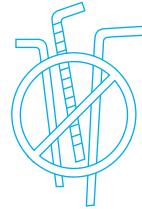


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Reducing plastic use in Canberra



Did you know about 10 million plastic straws are used in Australia every day and then thrown away? The rise of plastic consumption is an increasing threat to our environment.

Bitten Goodfoods is among numerous businesses reducing the amount of plastic straws used in Canberra.

All its takeaway cups and containers are made with sustainably sourced plant-based materials, not plastic. Organisations can take the pledge at actsmart.act.gov.au. Have your say on how we can continue to reduce our plastic use in the ACT.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au

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Stamp duty changes for first home buyers



More first home buyers in central Canberra won't have to pay stamp duty from 1 July 2019.

People with a household income below \$160,000 won't have to pay stamp duty on their first home whether it's newly built or existing.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Straws suck!

Plastic straws take up to 200 years to breakdown

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Message from the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr

The ACT is in the final stages of reaching our target of powering the city by 100% renewable energy by 2020. I'm proud that the Territory is demonstrating national leadership in taking action to become more sustainable.

However, there is more that we can do to become a sustainable city for future generations. In Canberra, approximately 160,000 straws are used and discarded every day. Many Canberra businesses are already encouraging their customers to consider alternatives to single use plastics and the Government wants to work with the community on how we can continue this trend.



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Looking after cats in Canberra



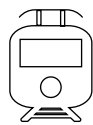
One in four households in Canberra owns a cat.

The Draft ACT Cat Plan allows Canberrans to have their say on how to better manage cats in the ACT for their

health, welfare and safety, and to protect our local wildlife.

→ More at yoursay.act.gov.au

Light rail in a sustainable city



Canberra's light rail network will run off 100% renewable electricity as the ACT reaches its 2020 target.

You can help reduce transport emissions by catching the light rail or bus and leaving the car at home.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



2019-20 ACT Budget on 4 June

Keep an eye on your mailbox for information on what this year's budget means for your region.

Illegal dumpers beware



A new compliance team will soon be visible around Canberra.

The team may issue fines to people seen doing the wrong thing, including illegal dumping, misuse of public land and irresponsible pet ownership.

They will be identifiable in ACT Government uniforms and marked vehicles.

→ More at tccs.act.gov.au

2020 target for renewable electricity



We are close to reaching our target of 100% renewable electricity supply.

The 109 megawatt Hornsdale wind farm will start generating renewable electricity for the ACT in October 2019.

Reaching our renewable goal will ensure zero-emissions electricity for Canberrans and help to stabilise electricity prices.

→ More at environment.act.gov.au

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Old Canberrans Hockey Club celebrates 50 years

Old Canberrans Hockey Club is among recent Canberra Gold Award recipients. The Canberra Gold Award is awarded to community members, businesses or associations who have been in Canberra for 50 years.

“It’s great to socialise through sporting clubs in Canberra and meet different people. The hockey community is so close that everyone makes friendships that are strong and last,” said club secretary Gabrielle Onitiri.

→ Nominate for Canberra Gold at act.gov.au/cbrgold



Sustainability a top priority at Ainslie School

Ainslie School helps the local environment through the Actsmart School Program and has earned a 5-Star sustainability accreditation.

The school’s sustainability team, Ainslie Organic Kids, checks for leaking taps and bubblers. The team also grows and harvests vegetables for use in cooking lessons and the waste-free canteen.

→ Find out more about the Actsmart School Program at actsmart.act.gov.au



Better playgrounds for Narrabundah



Narrabundah is one of five Canberra suburbs to receive a play space review.

The review is planning for a better mix of playgrounds that cater to more ages, abilities and play styles.

→ Stay up to date at yoursay.act.gov.au

New roo sculpture in Downer



A new kangaroo sculpture is calling Downer home as part of the revitalisation of the Downer Village Square.

The sculpture was created by Western Australian artist, April Pine. It presents a contemporary interpretation of the much-loved kangaroo sculpture that went missing from the former Downer Primary School before its demolition.



Wintervention is coming

Embrace the chilly weather these winter school holidays with Wintervention in Civic.

Ice skate in the open air as Civic Square is transformed into a winter wonderland.

Enjoy local food or treat yourself with a gift from the Winter Food and Makers Markets.

→ More at wintervention.com.au



World Environment Day in Canberra

Celebrate on 5 June with a variety of opportunities to be at one with nature.

→ More at environment.act.gov.au



New mountain biking tracks for Canberra



Mountain biking is expanding in Canberra with a new pump track opened at Majura Pines.

The Best of Canberra Mountain Biking project will continue to grow the city's biking experiences.

In coming months, we will hold a series of engagement activities so the community can contribute to a new concept plan.

→ More info at yoursay.act.gov.au



Use MyWay across



Canberra's public transport network

MyWay is the smartcard ticketing system used to pay for travel across Canberra's public transport network.

It's now fully integrated across buses and light rail. Make sure you tap on and off at the validators located on buses and at each light rail stop.

→ More at transport.act.gov.au



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