



## **Media Statement**

**30 May 2022**

### **Acknowledgement to all candidates following historic Mackellar election outcome.**

The May 21 election resulted in a historic outcome in the seat of Mackellar. The Voices of Mackellar Committee would like to express our gratitude to all candidates, and extend our sincere congratulations to Dr. Sophie Scamps on her election win.

We are heartened that, in her own words, Dr Scamps intends to be a 'community-backed' independent MP. Voices of Mackellar is proud that her six months tenure as a founding committee member gave Dr. Scamps direct experience consulting with the community via those early *Kitchen Table Conversations* and appreciates her early role to establish Voices of Mackellar as an important contributor to our community. We look forward to the role we endeavour to play ensuring community voices continue to be heard and counted.

Our aim is to foster a constructive dialogue with Dr Scamps over the course of her parliamentary term including to discuss the detailed findings of the Mackellar Matters 2022 report which were previewed in our recent candidate forum.

To the outgoing Member for Mackellar, Jason Falinski we extend our sincere thanks for his service to the people of Mackellar and beyond for the last 2 parliamentary terms and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Our Committee also acknowledges the heavy workload undertaken and the personal sacrifices that Mr. Falinski and all parliamentarians make on a daily basis and particularly during the first global pandemic in one hundred years.

We also extend our thanks to Paula Goodman, Ethan Hrnjak, Barry Steele, Christopher Ball and Darren Dickson for standing as Mackellar candidates in the recent Federal election. We appreciate the time and effort involved in doing so and commend their passion and commitment.

The election of an independent parliamentary representative is unprecedented in the Mackellar electorate's 73 year history. For many this will be exciting and for others it is likely to be daunting.

For its part, Voices of Mackellar will continue its non partisan and non aligned approach to pursue its 2 main objectives, namely

1. To foster active community participation in the democratic process
2. To encourage the highest standard of community consultation and political representation for all the residents of the Mackellar electorate.

We invite the incoming and outgoing representatives, all 2022 election candidates and the wider community to stay engaged with future activities of Voices of Mackellar.

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