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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



September 2023 Newsletter

Kaya!

I hope you can join me and hear from Noel Pearson, Ben Wyatt, Emeritus Professor Colleen Hayward AM and the Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus KC MP on why they are supporting the Voice to Parliament at an interactive panel event next Wednesday, 20 September in Churchlands.

If you have family or friends who are undecided or confused about their referendum vote, please bring them along. This is a free ticketed event but [book as soon as possible](#) – our last event like this was a huge success and was fully booked.

In the last month, we had one of our biggest ever Community Catch-ups at the Claremont Hotel and a local win, shutting down a vape store 150 metres from Subiaco Primary School – they were selling fruit flavoured vapes covered in cartoons!

We also had a 900 person launch of the Yes23 campaign at Cottesloe Beach. The Curtin for Yes team continues to doorknock, hand out leaflets and drink coffee together – there's something for everyone!

On the other side of the country, Parliament was fairly heated and combative last week. Early in the 47th Parliament, I started building support from the crossbench to drive improvements to Question Time.

With broad crossbench support, I have written numerous letters, made submissions and last Monday I gave evidence to the Procedure Committee about how we might reform the rules to get better value from this time.

This frustration came to a head last week, with Question Time resembling more of a bear pit than a chamber of civilised debate.

Look out for the upcoming [Housing Forum](#) – we want to hear a broad range of perspectives on what is important when it comes to housing, so we can work out how to get there.

Enjoy the beautiful spring sunshine.

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Yes campaign launch at Cottesloe Beach

It's official, the Voice to Parliament referendum will be held on Saturday, 14 October.

On 30 August, 900 Yes23 campaign volunteers gathered at Cottesloe Beach to celebrate the announcement of the referendum date.

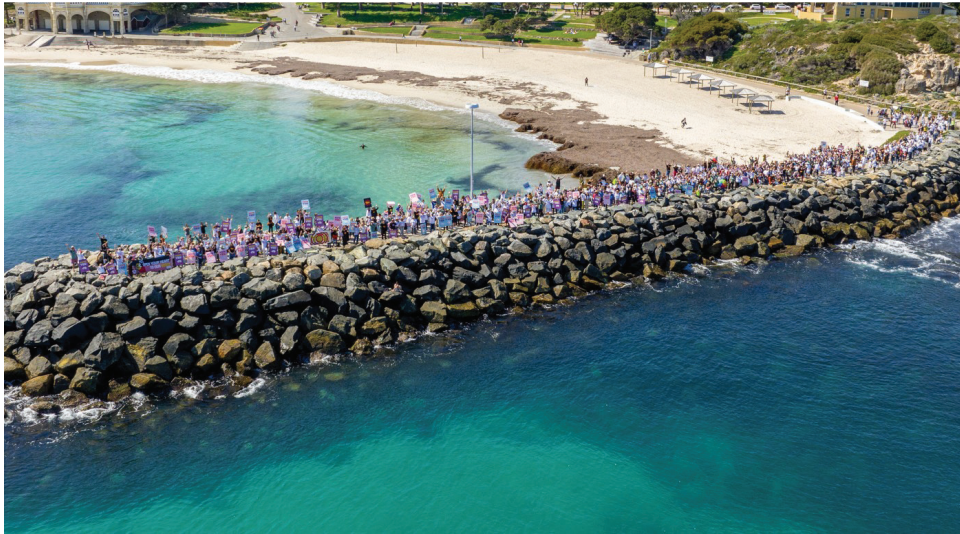
There was so much enthusiasm and optimism about the Voice to Parliament in the crowd.

Our attention now turns to having respectful conversations with our friends, family, neighbours and wider community about why we're supporting the Voice.

You may have seen the Curtin for Yes team door knocking your street, starting conversations at your local train station, waving corflute signs on main roads or participating in last month's City to Surf!

Feel free to ask us any questions you have about the Voice to Parliament if you spot us out in the community.

If you'd like to find out more about the Voice to Parliament or volunteer for the Yes campaign, please visit [this link](#).



Liberal Party data harvesting

You may have received a Postal Vote Application form in your mailbox, like the one below, for the upcoming referendum.

This comes from the Liberal Party, not the Australian Electoral Commission. If you fill in the application form and return it in the Reply Paid envelope, all of your personal data goes to the Liberal Party – your name, address, date of birth, email, phone number and even your security question and answer!

