

OUR CANBERRA

Gungahlin edition



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CBRfree WIFI IN GUNGAHLIN TOWN CENTRE



Canberra
is the only
Australian city
with a significant
rollout of free
WiFi beyond
the CBD.

Outdoor areas of the Gungahlin
Town Centre are now connected
to fast CBRfree WiFi.

 For more information on the CBRfree rollout to other parts of Canberra visit digitalcanberra.com.au

Visitors to the town centre can access 250MB of data per day. This is around an hour of video content, 50 images or 50 songs, at five megabytes each.

Some of the installation works for this service will be completed in conjunction with the light rail project.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

As the ACT Government plans and develops major projects, it's important the views of the entire Canberra community are heard and considered along the way.

The Your Say website is an exciting new way to engage online, share ideas and have your say on ACT Government projects and initiatives. Canberrans have great ideas about life in our city and we want to hear them. In this edition of Our Canberra you'll see projects that are open for public consultation, including improvements to our enclosed dog parks.

Your Say is just one of the ways we listen to Canberrans and I'm committed to improving our community engagement so all Canberrans can have their say in making the city we love even better.



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WORK CONTINUES ON STAGE ONE OF LIGHT RAIL



At the top of the corridor in the Gungahlin town centre, you'll see earthworks on Hibberson Street and work on kerbs and drainage in Kate Crace Street.

Crews will also work on drainage and conduit excavation between Mapleton Avenue and Well Station Drive.

Between Mitchell and Dickson, the widening of the carriageway along Flemington Road is underway to allow for the new light rail alignment.

 Sign up to receive regular email or SMS updates at transport.act.gov.au

Read more
about the light
rail construction
inside



For more stories and information from across Canberra, visit act.gov.au/ourcanberra or follow us on social media.

YOURsay

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit yoursay.act.gov.au



IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL DOG PARK

If you use one of Canberra's six fenced dog parks, then we want to hear from you. We're seeking feedback from dog park users on what improvements could improve safety and convenience for the dogs and people who visit them.



There's not much time left to have your say so make sure you visit yoursay.act.gov.au today.



KEEPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE SAFE



If you're a coach, employee or volunteer in junior or disability sports, you need to hold a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card.

Do you need to be registered? If you are not sure, take the online survey at act.gov.au/wwwptakethetest.

The WWVP Scheme is an important way to protect children and vulnerable members of our community.

There are three easy steps to apply for WWVP registration, and it's free for volunteers.

For more information and to apply visit act.gov.au/accessCBR



SUPPORTING FUTURE CAREERS

The future careers of eight Canberra students have been given a boost after being awarded an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Scholarship.

Sarah Mills was awarded one for the high calibre of her school work, community involvement and her passion for learning.

The scholarships support year 11 and 12 students and help increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals in the vocational education and training sector.

