



# Media Release

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## SALVATION ARMY APPOINTS NATIONAL COMMANDER

The Salvation Army today announced the appointment of Commissioner Floyd Tidd as its inaugural National Commander in Australia, effective from 1 June 2016.

Commissioner Tidd is currently Territorial Commander for the Australia Southern Territory and has had an extensive international career with the organisation.

His appointment coincides with The Salvation Army streamlining its administrative structure into one national organisation to better tackle the issues that affect vulnerable Australians and involves the amalgamation of The Australia Eastern Territory (covering NSW, Queensland and the ACT) and the Australia Southern Territory (covering Victoria, SA, WA, NT and Tasmania).

"This is an important milestone that will further enhance The Salvation Army's ability to provide life-changing social and spiritual services to the people of Australia," Commissioner Tidd said.

"I am delighted yet humbled by my appointment and ready to meet the challenge to ensure we strengthen our ability to provide social and spiritual services around the country."

He said the structural change, to be completed by January 2019, will enable the Salvos to operate on a national platform with government, business, and community organisations to make a greater difference in the lives of people in need.

"We remain totally committed, as we have for the past 135 years in Australia, to supporting and assisting vulnerable Australians, providing hope and opportunity without discrimination", said Commissioner Tidd.

Commissioner Tidd will initially be based in Canberra until the configuration of the national headquarters is finalised, with the current two territories operating from head offices in Sydney and Melbourne.

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