

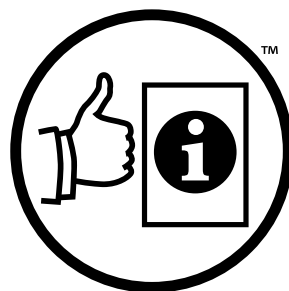


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Our Canberra September 2023

ACT Government



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

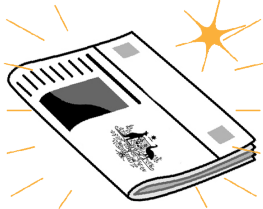
- find more information.



About this book



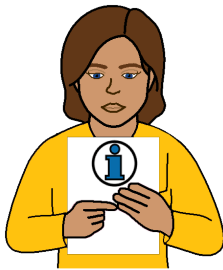
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This book is the Easy English **newsletter**
Our Canberra.

A newsletter tells you about lots of new things that

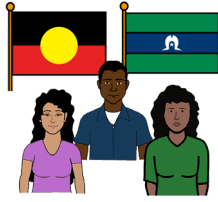
- you should know about
- you can do.



This newsletter is for September 2023.



The next newsletter will be in October 2023.



We acknowledge First Nations Peoples

Acknowledge means we understand the importance of **First Nations Peoples**

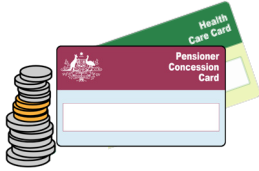
- culture
- language
- history.



First Nations Peoples are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We can help you save money

You can get many things cheaper if you have a **concession** card.



Concession means you pay less.

You might get a concession card from the government if

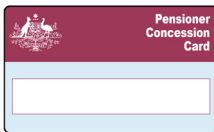


- you are older



- you have a disability.

Your concession card might be called



- **Pensioner Concession Card**

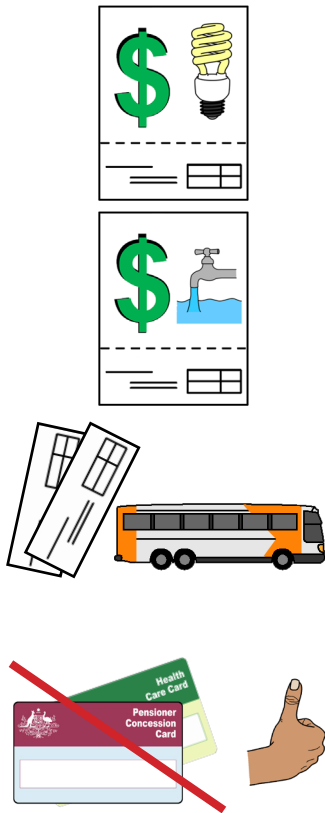


- **Veteran Gold Card**



- something else.

If you have a concession card

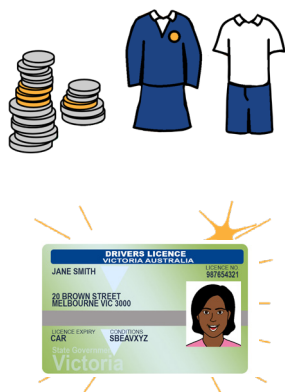


A concession card lets you pay less for

- electricity
- water
- bus and train tickets.

If you do not have a concession card

We can still help you save money.



For example we might help you pay less for

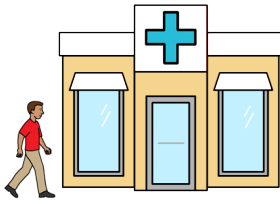
- school uniforms
- a new drivers licence.



Go to our website to see how we can help.

act.gov.au/costoflivingsupport

Free help when you are sick



There are 5 **walk in centres** in Canberra.

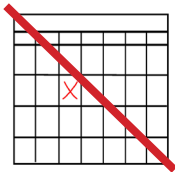


A walk in centre is a place where a nurse can help you for free if

- you feel sick



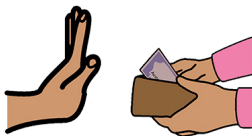
- you have a small injury.



You do **not** need an appointment.



You do **not** need a Medicare card.



You do **not** need to pay.



The walk in centres are open **every day** from 7.30 am to 10 pm.



The nurses can help children over 1 year old.



The nurses can help with small problems like

- a fever



- a sore throat



- a small wound



- a broken bone



- a skin rash.



If you have a big health problem the nurses will tell you who else can help.



Go to our website to find a walk in centre.

walkincentre.act.gov.au

Come to Floriade



You can visit the **Floriade** spring festival in Commonwealth Park.



