



autumn + winter



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VisitCanberra wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal People. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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Lake Burley Griffin. Image by Pew Pew Studio.



EVENTS TO PLAN YOUR
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events calendar at
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exhibitions + festivals



Symphony in the Park.
Image by Photox.

FEARED AND REVERED

National Museum of Australia

Until 27 August

AUSTRALIANS & HOLLYWOOD

National Film and Sound Archive

Until 31 October

ENLIGHTEN ILLUMINATIONS

Parliamentary Triangle

3 – 13 March

PORTRAIT23: IDENTITY

National Portrait Gallery

10 March - 18 June

LIGHTS! CANBERRA! ACTION!

Senate Rose Gardens

10 March

CANBERRA BALLOON SPECTACULAR

Patrick White Lawns

11 – 19 March

FRESHOUT

Glebe Park

11 March

SYMPHONY IN THE PARK

Stage 88, Commonwealth Park

12 March

CANBERRA DAY

Commonwealth Park

13 March

FREESTYLE KINGS

GIO Stadium Canberra

25 March

CANBERRA COMEDY FESTIVAL

Various locations

16 – 26 March

NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Exhibition Park in Canberra

6 – 10 April

CANBERRA AND REGION

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Various locations

11 – 30 April

CANBERRA WINE DISTRICT

STOMP FEST

Various locations

15 – 16 April

ANZAC DAY

Australian War Memorial

25 April

CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Various locations

28 April – 7 May

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FESTIVAL

Parkes Place Lawns

29 June – 2 July

WINTER INNOVATION FESTIVAL

Various locations

7 – 16 July

CANBERRA WRITERS FESTIVAL

Various locations

16 – 20 August

EVENTS TO PLAN YOUR
TRIP AROUND

sport

Sport fans are spoiled for choice whether you're a spectator or participant.

