



Aston Update

with Mary Doyle MP - Your Federal Member

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Tilly Aston Achievement Award

As the end of another school year approaches, I have had the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of so many fantastic students from schools across the electorate of Aston. This has been done through the presentation of the Tilly Aston Achievement Award.

The Award commemorates Matilda Ann (Tilly) Aston, the woman after whom the Federal electorate of Aston is named. Tilly Aston was a blind writer, teacher, author and poet, and one of Australia's earliest disability activists. Among other things, she fought hard for the rights of vision impaired people to be able to vote.

The award is to recognise outstanding students who demonstrate a commitment to strive for social justice, active participation in the community and have displayed courage to pursue change.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Tilly Aston Achievement Award.

Building Australia's Future

My number one focus as your local Federal Member in the Australian Government is helping people with the cost of living.

The cost of living is the major pressure on people in the community, and it's the number one focus of

this Federal Labor Government. We're coming at this cost-of-living challenge from every conceivable, every responsible angle, whether it is tax cuts for every tax payer, energy bill relief, cheaper medicines, cheaper early childhood education, rent assistance, wage increases, tackling supermarket price gouging and the changes we're making to lower student debt.

What we have achieved together in our economy since 2022 under Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and a Federal Labor Government, is inflation dropping to half what it was, real wages growing again, a million new jobs, tax cuts for every taxpayer, two budget surpluses and savings of \$80 billion in interest repayments on the debt racked up by the Coalition.

We're not there yet, but we have made a huge, and very welcome, progress. The Federal opposition have voted against each of our Government's measure to help Australians with cost-of-living relief.

The Albanese Labor Government will keep working, each and every day, to take the pressure off you.

The Festive Season

As Christmas and New Year approaches, I would like to wish you and your family all the very best. I hope it is full of love and joy and that you have a safe and happy time, however you celebrate.

At this of year it's time to slow down, reflect on the year that has been and spend time with loved ones. For me, I take time to be thankful for my own loved ones and fondly remember those family and close friends who are no longer with us. I am also reminded of the very great privilege of being the Member for Aston and of serving the good-hearted, generous people in this incredible community and the work they do for those who are less fortunate.

Through my position as the Federal Member, I get to see some of the incredible work that our local religious groups, charities and schools do throughout the year and, particularly during the festive season, in caring for those who are alone or need a bit of extra help. Please consider donating to one of these organisations or helping out, if you can give a bit of your time.

My office will be closed from December 20th and reopen on Monday January 13th. However, emails at mary.doyle.mp@aph.gov.au will be checked periodically.

Enjoy the break, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you when I'm out and about in Aston in 2025.

Merry Christmas, happy festivities, happy holidays, however you celebrate, do it well!

Mary Doyle MP