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NEW CHAIR TO STEER LEADING SA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Leading social enterprise Junction has welcomed a new Board Chair.

Design thinker Rob DiMonte began in the role this week alongside Directors Trevor Cooke (Deputy Chair), Stephen Olsson, Pauline Rooney, Fairlie Delbridge and Richard Osborne.

A former Managing Partner for Deloitte in South Australia (2001-2014), Mr DiMonte has more than 37 years consulting experience across both public and private sectors – and a passion for driving social and economic wellbeing.

His appointment follows the passing earlier this year of Mike Canny who had held the position of Junction Chair for almost eight years.

Mr DiMonte recognised Mr Canny's significant contribution to the governance and leadership of the organisation.

"Junction is in a very positive position," he said. "I am looking forward to supporting the organisation, our staff and all those we work with to thrive into the future.

"I'd also like to thank Pauline Rooney who stepped up to take on the role of Chair over recent months. Pauline's significant investment and steady hand has been critical across this period."

A professional company director, Mr DiMonte will combine his new role with others including Chair of GP Partners Australia and Australia Grain Technologies as well as President of the RSPCA SA. He is also a non-Executive director of The Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium Board of South Australia and The Chartered Accountants Benevolent Foundation.

Mr DiMonte was previously the State's NDIS Industry and Market Development Coordinator General and Chair of the most recent Thinkers in Residence Program on Social Capital and the Purpose Economy. He was a member of the Australian Advisory Board on Impact Investing for three and half years and Deputy Chair of The Australian Centre for Social Innovation for nine years.

With expertise and skills across a range of sectors including disability, technology, innovation and investment to assist organisations, Mr DiMonte's experience and impact focus will be pivotal as Junction implements a new strategic plan in 2021.

Junction supports around 8,500 South Australians each year to not just survive, but thrive, through housing, development and community services including child protection; counselling and support for those experiencing homelessness and domestic violence.

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