



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – CANBERRA

4 to 16 July 2026

THINGS TO DO IN JULY

Canberra attractions

Canberra is the nation's capital. It is well-known for its national buildings and monuments. Download the separate information sheet about those attractions and their exhibitions in July. More information about attractions in Canberra can be obtained by visiting the Canberra and Region Visitor Information Centre at Regatta Point, the information booth at Canberra Airport, or at the VisitCanberra website ([Canberra tourist information](#)).

Winter festivals and celebrations

Canberrans celebrate the winter season with a variety of festivals and cold climate events. They include the following:

- *Winter in the City* festival when the city comes alive for 15 days in July. The city centre is transformed with a "Fire and Ice" theme, featuring ice skating, snow play, and nightly fire performances in Petrie Plaza. This two-week July school holiday event offers free, family-friendly entertainment, markets, and special dining offers from local businesses.
- *Christmas in July* occurs at the Patrick White Lawns (between the National Library of Australia and Lake Burley Griffin) from July 3 to 6. Be transported to the wintry wonderland of eastern France, where the magic of the holiday season is brought to life through twinkling fairy lights, bubbling pots of melted cheese, cozy fire pits, and steaming mugs of mulled wine, and much more. For details, visit [Christmas in July](#).
- *Winter Festival* is an exciting celebration of the best of the cold climate produce of the Canberra Region. Held in July, it features premium and rare goods from the region, including fine foods such as truffles, wine, garlic, olives and much more, the Cellar Door wine market, and delicious ready-to-eat goodies. There will also be fire and entertainment for all ages. For more information visit [Winter Festival – Southern Harvest](#).

Don't forget to rug up well for these outdoor events.

Live Performances

Canberra Theatre (Civic): [Jimeoin Ballyhoo](#) (comedy) 11 July 2026

Snow Concert Hall (Red Hill): [Leila Josefowicz & John Novacek](#) (violin and piano) 9 July 2026

The Street (City West): [Alexandr Misko](#) (guitar) 3 July 2026

The Q Theatre (Queanbeyan): [Splash Test Dummies Circus](#) (comedy) 2 to 5 July 2026; [Strangeways Cabaret](#) 4 July 2026

Exercise

For those seeking outdoor exercise, try walking, running or cycling around Lake Ginninderra. The shortest loop is 5 km (90 minutes) on compacted or paved paths, rated as 'easy'. The entire loop around the lake is 30 km. [Bicycle hire is available](#). A walk around the Belconnen Mall is an option for a colder day. Further afield, a walk through the [Botanic Gardens](#) at the foot of Black Mountain is interesting. The very energetic may consider the climb up Black Mountain.

Hitting the slopes

[Corin Forest](#) is Canberra's closest snow destination and an ideal spot for first-timers to see snow, without a long drive from the city centre. It offers gentle beginner slopes for skiing and snowboarding. Alternatively, build snowmen and make snow angels before feasting on woodfired pizza and hot chocolate before the open fire in indoor café.

Further afield, experience the enchanting Snowy Mountains region with a snow trip departing from Canberra. Choose from a range of packages, from 1 to 3 days duration, tailored to suit your preferences. Snow tour packages provide a hassle-free experience, with seamless transportation and comfortable accommodation. Alternatively, drive yourself – it takes just over two hours to reach Jindabyne. For more details, visit the [SnowSearch Australia](#) website.