

OUR CANBERRA

Tuggeranong edition



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ENGLISH SKILLS FOR NEW CANBERRA KIDS



Introductory English Centres are located in selected ACT public schools

Students who are new to Australia can access introductory English classes at selected ACT public schools.

Students spend two terms working on their language and social skills and learning about the culture of Australian schools, before moving into mainstream classes.

There are currently more than 270 children from Canberra's migrant, refugee and diplomat families getting a head start in language and culture at one of Canberra's six Introductory English Centres.

above photo: Students learning at Wanniasa Hills Primary School

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WORKS **A** ADVANCING ON ASHLEY DRIVE DUPLICATION

The duplication of Ashley Drive between Erindale Drive and Johnson Drive is progressing well and on track for completion in early 2018.

Construction of the noise walls and work on the underground services is done, as well as the Statton Street and Bugden Avenue underpasses and Monks Creek Bridge.

Installation of streetlights and traffic lights is also nearing completion. In coming months works will be undertaken to upgrade the existing road.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberrans come from all walks of life and from across the world. We are a diverse and progressive city and that's why the ACT Government has committed to making Canberra even more inclusive.

We are backing up this commitment with practical legislation and support. Canberra is a community that ensures those facing social, health and economic challenges do not fall behind. We will continue to look out for vulnerable Canberrans.



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



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

A NEW PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR CANBERRANS



The ACT will celebrate its first Reconciliation Day in May 2018.

The public holiday will replace September's Family and Community Day. It will take place on the first Monday on or after 27 May each year, the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the first day of National Reconciliation Week.



START SOMETHING GREAT IN CBR



Did you know that Canberra is Australia's per capita capital of innovation and entrepreneurship?

Canberra's Innovation Connect Grants are one of the most successful government grants programs for start-ups. Since 2008 over 190 Canberra businesses have received matched-funding support of over \$5 million. Local success stories include Skoolbo, Reposit Power, SmartWard, SignOnSite and Enabled Employment. For more information visit business.act.gov.au

i To find out what Olympia from local start-up Go Terra did with her \$30,000 Innovation Connect Grant go to [youtube.com/user/actgovernment](https://www.youtube.com/user/actgovernment)



NEW BUS TIMETABLE STARTS 7 OCTOBER



A new bus timetable starts in Canberra on Saturday 7 October.

- Key changes include:
- > New Green Rapid service between the City to Woden via South Canberra (Route 6)
 - > Free travel on the Green Rapid and Black Rapid for two months
 - > Service improvements across the weekend, including the realignment of Blue Rapid services between Tuggeranong and Woden to travel via Athllon Drive—providing a 7 day a week high frequency service between Tuggeranong, Woden, City and Belconnen

Minor changes have also been made to dedicated school services. ACT schools will receive advice on any changes that affect them.

i For more information on other changes to the timetable visit transport.act.gov.au or call Transport Canberra on 13 17 10.



RENEW YOUR DRIVER LICENCE ONLINE



You can now renew your driver licence online if you've had your licence photograph taken in the last five years.

You will automatically be issued with a valid month-long temporary licence that you can download while a new licence is posted to you.

i To renew online, go to act.gov.au/accessCBR

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON YOUR SAY?

A number of consultations are currently open for Canberrans to have their say. You can:

- > help inform a citizens' jury of everyday Canberrans who will consider priorities for our CTP insurance scheme.
- > help choose the name for Canberra's newest public park at Lake Burley Griffin's West Basin.

i For more information or to sign up for email alerts visit yoursay.act.gov.au



100 YEARS OF THE CORK OAK FOREST 12 NOVEMBER

The Cork Oak Forest at the National Arboretum is turning 100 and everyone is invited to help celebrate.

On Sunday 12 November come along to the free mediterranean-themed fun day. It will include demonstrations of cork stripping, music, food, guided walks and family activities.

i For more information visit nationalarboretum.act.gov.au



A NEW VISION FOR THARWA VILLAGE

A new Tharwa Draft Village Plan is available for feedback. It aims to maintain the village's character and strengthen its culture and lifestyle.

Some of the key recommendations from the plan include:

- > making the village core an appealing, social, recreational and creative hub for the local community, while also attracting visitors
- > enhancing the Cuppacumbalong Homestead Precinct and
- > protecting and enhancing Tharwa's history (both Aboriginal and European) and its unique natural environment.

i Read the plan and have your say at yoursay.act.gov.au/Tharwa

CANBERRA PUBLIC TRANSPORT AREAS NOW SMOKE-FREE



Canberrans can now breathe a little easier with all ACT public transport areas now smoke-free. This includes smoking or vaping within five metres of bus and train stations, light rail transport hubs and taxi ranks.

This change will protect people from exposure to second hand smoke and reduce the exposure of children and young people to seeing people smoke.

i For more information search 'smoke free' at health.act.gov.au



UC HOSPITAL'S REHABILITATION COURTYARD



A courtyard at the new University of Canberra Public Hospital will provide a new treatment setting to help rehabilitate people after injury.


The new courtyard is now complete and incorporates varying heights, surfaces and textures. This offers patients a realistic setting for rehabilitation. It also has a motionless car for people wishing to practice transferring into and out of a car as part of their rehabilitation.

The hospital will be Canberra's first purpose-built rehabilitation hospital and remains on track for completion in 2018.

CANBERRA NARA CANDLE FESTIVAL

28 OCTOBER
NARA PEACE PARK
LENNOX GARDENS

Enjoy the spectacular visual of 2,000 shimmering candles as we celebrate the 24th year of the sister city relationship between Canberra and Nara. Discover Japanese culture, music and try your hand at calligraphy, lantern making, origami, ikebana and kite flying.

 For more information visit events.act.gov.au/nara

Nominate for the 2018 Canberra Citizen of the Year.

Nominate at
act.gov.au/cbrcitizen

Nominations close
15 December 2017

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP COMES TO CANBERRA


Canberra will play host to three Rugby League World Cup 2017 matches this spring. France take on Lebanon on Sunday 29 October, our Aussie side tackles France on Friday 3 November and Fiji play Italy on Friday 10 November.

 For more information and tickets visit RLWC2017.com



DOGS' DAY OUT RETURNS TO FLORIADE 14 OCTOBER COMMONWEALTH PARK

Enjoy four-legged fun with your pup at Floriade. There will be lots of activities and demonstrations throughout the day. Pose with your pup in the free photo booth, chow down on delicious delicacies at the Pooch Café, or soak up some sunshine as you explore Floriade together.


 For more information visit floriadeaustralia.com/dogs-day-out



SPRING OUT IN AUSTRALIA'S MOST LGBTIQ-FRIENDLY CITY 28 OCTOBER-26 NOVEMBER

Canberra is proud to be Australia's most LGBTIQ-friendly city and we're painting the city rainbow to show it!

SpringOUT kicks off with Fair Day at the Gorman Arts Centre on October 28, featuring performers and a huge range of stalls, where you'll be able to pick up rainbow CBR stickers and pins, among so much more.

 Find the full SpringOUT program at springout.com.au



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