



2024 FEDERAL LABOR GOVERNMENT

Mary Doyle MP

Federal Member for Aston

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Delivering for Aston

Message from Mary Doyle MP

My number one focus is helping households and businesses with the cost of living.

In the last few months alone, the Albanese Labor Government has delivered:

- ✓ tax cuts for every Australian taxpayer;
- ✓ \$300 in energy bill relief for every household;
- ✓ a freeze in the cost of medicines on the PBS;
- ✓ a pay rise for 2.6 million workers.

But that's not all.

You may have heard that we've recently announced a **15% pay rise for our early childhood educators.**

This means that the typical early childhood educator will now earn \$103 extra, each week.

At the same time, we're taking action to put downward pressure on child care fees for local families - helping you to keep more of your hard-earned money.

Locally, I had the opportunity in Bayswater to join the Minister for Health and Aged Care - The Hon. Mark Butler MP in opening the 7 additional Medicare Urgent Care Clinics across Victoria.

We'll keep working, each and every day, to take the pressure off you.

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Have you checked your payslip?

Labor has delivered a bigger tax cut for all taxpayers.

No matter who you are or where you work – under Labor you are now paying less tax.

If you check your payslip, you'll notice that your take-home pay has increased.

This is just one of the many ways we're helping with the cost of living.

To find out how much you're saving, visit:

taxcuts.gov.au



NEW ASTON BOUNDARIES



This map shows the new boundaries for the Aston electorate. The new boundaries to be applicable at the election.

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) announced the final Federal electoral boundaries for Victoria.

I would like to welcome the residents from Ringwood, Heathmont, Bayswater North and Kilsyth South into the electorate of Aston at the next Federal election.



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Tilly Aston Community Awards

In August I hosted the inaugural Tilly Aston Community Awards to acknowledge many outstanding organisations and individuals in our Knox community.

Named after Tilly Aston, a renowned advocate for social causes, these awards celebrated individuals and groups that have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and positive impact in various aspects of community life.

A special thank you our event sponsor Community Bank - Wantirna and Knox City Council staff for their help on the night.



Mary Doyle MP with Volunteer for Knox, the winner of the Connecting Communities category.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners - your work is truly amazing and highly appreciated. It was great to celebrate community achievements with you and loved ones on the night.

Individual Category Winners

- Leadership Award - Lillie Giang
- Innovation Award - Ross Black
- Rising Star Award - Neethu Kushalappa
- Outstanding Young Achiever - Sarah Anderson
- Local Hero Award - Gayle Dye
- Carer of the Year - Kym Doove
- Teacher of the Year - Dale Miles
- Volunteer of the Year - Christopher Guinane
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Eve John



Mary Doyle MP with Lillie Giang, Winner of the Tilly Aston Leadership Award.

Group Category Winners

- Local Hospitality Champion - The Inner Wheel Club of Boronia
- Mental Health and Wellbeing - Ben's Place
- Connecting Communities - Volunteer for Knox
- Sporting Champions - Ferntree Gully Tennis Club

For the full list of finalists and more information on the winners, please go to my website or scan the QR code.



Student Debt Relief

Labor is wiping around \$3 billion from student debt.

We're also taking action to ensure that this debt never grows faster than your ability to pay it off.

I know that student debt has been a real issue for young Australians in particular - and I'm proud to be part of a government that is delivering for you.

More than 3 million Australians will benefit from our student debt relief, including many in our community.



Swinburne's Wantirna campus hosting the 2024 Regional (Eastern metro) WorldSkills competitions in welding

Labor

Our plan means more help to buy a home.



But the Liberals and Greens have been standing in the way.



A BETTER DEAL FOR AUSTRALIANS

Labor

3 ways Labor is delivering a better deal for Aussies at the checkout



1. Cracking down on dodgy supermarket discounts

2. Fighting against companies shrinking products to charge you more for less

3. Making sure supermarkets that do the wrong thing face multi-million dollar fines

BREACH OF MEDICARE BULK BILLING RULES

Recently, it was brought to my attention that some of my constituents in Aston were charged an upfront 'co-payment' by a medical practice to guarantee subsequent bulk billed consultations for the remainder of the year.

I want to reassure my constituents that this practice is unlawful, and if anyone hears of this happening, whether in this electorate or elsewhere, please let me know.

A medical practice cannot charge an annual membership, administration/registration fee or co-payment to guarantee a patient subsequent bulk billed services.

This would be a breach of the Health Insurance Act.

The Health Minister, the Hon. Mark Butler, has asked his Department to investigate this urgently and take action to protect patients from overcharging.

Our Government has made the biggest investments in bulk billing in the history of Medicare, and I don't want it to be eroded by practices using illegal subscription services.

