

OUR CANBERRA

Central Canberra edition



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FLEXIBLE BUS SERVICE EXPANDING TO INNER NORTH



Eligible passengers can make a booking by calling the Flexible Transport Office on 6205 3555

Older Canberrans and those with mobility issues who live in the Inner North will soon be able to use Canberra's Flexible Bus service.

Residents can be picked up from home and taken to nearby facilities such as the City, Dickson Shopping Centre and Inner North medical facilities.

Make a booking on 6205 3555 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday or email flexiblebusservice@act.gov.au. Bookings must be made two days prior to travel.

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UPGRADES FOR CANBERRA'S DOG PARKS

Improvements have been rolled out across Canberra's six dog parks to make these spaces more safe and comfortable for people and their pets.

At Yarralumla there are two new water stations and work has been done to improve ground erosion, repair the fences and the entry enclosure. The O'Connor dog park received 11 new trees to improve shade.

Thanks to the 580 people who provided feedback during consultation earlier this year and helped to identify what works were a priority.

 For more information visit yoursay.act.gov.au



 For eligibility criteria, timetables and more information visit transport.act.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Housing affordability and homelessness are important topics for many Canberrans and we want to hear from you about what more the Government can do.

We're working on a new housing strategy that will aim to reduce homelessness, strengthen social housing assistance, increase affordable rental options and improve pathways to affordable home ownership.

Suitable and secure housing is an important foundation for full and active participation in our community. Without it, individuals and families may become isolated and excluded and the adverse consequences of this can be long-term and intergenerational.

We want your ideas to help shape our thinking. Visit yoursay.act.gov.au/affordablehousing to have your say.



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



For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au



YOU CAN HELP IMPROVE THE COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME

Everyone who registers a motor vehicle in the ACT pays Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance.

How much do you know about CTP? Did you know that if you hit a kangaroo and are injured, you are not covered under CTP?

We're holding the ACT's first citizens' jury in October to consider improvements to the CTP scheme. The jury of everyday Canberrans will be helped by experts and will consider the views of the wider community.

i Have your say at yoursay.act.gov.au/ctp and learn more about our current scheme and how citizens' juries work.

CBR IS AUSTRALIA'S EDUCATION CAPITAL

Canberra has been ranked in the top 20 student cities in the world. Our city is also home to the top-ranked university in Australia.

Around 64,000 tertiary students are educated in Canberra, including about 14,000 international students and a similar number from interstate. One in six people in Canberra, study or work in tertiary education.

In this year's Budget, there's more resourcing to promote Canberra as Australia's study destination of choice, in partnership with our strong tertiary institutions.

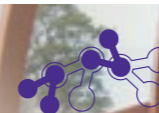


CANBERRA STUDENT COMPETES ON THE WORLD STAGE

Narrabundah College student Claire Yung recently represented Australia at the International Science and Mathematical Olympiad in Indonesia. She was the first female representative from Canberra in 16 years.

Claire was one of 17 Australian students selected to compete against more than 5,000 other students from more than 300 schools.

Claire says she finds inspiration in the courage and passion of female scientists, such as chemist Rosalind Franklin and astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell.



SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS

Canberra public school students are getting better access to mental health support. Five more school psychologists will join ACT public schools in 2018, and an extra 15 school psychologists will be employed over the next four years.

School psychologists play an important role in student learning, wellbeing and mental health. The increase will help address the social, emotional and learning needs of Canberra students and our school communities.



Photo: Local foster carers Rachel and Todd Wright.

i Call 1300 WEFOSTER or visit acttogether.org.au

LOCAL ARTISTS SHOWCASED ON CANBERRA'S LIGHT RAIL

Canberra's light rail artwork has been revealed.

Passengers will be able to enjoy artwork by two talented local artists, Aboriginal elder Uncle Jimmy Williams and artist Hannah Quinlivan.

Uncle Jimmy Williams' artwork will feature on the light rail seat fabric and on new buses. It depicts the flight of the bogong moth, an insect that is culturally significant to the local Ngunnawal People.

Hannah's work (pictured) is a continuous pattern representing human movement. It will feature on the glazed screens at each platform.

For more information and to view the artwork visit transport.act.gov.au/light-rail-network **i**

CBR NIGHT CREW KEEPING REVELLERS SAFE

A new ACT Government program run by volunteers will help young people have a safer night out in our city.

The CBR Nightcrew Safe Space sets up near the City Bus Station on Friday and Saturday nights. Volunteers provide advice and assistance for safe transport options, basic first aid, water for hydration, and mobile phone charging, so that revellers can contact friends or arrange a lift home.

The marquee is staffed between 10pm and 4am on Friday and Saturday nights until April 2018.

COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS FOR THE COTTAGE

The Canberra community has raised \$100,000 to refurbish The Cottage, an adolescent mental health day program, located on the Calvary Hospital campus at Bruce.

The Cottage aims to reduce the severity of mental health symptoms experienced by young people in Canberra. The refurbishment provides a safer and more welcoming environment for young people to receive treatment, foster life skills, improve at school, and manage social interactions and relationships.

i For more information search 'The Cottage' at health.act.gov.au



NEW ACT LAW COURTS CLOSER TO COMPLETION

The ACT Law Courts project continues to take shape with the roof now installed on the Supreme Court building.

