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Community Toolbox Canberra to Be Officially Launched

On Saturday, 5th March, Community Toolbox Canberra will be officially launched. After Covid-related delays, the Toolbox opened its doors in November 2021. The planned launch in September also had to be postponed but it is time to officially celebrate this fabulous community resource, the first tool and equipment library in Canberra.

Community Toolbox Canberra is a “library of things” in the Inner North. Access is open to all Canberrans over 18 with annual membership starting at \$22.

Tool libraries are opening up all around the world. This global movement aims to promote the sharing economy, reducing pressure on the Earth’s resources. Kathy Ehmann, convenor of Community Toolbox Canberra says, “We are taking the unused tools and equipment languishing in garages and cupboards around Canberra and putting them in the hands of the community. Thereby we help Canberrans to save money, save space and learn new skills. Sustainability is also at the heart of our mission. In coming months, we also hope to open a repair café and recycling space for hard to recycle items.”

“We didn’t have the opportunity to properly launch the Toolbox last year,” Kathy went on to say. “We wanted to open the doors for borrowing as soon as we were able under the Covid restrictions but a large event was not possible. Now restrictions have eased, we want to give it the launch it deserves.”

Since the Toolbox’s opening late last year, more than 120 people have joined and borrowed around 150 items. The inventory has grown to nearly 300 items donated by the community, including drills, ladders, food dehydrators and a kayak.

The public are invited to attend the official launch and open day at Community Toolbox Canberra at 3pm next Saturday, 5th March. Find out more at <https://www.communitytoolboxcbr.org/news/official-launch-5th-march>

About Community Toolbox Canberra: Community Toolbox Canberra is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit community enterprise. Our mission is to make it possible for everyone to have the means to create, have fun, try a new hobby and make their home more liveable and, in doing so, reduce waste and pressure on the Earth’s resources.

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