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Our CBR

Belconnen

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Message from the Chief Minister

The Canberra Hospital Expansion Project is progressing well and will include a new Emergency Department, and new intensive care facilities including four paediatric ICU beds, 22 operating theatres and 156 inpatient beds.

The ACT is also continuing our transition to a low-emissions future by increasing capacity in our Sustainable Household Scheme. Over 9000 Canberrans have used the zero-interest loan program to make sustainable home upgrades like switching from gas to electric heating and installing solar and battery systems.

Andrew Barr



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What's on at the Enlighten Festival

Enlighten, Canberra's annual autumn festival, is back with 17 days of culture and creativity. Enjoy must-see events across March, including:

- Enlighten Illuminations @ Enlighten Festival (3–13 March)
- Lights! Canberra! Action! @ Enlighten Festival (10 March)
- Pride Weekend @ Enlighten Festival (10–12 March)
- Canberra Balloon Spectacular @ Enlighten Festival (11–19 March)

Concert lovers can also enjoy Symphony in the Park @ Enlighten Festival (12 March), featuring award-winning duo Electric Fields, and Canberra Day @ Enlighten Festival (13 March) with local legends SAFIA as special guests.

For more detailed programming and ticketing information visit enlightencanberra.com



Information for women in the ACT

The ACT Government offers a range of support for women and girls to ensure they are safe, healthy, equally represented, and valued for their contribution to the Canberra community.

The Women's Directory provides an entry point to information about government and external programs and services across a range of areas including health, education, disability and legal services.

Scan the QR code to access the Directory.

Share your favourite memories of school

The ACT celebrates 50 years of public education this year. Share your memories of a school or teacher to help keep making every ACT public school a great school. Visit yoursayconversations.act.gov.au



What's on in March

**1 Mar–
2 Apr** **See What I See**
Botanic Gardens

**9–11
Mar** **Ascent**
Canberra Theatre
Centre

**12–13
Mar** **Canberra
Racing Carnival**
Thoroughbred Park

**16–26
Mar** **Canberra Comedy
Festival**
Various locations

19 Mar **Ramsay Health Care
Triathlon Pink**
Stromlo Forest Park
and Leisure Centre

25 Mar **Wine Machine
Canberra**
Commonwealth Park

**Cheer on the Raiders, Brumbies
and CBR United at GIO Stadium
and McKellar Park this month.**



For more events and details,
visit events.canberra.com.au

Rethink your routine.

Construction is ramping up in the city to deliver light rail to Woden.

Change up your commute by using public transport, taking an alternative route or getting active by walking, riding or scooting.

Did you know more than 3000 trips are taken every day on shared e-scooters? Now available in all regions.



Bus services

Rapid bus services run **every 15 minutes** and local bus services run **every 30 minutes** during peak periods on weekdays. You can also travel off peak to avoid the rush and enjoy a cheaper fare.

There are four Rapid services to get you from Belconnen to the City or Gungahlin:

- R2 (to City)
- R3 (to City and Russell)
- R4 (to City, Woden and Tuggeranong)
- R8 (to Gungahlin).



Park and Ride

Take advantage of six Park and Ride facilities throughout Belconnen and pay for lunch, not parking. Park and connect to a bus service at these Park and Ride facilities:

- Belconnen
- Bruce
- Charnwood
- Evatt
- Jamison
- Kippax.

Park and Ride facilities are located on Rapid routes and at selected group centres to allow easy connections with peak transport services.



Cycling and walking

Work out before your workday. Cycling or walking to work are great ways to exercise and save on money and emissions. Ride part of the way using one of the Park and Pedal facilities, or take your bike using bus bike racks or bike cages at major stops.

Scenic cycle routes connect Belconnen to the rest of Canberra:

- C3a (Belconnen to City via Town Centre)
- C3b (Belconnen to City – Town Centre bypass)
- C5 (Belconnen to Tuggeranong via Weston Creek)
- C7 (Belconnen to Gungahlin).