Stage one of the project, to be completed in early 2018, includes new courtrooms, chambers, jury facilities, cafe and new dedicated vulnerable witness zones.

Stage two of the project, which focuses on the refurbishment of the existing Supreme Court heritage building, is expected to be completed in late 2018.

i For more information visit actlawcourtsproject.com.au

UPDATE ON NEW STROMLO POOL

After community consultation, extra facilities like a gym and splash park are now being factored into potential designs for the new pool at Stromlo Forest Park. Construction is expected to get underway by the end of 2017.

Read the full feedback summary by searching 'Stromlo Pool' at yoursay.act.gov.au **i**





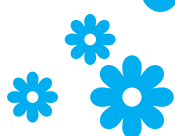
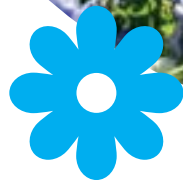
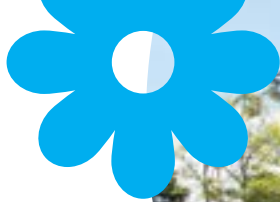
IT'S FLORIADE'S 30TH BIRTHDAY IN 2017

16 SEPTEMBER TO 15 OCTOBER, COMMONWEALTH PARK

Floriade will be celebrating its milestone birthday in style this year.

Explore more of the one million bulbs and annuals with extended opening hours from 10am to 7pm each day. Discover stunning sculptures around every corner. Enjoy exclusive access to the festival at an inaugural opening night concert, as the Canberra Symphony Orchestra take to the stage with the Ziggy Band to showcase the best of David Bowie.

 For more information and tickets visit floriadeaustralia.com



RECEIVE YOUR RATES & LAND TAX NOTICES BY EMAIL

Register online at act.gov.au/rateselectronic

For ACT driver licence and vehicle registration email renewals register at act.gov.au/regoelectronic

Note: Adobe Reader is required to save and view your bill.

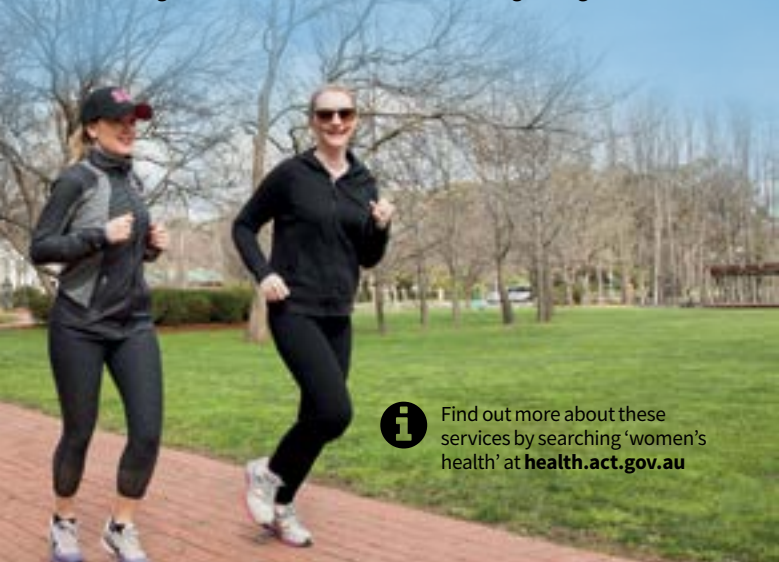
THIS WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK— FIND TIME FOR YOU


4-8 SEPTEMBER

This Women's Health Week, mothers, daughters, aunts and sisters are being encouraged to put themselves first and dedicate some time to their health and wellbeing.

If you have any health appointments or matters you've put to the side, make this week the time follow up.

The ACT has a dedicated Women's Health Service offering free nursing, medical, nutrition and counselling to eligible women.



 Find out more about these services by searching 'women's health' at health.act.gov.au



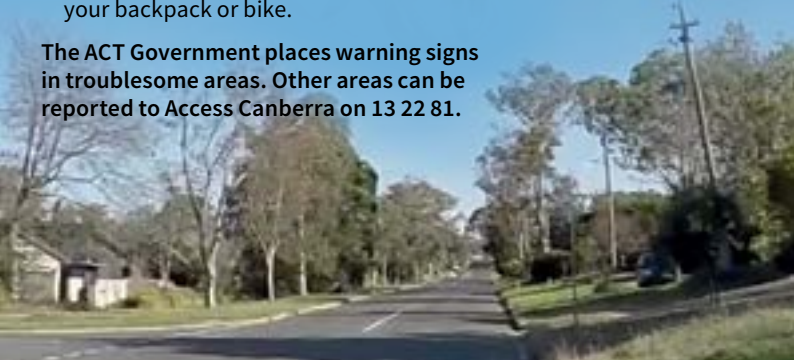
IT'S MAGPIE SWOOPING SEASON

Spring is in the air and so are the magpies.

During breeding season magpies may swoop people and animals in the area of their nests. Follow these simple precautions to help avoid being swooped:

- > walk through the magpie's territory quickly, but don't run
- > take a different route next time
- > protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses
- > look towards the magpie
- > attach flags or streamers on a stick to your backpack or bike.

The ACT Government places warning signs in troublesome areas. Other areas can be reported to Access Canberra on 13 22 81.



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