



# MISSION, SPIRITUALITY AND PASTORAL CARE PARTNERS

## OUR VISION

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

## OUR MISSION

The Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

## OUR ASPIRATION

An Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice.

## MISSION, SPIRITUALITY, AND PASTORAL CARE PARTNER ROLES

**These were created to address the expressed needs across the Society for new models of pastoral care and mission engagement to serve those in need in all regions across NSW.**

The Mission, Spirituality and Pastoral Care team is willing and able to:

- Enable and lead new models of pastoral care and mission engagement to serve those in need
- Assist in co-ordinating mission and spiritual development opportunities for all our people in accordance with the spirit, mission and values of the Society
- Collaborate with Council and Conference Presidents, Regional Directors, and all managers and leaders across the Society to engage with and support our mission.

## OUR TEAM PURPOSE

To enable our people to appreciate, articulate and be accountable to a contemporary vision of our mission, spirituality and pastoral care, and to keep the people we serve at the centre of our service.

Team members are here to serve all, across the state, including members, volunteers and staff to enable and support in a variety of ways such as:

- Leadership in our strategic vision of radical inclusivity and restoration
- Formation on The Rule
- Growing and refreshing pastoral skills in a variety of contexts
- Reflecting on and deepening our capacity to accompany those we serve
- Reflection and retreat opportunities for all our people
- Spiritual Adviser formation, training and support
- Spiritual, self and pastoral care forums
- Pastoral care for bereavements
- Debriefing post crisis
- Masses and liturgies, Festival events

**This list is not exclusive and the team is eager to know how they can assist, support and engage with all our people.**



## TEAM MEMBERS

The partners report directly to the Executive Director, Mission and Spirituality, **Leo Tucker**.  
**Rebecca Williams** supports Leo and the team with administrative assistance.

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Joy has been Manager Pastoral Care for Support Services, now Vinnies Services, at the Matthew Talbot Hostel since April 2018. She comes to this new role with years of experience in pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, pastoral education in health and senior mission management. A qualified Clinical Supervisor with a Master of Pastoral Practice and Theology from the Catholic Institute of Sydney and counselling qualifications, Joy loves wandering in the Blue Mountains and watching sunsets.



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Kate Scholl began her career with the Society in 2006 working in various member and volunteer engagement roles. She previously worked as Academic Registrar for the Uniting Church's NSW Theological College and was the Executive Director of the Eremos Institute. Born in the USA she arrived on our shores in 1987. Kate and her partner have two adult children. Kate has a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of Chicago and has completed graduate programs in Communication and Management at UTS. Kate loves swimming, bush walking and her monthly book club.



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Peter has been on the Pastoral Care team at the Matthew Talbot Hostel since September 2018. Working closely with Joy, Peter established strong pastoral relationships with those we serve, and developed, and delivered a pastoral care formation program. Peter completed a clinical pastoral care course at St Vincent's Hospital prior to completing a Bachelor of Social work at UNSW in 1998. Peter has a strong pastoral care background and continuously advocates for social justice and the dignity of the people we serve. Peter loves, theatre productions, swimming, yoga, sailing, and generally having fun.



### LEO TUCKER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISSION AND SPIRITUALITY

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Leo is an experienced senior executive working in the areas of pastoral care, spirituality, mission and social services through Catholic Health Care, Community Care and parish settings. He previously worked for the Society in the Parramatta and Wollongong Central Councils. Leo holds a degree in Theology from the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Advanced Diploma of Business Management from University of New England and Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics and Graduate Certificate in Catholic Culture and Leadership from the Australian Catholic University. He is a member of the Parramatta Diocesan Pastoral Council and Parish Pastoral Council. Leo is widowed and has two teenage age children, Madeleine and Ben.



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Greg Ryan has been Member Support Coordinator in the Lismore Central Council since 2013. Prior to joining the Society, he had a career spanning more than 30 years in the Catholic education system across three dioceses in NSW. He held the role of Religious Education Coordinator in four schools and was Principal of a small Catholic school in the Lismore Diocese for 14 years. Greg is based in Coffs Harbour serving the North East Region which supports Maitland-Newcastle and Lismore Central Councils.



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Rebecca commenced with the Society in 2013 as a Marketing Trainee. Since then she has worked in a number of teams including Fundraising and Communications, Vinnies Services, LAC, Strategy and Governance and Mission and Spirituality. During her time with the Society Rebecca has developed a diverse skill set and is ready to help when called upon. She enjoys talking to dogs she meets, shopping at her local Vinnies store, and Mexican food (margaritas).

