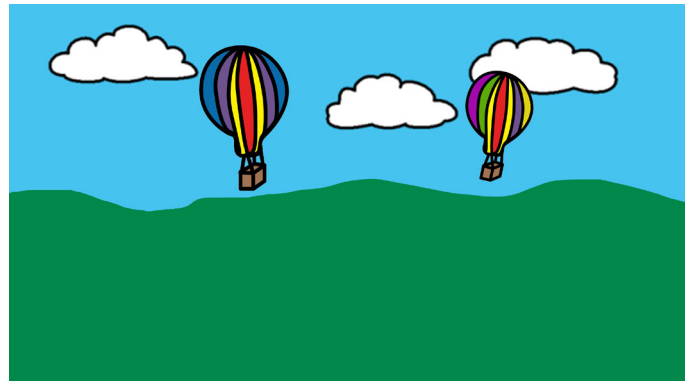




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# **Our Canberra** **March 2024**

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**Easy English**

## Help with this book



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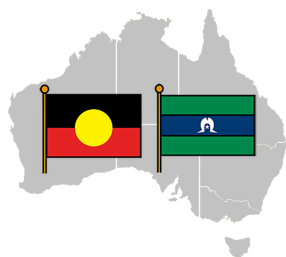


- find more information.

## We acknowledge the First Nations Peoples



**First Nations Peoples** are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



**Acknowledge** means we understand that the First Nations Peoples belong to this land.

## About this book



This book is from the ACT Government.



This book is the Easy English **newsletter**  
**Our Canberra.**

A newsletter tells you about lots of new  
things that

- you should know about
- you can do.



The newsletter is for March 2024.

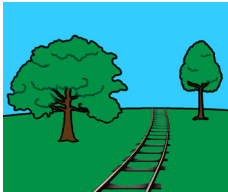


The next newsletter is April 2024.

## Learn about the new light rail



Workers are planning the new light rail to Commonwealth Park.



The light rail will get **green tracks**.

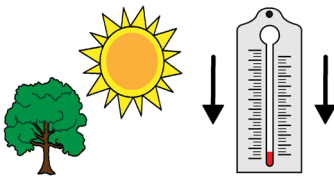


Green tracks are special rail tracks that are good for the planet.



For example, green tracks

- use lots of grass and plants



- help to keep the city cool in summer.

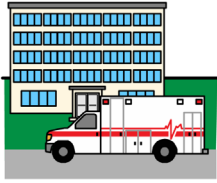


You can learn more on our website.

Website

[act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden](http://act.gov.au/lightrailtowoden)

## What is going on at the hospital?



Canberra Hospital gets a new building for people who need **critical care**.



Critical care is when doctors treat you if your life is in danger.



The new building will open in **September 2024**.



The hospital will have better care for people with disability.



There will also be a new **emergency** area for children.

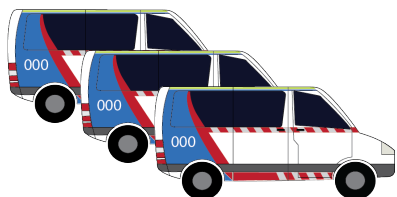


Emergency is when someone needs help fast.

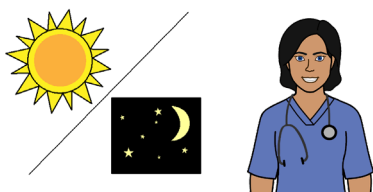
## If you need an ambulance



People should get help fast when they call an ambulance in Canberra.



We will soon have more ambulance teams ready to work.



The ambulance teams can come to help you any time day and night.

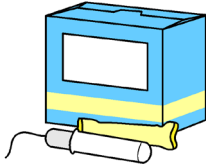


In an emergency call triple zero.

Call            000

## You can get free period products

**Period products** can help you feel clean when you have your period.

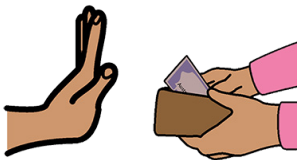


Period products include

- tampons
- pads.



Public schools in the ACT have free period products for their students and staff.



You can get period products for free at some public health services.



Find out more on our website.

Website

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## Enlighten Festival is on



The Enlighten Festival goes until  
**Monday 11 March.**



You can see light shows on many buildings in  
the city at night.

Read the full program online.

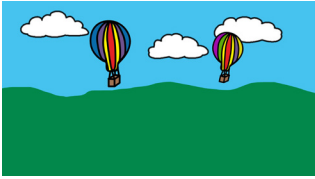


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## Watch hot air balloons



Lots of big balloons will fly over Canberra in March.



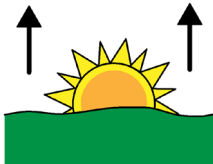
You can see the balloons very early in the morning from

- **Saturday 9 March**

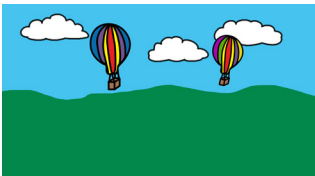
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- **Sunday 17 March.**



The balloons start before sunrise from the lawn behind the national library.



The balloons will only fly in good weather.

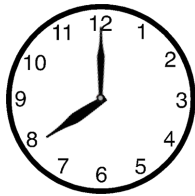
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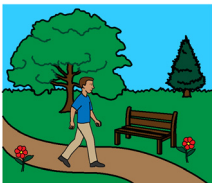
Join our party for Canberra Day on  
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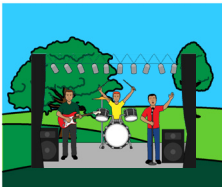
There will be a running race around the lake.



The race starts at 8 am.



After the race you can visit Commonwealth Park.



There will be

- live music



- food stalls



- fun for kids.

## Come to Skyfire



**Skyfire** is a big fireworks show in Canberra.



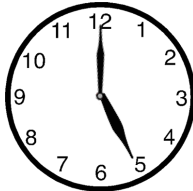
The show stopped during Covid.



This year the show will be back on  
**Saturday 16 March.**



You can watch the fireworks from the shore of  
Lake Burley Griffin.



The show starts with music at 5 pm.



Find out more on our website.

Website

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## More information



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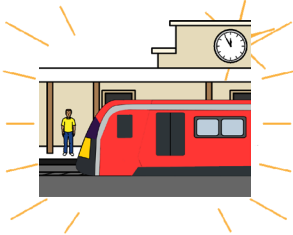
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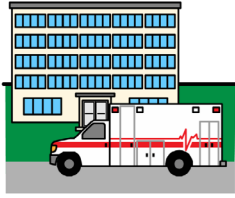


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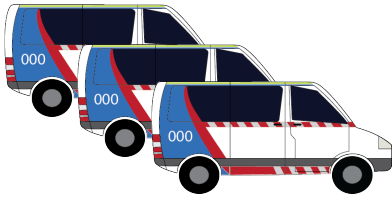




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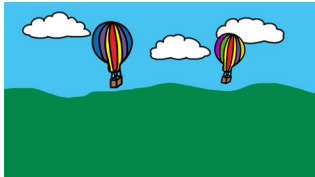




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## Read more about the balloon festival

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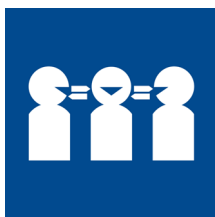
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## If you need help with English



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.

## If you need help to speak or listen



Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.

You must sign up to the service first.



Website [accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk](https://accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk)



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