



# Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



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## A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Kaya!

I hope you've enjoyed a restful break over the festive season and that 2024 is off to a great start. I've had some time off and am returning with renewed enthusiasm to represent Curtin constituents in Canberra.

Over the Christmas break, I took the time to reflect on 2023. It was an intense year in which we navigated some complex and challenging issues as a community, from global conflicts to cost-of-living pressures and the hot start to summer reminding us the climate is changing.

I am incredibly proud of how Curtin constituents engage with considered and constructive input on important but difficult conversations, with compassion for those who are facing the biggest challenges.

In Canberra, I have noticed the increasing polarisation in Parliament and wonder what it will take to foster a more open, constructive and compassionate public dialogue. In this context, more than ever, we need to listen to each other and recognise that most issues are nuanced.

So as the new year commences, I'm looking forward to engaging in a deeper conversation with our community in 2024.

I'm filled with hope when I meet all the groups across Curtin that spend time every day adding to our community. From coastal care groups to Rotary Clubs, Surf Lifesaving or refugee advocacy groups, they all rely on volunteers and are actively contributing to something positive. If you care about an issue, doing something proactive about it feels better than doing nothing.

If you want to get more involved in your community in 2024, I hope the volunteer opportunities on the back page of this newsletter provide some inspiration. Thank you to all the volunteers who help in different ways across Curtin and beyond – you make the world of difference.

I wish you and your loved ones a very happy 2024!

Kate

Keep up to date with upcoming events by visiting: [www.katechaney.com.au/events](http://www.katechaney.com.au/events)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Community catch-up:**  
Saturday 27 January 2024  
8:00am-9:00am  
Beecroft Park, Gayton Road  
City Beach (near the playground)

**Canberra debrief:**  
Wednesday 21 February 2024  
5:30pm-6:30pm  
Lake Monger Recreational Club  
144 Gregory Street, Wembley

### Have your say - I want to hear from you!

One of the most important roles I play as your Federal MP is to represent your views in Canberra.

Please complete this short survey and tell me what you think about Stage 3 tax cuts, the housing crisis policy solutions and any other Federal issue on your mind – scan the QR code:



Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero will launch in February 2024 with a comprehensive report focusing on five areas of reform: electricity, buildings, transport, urban greening and waste.

Thanks to the 50 volunteers who contributed to our five working groups for this project. To find out more and to learn how you can participate in a net zero future - scan the QR code.





## IN CANBERRA

In November, I hosted a group of Western Australian experts in Parliament House who provided a briefing on the Burrup Hub gas projects.

Parliamentarians seemed to know more about coal and gas projects on the east coast, like Beetaloo, and have less knowledge of projects in Western Australia. Representatives from the WA Conservation Council, Doctors for the Environment, the Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility, Greenpeace and Environs Kimberley explained the climate risks and costs associated with the expansion and extension of the North-West Shelf processing operation.

Briefings like this are another Parliamentary tool I'm using, taking advantage of having every Federal MP and Senator in one building, to bring attention to an issue. I look forward to continuing to advocate on WA issues in Parliament House this year.

## IN PARLIAMENT

### Integrity

The crossbench continues to work hard on integrity reform. I recently seconded Monique Ryan's Private Members Bill (PMB), which proposed tighter regulations for lobbyists and more transparency of Ministerial diaries, so the public knows who is influencing our decision makers. I also seconded Zali Steggall's PMB to limit misinformation and disinformation in political advertising. I have been speaking on the need for oversight on the implementation of the Robodebt Royal Commission recommendations, and I continue to advocate for the 13 reforms in my Restoring Trust Bill in the Government's electoral reform package, focused on improving transparency, reducing financial influence and levelling the playing field.

### Inclusion

Driven by concerns raised by constituents, I have recently spoken in Parliament about youth mental health, gambling reform and housing affordability.



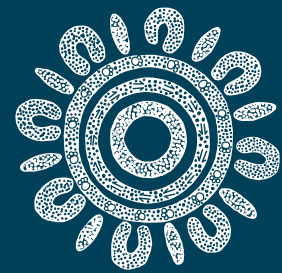
To hear my speeches in Parliament, scan the QR code to visit my website.

