

Leanne Healey

OTA Board of Directors Application 2024

Biography

Leanne is an exceptional Occupational Therapist with over 35 years' experience. She is passionate about bringing a social model of disability to Allied Health and developing a workforce that is focussed on delivering person-centred, evidenced-based therapy in the disability sector.

Leanne founded Everyday Independence in 1997. Today, Everyday Independence is a dynamic allied health organisation with over 500 team members who support people with disabilities to achieve their full potential and enjoy a good everyday life.

Leanne was awarded **The Telstra Business Women's Award** for Medium and Large Business in 2020. The Telstra Business Women's Awards recognises high-achieving and ambitious women who define the direction of their business.

In 2018, Leanne was awarded **Occupational Therapist of the Year** at the Australian Allied Health Professional Awards. Success criteria included: promotion and contribution to the OT profession; collaboration within the allied health community; impact and innovation; outstanding client-centred and evidence-based service delivery; leadership; and integrity.

Leanne is the chair of the **Everyday Independence Excellence Team** and this team was awarded **Team Culture Award**, at the Australian Allied Health Awards in September 2019, for the focus on building contemporary and evidence-based service delivery models, and for disability sector impact. Leanne is the **Chair of the Everyday Independence Board**.

Leanne is a **Director** and board member of **Occupational Therapy Australia**.

Leanne is a national industry leader, influencer and has at times been a disruptor. Leanne has a deep interest in the role of therapy and how therapy can drive life trajectory changes for people.

Leanne has a special interest in the area of supported decision making, self-determination and measuring quality of life personal outcomes.

Passion for OTA's Purpose

Professionally I am living the dream; strategizing, influencing, and leading across multiple horizons. I am an active influencer and advocate within industry; I support interdisciplinary allied health teams to deliver services that change life trajectory; I proudly see the impact of a community of passionate OT's and I connect with people who are consumers of our services and hear what they need and expect from us. I understand the challenges and opportunities for our profession at all career levels and believe I have used this knowledge to have a positive impact in my role as a director on the OTA board.

Disability is my area of clinical and business interest and I promote a social-ecological model.

Being an OTA director has been a highlight and privilege. I would appreciate the opportunity to be elected as an OTA board director for another term to continue to drive our impactful work.