This practice is not illegal and has been used by both major parties. I think it's misleading – it certainly looks like it's going to the AEC, which is covered by the Privacy Act, unlike political parties.

My [Restoring Trust Bill](#), introduced into Parliament last month, would ban this practice.

If you want to keep your data safe, you can apply for a postal vote directly from the [AEC](#) via its online application tool. Or call the AEC on 13 23 26 to request a hard copy version be sent to you.

Postal Vote Applications are now available.

Please share this information with your family and friends.



Question Time to Answer Time in Parliament

Question Time should be an opportunity to critically but respectfully interrogate the decisions of Government and its ministers. Unfortunately, it often fails community expectations in both tone and substance.

Since the beginning of this parliamentary term, my crossbench colleagues and I have been [working to reform Question Time](#) to improve the quality of answers obtained and ensure a more civil tone. We've met with both major parties to try and drive this reform.

You can read my submission to the Inquiry into the Maintenance of the Standing and Sessional Orders [here](#).

I will keep advocating for better behaviour and use of our parliamentary resources to hold Government to account – it should be Answer Time, not just Question Time.

The Voice: Countdown to the Vote

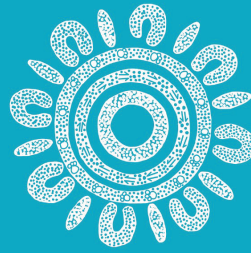
We've got some impressive leaders coming to Curtin to talk about the Voice referendum next week.

Join this interactive conversation with Noel Pearson (the Founder of Cape York Partnership and Good to Great Schools Australia), the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP (the Attorney-General), Emeritus Professor Colleen Hayward AM (an experienced educationalist and Noongar Elder) and Ben Wyatt (former WA Treasurer).

Book your [free tickets here](#).

THE VOICE - COUNTDOWN TO THE VOTE!

FREE TICKETED EVENT



HOSTED BY KATE CHANEY MP FEATURING



NOEL
PEARSON



HON MARK
DREYFUS KC MP



PROF COLLEEN
HAYWARD AM



BEN
WYATT

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPT 2023
6:00PM - 7:30PM
NEWMAN COLLEGE,
CHURCHLANDS

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Curtin Calendar 2024

I'm starting to prepare for next year's Curtin Calendar and want local artists and photographers to submit their work!

*Do you already have a photo or artwork of something you love about Curtin?
Or can you create something new?*

Please email your work for consideration to kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au by 20 October.



Community win against Subiaco vape store

We had a great community win in Subiaco last month, with local pressure forcing a vape store to close its doors.

This store was only 150 metres from Subiaco Primary School, right in the heart of Rokeby Road. Vapes sold from the shops had fruit flavouring and were covered in colourful cartoons.

These products are clearly being marketed at teenagers and even children. As a parent, I found this outrageous.

Along with others in the community, I will be watching carefully to make sure no other shops like this one open in our community, in breach of current laws.

If you know of any vapes being sold in Curtin outside pharmacies, please let me know.

Curtin Housing Forum

Australia's housing shortage is being felt right across Curtin and is raised by constituents regularly with my office.

I know young Australians, renters and mortgage holders are going through a particularly challenging time at the moment.

To better understand our community's needs and priorities and inform solution development, I will be holding the first of a series of Curtin Housing Workshops in October.

This workshop will be focused on understanding housing issues and priorities for our Curtin community. We will hold a further policy forum once we have identified what matters to you.

I'll take the ideas raised in these workshops to Canberra and advocate for them in Parliament.

To register your interest in attending, please follow this [link](#).

Events

The Voice: Countdown to the vote

Date: *Wednesday, 20 September*

Time: *6pm - 7.30pm*

Location: *Marist Auditorium, Newman College, Churchlands*

Cost: *Free*

You're invited to this interactive conversation with Noel Pearson, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Emeritus Professor Colleen Hayward AM and Ben Wyatt.

Secure your spot [here](#).

Community Catch Up at City Beach grassed area

Date: *Saturday, 7 October*

Time: 11am - 1pm

Location: Grassed area, City Beach foreshore, City Beach

Come along and share your views or ask questions on the issues you care about.

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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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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