

The Bridge News

June 2025

New Service at The Bridge

The Bridge has expanded its services to include Supported Independent Living (SIL) with beautiful well-appointed homes now available in Bundoora, Briar Hill, and Montmorency.

Funded through the NDIS, Supported Independent Living is a wonderful way to help you or your loved one live more independently, while staying connected and supported in a safe, welcoming environment. Our SIL services are designed to empower individuals to live the lifestyle they choose to maintain control over daily activities, building skills, and engaging meaningfully in the community.

Nestled in peaceful, leafy surrounds, our homes offer a serene setting with convenient access to a vibrant mix of local amenities, social opportunities, and recreational spaces. Whether it's enjoying a walk in the nearby parks or connecting with housemates in a shared living space, our homes offer the perfect blend of independence and support.

At The Bridge, we understand that no two people are the same. That's why our dedicated team provides support that is tailored to each client's unique needs, preferences, and goals.

This support may include:

- 24-hour and overnight assistance
- Personal care and hygiene
- Meal planning and preparation
- Medication management
- Housekeeping and gardening
- Shopping and attending appointments
- Transport assistance and mobility support
- Community participation and therapy services

Vacancies are now available!

To learn more or arrange a tour, contact our team at enquiries@thebridgeinc.org.au.

Coming soon to Noble Park is our newly built Specialised Disability Accommodation (SDA) which offers housing designed for people with support needs. These houses are equipped with accessible features to promote independence.



Explore our vacancies:



Briar Hill



Bundoora



Montmorency

Message from the CEO

Despite the winter chills, there's plenty happening at The Bridge. We're excited to share some inspiring highlights and milestones from across The Bridge community. It's been six months of growth, connection, and celebration, and we're proud to showcase the achievements made possible through the dedication of our teams, clients, supporters, and partners. We hope you enjoy this latest edition of our news.

Since we merged with IDV, we have been able to offer more quality services to more people in more locations. We have been developing our employees, refurbishing our sites, and evaluating all services to identify areas we can further improve.

Thanks to a grant from Carers Victoria, we launched Bridge 2 Connect Carers, a free networking and support group designed to empower carers with valuable resources and new opportunities.

Our Community Voice Advisory Group and leaders are reimagining our services and website, ensuring that The Bridge continues to serve community needs—today and into the future.

We've also been busy gathering insights through our Great Place To Work survey and our annual Client and Carer Survey, with encouraging results that continue to shape how we support our community.

Thank you to everyone in The Bridge community, especially our donors and supporters for helping us deliver our purpose and mission every day. We look forward to continuing this journey of empowerment and inclusion together.

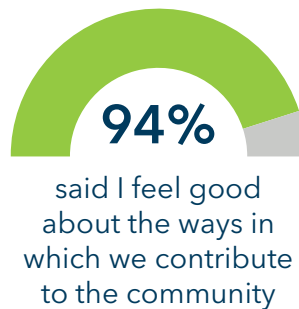
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Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



Results That Guide Us

The Bridge is proud to be a Certified™ Great Place To Work.® Our staff were surveyed and 78% of employees said it's a great place to work. Here's some employee snapshot results:



"We are thrilled to become Great Place To Work Certified™ as we consider employee experience a top priority. We owe our continued success to our team of dedicated employees and thank them for all they do to earn this incredible recognition."

