



# Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### THE CLIMATE ISSUE

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#### NORTH WEST SHELF

Many Curtin residents share my concerns about the Government's approval of the North West Shelf gas project extension until 2070. We owe it to future generations to ensure approvals are based on the best science, and a forward-looking vision for WA's transition to a net zero economy by 2050. I am advocating for the new environmental laws to include consideration of the climate impact of new projects.

#### AUSTRALIA'S 2035 EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET

I pushed for a 75 percent emissions reduction target by 2035. The Government's recently announced 62-70 percent commitment falls short but will hopefully provide some clarity for investors after years of uncertainty. I'll continue pushing for legislation of this target and greater ambition and accountability on decarbonisation.

#### HOME ELECTRIFICATION IN CURTIN

Dr Saul Griffith joined me at the Claremont Hotel to discuss household electrification with Curtin residents. Switching from gas to electric appliances can save households thousands annually while dramatically cutting emissions. The energy transition benefits both climate and household budgets. Next time you replace large appliances, go electric!

#### NATIONAL CLIMATE RISK ASSESSMENT

After much urging, the Government recently released this report, which paints a harrowing picture of our climate future. Without action, climate-related impacts could cost Australian taxpayers nearly \$40 billion annually by 2050. We're currently tracking closer to 3 degrees of warming than a 1.5 degree increase. Making this information public is essential so we can make informed decisions.



#### Hello Curtin!

I remain committed to doing politics differently – listening to you, expert advice and the evidence needed to solve the intergenerational challenges our community is facing, including tackling climate change.

I'll continue pushing for political leadership and climate ambition – we have much to gain economically, environmentally and socially from embracing the transition to a Net Zero economy.

Best wishes,  
Kate

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet me at these local events – I want to hear from you!

##### COMMUNITY FORUMS AND POP-UPS

**Saturday 8 November**

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
Mount Claremont Farmers' Market  
103 Alfred Rd, Mount Claremont

**Tuesday 11 November**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
St Brigid Bar  
251 Scarborough Beach Rd, Doubleview

##### END OF YEAR CATCH-UP

Save the date for my end of year catch-up!

**Wednesday 3 December**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Matilda Bay Reserve (near the gazebo)

Visit my Instagram and Facebook page for more Community Pop-ups and event updates.



#### IN CONVERSATION WITH KEN HENRY

Join me in conversation with Dr Ken Henry AC to discuss reforming Australia's tax system for future generations.



Fifteen years on from the Henry Tax Review, we have seen little ambition from any government to tackle intergenerational inequity through tax reform. The Australian dream of owning a home is out of reach for many young people and the generational wealth divide is getting bigger.

**Thursday 13 November**  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Claremont Football Club  
3 Davies Rd, Claremont



Reserve your ticket now by scanning the QR code or visiting [katechaney.com.au/events](http://katechaney.com.au/events)



INTEGRITY

## Pushing back on FOI reforms

**The Freedom of Information (FOI) framework is meant to ensure transparency and accountability of government decisions.**

The Federal Government has introduced sweeping reforms to the FOI framework, and I am concerned they will increase secrecy and further erode public trust in government. I will be demanding the Government seeks expert, independent advice on the real problems with this reform. Building public trust requires sharing more information, not less.

## Bridging a legislative gap to end harmful AI

**During National Child Safety Week, I joined WA Police and Ashley from ICMEC (pictured) for a briefing on their work to keep kids safe from exploitation. I am continuing my push to criminalise the downloading of AI tools designed to generate child sexual abuse material.**

These tools make it harder for law enforcement to do its job and have no legitimate purpose. As AI develops, we need to adapt our existing laws (like this) to address new risks. The Government must act now - debate my bill or introduce its own.



CHILD PROTECTION



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## Encouraging the protection of our oceans

**A landmark treaty to safeguard marine biodiversity will enter into force next year after reaching 60 ratifications at the UN. While the Australian Government appears supportive, it has not formally ratified the 'High Seas Treaty'.**

This agreement provides a framework to protect marine life in the two-thirds of the world's oceans that are international waters-beyond any country's jurisdiction. This is a great example of how international cooperation is needed to address issues that cross borders.

Oceans are part of our national identity, and I call on the Government to take all steps to protect them for future generations.

## Tackling gambling harms

**Australians lose \$32 billion annually on gambling-the highest per capita globally.**

That's more than \$87 million per day! No one should be relentlessly targeted by gambling ads or inducements encouraging higher bets and greater risk-taking. It's now more than 800 days since we introduced our committee report calling for an immediate ban on inducements. Every day of government inaction costs vulnerable Australians millions, normalises gambling as part of sport, and exposes families to serious harm. I'm working to stop gambling companies calling the shots on gambling reform.



