

Everyday climate choices help ACT lead the way



Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT was the first Australian jurisdiction to secure 100% of our electricity supply from renewable sources. From this month, ACT residents will see a decrease in electricity prices, and have the lowest standing offer of any jurisdiction in Australia.

This is a feature of the long term, renewable electricity supply contracts that the ACT Government has been entering into over the last 10 years.

By doing so, the ACT Government continues to reduce emissions and provide sustainable energy to our growing city.

This is one of many ways that the ACT Government is ensuring that everyone benefits from a zero-net emissions future, not just those that can afford it.

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Big batteries to power Canberra

The ACT Government continues to invest in renewable energy, with large scale batteries to help the city store and release energy as Canberrans need it.

The 'Big Canberra Battery' will be made up of an ecosystem of batteries across the city to make the most of

the energy we get through wind and solar. It's construction supports the Government's priority to become a net zero emissions city.

Work is currently underway to find a provider to build these batteries across Canberra.



Save energy this winter

Save money, stay warm and support the environment this winter with these energy-saving tips:

- ▶ Cover your windows to keep the warmth in.
- ▶ Set your heater to 18-21 degrees – every degree warmer adds up to 10 per cent to your bill.

- ▶ Seal gaps around doors and windows.
- ▶ Open the curtains during the day to use the sun's warmth.
- ▶ Add an extra layer of clothing before turning the heater up.

Go online for more tips and advice.



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Replace your wood heater and save

You can play a part in reducing smoke from wood heaters – one of the largest contributors to air pollution in the ACT.

There are rebates of up to \$1250 available to replace your wood heater with a more efficient heating system.

Head online for more.



2022 ACT Australian of the Year award recipients Sean Dondas, Val Dempsey and Luke Ferguson.

Australian of the Year nominations open

Nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards are now open.

Our city is full of outstanding candidates for these awards, so head online and nominate someone you think deserves to be recognised.

Queenie's Cafe embraces ban on plastics

Queenie Lian, owner of Queenie's Café in Mawson, is thinking big about the environment.

Three years ago she made the decision to use more sustainable options including reusable metal straws for sit-in drinks and takeaway meals served in cardboard boxes.

"As a business owner, we have to do the right thing. Most customers are already educated about sustainability and they are happy to see us make this change for the environment," Queenie said.

The next phase of the ACT's single-use plastics ban started on 1 July.

Head online to find out more.



Queenie Lian from Queenie's Café.



Harry and Josh from Chapman Primary School.

Inclusive learning spaces for local students

New inclusive learning spaces at Chapman Primary School are supporting the needs of students with disabilities.

The spaces are centrally located, providing access to a new courtyard and calming area, which offers the students a private breakout space.

The initiative is one of many taking place at local public schools after the ACT Government spent \$4 million in 2021-22 toward inclusive infrastructure upgrades.



New accessible swing in Pearce

People who use wheelchairs are invited to enjoy a new swing at the Pearce Community Centre.

The 'Liberty Swing' allows people with disability to secure their wheelchairs in place and remain seated while they swing safely.

It's one of four of its kind across Canberra, with the others located at Yerrabi Pond, Black Mountain Peninsula and Kambah District Park.



Canberra YWCA CEO Frances Crimmins in front of the new centre.

Coombs Community Centre now open

A new multi-purpose community centre has opened in the Molonglo Valley.

The YWCA-managed centre provides local residents with a place to meet and connect, supporting various recreational, educational, artistic and cultural endeavours.

Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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Holiday fun for the whole family

Wondering what to do these winter school holidays? Check out the activity guide online to find ways to keep the whole family entertained this winter. Some ideas include:

- ▶ Enjoy the return of Canberra's winter festival in Civic Square from 1-17 July. Winter in the City features food, drink, performances and an outdoor ice-skating rink.
- ▶ Attend special holiday sessions of Story Time (ages 3-5) and Giggle & Wiggle (ages 0-2) at your local library.
- ▶ Fly a kite at the National Arboretum Canberra before heading to the POD playground.



What's on in July

1-31 July **Megafauna: Myths & Legends!**
Australian National Botanic Gardens

10 July **Creative Fibre**
The Old Bus Depot Markets

16 July **GWS Giants v Brisbane Lions**
Manuka Oval

23 July **Raiders v Warriors**
GIO Stadium

24 & 31 July **Winter Wonderland**
Haig Park Village Markets

28-30 July **William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet**
Canberra REP Theatre

30-31 July **Handmade Market Canberra**
Exhibition Park (EPIC)



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

Free flu shot

Getting a flu shot is one of the best ways to protect you and your family from the flu this winter.

Free flu shots are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, children aged 6 months to under 5 years, anyone pregnant, people aged 65 and older and people aged 6 months and older with underlying medical conditions.

The ACT Government is also offering free flu vaccinations for



concession card holders, and anyone with a disability and their carers, at its Access and Sensory Clinic.

Go online for more information and find out how to make a booking.



YOUR SAY

ACT Government consultations

Help shape decisions affecting you and your community for current and upcoming projects, including:

- ▶ Acton Waterfront;
- ▶ Multicultural Recognition Act;
- ▶ ACT Disability 10 year strategy; and
- ▶ ACT Disability Health Strategy.

For more, visit yoursay.act.gov.au.

New cat ownership laws introduced

New cat registration and containment laws are now in effect across Canberra, helping local cats to live healthier lives, while also protecting native wildlife.

Head online for more information and to register your cat.



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