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Gungahlin

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### Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is making a significant investment in health care to support Canberra's growing needs.

This includes building a larger modern northside hospital to provide Canberrans with access to more healthcare services closer to home.

Construction work at Canberra Hospital will be complete next year. Within the next decade Canberra will have two modern hospitals with bigger emergency departments and more treatment spaces to meet our healthcare needs.

Andrew Barr



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## A new hospital for Canberra's north

The ACT Government plans to build a new northside hospital on the current Calvary Public Hospital site in Bruce, to meet the needs of a growing and ageing community.

An investment of more than \$1 billion will be included in the 2023–24 Budget to deliver the new hospital. It will provide Canberrans and the territory's healthcare workforce with access to modern, state-of-the-art facilities on both Canberra's north and southside.

The new hospital will be developed in partnership with clinicians and the community, ensuring it meets Canberra's future healthcare needs.

Read more about the northside hospital project by scanning the QR code.



## Canberra Theatre Centre designers announced

Early preliminary designs for the redeveloped Canberra Theatre Centre feature a bold and sophisticated façade treatment, creating a world-class venue set to attract top tier music and arts productions.

The designs formed part of the winning tender from an international architect

team made up of national firm Architectus, Danish architects Henning Larsen and global consultants Arup.

Stakeholders and the community will also have an opportunity to have their say on the project, with consultation opportunities being planned for later this year.

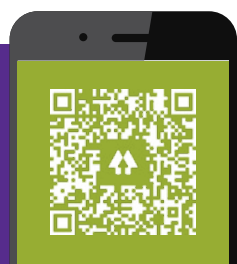


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## Playground plans for Ngunnawal and Casey

Following community feedback last year, the final designs for the Burrumarra Avenue playground upgrade in Ngunnawal have been released.

The popular playground will receive an extensive upgrade with new climbing structures and slides along with accessible play equipment.

In Casey, procurement is underway for a construction contractor to

deliver a new community recreation park, which will include play equipment for all abilities and a multi-purpose court for different sports.

Work is progressing on a range of playground upgrades throughout Canberra suburbs as part of the ACT's largest ever suburban infrastructure program.



## Upgrades for Gungahlin schools

Two Gungahlin public schools will soon receive upgrades through the Public School Infrastructure Renewal Program.

Harrison School's staff facilities will be improved, while Ngunnawal Primary School and Preschool will undergo upgrades to external learning areas.

These works are part of the ACT Government's \$99 million investment over four years to renew and upgrade existing ACT public schools.



## Yerrabi Pond pelicans welcome new friend

If you look closely on your next walk around Yerrabi Pond, you may spot a new pelican.

Local artist Neil Dickinson has created the new pelican sculpture and has also renovated an existing one. You can see them on partially submerged branches at Amaroo.

Neil worked on the first two pelicans in 1996. As well as being lovely to look at, their presence helps to bring real birds to the area.

### Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



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## Energy bill relief on the way

Canberrans are set to receive much needed financial relief on their electricity bills across the 2023–24 financial year.

The ACT Government has partnered with the Commonwealth Government to provide financial relief to eligible households and small businesses through the Energy Bill Relief Fund.

The Commonwealth Government's contribution will be provided in the form of an electricity bill credit

automatically applied by energy retailers, with eligible households receiving \$175 and small businesses \$325 off their bills across the 2023–24 financial year.

The ACT Government will more than match the Commonwealth's contribution through the ACT's Large-scale Feed-in Tariff Scheme, with direct bill relief available to all electricity customers in the ACT.

Scan the QR code for more detail.

## Make your next **CHOICE** electric



The ACT Government has partnered with CHOICE to make it easier to transition to an all-electric household. A new online tool helps you make a plan to replace old appliances, view unbiased products suited to your needs and prepare for the transition with cost estimates for upgrades and energy bill savings.

Visit [energy.act.gov.au](https://energy.act.gov.au)

## What's on in June

**8 June –2 July** **Come From Away**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**8 June –8 Oct** **Ngura Pulka – Epic Country**  
National Gallery of Australia

**11 June** **Kids in the Shed**  
Old Bus Depot Markets

**15–16 June** **Cabaret de Paris**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**17 June** **ABBA Dancing Queens Drag Lunch**  
The Clubhouse Kaleen

**24 June** **The Forage**  
Dairy Road Precinct

**24–25 June** **Boho Luxe Market**  
EPIC

**29 June –2 July** **Xmas in July 2023**  
National Rose Gardens

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders and Brumbies at GIO Stadium this month.



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## What can the ACT Government do to prevent chronic disease?

Nearly half of all Canberrans live with one or more chronic diseases. Many are preventable, and the Healthy Canberra: ACT Preventive Health Plan 2020–2025 aims to prevent chronic diseases by supporting people to

choose lifestyle behaviours that reduce their risk.

Have your say on the plan by scanning the QR code.