

Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



January 2024 Newsletter

Kaya!

I have had a lovely break with my family and have returned to the office ready for the challenges of 2024. I love January in Curtin - with school holidays, perfect beach weather, friends back in town and the Fringe World and Perth Festival kicking off, there's so much to do!

No doubt it will be a challenging year. With 40% of the world's population going to an election in 2024 and growing global polarisation and mistrust, I feel grateful for our democracy and keen to protect it.

The first big issue of the year is the changes to the Stage 3 tax cuts.

While I don't like broken promises, I can see that given the cost of living pressures so many people are under, reshaping the tax cuts will mean that more people will get some relief. I'm sorry if you will get a lower cut as a result of this change - I know some people have relied on the expected increase in cash flow. My online and newsletter-based surveys confirm that the majority of those surveyed would prefer a change to the tax cuts rather than them proceeding in their original form.

The discussion about these changes is a reminder of the need for broader tax reform, so we can afford the things we need (like aged care and the

NDIS) in the coming decades.

The long-awaited reform to the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act is due later this year and I'll continue to talk with the many conservation groups across Curtin to ensure their insights inform my response to the changes. The fact that last year was the hottest year on record (again) reminds us that the window for timely climate action is closing.

Cost of living remains a key concern in Curtin and across the country. This year I hope we will see inflation heading in the right direction and some progress on housing supply. Since the start of the year, calls have increased to my office needing help to access Centrelink. If you (or someone you know) are having troubles with Child Care payments or the pension, please reach out to my team.

Following on from my committee work, I am expecting a response from Government on both gambling reform and electoral reform in the first part of the year and will keep the pressure on.

Plenty to do!

I hope you have had a restorative summer break too. I hope to see you at my events in the coming months.

Regards,

Kate

Stage 3 Tax Cuts Survey - Have your say!

In my hard-copy quarterly newsletter, I asked for feedback from constituents on Stage 3 tax cuts and housing. If you have yet to fill out the survey, please let me know what you think [here](#).



Curtin Calendar 2024

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Curtin Calendar

If you would like a copy of the 2024 Curtin Calendar, be sure to pop into our office between 9am and 5pm and pick one up before they're all gone!



Volunteering Opportunities

If you are looking to make a difference to your community in 2024, here are some current volunteering opportunities. There is also a longer list in my hard-copy newsletter delivered earlier this month. You can also check out the Volunteering WA website and search by location.

Cambridge Coastcare

Email cambridgecoastcare@gmail.com

Volunteers undertake coastal rehabilitation projects within the Town of Cambridge's coast (Floreat and City Beach). The protection and rehabilitation of our coastal ecosystems is important for biodiversity enhancement and coastal erosion mitigation especially along the Floreat coastline designated as a coastal erosion hotspot. No experience is necessary to sign up as a volunteer.

Wirlomin Noongar Language and Stories Inc

Email Mary at admin@wirlomin.com.au

The [Wirlomin Noongar Language and Stories](#) are looking for volunteers to assist with admin work connected to policy/procedure development, finance and events management. If you enjoy working with Noongar language/cultural revival and with committed people, you'll be a great fit for the team.

Children's Book Council of Australia, WA Branch

Email Kris at wa@cbca.org.au

The [Children's Book Council of Australia WA](#) (Children's Book Week®?) are looking for volunteers to fill the roles of Treasurer, Events Coordinator, website and grants' assistants. If you appreciate the importance of children's/youth literature and enjoy working with a committed team, you'll fit right in.

Housing Report

You may be aware that in October and November we held two Curtin housing forums to discuss and share opinions on housing reform.

The thoughts and outcomes from these forums were compiled in our Curtin Housing Report which you can now read on my website [here](#).

Events

Grant Writing Workshop

Date: Tuesday 20 February

Time: 5.30-7.30pm

Location: The Boulevard Centre, Floreat

Join Pippa, our Grants officer for a discussion on grant writing and upcoming grants. To sign up please fill out this [form](#).

Canberra Debrief with special guest Cathy McGowan



Date: Wednesday 21 February

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: Lake Monger Recreation Club

Join Kate to hear about the first two parliamentary sitting weeks of 2024 and to hear from special guest Cathy McGowan, the former MP for Indi (Victoria) and the 'mother of the Community Independent movement'. Cathy will share her thoughts on the ability of communities to change our democracy. You'll have the chance to ask Kate and Cathy questions and express any concerns that you may have.

Community Catchup

Date: Saturday 24 February

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Location: Grant Marine Park Playground (Corner of Marine Parade and Grant St) Cottesloe

Join Kate to hear what she has been up to so far in 2024.

Bring any concerns or questions that you have - Kate would love to hear from you.

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!



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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