For more information visit education.act.gov.au



GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE

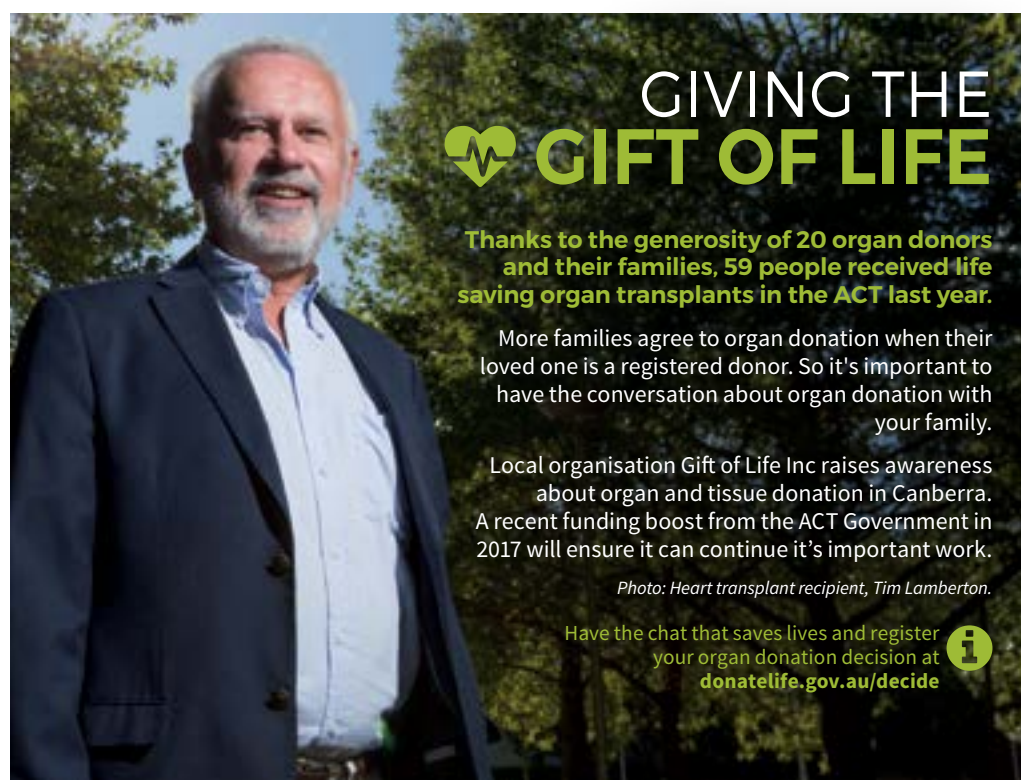
Thanks to the generosity of 20 organ donors and their families, 59 people received life saving organ transplants in the ACT last year.

More families agree to organ donation when their loved one is a registered donor. So it's important to have the conversation about organ donation with your family.

Local organisation Gift of Life Inc raises awareness about organ and tissue donation in Canberra. A recent funding boost from the ACT Government in 2017 will ensure it can continue its important work.

Photo: Heart transplant recipient, Tim Lamberton.

Have the chat that saves lives and register your organ donation decision at donatelife.gov.au/decide



WORLD-CLASS FOOTBALL FACILITIES IN CANBERRA



Melrose High School is the home of Canberra's newest FIFA accredited synthetic football field.

Students and locals are all invited to play up a storm on the new field and its other upgraded sportsgrounds.

The Melrose High School community uses the complex during school hours. Sporting associations and other groups can use the new and improved facilities on weekends and after school hours.

For more information and bookings visit sport.act.gov.au



CATCH A BUS TO THE AIRPORT

A new bus service now connects Canberra Airport to Civic. Bus route 11 operates every half hour on weekdays and every hour on weekends.

Save money by using your MyWay card on the service, or pay a cash fare to the driver when boarding.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au



DISCOVER ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Have you considered one of Canberra's local public schools for your child's education? Our public schools have a pathway for every child, from preschool to college.

"The positive and diverse learning environment at Gold Creek School encourages me to expand my knowledge in a variety of interesting ways."

Courtney, Gold Creek School

For more information on the enrolment process and school open nights visit education.act.gov.au



ONE MILLION SQUARE METRES OF SMOOTHER, SAFER ROADS

Resurfacing crews have been working hard to improve Canberra's roads, day and night. Over the last five months more than one million square metres of roads were resurfaced across the capital, including Gungahlin Drive in Gungahlin.

Canberra's annual road resurfacing program protects and extends the life of our road system and improves safety.

