



MEMBER FOR COWAN ANNE ALY

Hello! Welcome to my newsletter.

As a Madeley resident, I know just how wonderful our northern suburbs are to live in. It's a place of **incredible innovative businesses** that make up a cornerstone of the Western Australian economy.

I will continue to advocate for the northern suburbs in Canberra as I have been doing for the past three years: for jobs, for education and for infrastructure.

But to do that, **I want to hear from you.** As a resident of the electorate of Cowan, what is your vision for the northern suburbs? What would you like to see to make our community more liveable?

Please don't hesitate to give my office a call or send me an email – your feedback helps me better represent you in Parliament.

Dr Anne Aly
Federal Member for Cowan



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MEET YOUR MEMBER EVENTS

We all live busy lives and I understand that not everybody is available 9-5 from Monday to Friday.

Keep an eye out in your letterbox for times and locations of the frequent Meet Your Member and doorknocking events that I hold on weekends. Swing by and have a chat to me about any concerns you have.

For more information, give my office a call at the number below and one of my staff can help you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CANBERRA?

So much happened in Canberra in September and October.

I am a member of several different committees, including the **House Economics Committee** and the Deputy Chair of the **Parliamentary Joint Committee for Law Enforcement**. In both roles I continue to advocate for the people of Cowan.

In my position on the House Economics Committee, I attended **hearings on APRA** and the **RBA inquiries into the Four Big Banks** and **discussed the Banking Royal Commission's recommendations**.

I was on the ABC program "Q&A" on September 9. On the program we discussed the proposal to **drug test recipients of Newstart and Youth Allowance**; we also talked about Parliamentary integrity and the Australian economy.

I was also lucky enough to catch up with around 100 Year 6 students from **Kingsway Christian College** during their Canberra trip. We had a lot of fun singing and chatting.

In the Parliament, I spoke about how the Coalition's lack of economic plan is failing the people of Cowan and the **irresponsible policy of indiscriminately drug testing welfare recipients**.

I've also been selected to take part in the high-profile Joint Select Committee on **Australia's Family Law System**. Given my experience with the family law system, I will be using this opportunity to make sure we try to bring **reconciliation to families across Australia** – not dig up hurt and pit people against each other. More information regarding this Committee and any hearings will be available from my office.

We had a big week for multiculturalism in October. **The Australian Indian and Hindu communities** held an incredible Diwali and Annakut exhibition around the various festivals that these communities hold. The **Bahá'í community** also celebrated the bicentenary of the Birth of the Bab. It was fantastic to have these communities in Parliament House.

I am so pleased to **Chair a new Labor Caucus Committee on multicultural affairs**. Australia is a multicultural nation, and we need to ensure that the policies we develop work for all Australians.



With Madeleine King MP at **MATES In Construction** on R U OK Day.



The winners of this year's My First Speech competition - including Lucy, a fellow Western Australian!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COWAN?



Doorknocking in Beechboro



With Margaret Quirk MLA presenting No Limits with a Lotterywest grant



Visiting the Native Animal Rescue in Malaga



Pollies vs Presidents Netball Match at Olympic Kingsway - the 'after' photo



Hosting Wanneroo Business Association members for morning tea

COWAN SHOUT OUTS

Anthony Di Cristofaro - who won WA Apprentice of the Year at the WA Training Awards.

Waddington Primary School - congratulations on their 40th anniversary.

John Revell - who was awarded the French Legion of Honour medal.

Renee Evans - for being a fantastic epilepsy ambassador and her work in breaking down the stigma.

All **organisations and committee members** involved in the local grants processes with my office.

THE NEXT GENERATION

Recently I have had a bunch of young kids and students from all over the electorate reach out to me to express their concerns over the **climate emergency**.

I received letters from the **Beechboro Primary School Year 5 HASS class** discussing waste and their ideas to tackle it. Did you know that there are more pieces of microplastic in the ocean than there are stars in the sky?

I also got to participate in a mini documentary with **Reece Conroy**, a student at **Ashdale Secondary College**, to discuss **youth action on climate change** and how we can take action and make a difference.

It is clear when we look around the world at all these school students taking matters into their own hands, instead of **'leaving it to the pollies'**, that we need to act.

Thank you to all the students who have reached out to me about this issue - please don't give up, **don't stop fighting**. Let's hold this Government to account.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the Liberal-National Government expanded the robodebt scheme, over **eight hundred thousand debt letters** have been sent to people on welfare.

Already, 20% of these are wrong debt notices including notices to 169 deceased people. This leaves many Australians too **scared to fight back**.

The Morrison Government is using these false allegations of debt to **prop up their Budget surplus**. Labor has raised this issue in Federal Parliament by supporting a class action case on robodebt.

If you, or anyone you know has received a letter from Centrelink claiming you owe money, **please get in touch with my office**.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year I have a donation box at my office to collect non-perishable food items for those suffering hardship in the community. If you have any canned goods lying around please consider donating them to my collection box.

**Shop 3 Kingsway City Shopping Centre
168 Wanneroo Road, Madeley.**



Meeting John Revell who served in the liberation of France



Local sporting champ Shaun who went to Estonia for World Disc Golf Championships



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