

## **The Benevolent Society appoints Josie Kitch to head-up operations in South Australia**

Australia's first charity The Benevolent Society has announced the appointment of Josie Kitch as Director of its South Australia operations.

Ms Kitch has held various executive positions within health, disability and aged care services, including as CEO of scosa and Residential Services Manager at Helping Hand Aged Care. She also ran her own consulting business for eight years, providing strategic advice to disability and aged care providers throughout Australia, and is a current board member of L'Arche Australia.

In her role at The Benevolent Society, Ms Kitch will lead the delivery and expansion of services in South Australia, including therapies and support for families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Global Developmental Delay (GDD), intellectual disabilities and challenging behaviours.

"Josie's extensive senior leadership experience across the disability and aged care sectors will be a real asset to The Benevolent Society's South Australia operations," said Anna Robinson, Executive Director - Disability, The Benevolent Society.

"She is committed to growing our services in South Australia and is passionate about helping local families and communities in need of support. I am very pleased to have her on board and am confident she will make an invaluable contribution in this role."

Speaking about her new role, Ms Kitch said: "The Benevolent Society is a well-respected organisation that is committed to helping people live their best life, which is a mission I am excited to be a part of.

"I look forward to growing our services across the streams of disability and child and health to support South Australian families, particularly those in regional areas where accessing support can often be difficult."

Currently The Benevolent Society has offices in Melrose Park, Salisbury, Port Pirie and Mount Gambier.

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**About The Benevolent Society**

The Benevolent Society is Australia's first charity, working as a catalyst for social justice and change for over 200 years. Founded in 1813, The Benevolent Society advocates for a better life for all Australians, and provides in-home services for older Australians, and people with disability, as well as providing programs in Family support and early intervention. We help people age well and live their best lives, staying in their homes wherever possible.

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