

OUR CANBERRA

WODEN, WESTON CREEK & MOLONGLO EDITION

APRIL 2016



UPGRADES AT WODEN TOWN CENTRE



Upgrades to some of Woden's key roads, intersections, pedestrian facilities and public spaces are almost ready and expected to finish in May.

The area bounded by Melrose Drive, Furzer Street and the Tradies Club is getting a facelift with improvements to footpaths, new trees and street furniture. A new public park to the north of the Woden library will also improve the area's appeal and connection to the town centre.

The newly opened multi-storey car park offers around 940 parking spaces. It is sure to be popular when 1,500 workers move into the area this year. There are now more than 140 additional parking spaces.

 For more information visit lda.act.gov.au

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MOLONGLO RIVER CORRIDOR RESTORATION

Restoration and management of the significant ecological features in the Molonglo River Reserve continue in 2016. Residents of Coombs and surrounding areas can take advantage of new recreational facilities that provide opportunities to experience the natural beauty of the area and discover its unique ecological values.

Two picnic shelters, a lookout platform above the pink-tailed worm-lizard habitat and a 2.8 kilometre return walking trail guiding walkers through an area of protected Box-Gum Woodland north of Holden Creek pond have been built.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

We hear a lot about innovation. It's a word that truly applies to our city.

We have world leading universities that are creating jobs and diversifying our economy. Alongside the CBR Innovation Network, they're creating a knowledge capital that supports entrepreneurs. Just last month, two of our female innovators were named most influential female entrepreneurs in Australia.

We are showing innovation in transport by being the first Australian city to regulate ridesharing technology, working with researchers to improve motor vehicle safety, integrating light rail and bus networks and introducing smart parking technology.

Access Canberra is also using technology to make it easier to do business with government.



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.





A MAKEOVER FOR MOUNT AINSLIE SUMMIT

Congratulations to Sue Barnsley and Jane Irwin, the inspiring duo who wowed judges with their compelling design for the Mount Ainslie Summit.


The national competition to rejuvenate one of Canberra's most significant lookouts attracted 17 entrants from across Australia. Future visitors will enjoy a striking new circular lookout, lawns for picnicking as well as a native meadow as part of the new design.

 For more information on the winning designs visit tams.act.gov.au



A SHELF FULL OF LOCAL AUTHORS

Canberra has a vibrant, active and diverse writing and publishing scene and our public libraries are some of the best places to connect with local and regional authors. There's a shelf full of local author talks all around Canberra for you to enjoy throughout autumn.

 Bookings for author talks are essential and can be made online at library.act.gov.au




NOMINATIONS FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



Applications are now open for young people aged between 12 and 25 years to join the ACT's Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Advisory Council, comprising 15 young people, provides a platform for local youth to take a leading role in participation and consultation activities on issues that affect their lives. Members are appointed for a two year term 2016 to 2018. Applications close on 29 April 2016.

 For more information visit communityservices.act.gov.au/ocyfs/youth-interact



ACTION SERVICES ON ANZAC DAY

ACTION will provide free bus travel all day on ANZAC Day, Monday 25 April 2016 to anyone wearing or displaying service medals.

Canberrans are also reminded that ACTION will be running to a Sunday timetable on this day. ACTION will again be running free services to the dawn services from all major bus stations.

For more information visit action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.

The ACT Government is committed to delivering more bus services for Canberrans, more often. Find out how at transport.act.gov.au



MAKING WESTON MORE AGE-FRIENDLY



Plans have been released for active travel improvements in Weston as part of the Age Friendly Suburbs Active Travel project.

Path replacement, kerb ramp upgrades, new lighting and changes to pedestrian refuge islands are some of the priority one improvements that will be rolled out to make it easier for older residents to get around. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2016.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



CHEAPER FOOD ON GAME DAY AT GIO STADIUM

As part of the new reduced food options, pies will be 18% cheaper, hot chips will be 20% cheaper, hot dogs will be 23% cheaper, and salads will be 28% cheaper, in response to feedback received from football fans. The new prices are as follows:

- **Meat pie** \$4.50 (from \$5.50)
- **Hot chips** \$4.00 (from \$5.00)
- **Plain hot dog** \$5.00 (from \$6.50)
- **Salad** \$5.00 (from \$7.00)



ISAACS RIDGE TRAILS WILL SOON BE BETTER THAN EVER

Canberra's outdoor adventurers will soon have access to enhanced trails at Isaacs Ridge pines.

