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The Benevolent Society announces new board appointment

The Benevolent Society, a charitable organisation that has been providing support services to Australians for more than 200 years, is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Griew to its Board of Directors.

Mr Griew's career spans 23 years of senior executive leadership positions in health, education and human services, including as the CEO of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services. As the Associate Secretary in the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, he was responsible for higher education, research and international education and ran the Commonwealth Government's Aged and Community Care, Population Health, and Indigenous Health Divisions.

"On behalf of everyone at The Benevolent Society, I welcome Robert to our board," said Tim Beresford, Chair, The Benevolent Society. "His experience and expertise in policy, advocacy and sector leadership make him a valuable addition."

Currently, Mr Griew is the Founder and Director of consulting and mediation service provider, Think, Change, Resolve. He has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, leaders, researchers, and policy makers for more than two decades. His work in the Indigenous sector crosses health, family and community services, education, employment, and economic development. He was previously the NDIS Complaints Commissioner and is strongly committed to the voice of the consumer.

"Robert's career demonstrates his unquestioned commitment to community and an aptitude for strategic thinking to drive organisational purpose forward," said Lin Hatfield Dodds, CEO, The Benevolent Society. "I am looking forward to his contributions as we work towards our organisation's vision of a just society where all Australians can live their best life."

Reflecting on his appointment, Mr Griew said: "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve on The Benevolent Society board. This organisation provides vital service supports to disadvantaged and marginalised community members. It is vital that we keep those households and individuals at the centre of our thinking, in service provision and in advocacy."

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About The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society, operating since 1813, provides integrated support services to children, young people and families, older Australians, people with disability and carers. It has more than 1,000 people-first practitioners working to help people live their life, their way. As one of Australia's first charitable organisations, The Benevolent Society has pioneered positive social change and uses its practice wisdom to advocate for a just, caring society.

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