



MEDIA STATEMENT: BDCU and BDCU Children's Foundation.

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BDCU Alliance Bank and The BDCU Children's Foundation has announced that the Foundation will be renamed, a move designed to enhance and support the expanded vision and projects that the Foundation will champion into the future. The Foundation will now be named the Bowral District Children's Foundation.

BDCU formed the Foundation with the local community in 2005 with the key objective of raising \$400,000 to provide equipment and enhanced facilities for the Children's Ward at Bowral Hospital. The objective was achieved with great success.

In acknowledging the changing focus of the Foundation, Skye Leicester, President of the Foundation and Tanya Schiller, CEO of BDCU Alliance Bank, felt the time was right for the Foundation to change its name to increase its access to new benefactors and expand its remit to support the increasing needs of the community.

Skye Leicester said "The BDCU Children's Foundation and BDCU Alliance Bank have had a very successful partnership over the past 16 years. Following on from the refurbishment of the Children's Ward at Bowral Hospital, together we have worked hard to support the mental health and well-being of the children and young people in our community. Throughout this time we have helped many young people and their families and have contributed to breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health. The Children's Foundation appreciates the wonderful support the bank has given us over the years and we look forward to our ongoing association with BDCU.

Tanya Schiller said "As a community organisation, BDCU is proud to have established and contributed to the Foundation over the last 16 years, creating positive improvements for our local hospital and community. We are cognisant and respectful of the Foundation's desire to evolve and expand, and with that in mind we felt the time was right to support the Foundation to change its name to allow a broader focus. BDCU will continue to support the Foundation and looks forward to helping it grow and achieve even greater outcomes for the community".

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