



CANBERRA 100

Celebration of a Century

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Creative edge for Centenary

In a major step forward for the centenary project, Ms Robyn Archer AO has been announced as the Centenary of Canberra Creative Director. Robyn Archer is a singer, writer, director, artistic director and public advocate of the Arts.

Ms Archer possesses extensive experience as a festival curator and has recently finished directing Melbourne's *Light in Winter* festival in Federation Square. In previous roles Ms Archer has overseen the Adelaide Festival of Arts and the National Festival of Australian Theatre.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said Ms Archer's appointment was a significant coup for Canberra and she brought valuable experience planning festivals to the Centenary of Canberra project.

"I welcome Ms Archer to Canberra and look forward to working with her to plan and deliver a memorable centenary celebration showcasing all of Canberra's unique attributes" he said.

Ms Archer said she relished the challenges and opportunities offered by the Centenary of Canberra project over the next four years.

"Our national capital is unique in the quality of its splendid national institutions, but through recent visits to Canberra I feel the city itself is primed for a cultural renaissance and the centenary is the perfect opportunity to encourage and enable it," Ms Archer said.

Over the next four years, Ms Archer will work with the Centenary of Canberra team within the Chief Minister's Department to shape the program of celebration befitting this significant milestone. To view a biography on Ms Archers experience please visit

www.robynarcher.com.au



Ms Robyn Archer AO is the Centenary of Canberra Creative Director



Message from the Chief Minister

Planning for the Centenary of Canberra has been given a boost following the recent budget announcement that our 2013 celebrations will receive \$14 million in funding over the next four years.

As our centenary continues to approach, this decision provides financial scope to the project and enables planning for our milestone year to progress with the certainty required four years out.

To assist in the development of the program of celebration the ACT Government has just engaged Robyn Archer AO as the Creative Director. Ms Archer will work with us to curate a cohesive program of celebration and possesses valuable experience on how to get the most from our investment. Through this relationship we will build an appropriate program which maximises the community's engagement and participation in the activities.

I am hopeful the Commonwealth Government and the private sector will also make a commitment to ensuring these celebrations



Chief Minister Jon Stanhope
MLA

Birthday blends bottled

The special edition Centenary of Canberra Shiraz has recently been blended and bottled by the Canberra District Wine Industry Association.

A panel of respected local winemakers met to taste and judge the best blend of the submitted parcels of wine to make up the final Centenary Shiraz.

This is the second of two special edition blends that have been specifically produced to commemorate the Centenary of Canberra, the first being a Riesling that was blended and bottled during 2008.

Both the Shiraz and Riesling have been blended with grapes from the region's 2008 harvest, which is significant because 2008 marked 100 years since the Yass-Canberra region was selected as the site for the new Federal Capital.

Now bottled, both wines will be held for release until 2013, when limited amounts will be available to the public.



Special edition Centenary of
Canberra Riesling and
Shiraz

are a great success, not only in the eyes of Canberrans but all Australians.

As we count down to the centenary, I look forward to making more announcements surrounding an exciting official program of celebration. I encourage community organisations to start thinking about how they could get involved in our 100th birthday celebrations and contact the centenary team to register their interest.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Youth Survey the response has been excellent. There is still time to suggest a name for the Correa selected as the commemorative native plant, so I encourage you to spread the word to family and friends.

Jon Stanhope MLA

Chief Minister

Name the Native Plant

A striking Correa cultivar has been selected as the Centenary of Canberra native plant, and we are seeking your ideas to name this commemorative plant.

The Correa cultivar features a bold two tone bell like flower in yellow and red, has dark green foliage and flowers well during Autumn, which includes Canberra's birthday month.



Name the Correa selected as the Centenary of Canberra Native Plant

A botanical name will be provided for the plant, however we are keen to hear your suggestions for the Correa's common name. Go to www.canberra100.com.au to provide your name along with a 50 word description of why you chose that name.

The Correas will be available to purchase in 2012 so Canberra gardens will be flourishing come our one hundredth birthday in March 2013.

Youth Respond in Volumes

Thank you to the 900 young people who submitted ideas in our Youth Survey and detailed how they would like to celebrate and be involved in Canberra's 100th birthday. Suggestions for music, food and fireworks rated highly and many young people would like be involved in planning these celebrations.



Mr Dan Watters, Community Engagement Officer congratulates Ms Katy Tomkins after winning the JB HIFI voucher.

We'd like to congratulate Katy Tomkins who won the \$300 JB HIFI voucher following a random draw selected her survey. Katie is keen to participate in bush walks, activities that incorporate community groups, such as Scouts. Katy would also like to attend festivals celebrating our indigenous heritage and Canberra's establishment.

Ms Caroline Von Lichten an intern from the University of Canberra has been working in collaboration with the centenary team to manage the survey and will now prepare a final report detailing the full survey findings.

Real stars behind the camera

Congratulations are in order for Mr Adam Tener and Ms Ebran Edwards, both Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) media production graduates, who won two trophies at the CIT's Film and Televisions Awards. Adam and Ebran won the Best Editing and Best Collaborative Effort categories for the five Centenary of Canberra commercials they produced late 2008.



Dr Colin Adrian, CEO of CIT presents Mr Adam Tener and Ms Ebran Edwards with two awards at CIT's 2009 Film and Television Awards.

The students worked with the centenary team as part of their final year assignment. The centenary team were so impressed with the finished commercials that two were aired on television this March to promote Canberra's birthday during the Canberra Festival. Congratulations again to Adam and Ebran on the well deserved awards. To view the commercials yourself please visit www.canberra100.com.au.

Canberra celebrates 96 years!

This year's 96th birthday party, Celebrate in the Park, took place on Canberra Day (public holiday, 9 March 2009) as thousands of locals took advantage of the wonderful Aussie line up performing on a stunning Autumn Canberra day.



The Hoodoo Gurus perform on Stage 88 to celebrate Canberra's 96th Birthday

Over 30,000 Canberrans flocked to Stage 88 to enjoy Aussie music stars, Kate Miller-Heidke, Jessica Mauboy and well established rockers the Hoodoo Gurus who performed into the evening, concluding with a stunning fireworks display.

The kids were spoilt with two terrific shows by Dora the Explorer under the Little Big Top. Plus many families celebrated the day with free birthday cake, glowing necklaces and novelty straws.

Plans for 2010 are shaping up to be just as spectacular and come 2013, the birthday party celebrations are sure to be a highlight of the 2013 program of celebration.

Dates for the diary

- **September 2009 - January 2010.** National Library of Australia Exhibition: Far-Sited - The maps that made Canberra.

One of Canberra's most significant foundation narratives is a story about maps: who made them, where, when and why. This Centenary exhibition, full of colour, contours and big Federation personalities, is a 'must-see'. Maps Room, Lower Ground Floor, NLA. Free.

- **Monday 13 July** - Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage.

Symposium 1: The Heritage of 20th Century Planned Cities – Canberra in the Global Context. International guest speakers – Mr Gustavo Araoz and Ms Maristella Casciato. 1.00pm – 2.30pm, Old Parliament House Members Dining Room, cost \$5.00. Bookings required, phone: 6201 2635 email: heather.mueller@canberra.edu.au

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