

## **ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES THROUGH NOT-FOR-PROFIT DISABILITY MERGER**

[Melbourne, VIC] – The Bridge Inc and IDV Inc have announced their merger, which will take effect on 14th October 2024. This collaboration marks a major advancement in the field of disability services, uniting the expertise and resources of two highly respected organisations committed to assisting individuals with disabilities in Melbourne's North and Southeast regions.

The Bridge and IDV bring extensive expertise in delivering high-quality disability services, including One-to-One support, Day Services, Supported Employment, Transition to Employment Services (SLES), Specialised Accommodation, and Recreational/Respite Services. This merger seeks to enhance their impact and reach and ensure an unwavering commitment to providing excellent, sustainable service provision for the communities they support into the future.

"We are excited about the opportunities this merger brings," said Mary-Jane Stolp, CEO of The Bridge. "Partnering with IDV allows us to expand our reach and offer more personalised support for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers. Both organisations are dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities by providing tailored, high-quality services."

Sally Bennett, Chair of IDV commented, "Merging IDV with The Bridge allows us to greatly enhance our offerings within a larger organisation, thereby making an even more substantial impact on those we support."

The new combined organisation will operate under the name The Bridge and intends to utilise the strengths of both entities to improve service delivery and operational efficiency. This merger aligns with both organisation's strategic direction and reflects the shared mission and values of both providers, reinforcing their dedication to enhancing the quality of life for those in the disability community.

For more information about The Bridge Inc and IDV, their services, and the benefits of this merger, please visit [www.thebridgeinc.org.au](http://www.thebridgeinc.org.au).

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The Bridge is a leading employer of choice in the disability sector, dedicated to fostering an inclusive workplace environment that empowers both employees and the clients we serve. Our commitment to excellence in support services is matched only to professional development and employee well-being. For more information, please visit our website at [www.thebridgeinc.org.au](http://www.thebridgeinc.org.au) or contact us at [info@thebridgeinc.org.au](mailto:info@thebridgeinc.org.au).

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