

Today



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

'The Government has no interest in rewarding rent-seeking behaviour.'

ACT Treasurer Andrew Barr returns fire at the Property Council's claims Government policy was leading to widespread office vacancies.



It's summer in the city

EXUBERANT radio folk Pete Curulli and Carla Bignasca, better known as Pete and Biggy of 106.3, took advantage of Canberra's unseasonable warmth yesterday to throw a (faux) beach party outside Tosolini's in Civic. The comparatively tropical warmth inspired them to break out the inflatable fun gear and strip down. The duo was joined by Canberra Comets players for some beach cricket. A few eager types joined Pete in the paddling pools. Promotions director Zak Davies apologised for the sight of a budgie smuggler-clad Pete.

Your Say Day on Wednesday. Suggestions on how to get involved include joining a group with a cause; using the rather lengthy #moahaveyoursayday hashtag if discussing democracy via Twitter; finding out who your Member of Parliament is; commenting on a news story online or penning a letter to the editor; blogging or using an online forum; ringing a talkback radio station to voice an opinion; talking about democracy with family and friends; posting a note in your Facebook status, or uploading a video to YouTube and tagging it Have Your Say Day.

Spaghetti supremacy

AS PART of Australian Engineering Week, which concludes on Sunday, bright sparks are to have some fun with this year's engineering games. About 300 kids from primary and high schools will descend on science and technology centre Questacon tonight to battle for the glory of building the strongest tower of straws, the best spaghetti bridge or the fastest mousetrap racer. The new challenge this year is to build a geodesic dome.

You're the voice

THE MUSEUM of Australian Democracy wants us to celebrate having a say on Have Your Say Day by expressing ourselves in as many ways as possible. A study the museum conducted found two-thirds of Australians didn't understand the relevance of democracy to their everyday lives and that's why we're being encouraged to embrace Have

Caffeine for a cause

HAVE a dose of caffeine for a cause today. During the CafeSmart fundraiser, \$1 from each coffee sold at participating cafes will go to StreetSmart's efforts helping the homeless. Canberra cafes taking part are Farmers Daughter (27 Bentham Street, Yarralumla); Coffee Cafe (57 Colbee Court, Phillip) and Rocksalt Cafe (4/78 Hawker Place, Hawker). Extra details can be found via www.streetsmartaustralia.org/cafesmart.

Impact of comic art

CIVIC comic shop Impact Comics is celebrating its seventh birthday with a little art contest, offering graphic novels as prizes. To enter, decorate a white paper Impact Comics shopping bag any way you fancy - with crayons, pencil drawings, paint, glitter, fabric or anything else. Student entries will be competing on behalf of their school and kids can do a bag each or team up. The children's categories are primary school, high school and college, and there is a category for adults. Entries close on September 11 and the decorated bags will be on display at the shop until the prizes are announced on September 25 once staff have chosen their favourites.

Giant swap meet

GIVE your old shoes the boot. Shed your dreary duds. Revitalise that wardrobe. The Canberra Environment Centre's Spring Swap and Sale is just up ahead. The inaugural event hopes to reduce demand for raw materials by promoting and facilitating a giant swap. It's planned for September 10



DIALLED IN: Canberra Grammar students from left, Andrew Flint, 15, Nick Divall, 15, Lachlan Darrow, 14, and Thomas Jordan, 14. Photo: GARY SCHAFER

Students keen to put apps in the palm of your hand

By Breanna Tucker

Calling all iPhone users. Have you ever jumped eagerly online in search of a handy app for your phone only to find it doesn't exist? Or criticised a game and bragged to your friends that it would be a hell of a lot better if you had designed it? Well, now could be your time to shine thanks to a group of Canberra teenagers ready to teach the world how to develop iPhone apps. A team of 15 Canberra Grammar boys have been mastering the task and are now running workshops to raise funds for a trip to the Macworld Conference in San Francisco in January.

