

ACT Government

City Services: Tuggeranong update

City Services: what we are responsible for

- Essential services Canberrans rely on every day.
 - Public libraries
 - Recycling and waste
 - Management of urban trees, public open spaces and city places e.g. graffiti removal, grass mowing, public toilets, playgrounds, skateparks and sportsgrounds
 - Domestic Animal Services including animal welfare and pet registration
 - Licensing and compliance e.g. ranger services, public land use permits
 - Management of roads, footpaths, streetlights and cycle paths
 - Yarralumla Nursery, Capital Linen Service, Canberra Memorial Parks

Mowing program

Mowing Schedule

- 2023-24 peak mowing season ends at the end of April.
- This month, weather permitting, a final peak season cut of all suburbs will occur.
- 3 fire fuel reduction cuts have been completed during this season with the final one occurring this week.

Our focus this week will be:

- Greenway
- Oxley
- Monash
- Conder
- Macarthur
- Erindale Drive
- Athllon Drive.

Grass clippings

- In March, street sweeping activities were synchronised with our mowing program to reduce roadside clippings – we are currently reviewing the success of this trial.
- Specific guidelines are in place for mowing around Isabella Ponds grasslands and Lake Tuggeranong District Park. This enables thicker grass to filter runoff before it enters a water body, protecting vegetation and rare plants.
- Specific mowing practices:
 - 4 electric mowers in our fleet have built in air blowers to remove clippings from hard stand areas and paths
 - mower operators ensure grass clippings are evenly spread over an area
 - when mowing around stormwater drains or culverts, operators ensure the discharge is pointing away from the drain
 - strengthened training has been introduced for contracted services and staff
 - mowing does not occur within 5 metres of the high-water mark of a water body other than in specified access zones.

Park maintenance program

- Horticultural maintenance of garden beds including pruning and replanting every 6-8 weeks .
- Pruning trees in high-use areas such as carparks and picnic areas are our priority.
- Controlling weeds in urban areas using chemical application and physical weeding every 6-8 weeks.
- Annual turf renovation.
- Mowing and irrigation maintenance as needed, with an increase in summer.
- Bin servicing and litter removal.
- Daily toilet cleaning.
- Beach maintenance.
- BBQ cleaning – once weekly in cooler seasons, twice weekly in warmer season.
- Playground inspections and maintenance – weekly, monthly and yearly safety inspections in addition to reactive repairs.

In addition, we undertake reactive maintenance often reported through Fix My Street.

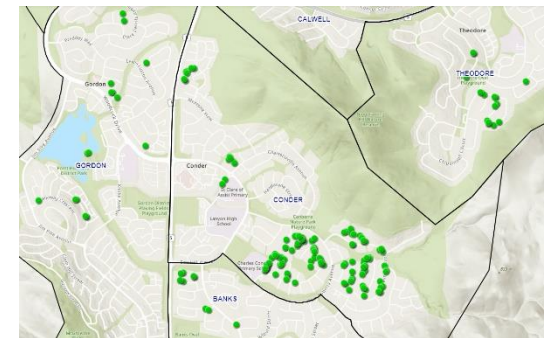
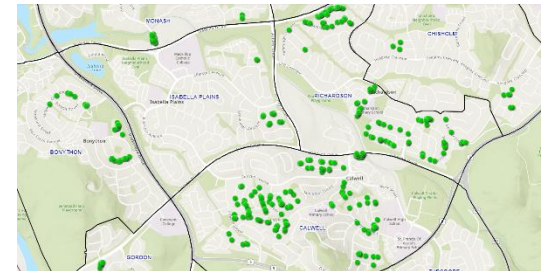
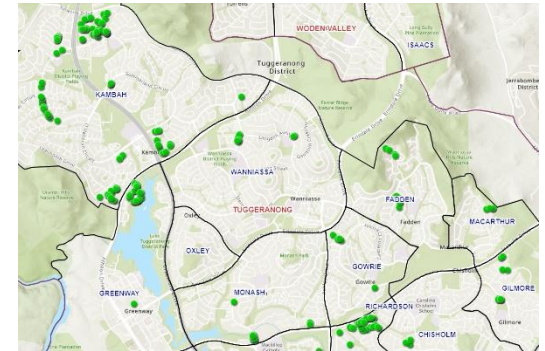
Storm damage update

Canberra has experienced several storm and wind events recently and damage to trees has been extensive across Canberra.

