events.canberra.com.au



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