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St Vincent de Paul Society NSW announces resignation of CEO, Jack de Groot

After six-and-a-half years leading the organisation's response to the needs of people experiencing poverty and disadvantage, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW CEO, Jack de Groot, has announced his resignation.

During his time, Mr de Groot has transformed the organisation into one that is more mature, focusing on appropriate governance and management structures that have enabled the Society to better deliver on its mission.

"It has been a privilege to serve as CEO of the Society in NSW for the past six years. As we come into the final stages of delivery against the current strategic plan and have begun to lay the foundations for the next strategy, it is the right time for me to move on to my next opportunity and challenge," Mr de Groot said.

"I am in daily admiration of what the Society achieves for people in need throughout NSW – done humbly with an unrelenting focus on the dignity of each woman, man, and young person we serve.

"The joys and hopes, anguish and suffering of the people of our time is the business of a faith-based organisation because this is where God lives and wants action," said Mr de Groot.

"We are thankful to Jack for his leadership and vision for the organisation," St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Chair, Richard Stewart said.

"Jack led a transformation of the organisation and delivered an ambitious strategic plan. Importantly, with the support of the executive leadership team and many others across the organisation, he has delivered financial sustainability that will allow for a new strategy focused on innovation, growth, and excellence.

"Jack is leaving the organisation in a strong position, and it remains well-served by a highly experienced team, and a committed Board and State Council that will ensure the Society will continue to grow from strength to strength," Mr Stewart said.

The Society NSW has commenced planning for the recruitment of a new CEO, and the Board has appointed Yolanda Saiz as Acting CEO for the interim period.

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