

Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



April 2023 Newsletter

Hello!

I hope you had a restful break over the Easter long weekend.? I feel re-energised having spent time with my family, complete with an obligatory Easter egg hunt and a bit too much chocolate.

Before Easter and after the last Parliamentary sitting week, I attended ANZAC Day services at Rosalie, Cottesloe and Subiaco Primary Schools, with more to come next week. I am always surprised at how moving I find these events. War is so far from our daily lives here in Curtin, but so many families have a connection within a few generations that keeps ANZAC Day alive.

It is a good reminder of how easily we can make a contribution to our communities compared to the sacrifices of the past (and of current serving Defence personnel).

As well as primary schools, I visited Carine and Churchlands high schools this month to talk about our democracy. The quality of the questions and engagement whenever I visit a school reinvigorates my faith that our young people care about the world and take an interest in politics.

At about the beginning of April, the Noongar season of Djeran started suddenly, with cooler weather and the start of the rain. I love tracking the Noongar seasons – they are so much more observable than our four imported European seasons and they remind me of the benefits of learning from connection to land.

The changing season was accompanied by a shift in public discussion about the Voice. The Opposition's stance has been disappointing and there is work to be done to counter the scare tactics and focus on the long-term opportunities instead. This needs to be driven by communities, not politicians – it must be above partisan politics.

Kate

Below: Cottesloe Primary School ANZAC Service



Update from Canberra

Voice to Parliament

I was proud to be in Parliament when the Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023 Bill was introduced at the end of last month.

I think the proposed referendum question, which was agreed by the Referendum Working Group, is a simple, modest ask. As the Attorney General Mark Dreyfus said: “this Bill is about recognising and listening”.

I acknowledge that there are many areas of urgent need, especially in remote communities, which I see through my role on the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

We cannot neglect these important issues, but we also need to do the long-term work of re-setting our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, so that we can break the cycle of disadvantage.

I believe that the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the Voice referendum has the potential to be a source of pride and a turning point for Australia.

You can read the wording of the referendum question and amendment [here](#).

You can hear a recent interview I did on the Voice [here](#).

Gambling Inquiry

The Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee has spent the past seven months conducting an [inquiry into online gambling and its impacts on those experiencing gambling harm](#). It's been a fascinating deep-dive into how the online gambling industry works.

The inquiry received hundreds of submissions and had 12 public hearings, to hear from witnesses representing people impacted by gambling, the gambling industry, the regulators, sports codes and other interest groups.

The final Committee report is currently being drafted and I will be contributing to the recommendations on how we can better regulate this complex issue.

Government has six months to respond to Committee reports once tabled, and I will be advocating strongly for better protections for people who are vulnerable to gambling harm.

Electrify Parliament

It was fantastic to catch up with Saul Griffith (below) and hear about what is required to electrify Australian homes on a large scale, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and cut household energy bills.

His grassroots approach, suburb by suburb, fits well with our community-led approach. I'm hoping he'll visit us in Perth to help us on this path. To learn more, see www.rewiringaustralia.org



Events

Community Catch-Up

Date: *Friday 21 April*

Time: *10am - 11am*

Location: *Jualbup Lake, Shenton Park*

Community catch-ups are my opportunity to hear from you on a broad range of issues.

If you know of any Curtin residents who would like to share their views or concerns please encourage them to come along.

Canberra Debrief

Date: *Tuesday 16 May*

Time: *5.30pm - 6.30pm*

Location: *Herdsman Lake Tavern, Wembley*

I hope you can join me for a debrief of the most recent sitting weeks in Canberra.

Voice to Parliament: Yes campaign event

Save the Date: *Thursday 18 May (evening)*

*I will be hosting a discussion with respected Indigenous former WA Treasurer and Aboriginal Affairs Minister **Ben Wyatt** and my wise uncle and former Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister, former National Native Title Tribunal member and Reconciliation Australia co-chair **Fred Chaney AO** about why they support an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.*

Check my [website](#) for ticket details.

Curtin Sustainability Fair

Date: *Saturday 24 June*

Time: *10am - 4pm*

Location: *Jim Webster Pavilion, Claremont Showground*

A day long exhibition of the ideas, products, businesses, advocacy and education that are promoting a broad range of sustainability solutions.

As we transition to Net Zero, we will all need to make changes and this event is designed to give you some tips on how to play your part.

There will be demonstrations about waste, recycling, energy, fashion, and food consumption as well as activities for kids.



Net Zero project underway

*We had a good response to our call for volunteers to join our **Curtin Pathway to Net Zero** working groups.*

Last week we started with discussions on Transport and Energy; what it would take to get to Net Zero and how we as a community in Curtin can help.

This week the working groups focussing on Built Form, Greening, Waste and Sustainable Consumption will meet to brainstorm their ideas.

It's not too late to join a working group, if you are interested, please email Kate.Chaney.MP@aph.gov.au

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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Donate to help keep an independent voice in Parliament. Your donation won't buy influence or access but will assist me to continue doing politics differently.

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We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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