### Climate

I was pleased to see the Nature Repair Bill pass with an expansion to the water trigger. I continue to meet with Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek about reforms to the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, which I hope will be introduced into Parliament this year. I am lucky to have so many experts in Curtin providing support for this weighty piece of legislation. I have spoken in Parliament about the inadequacy of the WA Climate Bill, both in substance and in the lack of consultation time allowed. WA has so much to gain from a transition to a green economy and I worry we are going to miss the boat.

### Economy

Industrial Relations legislation has been debated, negotiated and debated again. It's such a polarising topic between the major parties and I have tried to approach the legislation in a reasonable, rational way and assess whether the Bill is fit for purpose. While it was great to see some positive parts of the Bill pass on the last day of sitting, the Government included additional clauses that went beyond the object of the Bill, which meant I voted against the split Bill.



## Reconciliation - moving forward

I was proud that Curtin was one of two electorates in WA with a majority 'Yes' vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament at the October referendum. But with a resounding 'No' result across the country, other ways will now need to be found to close the gap, and support and recognise our First Nations people. I thank the 700 volunteers who worked on the Curtin for Yes campaign and acknowledge that almost all No voters also want to see better outcomes for First Nations peoples. We are now listening to Noongar voices to find ways we can use the goodwill built from the referendum campaign to drive positive change.

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## IN CURTIN

### Housing Forum

Housing and cost of living pressures are matters affecting all generations of Curtin residents. To understand what matters to Curtin constituents and explore solutions to the housing crisis, I held two Community Housing Forums with 180 attendees and conducted an electorate-wide survey at the end of last year.

The first Housing Forum workshop focused on listening to a mix of homeowners, mortgage holders and renters from across our community who identified the key housing issues in Curtin: lack of affordable housing to rent and buy; lack of diverse housing options; and a tax system with misaligned incentives.

The second Housing Forum involved a panel of experts evaluating community policy solutions submitted by constituents after the first Forum. One of the main themes identified is the need for a long term reset, so the purpose of housing is as a home rather than an investment. If you would like to read more, please email [kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au) for a summary report.



### Centrelink Challenges

A large number of constituents have contacted my office about their difficulties accessing Centrelink. I, together with my crossbench colleagues, wrote a letter to the Government urging it to improve Centrelink's service. I welcome the Government's announcement of an extra 3,000 staff to address service issues. People need to be able to speak to Centrelink officers easily when they need assistance and there must be timely processing of their applications. If you have a Centrelink issue, please contact my office to see if my team can help.

### One of my favourite parts of this job is meeting Curtin constituents.

In 2024, I hope I get to meet more of you at one of my monthly Community Catchups, where you can raise any issues or questions with me, or Canberra Debriefs, where I share my thoughts on recent parliamentary sitting weeks.

My office also holds a variety of forums and workshops through the year. In 2023 these included topics such as housing, scams, the NDIS, the wellbeing economy, aged care and small business.



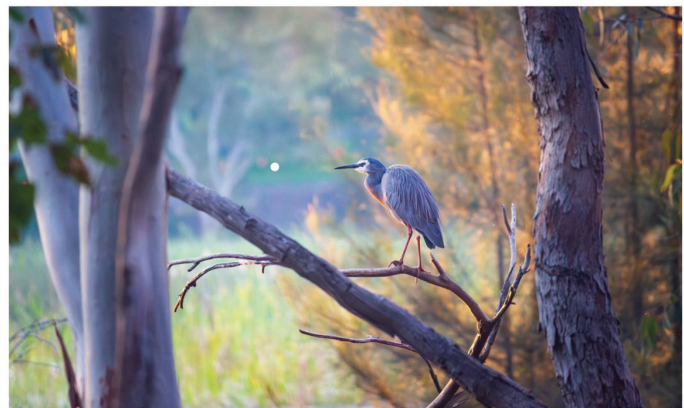
Sign up to my e-newsletter on my website to find out what's coming up.