Mary-Jane Stolp, CEO, The Bridge

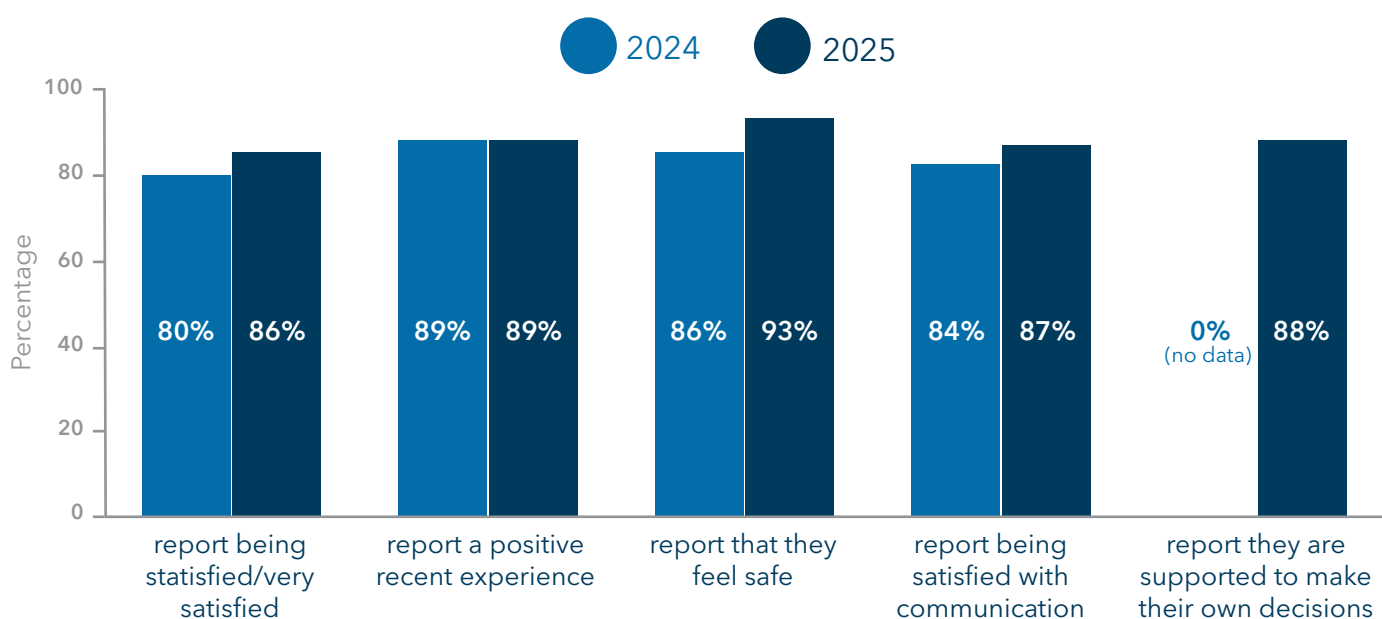
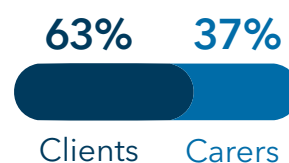
Your Feedback Matters

We recently completed our annual Client and Carer Survey, designed to gather honest, meaningful feedback from the people at the heart of what we do.

At The Bridge, we are deeply committed to delivering high-quality, person-centred support, and this survey plays a vital role in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can do better. We are grateful to those who took the time to share their thoughts. Your voices guide us as we continue to grow and improve the services we provide.

Whilst the results are positive, as part of our ongoing commitment ensuring we deliver quality services, we will be discussing the results in depth at each service and determining ways we can further improve.

194
responses received



Your feedback is important to us!

Scan our QR code and let us know what is working well or how we can improve our services.



If you would like to be a part of our Community Voice Advisory Group, please contact kmatthewspcq@thebridgeinc.org.au

A New Community For Carers

We launched the Bridge 2 Connect Carers Program, an initiative made possible through a grant from Carers Victoria. This free, monthly networking workshop was designed to support carers by creating space to connect with others with similar experiences, access valuable resources, and explore new opportunities in employment, mentorship, and volunteering. Our sessions were held across the Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia neighbourhoods, where carers had the chance to connect and shape the program to meet their needs and interests.

The events connected carers to venues and providers such as Oakgrove Neighbourhood House, LaTrobe Community Health, Mission Australia, Hallam Community Centre and Bunjil Place, who shared useful information and local support options available to people with disabilities or who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The response to this opportunity was overwhelmingly positive, and feedback reinforced that these sessions offered carers not only practical support, but also a sense of community, encouragement, and a chance to recharge.

We hope to extend this carers program to more areas across Victoria. Watch this space!



Mow & Mend Launches with Gratitude

Following the success of The Bridge Cleaning Crew, The Bridge Mow & Mend microbusiness offers professional garden and property maintenance services by a blended workforce.

The launch was marked by a special event where we extended our heartfelt gratitude to John and Judy Brown (pictured) for their unwavering support and generous donations, which have been instrumental in making our microbusiness initiatives possible.

