

2018

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

Paper

Selected ACT Health achievements in 2018

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- Completed our System-wide data review, agreeing to all findings and recommendations;
- Signed a new MoU with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Foundation to develop a ratios framework that will support a strong and sustainable nursing workforce into the future;
- Welcomed 'MEDiZen', the first NAO humanoid robot with MEDi applications in a paediatric ward in Australia to Centenary Hospital;
- Opened a new round of Health Promotion Innovation Fund grants to support healthy ageing, reduce smoking and alcohol-related harm and to reduce rates of overweight and obesity
- Completely refurbished the Calvary Public Hospital maternity ward;
- Announced a major expansion of Clare Holland House;
- Established Australia's first pill testing trial at Groovin The Moo;
- Funded Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations for Canberra kids;
- Rolled out grants to encourage more GPs to bulk bill in Tuggeranong and Weston Creek/Molonglo;
- Funded the fabulous Neuromoves program and the dedicated follow-up program for stroke survivors known as StrokeConnect;
- Delivered on our commitment to provide a grant for Winnunga to build a new health facility;
- Passed legislation to make abortions more accessible for women in the ACT;
- Delivered a Medicinal Cannabis Scheme;
- Established real-time prescription reporting;
- Began our Homebirth trial for women wanting this option in the ACT;

- Renovated Ward 11A at Canberra Hospital so it would be specifically designed for elderly patients and their clinical and social needs;
- Funded an expansion of Hospital in the Home;
- Signed an MoU with the ANU and Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute to create a collaborative research centre in Canberra to benefit patients, clinical researchers and the cancer research community world-wide;
- Held an ACT Health Summit earlier this month, bringing together leaders in the health and tertiary education sectors to agree on a clear path for working together on shared priorities for teaching and training;
- Partnered with the Garvan Institute to take part in the Molecular Screening and Therapeutics clinical trials, to provide better treatment for patients with rare cancers;
- Just last week we announced a new early intervention program to help pregnant women experiencing domestic violence access free legal services in our hospitals.
- Signed 30 businesses up to the new Healthier Choices Canberra initiative to help improve the health and wellbeing of the ACT community;
- Started work on a new Healthy and Active Living Strategy;
- Opened a new round of Healthy Canberra Grants with a focus on reducing alcohol-related harm and preventing diabetes; and