## CURTIN CALENDAR 2024

Curtin is full of creative talent! Thank you to those who submitted pieces for consideration for the 2024 Curtin Calendar. Choosing 12 images for inclusion in the calendar was challenging, but I think the result is stunning. Pop into the office to pick up your free copy.

Thanks to Jack Joyner for this stunning photo taken at Perry Lakes.



Curtin Calendar 2024

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### GRANTS - You could be eligible!

Find out about the latest grant opportunities for community organisations, individuals and small business on the grants page on my website:

[katechaney.com.au/grants](http://katechaney.com.au/grants)

# VOLUNTEERING IN THE ELECTORATE OF CURTIN

Would you like to make a difference to your community in 2024?

Here are some organisations within Curtin actively looking for volunteers.

You can also go to the Volunteering WA website and find a position that interests you: [www.volunteeringwa.org.au](http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au)

Please contact the group for more information about the role requirements.



## ANIMAL WELFARE

### Cat Haven - Shenton Park

E. [volunteer@cathaven.com.au](mailto:volunteer@cathaven.com.au)

Volunteers needed to help look after 7,500+ cats each year. Cuddles are free.

### WA Gould League - Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre

E. [volunteers@wagouldleague.com.au](mailto:volunteers@wagouldleague.com.au)

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### Fellowship of Australian Writers WA

E. [fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com)

Grant writing, gardening, literary events, membership, museum curation, library care.

### Perth Festival

E. [volunteers@perthfestival.com.au](mailto:volunteers@perthfestival.com.au)

### Royal Western Australian Historical Society Inc

E. [admin@histwest.org.au](mailto:admin@histwest.org.au)

Help needed in the Reference Library, Museum and Bookshop.

## CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Each of these local groups hold regular busy bees and events to promote sustainability and conserve their local areas.

### Cottesloe Coastcare Association

E. [info@cottesloecoastcare.org](mailto:info@cottesloecoastcare.org)

### Earthwise Community - Subiaco

E. [earthwisecommunity53@gmail.com](mailto:earthwisecommunity53@gmail.com)

### Friends of Galup/Lake Monger

E. [friendsofgaluplakemonger@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgaluplakemonger@gmail.com)

### Friends of Lake Gwelup

E. [friendsoflakegwelup@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflakegwelup@gmail.com)

### Friends of Mosman Park Bushland

E. [mail@mosmanparkbushland.org](mailto:mail@mosmanparkbushland.org)

## HEALTHCARE

### Concierge (meet and greet) roles at:

#### Bethesda - Claremont

E. [volunteering@bethesda.org.au](mailto:volunteering@bethesda.org.au)

#### Lions Eye Institute - Nedlands

E. [recruitment@lei.org.au](mailto:recruitment@lei.org.au)

### Front desk admin & telephone advisor roles at:

#### Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA - Osborne Park, Karrinyup

E. [deborab@arthritiswa.org.au](mailto:deborab@arthritiswa.org.au)

#### Solaris Cancer Care - Cottesloe & Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital centres

E. [info@solariscancercare.org.au](mailto:info@solariscancercare.org.au)

Various roles including patient support, drivers, events, fundraising:

### Breast Cancer Care WA - Cottesloe

E. [volunteers@breastcancer.org.au](mailto:volunteers@breastcancer.org.au)

### Cancer Council WA

E. [volunteers@cancerwa.asn.au](mailto:volunteers@cancerwa.asn.au)

## MENTAL HEALTH & YOUTH SUPPORT

### Beacon Fight for Life LTD

E. [derek@beaconfightforlife.org](mailto:derek@beaconfightforlife.org)

Training for suicide prevention.

### Neuromuscular WA - Nedlands

E. [info@neuromuscularwa.org.au](mailto:info@neuromuscularwa.org.au)

Facilitate play, craft and fun at the Ronald McDonald Family Room at PCH.

### ADHD WA - Nedlands

E. [hello@adhdwa.org](mailto:hello@adhdwa.org)

Variety of roles.

