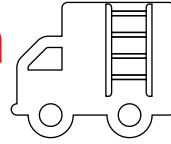


New emergency station in the city



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A new emergency services station will be built in Canberra's city centre as a local base for both ACT Ambulance Service and ACT Fire & Rescue operations.

The new station on Clunies Ross Street will help to keep Canberrans safe.

The investment in emergency services also aims to ensure our emergency response times remain among the best in Australia no matter where people live across our city.

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

A new emergency services station will be built in central Canberra

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.

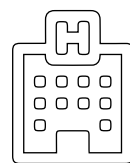
We've got all the information you need to party smart, make the most of your nights out and stay safe.

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/childabuse [royalcommission](http://act.gov.au/royalcommission)



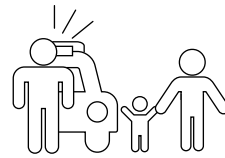
Making our roads safer for new drivers

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 Shannon Pugsley



Constable Shannon Pugsley has been patrolling the City area with ACT Policing for two years. She loves the diversity in jobs each day and the people she meets.

Working in the city means attending major events such as Floriade and the annual New Year's Eve fireworks to ensure the community's safety, in addition to attending day-to-day incidents.

Recently she spent a day with some younger community members at the Fyshwick Police Community Youth Club.

"Working with young people in a positive environment is one of the best parts of the job," Constable Pugsley said. "It's really about introducing them to police and making sure they know we can have a positive influence on them."

→ More at act.gov.au/our-canberra



The Great Woolley Street Feast



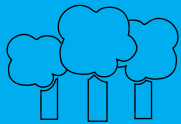
Dickson's famous eat street will be filled with food and fun on 9 November for the Great Woolley Street Feast.

Banquet tables will run the length of Woolley Street with food from eight fantastic local restaurants.

This event is part of a series of activities and installations being tested in Dickson to improve public spaces.

→ Tickets at dicksoncbr.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



Breaking Common Ground in Dickson



A permanent home for those in our community struggling to find affordable housing is closer to becoming a reality as concept designs for Canberra's second Common Ground development are shared for comment.

The Common Ground housing model provides long-term sustainable housing and helps connect its residents to health services and education and employment

opportunities. It encourages community members to live independently with support when its needed.

→ Comment on the concept designs at yoursay.act.gov.au



New firefighters for central 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



Install the RFS
'Fires Near Me' app



Local radio, local ABC/emergency broadcaster frequency, TV and news websites.



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