

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY: THE CANBERRA SOCIAL PLAN

Building Our Community: The Canberra Social Plan was announced by the Chief Minister on 3 February 2004. The Plan establishes seven Priorities to guide policy-makers over the next 10 to 15 years:

- economic opportunity for all Canberrans;
- respect, diversity and human rights;
- a safe, strong and cohesive community;
- to improve health and well being;
- to lead Australia in education, training and lifelong learning;
- housing for a future Canberra; and
- respect and protect the environment.

Underpinning each Priority is a program of Actions, 68 in all, to be undertaken within the next five years. Many of these Actions require funding in order that they are effectively put in place. The 2004-05 Budget, together with the 2003-04 Appropriation Bill (No.3), includes a significant commitment towards these Actions, together with funding for many other initiatives that specifically address Social Plan priorities.

PRIORITY 1: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CANBERRANS

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Community Inclusion Board and Fund	133	1 549	2 066	2 333	2 600
Introduction of a New Energy Concession	0	740	905	977	1 001
Concession Payments for Electricity, Water and Sewerage Charges	318	326	334	343	351
Emergency Relief	0	150	153	156	159
Training Pathway Guarantee	0	300	408	416	425
Skilling ACT	0	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
Indigenous Employment Opportunities	0	145	175	180	185
Home Buyers Concession Scheme	0	5 210	5 210	5 210	5 210
Reducing the Residential Land Tax and Increases AVU Thresholds	0	5 160	5 160	5 160	5 160
Payroll Tax Exemption for Maternity Adoption and for Primary Care Giver Leave	0	0	150	150	150
General Rates Concession	0	305	313	320	328

PRIORITY 2: RESPECT, DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Implementation of ACT Human Rights Act	0	252	253	254	255
Women's Grant Program	0	100	100	100	100
Addressing Unmet Need for People with Disabilities	0	1 250	1 500	1 500	1 500

Capital initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Multicultural Centre	0	2 591	0	0	0

PRIORITY 3: A SAFE, STRONG, COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Building a Stronger Community	300	2 845	2 942	1 485	1 490
ACT Arts Funding Program	0	390	450	560	650
Powerhouse Glass Centre – Operating Costs	0	85	400	580	571
Messengers Program	0	114	117	120	123
Visual Arts – Matching Commonwealth Funding	0	60	90	110	120
Supporting Children at Risk	4 582	6 152	6 306	6 464	6 674
Home and Community Care (HACC)	0	846	846	846	846
Carer Recognition and supporting ATSI Carers	0	200	205	210	215
Increased Funding for Youth at Risk	0	640	656	672	689
Increased Payments to Foster Carers	0	350	359	368	377
Indigenous Foster Care	0	63	127	130	133
Ageing	0	335	361	341	347
Additional Peak and Feeder ACTION Services	0	1 114	1 142	1 171	1 200
Transport Initiatives for People with Disabilities	0	120	123	125	127
Supporting Youth Justice Clients	0	450	461	473	485
Reducing Property Crime	0	1 325	1 332	1 340	1 347
Aboriginal Justice Centre	0	352	354	355	357
Restorative Justice Unit	0	432	573	580	588

Capital initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
ACT Veterans' Memorial	0	50	0	0	0
Powerhouse – Kingston foreshore	0	0	4 175	0	0
Belconnen Arts Centre	0	200	0	0	0
Public Art Program	0	250	0	0	0
Arts facilities	0	100	0	0	0
Canberra Theatre Centre Package	0	300	0	0	0
Historic Places Package	0	200	0	0	0
ACT Dragway	0	4 000	4 000	0	0
Sustainable Transport Initiative – Stage 1	0	3 000	3 000	0	0
Woden master plan – relocation of bus interchange	0	200	200	0	0
Forward design and Construction of Bus Layby bus stop	0	150	0	0	0
Real time information system and bus interchanges	0	100	0	0	0
Bicycle racks on ACTION buses	0	345	0	0	0
Accessible public transport facilities	0	200	0	0	0
Correctional facility	0	10 000	50 000	50 000	0
Quamby upgrade	0	0	6 800	0	0
Birragai	0	2 100	0	0	0
Civic Youth Centre	0	645	0	0	0
Weston Creek Child Care Centre	0	0	550	0	0
New Community Hall in Palmerston	0	1 000	0	0	0

PRIORITY 4: IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Child and Family Centres	300	1 562	1 348	1 292	1 317
Childhood Obesity Measures	0	207	622	630	595
Expansion of CAMHS to provide an outreach service to the Gungahlin area	0	150	154	158	162
Promoting Healthy Students	0	232	244	246	217
Newborn Hearing Screening Program	0	201	131	134	136
Sub-Acute Facility	0	400	3 903	8 167	9 743
Residential Aged Care Liaison Nurse	0	32	100	103	106
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Hearing Health Program	0	200	205	210	215
Aboriginal Midwifery Access Program	0	191	196	201	205
Aboriginal Bush Healing Centre	0	100	0	0	0
Dual Diagnosis	0	140	144	147	151
Identify and Implement School Alcohol and Drug Education Programs	0	100	150	154	158
Develop Protocols for a Collaborative Approach to Case Management	0	100	103	106	108
Improved Enforcement of Tobacco Legislation	0	150	155	166	171
Increased General Surgery	0	3 225	4 500	4 600	4 700
Reduce Waiting times for Cataract and Joint Replacement	0	1 000	1 025	1 051	1 077
Ensuring the Viability of Men's Link	0	100	103	105	108
Practice Nurse for the Junction	0	91	68	70	72
Strategy for Radiation Therapists	0	102	103	105	106
Breast Care Nurse Positions	0	160	162	165	167
Strategy for Pharmacists	0	95	97	98	99
Intensive Care Unit Beds	0	2 767	2 787	2 797	3 017
Peak Winter Demand for Hospital	0	300	310	320	330
Corrections Health Program	0	198	202	207	212
Suicide Prevention Initiatives	0	365	328	336	344

PRIORITY 4: IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL BEING – cont.