spectator sports

CANBERRA UNITED

McKellar Park

4 March
18 March

BRUMBIES

GIO Stadium Canberra

11 March
18 March
1 April
14 April
14 May
27 May
2 June



get involved in

RAIDERS

GIO Stadium Canberra

19 March
31 March
16 April
13 May
21 May
9 June
1 July
29 July
6 August
20 August
26 August

GIANTS

Manuka Oval

22 April
6 May
Weekend of 21 – 23 July

FUN RUN PINK

Stromlo Forest Park

19 March

SRI CHINMOY 48 HOUR TRACK FESTIVAL

AIS Athletics Track

24 March

NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE POLARIS

Telopea Park School

1 April

CAPITAL CLASSIC MTB RACE

Mount Majura Vineyard

2 April

2023 CANNBERRA MARATHON

John Dunmore Lang Place

16 April

CANNBERRA DUATHLON

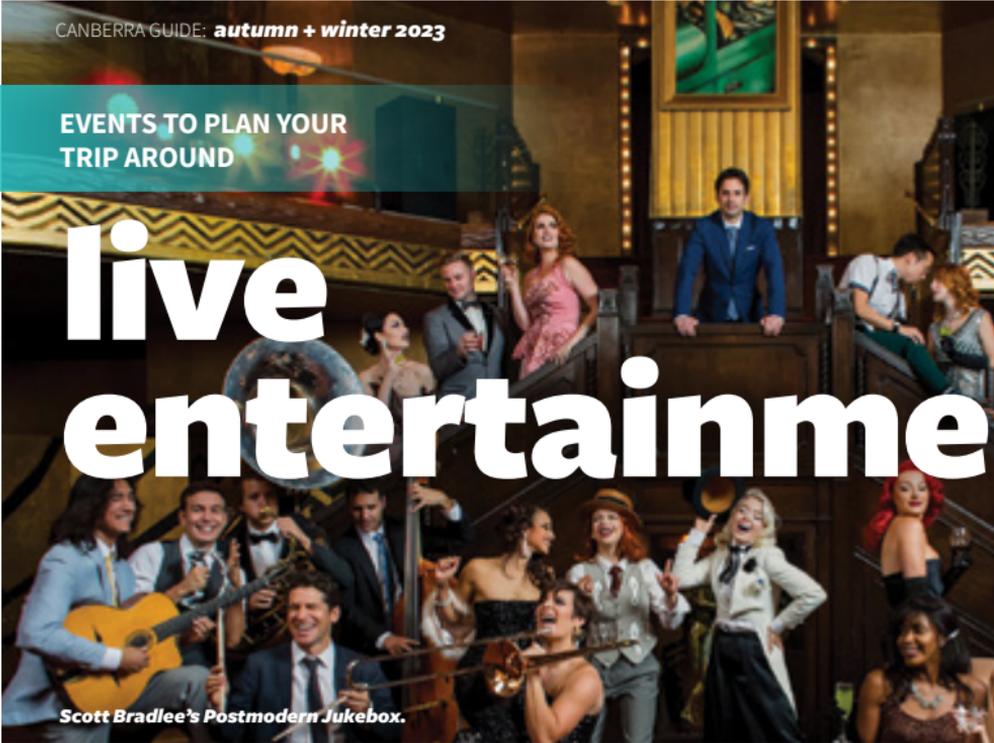
Rond Terrace

17 June

GIO Stadium.
Image by Martin Ollman.

EVENTS TO PLAN YOUR
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live entertainment



Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox.

MILL THEATRE

Reasons to be Pretty

19 April – 6 May

Good Works

12 July – 5 August

KAMBRI

**Kurt Vile & The Violators +
Special Guests**

30 March

Mudhoney

23 April

LLEWELLYN HALL

Don McLean 50th Anniversary Tour

16 April

The Imperfects Live on Stage

13 May

**A Clockwork Orange and Beyond,
Australian Chamber Orchestra**

23 May

**Julia Morris – 75 Years In
the Business**

23 June

**Scott Bradlee's
Postmodern Jukebox**

31 August

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Canberra Theatre Centre.

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The dangers of playing television with your children.

King Lear.

THE SECRET RIVER

CIRCUS OZ

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UNIVERSITY OF CANNBERRA

**The Gbedu Music
& Dance Concert**
18 March

The Grogans
26 March

Kisschasy
10 May

Frenchy
16 June

CANNBERRA THEATRE CENTRE

Macbeth
14 – 22 April

**Agatha Christie's
The Mousetrap**
11 – 21 May

Come From Away
8 June – 2 July

You Can't Tell Anyone
10 – 20 August



Be inspired by
Tony Award winning
musical *Come From
Away* and live music
throughout
the year.

**TOP AUTUMN + WINTER
EXPERIENCES**

arts + culture

Discover Australia's stories at Canberra's national museums and galleries – each showcasing a unique perspective.

Feared and Revered. 'Queen of the Night' relief, Iraq, about 1750 BCE. © Trustees of the British Museum, 2022.



PORTRAIT23: Identity. Four works from Happy Australian 2022 Vipoo Srivilasa.

CELEBRATE FEMININE POWER

Feared and Revered: Feminine Power through the Ages (until 27 August) at the National Museum of Australia's celebrates the power and diversity of female spiritual beings in cultural traditions and beliefs across the globe. The unmissable exhibition from the British Museum explores how goddesses, demons, witches, spirits, and saints have shaped our understanding of the world.

\$25 adult, \$20 concession /
\$12.50 child (5–16 years) /
\$62.50 family (2 adults and 2 children).

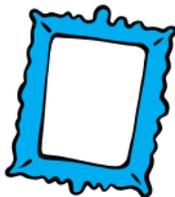
nma.gov.au

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN ART

PORTRAIT23: Identity (10 March – 18 June) at the National Portrait Gallery contains new work from multi-award-winning contemporary Australian artists and collectives working across every state and territory. See modern portraits captured in installations, videos, and animations, inviting you, the viewer, inside the portrait.

Free entry.

portrait.gov.au





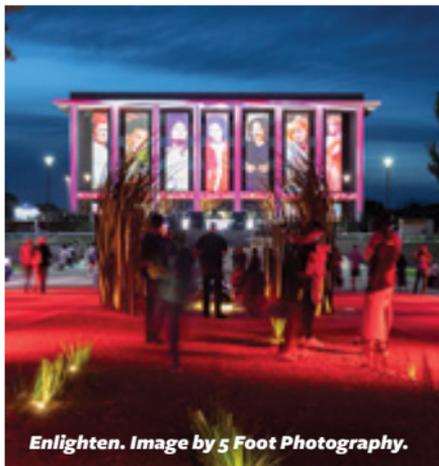
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SEE CANBERRA'S ICONS LIT UP BY THE ENLIGHTEN ILLUMINATIONS

