



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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UPDATE FROM KATE

🏠 Addressing the Housing Crisis

Our housing affordability crisis continues to be a big concern, driven by 20 years of poor policy from both sides of government. It's now harder than ever for our kids (or their kids) to buy a home. Next month I'll release the Curtin Housing Policy Paper, which outlines 13 clear policies to increase supply and make housing fairer. The paper will go direct to Federal Housing Minister Clare O'Neil. Hundreds of you have already contributed to our Housing Survey, but there's still time to participate.

See Survey QR code on page 3

🧠 Youth Mental Health Solutions

At my Curtin Youth Mental Health Forum, I heard from so many parents who are dealing with their kids' mental health challenges and difficulty accessing appropriate services. I continue to push for increased funding & research into prevention of youth mental illness, early intervention and better access to services. This is a complex issue, but if you or someone you love needs help, visit the Mental Health Resources page on my website for information, assistance and key contacts.

💰 Donations - Who's Funding Who?

Since launching my election campaign in 2022, I have voluntarily disclosed all donations on my website, because voters deserve to know who's funding their potential representatives. Unfortunately, my political opponents don't share this view.

The Liberal Party has jumped up and down about my donors - while hiding their own. Both major parties have actively opposed greater donation transparency, and under current laws you'll never know how much they spend, or who's funding them. This secrecy understandably erodes trust in politicians and keeps voters in the dark. We all deserve better and that's why I have been pushing for greater political donation transparency.



Hello!

We're diving into 2025 with fresh grant opportunities, help for small businesses and more opportunities to have your say. Remember I'm here to help - let me know if you need a hand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Catch-Up



Saturday 15 February

9:00am-10:00am

Herdsmen Lake Discovery Centre,
Cnr Flynn and Selby St, Wembley

Canberra Debrief



Tuesday 18 February

5:30pm-6:30pm

St Brigid Bar,
251 Scarborough Beach Rd,
Doubleview

For upcoming events and tickets scan the QR code or go to katechaney.com.au/events



**GET IN QUICK!
STRONGER COMMUNITIES
GRANTS**

The Stronger Communities Grant Programme is back and Round 9 is closing soon! This is an exciting opportunity for community groups and organisations to apply for grants to support infrastructure projects that deliver social benefits to local communities.

Key Details

- 💰 **Grant Amounts:** Between \$2,500 - \$20,000.
- 🏠 **Purpose:** Funding infrastructure projects that provide social benefits for local communities.
- 📄 **Grant Opportunity Guidelines:** Be sure to follow the guidelines carefully - there are slight changes this round.
- ✍️ **How to Apply:** Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by 9 February 2025. EOIs will be reviewed by an independent committee. Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application to the relevant Department.

Scan here to read the guidelines and fill out the EOI form or go to katechaney.com.au/grants



IN CANBERRA

The last sitting of Parliament for 2024 was in overdrive, with a huge amount of legislation being passed quickly, amid speculation about an early election. From my perspective, it seemed the focus was much more on political gamesmanship than sound policy.

I'm deeply concerned about how major changes - like electoral reform, social media restrictions and migration

changes - were rushed through the House with minimal scrutiny, prioritising short-term point-scoring over the nation's long-term interests.

This undermines the processes designed to ensure good governance, and I'll keep calling this out. In the meantime, I spoke on critical issues like Australia's productivity challenge, infrastructure, accountability and housing.



The Power of Community

I spoke in the House about the power of our Curtin community and the significant contribution we have made in Canberra. Scan to watch all of my Parliamentary speeches on my website.



Electoral Reform Press Conference

While greater transparency about political donations is sorely needed, there's a real threat of a major party stitch-up to prevent future political competition, disguised as 'reform'.



Kate and Pat Cummins

I met legendary Australian cricket captain, Pat Cummins, in Canberra and chatted about the importance of community sport.




HOW DO I VOTE IN CANBERRA?

As an Independent, I'm free to vote based on merit, rather than being told how to vote by a party. My voting record reflects balanced support for all the major parties, because good ideas can come from anywhere.

Instead of following party orders, I listen to what matters to people like YOU.

Curtin deserves a representative who votes on substance, not to score political points.

