Delivering for Indi

Indi is in a stronger place. As a true independent fighting for the communities of Indi, my approach is effective. Strong representation to Government is getting results. The announcement of 30 mobile base station/towers for Indi - the third highest allocation for an electorate in Australia under the Mobile Black Spot Programme - was a major win. This will improve mobile phone coverage across Indi.

Indi is in a stronger place because of the level of community engagement. This continues to grow through community consultation including the recently completed Budget Impact Tour, the Kitchen Table Conversations, and the Get in Cathy’s Ear postcard campaign. What began as a community-driven campaign has quickly become the ‘Indi Way’ - policy over personality, people over politics. This ‘Indi Way’ is a choice for the future. Indi will thrive, as more organisations, groups, communities and people gain the skills and confidence to seek solutions, make plans and take action to get results.

Our young people will want to make Indi their home, and urban families will be drawn to our way of life. The pride in Indi will grow and regional Australia will look to Indi as a model of diversity, hard work, and community spirit. More work still needs to be done and my focus will continue to be on Indi. I remain committed to working with Government to get the infrastructure Indi needs.

Indi Summit

The summit will be a key part of the process in building a long-term Indi strategy.

- **DATE:** Saturday, October 24
- **TIME:** 9am-4.30pm
- **LOCATION:** Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre
- **REGISTER:** [www.cathermcgowan/indisummit](http://www.cathermcgowan/indisummit)

Funding Continues to Flow to Indi April 2015 – July 2015

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Wodonga City Heart Project, National Stronger Regions - $10 million
- Mobile Black Spot Programme, Indi - $6.64 million
- Alpine Events Centre, Bright, National Stronger Regions - $1.87 million
- Thomas Mitchell Drive upgrade, Wodonga, Black Spot Programme - $1.7 million
- Home and Community Care funding, Commonwealth HACC program, Indi - $959,930
- Wahgunyah Recreation reserve upgrade, National Stronger Regions - $200,000
- Hume Veterans’ Information Centre, Building Excellence Support & Training - $58,779
- Mansfield Rudolf Steiner School & Kindergarten, Capital Grants Programme - $18,900
30 New Base Stations / Towers

On June 25 The Minister for Communications Malcolm Turnbull announced 30 Mobile Station / Towers will be installed in Indi in the next 3 years.

Communities Identified for Better Coverage

- Moira
  - Boweya North
  - Lake Rowan
- Benalla
  - Archerton
  - Baddaginnie
  - Benalla
  - Boweya
  - Boxwood
  - Broken Creek
  - Bunget
  - Devenish
  - Glenrowan West
  - Goorambat
  - Lima
  - Lima East
  - Lima South
- Mansfield
  - Ancona
  - Barjarg
  - Barwite
  - Bonnie Doon
  - Boorolite
  - Bridge Creek
  - Bunstons Road
  - Delatite
  - Dry Creek
  - Enochs Point
  - Goughs Bay
  - Howes Creek
  - Howqua
  - Howqua Inlet
- Murrindindi
  - Acheron
  - Back Eldon Road
  - Castella
  - Cathkin
  - Caveat
  - Devils River
  - Dropmore
  - Eldon
  - Fawcett
  - Flowerdale
  - Ghin Ghin
  - Glenburn
  - Gobur
  - Goulburn Valley Highway
  - Hazeldene
  - Highlands
  - Homewood
  - Kanumbra
  - Kerrisdale
  - Killingworth

NEXT STAGE:

Indi Councils and Telstra will work together to establish timelines for Base Station / Tower locations in communities.

Cathy will be working with the Indi Telecommunications Action Group to prioritise Round 2 locations in Indi.
Mobile Phone Coverage Boost for Indi

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Communities Identified for Better Coverage

**Wodonga**
- Bandiana
- Barnawartha North
- Bonegilla
- Castle Creek
- Coyles Road
- Felltimber Estate

**Indigo**
- Alans Flat
- Brimin
- Browns Plains
- Carlyle
- Charloesi
- Corinnaughton
- Gooramma
- Kergunyah
- Kergunyah South
- Koetong