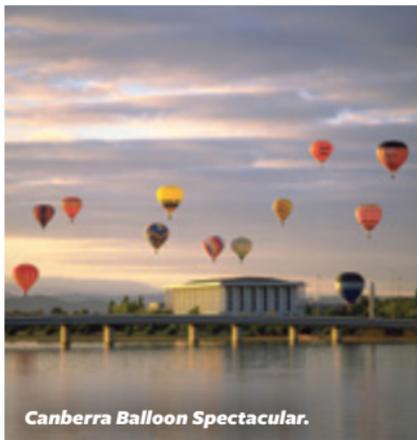
Canberra's most iconic buildings will become canvases for digital art during the Enlighten Illuminations (3 - 13 March). Feast on tasty treats, enjoy live music, and exclusive experiences as you explore the Parliamentary Triangle, transformed by thought-provoking architectural projections and artistic installations.

Free entry.

enlightencanberra.com



Enlighten. Image by 5 Foot Photography.



Canberra Balloon Spectacular.

START YOUR DAY WITH THE CANBERRA BALLOON SPECTACULAR

Wake up to surreal scenes as dozens of hot air balloons float across the capital each morning during the Canberra Balloon Spectacular (11 - 19 March, weather dependent). Grab breakfast from a local food truck or take to the lake to watch the balloons inflate and float into the sky.

Free entry.

enlightencanberra.com

The second weekend of Enlighten Festival will celebrate LGBTIQ+ pride, including hosting the first ever FreshOut Fair Day.



Canberra Balloon Spectacular.
Image by 5 Foot Photography.

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Canberra Glassworks. Image by Pew Pew Studio.

BROWSE LOCAL ART GALLERIES

Canberra is well-known for its national galleries, but art lovers in the know also love the local arts scene. Watch glassmakers working with 810-degree kilns in the hot shop at the Canberra Glassworks, see Indigenous masterpieces at the Burrunjui Art Gallery, or explore galleries nestled throughout the suburbs such as M16 Artspace.

canberraglassworks.com | aboriginal-arts.com.au | m16artspace.com.au



Royal Australian Mint. Image by Penny Bradfield.



SEE MONEY BEING MADE

Be amazed as you see how coins are made from the factory viewing platform at the Royal Australian Mint. Spot Titan, the Mint's robot whose job it is to pour coins into a hopper or discover the world of coins through a free guided tour.

ramint.gov.au

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meet... muesli

*Transit Bar.
Image by Pew Pew Studio.*

MUESLI — CANNBERRA INDIE-POP BAND

From intimate, hole-in-the-wall haunts to massive clubs, there's no shortage of live music venues in Canberra. Muesli shares their favourite spots to catch a gig.

"Transit has a big dance floor for everyone, but you can also sit down and have a meal there. The Polo (in Turner) is a friendly space and draws beautiful crowds — we like the atmosphere. Smith's Alternative is a small space with

an intimate crowd — we get to see how much the crowd is enjoying the show. At Sideway there is no separation from the crowd to the stage — the energy is bouncing off the audience and coming back to you — it's a lot of fun."

[transit.bar](#)

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[smithsalternative.com](#)

[sidewaybc.com](#)

Muesli. Image by Harry Chalker.

"UC Hub is a favourite for its good energy and really cool crowd."

— Muesli



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family fun

Keep an eye out for snow at Namadgi National Park — a magical experience for all ages.

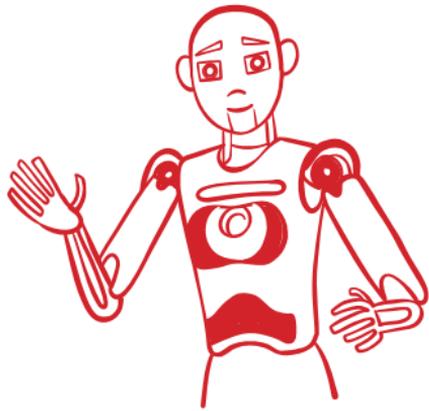
Corin Forest. Image by Pew Pew Studio.

SNOW PLAY AT CORIN FOREST

Just 45-minutes from the city, Corin Forest has beginner-friendly slopes designed to show kids the snow ropes from tobogganing to the basics of snowboarding and skiing. Build snowmen or start an epic snowball fight before feasting on woodfired pizza and hot chocolate at the cosy café. The scenic 1.2km alpine slide is a must-do on your visit.

