Volunteering Tasmania announces new C.E.O.

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Tasmania’s peak body for volunteering will be steered by a new CEO in January 2017, with the departure of Adrienne Picone who is relocating to Canberra to take up the helm as the CEO for Volunteering Australia, the national peak body for volunteering.

Alison Lai, who is well known through her previous roles in government, community development and voluntary Board and mentoring work, will take up the position on the 23rd January next year.

“I have very big shoes to fill thanks to Adrienne, who has done an incredible job establishing Volunteering Tasmania’s reputation as not only as experts in volunteering, but also as a welcoming and highly trusted community organisation.” Alison quoted yesterday.

Alison comes across from a busy government role at DPAC’s Sport and Recreation division, where she was in charge of Sport and Club Development, overseeing the state-wide team responsible for increasing the capacity of sport and recreation organisations to deliver sport in their communities.

“I am very excited to be joining the Volunteering Tasmania family and having the wonderful opportunity to play a key role in the next stages of their success and growth”, said Alison Lai about the appointment.

With a background in marketing and communications, community development and project management, Alison brings a wealth of experience working alongside volunteering involving organisations across a range of sectors. The Volunteering Tasmania Board are delighted with the appointment and believe that Alison has the skills and experience to move VT forward into its next stage of success and growth.

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ABOUT VOLUNTEERING TASMANIA:
Volunteering Tasmania is the peak body for volunteering in the state, working closely with Volunteer Involving Organisations to promote and support volunteers; and advocating for the volunteering industry to funders and government. Volunteering Tasmania is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to represent the interests of all Tasmanians involved in volunteering through research, consultation, policy development and community relationships.

Alison Lai, new CEO, Volunteering Tasmania