When a patient is bulk billed by their medical practitioner, they should have no further out of pocket costs.

Labor's Help to Buy Bill

The Albanese Labor Government has re-introducing our Help to Buy Bill 2023 in the House. It's disappointing that the Federal Greens and the Opposition have both chosen to oppose this life-changing scheme. But we're determined to put home ownership back in reach for thousands of Australians and their families.

"Shrinkflation" at the supermarket

Big news! We're cracking down on one of the biggest tricks supermarkets and manufacturers use to charge you more for less. It's the same price as before, but you open it up and you realise there's less in there.

The Albanese Labor Government's number one priority is helping Australians with the cost of living, that's why we're cracking down on supermarkets to help you get a fair price at the checkout.

Labor is protecting our NBN

The Albanese Labor Government has introduced legislation to keep the National Broadband Network (NBN) owned by the Australian people - ensuring fast, reliable and affordable internet now and into the future for all Australians.





LABOR'S RELIABLE RENEWABLES PLAN

is maximising cheap, clean energy to get our national energy grid to 82% renewables by 2030.

Labor has ticked off enough renewable energy projects to power three million homes.

Labor is investing in the cheapest form of energy, to drive down power bills, lower emissions, and create thousands of jobs.

Our energy plan is the only plan that is backed by the experts.

While Labor invests in the cheapest form of energy, Peter Dutton wants to serve up nuclear - the most expensive form of energy there is - and make Australians pay for it.

Labor is getting on with the job of delivering a reliable and clean energy system - securing cheaper power bills for homes and businesses.

DUTTON'S NUCLEAR SCHEME

- ✗ Takes too long
- ✗ Costs too much
- ✗ Puts up bills

Your annual bill
COULD INCREASE BY
\$1000

✗ NOT THOUGHT THROUGH

Prime Minister visits Aston

It was great to have Prime Minister Anthony Albanese out in Bayswater in early October to talk to Katie, Nat and Xavier about how our crackdown on supermarkets will help with their weekly shop.

Our number one priority is helping Australians with the cost of living. That's why we've announced that we're cracking down on supermarkets to help you get a fair price at the checkout.

We are committed to fighting shrinkflation in our supermarkets and the retail sector by strengthening the Unit Pricing Code to make it easier for Australians to make accurate and timely price comparisons.

Thank you to Montano's Patisserie on Mountain Highway for having us and for the amazing coffee and cakes.

DID YOU KNOW?

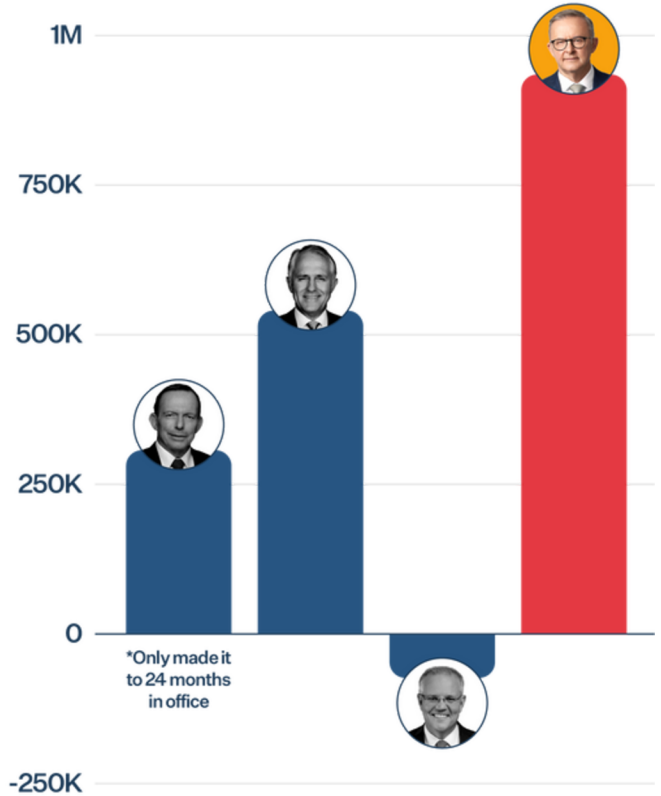
We've had record jobs growth under Labor.

Almost 930,000 jobs have been created since Labor came into office.

That's more jobs in a single term, than any Government in history.

JOBS CREATED

After 25 months in office



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and me speaking to parents Xavier (left) and Katie (right) at Montano's Patisserie in Bayswater.



THE ALBANESE LABOR GOVERNMENT IS MAKING IT EASIER TO SEE A DOCTOR

After nine long years of cuts and neglect under the Liberals and Nationals, the Albanese Labor Government is making Medicare stronger for all Australians.

