



Term 4, ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body

Dear Community members

Its been another long week, so many things changing around us and not within out control, but I know we can do it, and that we are supporting our families in the best way possible. This week has seen a couple of major announcements by the ACT Government in terms of Term 2, an ACT Jobs Package and the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body elections.

With this in mind I hope we have been able to provide you with information which is helpful and informative.

Education Directorate update

Yesterday ACT Education Minister Yvette Berry announced all ACT Public Schools will be closed in Term 2 apart from a small selection of supervised school sites.

If you have registered your child to attend school you should be hearing from your normal school before the end of the week and if your situation changes during the term you should speak with your normal school about what arrangements could be made to accommodate your child at one of the supervised school sites.

Minister Berry advised that if students turn up at their normal school, no students will be turned away, there will be staff onsite to assist parents and guardians in accessing one of the supervised sites.

Sites selected are as follows:

Caroline Chisholm, Charles Weston, Gordon Primary, Mawson Primary, Amaroo, Majura Primary, Kingsford Smith, Maribyrnong Primary, Red Hill Primary.

Specialist schools – Black Mountain, Cranleigh, Woden and Malkara.

Other Specialist sites include Black Mountain, Cranleigh, Woden school and Malkara school as well as flexible learning sites at Muliyan, The Cottage, Murrumbidgee Education and Training Centre and the Hospital School will also remain open.

If you have questions about these arrangements please contact your normal school in the first instance, however you can also call the ACT Education Directorate on 6205 8495.

ACT Jobs Package

As you may have heard earlier this week, the ACT Government launched the [Jobs for Canberrans Fund](#) which provides temporary work opportunities within the ACT Public Service for people who have lost their jobs or have been significantly impacted due to COVID-19.

We want to encourage eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans to sign up and apply for any of the advertised vacancies through the Casual Jobs Register (the register). Available jobs range from garden maintenance, fire recovery restoration, customer service, admin and cleaning.

Of particular interest are six [Ngunnawal Ranger positions](#). These roles have been identified to be filled by Ngunnawal applicants in the first instance and if not filled other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants will be considered. Ngunnawal Rangers will work as part of a team for a period of 6 months across the Parks and Conservation Service implementing the fire recovery plan for Namadgi National Park and Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. This is a great opportunity for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to be a part of the territories fire recovery journey. Application for these roles close on 30 April 2020.

There are also ten other Ranger and ten field officer positions available that will support bushfire recovery, catchment restoration, track and trail maintenance and like the other roles these are important and significant to our community.

To apply for any roles on the casual jobs register, you may be asked to submit an online application and a CV outlining your skills, and experience. Roles will have minimal pre-requisites and can be done within current public health directions.

Step 1 – sign up [here](#) to create your profile and receive notifications on new jobs being added (jobs will continue to be added the register up until June 2021)

Step 2 – view the eligibility criteria [here](#)

Step 3 – view vacant positions and apply through the [Casual Jobs Register](#).

This a great opportunity to get onto the casual jobs register and start your career.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body elections

Today the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith has deferred the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elections until 2021.

Holding the election in 2020 is a high risk given the current pandemic restrictions and would have significantly impacted on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans ability to vote. Holding the election during NAIDOC week 2021 will maximise the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT in the ATSIEB election. Under s29A of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008 the election is deferred to NAIDOC week 2021, with polling commencing on 3 July 2021.

What this will mean is the current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body members and positions within the elected body will continue their term until the election is declared in 2021.

In the event that a current Elected Body member does not wish to continue their term before 3 July 2021 a casual vacancy will be declared and the vacancy will be filled by recounting the ballot papers received by the vacating member to determine which candidate was the next most favoured candidate chosen by voters who elected the vacating member.

If you have issues linked to COVID-19 that we haven't covered there is also the ACT Government Helpline on 02 62077244, between the hours of 8am and 8pm (7 days a week), or go to the ACT Government COVID-19 website www.covid19.act.gov.au.

Take care of yourselves and each other over the coming weeks, if you have any topics that you need more information on please send them through to atsieb@act.gov.au so that we can find out more and provide you with the updated information.

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Chairperson

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