



Katy Gallagher MLA

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

TREASURER

MINISTER FOR HEALTH

MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

MEMBER FOR MOLONGLO

MEDIA RELEASE

***Live in Canberra* welcomes new residents at Floriade**

As part of its suite of 'Welcome to Canberra' events, the ACT Government's *Live in Canberra* program will welcome over 100 new Canberrans to Floriade from 8:00am this Thursday 30 September.

Acting Chief Minister Katy Gallagher said while the *Live in Canberra* program primarily 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.

"For many newcomers this will be their first visit to Floriade, Canberra's flagship tourist event. We hope to make it even more memorable by adding to their experience, with guests offered exclusive access to Floriade from 8:00 to 9:00am and the opportunity to gain a rare insight into the event from head gardener, Mr Andrew Forster," Ms Gallagher said.

"Canberra truly comes alive in spring so it's important to showcase this event to our newest residents to highlight the fantastic lifestyle that we Canberrans enjoy and value so dearly.

"The 'Welcome to Canberra' events were developed to introduce newcomers to the incredible range of activities and leisure opportunities we have in the capital, while also enabling participants to develop new friendships.

"The *Live in Canberra* team works in conjunction with a variety of local attractions, events and businesses to deliver the series of events for new Canberrans, with subscriptions now exceeding 1,200 people," Ms Gallagher said.

"In the coming spring and summer months, newcomers can look forward to a variety of events including visits to Canberra's Deep Space Communications Complex, National Botanical Gardens, Questacon and tickets to a Canberra Capitals game."

Live in Canberra's 'Welcome to Canberra' events are conducted monthly and are free to new Canberrans who have arrived in the last 12 months. To register, new residents should visit www.liveincanberra.com.au or call 13 22 81.

Statement Ends

Date: 29 September 2010

Media Contact: Nadia Clancy

Tanya Davies

Ph: 6205 0167 (w) 0435 964 454 (m)

Ph: 6205 0242 (w) 0402 399 907 (m)