The Code Cadets have met every Sunday to delve into Apple iPhone software development with ICT manager Matt Purcell. Crowned ACT Microsoft teacher of the Year in 2010, Mr Purcell stumbled across the technology at last year's Macworld developers' conference. Several textbooks are needed to explain the programming codes needed to develop the software. But the students have already developed seven apps ranging from those with basic text on screen to more complex functions incorporating buttons and error messages. Year 9 student Lachlan Darrow created an app called Puppy Jump

which used similar functions to the popular Doodle Jump game. "The app basically has a picture of a little puppy and you score points as the puppy climbs higher and higher," he said. "It took me about four hours to make but it just uses a basic picture. I couldn't make a character that moved." Year 9 student Thomas Jordan hoped to eventually build an app sophisticated enough to act as a school diary and Year 10 student Nick Divall has plans for one that will coordinate text messages to be delivered overseas at more appropriate local times. "I have friends overseas and I'm always worried I'll wake them up if I

send a text message during our day time," he said. "Sometimes you don't want to wait though, especially if something has just popped into your head, so being able to set a timer for when the message is delivered would be really handy." The boys need to raise \$6000 each for their 13-day trip to San Francisco, including four days at the conference and time to visit some of the world's biggest technology companies. They will run workshops for up to 240 people every Wednesday night for four weeks, starting next week. Classes are already in heavy demand so anyone wanting to join should visit www.codecadets.com.

from noon to 3pm at the Environment Centre on the corner of Lennox Crossing and Lawson Crescent, Acton, near the National Museum of Australia. Your small action could make a big difference: the swapping of 20kg of clothes saves enough energy to run a television

non-stop for 1.7 years, according to Planet Ark. At this event, clothes, books, DVDs and CDs can be swapped and bike parts and seedlings can be swapped or bought. To take part in the swap, register your items by 1pm on the day. For guidelines see www.ecoaction.com.au.

Ambassadors of a kind

THE CHASER boys and Kath & Kim are to be Australia's cultural ambassadors of a kind. The TV programs are to be studied in Denmark's University of Copenhagen as part of a master's degree program

at its Centre for Australian Studies in a course titled The Dangerous Art of Satire. It will be taught by Barry Humphries' biographer Anne Pender of the University of New England. The course also focuses on the works of writers such as Peter Carey and Christos Tsiolkas.



Five years ago

August 5, 2006
Federal Government department heads are to receive a 4.4 per cent pay increase, taking the total remuneration for three of the highest-paid department heads to \$394,320 a year. The three highest-paid secretaries are the Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Peter Shergold, the Secretary of the Department of Defence, Ric Smith, and the Secretary of Treasury, Dr Ken Henry. The base salary for these three will be \$315,460 a year. Total remuneration for the other 15 portfolio secretaries will be \$368,920. Figures published last year in the Australian Financial Review showed the average pay for heads of the top 300 listed companies was \$1.9 million.

10 years ago

August 5, 2001
Retired champion Canberra Raiders five-eighth Laurie Daley is set to take on a coaching role with the club next season. Matthew Elliott has been appointed Raiders coach for next year, but he could get some help from Daley who has begun discussions with the club to determine how best they can use him. Daley indicated yesterday he was looking to be involved on the Raiders coaching team and Canberra football manager Robert Finch said an approach had been made. "We are still working out the finer details, but [Daley] will have some input into our strategies for next year," Finch said yesterday.

Also on this day

1930: American astronaut Neil Armstrong was born.

OUTER SPACE: United States astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon.



WHAT'S ON

The Queanbeyan Charity Book Fair is on today and tomorrow at Queanbeyan Community Centre on Crawford Street. It's scheduled for 5-8pm today and 10am-2pm tomorrow. Proceeds from the fair will go to a small Queanbeyan self-help support group assisting families and their children affected by a rare degenerative genetic disorder called fucosidosis.

