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## BALLOON SPECTACULAR FOR NEW RESIDENTS

The ACT Government's *Live in Canberra* campaign will host over 200 new residents at the Canberra Festival Balloon Spectacular tomorrow as part of the Welcome to Canberra program.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said the program remains popular with over 1200 new residents registered for the free events.

"The Balloon Spectacular is an event unique to Canberra and well worth the early morning start for those attending," Mr Stanhope said. "New residents will hear from a ballooning expert and enjoy live entertainment as they soak up the atmosphere of this iconic event."

The program of Welcome to Canberra activities is designed to showcase Canberra's premier attractions and help new arrivals to make a friend or two along the way.

All events are complimentary and open to anyone who has moved to Canberra in the past 12 months.

Since its inception in 2006, more than 4000 people have participated in the events.

"While the *Live in Canberra* program aims to attract skilled workers and their families to Canberra it is equally important to help people settle into their new home and make them feel welcome," Mr Stanhope said.

"The word-of-mouth promotion of Canberra by these newcomers to their family and friends goes a long way towards raising awareness of the national capital as a desirable place to live and work."

To register, new residents should visit [www.liveincanberra.com.au](http://www.liveincanberra.com.au) or call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

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