We have now opened a bulk billed Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Bayswater.

This clinic will be open 7 days a week with extended hours for all those times you need urgent, but not life-threatening care, from a nurse or doctor, without visiting an emergency room.

We'll keep working to deliver a stronger health care system for all Australians.

In the 2024-25 Budget, the Albanese Government provided \$227 million to expand the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic program.

Seven existing state-funded Priority Primary Care Centres have transitioned to the Albanese Government's Medicare Urgent Care Clinic network, following a request from the Victorian Government.

The clinic will help reduce the number of people attending the local emergency department for urgent, but non-life threatening, conditions like sprains, infections, rashes or cuts.

This is good news for Maroondah Hospital, where a third of presentations to the emergency room are for non-urgent and semi-urgent issues.

Over 40% of Medicare Urgent Care Clinic presentations in the state have been outside standard business hours, which means the clinics are filling an important gap in services across extended hours and over the weekend.

And with one in four visits treating a young person under 15, the Victorian clinics are giving families timely health care and peace of mind.

Located at Mountain High Shopping Centre, 7-13 High Street, Bayswater, the Maroondah Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is open 8am-10pm every day.

DELIVERING LOCAL PRIORITIES IN ASTON

The Albanese Labor Government continues to boost the liveability of communities across Aston, with road and community infrastructure projects progressing, and increased funding to support a pipeline of future local priority projects.

Working in partnership with Knox City Council, projects funded by the Albanese Government are improving the safety of local road networks, supporting local jobs, and unlocking new social and economic opportunities.

Over \$6,449,559 in Roads to Recovery (RTR) funding will flow to Knox City Council over the next five years, a boost of \$2,785,050 thanks to the Albanese Government.

Through Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program, Knox City Council is also receiving \$732,902 for local priority projects.

This includes the Bayswater Oval Cricket Nets Renewal at Marie Wallace Bayswater Park, and the Knox BMX Track Renewal in Knoxfield.

This will support enhanced experiences for teams when training and improve accessibility and use of facilities across all weather conditions.

Nationally, the Albanese Government is delivering significant funding increases to support local councils progress their priority projects.

The Roads to Recovery program is progressively increasing from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year, the Road Black Spot Program is increasing to \$150 million per year, and \$50 million has been added to the new \$200 million per year Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Black Spot Program

Nominations for Black Spot locations are invited from state and territory governments, local councils, community groups and associations, road user groups, industry and individuals. Nominations can be made at any time, but there is only one assessment process per year.

Please contact my office for more information.

\$232,902 for Avalon Road Rowville
Roads to Recovery Funding

\$674,999 Harley Street Knoxfield
Roads to Recovery Funding

\$11,613 for Marlborough Road Bayswater
Roads to Recovery Funding

\$200,000 towards the Pedestrian bridge at Brenock Park Drive in Ferntree Gully

\$232,902 towards a new modular facility and Refurbishment of existing sports pavilion at Marie Wallace Park

Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program Fund

Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program Fund



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I'M HERE TO HELP!

My Aston Electorate Office can assist you with information about Federal Government services, including:

- Services Australia
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Medicare
- Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- Immigration, citizenship and customs
- Passports
- Pensions, and My Aged Care
- Child support
- Veterans' Affairs

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In Aston we are delivering:

- ✓ A Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Bayswater
- ✓ Increased funding to Knox City Council for local roads and services
- ✓ Fee-Free TAFE
- ✓ Giving every Aston household a \$300 energy rebate
- ✓ A tax cut for every taxpayer
- ✓ Extra funding for the State Government to build more homes
- ✓ Wiping \$3 billion in student debt and fixing indexation
- ✓ Paid Parental Leave

I've already delivered:

- ➔ \$66,000 in the 2023/24 Volunteer grants
- ➔ \$150,000 in Stronger Communities Programme grants
- ➔ \$35,000 in local sponsorships and community donations
- ➔ \$5,000,000 for Tormore Reserve Pavilion upgrade
- ✓ Cheaper child care
- ✓ The biggest investment ever in expanding bulk-billing
- ✓ A freeze on the cost of PBS medicines for every Australian
- ✓ A pay rise for minimum wage workers, aged care workers & child care workers

The Albanese Labor Government is helping all Australians with the cost of living.

"I'm working with our community each and every single day to get things done, delivering for Knox and to build a better future for all constituents of Aston."



Bulk billed
medicare Urgent Care Clinic

LOCATED IN BAYSWATER

- 📍 Mountain High Shopping Centre, 7-13 High St, Bayswater VIC 3153
- ☎ 03 9344 6888
- 🕒 8:00am - 10:00pm
- 🗓 Monday - Sunday

NOW OPEN



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