We also acknowledge the generous support of Samuel Yap and Marcel Caron from Dandenong Total Tools, as well as Adam Duggan from Greenworks, who have kindly provided discounted equipment and a safety training demonstration. Their generosity and industry expertise have played a key role in helping us create more meaningful employment opportunities for supported employees.

Now fully equipped and with customers lined up, the Mow & Mend team offers a comprehensive range of services, including routine garden maintenance, green waste removal, and minor site repairs. With a strong focus on sustainability, all green waste is composted and repurposed, contributing to a healthier environment for future generations.

We look forward to seeing The Bridge Mow & Mend team thrive as they cultivate not only gardens but also varied employment options and have a lasting impact in our community.



SCAN TO DONATE

Help Empower Potential

At The Bridge, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to live with purpose, independence, and connection. Your tax deductible donation can help make this happen.

Expanding Our Services to Create More Jobs

The Bridge Works is proud to announce the opening of our newest site; The Bridge Works 3PL in Dandenong. Located directly behind our existing The Bridge Works warehouse, we are creating a hub of activity and opportunity that reinforces our commitment to both community and supported employment options.

The new facility will focus on delivering high-quality third-party logistics (3PL) services for partnering businesses. With increased capacity and resources, The Bridge Works 3PL is well-positioned to support a range of supply chain and warehousing needs, offering reliable, scalable solutions to our valued partners.

This expansion allows us to extend our supported employee program, providing more employment opportunities for people of all

abilities in the community. For some it may be a steppingstone to open employment. We look forward to growing our services and deepening our impact through inclusive, purpose-driven operations in the North and South East regions.



Ongoing Partnership with Sonic Healthcare

Recently Sonic Healthcare visited us to confirm The Bridge Works has been awarded the tender to continue assembling kits for the National Bowel Screening Program for the next three years. This contributing work and recognition significantly reinforces the vital role The Bridge plays in supporting national health initiatives.

At The Bridge Works, our supported employees assemble approximately 20,000 bowel screening kits each week. That totals around one million kits every year covering about one-third of the nation, including South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, and the Northern Territory.

It's a remarkable achievement that highlights the dedication and hard work of our team.

Thank you to Michael Williams, Lynn Nelson, Robyn Winton, and Jim Newcombe from Sonic Healthcare (pictured) for their visit and continued support. We look forward to building on this strong partnership in the years to come.



The Bridge Works Celebrates 100 Employees

We had a day of celebration and reflection at The Bridge Works as we proudly marked a remarkable achievement, 100 supported employees and counting!

The event was a joyful tribute to the people who have helped shape our success. The celebration was made even more meaningful as Max, one of our very first employees, joined Cameron, one of our newest team members, in a symbolic cake-cutting moment (pictured) that beautifully captured our journey from past to present.

This milestone is more than just a number—it's a testament to the incredible community we've

built together. From supported employees to our dedicated Training Support Officers and valued business partners, every individual has played a vital role in The Bridge Works' success.

"We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time, talent, and passion to The Bridge Works over the last 10 years. Your commitment continues to drive our mission forward, and we look forward to what's next as we grow, together."

Mary-Jane Stolp, CEO, The Bridge



Building Independence Through Travel

The Bridge Getaways crew recently returned from an unforgettable interstate adventure to sunny Cairns.

From the magical grounds of Paronella Park to up-close encounters with mighty crocodiles, the group soaked up the best of Far North Queensland. They wandered the golden sands of Cape Tribulation, explored ancient rainforests, and took in breathtaking views aboard the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. Every day brought new discoveries, laughter, and connection.

These shared experiences are more than just holidays; they build independence, confidence, friendships, and lasting memories.

We're so proud of everyone who joined the adventure, and incredibly grateful to the staff, supporters, and families who made this trip

possible. Your encouragement enables The Bridge to turn these opportunities into life-changing experiences.

Interested in joining our next adventure?

Get in touch with our Getaways team at getaways@thebridgeinc.org.au to learn more.



