

## Fast tracking Tuggeranong's recovery

The ACT Government is fast tracking local infrastructure and maintenance projects to protect jobs and support local business.

In Tuggeranong, over 30 projects have been fast tracked. These works include improvements to public school facilities, road safety enhancements, health service facility and sportsground upgrades.

→ More at [act.gov.au/fasttrack](https://act.gov.au/fasttrack)

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Canberra's new transport network which will bring more bus services to Tuggeranong

**Wanniassa School**  
is one of 19 Tuggeranong schools to be upgraded.

Both junior and senior campuses have received painting, new heating, flooring, carpeting, joinery and landscaping upgrades.

### Message from the Chief Minister

Canberrans have responded responsibly to the COVID-19 pandemic so far. We are learning to live with the virus. It will be with us for many months, and possibly years, in to the future.

The ACT Government has been working hard to protect our city from the devastating health and economic impacts that we have seen around the world. We understand that this pandemic is far from over.

Over recent months, the ACT Government's main response has been to support the health and welfare of Canberrans.

Canberra's Recovery Plan includes a range of financial assistance for households, businesses and workers. It also includes a roadmap for the easing of restrictions. The Government wants to support the full recovery of our economy, however, if the expert health advice says we shouldn't further ease restrictions at a point in time – then we won't.

The experience of other cities demonstrates that the economy cannot recover if the virus is not contained. Public health must be the number one priority.

Andrew Barr



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## Travel safe during Covid-19



Restrictions have eased, but your responsibility hasn't.

As the updated public transport network starts providing more services, we're still encouraging Canberrans to avoid travelling during peak times. When you travel please remember:

- Don't use public transport if you're unwell – stay at home
- Stay 1.5 metres apart
- Maintain good hand hygiene

More at [covid19.act.gov.au](https://covid19.act.gov.au)

## Violence is never okay



COVID-19 has put pressure on relationships, but that's no excuse for domestic and family violence of any kind.

Reach out to one of the ACT's domestic and family violence services. You can have a confidential conversation, get help for a legal issue, or receive advice on co-parenting.

- For a list of services that can help, visit [act.gov.au/violenceisneverok](https://act.gov.au/violenceisneverok)

## Expanding the Centenary Hospital

The Centenary Hospital for Women and Children expansion will include a new adolescent mental health unit.

The project will ensure our health infrastructure can cater for Canberra's growing population.

More at [health.act.gov.au](https://health.act.gov.au)



## Better healthcare boosting jobs

The Canberra Hospital expansion will bring better healthcare to Canberrans and support local jobs.

The project will provide hundreds of local jobs, with construction of a new building for the Canberra Sexual Health Centre to commence this year, and works on the new acute health facility to begin in 2021.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

**LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**

## It's ok not to feel ok

You may be feeling confused, secluded, sad, anxious, depressed or frustrated. You may not feel like yourself, or you may be struggling with negative thoughts.

These feelings are normal and you don't have to face them alone.

- Find out how to get the right support at [health.act.gov.au/mentalhealth](https://health.act.gov.au/mentalhealth)

## Better bus connections

Tuggeranong residents now have access to more direct bus routes, more frequent services and other improvements across the bus network. The changes address community feedback and include:

- 692 extra services each weekday across CBR (up 17.5%)
- Rapid 5 is 20 minutes faster from Lanyon, Calwell and Erindale to the City
- Rapid 5 (Lanyon to City) runs every 10 minutes all day
- local routes 72, 76 and 77 provide direct services from Tuggeranong suburbs to Canberra Hospital and Woden
- better services for Wanniasa, with route 73 stopping on Kirkton Street, Gaunson Crescent, Longmore Crescent and Sainsbury Street
- local buses every 30 minutes all day.



### Road upgrades in Tuggeranong

A southbound flyover will be built at the intersection of the Monaro Highway and Lanyon Drive, one of a number of improvements to upgrade the Monaro Highway.

## An easier trip to school



Changes are also in place for school bus routes in the region, with services increased and more aligned with bell times. Changes include:

- new school specials for students travelling on route 2049 to Melrose High School, and on route 2019 to Canberra Grammar or Canberra Girls Grammar
- extended school specials for students in Bonython travelling to central Canberra, and for route 2079 from Calwell
- route 73 will provide a direct service from bus stops near Melrose High School on Athlon Drive to Tuggeranong suburbs.
- route 73 will provide another option for students travelling to and from Marist College and Melrose High School from Tuggeranong.

More at [transport.act.gov.au](https://transport.act.gov.au)



## Solar batteries



### at Caroline Chisholm School

Caroline Chisholm School is one of two ACT public schools to receive solar batteries. These will reduce grid electricity demand and school energy costs, as well as support local businesses through the ACT Government's fast track program.

This will be a test case, paving the way for future installations of batteries across other ACT schools.

→ More at [act.gov.au/fasttrack](https://act.gov.au/fasttrack)



## A cosy home for our furry friends

Canberra's Domestic Animal Shelter is being upgraded to provide 12 new kennels with heating, cooling and exercise yards.

