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Beyond Blue congratulates Sam Mostyn AO on her appointment as Australia's next governor-general

Beyond Blue has welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that Sam Mostyn AO, the chair of Beyond Blue, will be Australia's next governor-general.

Ms Mostyn is a prominent thought leader and advocate for mental health, equality, sustainability, and corporate governance across business, sport, climate change, the arts, policy and not-for-profit sectors.

Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman today congratulated Ms Mostyn on her appointment.

"Sam is a trailblazer. She has served the Australian community as an exceptional and thoughtful businesswoman and leader and has worked diligently for equality throughout her career.

"The community will continue to benefit from her compassion and service as she takes on this role as our next governor-general. We will be a better and more inclusive country for it," Georgie Harman said.

As is protocol for governor-general designates, Ms Mostyn will stand down effective immediately as the Chair of Beyond Blue, ahead of being sworn into her new role from 1 July.

"Sam has been one of the most effective and passionate advocates for better mental health and suicide prevention I know," Georgie Harman said.

"She is a leader of extraordinary vision who expands the conversation about mental health to include mental wealth, emphasising how the health of our society contributes to our mental health and wellbeing as individuals.

"Australia's mental wealth improves with good education, affordable and safe housing, strong communities, and efforts to lift people out of poverty.

"Sam has contributed so much during her time with Beyond Blue, including championing and guiding the early implementation of our new five-year strategy, 'Earlier, Easier, Together'.

"We are extremely grateful for Sam's guidance and so thankful to her for sharing her deep expertise and knowledge so generously. We wish her well for the future as she steps into this new appointment."

Ms Mostyn was appointed to the Beyond Blue Board in early 2023 and commenced as Chair on 1 January this year. Beyond Blue is currently in the process of appointing an interim Chair.

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