



**ACT**  
Government

FOR  
**CENTRAL  
CANBERRA**

ACT BUDGET  
2016-17



# CENTRAL CANBERRA UP CLOSE

**10,870** 

school students  
taught by **831** teachers

 **108**

firefighters protecting the community

**73** 

playgrounds maintained

**10,500+ha**   
of grass mowed

 **18** sportsgrounds  
maintained

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## LIVEABILITY & LEISURE

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Funding is provided for upgrades to cultural and recreational facilities in the heart of Canberra.

- > Investing in infrastructure at the **Narrabundah Ballpark**
- > Starting feasibility and design work on a **new pool** for the city
- > **New shade sails** for the Boundless playground in Kings Park
- > **New footpaths and a shared zone** in Kingston and upgrades to Telopea Park
- > Delivering a sustainable water system to the **expanding forest network** at the Arboretum and upgrades to the Village Centre
- > Upgrading the **Canberra Theatre** to attract major theatre shows to the ACT
- > The new **City Loop, a free bus service** connecting the City, Braddon, New Acton and ANU



## HEALTH SERVICES FOR CENTRAL CANBERRA

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Health services in Canberra are expanding through funding provided in this Budget, including:

- > Forward design for a **City Health Centre**
- > \$100.5 million to **upgrade and maintain facilities** at Calvary Hospital, the Canberra Hospital and other health buildings
- > Progressing the **University of Canberra Public Hospital** which is due to open in 2018
- > \$29 million to fund **54 new health staff** for the 21 new treatment spaces as part of the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department expansion
- > Over \$55 million in expanded **mental health facilities** including community services, inpatient beds and the secure mental health unit



## INVESTING IN EDUCATION

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The Budget invests in education facilities for young people.

- > **A new food technology facility** at Alfred Deakin High School
- > **Upgrades to science facilities** at Dickson College
- > **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) technology upgrade** at Campbell High School
- > \$488,000 in **upgrades to CIT Reid**
- > **STEM scholarships** for teachers across Canberra
- > Central Canberra will share in a range of upgrades to promote **walking and riding to school**



## COMMUNITY SAFETY IN CENTRAL CANBERRA

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This Budget upgrades facilities for our police, firefighters and paramedics.

- > A major upgrade to the **Fyshwick fire station**
- > **New police protective equipment** and more security at police stations
- > **Expanding the existing SouthCare hangar** for a new, larger rescue helicopter



# INVESTING IN HEALTH, EDUCATION & SAFER FAMILIES

The ACT invests more per person in health and education than any other jurisdiction.

## Health



\$139 million for 170 new health staff including 22 doctors, 91 more nurses and 34 more allied health professionals

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\$29 million to expand the Canberra Hospital Emergency Department

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\$9.96 million for an expanded trauma service and intensive care

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\$55.9 million for mental health

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\$6.32 million for outpatient and palliative care

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## Education



\$31.2 million for school upgrades

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\$10 million to take our school system digital

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## Safer families



Additional funding for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service & Canberra Rape Crisis Centre

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More resources for police, courts & legal aid

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## Concessions

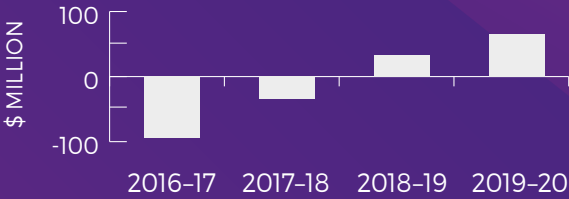


\$35.1 million in additional concessions for low income households

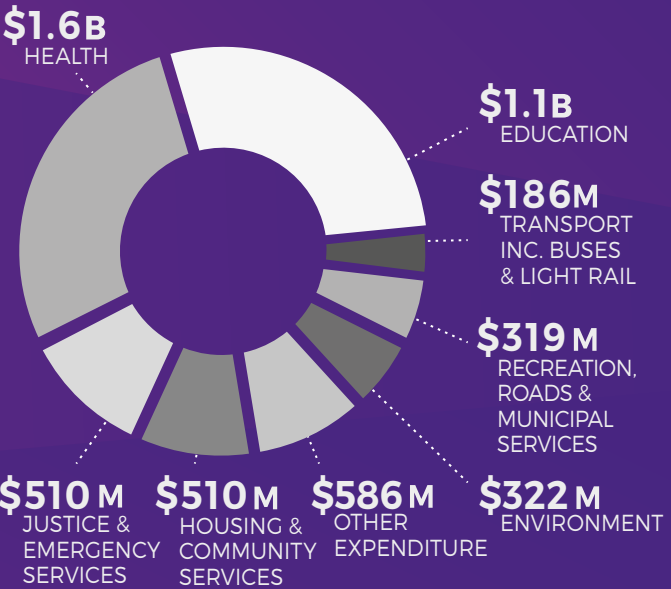
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# A BALANCED BUDGET RETURNING TO SURPLUS



## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



## AAA CREDIT RATING

ACT	✓	QLD	✗	WA	✗
NSW	✓	TAS	✗	NT	✗
VIC	✓	SA	✗		

A Standard & Poor's AAA credit rating means the ACT has an extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

