

## Member profile: Annette Michaux, The Benevolent Society

The Benevolent Society prides itself on being pioneers of bold and imaginative solutions to society's pressing problems. Through research and evaluation, advocacy and direct service delivery, it is working to reduce social and economic disadvantage and build caring, more inclusive communities.



The Benevolent Society has worked with ARACY on many projects, including conferences, publications, selection panels, national workshops and as a joint organiser of the ARACY Research Network's sub-networks. The Society is also a signatory to ARACY's Commitment to Young Australians. Annette Michaux, General Manager of Social Policy and Research, is a member of the ARACY Research Network's Advisory Committee (NAC). She was recently involved in the decision-making process for the fifth round of the Seed Funding Program.

"Social change has to be responsive to community needs. Research gives us a unique insight into the lives and experiences of the people and communities we support and provides an evidence base to support our direct service delivery. It also gives us a platform for contributing to the broader policy debate" she said. "The ARACY Research Network and its Advisory Committee is really effective and there is great benefit in our involvement - particularly the opportunity to bring the voice of the community to the fore."

Annette has also taken a leading role in several of ARACY's knowledge brokering strategies, which address better use of research in policy development and service delivery, and better use of practice wisdom by researchers. "ARACY's efforts to change the way we value children and young people in our society, and to give them a voice, are directly aligned with the values of our organisation. We look forward to continuing our relationship with ARACY and supporting them in the campaign to effect positive social change."



The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years.

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