

September 2024 Newsletter



FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

Some Wonderful Volunteers & I Door Knocking Earlier This Month!

Hi there,

It's that time again. Federal politics has descended into election mode, with legislative progress grinding to a halt to make way for political point-scoring.

The Coalition and the Greens have been teaming up to block progress on a wide range of issues, a pragmatic approach is far better than doing nothing. I'm still keen to see policy prioritised over the same old pre-election posturing.

Nuclear

We are yet to see any costings or detail on the Coalition's nuclear plan, and probably for good reason.

I've not seen any reputable evidence that it will lower costs, provide reliable energy when we need it, or reduce emissions in time to meet our international commitments.

Meeting with AGL's CEO last week confirmed that anyone interested in reliability and cost of supply in the next few decades is deeply sceptical about nuclear.

Legislation in the House

Parliament passed a few pieces of legislation in the last sitting, with superannuation now payable on paid parental leave and a code of conduct and consequences for MPs who behave badly (finally!).

My Voting Record

For anyone interested in how I've been voting in Parliament, after each sitting week I update the information on my website using statistics provided by the Parliamentary Library. The stats show that I back about half of the motions put by the Government, the Opposition and the Greens.

I cast each vote based on the merits, not on whose idea it was. Very broadly, I often vote with the Coalition on Industrial Relations, with the Greens on climate and with the Government on housing support.

[Read More About my Voting Record](#)

Cost of Living & Housing



Kate and the Housing Minister.

Inflation continues to sting and interest rates are hurting anyone with a mortgage or who rents. The ACCC report into supermarkets provides politicians with an easy dog to kick – no one likes to be fooled by ‘specials’ at the shops.

On housing, it’s all about supply and sustainable infill has to be part of the solution.

[Read My Post Article Here on Housing](#)

Committees

I’ve had a lot of committee hearings recently, with concurrent inquiries underway by the three committees I sit on - into First Nations Economic Empowerment, Family Violence Orders and Civics Education.

Committee inquiries are the hidden (and quite constructive and collaborative) part of Parliamentary work, with Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum listening to evidence in a deeper way and producing recommendations that Governments can then be held to.

Shothole Borer

This month I spoke about the Shothole Borer in Parliament and met with the Agriculture Minister. I have also met with a number of experts in and around Curtin to better understand the options. I'm surprised by how little we actually know about how to deal with this problem. With 3,500 trees already lost and Curtin at the epicentre, we need to learn a lot more about it, and act fast.

Scams

I spoke in Parliament about scams and the urgent need for better regulation. Since then, the Government has released an exposure draft of the Scams Prevention Framework and I will be looking at this closely. About time!

What's next in Canberra?



Kate in Canberra!

In the coming sitting weeks, we are expecting to see electoral reform and gambling reform bills introduced, which I will have a lot to say about.

We are also expecting to debate legislation on aged care reform, pay increases for childcare workers and mis/disinformation.

In the Community



Native Verge Open Day Smiles!

In Curtin this month we held our Native Verge Open Day, with 100 verges participating and people gathering at verges throughout Curtin to hear from experts on the benefits and logistics of converting your verge. Thanks very much to our Urban Greening Working Group for making this happen.

It was fascinating to host an 'in conversation' event with renowned British author and philosopher A. C. Grayling at the WA Museum about the problems with Western democracies and what can be done. It left me feeling optimistic that the community independent movement is part of the solution!

On Citizenship Day I welcomed new citizens in three different councils – always a joyful event hearing people's personal stories.



Kate earlier this Month with Bob Hawke Year 11s.

[Click Here for More Information for your Verge](#)

Next Election

We think that the next election is likely to be in May next year, but we are now starting to prepare for the campaign. It's going to be a tough fight – the Opposition has identified Curtin as a target seat and you can expect to start seeing attack ads soon!

As a community independent, our campaign will depend on grassroots volunteer and donor support.

If you want to [Donate Here](#) independent, we value [Sign Up to Volunteer!](#) Every contribution you can contribute your support is very much appreciated. You can sign up

Enjoy the Spring weather!



Kate Chaney

Curtin Calendar 2025 - Call for Submissions

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

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

Upcoming Events

Sustainability Fair



Date: Saturday 2 November

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: Centenary Pavilion, Claremont Showgrounds

[Read More About the Fair](#)

Canberra Debrief

Join Kate for a drink at Bark Subiaco to hear what she has been up to in Canberra recently.

Date: Tuesday 15 October

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Bark Bar, Subiaco

Youth Mental Health Panel

What's causing the mental health epidemic our young people face?

Join Kate and a panel of youth mental health experts to discuss causes and supports required.

Date: Wednesday 16 October

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Boulevard Centre, Floreat

[Register Now for the Youth Mental Health Event](#)

Community Catchup

Join Kate in Cottesloe to discuss what is important to you.

Please bring any concerns or questions that you have. Kate would love to hear from you.

Date: Saturday 26 October

Time: 9am - 10am

Location: Under the Pine trees, Cottesloe Beach, Cnr Forrest St and Marine Parade

Current Grants

Arts Short Notice Activity Program (Arts SNAP)

The Arts SNAP for individuals and groups offers funding for regional, national and international short notice activities for artists and creative industry professionals.

Closing: 5 December 2024

[Arts Short Notice Activity Program | DLGSC](#)

The Local Sporting Champions Program

Provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

Round 2 applications close: 31 October 2024

[Apply here](#)

Youth Action and Wellbeing Grant

EOI is due 2 October 2024

[Youth Action and Wellbeing Grant Application Form - FYA](#)

Social Media

Don't forget to follow me on social media. It's the best way to keep up-to-date and find out about upcoming events!



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