NEW SERVICE STATION, SHOPS AND MORE COMING SOON

2016 will deliver a range of services for residents of the Molonglo Valley and nearby Weston Creek including a new service station. Here’s what’s coming:

Service station
The 7,000 square metre service station site on the corner of Kirkpatrick Street and Cotter Road is easily accessible from the Tuggeranong Parkway.

A new school
Principal Kate MacMahon will welcome preschool and primary students to Molonglo Valley’s first school in January, the Charles Weston School in Madgwick Street, Coombs.

Community hub
Also in Madgwick Street, plans for the Coombs community hub are underway. The 9,000 square metre site has provision for a medical centre, gym, child care centre, community centre and basement car parking.

Local shops
The Coombs shops on the corner of Fred Daly Avenue and John Gorton Drive are expected to open by winter next year. The developer plans a 1,000 square metre supermarket and 1,500 square metres of retail space.

FUTURE PLANS RELEASED FOR WODEN SHOPPING HUBS

Master plans for two of Woden’s most popular shopping hubs have been released following community feedback.

Woden Town Centre master plan
The Woden master plan recommends new residential development, better access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, improved connections into the town centre and the reserving of rapid transport routes.

Mawson Group Centre master plan
The Mawson master plan recommends ways to enhance the centre as a social and transport hub. It encourages a mix of land uses and transport services to increase centre activity while retaining the central courtyards.

To see the master plans visit www.act.gov.au/wodenandmawson

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

I’m sure Canberrans are looking forward to a bit of down-time with family and friends this summer. There’ll be lots to do in town for Canberrans of all ages in the coming weeks.

In the lead up to Christmas, the CBD will be buzzing with night markets, family concerts, Santa Claus, a great range of children’s activities and our bid to set a world record for the most Christmas lights.

We’ll see in 2016 with two New Year’s Eve fireworks displays (at 9pm and midnight) and live music.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Andrew
Canberra is getting new Law Courts that will meet the territory’s needs for the next 50 years and create 350 jobs during construction.

The new four storey building will front Vernon Circle joining the existing Magistrates and refurbished Supreme Court buildings. There will be an increase from the current 17 court rooms to capacity for 22.

This project is the ACT’s first Public Private Partnership (PPP) with construction expected to start in 2016.

To watch a flythrough of the new ACT Law Courts visit www.youtube.com/actgovernment

Or for more information visit apps.treasury.act.gov.au

Canberra is set to welcome in 2016 with a fantastic line-up of free entertainment including fireworks, an all-ages concert and a high-energy dance party.

Live music lovers can head to Civic Square from 7pm to enjoy sets by Melbourne indie pop group Saskwatch, and top local bands Los Chavos and The Advocates. Bass in the Place will get Garema Place crowds grooving from 9pm with a dance party headlined by DJ Tigerlily.

Two state-of-the-art pyrotechnics displays will light up the sky at 9pm and midnight, with best viewing from Civic Square.

For more information visit www.events.act.gov.au/nye or phone Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For more information visit www.inthecitycanberra.com.au
The ACT Government is supporting the humanitarian settlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in our community, with an intake of 250 people as an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The Migrant and Refugee Settlement Service (MARSS) is the official channel for offers of support such as accommodation, goods or services. MARSS is also calling for volunteers in Canberra. Volunteers play an important role in helping refugees to adjust and learn more about their new home.

For more information on how to volunteer, take action or get involved visit www.marss.org.au
Or to make a donation contact MARSS directly via email at: MARSS@marss.org.au or phone (02) 6248 8577.
SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

With the warm weather upon us, why not consider exploring a range of family-friendly camping locations and swimming hot spots around Canberra.

Just a short drive away, campers can enjoy nature in the popular Cotter campground set on the banks of the Cotter River.

For a more remote experience, visit Orroral or Honeysuckle campgrounds in Namadgi National Park.

Or save yourself a drive to the coast and visit one of our local natural swimming hot spots for a dip this summer.

Some of our region’s best swim spots include Pine Island, Angle Crossing, Casuarina Sands, Kambah Pool, Cotter Bend and Tharwa Sandwash.

Uriarra Crossing is also a great place to take your dog for a swim.

For more information or to book a campground visit www.tams.act.gov.au or call Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

HAVE YOUR SAY

MAKING CURTIN GROUP CENTRE EVEN BETTER

We are making plans for a better Curtin Group Centre and we need your input.

A new draft master plan based on community ideas gathered earlier in the year is now available for your feedback.

The draft plan outlines the intention to retain the centre’s popular design, such as the sunny central courtyard and the village character, while improving parking, connections to public transport, connections to surrounding suburbs, and encouraging more after-hours activity.

To see the draft master plan and have your say visit www.timetotalk.act.gov.au

MAKE SURE YOUR BEST MATE CAN MAKE IT HOME

A microchip and registration tag is the best way to ensure your dog can always be identified if they get lost – in fact it’s a requirement by law.

If you find a lost dog these summer holidays, here are a few tips to help get them home:

- If the dog is wearing a collar and registration tag, call Access Canberra on 13 22 81 for help to contact the owner
- Check the lost pets list at www.tams.act.gov.au for a match
- Take the dog to a vet clinic where the microchip can be read
- Take the dog to the Domestic Animal Services (DAS) Shelter on Mugga Lane.

For more information on how to microchip and register your dog visit www.tams.act.gov.au