## What's happening in Cowan?

The last few months have been an exciting time for festivals in Cowan! I had the opportunity to attend the Diwali Festival



and Burmese Cultural Festival in Mirrabooka, Love Our Main Street and Colours of Italy in Osborne Park, the Osborne Park Show and the Wanneroo Show!

visited Goodstart Early Learning in Nollamara, where I spoke to educators about how play-based learning in high-quality early education and care supports





I was at Amber-Jade Sanderson's Seniors Morning Tea in Cowan! We spoke about how Labor is investing in seniors' health and wellbeing, as it's a priority for us to give older Australians the care and respect that they deserve.



I went to East Hamersley Primary School for Sustainability Day. The students showed me innovative ways to make our planet clean and green!



learners throughout their lives.

Last month, I was at the opening of the new Brockman House building in Beechboro with Dave Kelly MLA and Lorna Harper MLC. The old Brockman House has been delivering important services such as childcare education and community support to Beechboro for over 30



I was invited to the Burmese Cultural Festival in Mirrabooka. Cowan is so rich with not only culture and diversity but also talent!

# **DECEMBER** NEWSLETTER

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### **Hello and Merry Christmas!**

Merry Christmas, and what a year 2022 has been! The year has whizzed past yet so much has happened in Cowan.

As the year comes to a close, our local schools have now completed their graduation ceremonies. This is an exciting yet important time for our youth as they look ahead to future prospects and begin the next chapter of their lives. It's very heart-warming to see pride and joy in the faces of parents as their children prepare for that journey.

This year, there has also been a change in the Cowan electorate boundaries and since then my office has relocated to Tenancy 3, Level 1, 31 Cedric St in Stirling. However, I can still be reached on 9409 4517. Please contact my office if you need any assistance or want to raise an issue with me.

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## What's happening in Parliament?

#### **10 Days of Paid Domestic** Violence Leave

You should never have to choose between your wages and your safety. As a survivor of domestic violence, this is an issue I care deeply about. One in four women in Australia have experienced violence by an intimate partner, and on average one woman is killed by an intimate partner every 10 days. This legislation was one of Albanese Labor Government's top commitments and now we're delivering on it.



### **Cheaper Childcare**

Making early childhood education affordable was a commitment we took to the election and now we're delivering it.

The Albanese Government announced the Cheaper Childcare Bill which will make around 5300 families in Cowan better off under the new legislation.

Childcare costs have skyrocketed. They've increased 41% in the past eight years. It's a big out of pocket cost to families and a massive disincentive for parents, especially mums, to do more paid work. These new laws mean that around 96 per cent of local families with children in early education and care will be better off.



#### **Paid Parental Leave**

The Albanese Labor Government will deliver the biggest boost to Australia's Paid Parental Leave scheme since it was created by the former Labor Government in 2011, giving every family with a new baby more choice, greater security and better support. Labor will add an additional six weeks of Paid Parental Leave (PPL) for families. bumping the total leave payable up to 26 weeks.

Increasing PPL was one of the most frequent proposals raised by participants at the successful Jobs and Skills Summit in September. The Albanese Government has listened, continued to consult and will now act to extend PPL to boost productivity, boost the economy and increase the time parents have with their newborns.



# **Labor delivering for our community**

- **√** Neerabup Industrial Precinct \$15,000,000.00
- **Vietnamese Community in Australia - WA Chapter** \$1.500.000.00 for construction of a cultural centre
- **Lightning Park Recreation Centre** \$750,000.00 for upgrades to facilities
- **Morley Noranda Recreation Club** \$750,000.00 for new women's changerooms
- **Vaishnay Sangh of WA** \$200,000.00 for construction of a new cultural centre
- **Stirling Adriatic Club** \$50,000.00 for facility upgrades
- **Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren** \$30,000.00 for facility upgrades
- **West Coast Gymnasts** \$20,000.00 to upgrade amenities
- RSPCA WA \$20,000.00 to upgrade facilities
- **Hepburn Centre** \$20.000.00 for a new kitchen

- **Warwick Bowling Club** \$10.000.00 for new scoreboards and amenities
- **Humpty Dumpty Toy Library** \$5,000.00 for inventory upgrades
- Naala Djookan Healing Centre \$5,000.00 for facility and equipment upgrades
- **▼ YMCA Dianella Heights Before and After School Care** \$5,000.00 for equipment
- **Sudbury Community House and Early Learning Centre** \$5,000.00 for facility upgrades
- **√** Balga Football Club Fee Free Soccer \$30,000.00 for facility upgrades
- **|√|** IT equipment for the Kaleidoscope **Initiative in the City of Stirling** \$16,000.00 for IT equipment
- Australian Iraqi Association for Women \$10,000.00 for equipment upgrades
- **√** Mirrabooka Mosque \$280,000.00 Disability access upgrades