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Growth in Nursing and Allied Health	0	621	637	653	669
Interventional Cardiology Growth	0	232	259	287	316
Growth in Acute Allied Health	0	770	789	809	829
Renal Demand	0	765	1 067	1 328	1 659
Emergency Department Growth	0	714	762	792	824
Pharmaceutical Costs and Demand Increase	0	700	770	847	932
Palliative care service maintenance	0	457	468	480	492
Medical Growth	0	1 000	1 025	1 051	1 077
Additional Wardpersons	0	180	185	190	194
Office of the Chief Nurse	0	178	182	187	192
Base issues mental health	0	150	154	158	162
Long Term Care for Bushfire Victims	0	60	62	64	66
Home Based Palliative Care	0	164	168	172	177
CARAU After Hours	0	69	71	73	75
Additional Cancer Services	0	588	624	667	712
Intensive Care and Treatment Program for People at Risk	0	0	717	1 242	1 267
Home Based Oxygen Scheme	0	145	149	152	156

Capital initiatives	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Child and Family Centres	120	3 100	2 700	80	0
Aboriginal Bush Healing Centre	0	100	0	0	0
Feasibility Study Work-based child care centres	0	100	0	0	0
Extension of psychiatric secure unit	0	1 000	0	0	0
ANU Medical School	0	2 000	4 400	0	0
Renal dialysis satellite - Northside	0	500	1 700	0	0
Incorporate Junction Youth Health Service into City Youth Centre	0	780	0	0	0

PRIORITY 5: LEAD AUSTRALIA IN EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Autism Assessment and Support Services	0	318	430	437	445
Enhanced Funding for Students with a Disability	0	1 000	1 062	1 128	1 198
Indigenous Early Childhood Support	0	214	216	218	220
Indigenous Student Support	0	295	440	450	461
Student Digital Pass-Key	0	273	113	104	0
Schools' Website Enhancement	0	209	0	0	0
Technical Support for Student Computing	0	908	1 055	1 076	1 099
Schools IT Infrastructure Fund	0	495	1 013	1 037	1 062
Non Government Schools ICT	0	600	615	630	646
Connect TransACT to non-government schools	0	200	0	0	0
College Health Coordinators	0	76	155	159	163
School beautification	0	1 000	1 062	1 128	1 198
Reduced Casual Teaching	0	390	395	400	405

Capital initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Melrose High School New Gymnasium	0	600	1 900	0	0
Older Schools Refurbishments	0	1 500	1 000	0	0
Other Facilities/Upgrades Telopea School Library	0	600	900	0	0
Safety Facilities, Glazing, Roof Safety and Shortfall	0	700	300	0	0
Upgrade School Science Areas	0	1 000	0	0	0
Safety Facilities Access for the Disabled	0	750	150	0	0
Provision of Transportable Classrooms, Gungahlin	0	800	0	0	0
Belconnen High School, New Gymnasium	0	500	0	0	0
Gungahlin East Primary School and Pre School	0	500	0	0	0
Additional Kippax Library Costs	0	1 000	0	0	0
Civic Library Fitout	0	300	0	0	0
Belconnen Library Refurbishment – Stage 1	0	241	0	0	0
Kippax Library Collection Improvements	0	220	0	0	0
Civic Library and link project – to completion	0	9 334	4 673	0	0

PRIORITY 6: HOUSING FOR A FUTURE CANBERRA

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Continuation of the Canberra Emergency Accommodation Service	0	381	392	405	417

Capital initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Public and community housing	33 200	0	0	0	0

PRIORITY 7: RESPECT AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Recurrent initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
Implement 2004 Greenhouse Strategy	0	300	300	300	300
Growth in the City – ACT NOWaste	0	133	133	133	133
Threatened Species Recovery	0	140	144	147	151
Implementation of Water Resources Strategy	280	2 071	2 428	1 940	1 979
Improved Catchment Management	0	500	103	105	108
Riparian Habitat Recovery - Greening Australia Proposal	0	318	318	318	0
Onyong's grave (Agency funded)	0	50	0	0	0
Cotter Precinct – Preliminary and Design Projects	190	98	98	0	0
Implementation of Shaping our Territory	1 930	2 125	0	0	0

Capital initiatives	2003-04 \$'000	2004-05 \$'000	2005-06 \$'000	2006-07 \$'000	2007-08 \$'000
International Arboretum	0	5 000	5 000	0	0
Building Energy Efficiency Upgrade Program – Stage 1	0	150	0	0	0
Restoring and Enhancing Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve	0	2 000	0	0	0
Murrumbidgee River Natural and Heritage Trail	0	250	0	0	0
Bushfire Recovery – Establish and Enhance Walking Tracks	0	250	0	0	0
Tree Top Walk- Stage 1	0	150	0	0	0
Hume Resource Recovery Estate Development	0	370	430	0	0

