

November 2024 Newsletter



Hello,

November has been a Parliament-heavy month, with the last three sitting weeks of the year. But we also managed to slip in our Sustainability Fair, a community catch up, a Canberra Debrief and a few kitchen table conversations.

There has been a rush of legislation coming through Parliament – if an early election is called, we may not sit again in the new year, so everything feels very focused on the politics, rather than the policy.

While we absolutely need to get things done, I was concerned about the process for many of these Bills, including electoral reform, the social media minimum age ban and some migration bills that affect people's rights. These things were pushed through for immediate political point scoring/neutralising rather than being driven by the country's long term interests.

Parliament has mechanisms to ensure that legislation is scrutinised and it's not good when these processes are avoided. I will continue to call this out and keep the pressure up.

I have used some of my time in Parliament this month to raise various economic issues as we see some worrying trends. I have spoken about productivity, infrastructure accountability, activating the new energy opportunities ahead for WA and the many levers we need to pull on housing.

When the major party focus is on the next election, it's more important than ever to hold them to account to focus on good long-term decisions.

I'm looking forward to being back in Curtin for December, enjoying the end of year celebrations at all our schools and the start of what will no doubt be a hot summer. I hope to see many of you out in the community as we reignite political discussions in the lead up to the 2025 election.

Have a great month,
Kate

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Solving Housing: Interactive Workshop

We are holding a housing affordability event on **Wednesday 11 December** from 5.30-7pm, as I know this is a key issue for many people in Curtin.

The 'Solving Housing: Interactive Workshop' will be a great way for our community to contribute to housing policy, ask questions, and discuss practical solutions together.

Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or just passionate about creating positive change in our community, your voice matters! I can't wait to hear your thoughts, ideas, and feedback.

Let's work together to make housing more affordable for everyone.

[Register Now](#)

Community Volunteer Grants

Eligible not-for-profit organisations can now apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support the efforts of their volunteers.

Please note that the eligible items for funding have significantly changed from previous years. See the [Grant Guidelines](#) on our website for more information.

You can submit your Expression of Interest here **by Sunday 15 December:** [Volunteer Grants 2024-2025](#)

Find Out More

In the Community



Curtin Sustainability Fair

Our annual Curtin Sustainability Fair, held on November 2nd, was an absolute hit! From eco-friendly innovations to thrilling E-Scooter rides, the day had something for everyone. Curtin really showed up, and it was inspiring to see such enthusiasm for a sustainable future.

A huge thank you to all the stall holders and Fast-15 speakers who made the event so engaging. With more than 50 stall holders participating, there was so much to learn. Together, we're building a greener, more sustainable world—and the momentum is growing!

Bridget Grocke



This month I had the pleasure of attending my first ever 110th birthday, celebrating by 'cracking a cold one' with Curtin's oldest resident, Bridget Grocke! Bridget is as lively as ever, and she swears that a daily can of Emu Export is the secret to a long and happy life.

It was such a joy to spend time with her, sharing stories and laughs. Bridget's energy and outlook on life are truly inspiring. Cheers to happiness, health,

and cold cans of Emu Export!

Build to Rent

Recently I did a tour of Australia's first Build to Rent development in Subiaco. Guided by project heads, Michael and Susana, I had the chance to look around and get a real sense of the unique benefits that Build to Rent (BTR) housing can bring to our community.

Build to Rent is a model where developers specifically build housing for rent—not for sale—and retain ownership of the property. They manage and operate the building over the long term, ensuring a sustainable and stable rental experience.

With 1 in 3 Australians now renting, BTR is a game-changer. It offers more long-term security for renters, attracts global investment in new homes and incentivises better quality builds, so fewer maintenance hassles.

With the passage of legislation this week, more BTR projects like this are likely to pop up across our suburbs—and will be another valuable tool in helping to solve our housing crisis.

Remembrance Day

It's always an honour to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies across Curtin. This day holds deep significance as we reflect on and honour those who served our country, ensuring the freedoms we enjoy today.

My team and I were proud to attend services in Mosman Park, Subiaco, Shenton Park, Nedlands, and Cambridge. Each ceremony was a poignant reminder of the courage and selflessness that shaped our nation. Remembrance Day is not only a time to reflect but also to express our gratitude for those who gave everything for our future.

I also recently attended a commemoration of the 44th battalion at the Nedlands War Graves and in a serendipitous coincidence, I found I was reading out the name of my great-grandfather, Alfred Bond. It was a lovely moment, remembering my Nana talking about her Dad and his sacrifice.

Team Chaney Volunteer Update



Doorknocking

Look out for the Team Chaney volunteers in your suburb! Our amazing volunteers are now joining me doorknocking every week in our community. They're asking questions and listening to constituents, so I know what issues matter to you. If you see us, come and say 'hi'!

Want to Volunteer?

Our volunteers are an amazing group of people who are passionate about seeing politics done differently and keeping community independents in Canberra.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our campaign and our eyes and ears in our community. There are so many ways you can contribute – it's a lovely group and lots of fun. We would love you to join us. Sign up today by and we'll be in touch. Here at Chaney HQ, we're already gearing up for a rumoured early election, which could happen as soon as late February!

Join Team Chaney

We have a clear strategy for success - powered by our incredible volunteers - but we need funds now to be election-ready.

We're talking, t-shirts, advertising, flyers, social media ads, event venues...everything!

This month, we've set a \$100,000 fundraising target and the great news is – we're almost there.

We're less than \$30,000 away from our goal, and with every donation being matched by six generous donors, each dollar we receive will be automatically doubled!

I'm incredibly proud of our community and all we've achieved together, but there's still so much more to do.

Keeping Curtin as a strong, independent voice in Canberra matters now more than ever. We cannot let divisive, fearmongering tactics and toxic politics take hold in Australia.

Every donation matters.

Thank you everyone for your support.

[Donate Here](#)

Curtin Calendar 2025



The stunning cover artwork, *Shag Rock*, by Kathy Bierma at Trigg Beach.

I'm really excited to launch my 2025 Calendar! Thanks to all image submissions from the people of Curtin, the calendar looks amazing. Can't wait for everyone to see it.

Solving Housing: Interactive Workshop

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 - 7:00pm

Mount Claremont Community Centre

**Contribute your thoughts to my
Curtin Housing Policy Paper**



Date: Wednesday 11 December

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Location: Mount Claremont Community Centre

[Register Now](#)

Canberra Debrief

Join Kate for a drink at Albert's Respite and Refreshments to hear what she has been up to for the final two sitting weeks of the year!

Date: Thursday 5 December
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Alberts Respite and Refreshments

Community Catch-up

Join me for the last Community Catch-up of the year! Let's have some drinks and nibbles by the river.

Date: Tuesday 17 December
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Matilda Bay, South of Bayside Kitchen

Carols in the Community

With Christmas just a hop, skip and a jump away... take a look for any Carols in the Community near you!

Cottesloe: [Events » Town of Cottesloe](#)
Scarborough: [Carols at Scarborough - City of Stirling](#)
Claremont: [Carols in the Park 2024 | Town of Claremont](#)
Subiaco: [Voiceworks Carols in the Park | City of Subiaco](#)
City Beach: [Carols by the Sea](#)
Wembley: [Carols by the Lake 2024](#)

Find one near you!

Social Media

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