### Radio Lollipop

E. [pchvolunteers@radiolollipop.org](mailto:pchvolunteers@radiolollipop.org)

Assist on a live radio show at PCH and visiting wards - weekly 3 hour shift.

### Leading Youth Forward

E. [volunteer@lyf.org.au](mailto:volunteer@lyf.org.au)

Be paired with an at-risk Perth teenager or be an event helper.

### EdConnect Australia

E. [edconnect@edconnect.org.au](mailto:edconnect@edconnect.org.au)

Support local students in realising their potential in school and life. Training provided.

### Uni Camp for Kids

E. [committee@unicampforkids.org.au](mailto:committee@unicampforkids.org.au)

Volunteers aged 18 - 30 years needed to help disadvantaged youth on day and summer camps.

### zero2hero

E. [admin@zero2hero.com.au](mailto:admin@zero2hero.com.au)

Rural program to tutor and mentor children experiencing educational disadvantage. Also eMentor volunteers.

## COMMUNITY

### Amana Living Inc. - Osborne Park, Karrinyup

E. [volunteers@amanaliving.com.au](mailto:volunteers@amanaliving.com.au)

Kind and reliable volunteers needed for companionship for residential care residents and/or be part of the award winning 'No One Dies Alone Companion' Program.

### Nedlands RSL Sub-Branch

E. [Nedlands.RSL@gmail.com](mailto:Nedlands.RSL@gmail.com)

Assist with the welfare of veterans and their families. Membership required.

### Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation - Nedlands

E. [s.gardener@ecu.edu.au](mailto:s.gardener@ecu.edu.au)

Seeking tour guides and cashier/host.

### Ronald McDonald House Charities WA - Nedlands

E. [volunteers.wa@rmhc.org.au](mailto:volunteers.wa@rmhc.org.au)

A variety of roles to support WA families: Froomies, Fabbie Cabbies and Domestic Gods and Goddesses.

### Ruah Legal Services (and Mental Health Law Centre)

E. [legalservices@ruah.org.au](mailto:legalservices@ruah.org.au)

### St Nicholas' Church: Anglican Parish of Floreat Park

E. [info@floreat.perth.anglican.org](mailto:info@floreat.perth.anglican.org)

Op shop volunteers needed.

### Multilingual Australia

E. [info@multilingualaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@multilingualaustralia.org.au)

Support linguistic diversity and families maintaining their native language.

### Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia (Inc)

E. [info@artillerywa.org.au](mailto:info@artillerywa.org.au)

### Western Suburbs View Club (WSVC)

E. [westernsuburbsviewclub@gmail.com](mailto:westernsuburbsviewclub@gmail.com)

Welcomes new members to help with sponsorship activities of disadvantaged children.

### Diabetes WA

E. [media@diabeteswa.com.au](mailto:media@diabeteswa.com.au)

Volunteers needed for the HBF Run for a Reason in May.

### Lions Club of Claremont - Nedlands (Inc)

E. [vallex@iinet.net.au](mailto:vallex@iinet.net.au)

Helping the local community.

### Floreat Lions Club

E. [floreatlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:floreatlionsclub@gmail.com)

### The Rotary Club of Cambridge, WA

E. [frank\\_nathan@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_nathan@hotmail.com)

Become involved in our community, youth and overseas programmes.

### Rotary of Crawley

E. [ClubServices@rotarycrawley.org](mailto:ClubServices@rotarycrawley.org)

Various community projects.

### Melanoma Institute Australia WA

E. [amanda.rowe@melanoma.org.au](mailto:amanda.rowe@melanoma.org.au)

Event volunteers for our upcoming Melanoma March fundraising event - Sunday 24th March 2024.

### Community Food Forests Inc - Shenton Park

E. [testrow@westnet.com.au](mailto:testrow@westnet.com.au)

Volunteer run group with an interest in gardening and making a difference to the environment.

### Shine Community Care - Cottesloe

E. [welcome@shinecommunity.com.au](mailto:welcome@shinecommunity.com.au)

Drivers needed for client transport around Curtin.

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We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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