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### **Major contribution to Canberra's Centenary**

Centenary of Canberra preparations are set to ramp up with the ACT Labor Government committing \$14 million in funding over the next four years towards celebratory activities.

"This commitment sets the scope for the ACT Government's contribution to the celebrations and gives certainty to the planning," Mr Stanhope said.

"I am confident the resulting activities will offer many opportunities for our community to participate and leave many enduring benefits for years to come.

"I am hopeful the Commonwealth Government and the private sector will also make a financial commitment to ensuring these celebrations are a great success, not only in the eyes of Canberrans but all Australians.

"The Government has negotiated an intergovernmental agreement with the Commonwealth Government and further progressed planning on a number of activities, including sporting events, commemorative wine and plants. It has also begun to raise awareness of the centenary in the community.

"We are very close to securing the 2013 Women's Australian Golf Open. An agreement is currently being negotiated with Golf Australia and is expected to be finalised in the coming weeks.

"A creative director, to be appointed in the near future, will build on the progress to date and further develop what will be a magnificent program that will give Canberrans the chance to celebrate their beautiful home and encourage all Australians to engage with their national capital," Mr Stanhope said.

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