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MEDIA RELEASE: Life Without Barriers celebrates International Day of People with a Disability

Social purpose organisation and disability service provider Life Without Barriers is celebrating International Day of People with a Disability (IDPWD) on December 3, as it continues to work to ensure full community participation and inclusion for people with a disability.

Life Without Barriers is a leading social purpose, not-for-profit organisation working in more than 440 communities across Australia, including in disability services. It currently supports around 4000 disability clients across the country.

The theme of this year's IDPWD is empowering people with a disability and ensuring inclusiveness and equality. Life Without Barriers Chief Executive Claire Robbs said that this is something the organisation works to do every day.

"Our purpose is to partner with people to change lives for the better and we are passionate about supporting people with a disability, their families and supporters in the community to live the life they want to lead and fulfil their potential," Ms Robbs said.

"As part of that, we are fierce advocates for the NDIS as a program that allows people with a disability to choose the supports and services that best meet their needs, and that enables them to participate in community life."

Ms Robbs said that the organisation has been working to improve the NDIS to ensure it works for everyone with a disability, and so that the focus can now move to addressing a range of other important issues.

"In order to make the NDIS the best it can be, we have recently co-founded the [Alliance20](#), which is a group of disability service providers which are collaborating with the National Disability Insurance Agency, people with a disability and other stakeholders to improve the NDIS."

"As the NDIS completes its final rollout and as we work through the Alliance20 to improve its implementation, we can move on to addressing a whole range of other important issues for people with a disability – such as social inclusion, equality, jobs, economic security, housing security and education.

"Through our policy work and leadership and in partnership with people with a disability, we will be seeking to look beyond the NDIS in a range of areas, including these, in the future."

An example of this work that is already underway is the partnership with employment provider Angus Knight to launch the [JobLife](#) service to assist people with a disability find lasting and meaningful work.

"I urge everyone in the community to get involved in International Day of People with a Disability.

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About Life Without Barriers: Life Without Barriers (LWB) is one of Australia's largest not-for-profit social purpose organisations, delivering innovative, community-based programs to more than 18,000 people from diverse community groups across the country. LWB works in more than 440 communities delivering services in family support, disability, out-of-home care, aged care, mental health, youth justice, homelessness, substance abuse, and provides support for refugees and asylum seekers.