A daily road resurfacing schedule is available at tccs.act.gov.au



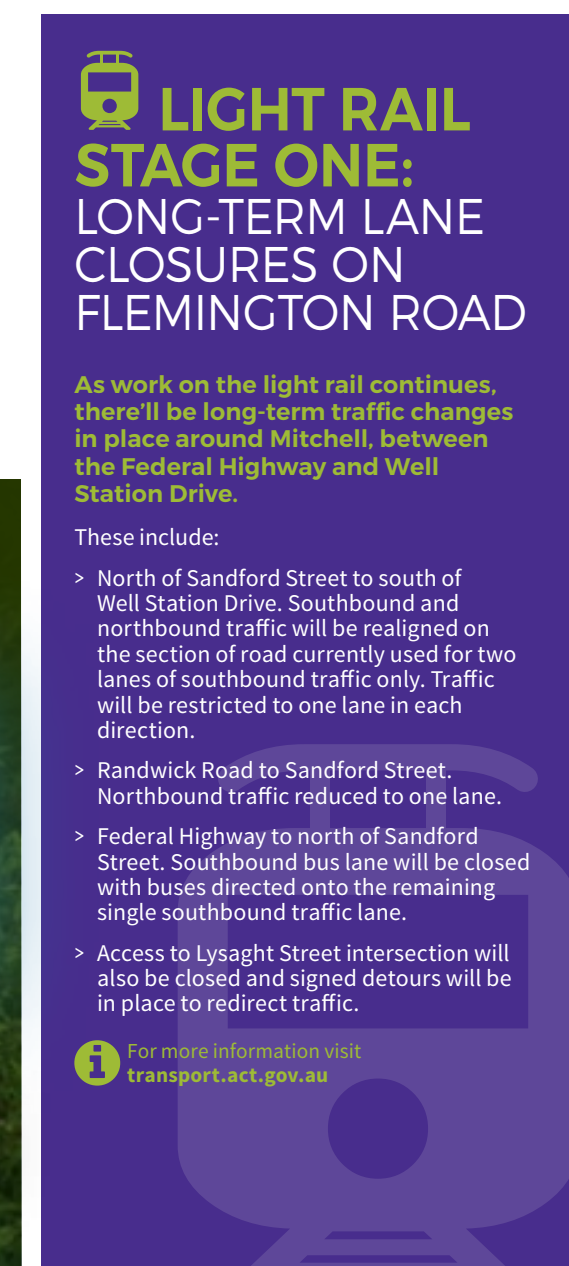
LIGHT RAIL STAGE ONE: LONG-TERM LANE CLOSURES ON FLEMINGTON ROAD

As work on the light rail continues, there'll be long-term traffic changes in place around Mitchell, between the Federal Highway and Well Station Drive.

These include:

- > North of Sandford Street to south of Well Station Drive. Southbound and northbound traffic will be realigned on the section of road currently used for two lanes of southbound traffic only. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction.
- > Randwick Road to Sandford Street. Northbound traffic reduced to one lane.
- > Federal Highway to north of Sandford Street. Southbound bus lane will be closed with buses directed onto the remaining single southbound traffic lane.
- > Access to Lysaght Street intersection will also be closed and signed detours will be in place to redirect traffic.

For more information visit transport.act.gov.au





TRACK MOWING IN YOUR SUBURB

We know how important mowing of public spaces is to Canberrans, especially for those who love to get outdoors in our bush capital.

There's now an online map to track mowing across the city. The map shows where mowing has been done and which suburbs are next.

It can also alert you of any delays to the mowing schedule due to wet weather or high fire danger. The map is updated every week.



For more information visit tccs.act.gov.au



MEET YOUR 2017 CANBERRA CITIZEN

For 22 years, Alex Sloan has been telling the stories of Canberrans and supporting community organisations and charitable events. Alex is our Canberra Citizen of the Year for 2017.

Alex says she's loved being able to make meaningful connections with the city and the people who live here. *"That's been my job - to connect with community. Canberra has grown and flourished in the 22 years I've been on air. I think I've been able to tell those stories and have those debates,"* she said.



Read more about Alex at act.gov.au/ourcanberra



LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER



Canbrrrr...winter is coming. Here are some tips on how to stay warm and keep your energy bills low.

- > Draught-proof your house using door sweeps and weather strip your windows.
- > Have your gas or reverse cycle heating systems serviced, including duct work.
- > Ensure your ceiling insulation has an R-value of 5 or better and install good window coverings.
- > Turn off heating overnight, when not at home, and in unused rooms.
- > Make sure your hot water pipes are well insulated.



For advice or to register for a FREE workshop, call 1300 141 777 or visit actsmart.gov.au



BE PREPARED FOR FLU SEASON

Winter is almost upon us and so is the flu season. Now is the time to start thinking about a flu vaccination. It helps protect you, your family and the wider community.

Check with your GP, local pharmacist, or workplace to enquire about how you can book your vaccination now.



For more information on immunisation, contact the Immunisation Information Line on 6205 2300, visit health.act.gov.au or email immunisation@act.gov.au



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