

William Hovell Drive duplication design work to begin

Detailed design work will soon get underway to duplicate the final 4.5-kilometre unduplicated section of William Hovell Drive.

The section is between Drake Brockman Drive and Coppins Crossing Road (to be renamed John Gorton Drive).

The road duplication will support the growing regions of Molonglo Valley and West Belconnen.

There will also be on-road cycle lanes and an off-road shared path.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au

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A message from the Chief Minister

Canberra is one of Australia's safest cities – and we're determined to keep it that way.

We're hiring more police officers and upgrading their equipment; there are more firefighters across our city and we're building new stations for our emergency services.

That safety also extends to preparing for bushfires. Our city will experience a long hot summer and now is the time to prepare your family for bushfires. Check out the full Bushfire Survival Plan kit in this edition.

Andrew Barr

Take care this party season



Summer's just around the corner and work parties, festivals, school formals and end-of-year celebrations are ramping up.

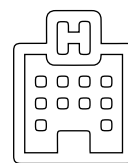
We've got all the information you need to party smart, make the most of your nights out and stay safe.

You'll find transport options, event details, tips for students (and parents!) as well as what to do and where to go if you need extra help when you're out.

→ Visit act.gov.au/accesscanberra



Better healthcare at the Canberra Hospital



We're building a new emergency, surgical and critical care facility at the heart of the hospital campus.

Construction will start next year on the expansion, and we'd like your views on the services it will provide.

→ More at act.gov.au/majorprojectscanberra

More police for the ACT



As our city grows, the ACT Government continues to invest in policing to ensure the capital remains one of the safest places in the country.

Over the next four years the Government will fund more than 60 new staff. It will also support ACT Policing as it moves to a new policing model that will mean more police connected with the community.

The Territory is also investing in new state-of-the-art technology so our police will be more visible across the city.

→ More at police.act.gov.au



New laws to better protect children



A number of changes to ACT law came into effect from 1 September 2019 to better protect children from abuse.

They include:

- the introduction of a new failure to report offence (applies to all adults 18 years+)
- expansion of Mandatory Reporting
- changes to the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

The changes are an important step as the ACT Government continues working towards a safer society for children and a stronger legal framework for survivors.

→ More at act.gov.au/childabuseroyalcommission

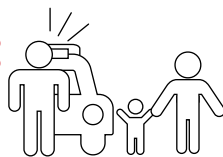


Making our roads safer for new drivers

From 1 January 2020, there will be a range of changes for L and P plate drivers to improve their safety on our roads.

→ More at act.gov.au/saferplates

Meet your local police officer: Constable Alice John



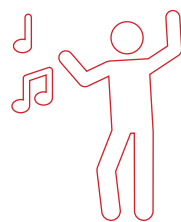
Constable Alice John has been patrolling the Belconnen area for a year since graduating from the Australian Federal Police College.

"I became a police officer because I was after a job that was exciting and where every day was different," Constable John said.

"I also wanted to be outside and interacting with members of the community.

"In my role I get the satisfaction of helping people through tough times and I am always learning."

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



Belconnen Arts Centre upgrade

An upgrade at the Belconnen Arts Centre continues with a new roof installed and internal improvements well underway.

The Arts Centre will soon include a flexible theatre space, new dance and rehearsal studio, exhibition space and a café. Construction is on track to be completed in early 2020.

→ More at belconnenartscentre.com.au

Love trees in your suburb?

The ACT Government is planting 17,000 trees over the next four years. Tell us where you want to see more trees in your area.

→ Visit yoursay.act.gov.au

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New traffic lights in Charnwood



Work to improve safety for road users at two Charnwood intersections is nearly complete.

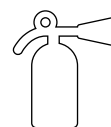
Traffic lights are being installed at the intersections of Ginninderra Drive/Tillyard Drive and Tillyard Drive/Lhotsky Street.

The upgrade will improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians with signalised pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings and path connections included.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au



New firefighters for north Canberra



The ACT Emergency Services Agency is strengthening its firefighting services across the ACT by hiring new firefighters.

Twenty firefighter recruits will finish their training soon, and 36 more will begin training early next year.



Canberrans be fire ready



Canberra can expect a long hot summer ahead with an increased risk of bushfires.

Right now is the time to prepare your home and discuss an action plan with your family. A written Bushfire Survival Plan saves lives and means decisions have been made ahead of any possible bushfire threat. Complete your Bushfire Survival Plan inside.

→ More at esa.act.gov.au

Four simple steps to creating your bushfire survival plan



1. Discuss

with your household what you will do in a bushfire.



2. Prepare

a plan and your home for bushfire.



3. Know

the bushfire alert levels.



4. Keep

information, numbers, websites, and

Top 5 actions to make your home safe



1. Trim

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. Mow

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. Remove

Remove material that can burn (e.g. door mats, wood piles, leaves, paint, furniture).



4. Clear

Clear and remove debris and leaves from gutters to prevent embers setting alight.



5. Prepare

A sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Have a reliable source of water.

Stay informed The ACT Rural Fire Service strongly advises saving these numbers, links and app now.



In an emergency call:
Triple Zero (000)
For information on bushfires call Access Canberra: **13 22 81**



For Fire Danger Ratings visit the ACT Emergency Services website:
esa.act.gov.au



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'Fires Near Me' app



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