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Inner North, Inner South and City

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New community centre to enrich Haig Park



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Message from the Chief Minister

With the ACT's population projected to reach half a million by 2027, the ACT Government will continue to invest in an infrastructure program that supports the needs of a growing city.

In the Inner North and the Inner South, that means improvements to the city

centre, upgrading and expanding public schools in growing suburbs, extending light rail, a new Canberra Theatre, the Kingston Arts Precinct, a new destination playground in Watson, local shop upgrades, street improvements in Dickson, Braddon and Pialligo, and upgrades in Telopea Park and Haig Park, including a new community centre.

Andrew Barr



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Milestone for Canberra Hospital Expansion

Exactly 15 months since breaking ground, the main structure of the Canberra Hospital's new critical services building has reached full height.

The highest point of the building now stands at 40.35 metres tall, with construction on track for completion in 2024.

The new state-of-the-art Critical Services Building is set to boost healthcare capacity by delivering more medical imaging facilities, a new Coronary Care Unit, operating theatres and an Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department.



Energy-saving advice for ACT renters

If you are renting, there are some easy things you can do to make your home more comfortable and save money.

The ACT Government's Renters' Home Energy Program provides free in-home energy assessments tailored for all renters.

The assessment identifies where energy is being used in your home and provides simple solutions to help you save on your bills.

For a limited time, participants will receive a free heated throw rug as part of the assessment.

Find out more by scanning the QR code.

Investing in local cancer research

A new cancer research centre at Canberra Hospital will offer better access to clinical trials and improve care for patients.

It will be co-located with a new wellbeing centre to provide treatment, research, therapy and support in one purpose-built facility.

Construction will begin later this year with the centre due to be finished in late 2024.

Find out more at builtforcbr.act.gov.au



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Haig Park Community Centre nears completion

Northside Community Services has been appointed to manage the new Haig Park Community Centre.

Set to open in the next month, the new centre will offer the community a facility for creativity, learning, services, physical activity and communal engagement.

Celebrating 100 years this year, Haig Park has evolved into a popular space for locals and visitors, with the community centre set to enrich the park even more.

If you're interested in using the space when it opens, email cityrenewal@act.gov.au



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Creating energy-efficient public schools

Telopea Park, Red Hill and Forrest schools will receive energy efficiency upgrades in term 2.

The upgrades will allow better management of internal

temperatures to improve the comfort of students and staff.

This work is part of an annual program of upgrades for ACT public schools.

Education equity fund helps Canberra families

Canberra families experiencing financial stress can access support via the Future of Education Equity Fund. This provides eligible families with one-off payments to help cover education costs – from uniforms to tuition.

Payments for students are \$400 (preschool), \$500 (primary), \$750 (high school and college). The fund is open to all students living in the ACT from preschool to year 12 who are financially disadvantaged.

Scan the QR code for details.



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.



Accessibility
Ph 13 22 81



Interpreter
Ph 131 450



Mobile device detection cameras now in use

Mobile device detection cameras are now being tested on ACT roads, with 3899 Canberrans detected using their mobile phones whilst driving in the first month of operation.

The three transportable cameras and two fixed cameras, which will be located on Hindmarsh Drive and Gungahlin Drive, aim to

reduce driver distraction and make Canberra's roads safer. Drivers will not receive fines during this initial commissioning phase, with warning notices and infringement notices to commence in the second half of 2023.

For more information, visit act.gov.au/roadsafety



School holiday fun this Easter

There is no shortage of options to keep the kids entertained these school holidays. Head to the Heritage Festival, enjoy a fairy hunt at the Arboretum's Stories in the Forest, or spend the day exploring Tidbinbilla.

Plus, ACT Libraries have a host of school holiday activities on offer to keep the kids entertained.

Find more ideas online.



What's on in April

6-10 Apr **National Folk Festival**
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7-23 Apr **Tuff utterz**
Parkes Place lawns

8-21 Apr **Playful Endeavour**
Glebe Park

9 Apr **Meet the Easter Bunny**
Old Bus Depot Markets

11-30 Apr **Canberra and Region Heritage Festival**
Multiple locations

16 Apr **Canberra Times Marathon Festival**
John Dunmore Lang Place, Parkes

25 Apr **Anzac Day Dawn Service**
Australian War Memorial

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.



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

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CONVERSATIONS

How would you feel about your home or business being powered by 100% renewable electricity?

The ACT is preparing to transition away from the use of fossil fuel gas by 2045. An all-electric Canberra will help power the

city's homes, businesses and transport in a cleaner, cheaper way. Share your thoughts at **YourSay Conversations**.