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## Curtin Correspondence

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### From Julie's Desk

Dear Curtin Resident

As 2015 draws to a close, we look back on a year of challenges and achievements.

The threat of terrorism remains a constant factor in global affairs. This month marks the first anniversary of the Martin Place siege and we reflect on Australia's response to darkness and hatred with light and tolerance. We cannot allow fear and intimidation into our lives but must continue as an open, fair and free democracy.

The Australian Government remains committed to keeping Australians safe and helping to counter violent extremism in our community. We will continue to ensure Australia's law enforcement and security agencies are appropriately resourced and have the necessary legislative tools and powers to protect the community.

With the mining investment boom receding, Australia must look towards innovation and science to create a diverse, dynamic, 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. These sectors are critical for Australia to deliver new sources of growth, maintain high-wage jobs and seize the next wave of economic prosperity.

Last month, the Prime Minister launched the \$1.1 billion National Innovation and Science Agenda, which will drive business growth, increase entrepreneurship and forge closer links between research and industry for the electorate of Curtin.

I appreciate the support and feedback that I have received from my constituents throughout the year and take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016.

Best wishes  
Julie



### Historic climate agreement reached in Paris

Last week, I led Australia's delegation to the UN Climate Talks in Paris where an historic step was taken in the global response to climate change.

For the first time, we have an agreement that covers the entire globe and places

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binding obligations on all nations to take action to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions while recognising the needs of the most vulnerable countries. It is underpinned by a strong rules-based system so we can assess whether countries are meeting their commitments and how the world tracks progress on the 2 degree goal.

Australia played a significant role in the negotiations, chairing the Umbrella Group of non-European Union developed countries (Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, United States and Ukraine).



The agreement commences in 2020 when Australia will implement our ambitious target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions between 26 to 28 per cent on 2005 levels – a target agreed to by the Government in August.

Our plan will take us from about the 14<sup>th</sup> largest emitter down to 25<sup>th</sup> – we are halving our per capita emissions and in fact are reducing our emissions per unit of GDP by two-thirds.

## Curtin Surf Lifesavers receive funding boost



Surf Lifesaving Clubs in the electorate of Curtin will receive \$5,000 to purchase essential rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies under the Commonwealth's *Beach Safety Equipment Fund*.

The Australian Government is providing \$25,000 over five years to the City of Perth, Cottesloe, North Cottesloe, Floreat, Swanbourne-Nedlands and Scarborough Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

I visited North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club earlier this week, where Club President Chris Shellabear announced that the club would use this year's allocation to purchase inflatable rescue boards.

As the Federal Member of a coastal electorate, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the patrols provided by surf lifesaving clubs.

The latest allocation from the *Beach Safety Equipment Fund* gives me the

opportunity to thank our fantastic local lifesavers for the wonderful role they perform in keeping local residents and visitors to our beaches safe over summer.



## Review of Seaward Village Redevelopment

I welcome the recent announcement of an independent review into the proposed redevelopment of Seaward Village, to be led by Lieutenant General Mark Evans – a respected member of the Australian Defence community.

The review will consider a range of issues including the relative merit of refurbishment versus redevelopment, security, social impact and any need for future restrictions on the land.

This is an acknowledgement of the unique security and community considerations raised with me by the Seaward and neighbouring communities. I discussed these issues with Lt Gen Evans and Assistant Minister for Defence Darren Chester and residents can have confidence that their concerns will be heard.

Public submissions to the review have been opened ahead of a visit by Lt Gen Evans in January 2016 and I urge all stakeholders and residents with concerns to have their say at the earliest opportunity.

Submissions addressing the terms of reference can be made by 15 January 2016 and are welcomed from all interested parties and organisations. For more information, visit [www.seawardvillagereview.net](http://www.seawardvillagereview.net)

The review will provide a written report to the Government by 29 February 2016.

## Nominate a Mobile Black Spot in Curtin

I strongly encourage residents of Curtin to nominate mobile black spots in the local area for round two of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot programme.

The Government has committed \$60 million which will help provide new or upgraded mobile coverage in Curtin under Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme.

The Coalition invested \$100 million under Round 1 of the programme which will see almost 500 new mobile base stations built nationally. This is the biggest one-time increase in mobile coverage from a single funding programme in the history of mobile telecommunications in Australia.

Black spot nominations for Round 2 of the Programme can be made online [here](#) or email [julie.bishop.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:julie.bishop.mp@aph.gov.au)

Locations nominated as mobile black spots by people living in Curtin will be added to a national database. The database will be provided to mobile operators as part of a competitive selection process, where operators will be required to nominate sites where they would build new or upgraded base stations to serve the black spot locations nominated by the public.

The competitive selection process is scheduled to begin in early 2016, and the

Government expects to be in a position to announce the successful locations under Round 2 by the end of 2016.

## Relaunch of the Paddington Ale House



Local pubs hold such a unique place in Australian life with many becoming community institutions – the great egalitarian nature of Australia is always alive and well in Australian hotels.

I was delighted to be invited to officially relaunch the Paddington Ale House, which has become an institution since it first opened as the Mount Hawthorn Hotel in 1932. It was the first two-storey building on Scarborough Beach Road and the suburb really grew up around the Mount Hawthorn Hotel.

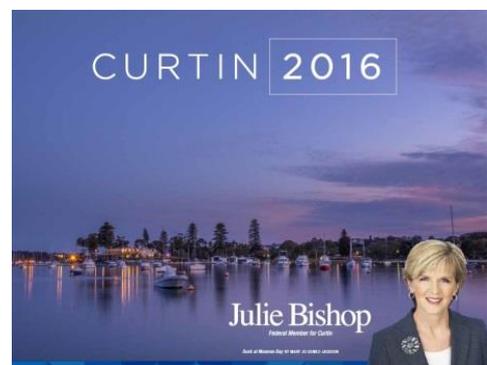
I congratulate Neil Randall for continuing to invest in this local icon and also recognise Neil's contribution to the West Australian hospitality industry not only in running the Paddo but in his work with the Australian Hotels Association – he has helped put West Australian hospitality on the national map.

## 2016 Curtin Calendar now available

Following the success of the 2015 Curtin Calendar, I am pleased to announce that my 2016 calendar is now available.

The 2016 Curtin Calendar features a variety of images from around the Curtin electorate, including Mosman Bay, City Beach, Oldham Park and a little furry friend walking along Mosman Park beach!

I was delighted with the large number of entries I received this year and want to thank everyone who made a submission.



Congratulations to Mary Jo Gomez-Jackson, Morland Smith, Richard Goodwin, Michelle de Swardt, Cecylia Sylwestrzak, Jon Bassett, Phil Tucak, Mieke Wood, Rhonda McInnes, Peter Chalmers, Helen Potter and Bruce Finkelstein, whose images appear in the calendar.

To obtain a copy, please visit my electorate office at 414 Rokeby Road, Subiaco or phone 9388 0288.

## 'Neddies' Under-11s win big in Singapore



I would like to congratulate the 'Neddies' under-11 team who have won back-to-back grand finals at the 9<sup>th</sup> Centaurs International Youth Rugby Tournament in Singapore earlier this month.

Nedlands had four junior teams competing at the international event, which featured 150 teams from more than five countries. The trip capped off a great year for the 'Neddies', which shared the 2015 RugbyWA Steve Fink Award for WA's best junior club.

Do you have some good news or achievements from the electorate of Curtin to share? Please email [julie.bishop.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:julie.bishop.mp@aph.gov.au)