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Peta Murphy MP

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is deeply saddened by the death of the Member for Dunkley, Peta Murphy MP.

ACN CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FAcN, said Peta Murphy made a significant contribution to politics, public life, and her community and constituents.

“She will be remembered fondly for her outstanding personal advocacy for women and health,” Adjunct Professor Ward said.

“Peta used her own experience to passionately campaign for better treatments and policy to help others with breast cancer.

“She was also a great supporter of nurses and nursing.

“As co-convenor of the Parliamentary Friends of Nursing group, Peta hosted two events at Parliament House in recent months to honour nursing scholarship winners and to put the spotlight on issues relating to violence and nursing.

“Peta knew first-hand the value of nursing and used her political position to champion nurses to ensure we are supported to provide leadership and quality care in the Australian health system.

“ACN and all nurses will always remember and value the friendship, support, and advocacy of Peta Murphy.

“She will be greatly missed.”

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Notes to Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurses and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva in collaboration with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF). An organisation not afraid to challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, ACN is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN's membership includes nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics, and researchers.

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CEO - Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN - Bio



Kylie Ward. Policy Reformer. Nurse. For-Purpose Leader. Equality Warrior. Adjunct Professor. Transformation Specialist.

Kylie is the CEO of Australian College of Nursing. She has led a program of transformation at ACN, which has now become Australia's beacon for Nurse Leadership.

She is a major policy influencer, advocate for women, children and equality.