Alternatively, use an e-scooter. They are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to travel short distances or connect with public transport.



Sustainable Household Scheme to receive a **\$50 million boost**

The ACT Government has invested an additional \$50 million in the Sustainable Household Scheme to continue helping Canberrans transition to a more environmentally sustainable future.

The Scheme provides zero-interest loans to eligible ACT residents and community groups to upgrade their premises or to utilise renewable energy products. To date over 9000 energy-efficient upgrades to ACT households have been completed under the Scheme.

So far, 3193 Belconnen homeowners have applied for loans with the majority (1862) being used for solar systems.

For more information and how to apply visit climatechoices.act.gov.au



Everyday **climate choices**



Contribute to the discussion

Public consultation to help develop a voluntary assisted dying model for the ACT is currently open until 6 April 2023.

Voluntary assisted dying is a safe and effective medical process that gives an eligible person the option to end their suffering by choosing how and when they die.

Find out more or contribute to the discussion at yoursay.act.gov.au/vad

Online tool helps Canberrans cut costs

Did you know there are more than 65 discounts, rebates and subsidies available to Canberrans to help with cost of living pressures?

Try our savings finder to find savings relevant to you, visit act.gov.au/assistance



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New bikeway makes cycling easy

The second stage of the Belconnen Bikeway will be completed this month, leading from the University of Canberra to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and into the city.

This new 2.5-metre-wide off-road asphalt cycle path runs along the eastern side of Haydon Drive, from College Street to Battye Street, Bruce. Another new off-road dedicated cycle lane on the northern side of Battye Street runs from Haydon Drive for the length of the road to the AIS.

Jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments as part of the Commonwealth's Road Safety Program, the project has also delivered improved lighting and four raised crossings.



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Upgrades for Belconnen schools

Melba Copland Secondary School high school and college campuses will have new roofs installed over the next 12 months as part of a \$10.9 million investment in public school roof replacements. As school buildings age, replacing roofs is a vital part of maintaining school safety and energy efficiency.

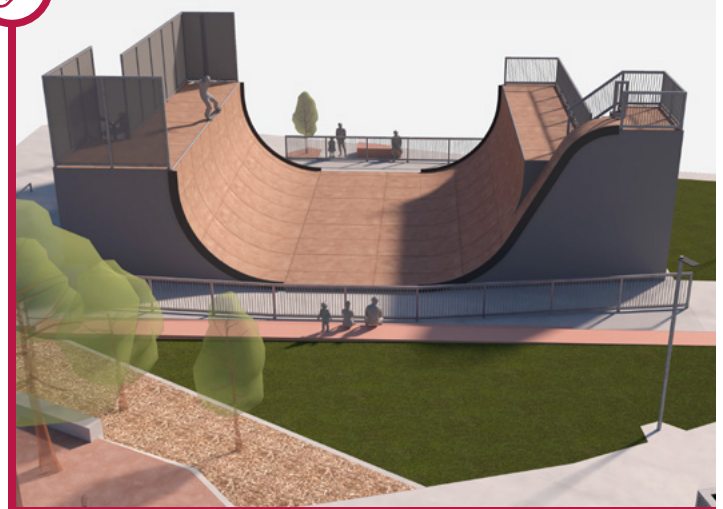
Weetangera Primary and Charnwood-Dunlop schools have recently had new shade shelters installed, improving learning and play spaces as part of a \$3.5 million investment in outdoor learning spaces.

Kingsford Smith and Southern Cross Early Childhood schools now have brand new bike shelters, helping to reduce road congestion and promote exercise and active travel.

New Belco half-pipe on its way

Construction will soon begin on the new half-pipe at Belconnen Skate Park. This will provide a space for skateboarding, freestyle BMX, scootering and competitions, and give Canberrans another option for keeping active.

This project is jointly funded by the ACT and Australian Governments.