Snow Play \$25 (under 2 free) /
Alpine Slide Session \$28 (under 8 free).
Rental equipment and lessons available.

corin.com.au



SEE LIGHTNING STRIKE TWICE

Watch enthralling live science demonstrations and visit Questacon's galleries where you can free fall smoothly down a tall vertical slide, feel the force of an earthquake, watch lightning strike twice, and see a hive with 10,000 bees. Science and technology have never been more fun.

Under 3 free / Child (4 - 16)
and concession \$18.90 /
Family \$73.40.

questacon.edu.au



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explore... gold creek vil

Cockington Green Gardens. Image by Martin Ollman.

Discover a quaint village 20 minutes from the city. See a T-Rex at the National Dinosaur Museum, walk through a world of miniature, handcrafted buildings at Cockington Green Gardens, feed birds at the Canberra Walk

In Aviary, and meet a crocodile at the Canberra Reptile Zoo.

Gold Creek Village is also home to a lolly shop, masterpieces at the Aarwun Gallery and Aboriginal Dreamings Gallery, plus mini golf.



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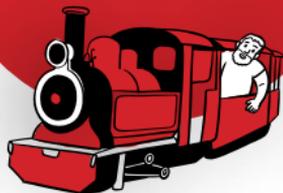
Canberra Reptile Zoo. Image by Martin Olman.

For refreshments choose between a café hidden in a bookstore, a hearty meal in a classic English pub, and homemade ice cream.

Best of all, everything is within a five-minute walk.

federationsquaregoldcreek.com.au

Get the Gold Creek Adventure Ticket to enjoy savings on individual and family passes.
goldcreekadventure.com.au



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Did you know that the zoo contributes to many public education, animal conservation, and breeding programs?

National Zoo & Aquarium.
Image by Harper Yeats.



MEET ANIMALS BIG AND SMALL

Diving, catching crustaceans, and racing each other through the water, the little penguins that call the National Zoo & Aquarium are always entertaining to watch. All named after famous rappers, these penguins are part of one of many breeding programs. Meet and feed giraffes, white lions, meerkats, owls, cheetahs and more.

Child \$30 / Student and concession \$45 / Adult \$52 / Family \$144.

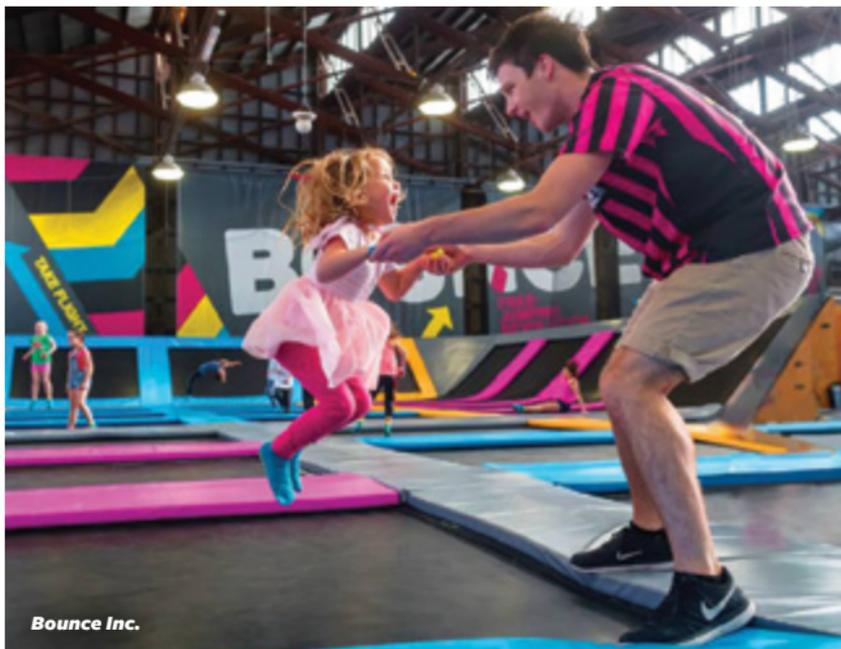
nationalzoo.com.au

INDOOR FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Calling all fun seekers to Bounce, where you can unleash your free spirit on more than 50 indoor trampolines. Head to The Alby next where you'll be spoiled for choice with a games basement, pinball, pool tables, Australia's first duckpin bowling, and an impressive food and drink menu on offer.

bounceinc.com.au

thealby.com.au



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**explore...
dairy road
precinct**

Vertical Indoor Snow Sports.
Image by Martin Ollman.



