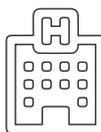


More beds for short stay patients at Calvary



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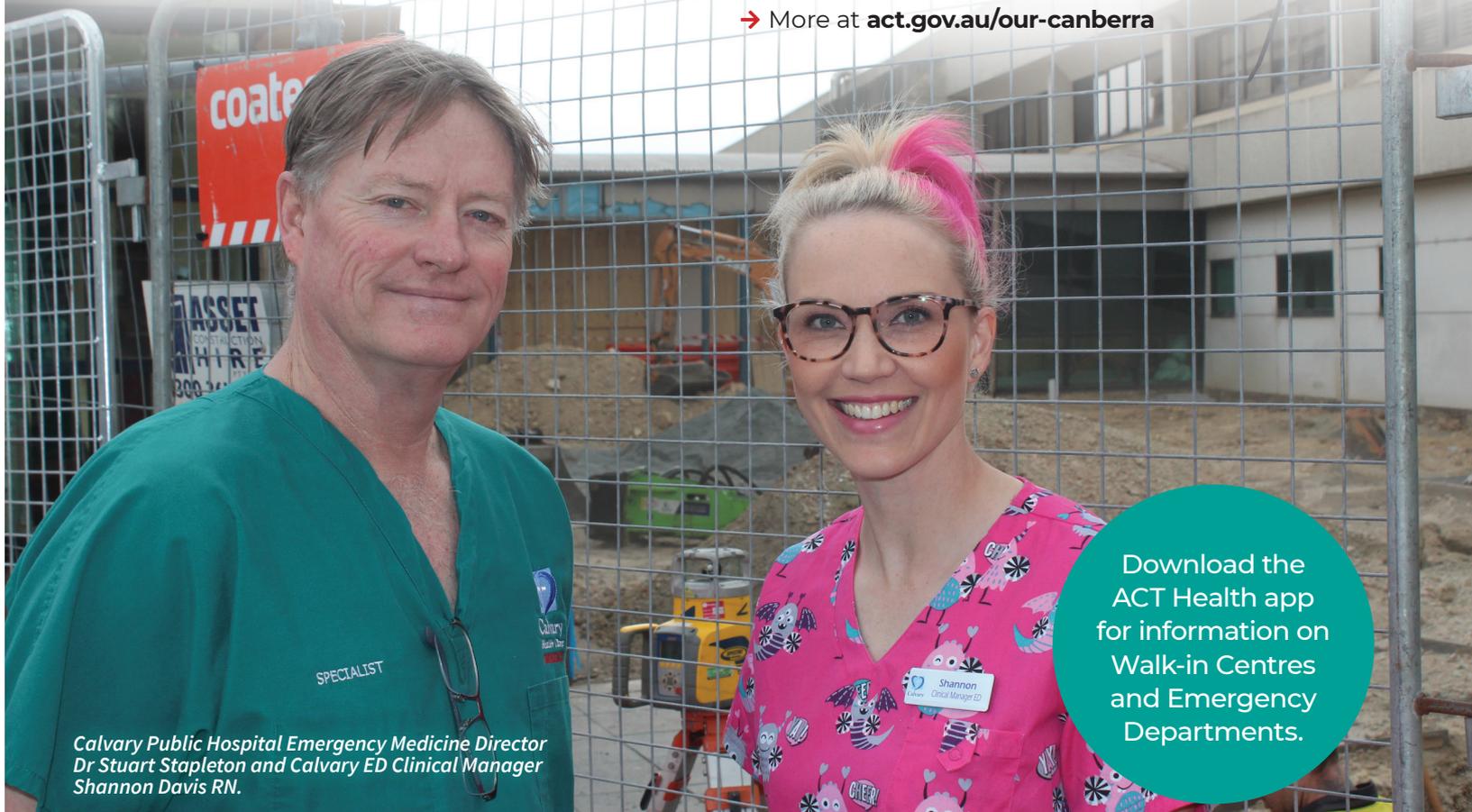
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There will be more room for patients at Calvary Public Hospital's Short Stay Unit in Bruce with an expansion underway to add eight extra treatment spaces before the busy Christmas period.

The unit is designed for patients who are expected to be treated in less than 24 hours. They will receive ongoing care after being initially seen in the Emergency Department.

The extra beds are part of the Hospital's Emergency Department expansion. Four of the beds will be equipped for the treatment of children.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Calvary Public Hospital Emergency Medicine Director
Dr Stuart Stapleton and Calvary ED Clinical Manager
Shannon Davis RN.

Download the ACT Health app for information on Walk-in Centres and Emergency Departments.

A message from the Chief Minister

Christmas in Canberra is a great time of year, and Canberrans can celebrate in the CBD with a new Christmas tree and a bigger-than-ever Christmas Village in Garema Place.

Canberrans can also welcome in 2020 in the city, with music, food and fireworks returning to Civic Square for the annual New Year's Eve celebrations.