Following feedback from recreation users of the area in 2015, work is well underway to formalise the existing downhill mountain bike trails and build linking multi-user trails through the pines. The construction is expected to be completed in June and will include two downhill mountain bike trails, a multi-user trail, an equestrian link, signage and informal rest areas.

 The Isaacs Ridge Trails Plan is available at tams.act.gov.au



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IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT



In the next 20 years, Canberra's population is set to increase by a third, with almost 500,000 people calling our city home by 2035.


Canberrans need a modern transport system that can meet the requirements of our growing and changing city and offer a genuine alternative to driving.

We want to hear from all Canberrans on their expectations and aspirations for Canberra's transport system.

 To have your say visit haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au



From 1 July this year Transport Canberra will manage the integration of transport and transport infrastructure across the city.


 For more information visit transport.act.gov.au

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SUPPORT IN CANBERRA

If current trends continue, domestic violence will impact one in three Australian women in their lifetimes.

Accommodation, outreach, legal and domestic violence services are available for people in Canberra who are escaping domestic or family violence and sexual assault, and who may be experiencing homelessness.

 If you or someone you know is experiencing violence there is help available, contact **Domestic Violence Crisis Service** on **1800RESPECT**.



AUTUMN

IN CANBERRA

YOU ARE HERE IN CBR

13 - 17 APRIL

A free, five-day curated showcase of independent and experimental arts in the Canberra CBD.

Popping up in shopfronts, alleyways, cafes, streets, car parks, galleries, museums and cars. You Are Here is playful, irreverent and lo-fi.

 Find the full event program at youareherecanberra.com.au

A TREAT FOR CULTURE VULTURES: CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

28 APRIL - 8 MAY

A vibrant fusion of expertly curated music, iconic performances and exceptional music-making mixed with culinary surprises.

 Find the full program at cimf.org.au



DISCOVERIES & REDISCOVERIES AT THE CANBERRA REGION HERITAGE FESTIVAL

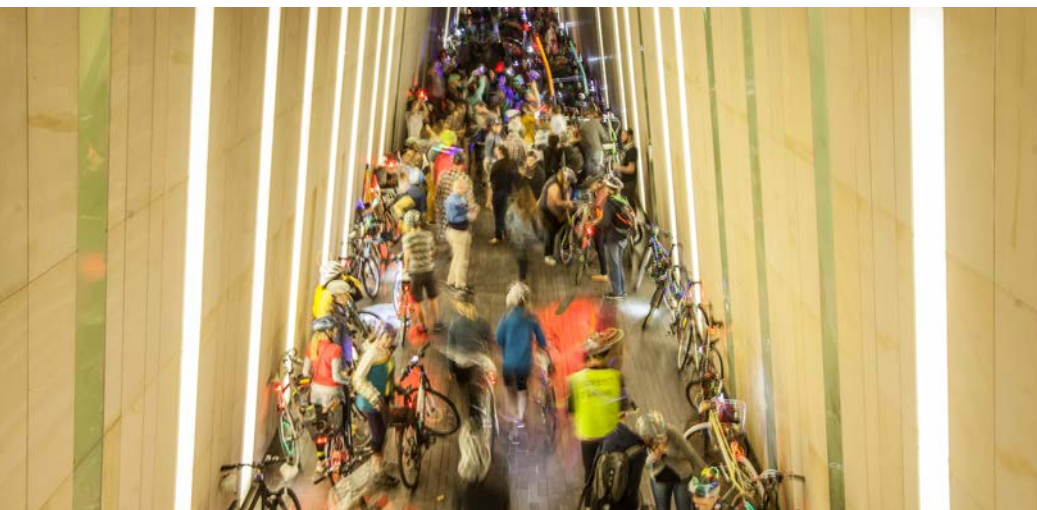


2 - 18 APRIL

With over 120 events, each heritage place or object tells a story from the past to the present and carries that story into the future.


The Canberra community will have an opportunity to learn about these stories through tours, workshops, exhibitions, open days, talks and more.

 For more information visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Youth advocate and the ACT's Official Visitor for Children and Young People, **Narelle Hargreaves OAM**, has been named the 2016 Canberra Citizen of the Year!

 Find out more about Narelle at act.gov.au/our-canberra



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