

Fast tracking Gungahlin's recovery



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

In Gungahlin nearly 20 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 Gungahlin

As part of the fast track program, the Ngunnawal School has received a new nature play space, internal blinds, painted classrooms and important repair works.

Around 13 Canberrans from 4 local businesses completed the works.

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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 Visit COVID19.act.gov.au or call **6207 7244** to stay up-to-date on COVID19 in the ACT.

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

in Gungahlin

Gungahlin 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%)
- local buses from Crace, Palmerston and Nicholls to the Belconnen Town Centre to reduce the need to change buses
- increased light rail frequency to every 5 minutes in AM peak
- easier to get to Mitchell with route 18 extended to Dickson, reducing the need for multiple transfers
- more bus stops in Taylor for route 25/26
- local buses every 30 minutes all day.



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.

An easier trip to school for Gungahlin kids



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

Changes include:

- three new school special routes for students in Bonner, Forde, Casey, Ngunnawal and Moncrieff to get to Good Shepherd Primary and Amaroo School (routes 1064, 1065 and 1066)
- faster school specials to Radford College (route 1056) and St Francis Xavier College (route 1045) from Gungahlin suburbs like Casey, Nicholls, Ngunnawal, Palmerston and Crace.



Solar batteries

for Margaret Hendry School in Taylor

Margaret Hendry School is one of two ACT public schools to receive solar batteries. These will reduce grid electricity demand and school energy costs, as well as support local businesses through the ACT Government's fast track program.

This will be a test case for government, paving the way for possible future installations of batteries across other ACT schools.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Better roads for the region

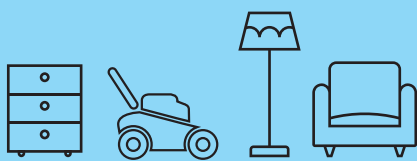
Gundaroo Drive now has four lanes open and ready to use between Gungahlin Drive and the Barton Highway. There are also on-road cycle lanes, off-road shared paths and upgraded bus stops.

The road connecting Belconnen and Gungahlin will also be duplicated to deliver two lanes in each direction, new on-road cycle lanes, signalisation of the Dumas Street intersection and new and upgraded bus stops.

→ More at cityservices.act.gov.au

Save yourself a trip to the tip

Are unwanted
household items
taking up space in
your home?



Take advantage of the ACT Government's
free bulky waste collection service.

Collections have started in Tuggeranong and Gungahlin and residents can book one free collection per year of up to two cubic metres of unwanted bulky household items. The service is also available to concession card holders in all ACT suburbs.

Book your
collection at
[act.gov.au/
bulkywaste](http://act.gov.au/bulkywaste)



Not all
your items will go
into landfill. They will
be **sorted and
recycled**, where
possible.



→ **Prepare for your collection**
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Prepare for your collection

Check out the list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

✓ Acceptable

- Furniture and household appliances (batteries removed)
- Tools including garden equipment
- Timber up to two metres in length
- White goods and sinks
- Building materials (excluding rubble)
- Metal products/scrap metal
- Electrical equipment including lighting
- Blankets, linen and manchester
- Automotive parts (fuel removed)
- Camping and outdoor equipment
- Televisions or computers

✗ Not acceptable

- More than 2m³ metres of waste
- Items weighing more than safe manual handling limits
- Household chemicals or hazardous wastes
- Sheet glass and mirrors
- Asbestos sheeting or asbestos products
- Gas bottles or fire extinguishers
- Dirt, garden waste (grass clipping, prunings) or household organic waste (food)
- Tyres

1. Keep all bulky waste inside your property boundary

in an easy to access location and do not leave outside more than 48 hours before collection.



2. If you live in an **apartment**, contact your building management to book a time and place for collection of goods.

3. Looking to dispose of other items?

Find out how to correctly recycle or dispose of specific items at act.gov.au/recyclopaedia



→ The service will be rolled out across Canberra as follows:

2021-22: Belconnen, Molonglo and Hall

2022-23: Woden Valley and Weston Creek

2023-24: Inner North and Inner South.



Cut out and keep



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
floriadeaustralia.com

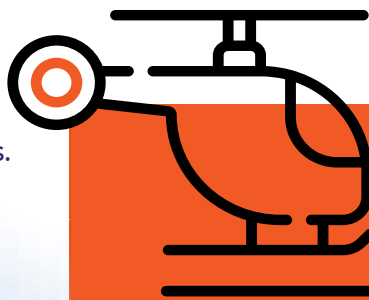
Tidbinbilla animals return home

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

Avoid energy bill surprises this winter



Grab your bill, phone your retailer and ask:

- Is my current energy plan the best one for me?
- 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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