The inner south’s historic public pool has been revamped ahead of its 89th swimming season.

The popular summer swimming spot’s facilities have been upgraded, including through the installation of tiles specially sourced from the Czech Republic to match the originals. Other work has included updates to the pool structure and water filtration system, completion of a new concourse and poolside seating, and repainting of the main art deco building.

The improvements will ensure Canberra’s first public swimming pool will continue to be a place for everyone to relax and enjoy over the warmer months for years to come.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Manuka Pool now open after off-season upgrades

Across the lake, Dickson Pool has a new-look forecourt. Like it? Let us know at yoursay.act.gov.au

A message from the Chief Minister

Christmas in Canberra is a great time of year, and Canberrans can celebrate in the CBD with a new Christmas tree and a bigger-than-ever Christmas Village in Garema Place. Canberrans can also welcome in 2020 in the city, with music, food and fireworks returning to Civic Square for the annual New Year’s Eve celebrations.

As we enter the festive period, there will still be many Canberrans working hard to keep our city safe and cared for. Your hard work is appreciated.

I wish you a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

Andrew Barr

STOP PRESS! Existing Libraries ACT fines were written off last month and fines for overdue items will no longer be charged.

For details, see act.gov.au/our-canberra or visit library.act.gov.au
Tenants’ rights get a boost

It is now easier for tenants to keep pets and make minor modifications to properties they are renting under changes to ACT rental laws. The new laws also better protect tenants against excessive rent increases.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Building light rail to Woden

Canberrans love light rail – with more than 15,000 boardings daily. Work is underway on Stage 2A, which will extend the network from the city to Commonwealth Park.

Stage 2B will follow to complete the link to Woden. For both stages, ground investigation works are in progress to gather information to support design and planning.

In 2020, works for Stage 2A will include the relocation of utilities, intersection upgrades and some changes to traffic and pedestrian movement.

More at act.gov.au/majorprojectsCanberra

Be water wise this summer

Permanent water conservation measures are in place. Avoid watering in the heat of the day and ensure taps are fully off when not in use.

Follow our dam levels and Canberra’s daily water use at iconwater.com.au
Meet the manager of Weston Creek's new Walk-in Centre

As design works continue on Dickson’s Walk-in Centre, a new Centre in Weston Creek opens this month. Advanced Practice Nurse Kirsty Cummin will be the clinical manager for the new centre, and she has worked in nursing for 23 years.

“We have a great team who provide safe, timely and high quality health care to people with minor injuries and illnesses,” Kirsty says.

The Weston Creek Walk-in Centre is next to Cooleman Court on Parkinson Street. Opening hours are from 7.30 am to 10 pm daily, including public holidays.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Road resurfacing keeps Canberrans moving

The region's main roads and suburban streets will be resurfaced over the coming months.

Sections of Hindmarsh Drive and National Circuit are among the major roads to be resurfaced.

Canberra’s annual road resurfacing program covers 21 suburbs this financial year, and will make our roads safer for everybody.

A full list of ACT roads to be resurfaced is available at tccs.act.gov.au

Let Transport Canberra do the late night driving

Sit back and relax this festive season and let us do the driving.

Transport Canberra offers late night services and rapid services between the major town centres on our seven-day network. Rapid services run through Central Canberra and into the city later into the evening. You can also connect with light rail and buses with the same easy to use MyWay card.

More information and to plan your travel visit transport.act.gov.au

More trees across Canberra

Have you noticed a bare space in your street or a park you regularly visit where a tree could be planted?

Visit yoursay.act.gov.au to pinpoint your location on a map.

Glebe Park nature play space nearly ready!

Construction is coming to an end at the new nature play space.

The space will provide local children with exciting opportunities to be active, grow and learn. It has been built in the elm tree forest near the existing play space and park rotunda at Glebe Park.

More information on nature play in Canberra can be found at natureplaycbr.org.au
Celebrating Christmas in the city

See Canberra’s CBD come alive with the festive spirit on Friday 6 December to celebrate Christmas.

The night will provide the first opportunity to see the city’s new Christmas tree, and there will be plenty of free family fun in a traditional Christmas village in Garema Place. Visit a log cabin for cookie decorating, bauble making and Santa snow cones or take a selfie with Santa - while it ‘snows’ around you!

More at act.gov.au/cityrenewal

Have a safe and happy CBR holiday

Thanks to ACT emergency and policing crews, health staff and operational teams who will work throughout the holiday season to keep us safe.

Follow our tips to stay safe and healthy this summer.

More at act.gov.au/our-canberra

Public transport timetables, waste collection schedules and opening hours for Libraries ACT sites and Access Canberra shopfronts will change during the holiday period.

Details at act.gov.au/our-canberra

A cracker way to see in the New Year

Say goodbye to 2019, celebrate the year that was and ring in the New Year with music, food and fireworks in Civic Square.

With something for everyone, New Year’s Eve in the City will feature family entertainment, pop-up performers and a variety of local food offerings. World-class fireworks displays will light up Canberra skies in the city at 9pm and midnight at this alcohol-free and glass-free event.

More at events.act.gov.au