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Li-Ve Tasmania and genU formally unite

Tasmanian disability support provider Li-Ve Tasmania has formally united with genU, creating new opportunities for Tasmanians with disability.

To mark the occasion, genU CEO Clare Amies was presented with a handcrafted plaque by wood worker and Acquired Brain Injury prevention advocate, Alfred Archer, at the iconic Oakdale Lodge residence for people living with disability in Tasmania.

Li-Ve Tasmania and genU share a long history in providing high-quality, person-centred disability services within regional communities. They also share a strong purpose to empower people to live their best possible lives.

Together as genU, they will continue to support Tasmanian communities through disability and aged care services.

genU's wide range of disability, aged care, training and employment services will provide new opportunities for Tasmanians.

Clare Amies, genU CEO, said the partnership will bring a greater breadth and depth to the services and support available to Tasmanians.

"Through the combined strength of our organisations, we will be able to continue providing high-quality services and supports, as well as create pathways to benefit clients and more career opportunities for staff," she said.

"The benefit of local knowledge combined with national scope, is an exciting prospect."

Li-Ve Tasmania Board Chair and former Tasmanian Premier, David Bartlett, will transition to the genU Board to build on the strong Tasmanian voice and extend this nationally. Having held several non-executive positions in high growth technology companies and not-for-profit organisations, David will bring a wealth of experience to the genU Board.

"I'll be working to make sure that there is continuity for people genU now supports locally and for their staff and communities. This merger is a great example of how Tasmanians can benefit from interstate growth, investment and expertise.

"The Tasmanian part of genU now makes up almost half of the organisation's core disability services business and genU is Tasmania's second largest disability support provider, so we have a significant platform locally and an opportunity to contribute on the national stage," Mr Bartlett said.

"We're also excited to announce the expansion of our volunteer and student placement programs" said Amies.

genU will be expanding volunteer programs from July 1, and for the first time be funded to deliver Aged Care volunteer services in the Northern and Southern Regions of Tasmania. Made possible through the Commonwealth Government funded Aged Care Volunteer Visiting Scheme (ACVVS), the scheme aims to improve the lives of elderly people experiencing social isolation through friendly volunteer visitations in an aged care setting or in their own home.

The funding, which also includes additional services in the Barwon and Grampians region, will enable a significant increase in services for elderly people and volunteer opportunities across Tasmania and Victoria over the next three years.

Li-Ve Tasmania actively sought a successful partnership to achieve a sustainable, long-term future for disability and aged care services across the state and sees genU as the ideal partner.

Other familiar local leaders will continue to play important roles with genU, including disability advocate and Li-Ve Tas Board member Patrick Eadington who will add his lived experience and activism to genU's Care Governance and Client Experience Committee.

Dr Michael Stanford, genU Board Chair said David and Patrick's ongoing involvement brings very significant experience and knowledge to the organisation.

"I am looking forward to great things to come from this partnership".

Over 420 Tasmanian staff and 220 clients will transition to genU, who will continue to provide Tasmanian offices in the north and south to support its operations in Tasmania.

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ABOUT GENU

genU delivers high-quality services to empower Australians to reach their full potential. Every day, our work supports people through our disability support, aged care services, training and employment services for job seekers, students and business partners in the community.

Our story started in 1952 when a small group of Geelong parents dreamed of a world for their children where disability would not stand in the way of their opportunities and potential. Today, our 4000+ workforce provides support and services across Australia.

We're also a 'profit for purpose' organisation and reinvest back into programs and services that help build more inclusive communities.

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