Across 466 divisions, here's how I've voted:

Motions Proposed By	% Supported	Example Issues
	49%	Industrial relations, infrastructure, small business
	51%	Decarbonisation, housing
	52%	Climate, environmental protection

*Source: Parliamentary Library as at 29 November 2024

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Sustainability Fair

Our second Curtin Sustainability Fair was a smash hit! From cutting-edge eco-innovations, Fast 15 speakers throughout the day, to the thrill of E-scooter rides, the event was buzzing with energy and optimism. You can access sustainability resources on everything from home electrification, to using less plastics and giving your verge a native makeover on my website at katechaney.com.au/curtin-net-zero

Support for Small Business

Small business owners are facing major challenges with cost-of-living pressures, increased running costs and staff shortages. The Curtin Small Business Support Guide is a free resource designed to help business owners connect with services to help grow their business, protect themselves from cyber-attack and scams, and help access grants and concessions. My team and I are here to assist businesses with information, support and a direct line to the federal government on issues and policy.



Scan to download a digital copy or pick up a hard copy from my office.

Federal Grant Recipient - Claremont Football Club

I was so pleased to present a \$310,000 Play Our Way grant to the Claremont Football Club for the improvement of their women's changerooms. It's so important that we make our community clubs as accessible as possible so that everyone can continue to participate in sport.



Here to Help

As your local MP, one of my most important roles is assisting with federal issues. In 2024, my incredible Community Liaison Officers, Felicity and Jo (pictured), helped over 1000 constituents navigate difficult individual problems with federal agencies, from complex visa issues, pension delays, and Centrelink appeals to NDIS funding concerns. My team also responded to over 4500 policy related emails on topics Curtin residents care about.

We're here to support you with:

- ✓ ATO
- ✓ Centrelink
- ✓ Grants
- ✓ Aged Care
- ✓ Immigration & Home Affairs
- ✓ NBN
- ✓ Passports
- ✓ NDIS
- ✓ Agencies & Helplines

Whatever the issue, don't hesitate to reach out — we're here to help!



Join Team Chaney!

Our volunteers are at the heart of how we are doing politics differently. Whether it's doorknocking, letterbox dropping, deliveries, helping in the office – there are so many ways to get involved and connect with a fantastic group of people.



Scan to sign up today and we'll be in touch! And don't forget to follow me on social media—like, share, and help spread the word!

Housing Affordability Survey



Housing affordability is one of the biggest issues facing Australians. Help inform the Curtin Housing Policy Paper by taking part in our survey.



Scan the QR code to have your say

OUR COMMUNITY



It's so inspiring to meet young people who are passionate about solving the problems they see. I met Fogarty Futures students to discuss life in politics and also workshopped the solutions they were working on to address social and environmental issues in their communities.



I was impressed by the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society's new museum display at Buckland Hill, funded by a Federal grant. It's open every Sunday and is a great way for the kids to learn about the role of the western suburbs during WWII.



Reverend Emily at St Nicholas' Church, Floreat played an important role in the community recovery after the terrible murders earlier this year. The new purple benches outside the church are a reminder of the role we can all play in preventing domestic violence.



I had the pleasure of cracking a cold one with Curtin's oldest resident, Bridget Grocke, who turned 110! So, what's her secret to a long life? Good food, family and her daily ritual – one can of Emu Export a day.



I joined volunteers from Rotary who have been delivering the Breakfast Club with Foodbank support at Lake Monger Primary School for many years. In a cost of living crisis, these services are so important.



Curtin was well represented at the WA 2025 Australian of the Year Awards, including finalists from Curtin, Professor Britta Regil-von Ungern-Sternberg and Isabella Choate.



I got on the road with OzHarvest's food rescue mission, giving leftover food from Woolworths Subiaco a new life at the Lorikeet Community Centre in West Leederville.



WaveX in Nedlands is doing amazing things! I visited with Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic, to check out the emerging wave energy technology designed by this local business.



The Mosman Park Sisterhood welcomed me to their Christmas catch-up with typical warmth. This relaxed community group makes everyone feel included over a regular meal prepared together. This is what true community feels like!

Curtin Seniors Guide

We've had a fantastic response to our Curtin Seniors Guide.

We get so many calls from older people and their families asking for help as they navigate Federal government services. The Curtin Seniors Guide is here to make things easier! It's full of useful information about what help is available and where to go for advice and assistance.



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