A new community park is open in the Campbell 5 complex. The park features a beautiful open space that includes grassed terraces, children’s play spaces, irrigated turf areas that can be used for a range of informal sport and recreational activities and outdoor fitness equipment stations. The park is located on the corner of Constitution Avenue and Anzac Parade and is open to all members of the public to come along and enjoy.

Canberra’s youngest patients and their families now have a more comfortable and less stressful environment while waiting for treatment at Canberra Hospital’s Emergency Department with the opening of the ACT’s first dedicated Paediatric Streaming space.

The new space has six additional patient beds, two consultation rooms and a private waiting area, which is separate to the emergency department’s main and very busy waiting area. The facility is a part of the $23 million Canberra Hospital Emergency Department expansion and is delivered with a $5 million contribution from the Australian Government.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

It’s always good to see Canberra leading the nation. Some recent examples have made me proud.

We’re going to be using 100 percent renewable energy by 2020, five years ahead of schedule and light years ahead of the rest of Australia. This makes sense for the environment and it’s a good economic move as we can lock in a great price for power. We’ve also brought forward our zero emissions target and plan for the ACT to be carbon neutral by 2050. Together, these give our children a cleaner planet and great new job opportunities.

I was also delighted to learn on Mother’s Day that the ACT is the best place in Australia to be a mum, according to research by Save the Children. What a great area to lead the nation.
Construction of Canberra’s first Secure Mental Health Unit has reached the halfway mark.

The facility is set to be operational later this year. It has been purpose-built to provide a safe and structured in-patient environment for people with acute and severe mental illness and will offer unique care and therapeutic treatment to protect them and the community.

The facility will provide 10 acute care beds and 15 rehabilitation beds, which will be opened in a staged process once the unit becomes operational.

MORE FUNDING FOR CANBERRA

The Australian Government has increased its support for stage one of Canberra’s city wide light rail network in its recent federal budget, providing an extra $7 million to the project. The increase in funding puts the total Australian Government contribution at $57 million.

MAKE SURE YOU’RE ENROLLED TO VOTE FOR THE OCTOBER 2016 ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION

All ACT residents who are Australian citizens and 18 years or over are reminded to enrol or update their details. If your name is not on the roll you will miss out on your opportunity to vote.

To update your enrolment visit elections.act.gov.au

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HONOUR WALK RECIPIENTS FOR 2016

Six new worthy recipients have been recognised for their contributions to the ACT and inducted onto the ACT Honour Walk.

Recipients recognised in 2016 are St John’s Anglican Church Canberra, the Jennings Germans, the Taverner family, The Honourable Jeffrey Miles AO, Geoff Pryor and William (Bill) Hoffmann OAM.

What is the ACT Honour Walk?

It was commissioned in 2005 and provides enduring recognition of individuals or groups that have made sustained contributions to the ACT. The walk can be found at Actons Place, near the Canberra Times Fountain in Civic.

How to nominate

Any person or group who has played a leading role in shaping the city of Canberra is eligible. Nominations are open year round at cmd.act.gov.au/communication/act-honour-walk

For more information on all six inductees visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra

ON THE ROAD TO RIO WITH CANBERRA’S ATHLETES

The road to the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio has been made a little easier for 30 local athletes who’ve received financial support to help with costs of training, competition and equipment as they strive to represent Australia.

Kate Kelly is training to compete in the paratriathlon in Rio and says the funding assistance has taken off a huge financial pressure in the lead up to the Games. “The assistance covers cost such as training equipment everything from bike repairs, training clothes, additional physio and rehab work, as well as cost for my guide to attend training camps and competitions,” she says.

For more information on Men’s Health Week visit menshealthweek.org.au

For the journey of our athletes at sport.act.gov.au/act-academy-of-sport or on Twitter via @hsaACTES

MORE BLOCKBUSTER CRICKET FOR CANBERRA

Canberra will host its first ever test match in the summer of 2018-19, ensuringCanberrans enjoy even more blockbuster cricket at Manuka Oval.

Australia will take on Sri Lanka in the Test, which will replace the Men’s One Day International (ODI) match scheduled for 2018-19. New Zealand will also be playing a One Day International match at Manuka Oval for the first time during the 2016-17 Chappell-Hadlee series.

Ticketing information for the ODI series will become available later in 2016.
100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR CANBERRA BY 2020

A 10 percent increase in the ACT’s renewable energy target will see 100 percent of all energy delivered come from renewable sources by the year 2020.

For Canberrans this will mean clean power from wind and solar sources as well as the creation of jobs and economic benefits stemming from $400 million in local investment.

For more information visit environment.act.gov.au

A NEW HOME FOR VISITORS CENTRE IN CENTRAL CANBERRA

The Canberra Region Visitors Centre will move to its new location in the National Capital Exhibition building at Regatta Point in July.

Co-locating a visitor information centre with the attraction will provide a new experience for visitors learning about Canberra’s history and purpose as the nation’s capital.

Locals can also drop into the centre to find out what’s on in Canberra. The new site will also contain innovative digital solutions but will still retain important face-to-face interaction with staff and volunteers.

Canberrans can expect to see new directional signage installed on arterial roads into the city directing people to the centre.

For more tourist information about Canberra visit visitcanberra.com.au

NEW HEALTH SERVICES GUIDE FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Were you born overseas? Did you know ACT Health is making it easier for you to access health services in your area?

ACT Health’s ‘Using Health Services in the ACT’ booklet is full of helpful tips and information on what services are available locally. Tours of local health facilities guided by our staff are also available.

The Gungahlin Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Access Project has been set up to help migrants and refugees new to the Gungahlin region to access ACT Health services.

For a copy of the booklet or for more information, visit health.act.gov.au/multicultural or contact the Multicultural Health Unit on (02) 6205 1011.

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

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