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New live music venue for Canberra



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Message from the Chief Minister

Canberra will take a huge leap forward in our arts, entertainment and sports infrastructure over the coming decade.

Construction of a new lyric theatre and an indoor live music venue for Canberra will begin in the next five years.

These projects are some of many in the ACT's updated Infrastructure Plan to realise an ambition for Canberra to be recognised as Australia's emerging cultural, arts and entertainment hub. This also includes plans for rectangular stadium renewal and improvements at Manuka Oval.

Andrew Barr



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More health services for young people

The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children Expansion Project has reached another key milestone, with the opening of a new wing dedicated to adolescent health.

The new wing includes a 14-bed Adolescent Unit featuring eight medical and six dedicated mental health beds – a first for the ACT.

The Adolescent Day Program, which is for young people at risk of hospitalisation for mental health, also has a new purpose-built space.

This program works with the young person and their family or carers to link them with other community-based services.

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Don't bin **your batteries**

Did you know batteries are hazardous and can cause fires when disposed of incorrectly?

One in four Canberra households are still discarding batteries in their landfill and recycling bins.

It is important to check for batteries, including embedded batteries, before placing any item into your household bins.

One handy tip to help prevent fires is to place clear sticky tape around battery terminals before dropping them off at a collection point.

There are more than 60 registered battery recycling drop-off locations in the ACT. You can also drop any hazardous materials off for free at an ACT Government Resource Management Centre.

Scan the QR code for more details.



Light rail gets the green light

The extension of light rail to Commonwealth Park is another step closer with the works approval from the National Capital Authority being granted.

Stage 2A is the first section of light rail to Woden and will see construction of three new stops between the City and Commonwealth Park. The second section (Stage 2B) will further extend light rail all the way to Woden.

Work is already well underway on raising London Circuit, needed to enable the extension of light rail, with construction on Stage 2A expected to commence once raising London Circuit is complete.

Further traffic changes to Commonwealth Avenue, for works on raising London Circuit, will be in place soon.

For more information and maps, please visit builtforcbr.act.gov.au/travel-impacts



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Building a vision for entertainment, sports and arts

A new indoor live music and exhibition venue with a capacity of 7,500 people will be built in the city, following the ACT Government's update to the ACT Infrastructure Plan.

Combined with the redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre, a modern entertainment precinct will be created in Canberra's city centre.

The plan also sets out a vision for a new, rectangular 30,000-seat stadium in the ACT. A study will soon be conducted to inform the way forward for the stadium.

Several arts and sports facilities are being built and upgraded across the region including construction of Gungahlin Tennis Centre and the new Throsby Home of Football, which will include multiple outdoor football fields, indoor futsal courts, office space for Capital Football staff and associated amenities.

Find out more at builtforcbr.act.gov.au

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An update on the North Canberra Hospital

North Canberra Hospital (formerly Calvary Public Hospital Bruce) and Clare Holland House are now operated by the ACT Government.

You may notice some changes around the sites but the important things stay the same – you'll still be provided care and support by a dedicated team of health professionals.

There will be no change to the delivery of services provided by the hospital or hospice.

Consultation with community, stakeholders and health workers will continue later this year as part of the detailed infrastructure planning for the building of the new northside hospital.

For more information, scan the QR code.



Construction begins on new high school in North Gungahlin

Construction has started on the brand-new high school in Taylor.

The school will cater for up to 800 students in years 7 to 10, with high-quality general and specialist learning environments.

The new facility will be fully electric with an emphasis on environmentally sustainable design, including double glazed windows and solar panels.



Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



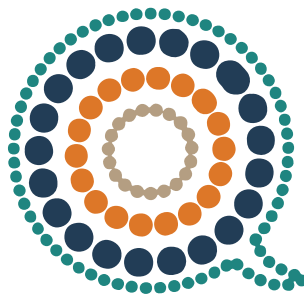
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Be informed about **The Voice** Referendum



In late 2023, Australians will have their say in a referendum about whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

The Constitution outlines the rules by which Australia is governed, and can only be changed through a referendum.

Voting in the referendum is compulsory for all eligible Australian citizens aged 18 years and over.

Get informed at **voice.gov.au**



Book your next appointment at Access Canberra

Bookable appointments are now available at Access Canberra service centres in Belconnen, Gungahlin, Dickson, Woden and Tuggeranong.

You can complete most Access Canberra transactions online, but if you need to visit in person, you can now book in advance.

Once you book an appointment, you will receive confirmation via SMS and email. You can use the confirmation SMS or email to change, reschedule or cancel your appointment.

To book an appointment at a service centre, visit the Access Canberra website or call 13 22 81.

What's on in August

Until 17 Sept	Bushland Retrospective Botanic Gardens
12 Aug	Fired up! 2023 Watson Arts Centre
13–21 Aug	Science Week ACT libraries
16–20 Aug	Canberra Writers Festival Multiple locations
18 Aug	Correlli's Magic Albert Hall
18 Aug	Whitlam in the Archives National Archives of Australia
24 Aug	Queen: It's a Kinda Magic Canberra Theatre Centre
25–27 Aug	Capital to Coast 100km Multistage Trail Running Race Multiple locations
26 Aug	Rutherglen in the City National Convention Centre

Canberrans can also cheer on the Raiders at GIO Stadium this month.



For more events and details, visit **events.canberra.com.au**

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Would you like to see the ACT Container Deposit Scheme expanded?

The scheme currently allows you to return empty aluminium cans, glass and plastic bottles and some cartons for a 10-cent refund per item.

The ACT Government is considering expanding this to include wine, spirit, fruit and vegetable juice containers.

Share your thoughts by scanning the QR code above.