



## Belconnen

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# Merry Christmas, Canberra



## Message from the Chief Minister

The summer months in the nation's capital are a great time of the year, and Canberrans can once again celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve in the City with plenty of entertainment and opportunities to support local businesses.

We are expecting that the festive season will also bring an increase in COVID-19 cases, so please keep testing for COVID and isolating if you are unwell.

As we get closer to the end of the year, there will be many Canberrans working hard to keep our city safe and cared for. There are also many city services staff working as hard as possible to repair potholes and mow the grass following extensive rain across the ACT.

I wish you a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Andrew Barr



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## London Circuit road closure

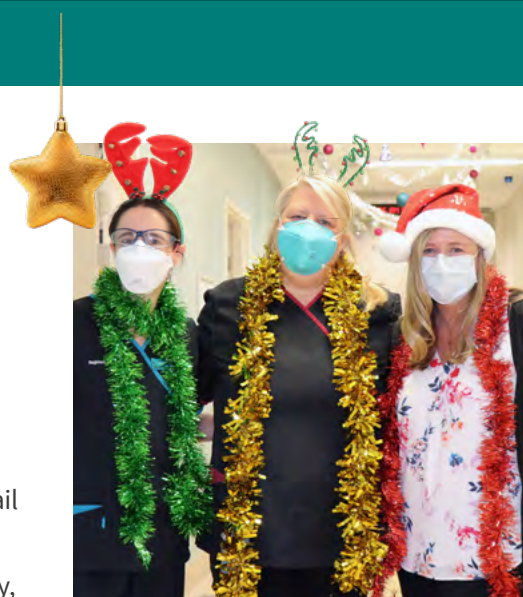
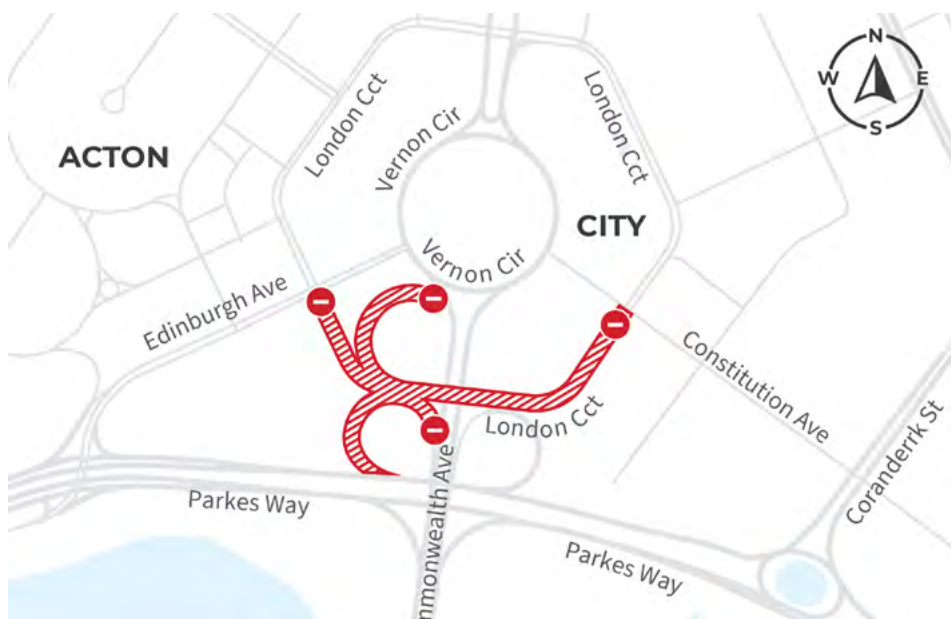
Work to deliver the second stage of light rail has started with the raising London Circuit project now underway.

The following roads are impacted for the duration of the project:

- London Circuit between Edinburgh Avenue and Constitution Avenue
- the cloverleaf ramps on the north end of Commonwealth Avenue.

When complete, this new city intersection will improve road, pedestrian and transport connections, provide more functional public spaces, and allow light rail to cross the lake.

For the latest information, including detailed maps on how to get around the city, visit [builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts)



## Walk-in Centres open for Christmas

Don't forget ACT Walk-in Centres are open seven days a week, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day, between 7.30am and 10pm.

If you find yourself with a non-life threatening injury or illness, head to your local nurse-led Walk-in Centre in Belconnen.

