

# Belconnen

## Key features of the district



### Transport and movement infrastructure and services

- There are fast and frequent bus services from Belconnen town centre that link to the rest of Canberra.
- Light rail services will be provided between Civic and Belconnen in the future.
- There are extensions proposed to some cycle routes.

### Description

- An established district – from c.1967.
- There are 27 suburbs in Belconnen district: Aranda, Belconnen, Bruce, Charnwood, Cook, Dunlop, Evatt, Florey, Flynn, Fraser, Giralang, Hawker, Higgins, Holt, Kaleen, Latham, Lawson, Macgregor, Macnamara, Macquarie, McKellar, Melba, Page, Scullin, Spence, Strathnairn and Weetangera.
- Lawson is a new suburb adjacent to Bruce.
- The new suburbs of Strathnairn and Macnamara are being developed in West Belconnen located west of Macgregor and Holt.

### Urban intensification and infill opportunities

- There are urban intensification areas at Belconnen town centre, University of Canberra and Kippax group centre.
- There will be possible expansion for future suburbs on the CSIRO site along the Federal Highway.

### Centres and employment clusters



- Belconnen town centre is located towards the middle of the district. As a retail and employment destination, the town centre is a significant attractor for people beyond the district. The town centre also provides a significant level of cultural, recreational, entertainment, educational and health services to the wider district.
- There are group centres at Charnwood, Hawker, Jamison (Macquarie), Kaleen and Kippax (Holt). West Belconnen will also have a group centre.
- There are various local centres throughout the suburbs.
- There are a variety of viable local shops and places to work, particularly at the Belconnen town centre, the group centres and the fresh food markets.
- Calvary Hospital and the University of Canberra are key employment clusters.

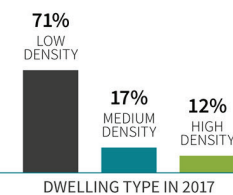
 **98,740**  
PEOPLE IN 2017  
(24.07% OF ACT SHARE)

 **128,000**  
PEOPLE BY 2041  
(21.73% OF ACT SHARE)

 **34**  
MEDIAN AGE  
(2016 CENSUS)

 **30,207**  
EMPLOYMENT  
(12.85% OF ACT SHARE)

### BELCONNEN



**2.6**  
PER HOUSEHOLD  
(2016 CENSUS)

**24.1%**  
PRIVATE DWELLINGS  
(URBAN SHARE)

**20%**  
TREE CANOPY  
(ACT VEGETATION OVER 3M)

### Community and recreation facilities



- There are tertiary education facilities at the University of Canberra and Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Bruce Campus.
- There are a number of primary schools, high schools and colleges in the district.
- There are two hospitals – Calvary Hospital and University of Canberra Hospital.
- The Australian Institute of Sport is located at Bruce.
- There is a library and youth and community centres in the Belconnen town centre.
- There is an arts centre along the Lake Ginninderra foreshore at Belconnen.
- There are other community and recreation facilities throughout the district.



### Housing and other buildings

- There is a mix of housing types and sizes in the district developed over different periods.

### ACT 2020/21 Budget Commitments

- Feasibility for a **Walk-in Health Centre** in West Belconnen
- **Upgraded intersection** on Owen Dixon Drive
- More services at **Calvary Public Hospital**

### Natural environment



- There are nature reserves and urban open spaces around the edges of the district and between and within the suburbs.
- Native vegetation is predominant in the district.
- Lake Ginninderra and Ginninderra Creek are key features of the natural environment.
- The Murrumbidgee River and Molonglo River form part of the southern edge of the district.