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Announcing the appointment of two new Board members

Following a competitive recruitment process, the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra / Goulburn is pleased to announce the appointment of Catherine Carter and Helen Leayr as our first independent Board members under our new governance structure.

Earlier this year, the Society became a Company Limited by Guarantee to enable it to expand the scope and geographic reach of our work to address the increasing need for assistance and services in communities across the ACT and regional New South Wales.

As part of this evolution for the Society, which will mark 100 years of service to the ACT in 2024, a new skills-based Board has been established to guide our strategic direction.

“We are thrilled to welcome Catherine and Helen to their roles in this important capacity. They bring significant corporate and community experience, and both have established strong reputations in the Canberra community as leaders in their respective fields” says Society President John Feint.

Catherine Carter is a prominent local business figure and respected leader in the property industry, with a career that includes senior executive roles with peak bodies including Engineers Australia and the Property Council of Australia. She is also the founder and driving force behind the influential networking forum, Salon Canberra.

Helen Leayr is Managing Director of Communication Link, a leading Canberra based communication firm providing community consultation and stakeholder engagement services to Commonwealth and ACT Government projects across diverse sectors that include health, education, social policy, planning and infrastructure. Helen has also served on the board of Snowy Hydro Southcare Limited.

“The establishment of the new Board comes at a very important time for the Society as we look to support the growing number of people in need across our region. We warmly welcome the experience and expertise that Catherine and Helen will bring to the Board.

Interviews available with:

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