

Fast tracking Canberra's recovery



The ACT Government is fast tracking local infrastructure and maintenance projects to protect jobs and support local business.

In Central Canberra nearly 70 projects have been fast tracked. These works include improvements to public school facilities, road safety enhancements, health service facility and sportsground upgrades.

→ More at act.gov.au/fasttrack

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Canberra's new
transport network
which will bring
more services to
Central Canberra

The Woden School
in Deakin has received
a new play surface,
furniture, and lighting
for the art and science
classrooms, completed by
Canberra workers from
local businesses.

Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans have responded responsibly to the COVID-19 pandemic so far. We are learning to live with the virus. It will be with us for many months, and possibly years, in to the future.

The ACT Government has been working hard to protect our city from the devastating health and economic impacts that we have seen around the world. We understand that this pandemic is far from over.

Over recent months, the ACT Government's main response has been to support the health and welfare of Canberrans.

Canberra's Recovery Plan includes a range of financial assistance for households, businesses and workers. It also includes a roadmap for the easing of restrictions. The Government wants to support the full recovery of our economy, however, if the expert health advice says we shouldn't further ease restrictions at a point in time – then we won't.

The experience of other cities demonstrates that the economy cannot recover if the virus is not contained. Public health must be the number one priority.

Andrew Barr



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Travel safe during Covid-19



Restrictions have eased, but your responsibility hasn't.

As the updated public transport network starts providing more services, we're still encouraging Canberrans to avoid travelling during peak times. When you travel please remember:

- Don't use public transport if you're unwell – stay at home
- Stay 1.5 metres apart
- Maintain good hand hygiene

More at covid19.act.gov.au

Violence is never okay



COVID-19 has put pressure on relationships, but that's no excuse for domestic and family violence of any kind.

Reach out to one of the ACT's domestic and family violence services. You can have a confidential conversation, get help for a legal issue, or receive advice on co-parenting.

- For a list of services that can help, visit act.gov.au/violenceisneverok

Expanding the Centenary Hospital

The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children expansion will include a new adolescent mental health unit.

The project will ensure our health infrastructure can cater for Canberra's growing population.

More at health.act.gov.au



Better healthcare boosting jobs

The Canberra Hospital expansion will bring better healthcare to Canberrans and support local jobs.

The project will provide hundreds of local jobs, with construction of a new building for the Canberra Sexual Health Centre to commence this year, and works on the new acute health facility to begin in 2021.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

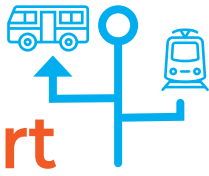
It's ok not to feel ok

You may be feeling confused, secluded, sad, anxious, depressed or frustrated. You may not feel like yourself, or you may be struggling with negative thoughts.

These feelings are normal and you don't have to face them alone.

→ Find out how to get the right support at health.act.gov.au/mentalhealth

Better transport connections



Canberra residents now have access to more direct bus routes, more frequent services and other improvements across the transport network. The changes address community feedback and include:

- 692 extra services each weekday across CBR (up 17.5%)
- more frequent Rapid 6 services (Woden to City via Kingston)
- new route 59 (Woden to Forrest, Barton and Russell) every 15 minutes
- more direct services on Rapid 4 and Rapid 5 from Woden to the City
- increased light rail frequency to every 5 minutes in AM peak
- easier to get to Mitchell with route 18 extended to Dickson
- route 902 runs 7 days a week from Old Narrabundah to Woden
- local buses every 30 minutes all day.

An easier trip to school for Canberra students



Changes are now in place for school bus routes, with services increased and more aligned with bell times.

Changes include:

- a new school special from Old Narrabundah to Red Hill School (route 2020)
- more Rapid 6 services at busy times for Narrabundah College students.

More at transport.act.gov.au



Walk-in Centre coming to Dickson

The Dickson Community Health Centre will undergo refurbishment over the coming months, and will include the new Inner North Walk-in Centre. The new Centre is expected to be open by September 2020.

