

# OUR CANBERRA

Belconnen edition



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## BETTER BUS NETWORK 7 DAYS a WEEK



YOUR  
say

Have your  
say by  
12 August

A new, more frequent and reliable public transport network is set to reshape the way Canberrans move around the city.

Belconnen Bus Station will provide connections to multiple Rapid routes with access to the City, Barton, Russell, Dickson, Fyshwick, Gungahlin and Canberra Airport. Kippax will also

have a Rapid network connection to key locations including Belconnen, City and Barton.

The new network will deliver the same routes, with the same route numbers, 7 days a week.

Have your say on how we can support your use of this new network.

 For more information and to have your say visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

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## NEW PARK for GIRALANG

Construction of Giralang's new community park is well underway.



Located at Canopus Crescent and Menkar Close, the natural play space will include a variety of play areas, a small bike trail, an amphitheatre and area for theatrical play, climbing logs, a solar clock, trees and plants.

Work is expected to be finished in time for spring.

 For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au](http://tccs.act.gov.au)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER, ANDREW BARR

Canberra has established a reputation as Australia's most inclusive city - a place where we strive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The recently launched Chief Minister's Charitable Fund will provide targeted support for our community to deliver help where it is most needed.

The Government will continue to support those in greatest need as our city grows.



For more stories and information from across Canberra visit [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra) or follow us on social media.

YOURsay

For information on community consultations in Canberra, visit [yoursay.act.gov.au](http://yoursay.act.gov.au)

## HAVE YOUR SAY on HEALTH

The ACT is now the health care hub for a region of more than 1 million people.



Soon there will be opportunities to share your experiences, ideas and insights about health care in Canberra.

Whether you are a patient, doctor, nurse, midwife or other health professional, there will be opportunities to have your say. We will use your views to inform key projects.

**i** To register for updates and notifications visit [yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future](https://yoursay.act.gov.au/your-healthy-future)



## BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER



- > Microchip, register and de-sex your dog – it's compulsory to do all three!
- > Walk your dog on a lead and have effective control – it's an offence not to.
- > Make your yard escape-proof – it's the law.
- > Update microchip details and use an ID tag.
- > Expect heavy penalties if you don't follow the rules – it's about putting public safety first.

Our rangers will be out – know your obligations.

**i** For more information visit [tccs.act.gov.au/pawsforthought](https://tccs.act.gov.au/pawsforthought)



## EMMA RUBY HOUSE

A second respite care home has been opened in Cook by the Ricky Stuart Foundation. 'Emma Ruby House' provides care for young people aged 12-18 years who have a disability.

The house is named after Ricky's daughter Emma Ruby, who has autism. Emma Ruby House complements 'Ricky Stuart House' in Chifley, which opened two years ago for children aged six to 12 years.

Emma Ruby House is managed by The Disability Trust.

**i** For more information visit [rickystuart.org](https://rickystuart.org)



## RECYCLE for CASH

The ACT Container Deposit Scheme has begun. Receive a 10 cent refund for eligible drink containers, or donate the proceeds to participating charities.

Your nearest drop off point is at the St Vincent De Paul shop, Purdue Street, Belconnen. To return large quantities use the bulk depot at 151 Gladstone Street Fyshwick.

There will be 18 return points located across the ACT by July 2019.

**i** For more information, including a list of more drop off points and eligible containers visit [actcds.com.au](https://actcds.com.au)





# GREEN BINS are COMING



Belconnen residents can now register for a green bin and have their green waste collected every fortnight.

Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings, flowers and small branches can all go into green bins. Avoid contaminating this valuable source of mulch with household garbage, recyclables or plastic bags (including biodegradable or compostable bags).

**i** For information on how to register visit [tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste](http://tccs.act.gov.au/recycling-and-waste)



# MORE UPGRADES at CALVARY



Belconnen residents will benefit from improved facilities and equipment at Calvary Public Hospital.

Calvary's busy northside Emergency Department is being expanded with new equipment, additional treatment spaces, improved access and triage arrangements, upgraded waiting areas and eight new Short Stay beds.

Also being refurbished is the Adult Inpatient Mental Health Unit, creating a more modern mental health service hub in Canberra's north.

This new work builds on the recently completed upgrades to Calvary's operating theatres and public maternity ward.

All work is expected to be complete by late 2019.

**i** For more information visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)



# MORE CHOICE for FIRST HOME BUYERS



Eligible first home buyers in Canberra won't have to pay stamp duty on new and existing properties from July 2019.

This will fully abolish stamp duty for any type of property at any purchase price, for eligible first home buyers.

To be eligible you must have a household income lower than \$160,000.



# WHY THE NAME FULLSTON WAY?



Streets in Holt are named to commemorate sportspeople.

Fullston Way is named after cricketer Lyn 'Lefty' Fullston.

She represented Australia in 12 test cricket matches and 41 one-day international games during the 1980's.

Using the place names search tool online you can find stories on other Canberra street and suburb names.

**i** For more information visit [planning.act.gov.au](http://planning.act.gov.au)






# SPRING MEANS FLORIADE



**Bursts of flowers in Commonwealth Park mean one thing - Floriade is almost here!**

Get set to experience a *Pop Culture* inspired Floriade - Australia's biggest celebration of spring.

Opening hours this year will be 9.30am to 5.30pm daily, with the ticketed Floriade NightFest returning to illuminate the event.

 For more information visit [floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)

## DOCKLESS BIKE SHARE



A dockless bike share trial has started in Canberra. Bike share is ideal for short and spontaneous one-way trips and integrates well with public transport systems.

Australian-owned company Airbike will deliver the six-month trial.

 For more information visit [transport.act.gov.au](http://transport.act.gov.au)

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK



**National Science Week will be celebrated around Canberra and by our public schools this month.**

The theme for this year's Science Week is 'Game Changers and Change Makers.'



 For more information on what's on in Canberra visit [scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au)



## CBR THE CYCLING DESTINATION



**Our goal is to make the Canberra region Australia's cycling destination of choice.**

A new CBR Cycle Tourism Strategy sets out a 10-year roadmap for how government, private sector and the cycling community will work together towards putting Canberra firmly on the cycle tourism map.

 To read more about the strategy visit [tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism](http://tourism.act.gov.au/cbrcycletourism)



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