October
2024 Newsletter

Hello!

With the US election coming up next week, it's a precarious time globally. A Trump win would have significant global geopolitical and economic implications and would encourage other politicians to head down the same path of divisiveness, fear and disregard for truth. The Trump camp's response to a Harris win may also be deeply alarming.

I will be watching with great trepidation. In this context it's more important than ever that we choose a different path in Australia – reason, calm, balance and fairness. Preferential and compulsory voting make this easier in Australia, but we are not immune.

We need to do everything we can to counter the decline in trust in our institutions, the demonisation of anyone who is different, the oversimplification of problems and solutions and the shameless repetition of 'alternative facts'.

Speaking of which, you may have seen attack ads about my voting record recently.

The Libs are spreading misleading and cherrypicked data about how I vote. They have selectively chosen to show voting only on second reading speeches, which are just one of five types of votes in the House. These figures do not reflect my overall voting record and are designed to fit an attack narrative.

Yes, they're rolling out the same old tricks as before, now with the added twist of distorted voting data.

I update my voting record - based on data from the Parliamentary Library - on my website after each sitting week **here** based on data from the Parliamentary Library. My voting clearly shows that I back motions proposed by each party about half the time (with variations week to week).

The big difference is that I vote based on substance, not in order to 'get my score up'. I have voted with the **Coalition** on industrial relations, small business support and financial accountability; with the **Greens** on climate change/environmental protection and integrity; with the **Government** on climate change, human rights, housing and tax cuts; and with other members of the **Crossbench** on integrity and industrial relations.

You will see a lot more of this – without any real policies or a positive vision for the country, this is all the Libs have got and I think people are sick of it.....

Meanwhile, I'm getting on with job and working hard for my community! There are some big topics due to come up in Parliament in our three sitting weeks in November, including aged care, school funding, misinformation and privacy.

Have a great month,

Kate

Curtin Sustainability Fair

I hope you're able to join us at our Curtin Sustainability Fair this Saturday 2 November at Claremont Showgrounds 10am-4pm.

With more than 50 stallholders, speakers on a range of topics every 15

Shothole borer in Lake Claremont

Curtin has been at the epicentre of the polyphagous shothole borer invasion, with more than 3,500 trees removed in the last few years.

Just this week we lost several significant 100-year-old trees at Lake Claremont. The children's playground that was once bathed in lovely shade is now in full sun.

I have been drawing attention to this issue at a federal level, calling on the State and Federal governments to work collaboratively with industry experts to ensure that we are tackling this major biosecurity risk using the latest information.

The State government is managing the response, but it is certainly a national issue given the potential multi-million dollar impact of the borer. I'm pushing for a cost/benefit analysis on eradication and rapid testing of some eradication approaches that are less dramatic than tree removal.

Ignite Event

Team Chaney at the Ignite event

Last Sunday, more than 200 enthusiastic Team Chaney volunteers gathered to ignite the path to the 2025 election campaign. With the community's support, we're determined to keep Curtin independent, but we need your help to make it happen.

If you haven't yet joined our team as a volunteer, we would absolutely love to have you on board! It's a chance to make a difference, connect with like-minded individuals, and, of course, have a lot of fun—because everyone knows that Team Chaney volunteers know how to bring the energy while making an impact. Come be a part of the excitement!

Sign Up to Volunteer!

Donation Matching Campaign

To kick off our grassroots fundraiser, six generous donors have come together to match every dollar raised for the campaign – up to an incredible $100,000 – starting from donations received since last Sunday's event. So far, we have received $8,040 donations, which becomes $16,080 thanks to the match donors - essentially doubling your donations.

Donate Here

OzHarvest

Spotlight on Food Waste and Rescue

This month I joined OzHarvest WA's vital food rescue mission, which takes edible food that would normally be thrown out and distributes it to needy organisations in our community.

Which addresses the pressing issue of food waste – Did you know that every year Australians waste 312 kg per person in Australia every year!? It made me go home and look carefully at our family fridge!

We joined OzHarvest volunteers to collected produce from Woolworths Subiaco and delivered it to the Lorikeet Community Centre in West Leederville, where it was used to support people in need.

It's inspiring to see volunteers working with organisations like OzHarvest to tackle both food insecurity and the environmental consequences of waste.

Youth Mental Health Panel

On 16 October, recently I hosted a panel of experts to discuss our frightening youth mental health epidemic.

We talked about causes - societal pressures and social media – and the supports needed, such as increased school and clinical services. There was a lot of expertise in the audience as well as on the panel and it's clear that fostering open dialogue and implementing comprehensive strategies will be key in promoting mental well-being among youth.

Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference

Selfie with some of the Year 10s and 11s

This month I met with inspiring Year 10 and 11 students from across WA at the Fogarty Futures Leadership Conference. We talked about having an impact through politics and their innovative "Global Challenges Local Solutions" projects. Their energy and passion reminded me of the power of youth leadership – I have no doubt we will see these leaders in the future.

WaveX

Minister Husic, Simon Renwick and Kate at WaveX

I was excited to visit WaveX in Nedlands with Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic to check out the emerging wave energy technology designed by this local business. A $2.4 million grant will boost WaveX's ability to open up the renewable energy potential of wave energy - harnessing power from the other 50% of the planet. It's wonderful to see this type of innovation happening right here in Curtin.

News from Canberra

Kate in Canberra!

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On Sunday I'm heading back to Canberra for a bumper three out of four November weeks in Parliament.

Enjoy the Spring weather!

students. I supported the legislation that introduced payment for some prac

Upcoming Events

cost of living crisis. I would like to see prac payments extended to more courses.

Sustainability Fair

As we head towards the end of the year, it feels like much of the politicking is centred around getting Bills through the Senate. The Greens and the Opposition are teaming up to block Future Made in Australia, Help to Buy and Build to Rent. I am most concerned about the stalemate on the Nature Positive laws- I am working behind the scenes to try and make sure we get at least the EPA legislati Read More About the Fair ear.

Date: Saturday 2 November
Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: Centenary Pavilion, Claremont Showgrounds

A highlight of the week was welcoming 81-year-old Nedlands resident, Neville Bruce, to the lawns of Parliament House after he cycled the whole way from Perth to Canberra! Neville completed this epic journey to raise awareness about the need to raise the Job Seeker Allowance, bring people out of poverty and how we need to fix the refugee Fast Track process. These issues are all so important and I will continue to advocate on behalf of these groups to move things along.

Canberra Debrief

Bring a picnic and enjoy the sunset while you hear what Kate has been up to in Canberra recently!

Date: Thursday 14 November
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Location: Tbc

Community Catchup

Join Kate to discuss what is important to you, and hear what's been on the agenda recently.

Date: Saturday 23 November
Time: 9:30am - 10:30am
Location: The grass next to Cbreeze Kiosk, Scarborough

Remembrance Day Events in Curtin

City of Stirling: Remembrance Day - City of Stirling
City of Nedlands: Events » City of Nedlands
Town of Claremont: Remembrance Day 2024 | Town of Claremont
Town of Cambridge: Remembrance Day | Lest We Forget

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