In 2019, Canberra's Walk-in Centres averaged around 5500 presentations a month, which means that almost 68,000 patients were treated over the year.

→ More at health.act.gov.au



New light rail stop at Mitchell

A new light rail stop will be built on Flemington Road at Sandford Street to provide better access to the Mitchell business district and the future suburb of Kenny.



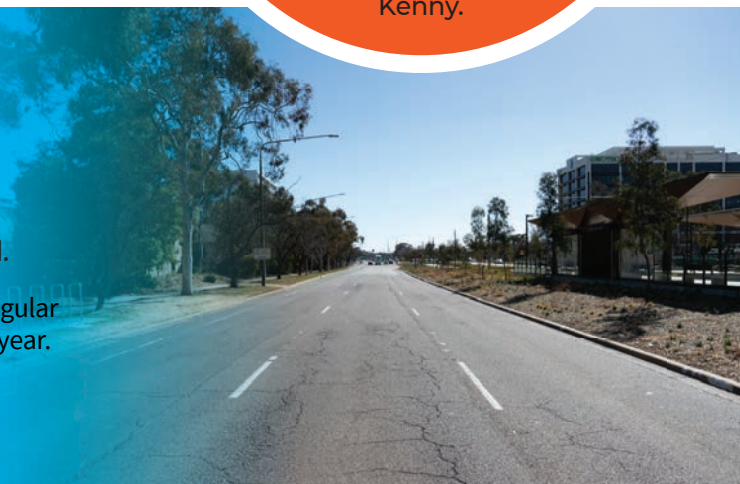
A smoother ride down Northbourne Avenue

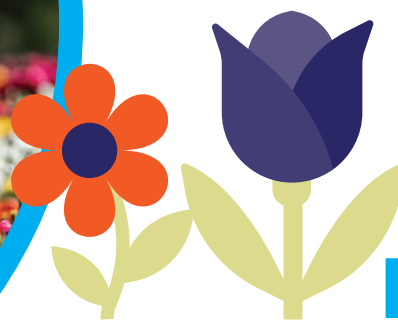


The northbound lanes of Northbourne Avenue between Macarthur Avenue and Mouat Street are being improved.

These works will improve skid resistance and reduce the need for regular maintenance. Works are expected to be complete by the end of the year.

→ More at cityservices.act.gov.au





Floriade: Reimagined

coming to a suburb near you

This year's celebration of spring will be held in suburbs across Canberra, with Floriade and community groups planting bulbs and annuals throughout the territory.

Find your nearest floral display and watch it transform before Floriade: Reimagined blooms to life
12 September to 11 October 2020.

→ Read more

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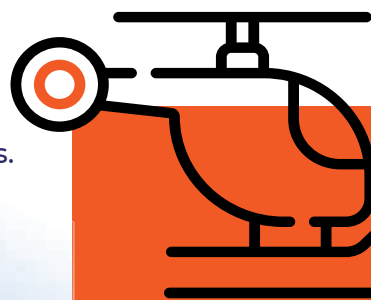
Tidbinbilla animals return home

Over the last six months, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve have worked with wildlife sanctuaries and other institutions to safely care for and return the Reserve's koalas, platypus, northern corroboree frogs and brush-tailed rock wallabies.

Tidbinbilla are currently working to return the remaining brush-tailed rock-wallabies from Mt Rothwell, Victoria. The animals were evacuated after the Orroral Valley Fire threatened their home in January.

Tidbinbilla is open again, so remember to come say hello to the animals during your next visit.

→ Plan your visit at tidbinbilla.act.gov.au



New helipads ready for lift-off

In preparation for the 2020-21 bushfire season, two concrete helipads have been installed and the installation of two large tanks is nearing completion at ACT Rural Fire Service's Helibase in Hume.

The helipads cater for large firefighting helicopters, while the storage tanks can hold water as well as retardant.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

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- What deals and discounts can you offer me?
- What is the lowest cost plan you can provide me?
- Am I eligible for a government concession?

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