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UPDATE FROM KATE

Future Made in Australia Bill

The Future Made in Australia Bill, which establishes a framework for Australia to compete as the world transitions to a net zero economy, passed the House recently. I will be making sure WA benefits from this initiative, given we have so much potential to transform our exports.

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Housing Affordability

This month I met with the new Minister for Housing & Homelessness, Clare O'Neil, to discuss solutions and hand over our Curtin Housing Report, which contains recommendations from our community housing forums.

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Shot Hole Borer

I spoke in Parliament and met with the Minister for Agriculture about coordinating a better national response to this devastating pest that's destroying trees across Curtin.

Violence Against Women

Australia has a family violence problem. Since being elected, I've been pushing for more federal funding to combat our national domestic violence crisis. I am glad to see the Government has now committed \$4.7 billion to tackle the issue. In WA we still need urgent police reform.

Gambling Ad Ban

I've been holding the Government's feet to the fire and pushing for a full ban on gambling ads. With 70% of Australians keen to see them banned, this should be a 'no-brainer' given the damage online gambling causes in our community, but political party interests are getting in the way.

Saving Scott Reef

I tabled a petition in Parliament signed by almost half a million people who want WA's Scott Reef protected from Woodside's gas expansion project. I also hosted a community event, where experts explained the potential damage that could be caused to this precious ecosystem.



Kaya!

As we enter this beautiful season, I'm excited to share some recent highlights. As always, please let me know how I can help you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canberra Debrief



15 October
5:30pm-6:30pm
Bark Subiaco

Youth Mental Health Panel



16 October
5:30pm-7:30pm
Boulevard Centre, Floreat
Learn more and register via QR code below

Community Catchup



26 October
9:00am-10:00am
Under the pine trees, Cottesloe Beach,
Cnr Forrest St and Marine Parade

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



Curtin Sustainability Fair

2 November 2024 - 10am to 4pm
Claremont Showground

The free Curtin Sustainability Fair returns on Saturday 2 November!

Bringing together sustainable & innovative businesses, organisations, stallholders and advocates, all committed to a sustainable future.

From upcycling, pre-loved clothes, craft and food offerings to electric vehicles, sustainable construction, retrofitting your home and greening - the day's exhibitors will inform and inspire!

- Over 40 informative exhibitors
- Produce, food and craft for sale
- Interactive workshops
- Sustainability speakers
- Fun activities for children
- Plus more!

See you there!

Future Made in Australia Bill

The Future Made in Australia Bill is about maximising the economic and industrial benefits as Australia moves to a net zero economy. We need policy that looks beyond the short term, supports our green transition and makes sure we aren't left behind. But the Bill's success will depend on whether the Government can be trusted to use the framework well. My crossbench colleagues and I proposed a range of amendments designed to improve transparency, some of which were incorporated by the Government.

Housing

As well as meeting with the Minister, I recently spoke in Parliament about the need for collaboration between levels of government so that young people can aspire to home ownership again, after 20 years of policy from both major parties that has undermined affordability. We need to review tax settings, prioritise key trades in immigration and increase the supply of social and affordable housing. There is no silver bullet, but without long-term thinking, housing will be increasingly out of reach for many.

Scams

I recently spoke in Parliament about what the Government needs to do to hold banks, telecommunications and digital platforms to account.



Scan the QR code to hear my latest speeches

Do you run a small business?

43% of cyber-crimes target you. COSBOA has created a free online program, Cyber Wardens, found at cyberwardens.com.au



With a baby Tasmanian Devil at the Parliament House Threatened Species event



Handing our Curtin Housing Report to the Minister for Housing and Homelessness



Speaking at the national 'No More' Domestic Violence Rally



Funding for Carnaby's Cockatoos

The Federal Government has announced \$2,000,000 to improve and protect priority sites of Banksia Woodlands in the Swan Coastal Plain and prevent further decline of Carnaby's Black Cockatoos, by supporting species recovery and increasing foraging, nesting and roosting habitat. There is still more to be done, but this is great news for our endangered cockies.