As we enter the festive period, there will still be many Canberrans working hard to keep our city safe and cared for. Your hard work is appreciated.

I wish you a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

Andrew Barr



STOP PRESS! Existing Libraries ACT fines were written off last month and fines for overdue items will no longer be charged.

→ For details, see act.gov.au/our-canberra or visit library.act.gov.au





New modern campus for CIT

A new modern CIT campus will be built in the Woden Town Centre.

The new Woden campus will offer a combination of new and existing programs to provide skills for the future.

CIT Woden will also work with local businesses in the Woden Town Centre.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Critical care facility

for Canberra Hospital



The single largest expansion of the Canberra Hospital is underway with the design of the new emergency, surgical and critical healthcare facility.

The SPIRE Project will provide more operating rooms, emergency treatment spaces and intensive care beds to meet the healthcare needs of our growing community.

The delivery partner for the project will be selected in 2020, with works to prepare the site already in progress.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

Tenants' rights



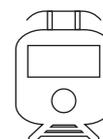
get a boost

It is now easier for tenants to keep pets and make minor modifications to properties they are renting under changes to ACT rental laws.

The new laws also better protect tenants against excessive rent increases.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Building light rail to Woden



Canberrans love light rail – with more than 15,000 boardings daily. Work is underway on Stage 2A, which will extend the network from the city to Commonwealth Park.

Stage 2B will follow to complete the link to Woden. For both stages, ground investigation works are in progress to gather information to support design and planning.

In 2020, works for Stage 2A will include the relocation of utilities, intersection upgrades and some changes to traffic and pedestrian movement.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

Be water wise this summer

Permanent water conservation measures are in place. Avoid watering in the heat of the day and ensure taps are fully off when not in use.

→ Follow our dam levels and Canberra's daily water use at iconwater.com.au



Meet your local emergency nurse: Louise Veitch



For Louise Veitch and her colleagues at Calvary Public Hospital Bruce's Emergency Department, "every day is different" and "you never know what to expect".

"I love the energy and managed urgency of being in the ED," Louise says.

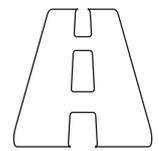
"It's a great team environment that demands clinical accuracy, and it works best when everyone is 'taking care' of each other.

And that means clinicians caring for patients and their families, clinicians caring for each other, and also patients and visitors caring for staff."

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Road resurfacing keeps Belconnen moving



Belconnen's main roads and suburban streets will be resurfaced over the coming months.

Sections of Kingsford Smith Drive, Belconnen Way and Gungahlin Drive are among the major roads to be resurfaced.

Canberra's annual road resurfacing program covers 21 suburbs this financial

year, and will make our roads safer for everybody.

→ A full list of ACT roads to be resurfaced is available tccs.act.gov.au

More trees for Belconnen

Have you noticed a bare space in your street or a park you regularly visit where a tree could be planted?

→ Visit yoursay.act.gov.au to pinpoint your location on a map.



YOUR
say

Let Transport Canberra

do the late
night driving



Sit back and relax this festive season and let us do the driving.

Transport Canberra offers late night services and rapid services between the major town centres on our seven-day network.

For Belconnen, the Rapid 2, 3 and 4 all provide frequent access to the city

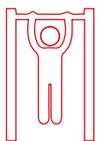
later into the evening. You can also connect with light rail and buses with the same easy-to-use MyWay card.

→ For more information and to plan your travel visit transport.act.gov.au



Make a holiday visit

to your local
school playground



Belconnen's public schools are at the centre of community life during the school year, but did you know that our playgrounds are still open for business during school holidays?

This spiderweb play equipment at Kaleen Primary is just one example.

→ For information on recently upgraded playgrounds, visit act.gov.au/our-canberra



Celebrate Christmas in the city

See Canberra's CBD come alive with the festive spirit on Friday 6 December to celebrate Christmas.

The night will provide the first opportunity to see the city's new Christmas tree, and there will be plenty of free family fun in a traditional Christmas village in Garema Place. Visit a log cabin for cookie decorating, bauble making and Santa snow cones or take a selfie with Santa – while it 'snows' around you!

→ More at act.gov.au/cityrenewal



Have a safe and happy CBR holiday

Thanks to ACT emergency and policing crews, health staff and operational teams who will work throughout the holiday season to keep us safe.

Follow our tips to stay safe and healthy this summer.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Public transport timetables, waste collection schedules and opening hours for Libraries ACT sites and Access Canberra shopfronts will change during the holiday period.

→ Details at act.gov.au/our-canberra

A cracker way to see in the New Year

Say goodbye to 2019, celebrate the year that was and ring in the New Year with music, food and fireworks in Civic Square.

With something for everyone, New Year's Eve in the City will feature family entertainment, pop-up performers and a variety of local food offerings. World-class fireworks displays will light up Canberra skies in the city at 9pm and midnight at this alcohol-free and glass-free event.

→ More at events.act.gov.au



New Year's Eve in Civic Square
31 December



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