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## From Julie's Desk



Minister Pyne, Prime Minister Turnbull, PMC Secretary Martin Parkinson, me & Assistant Minister Peter Hendy

*Dear Curtin Resident*

*As an open, export-oriented economy, Australia's future growth will be driven by innovation, our creativity and seizing opportunities in our region.*

*As a member of the Innovation and Science Committee of Cabinet, I will support the implementation our National Innovation and Science Agenda to boost prosperity and job creation.*

*We are making it easier for start-up businesses to attract early-stage capital, providing incentives for 'angel investment,' and establishing the first two 'technology landing pads' in Silicon Valley and Tel Aviv, to support Australian technology entrepreneurs expanding into overseas markets.*

*Small businesses employ around 4 million Australians and the Coalition Government has cut taxes for small business to 28.5 percent and concluded Free Trade Agreements with our biggest regional trading partners in Japan, South Korea, China and others, providing better access for Australian goods and services to the world's largest*



consumer base.

Best wishes

Julie

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## Government backs local footy



With Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins & the Collegians Team at the new Clubrooms in my electorate

I was delighted to congratulate Collegians Football Club on the opening of their new Clubrooms at David Cruickshank Reserve in Dalkeith.

The redevelopment began in 2008, and was concluded in consultation with the local community and with funds provided through local campaigns, patrons and government. Most recently, through the Curtin Stronger Communities programme, the Federal Government contributed \$7,500 to repair and upgrade the club's AFL goalposts.

At the opening, club patron John Adcock said facilities for the amateur league have gone from being "possibly the worst in the competition, to possibly the best." Jon and Allen McKinnon welcomed me to the Dalkeith Clubrooms with Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins, incoming and outgoing Presidents Max Piiro and Ed Mclarty, and League and Colt players Tom Foley and Ben Bartley. I wish Collegians all the best for the season.

## CSIRO partnership for Subiaco start-up



With inventor Daniel Elbaum and the CSIRO's Troy Brown

Science and innovation are at the heart of the Coalition Government, and I recently visited 'SecurET,' a tech and cyber-security start-up founded in my electorate of Curtin.

Signing a new partnership with the CSIRO, SecurET will work to develop and commercialise an 'un-hackable cloud' technology for the secure online storage of personal information.

With a range of applications for business, civilian and government use, I was pleased to meet with staff and interested to hear about the potential for 'cloud passports' and online voting.

## **Strengthening regional trade links**

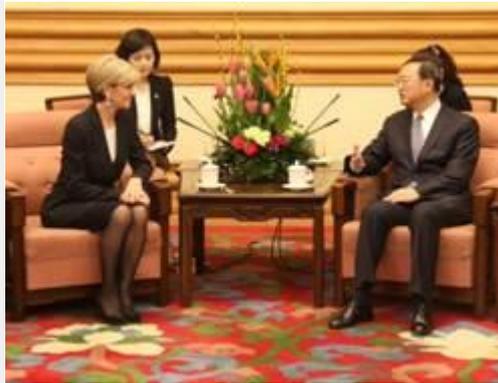
Last month, I visited Japan and China to further deepen the strategic and trading relationship with Australia's important partners. Although there has been volatility in global markets, Australia remains well positioned in the world's fastest-growing region, with huge opportunities to export more goods and services, including education, tourism and aged care.



Above: Meeting Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and (right) Foreign Minister Kishida.



In Tokyo, strategic talks focused on stabilising the Korean Peninsula, the South China Sea and other regional challenges. I joined business leaders to discuss ways to strengthen our existing trade and investment links with Japan.



Above: With Chinese State Councillor Yang Jeichi and (right) Foreign Minister Wang Yi.



In Beijing, I launched a New Colombo Plan partnership that will support thousands of Australian students gain work-experience and study in our region.

Since the conclusion of a historic Free Trade Agreement in 2015, trade and investment between Australia and China has reached record levels, with two-way trade valued at \$150 billion.

New areas of growth in our economy are taking advantage of China's transition to more consumption-based growth driven by its burgeoning middle class.

## Out and About in Curtin



Welcoming the Riddle Family – Linda, Jason, Kirsten, Michael and Richard, to my electorate under an Australian Business Innovation Visa.



Walking the Whadjuk Trail with Friends of Allen Park Michael Anderson, Lesley Shaw, Denise Murray, Rod Griffiths and Malcolm Murray. We discussed community views on the proposal to redevelop housing at Seaward Village.

Below: Discussing veterans' issues with VP of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Max Ball.

Below: Speaking to WCE Nic Naitanui about the challenges facing the people of Fiji and Australia's support after the devastating Cyclone Winston ([click here for video](#)).



**Call for worthy projects to receive funding**

The Stronger Communities Programme Round 2 is now open!

I am seeking expressions of interest for grants under this exciting programme that will benefit the Curtin electorate. Announced in the 2015 Budget, the grants programme will deliver \$150,000 per year for two years to fund capital projects in the electorate of Curtin, this being the final year.

Key aspects of the program:

- Please submit details of your proposed project to my office by **Friday, 1 April 2016**.
- Local government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply.
- Grants of between \$5,000 and up to a maximum of \$20,000 are available. There is a total funding pool of \$150,000 for the Curtin electorate in the 2016/17 year.
- Applicants are required to confirm **matched funding** in cash or in-kind on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- Following consultation, the Curtin Stronger Communities Committee will provide identified applicants with access to an online application form. Applicants will only be able to apply for funding once a link to the online form has been provided by my office.

For more information on the Curtin Stronger Communities Programme, please visit my [website](#) or contact my office on 93880288.