**Towong**
- Berringama
- Bethanga
- Bungil
- Colac Colac
- Corryong
- Cudgewa
- Dartmouth
- Georges Creek
- Granya
- Jarvis Mere
- Koetong

**Wangaratta**
- Bobinawarrarrah
- Boorhaman
- Boorhaman North
- Boralma-Tarrawingee Road
- Byawatha
- Carboor Upper
- Cheshunt
- Dockers
- Edi
- Edi Upper
- Eldorado
- Everton
- Everton Upper
- Glenrowan
- Greta South
- Greta West
- Hanoverville
- Killawarra

**Alpine**
- Buffalo River
- Gapstow
- Gundowring
- Havilah
- Kergunyah South

**NEW BASE STATION**

**ROUND 2 Mobile Black Spot Programme nominations, register now at mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au**

**Speeches in Parliament to June 25, 2015**

* includes speeches on petitions, Maiden Speech, Bills, Motions and Private Members Business
Federal Funding Grant Opportunities


Saluting Their Service - Saluting Their Service (STS) grants to preserve wartime heritage, undertake activities and projects to recognise the role of our servicemen and women. Community Commemorative Grants of up to $4,000 are available for small local projects and Major Commemorative Grants for a national or state project of significance. Visit www.dva.gov.au/commems_oawg/commemorations/grants/Pages/index.aspx

Stronger Communities Programmes grants – COMING SOON! For more information, visit www.cathymcgowan.com.au/scg. Grants of between $5,000-$20,000 will be available from $150,000 funding per year for two years.

School Visits To Parliament

A tour of Parliament House is an excellent educational experience. Enquiries about the program can be made by phoning 1800 646 337 or 02 6277 2570, or email school.bookings@aph.gov.au.

Get In Government’s Ear!

Make your voice heard and raise issues with Government through petitions and letters to Ministers and Senators. Visit www.aph.gov.au for all information about Parliament. Cathy can also make representations to Government on your behalf, see contact details below.

Have Your Say On Regional Transport

Community feedback is being taken for the Regional Network Development Plan. This comprehensive plan is looking at all aspects of transport, particularly trains. You can give feedback until September 11 at www.cathymcgowan.com.au/have_your_say_on_public_transport.

Congratulations Messages

The office can organise congratulatory messages for: 90th and 100th birthdays, 50th, 60th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries, Births, Community Volunteer Awards, Community Achievements, Business Achievements and Youth Awards. Visit www.cathymcgowan.com.au/congrat_messages or phone 03 5721 7077 for more information.

Flags, Anthems And Emblems

Australian flags, copies of the National Anthem, and packs of national symbols and emblems are available on request. Flags are available for schools, groups or organisations. Contact the office on 03 5721 7077 to make a request.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

The Indi Weekly Scoop is a summary of the week’s activities and is posted at www.cathymcgowan.com.au/blog on a Friday. Email simon.crase@aph.gov.au to be added to the email list or call the office on 03 5721 7077 to receive a hard copy in the mail.

Events


Ambassador from Timor Leste, His Excellency Mr Abel Guterres – Mansfield/Wangaratta visit, September 25–26

Are You Interested In Volunteering?

There are many ways to become involved with Team Cathy. From one off tasks to weekly volunteering in Wodonga and Wangaratta, and parliamentary sitting weeks in Canberra. Volunteers bring a wealth of skills and experience, and people of all ages are welcome to join the program. Visit www.cathymcgowan.com.au/volunteer to sign up.

Stay Informed!

Budget Impact Tour 2015, Get in Cathy’s Ear postcard and Kitchen Table Conversation reports are available from the office. Please phone 03 5721 7077 to get your copy. These reports will be used to formulate policy commitments for the next election.

Quick Connection With Cathy

Visit Cathy McGowan For Indi on Facebook. You can:
• Like the daily posts
• Share with your FB community
• Leave a comment about any issue

Twitter is a simple and quick way to stay in touch with the community and keep up with the hot topics. Twitter handle is @Indigocathy and the main hashtag to use is #inditalks. Make sure to let @Indigocathy know when you start following!

Website Details


Spring 2015 Parliamentary Sitting Weeks

August 10-13, 17-20
September 7-10, 14-17
October 12-15, 19,22
November 9-12, 26-30
December 1-3