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and Molonglo Valley

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## Future-proofing Canberra's energy supply

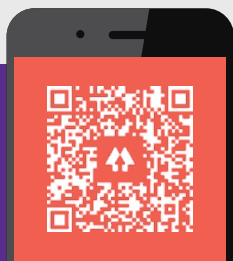
### Message from the Chief Minister

The ACT Government is future-proofing Canberra's energy supply with a new long-term partnership with Eku Energy to deliver the next stage of the Big Canberra Battery.

The partnership will deliver a large-scale battery storage facility in Williamsdale to

provide renewable energy security across the electricity grid, help the ACT grow its renewable energy industry, provide more employment opportunities for Canberrans, and deliver a positive financial return for the Territory.

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## Milestone for Big Canberra Battery project

The ACT Government is future-proofing Canberra's energy supply by expanding its renewable energy storage.

The government has partnered with Eku Energy to deliver the next stage of the Big Canberra Battery – a large-scale battery storage facility to be built in Williamsdale.

The 250MW battery energy storage system will provide enough renewable energy to power one-third of Canberra for two hours during a network outage.

The Big Canberra Battery project will help the ACT grow its sustainability industry and provide more employment opportunities for Canberrans.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2024.

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## Early Pregnancy Unit now open

Patients experiencing complications in early pregnancy now have better access to health services with a dedicated three-bed inpatient unit open at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.

The Early Pregnancy Service supports patients experiencing early pregnancy complications and loss. Until now, no dedicated facility has existed to provide this type of care in a private, healing space.

Clinicians, consumers and carers contributed to the design of the unit, which is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of health professionals.

A new 15-bed Antenatal and Gynaecology Unit has also opened, adjacent to the Early Pregnancy Service, with both units part of the \$50 million Centenary Hospital for Women and Children expansion.

## Strengthening renters' rights

Changes to tenancy laws are now in place, creating more secure housing and a fairer system for Canberra's renters. There are four key changes:

- An end to 'no-cause' evictions
- A minimum standard for ceiling insulation
- Preventing landlords or agents from requesting rent bids
- Supporting tenants to grow food and to compost.

Find more online.



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## Have your say on Lyons playground designs

The preliminary design for playground improvements in Lyons will be released soon so Canberrans can share their feedback.

Responses from the 2022 community consultation on the Lyons playground location, amenities and play priorities have helped shape this design.

More details will be available this month at **YourSay Conversations**.



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## Intersection safety upgrades underway

Works to address traffic safety issues at the Hindmarsh Drive and Brierly Street intersection, near Coleman Court, are underway.

This includes the installation of traffic lights as part of the Australian Government's Black Spot Program.

The Black Spot Program directly targets safety improvements at high-risk locations that have a history of serious crashes.

Learn more online.

## Upgrades coming to Mawson Primary

Students at Mawson Primary School will see some exciting outdoor equipment and play area upgrades in term 2.

The school will welcome a challenging new ninja play area with soft fall footing and climbing features ready for all intrepid students to take on.

These works are an initiative of the school's Parents and Citizens Association, supported by the ACT Government.



## 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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## Arm yourself against the flu

Influenza is serious and can cause severe illness, or sometimes even death. It circulates in our community more during the winter months, so getting your annual flu vaccination now is the best way to protect yourself and your family. You can get your flu vaccine at a GP and at some pharmacies.

Government-funded flu vaccines are available for children aged six months to under five years, as well as anyone pregnant, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with certain medical conditions, and those aged 65 years and older (a consultation fee may apply).

Find out more at [health.act.gov.au/flu](http://health.act.gov.au/flu)

## Reconciliation Day at the Arboretum

The sixth annual Reconciliation Day event will be held on Monday 29 May at the National Arboretum, between 10am and 3pm.

Reconciliation Day is a time for Canberrans to come together to learn about our shared history, cultures and achievements, and to explore ways to contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's family-friendly program will feature a range of displays, live entertainment and activities.



## What's on in May

**1-7 May** **Canberra Tree Week**  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

**14 May** **Super Sunday for Mother's Day**  
Old Bus Depot Markets

**19-28 May** **The Trials**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**20-21 May** **Canberra Gemcraft and Mineral Show**  
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**20-21 May** **Canberra Wool Expo**  
Old Bus Depot Markets

**21 May** **Canberra MS Walk, Run + Roll**  
Rond Terrace, Parkes

**25 May** **Swing That Music**  
Hellenic Club, Phillip

**30 May-4 June** **Kitty Flanagan Live**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies and Giants at GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval this month.



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

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## Have you seen the Light Rail Stage 2A plans?

Light Rail Stage 2A will connect the city to Commonwealth Park and deliver three new stops. As part of the planning approval process, a Works Approval and Development Application are now open for public consultation and will close soon.

For more information including links for submissions, go to **YourSay Conversations**, or scan the QR code above.