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William Campbell Foundation welcomes new Kiama MP Katelin McInerney

William Campbell Foundation (WCF) has welcomed the election of Katelin McInerney as the new Member for Kiama, saying her leadership is vital at a time when children, young people, and families in the region face increasing pressure.

WCF Chief Executive Officer, Sonia Liddicoat, said the Foundation is eager to work closely with Ms McInerney to ensure the needs of vulnerable families in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven communities are front and centre in local and state decision-making.

“We congratulate Katelin on her election and welcome her as a strong advocate for the Kiama electorate,” Ms Liddicoat said.

“Every child deserves a safe home, quality education, and the opportunity to thrive. Yet across the Illawarra and Shoalhaven, families are struggling with the shortage of foster carers, gaps in early intervention, and the need for more trauma-informed education. We look forward to working with Katelin to make sure these voices are heard and acted upon.”

William Campbell Foundation has supported local families for over 35 years. With a team of over 80 staff supporting children, young people and families across the Illawarra-Shoalhaven regions, it is one of the region’s largest community-based providers, delivering:

- Foster care and permanency support,
- NDIS disability services,
- Therapeutic programs for children and families, and
- William Campbell College, as specialist school offering a holistic approach to education and bespoke support for families and children.

Ms Liddicoat said WCF is ready to brief the new MP on urgent priorities for the electorate.

“This is a critical moment, with major reforms underway in both child protection and disability support,” she said.

“Partnerships between government and place-based services who are deeply embedded within communities will be key. Katelin’s election is an opportunity to build solutions that give children and families across Kiama, the Illawarra and Shoalhaven the best chance to succeed.”

About William Campbell Foundation

William Campbell Foundation is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation committed to empowering children, young people, individuals, and families across the Illawarra and

Shoalhaven. Through we provide trauma-informed, culturally responsive services that promote safety, healing, inclusion, and opportunity. Our programs span disability support, out-of-home care, education, and clinical services - creating real and lasting change for those who need it most.

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