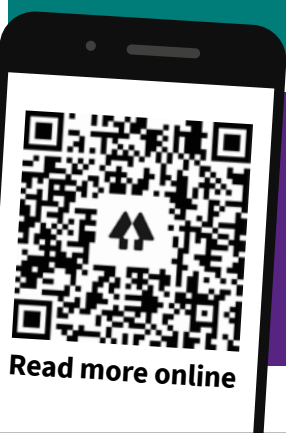
Scan the QR code to view all ACT Government service changes over the festive season.

## Make road safety your priority this summer

Over the holiday season, it's more important than ever to put your phone away, slow down, drive to the conditions and avoid fatigue. There are more motorists on the road in summer, particularly on the Kings Highway.

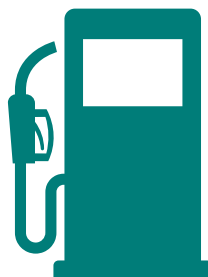
Whether you are travelling or staying in Canberra, ensure everyone gets home safely this summer by making road safety your priority.

Learn more at [act.gov.au/roadsafety](https://act.gov.au/roadsafety)



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# Shape the future of Belconnen

The ACT Government is asking for your help with planning Belconnen's future.

The draft Belconnen District Strategy outlines a range of proposed, potential and possible initiatives up for discussion as part of the community engagement process.

Initiatives include:

- improving Ginninderra Creek corridor and other habitat corridors
- increasing the economic and employment role of the town centre and Kippax centre
- investigating key change areas for development, such as Lawson and Lake Ginninderra
- developing an education and sport innovation precinct
- connecting Belconnen with the light rail network
- improving some local centres for community and employment.

Have your say at [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au)



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## Infrastructure upgrades in Belconnen

Following this year's community consultation, the ACT Government will start work on multiple projects across the region in 2023.

Some of these infrastructure projects include:

- playground upgrades in Aranda and Kaleen
- public space improvements at the Kippax Group Centre along Hardwick Crescent and at the Charnwood Group Centre
- replacement of three bridges in the Umbagog District Park
- path upgrades in Scullin as part of the Age Friendly Suburbs Program
- the new competition standard half-pipe at the Belconnen skatepark.

Next year the ACT Government will also be talking with the community about path improvements around Lake Ginninderra and public space upgrades at the local shops in Macquarie and Evatt.



## Community feedback informs Florey Oval renewal

Community feedback on Florey Oval has shaped designs for its upcoming refresh. Final designs will be released this month, following further community consultation.

Florey Primary students are most keen to see drinking fountains and a bike track, while the community would like nature and imaginative spaces and shaded areas.

View the report summarising this feedback and the designs at [yoursayconversations.act.gov.au](https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au)



### 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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## Celebrate Christmas in the city



The city will come alive with roving performances, photo-worthy moments, and of course, Canberra's most captivating Christmas tree this month.

Visitors will find something on every weekend in City Walk in the lead-up to Christmas.

Be sure to take a look around when you're Christmas shopping, celebrating with end-of-year drinks, or getting that classic Santa photo.

Take a stroll down City Walk and immerse yourself in the festive fun.

Check out the full program at [christmas.inthecity.com.au](http://christmas.inthecity.com.au)



## Bring in the new year with a bang

Welcome 2023 with a huge New Year's Eve celebration on Lake Burley Griffin.

Gather your friends and family, find a great lakeside spot and take in the amazing fireworks display.

Grab a bite to eat from the food vendors on site and enjoy the music and atmosphere as you await the countdown.

There will be fireworks at both 9pm and midnight.



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## What's on this holiday season

**24 Nov -25 Feb** **Sunset Cinema**  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

**10 Dec** **UC Capitals v Sydney Flames**  
National Convention Centre Canberra

**11 & 18 Dec** **Christmas Village Markets**  
Haig Park

**13 Dec** **Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, Men's Big Bash**  
Manuka Oval

**5-8 Jan** **Summernats**  
Exhibition Park

**13-15 Jan** **Storytime Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty**  
Canberra Theatre Centre

**21 Jan** **Lunar New Year**  
Woolley St Dickson



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



## Free travel on Christmas Day

Bus and light rail services are free on Christmas Day.

During the festive season and especially on New Year's Eve, why not leave the car at home and let Transport Canberra do the driving? (Normal fares apply).

View the timetable online.