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Tuggeranong

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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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Canberra's new **northside hospital**

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.

The new hospital is part of increased healthcare infrastructure investment across the territory, including the Canberra Hospital's Critical Services Building which is set to open next year.

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

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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.



Our Canberra now available in **Easy English**

Easy English is a simple, concise writing style that focuses on key information and uses words and images to aid understanding.

This may be of use to Canberrans with low English literacy, English as a second language, or those living with a disability that may affect their ability to read Our Canberra in its current form.

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Upgrades coming to public schools

Nine Tuggeranong schools will soon receive upgrades through the Public School Infrastructure Renewal Program, including:

- Gilmore Primary will receive a new bike enclosure, teaching kitchen canteen upgrades and improved staff facilities
- Gordon Primary will receive a new fence around the oval and a new outdoor learning area
- Isabella Plains Early Childhood School's staff facilities will undergo upgrades
- Monash Primary and Preschool will see upgrades to the school's oval, front office and staff room
- Namadgi School will see covered walkways installed
- Richardson Primary School will receive upgrades to the canteen and student toilets
- Theodore Primary School will receive new LED signage
- Birrigai Outdoor School will receive updated signage, upgraded footpaths, access ramps and wheelchair access, as well as a new all-weather teaching and learning space, and student rest area
- Erindale College's student bathroom will undergo upgrades

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



Gordon footballers welcome **solar powered shipping container canteen**

A solar powered shipping container canteen is now fuelling local AFL footballers and spectators at Gordon district playing fields.

The container's six solar panels and battery generate 2.2 kilowatts of power to operate air conditioning, a fridge and lighting, providing about 12 hours of run time.

Similar containers will be placed at other Canberra sportsgrounds, where required.

Burn better **this winter**

Using your wood heater safely and efficiently involves a few simple steps:

- Ensure you buy dry, well-seasoned and untreated wood from a reputable seller.
- Start your fire with the control fully open and use plenty of kindling.
- Arrange logs with space between them to allow air flow.
- Use smaller logs when reloading and allow the fire to burn on high for 20 to 25 minutes.
- Keep the air control open to maintain a flame.
- Don't overfill your heater and never let fires smoulder overnight.

Using your wood heater correctly will improve Canberra's air quality, save you money, and keep your home warm.



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

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

23 June **Lakeside at 5**
Tuggeranong Arts Centre

24 June **The Forge**
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.



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

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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.