Everyone is welcome.



There will be

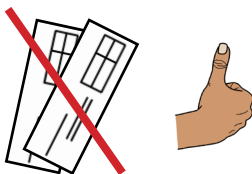
- lots of flowers and garden art



- live music



- food and wine.



You do **not** need a ticket to visit Floriade.



Floriade starts on **Saturday 16 September**.



Floriade ends on **Sunday 15 October**.

You can also visit **Night Fest** after dark.



There will be

- lots of lights and colour



- shows



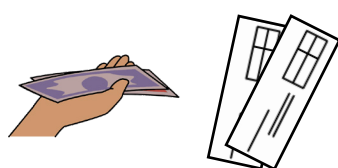
- food and drinks.



Night Fest starts on **Thursday 28 September**.



Night Fest ends on **Sunday 1 October**.



You **must** buy a ticket to visit Night Fest.



Go to the festival website for more information.

floriadeaustralia.com

A new community cafe in Dickson

There is a new cafe in the Common Ground Dickson area.



The cafe is called **Stepping Stone**.



The cafe helps women in the community learn new skills.



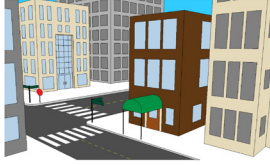
The cafe gives jobs to

- First Nations women



- women who came to Australia from another country.

We will make Garema Place better



Garema Place in the city centre is a place where many people meet.



We have asked how we could make it better.

People told us Garema Place should



- look nicer

- have more tables and seats for eating



- have more trees and flowers



- be easy to move around for everyone.



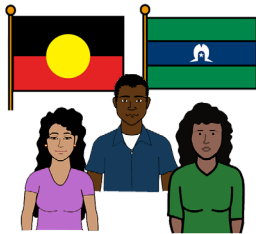
We will tell everyone by December how we want to change Garema Place.

Are you ready to vote?



All Australians over 18 years old **must** vote on **14 October 2023**.

The vote is about the **Voice to Parliament**.



The Voice to Parliament is about

- First Nations Peoples
- how the Australian Government should listen to First Nations Peoples.



If this is the first time you vote

You **must enrol**.



Enrol means you register to vote.



You can enrol online

aec.gov.au/enrol

If you are already enrolled



You **must** check that your personal details are correct.



Personal details include

- your name
- your address.



You can check your personal details online.

Website check.aec.gov.au

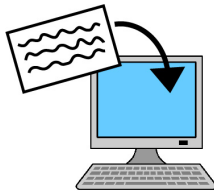


More information

For more information contact the
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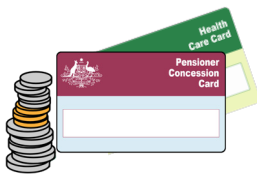
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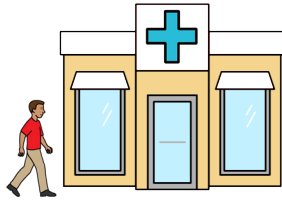
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How we can help you save money



Website
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Find a walk in centre for free health care

Website

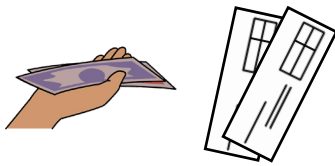
walkincentre.act.gov.au



Plan your visit to Floriade festival

Website

floriadeaustralia.com



Buy tickets for Night Fest

Website

floriadeaustralia.com/program/nightfest

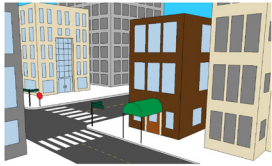


Find out more about Stepping Stone cafe

Website

cafesteppingstone.com

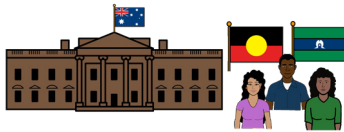




Read about our plans for Garema Place

Website

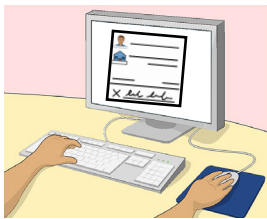
[yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/
garema-place-upgrade](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/garema-place-upgrade)



Learn more about the Voice to Parliament

Website

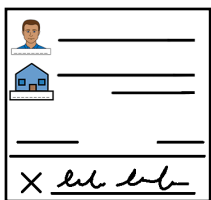
voice.gov.au



Enrol to vote

Website

aec.gov.au/enrol



Check if your voting details are correct

Website

check.aec.gov.au





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Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



If you need help to speak or listen

The National Relay Service can help you make a phone call.



Call 1800 555 660



Website accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk

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