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Vinnies Victoria welcomes new CEO

The St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria (Vinnies) has today welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to its ranks, Ms Susan Cattermole; an accomplished professional in the social and corporate services sectors.

Susan holds a degree in Business Administration, a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance, and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Susan said she is delighted to embrace a senior leadership role with the St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria.

“The St Vincent de Paul Society is one of the most respected global charities and one that has a special place in hearts of so many Australians in regional and metropolitan areas,” said Ms Cattermole.

“I feel very honoured to join the organisation as St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria’s CEO and look forward to working with our members, volunteers and staff to create a future where individuals in need receive the support they need to move forward with their lives.

“The fact that 1 in 10 people are experiencing poverty in a country as lucky as Australia is alarming and I feel fortunate to be in a position where our organisation can make a real difference,” said Ms Cattermole.

Ms Cattermole began her professional career in the United Kingdom and emigrated to Australia in 2004, taking a role with St Vincent Health Service as Group Financial Controller. In 2007 she joined Wesley Mission Victoria as General Manager Corporate Services. In 2009, she was appointed as Deputy CEO and became Acting CEO from March to October 2011, before taking a role as CEO of SkillsPlus.

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria State President, Mr Michael Liddy, said Ms Cattermole’s appointment was part of a highly considered recruitment process to find an individual who could navigate the charity’s changing operational needs whilst honouring its heritage and the values upon which it is founded.

“We are so pleased to welcome Susan to our senior management team. She has a wealth of experience that will equip her with the right skills to meet the unique needs of our 10,000 volunteers in Victoria and to develop a strong framework for advocating on behalf of people in need within our community,” said Mr Liddy.

Ms Cattermole joins the organisation at a busy time, as the Society ramps up fundraising efforts for the Victorian [Vinnies CEO Sleepout](#) event on 23rd June 2016 and launches its annual Winter Appeal on 7th May 2016.

“Thank you to the St Vincent de Paul Victoria State Council, employees and volunteers for such a warm welcome. I look forward to contributing positively to the lives of the most marginalised and vulnerable members of our community.”

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About the St Vincent de Paul Society:

The St Vincent de Paul Society and its wide network of members and volunteers provide practical frontline support, advocacy and friendship for the most vulnerable members of our community. Key services include home visitation; youth programs; soup vans; assistance for asylum seekers and refugees; compeer programs for people experiencing mental illness; education and tutoring; and a range of professional accommodation and health services through the VincentCare network. The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 40,000 members and volunteers. Internationally, the Society operates in 149 countries and has over 950,000 members. To find out more visit www.vinnies.org.au.