

Disability Access Inclusion Plan FAQs

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Why do we have a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan?

The Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) requires all local and state government authorities develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

The DAIP will assist the Shire to plan for improvements and to ensure that people with disability have equal access and inclusion across all Council controlled buildings, facilities and services.

The DAIP aims to benefit people with disability, the elderly, young parents and access for prams as well as people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Local governments play a vital role in the lives of people with disability because of their broad mandate. Unlike most state government authorities, local governments are multi-functional, with extensive responsibilities and activities across property, community and human service areas and, in addition, have the capacity to make policy choices at the local level.

Why is the Shire conducting public consultation on the DAIP?

The Shire is keen to hear from its community and to speak with those with access needs. This includes people with disability and/or carers of people with disability, as well as people and organisations working to improve access and inclusion. To achieve a DAIP that reflects the needs of our community, we are providing the following ways for you to input into the plan:

- Written feedback to the Shire
- One over the phone

What are the key elements of a DAIP?

DAIPs will focus on the functions and services provided by the Shire of Koorda and the needs of its residents, businesses and visitors who require access and inclusion in the delivery of our services.

The key elements of a DAIP focus on seven key outcome areas:

1. Services and events
2. Access to buildings and facilities
3. Receiving information
4. Quality of service provided by the Shire
5. Opportunity to provide feedback/complaints
6. Participate in consultation processes
7. Access to employment.

What is the lifespan for a DAIP?

The DAIP will identify a series of actions that can be implemented by the Shire across a five year time frame (2020 - 2025) with annual reporting on how these actions have been delivered. The plan and its progress are reported by the Shire to the Department of Communities (formally Disability Services Commission) in line with the Disability Services Act 1993.

How can I get involved with improving access and inclusion in our community?

You can:

- Provide written feedback
- Phone the Shire for Access & Inclusion Conversation

For further information, Please contact us with any enquiries or feedback you may have.

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