Learn more here.



GAMBLING REFORM

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## Cleaning up our waterways

**Team Chaney's river clean-up at Claremont Foreshore showed what we can achieve together: 713 items adding up to 22.5kg of rubbish collected.**

We removed 238 hard plastic pieces, 131 nylon strapping bands, 112 soft plastic films, and 33 cigarette butts from our waterway.

Every piece of data submitted to Tangaroa Blue and Keep Australia Beautiful WA builds the case for stronger action on plastic pollution. Want to join the next clean up? Get in touch! Small actions, repeated by many, create real change.

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## Improving safety with sustainable solutions

**DV Safe Phone collects, repairs and distributes mobile phones to family and domestic violence victim-survivors.**

My office is a collection point to drop off old phones. All mobile phones are accepted. Please delete your personal data and log out of your accounts before donating. Phones will then be securely wiped of data and repaired before being distributed; re-connecting and empowering women and children in need. Phones not suitable for distribution are recycled.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



## Helping local people with complex challenges

**We were treated to a lovely surprise recently when Susan stopped by to thank my office team for the help we provided with an issue she had with a Commonwealth service.**

If you need help or guidance, my team is always available to assist Curtin residents with issues relating to NDIS, aged care services, Centrelink payments (including pensions), visas and immigration issues, Medicare and the Australian Tax Office.

CONSTITUENT SUPPORT

## Listening to the needs of our kids

**The Federal Government is changing how support is provided to kids under eight with mild to moderate developmental delay and autism, and their families.**

The new Thriving Kids initiative is being examined by a parliamentary committee to ensure it meets the real and evolving needs of Australian children. With input from impacted families and experts in Curtin, I have made a submission to the inquiry with 11 recommendations.



Thank you to the parents, carers and allied health professionals who contributed to the Curtin submission. Read the submission here.



KIDS WELLBEING

# OUR COMMUNITY



## FLOREAT

The Floreat Toy Library - a 2025 Volunteer Grant recipient - gives families sustainable access to toys while building community connections. Open 9 - 10.30 am on Saturdays, contact the library if you would like to donate or volunteer.



## NEDLANDS

Ultramarathon runner, medical researcher, champion fundraiser, impressive human!

For Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Jacob Byrne ran 30 marathons in 30 days in 30 Local Government Areas, including some in Curtin. His Big Run for Little Brains is raising money for childhood brain cancer research.



## INNALOO

After discussing the challenges facing early learning and care centres at Climb Preschool, I read the kids a story to celebrate Book Week. Three-year-olds are the best - I loved the costumes, especially these Minions who care for them!



## SHENTON PARK

The West Metro Recycling Centre now accepts hard-to-recycle plastic household items, helping divert waste from landfill. With only 13-16 percent of plastics recycled in Australia, this initiative matters. If you're not sure what to do with your waste, visit [wmrc.wa.gov.au](http://wmrc.wa.gov.au) for more information.



## CRAWLEY

I celebrated National Science Week at the Forrest Research Foundation Open Day. From colliding galaxies to baby hammerhead sharks, 40-year-old trapdoor spiders and prostate cancer screening - WA's researchers are doing incredible work right here in our community.



## CHURCHLANDS

I spoke with the impressive and hard-working students at Churchlands Senior High School who have an expected ATAR of 95 and above. Encouraging our future local leaders is a rewarding part of being Curtin's Independent MP.



## CLAREMONT

At the Perth Royal Show, I judged the dog drawing competition. It was a tough call; there are so many talented young artists who love dogs. RASWA President David Thomas OAM was on hand to admire the winners.



## KARRINYUP

Ahead of St Mary's Anglican Girls' Year 7 trip to Canberra, I joined their mock debate on a bill about banning homework. We also discussed my journey to becoming a parliamentarian, and the importance of women in leadership roles.



## MOSMAN PARK

I regularly attend Citizenship Ceremonies across Curtin, most recently in the Town of Mosman Park. I always get a bit choked up welcoming new Australians as they take this meaningful step to formally join our community.



## SIGN UP NOW! CURTIN GRANTS WORKSHOP

Thursday 20 November

I'm hosting a workshop with Keith Whelan, 'The Grants Guy', who will share tips and tricks for effective grant writing for your small business or community organisation.

Learn about searching for grants funding and how to be 'grant ready' when applications open.

For details about the workshop, current funding opportunities, and to sign up to my grants newsletter, scan this QR code.

