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University of Canberra joins *The Canberra Times* in campus news partnership

The University of Canberra and *The Canberra Times* have signed a three-year agreement giving all UC student and staff full digital subscription access to the capital's trusted news source, seamlessly available with their UC login.

Access is available to 20,000 students and staff at UC, at no cost to them for as long as they are enrolled or employed at the university.

ACM Managing Director Tony Kendall said the agreement brought two long-standing Canberra institutions closer together. "*The Canberra Times*, which celebrates its 100th birthday this year, and the University of Canberra have helped shape this great city we have today" he said. "Making our journalism available to every UC student and staff member connects thousands more Canberrans to the issues affecting their city.

Backing local journalism is an investment in the community it serves, , and we appreciate UC choosing to do that on behalf of its students and staff."

University of Canberra Vice-Chancellor Bill Shorten said the partnership gave students and staff straightforward access to quality local reporting. "We want our students and staff to have easy access to trusted, quality journalism. Through this partnership with *The Canberra Times*, UC students will be able to stay informed, broaden perspectives and engage with credible reporting on the issues that matter most. Good journalism doesn't just tell us what's happening. It helps us understand why it matters."

The agreement also creates opportunities for UC's journalism and communications students, including Canberra Times newsroom internships, guest lectures from senior editorial staff and a new student journalism award. It builds on an existing research relationship between ACM and UC's News and Media Research Centre, home of the Digital News Report: Australia.

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ACM Campus offering

The Canberra Times partnership forms part of ACM's campus subscription offering, which has also been taken up in the University of Newcastle's agreement with the *Newcastle Herald*. Campus Subscription partnerships give students and staff SSO access to local journalism across devices.

About Australian Community Media (ACM)

ACM is Australia's largest independent media company, collectively reaching over 5.2* million people each month. The ACM network comprises close to 100 brands, including leading regional news mastheads the *Newcastle Herald*, *The Canberra Times*, *Illawarra Mercury*, *The Examiner*, *The Border Mail* and *The Courier*. The agricultural division, ACM Agri, reaches 85%^ of Australian farmers each month with a national footprint of agricultural specialist brands (*The Land* and *Queensland Country Life*), marketplaces (Farmbuy, AgTrader and Horse Deals), and events (AgQuip and FarmFest). We are passionate about keeping our communities strong, informed, and connected. Connect with ACM. *Source: Roy Morgan Single Source, Oct 24 - Sep 25, P14+, Roy Morgan iris, ACM Cross Platform Audience. ^ACM Heartbeat of Australia, June 2025.