Weather

Today Sunny. Max 19°	Tomorrow Rain at times. Min 3° Max 14°	Sunday Rain at times. Min 2° Max 12°	Monday Rain at times. Min 1° Max 11°	Tuesday Rain at times. Min 1 Max 12 Wednesday Rain at times. Min 2 Max 13 Thursday Shower or two. Min 0 Max 13
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TODAY
Warnings: were current at 5pm yesterday. Latest information at www.bom.gov.au/weather NSW 1300 659 218 (local call cost)
Canberra: Sunny. Winds northwesterly averaging up to 35 km/h.
Illawarra: Sunny. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h.
South Coast: Sunny. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times, decreasing to 20 km/h during the afternoon.
Southern Tablelands: Sunny. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times, becoming northwesterly up to 40 km/h around midday.
Southwest Slopes: Sunny day. Patchy rain in the south late in the evening. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times.
Snowy Mountains: Sunny day. Patchy rain in the west during the evening. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 30 to 40 km/h, reaching 50 km/h at times, decreasing below 45 km/h during the afternoon.

TOMORROW
Canberra: Cloudy. Areas of rain developing. Winds northwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h.
Illawarra: Mostly sunny morning. Areas of rain in the south from the late morning, extending throughout from midday. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h.
South Coast: Cloudy. Areas of rain from the morning. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 20 km/h becoming light during the afternoon.
Southern Tablelands: Cloudy. Areas of rain in the northwest, extending throughout from the morning. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times.

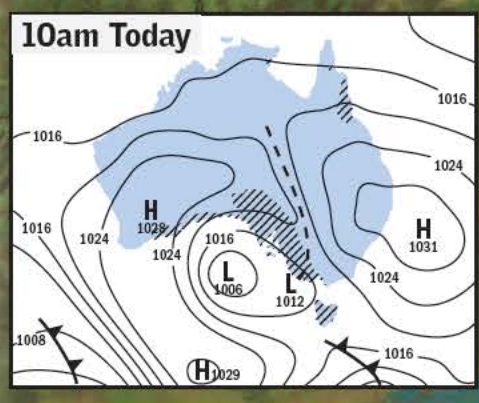


CAPITAL CITY FORECAST

Adelaide	Possible shower	16
Brisbane	Chance shower	23
Darwin	Sunny	31
Hobart	Rain	13
Melbourne	Rain at times	18
Perth	Sunny	18
Sydney	Sunny	23

Southwest Slopes: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds northeast to northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h tending west to northwesterly up to 20 km/h during the afternoon.

Snowy Mountains: Cloudy. Areas of rain. Areas of snow about the ranges above 1600 metres. Winds west to northwesterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 40 km/h at times, tending northwest to southwesterly up to 30 km/h around dawn.



SUNSMART UV ALERT
11:10am-1:10pm
CANBERRA MAX UV Index 3 (moderate)

