The Benevolent Society announces new board appointment

Australia's first charity The Benevolent Society has appointed Leonie Jackson to its Board of Directors.

Ms Jackson is currently the Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships of Deaf Services and the Deaf Society, a newly merged organisation which is Australia's largest service provider for the Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community.

Prior to that she was the CEO of the Deaf Society, the organisation's first Deaf CEO in its more than 100-year history. Ms Jackson has more than 25 years of experience working for organisations with a Deaf-focus, both in the corporate sector and the Deaf community.

"Leonie's outstanding credentials and leadership qualities are a welcome addition to The Benevolent Society's Board and I am confident that she will make an invaluable contribution," said Tim Beresford, Chair, The Benevolent Society.

"The Board is looking forward to working alongside Leonie as we continue to deliver on our focus of supporting Australians to lead their best life."

Commenting on the appointment, Ms Jackson said: "Growing up, my parents always taught me the value of respect, that no one is better than anyone else, we're all equals. This is a value that I still hold close to me and I know it underpins The Benevolent Society's Board and operations as well.

"The Benevolent Society has such a rich history of helping to ensure that communities and people can achieve what they want to and have the same opportunities regardless of their background or anything else is. I look forward contributing to this important work."

Ms Jackson was formally elected to the Board by members at The Benevolent Society's 2020 AGM, held on the 30th November.

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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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