Fast Paced Fun at the Melbourne Grand Prix

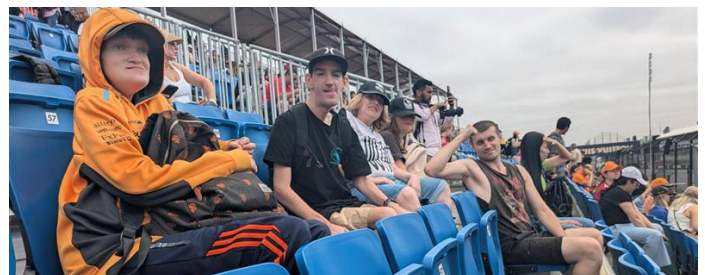
The excitement was electric as clients from The Bridge South East and The Bridge North sites revved up for an unforgettable day at the Melbourne Grand Prix!

From the thunderous roar of engines to the rush of high-speed action on the track, the event delivered a thrilling experience that left everyone buzzing. Clients had the incredible opportunity to get up close to the race cars, soak in the energy of the crowd, and enjoy prime views from the stands, an experience many described as nothing short of spectacular.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this day possible, with a special shoutout to Karen Fox from the Greensborough Day Service, whose efforts in securing the tickets ensured many clients could enjoy this high-octane adventure.

A day of shared smiles, unforgettable memories, and a reminder of the amazing experiences that connection and community can create.

To join our next adventure go to:
www.thebridgeinc.org.au



Achieve Your Goals

The Bridge Connects believes support should be as unique as you are. That's why our Your Supports service is designed to provide flexible, one-on-one assistance tailored to your individual needs - whether at home or out in the community. Our dedicated team can help with everything from overnight and 24-hour care to personal hygiene, meal preparation, medication support, cleaning, gardening, and more. We're also here for the fun stuff, including entertainment, leisure, work experience, and social outings.

Our goal is to empower you to live life your way, with support that enhances your independence and wellbeing. Whether it's getting to appointments, staying active in your community, or enjoying hobbies and new experiences, the Your Supports team is here to make it happen on your terms and at your pace.

We're shining a spotlight on the moments that matter! Each month, our amazing Support Workers capture and share the everyday achievements of our Your Supports clients enjoying their daily lives. Head Office staff then vote for their favourite photo—and the winning Support Worker receives a \$50 voucher as a thank you for championing our vibrant community.

We've loved every entry and are excited to share a few of our favorites. Check out our socials to see the latest ones!

For more information on Your Supports, contact: enquiries@thebridgeinc.org.au



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Getaways

Your Supports

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Day Services:

- **Athol Road Day Service**
69-71 Athol Road,
Springvale South VIC 3172
- **Webb Street Day Service**
67-69 Webb Street,
Narre Warren VIC 3805
- **Hub31 Dandenong**
(Day Service & Your Job Now)
Level 1, 31 Princes Highway
Dandenong VIC 3175
- **Beaconsfield Day Service**
49 Wallace Street
Beaconsfield VIC 3807
- **Stawell Street Day Service**
3 Stawell Street
Cranbourne VIC 3977
- **Slattery Hub**
(Day Service & Your Job Now)
89-91 Slattery Place
Pakenham VIC 3810
- **Macleod Day Service**
83 McNamara Street
Macleod VIC 3085
- **Greensborough Day Service**
25 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough VIC 3088

Supported Independent Living (SIL) locations:

- Bundoora VIC 3083
- Briar Hill VIC 3088
- Montmorency VIC 3094

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Disability Employment Services (DES)
Transition to Work: Your Job Now
Supported Employment
Social Enterprise

Disability Employment Services

- **Frankston**
Suite 8
108-120 Young Street
Frankston VIC 3199
- **Mornington**
4/216 Main Street
Mornington VIC 3931
- **Hub 31 Dandenong**
(Day Service & Your Job Now)
Level 1, 31 Princes Highway
Dandenong VIC 3175
- **Slattery Hub**
(Day Service & Your Job Now)
89-91 Slattery Place
Pakenham VIC 3810

• **The Bridge Works**
95A Cheltenham Road
Dandenong VIC 3175

• **The Bridge 2Works**
93B Cheltenham Road
Dandenong VIC 3175

• **The Bridge Works 3PL**
18 Short Street
Dandenong VIC 3175

• **The Bridge Works Northside**
36 Green Street
Thomastown VIC 3074

• **The Bridge Mobile Services**
Mow & Mend
Cleaning Crew

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