Electrify Curtin Launch

More than 100 people attended the launch of our Electrify Curtin website! Claire from my team has worked with a dedicated group of volunteer experts to build this resource on how to electrify your home to reduce emissions and save money.

Go to the website electrifycurtin.com.au to plan your electrification journey and pick up tips and tricks.

Youth Mental Health

So many parents share their concerns with me about their kids' mental health challenges. I spoke in Parliament about a new report showing a 50% increase over the last 20 years in mental illness for young people. In October I will be hosting an event for parents and young people about the causes and consequences of this crisis and what support is available and needed.

Native Verge Open Day

Our inaugural Native Verge Open Day with ReWild Perth featured expert speakers at 6 spectacular native verges across Curtin throughout the day, inspiring attendees to create their own low cost, waterwise verge. This was another great Net Zero Project run by volunteers with my office.

Couldn't make it on the day? Check out my website for the info sheet, plus the interactive Native Verge map highlighting more than 100 native verges across Curtin with walking trails.



Youth Advisory Group

Our 2024 Youth Advisory Group had its final meeting last month, ready to hand over to the incoming Year 11s. As well as helping to design and host our Politics & Pizza event for more than 100 senior school students, the group has advised me on the issues that concern them and learnt more about how to engage with our political system. Congratulations to YAG member Anna Mackie of St Mary's, who adapted her YAG speech about misogyny and social media for the national My First Speech competition and won! I will see her in Canberra.

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.



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

Curtin Calendar 2025 - Call for Submissions

We're looking for submissions for our 2025 Curtin Calendar.

To be considered, send a photo or image of your art featuring something or somewhere you love in Curtin to kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au by 31 October.



Survey



In Canberra I'm pushing for more affordable, high quality early childhood education and care, because it affects so many families in our community. Let me know how the cost, quality and accessibility of early childhood education and care is affecting your family.



Scan the QR code to have your say

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OUR COMMUNITY



St Mary's made the most of the Parliamentary Education Office resources and ran a mock parliamentary debate, complete with the Opposition shouting 'rubbish!'. Immersive experiences like this bring civics education alive – it was great to see some future MPs putting their case, with an unusual number crossing the floor to support a ban on homework!



As we all watched the inspiring Paralympics, I recently met with my high school mate, **Ned Bryant**, a keen local Para Standing tennis player, who is supporting the global campaign to make it a future Grand Slam and Paralympic event. There are specialist coaches at tennis clubs around Curtin with more info on the Tennis Australia website. Also check out comedian Adam Hills' documentary – Foot Fault.



Politics and Law students may be the best informed citizens I've come across! These **Bob Hawke College** year 11s grilled me on life as an Independent, and rebuilding trust in our political system.



It was an honour to host a conversation with celebrated philosopher and author, **A.C. Grayling**, about our democracy and safeguarding its future. He told me the world is watching the community independents in Australia with great interest.



It was a joy to join the **Mosman Park Sisterhood** who meet regularly to share a meal they cook together with their diverse neighbourhood. This is what community is all about!



Three year olds are the best! It was an absolute pleasure to visit **Kindy in the Park**, a volunteer-run group that has made the most out of various grants to create a special space for kids and families. The kids explained to me how to be gentle with the worms and how to make rainbow rice.



I had a 'warts and all' discussion about political life with a group of women at UWA as part of the **Pathway to Politics** for Women program, which aims to build confidence for women from all backgrounds to step up into the world of politics.



I loved visiting the horses and seeing how the **Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre** has used its \$3,500 Curtin Communities Grant to buy equipment, including pink pooper scoopers!



At **Irwin Barracks** in Mt Claremont, the home of the 13th Brigade, I had morning tea with a range of army leaders, to discuss the shift in our defence approach and recruiting.

Join Team Chaney!

Team Chaney is always looking for new members. Our volunteers are such an invaluable part of our community, and everyone knows that Chaney vollies have the most fun! Whether it's doorknocking, letterbox dropping, deliveries, helping in the office – we'd love to hear from you.



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