

Hagar Australia Welcomes CEO



30 January 2012

The Board of Hagar Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Kate Kennedy as CEO, Hagar Australia.

Kate is an accomplished leader and social change specialist. She has a depth of experience across non-profit, government and private sectors in developing and implementing solutions to global and local disadvantage. Her work has included strategy, grants management and partnership based capital raising.

Her executive roles with World Vision Australia, The Pratt Foundation and consulting projects with the Australian Prime Minister and Cabinet and United Nations are complemented by more than 15 years experience as a non-executive director and chairperson.

Kate also knows the challenges and rewards of starting something new. In 1999 she founded Goodcompany which seeks to inspire, educate and link professionals to the community sector. It currently has a network of 3500 professional volunteers with operations in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth. Kate led Goodcompany for nine years.

Kate was raised in a Catholic family a strong family history in international development. She has continued to be active in a number of Catholic welfare agencies, such as Mackillop Family Services which provides residential and foster care to children in Australia.

Kate brings a passion for Hagar's work with women and children who have suffered severe human rights abuse. She brings extensive experience and networks that will enable Hagar Australia to expand significantly its support for Hagar's work in the field.

Kate is married and has two small children. She lives in Melbourne.

Kate will take up her appointment on 13 February 2012.

Richard Affleck

Chairman
Hagar Australia