

Tim Beresford announced as new Chair for The Benevolent Society

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Australia's first charity, The Benevolent Society, today welcomed its new Chair Tim Beresford. Tim is currently the Deputy CEO of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) and was the former Deputy Chair of The Benevolent Society. Previously Tim was Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Macquarie University and held a number of senior roles with Austrade.

Incoming Chair, Tim Beresford said 'I am thrilled to step into the Chair role with an organisation that has proven to be pioneering and very current in an ever challenging not-for-profit sector. Working with Lisa, the Board and the Executive team for the past five years has been an absolute privilege. I look forward to the next five years and where we can take the organisation.'

Former Chairman Lisa Chung steps down after her five year term and has overseen some great changes for the innovative organisation. 'We have structured the organisation to build in sustainability and it will continue to transform in an ever changing environment. I know the commitment we have made to develop our people to be the best in the community and the steps we have taken to make the oldest Charity in Australia continue for another 200 or so years.'

CEO Jo Toohey said 'I welcome Tim to the role as Chair and we are very excited to continue working together on connecting with our community and to care for those who need our support. I would like to thank Lisa for her role as chair and she has left a great legacy for the organisation and we are proud of what we have achieved during her term.'

Tim Beresford's term commences from today.

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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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