

# What's been happening in COWAN!



## Getting Civic with Year 7 at Landsdale Christian School!



### Meet Your Member Events

It's important to me to be able to catch up with my constituents and have real conversations with people who have been directly impacted by decisions made in Parliament. That's why I hold regular 'Meet Your Member' events. Keep an eye on your letterbox and my social media pages for an invite to the next one. I also host mobile offices at local shopping centres, which I announce on Facebook.

What a fantastic visit to Landsdale Christian School to chat with the Year 7 Civics and Citizenship class! These bright young minds kept me on my toes with clever questions about my role as the Federal Member for Cowan and what it really means to be a Cabinet Minister. We had a great chat about democracy, how every Aussie has a voice and a vote, and why that matters. It's always inspiring to see the next generation so engaged and curious about how our country works. Big thanks to the staff and students for the warm welcome and fantastic conversation!



## Refugee Week Freedom Cup

I love the Refugee Week Freedom Cup! It's one of my favourite times of the year! There's such a great energy around it, and I always enjoy getting involved, cheering everyone on, and having a good laugh along the way. A big thank you to the Edmund Rice Centre for having me back again; it's always such a joy. I'm so grateful to be involved in something so full of heart, community, and celebration.

# Cowan Community Newsletter

**Anne Aly**

Your Federal Member for Cowan



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## A message from Anne

### Hello!

A huge thank you for trusting me to continue representing Cowan. It's a privilege that I don't take for granted. I'll keep working hard every day to deliver for you and our community.

Can you believe we're already in August? Parliament's been buzzing, and the Albanese Labor Government has been getting things done!

From the superannuation boost and pay rises for award and minimum wage workers, to extra paid parental leave, longer GP consults, and bigger Medicare rebates – it's all happening.

I'm incredibly honoured to be taking on even more responsibility as the Minister for Small Business, Minister for International Development, and Minister for Multicultural Affairs. These new roles are all about championing hardworking Australians, backing vibrant communities, and building stronger partnerships across the region.

What does this mean? More support with the cost of living, bigger investments in our future, and real help for small businesses, multicultural communities, and our international neighbours – and there's still more on the way!



It was an honour to be joined by former Member for Cowan, Graham Edwards, at Warwick Early Voting!

**Anne Aly**

Your Federal Member for Cowan

### The Cowan Electorate Office can assist with information about Federal Government services, including:

- Centrelink
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- Immigration, citizenship
- Medicare
- Passports
- Pensions
- My Aged Care
- Veterans' Affairs

## Get in touch

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## Delivering cost of living relief across Cowan

The Labor Government got to work straight away. Delivering more help with the cost of living, more investment in the next generation and more support for working Australians.

Eligible households in Cowan and across Australia will see:

- ✓ \$150 taken off their electricity bills.
- ✓ A pay rise for millions of Australians with a 3.5% increase for all minimum and award wage workers.
- ✓ A 30% discount on home batteries to permanently cut power bills.

## Training to be a tradie?

The Albanese Government is building the workforce Australia needs for the future by paying housing construction apprentice tradies \$10,000 in incentives. Other changes to benefit apprentices also include:

- ✓ Increasing the Living Away from Home Allowance so apprentices can meet the costs associated with moving to take up an apprenticeship.
- ✓ Increasing the Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support payment to support employers taking on apprentices with disability.



## We're investing in Australia's future

Eligible student nurses, teachers, social workers, and midwives will get paid during prac placements, because you shouldn't have to choose between getting the experience you need and paying your bills.



## Delivering more support for working Australians & families

Labor is delivering a more secure future for Australians.

- ✓ Superannuation is increasing from 11.5% to 12% for all working Australians.
- ✓ Working parents will now get two extra weeks of Paid Parental Leave (PPL) and will now earn super while on PPL to help close the gender gap in retirement incomes.



## Helping Australians get the quality healthcare they deserve

We've delivered a \$1.8 billion increase in hospital funding, with WA receiving an 11% increase. On top of Labor's record funding for public hospitals, the Albanese Government is investing heavily in initiatives to reduce pressure on public hospitals. It doesn't stop there:



- ✓ Our Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are reducing hospital admissions, and a range of programs we support are leading to earlier discharge of older Australians from hospital.
- ✓ Four new Medicare items will support longer consultation times and higher rebates for specialised gynaecological care.
- ✓ New menopause and perimenopause health assessments are now available under Medicare. The Government is providing \$26 million to deliver the new health assessments and ensure women receive the best care at the right time for their individual circumstances.
- ✓ Australians aged between 50-70 with a high risk of developing lung cancer can be screened for the disease free of charge through Medicare.
- ✓ More Australians living with cystic fibrosis will have affordable access to a life changing treatment option under PBS.