Did you know everything is walking distance within the Dairy Road Precinct?

Big River Distillery. Image by Martin Ollman.

Formerly a collection of industrial warehouses, Dairy Road Precinct is now a popular spot beloved by locals. Sports fans will enjoy skiing indoors in shorts and a t-shirt at Vertikal Indoor Snow Sports and bouldering up and down the walls at BlocHaus. Art lovers can see local artists' work at Grainger Gallery and mid-century design at The Modern Object.

To taste local drops head to Capital Brewing Co, Australia's first carbon-neutral brewery. Sip your way through their taproom and grab a delicious Brodburger from the red food van parked next to the distillery floor. Gin lovers can head next door to Big River Distillery to try their famous cinnamon Cinn Gin.

dairyroad.com.au

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outdoors + nature

Did you know
that Canberra is a
100% renewable
energy city?

Glebe Park.
Image by Pew Pew Studio.



Stromlo Forest Park. Image by Lightbulbs.



STROLL THROUGH AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn is an extraordinarily beautiful time to visit Canberra, when the stunning cityscape plunges into hues of red, gold, russet, ochre and crimson as the city's exotic trees transform. Head to the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, the National Carillon, or the National Arboretum Canberra to take in the kaleidoscope of colours first-hand.

WORK UP AN APPETITE CYCLING

There's nothing better than pedalling to your next feast. Locals love jumping on bikes and heading out of the city for brunch at The Baker at Sutton or cycling between the cool-climate wineries in Murrumbateman. Mountain bikers flock to Stromlo Forest Park, rewarding themselves with burgers and beers at Handlebar after tackling downhill trails.

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meet... sophie bean

Sophie Bean.

**SOPHIE BEAN
THREATENED SPECIES OFFICER**

Just a 45-minute drive from the city centre you'll find Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Known for its amazing views and walks, the reserve also manages conservation programs to assist the recovery of critically endangered

wildlife. Threatened Species Officer, Sophie Bean, shares tips on when and where to spot animals in the reserve.

"You'll see a variety of Australian fauna and flora when visiting the reserve, including critically endangered species such as

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Image by We Are Explorers.

the southern brush-tailed rock-wallaby. Winter is a great time to see superb lyrebirds, sight platypus in the sanctuary ponds, and listen to the calls of native frog species.”

tidbinbilla.act.gov.au

“My favourite spot would have to be the Eucalypt Forest at Tidbinbilla. This wet sclerophyll forest ecosystem is home to an abundance of native species such as long-nosed potoroos, kookaburras and koalas, which makes it a beautiful place to relax and explore.”

— *Sophie Bean*



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EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH THE EXPERTS

Learn about native animals and the capital's natural landscape with Canberra Guided Tours. Reconnect with the land and learn about First Nations' culture with Dhawura Tours. For amazing views of major sights plus the surrounding mountains and rivers from up above, jump into a chopper with Helicopter Corporation.

canberraguidedtours.com.au

thunderstone.net.au

helicoptercorp.com.au

FIND A MOMENT OF CALM AMONGST 44,000 TREES

Just six kilometres from the city centre, this living collection of endangered and rare species also features spectacular views and remarkable architecture. Each July, trees are lovingly wrapped in colourful scarves to keep them warm during winter. With an impressive 94 forests and 20 kilometres of multi-purpose trails, stroll or cycle through the trails that crisscross the National Arboretum Canberra.

nationalarboretum.act.gov.au

Dhawura Tours. Image by Martin Ollman.



A photograph of two people walking away from the camera on a path through a forest. The ground is covered in fallen brown leaves. Several tree trunks are wrapped with colorful, multi-colored cloths or scarves. The trees are tall and thin, with some green foliage visible in the upper canopy. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. In the background, a body of water and a building are partially visible through the trees.

Ngala Tours offer a unique and immersive experience to learn about Aboriginal culture at the National Arboretum Canberra.

Warm Trees.
Image by Kara Rosenlund.

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eat + drink

Pialligo Truffles.
Image by Pew Pew Studio.