All storm cases have been assessed and assigned to a works program.

A package of work will soon commence for stump grinding. Some stump grinding has already commenced in Tuggeranong Town Park.

We will work with the Yarralumla Nursery on replanting to determine which species are currently available in our autumn order, and these will be prioritised for replacement in the next round of autumn plantings.



Urban Forest Act 2023

On 1 January 2024, the *Urban Forest Act 2023* replaced the *Tree Protection Act 2005*. The Urban Forest Act improves tree protection on both public and private land and will help protect Canberra's trees as the city continues to grow.

Key changes under the new Act include:

- classifying **all trees on public land** as protected
- reducing the **size requirements** for protected trees on private land
- protecting **dead native trees** that provide essential habitat elements for local fauna
- expanding the **ACT Tree Register** which celebrates and protects our most significant trees
- mandating **tree management plans** in application processes for activities that may impact a protected tree, e.g. driveway, building, and public land use applications
- mandating the inclusion of tree management plans in **all development applications** where a protected tree may be impacted
- introducing **tree bonds** to ensure protected trees are not damaged during construction work
- introducing **canopy contribution agreements** to replace lost canopy when a protected tree is approved for removal
- **increasing penalties** for people caught damaging a protected tree or breaching a Tree Management Plan or direction.

Community paths program

- Community path maintenance occurs throughout the year. Areas requiring maintenance are identified from community feedback received via [Fix My Street](#) requests.
- The ACT Government also undertakes regular inspections in selected high traffic areas.
- Recently completed packages of improvements in Fadden, Chisholm, Kambah, Monash, Theodore and Wanniasa. In the coming months will complete a package of 29 locations in Greenway which includes locations around the lake.
- This is in addition to the current upgrades being delivered as part of the foreshore improvements.
- **All of the current works are available on the City Services website.**

Local shops

- Monash
 - **Private areas:** there is an active DA for Monash shops that seeks to make changes to the Crown lease to permit the childcare centre (e.g. gross floor area increases). This is currently under assessment by the independent planning and land authority.
 - **Public areas:** detailed design being finalised with construction to start this quarter. This includes new seating and tables, nature play, pet related elements, art mural, upgraded paths and more trees and better landscaping.
- Richardson
 - **Public areas:** general maintenance of the public areas continues despite the lack of tenants.
 - **Private areas:** there are no active development applications (DA) for the Richardson shops (Block 4 Section 454) and there have been no DAs submitted for the site for over 20 years.

Sportsgrounds

- Completed in the current four-year program:
 - Calwell District Playing Fields: new irrigation boosting system
 - Greenway Enclosed Oval: female friendly pavilion upgrades
 - Kambah District Playing Fields: female friendly pavilion upgrades (all grounds completed) and LED sportsground lighting at Kambah 2.
 - Wanniasa 2 District Playing Fields: female friendly pavilion upgrades.
 - Gowrie District Playing Fields: upgraded LED sportsground floodlighting (**currently awaiting EvoEnergy connection planned for May**).
- Of all the female friendly upgrades completed so far, the majority have been in the south.
- **The program for 2024-25 upgrades is currently being determined.**

Gordon pavilion

- Two arson events – one in December 2022 and a second in July 2023.
- Second event resulted in the original insurance assessment restarting.
- Currently finalising a scope of works on a rebuild, ahead of procurement for design/construct.
- Upgrades to electrical infrastructure now enables training lights to be used for evening training at Gordon 1 Playing Fields.

Skateparks and dog parks

- Tuggeranong skatepark
 - Works will commence from Monday 8 April 2024 and are expected to take a week to complete.
 - Primarily surface repairs which includes replacement of the inverted ramp board.
- Lanyon dog park
 - Working through planning approvals for the site location.
 - Expect to start construction in the second half of 2024 pending approvals, design finalisation and procurement.
 - The final indicative design is available on the City Services website.
 - Significant change to the design since consultation has been the inclusion of small and large areas.