EXTREME
VERY HIGH
HIGH
MOD
LOW

am 6 8 10 12 2 4 6 pm

THE WORLD

24 hours to 10am yesterday

Amsterdam	rain	14	20
Apia	rain	22	28
Athens	fine	27	34
Auckland	clear	7	13
Bangkok	fine	27	32
Barbados	fine	27	30
Barcelona	fine	21	28
Beijing	fine	22	30
Belgrade	fine	16	28
Berlin	windy	14	25
Brussels	rain	17	20
Bucharest	showers	17	27
Budapest	fine	16	27
Buenos Aires	rain	6	12
Cairo	fine	24	36
Chicago	rain	23	29
Christchurch	fine	2	13
Colombo	fine	26	30
Copenhagen	fine	17	22
Denpasar	fine	24	28
Dhahran	fine	31	45
Dublin	drizzle	9	18
Frankfurt	rain	17	25
Geneva	fine	17	25
Hanoi	fine	27	32
Harare	fine	5	21
Helsinki	clear	11	23
Hong Kong	fine	27	33
Honiara	rain	22	25
Islamabad	storm	30	35
Istanbul	fine	22	29
Jakarta	rain	26	31
Johannesburg	smoke	6	14
Kiev	rain	14	20
Kiribati	rain	26	28
Kuala Lumpur	rain	26	33
Lisbon	fine	18	25
London	fine	17	28
Los Angeles	fine	16	21
Madrid	fine	15	31
Manama	haze	34	41
Manila	rain	25	27
Mawson Base	fine	20	15
Mecca	fine	29	41
Mexico City	haze	11	21
Miami	fine	27	32
Montevideo	rain	5	10
Montreal	fine	17	23
Moscow	rain	11	19
Mumbai	drizzle	26	30
Nassau	fine	25	32
New Delhi	mist	29	34
New York	rain	22	27
Nicosia	fine	17	25
Noamea	rain	16	22
Oslo	fine	14	24
Paris	rain	17	26
Port Vila	fine	17	23
Rarotonga	fine	24	26
Rio De Janeiro	haze	20	25
Rome	drizzle	18	28
San Francisco	fine	12	18
Santiago	fine	0	14
Sao Paulo	fine	12	17
Seoul	rain	27	29
Singapore	rain	27	29
Sofia	fine	17	25
Stockholm	fine	6	23
Suva	rain	20	24
Taipei	fine	26	35
Tehran	fine	28	37
Tel Aviv	fine	24	32
Tokyo	rain	24	28
Toronto	rain	20	23
Valletta	fine	20	30
Vancouver	fine	15	21
Vienna	lightning	13	26
Warsaw	fine	12	22
Washington	fine	22	28
Wellington	windy	6	10

SUN, MOON & PLANETS

	Rises	Sets
Sun	6:55 am	5:25 pm
Moon	9:52 am	11:43 pm
Mercury	7:35 am	7:01 pm
Venus	6:51 am	5:06 pm
Mars	4:24 am	2:07 pm
Jupiter	12:14 am	11:04 am
Saturn	9:50 am	10:14 pm

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SNOW REPORT
TODAY: Sunny day. Patchy rain in the west during the evening. Winds north to northwesterly averaging 30 to 40 km/h, reaching 50 km/h at times, decreasing below 45 km/h during the afternoon. **Cooma:** Sunny. Min 3 Max 18. **Perisher Valley:** Windy. A little late rain. Min 2 Max 9. **Cabrumburr:** Windy. A little late rain. Min 4 Max 9. **Thredbo Top Station:** Very windy. Late rain. Min 1 Max 7. **Jindabyne:** Sunny day. A little late rain. Min 6 Max 16.

CHANCE OF SNOW AT ELEVATION 1000 METRES: 0%
CHANCE OF SNOW AT ELEVATION 1400 METRES: 0%
CHANCE OF SNOW AT ELEVATION 1800 METRES: Below 5%

YESTERDAY

CAPITAL CITIES

City	**9am rain	3pm rain	**Min	Max
Adelaide	6	7	13	13
Brisbane	0	0	9	22
Darwin	0	0	19	29
Hobart	0.4	0	8	19
Melbourne	0	0	15	21
Perth	6	0	3	17
Sydney	0	0	12	23

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CANBERRA FACTS & FIGURES

Temp	Hum	Bar	Wind	9am to 3pm:
(°C)	(%)	(hPa)	(km/h)	Average annual: 616.4
3AM	3.1	97	1027	Cal
9AM	8.6	78	1029	Cal
3PM	20.1	31	1026	NW/22
6PM	11.2	62	1025	ENE/7
Evaporation (mm):				46.2
24 hours to 9am:	2.6	Minimum 0.3 at 7:06 am		
Rainfall (mm):		Maximum 20.8 at 2:07 pm		
24 hours to 9am:	0.0	**24 hours to 9am *6 hours to 3pm		