Head to Tallagandra Hill Winery to enjoy a non-traditional cellar door, newly opened boutique vineyard cottages, and live music.

DISCOVER THE DELIGHTS OF THE REGION'S TRUFFLES

Sample the delights of the Canberra region's truffle growers from mid-June to August. The prized black Perigord truffle is on the menu at restaurants, cafes, and wineries across the capital. Enjoy a paddock to plate experience or join a truffle hunt. Popular boutique truffle farm, Pialligo Truffles, is a must-visit spot for all foodies.

pialligotruffles.com.au

LINGER LONGER OVER LUNCH AT ONE OF OUR WINERIES

Cooler weather and red wine are a match made in heaven. Enjoy a drop over a long lunch at one of the Canberra Wine District's restaurants. Among the popular spots for a lazy lunch are Contentious Character, Westering at Lake George Winery, Shaw Vineyards, Poachers Pantry, Four Winds Vineyard, Brindabella Hills Winery, Lark Hill Biodynamic Winery, Lerida Estate, and Tallagandra Hill.

cannberrawines.com.au

Brindabella Hills Winery. Image by Lightbulb Studio.



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*Highball.
Image by Pew Pew Studio.*

Taste the Crankshaft IPA at BentSpoke Brewing Co – voted the best beer in Australia two years in a row in the GABS Hottest 100.

NEW BARS MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES

Joining Canberra's amazing craft beer scene is Cypher Brewing Co, the capital's newest brewery in Gungahlin specialising in lagers, XPAs, pacific ales and stouts. Locals rejoiced as Highball reopened after relocating in the Melbourne building. This Cuban-inspired bar hosts salsa dancing evenings.





TASTE FOOD FLAVOURED BY FIRE

Curl up by the fireplace and feast on seasonal produce at Canberra's hottest new restaurants. The team behind one of Canberra's most acclaimed restaurants, Pilot, have opened a new modern city eatery, Such and Such. Nearby you'll find premium Asian food precinct, Tiger Lane, which includes Japanese barbeque specialists, Taki and signature sushi restaurant, Inari.

andsuchandsuch.com

tigerlane.com.au

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FEAST ON A FOOD TOUR

Canberra is a paradise for foodies, with amazing local produce, flavours, and creative collaborations. Join an Eat Canberra Food Tour in Braddon to discover some of the best eats – from top coffees to amazing ramen.

Did you know there are more than 40 wineries within 35 minutes' of the city? Leave the guiding up to the pros and

enjoy private luxury tours with Van Du Vin. Meet the makers at boutique wineries in the region. Join Dave's Tours to see behind the scenes and experience local producers in action at some of the city's finest breweries, wineries, and distilleries.

eatcanberra.com.au

vanduvin.com.au

daves.com.au



Gin lovers flock to The Canberra Distillery in Mitchell and Big River Distillery in Fyshwick.

Eat Canberra Food Tours. Image by Martin Olliman.





Four Winds.
Image by Martin Ollman.

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Get a taste of the region at our foodie festivals throughout the year. In addition to fresh produce markets in Fyshwick and Belconnen you can visit farmers markets each weekend.

A woman with brown hair, wearing a black and white striped t-shirt, is smiling and holding a cardboard box filled with fresh produce and flowers. The box contains green leafy vegetables, red strawberries, and several large, colorful flowers in shades of yellow, orange, and pink. In the background, other people are visible, including a woman wearing sunglasses and a blue shirt, suggesting a busy outdoor market setting.

farmers markets

*Capital Region Farmers Market.
Image by Kara Rosenlund.*

CAPITAL REGION FARMERS MARKET

Exhibition Park in Canberra

Every Saturday, 7am – 11.30am

SOUTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Canberra College, Woden

Every Sunday, 7am – 11.30am

HAIG PARK VILLAGE MARKETS

Haig Park

Every Sunday, 9am – 2pm

OLD BUS DEPOT MARKETS

Old Bus Depot, Kingston

Every Sunday, 9.30am – 2.30pm

BRAIDWOOD FARMERS MARKET

National Theatre, Braidwood

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month,
8.30am – 12.30pm

YASS FARMERS MARKET

82 Comur Street, Yass

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month,
10am – 1pm

HARTLEY HALL MARKETS

Hall Showgrounds

First Sunday of the month,
10am – 3pm

Capital Region Farmers Market. Image by Martin Ollman.



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