



# Wantirna Farmers and Makers Market

On Sunday the 17th of December I attended the Wantirna Farmers and Makers Market.

It was great to see so many people at the market; there was excellent food, terrific coffee, gorgeous products and many in-depth conversations.

I purchased some wonderful local items at the market - honey products from The Basin Backyard, beautiful essential oil products from Healthify, a lovingly hand crocheted bumble bee by local girl, Gabby, sumptuous sourdough from the local bakery lady, and fantastic earrings from Lobal Domination.

I can't wait to be back in 2024.



# Mary Doyle MP

## Federal Member for Aston

### Community Newsletter Holiday Edition

### Welcoming new Australian Citizens to Aston

Since the by-election in April 2023, I have had the pleasure of welcoming new citizens to our wonderful electorate of Aston.

The Knox City Council have held ten citizenship ceremonies throughout this year, clearing any past backlog.

The Council has been commended by Minister the Hon. Andrew Giles after visiting two ceremonies in June and August.

In 2023, we welcomed 1,773 new Australian Citizens to our community.

If you're having issues with your citizenship process, feel free to contact my office, and I'll be happy to assist.





# Seasons Greetings



I thought I would take this opportunity to deliver a special holiday message to my electorate of Aston.

Christmas means different things to various people in our diverse nation. For many, it is a time for families to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas; the birth of Jesus Christ, and all that means for Christians in our society. For others, it's a time to party and let your hair down after a long year and relax. For some, it's a time for a bit of retail therapy and a chance to grab a bargain in the post-Christmas sales. But for so many, it's a time of great stress and financial hardship as they try to ensure that their kids aren't the ones who miss out. Some people don't celebrate, acknowledge or recognise Christmas at all, or they observe a different religious celebration entirely. That's how it is in our beautiful, diverse country. However you choose to spend this time, I wish you all the best.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the constituents of Aston. Thank you so much for your kindness throughout 2023 and for electing me back in April. I truly appreciate it. It was a pleasure to see some of you in person when I was out and about throughout the past eight months, and I hope to see you again soon in the future.

It has been an up and down time for me on a personal level this year, having lost my dear older brother Kevin back in September, but mostly it's been pretty good. I am now looking forward to spending some time with my family, with whom I have not spent a great deal of time over the past few months.

I'd also like to show appreciation to my volunteers who have all worked tirelessly and earnestly this year. Thank you for all that you do for me. I could not have gotten this far without you.

I say to my constituents in Aston: as your Federal Labor Member and your voice in the Federal Government, I will work with our community each and every day to get things done, to deliver for you, and to hear from you about what matters most.

To those who celebrate; have a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year, and I will see you in 2024 for another terrific year.

Enjoy the holiday season and stay safe on the roads if you're travelling.

Mary Doyle MP

My office will close for our Annual shutdown from Friday 22nd December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

*\*2nd til 25th January 2024*  
Office hours - 10am to 2pm  
Monday to Friday  
CLOSED on 26th January 2024





# TILLY ASTON COMMUNITY AWARDS 2024

Proudly presented by  
**Mary Doyle MP**  
Federal Member for Aston

NOMINATIONS  
Open 19th January 2023 till 31st March 2024

For more information go to [www.marydoyle.com.au](http://www.marydoyle.com.au)

## Tilly Aston Community Awards 2024

From the 19th of January 2024 onwards, I will be launching the Tilly Aston Community Awards for 2024.

Named after Tilly Aston, a renowned disability advocate, the Tilly Aston Community Awards is a recognition program that honours outstanding contributions and achievements from within the Aston community.

These awards aim to celebrate individuals or groups that have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and positive impact in various aspects of community life.

All the categories and nominations will be on my website in January 2024.

Nominations for the award are open to anyone living in the Federal electorate of Aston. Self-nominations are welcomed as well.

These awards will be held towards the middle of 2024.

## Mary Doyle MP is here to help you

As your local representative in the Commonwealth Parliament and the Albanese Labor Government, I am available to assist and advocate for you with any matters involving the Federal Government.

This includes:

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

## Congratulations

My office can arrange congratulations for special birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Depending on the occasion, messages of congratulation can be arranged from the Premier of Victoria, Prime Minister, Governor of Victoria, Governor-General and the King for:

- 90th birthdays
- 100th birthdays
- 50th wedding anniversaries
- 60th wedding anniversaries
- 65th wedding anniversaries.

Please contact Mary at least six weeks prior to the event.

**REQUESTS SHOULD GO THROUGH THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE**



## Aston Electorate

The Aston electorate includes the suburbs of Bayswater, Boronia, Ferntree Gully, Ferntree Gully upper, Harcrest, Knox, Knoxfield, Lysterfield, Mountain Gate, Rowville, Sassafra, Scoresby, Studpark, Studfield, The Basin, Upper Ferntree Gully, Wantirna, and Wantirna South.

## TILLY ASTON AWARD

This year I kicked off the Tilly Aston Education Award for students in the electorate of Aston.

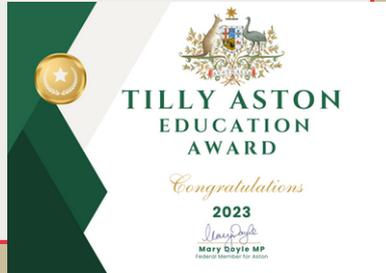
This award was given to those who show qualities of Tilly Aston. A woman who was an advocate for change, helping to start the first school for the blind in Victoria.

2022 was the last year for the 'Aston Shield Good Citizen' award after receiving feedback from several schools, this has been retired.

Congratulations to all the students who received the Tilly Aston Award this year.

Nominations will open for 2024 in term 2 of the school year.

For more information head over to my website.



## Peta Murphy

1973 - 2023



The death of Peta Murphy occurred on Monday 4th December 2023, having had her final days surrounded by family at home – just as she wanted it.

Peta was the Federal Member for the seat of Dunkley, who loved and worked for her community until the very last days of her life.

My deepest sympathies go to her husband, Rod Glover, her parents, Bob and Jan and her sisters, Jodi and Penni.

**Vale Peta Jan Murphy MP**



# Mary Doyle MP

## Federal Member for Aston

*Delivering for Knox*

## Get in touch

- ✉ [mary.doyle.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:mary.doyle.mp@aph.gov.au)
- ☎ (03) 9887 3890
- 📍 Suite 4, Level 1, 420 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South VIC 3152
- 🌐 [www.marydoyle.com.au](http://www.marydoyle.com.au)
- 📱 @MaryDoyleMP

Drop by my office and collect a handy contact number magnet.



**SCAN ME!**



to go to the website

