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Curtin Correspondence

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From Julie's Desk

Dear Curtin Resident

With the commencement of 2016, the Coalition Government is ready to continue the task of driving economic growth and new jobs by building confidence, investing in infrastructure, promoting innovation and implementing key free trade agreements.

We are committed to completing and implementing the free trade agreements that will provide economic opportunities for future generations, maintaining Australia's domestic and national security and to putting the budget on a sustainable footing.

The Government has overseen more than 301,000 jobs created in 2015 - the best performance in terms of job creation since 2006, with the unemployment rate now at 5.8 per cent. The employment growth of 2.5 per cent is well above the 10-year average of 1.8 per cent.

Our Innovation agenda is going to help create the modern, dynamic, 21st-century economy Australia needs. The Government has announced 24 measures, involving \$1.1 billion of spending, to create jobs and help Australia compete globally. It will encourage every business across the country to be more innovative, entrepreneurial and more prepared to take risks. We're backing Australians so they back themselves.

I take this opportunity to wish the Curtin community all the best for 2016, for what is set to be a prosperous and exciting year.

*Best wishes
Julie*



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Review of Seaward Village Development

On Monday, 11 January I welcomed Lieutenant General Mark Evans AO DSC to Curtin to meet with local community representatives about the proposed redevelopment of defence housing in Seaward Village, Swanbourne.

Last year I called for a review of the initial plans by developer Defence Housing Australia when local concerns emerged about its potential security and community impact. Lieutenant General Evans was appointed to head the review by Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Darren Chester MP, and this month met with Seaward Village families, local residents and other stakeholders ahead of his final report. Lieutenant General Evans is a highly distinguished member of the Defence Force, and I know he appreciates the unique considerations relevant to Seaward Village.

Public submissions on the proposal closed on 15 January and approximately 70 submissions were received from the local community. The findings of this review will be presented to the Government on 29 February 2016.



Support for victims of Waroona fires

The fires in Waroona, Yarloop, Harvey and surrounding towns are among the most catastrophic that Western Australia has seen in a number of decades. Tragically, two people have died, there has been widespread property damage and livelihoods have been devastated.

On 12 January I visited Waroona with the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP, the WA Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Joe Francis MLA, the Federal Member for Forrest, the Hon Nola Marino MP and the Federal Member for Canning, Andrew Hastie MP.

Minister Keenan announced that the Australian Government has activated both the Disaster Recovery Payment and the Disaster Recovery Allowance for eligible residents in the Peel and South West Regions affected by the Waroona Bushfire. Those eligible can access a one-off payment or in some cases, income assistance, to help them get back on their feet.



On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Australian Government, I expressed our deep concern for those who have lost so much in this tragedy. I also thanked the firefighters, volunteers and emergency service personnel that have worked tirelessly for those effected by the fires, including Curtin resident, Terry Dorrington (right), who is providing chaplaincy support and counselling.



Tourism Australia Launch in New York City

Australia's fabulous Global Ambassador, Chris Hemsworth, joined me in New York City on Australia day adding star power to Tourism Australia's *There's no Place Like Australia* campaign. As New Yorkers shivered through one of the biggest blizzards in a decade, I launched the new campaign to promote our world-class beaches and aquatic experiences to international tourists.



For many Australians, every day begins - summer or winter - with a jog in the soft sand on a beach somewhere, a stroll in the shallow waters, or an invigorating ocean swim. I spoke about Cottesloe Beach, Rottnest Island and other wonderful examples of our beautiful beach attractions, offering some of the best coastal and aquatic experiences in the world.

The campaign began airing on Australia Day and will continue during the international cricket and tennis tournaments, driving new tourism spending across the country.

Funding announced for the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club

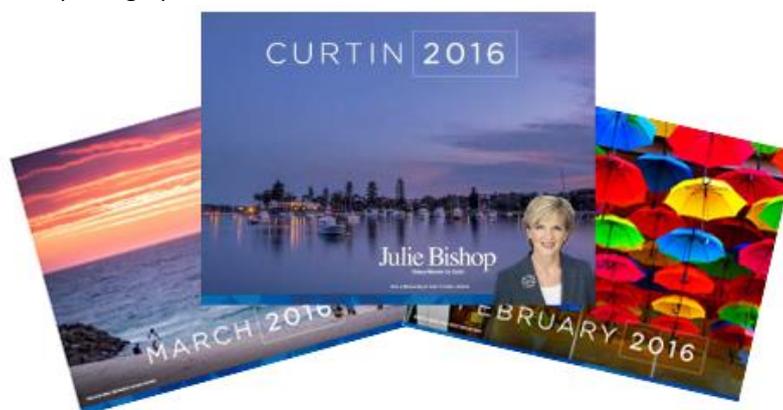
Congratulations to the Floreat Surf Life Saving Club on successfully applying for funding under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme! A grant of \$20,000 has been approved for the construction of storage facilities at the club after submitting their application for round one of this important programme late last year.

Under the Stronger Communities programme eligible applicants can apply for funding between \$5,000 and \$20,000 and must provide matching cash or in-kind funding on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis. The programme will deliver \$150,000 per year for two years to fund small capital projects, which deliver social benefits in the electorate of Curtin. Projects can range from the construction and fit out of men's sheds, sporting facility upgrades, installation of bike paths, the purchase of equipment for the local SES and much more.

Towards the end of February 2016 I will be inviting potential applicants to submit their expressions of interest. Keep an eye out for next month's *Curtin Correspondence* or contact my office for further information.

2016 Curtin Calendar – don't miss out!

Following the success of the 2015 Curtin Calendar, I am pleased to announce that my 2016 calendar is still available, showcasing the talent of local Curtin photographers.



The 2016 Curtin Calendar features a variety of images from around the Curtin electorate, including Mosman Bay, City Beach, West Perth and a little furry friend walking along Mosman Park beach! To get your copy, please visit my electorate office at 414 Rokeby Road, Subiaco or phone 9388 0288.