

SHOPPING

Canberra has a blend of historic and ultra-modern shopping arcades and shopping malls. The best of Canberra's shopping is located within the city at the Canberra Centre. Manuka & Kingston area offer boutique and brand name stores with dining and coffee shops too.

Canberra Outlet Centre is also popular for shoppers. Servicing fashion, homewares, furniture and bedding

Westfield is the largest shopping centre company in Australia with centres located throughout Canberra and the metropolitan area. All Westfield shopping centres have a variety of stores catering for general food items, specialty foods, food courts, cafes, pharmaceutical items, cosmetics, fashion, footwear, electronic equipment and household items. In some centers there are also cinemas & restaurants.

<u>Click here</u> to find your local Westfield. There are many other shopping centres and Malls operated by other retailer landlords in the outer suburbs.

FOOD & GROCERY SHOPPING

Woolworths (Wollies), Coles, Supa Barn, Aldi and IGA are the main supermarkets in ACT supplying groceries, meat, fruit & vegetables. They also stock a variety of items and some have separate beer wine and liquor outlets attached or close by. Re-usable bags and chiller bags may be purchased at the checkout, shopping bags are no longer provided free of charge. Online purchasing and home delivery is available from most supermarkets for a small fee.

There are some reward schemes available through which 'loyalty' points on everyday spending can be earned and loyalty card holders can also receive discounts on future purchases, the main grocery loyalty cards are:

- Everyday Rewards
- <u>Flybuys</u>

There are many small specialty stores that stock items from "back home" wherever that may be. Asian and European products are particularly well represented. These stores tend to stock items that are not usually available in the larger supermarkets.

Canberra has a number of permanent markets as well as Farmers Markets which are set up on a weekly basis at various locations around the city:

- Fyshwick Markets
- <u>Capital Food Market</u>
- Capital Region Farmers Market
- Haig Park Village Markets
- Old Bus Depot Market

A Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10 percent applies to most goods and services. It is included in the ticket price of goods and in restaurant menus, although many groceries are exempt. GST does not apply to most basic foods such as bread, milk, fruit, vegetables and meat.

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