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### Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is continuing to invest in the health infrastructure and services our city needs. Demand for services will increase as population grows inside the ACT and in surrounding NSW.

The Canberra Hospital expansion is well underway and on track for completion in 2024. The government is also introducing a digital health record system to allow clinical staff to spend less time looking for medical records and more time looking after patients.

For the future, planning is underway for a new northside hospital and the government is continuing to invest in the network of nurse-led walk-in centres.

Every Canberran should have access to good quality health care, when and where they need it.

**Andrew Barr**



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## Hospital expansion taking shape

Construction of the new eight-storey Critical Services Building is well underway.

The concrete structure will reach full height by early next year. Work will then continue on the façade and fit out of spaces to provide the Canberra Hospital with more operating rooms, more treatment spaces and more intensive care beds.

Once complete in 2024, the new state-of-the-art Critical Services Building will boost healthcare capacity for Canberra and the surrounding regions.



## Digital Health Record goes live

The new Digital Health Record goes live across the ACT's public health system from 12 November.

Every Canberran will have a Digital Health Record that can be accessed by their healthcare team at any ACT public health service, allowing clinical staff to spend less time looking for medical records and more time looking after patients.

Individuals will also be able to access their own Digital Health Record through MyDHR, enabling them to update their information, check test results or manage appointments.

Find out more at [dhr.act.gov.au](https://dhr.act.gov.au)



## Changes in the city

As construction works increase on light rail related projects in the city, Canberrans are reminded to plan their journeys and stay informed.

Temporary traffic lights are being installed at the junction of Northbourne Avenue and Vernon Circle to allow safe movements onto Constitution Avenue and London Circuit.

London Circuit will soon be temporarily closed between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue to safely carry out work to raise London Circuit.

For more information visit [builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts)

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## Now targeting **illegal dumping**

Canberrans are being encouraged to dispose of waste thoughtfully, with cameras set up at illegal dumping hot spots across Canberra to help deter and detect offenders.

Strong penalties apply for those caught dumping material illegally.

Canberrans have many options to reuse, donate or dispose of unwanted items, including a free annual bulky waste collection of up to two cubic metres for ACT households.

Find out more online.





## Milestone delivered on Gundaroo Drive

Construction continues along Gundaroo Drive with work nearing completion at the Ginninderra Drive end.

New lanes are also taking shape between Baldwin Drive and Chuculba Crescent.

Full completion is expected in late 2023. This project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.



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## Have your say on the future of Belconnen

Consultation will open in early November on a new planning strategy for Belconnen, which will improve liveability while considering environmental, social, economic and wellbeing needs.

Canberra's new district strategies will help us decide where and when

to prioritise schools, local shops, employment opportunities, services such as hospitals and medical centres, community spaces, places of worship and more.

Have your say on how we plan for the future of our growing city at [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au)

## Help design the new northside hospital

The ACT Government wants to hear from the community on what they want from a new northside hospital.

Help shape the hospital's early planning and design by attending one of many in-person and online engagement events this month.

Find out more at [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au)



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### Acknowledgement of Country



The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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## Design Canberra returns

The Design Canberra Festival returns from 2-20 November to showcase Canberra as a leader in all things design.

The jam-packed program features more than 200 events, including exhibitions, talks, tours, markets, collaborations, artist studios and open homes.

Now in its 8th year, the festival offers something for all interests and ages and most events are free.

Find out more at [designcanberrafestival.com.au](https://designcanberrafestival.com.au)

## Volunteer at the National Multicultural Festival



Volunteer at the 2023 National Multicultural Festival and experience this iconic event like never before.

There are a variety of volunteer roles available throughout the festival, which runs from 17-19 February.

For more, visit [multiculturalfestival.com.au](https://multiculturalfestival.com.au)

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## What's on in November

**29 Oct -30 Nov** **Canberra SpringOUT  
Pride Festival**  
Various locations

**4 Nov** **UC Capitals v  
Bendigo Spirit**  
National Convention  
Centre Canberra

**5-19 Nov** **Creative Kids:  
Designing Futures**  
Design Canberra  
Festival Hub

**9-12 Nov** **Chalkface**  
Canberra  
Theatre Centre

**12/13 and  
19/20 Nov** **Garage Sale Trail**  
Various locations

**19-20 Nov** **Stromlo  
Running Festival**  
Stromlo Forest Park

**26 Nov** **Spilt Milk**  
Exhibition Park



For more events and details,  
visit [events.canberra.com.au](https://events.canberra.com.au)

## YOUR SAY

### Help shape upcoming projects

We want your input on current and upcoming ACT Government initiatives, including:

- single use plastics
- achieving equity for those who identify as women and girls
- northside hospital consultation
- where should we plant trees?

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