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# Our CBR

Woden, Weston Creek  
and Molonglo Valley

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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.

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## Upgrades coming to 10 local public schools

Ten local schools will soon receive upgrades through the Public School Infrastructure Renewal Program, including:

- Arawang Primary – new school hall air conditioning and outdoor learning area
- Curtin Primary – new accessible stage and shade structure
- Duffy Primary – upgrades to preschool amenities
- Farrer Primary – upgrades to staff amenities and a new shade structure
- Hughes Primary – a new covered outdoor learning environment

- Lyons Early Childhood School – upgrades to the front of the school
- Malkara School – gym stage will be re-built
- Melrose High School – new LED lighting throughout the school
- Woden School – upgrades to the school hall and a new shade structure.

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



## Improving public spaces in your suburbs

A number of upgrades of public spaces across the region are underway.

The new playground at Duffy shops has been completed, with shade sails, a bike track, improved landscaping and a new public toilet.

Farrer nature play space is also set to receive a new toilet, with the exterior of the building to feature an artwork by Indigenous artist Kristie Peters.

Upgrades will soon begin along Brierly Street, making it a safer and more enjoyable space for the community.

## Cranes arrive at CIT Woden site

The Woden skyline is set to change with the upcoming addition of two cranes working on the site of the town centre's new public transport interchange and CIT campus.

There will also be some pedestrian access changes while utilities and stormwater works are carried out at the northern end of Callam Street, near Launceston Street.

The former Woden bus interchange has now disappeared and site preparation and excavation is well underway. The development application is approved and construction of the main building will start soon.



### 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](https://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**  
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**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](https://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.