



**29 April 2016**

**St Vincent de Paul Society NSW announces new CEO**

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has appointed Mr Jack de Groot as its new Chief Executive Officer for NSW.

Mr de Groot will commence in his new role on 1 August 2016.

Mr de Groot is an experienced senior executive in the not-for-profit sector and is currently a senior executive with one of Australia's largest not-for-profit providers of health and aged care services.

Prior to this Mr de Groot was the Australian based CEO for Caritas, one of the world's largest social services and community development organisations, where he was responsible for executive leadership in seven countries.

Mr de Groot is also a member of a number of boards across government advisory, industry and community groups.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW President, Denis Walsh says, "We look forward to Mr de Groot joining us in August as we build for the future. With his extensive experience in mission growth and development, we know that he will be of great value to the Society as it aspires to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate Society."

Ms Dianne Lucas, who has been Acting CEO will continue in this role until 1 August 2016, after which time Ms Lucas will be promoted to a newly created senior executive role in the Society.

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