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ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL LISMORE APPOINTS NEW CEO

The Chairman of the St Vincent's Private Hospital Lismore Board Damian Chapelle today announced the appointment of Alan Cooper as Chief Executive Officer who began in the role this week.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Alan to St Vincent's. He is an experienced hospital administrator with an outstanding track record," Mr Chapelle said.

Mr Cooper began his career as a Registered Nurse in Queensland before moving into administrative roles. For the past 24 years he has been the Chief Executive Officer of the not-for-profit Friends Society Private Hospital Bundaberg. Prior to serving as Chief Executive, Mr Cooper was the Director of Clinical Services of the Friendly Society Private Hospital. Under his leadership, the hospital grew from 55 to 143 beds.

Mr Cooper also holds a Bachelor of Business Health Administration from Queensland University of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from the University of the Sunshine Coast.

"I am thrilled to be joining St Vincent's and look forward to meeting our staff, volunteers, doctors and members of our local community.

"It is a truly exciting time to be commencing as Chief Executive as we continue to make progress in developing a new private hospital for the Northern Rivers.

"A new private hospital and a centre of excellence for aged care will be a game changer for the Northern Rivers community and I look forward to sharing more updates in due course," Mr Cooper said.

Diocese of Lismore Business Manager Greg Isaac thanked outgoing CEO Steve Brierley for his leadership. "Steve has demonstrated outstanding service to St Vincent's Private Hospital Lismore and our community more broadly. We wish him all the very best for his retirement," Mr Isaac said.

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Outgoing St Vincent's Lismore CEO Steve Brierley (left) hands over to Alan Cooper