Other upgrades include improvements to path, a new shopfront entry, better security gates and access control to effectively manage the safety of staff, visitors and the dogs.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](https://act.gov.au/our-canberra)





# Save yourself a trip to the tip

Are unwanted  
household items  
taking up space in  
your home?



Take advantage of the ACT Government's  
**free** bulky waste collection service.

Collections have started in Tuggeranong and Gungahlin and residents can book one free collection per year of up to two cubic metres of unwanted bulky household items. The service is also available to concession card holders in all ACT suburbs.

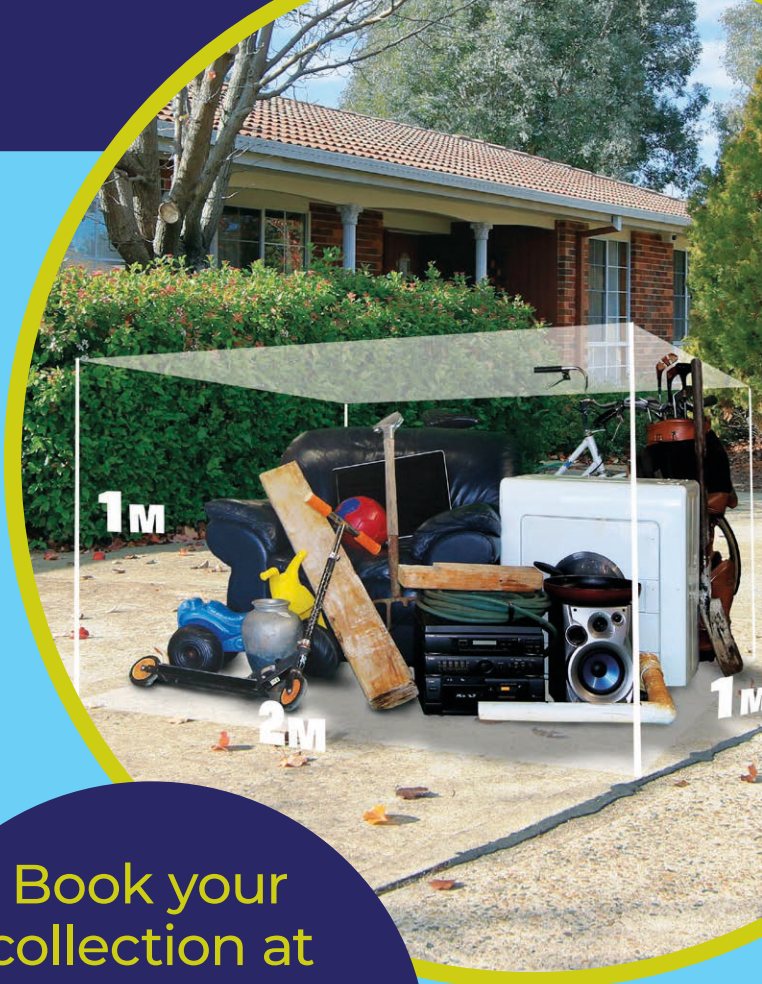
Book your  
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bulkywaste](http://act.gov.au/bulkywaste)



Not all  
your items will go  
into landfill. They will  
be **sorted and  
recycled**, where  
possible.



→ **Prepare for your collection**  
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## Floriade: Reimagined

coming to a suburb near you

This year's celebration of spring will be held in suburbs across Canberra, with Floriade and community groups planting bulbs and annuals throughout the territory.

Find your nearest floral display and watch it transform before Floriade: Reimagined blooms to life  
12 September to 11 October 2020.

→ Read more  
[floriadeaustralia.com](http://floriadeaustralia.com)



## Tidbinbilla animals return home

Over the last six months, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve have worked with wildlife sanctuaries and other institutions to safely care for and return the Reserve's koalas, platypus, northern corroboree frogs and brush-tailed rock wallabies.

Tidbinbilla are currently working to return the remaining brush-tailed rock-wallabies from Mt Rothwell, Victoria. The animals were evacuated after the Orroral Valley Fire threatened their home in January.

Tidbinbilla is open again, so remember to come say hello to the animals during your next visit.

→ Plan your visit at [tidbinbilla.act.gov.au](http://tidbinbilla.act.gov.au)



## New helipads ready for lift-off

In preparation for the 2020-21 bushfire season, two concrete helipads have been installed and the installation of two large tanks is nearing completion at ACT Rural Fire Service's Helibase in Hume.

The helipads cater for large firefighting helicopters, while the storage tanks can hold water as well as retardant.

→ More at [act.gov.au/our-canberra](http://act.gov.au/our-canberra)

## Avoid energy bill surprises this winter



Grab your bill, phone your retailer and ask:

- Is my current energy plan the best one for me?
- What deals and discounts can you offer me?
- What is the lowest cost plan you can provide me?
- Am I eligible for a government concession?

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