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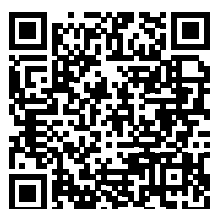
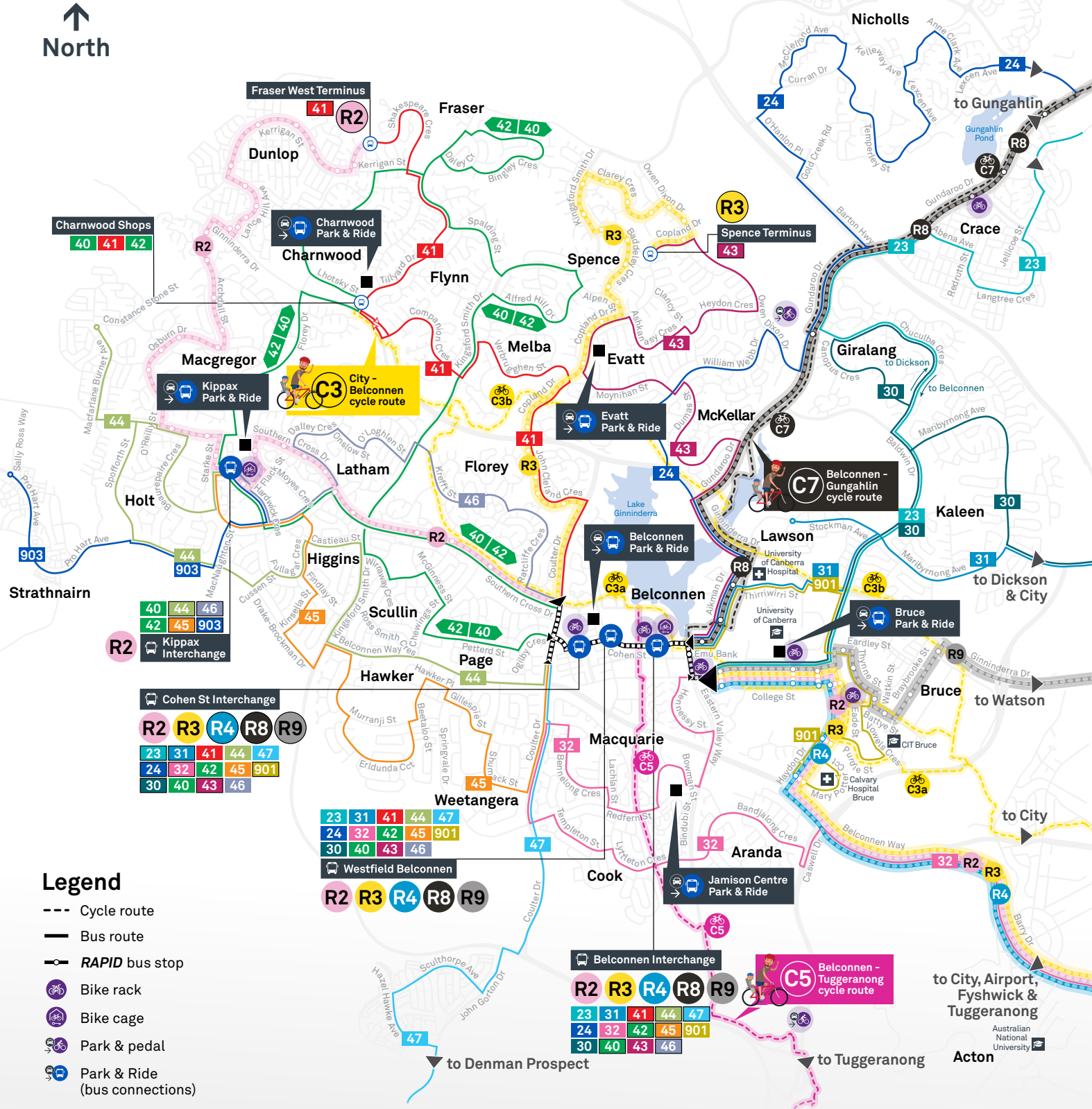
The ACT Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution to the life of this city and region.



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Explore your travel options at transport.act.gov.au