

Shire of Dandaragan Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)

Summarised Version



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The Shire of Dandaragan is committed to facilitating the inclusion of people with disability. Towards this goal, the Shire adopted the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) to address any barriers within the community. This includes access to services, events, buildings, facilities and information.

Since the adoption of the initial Plan in 1996 the Shire has implemented many initiatives and made significant progress towards better access. The DAIP is reviewed regularly in consultation with the community, stakeholders, Councillors and staff. A copy of the DAIP can be obtained from the Shire office or it can be viewed on the Shire's website at <http://www.dandaragan.wa.gov.au/>.

The Shire welcomes suggestions relating to access. These submissions can be made in person, via phone or email. If these recommendations can't be addressed immediately they will be taken into consideration during the annual review of the DAIP and during Council's budget preparation.

What is disability?

A disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. The WA Disability Services Act (1993) defines disability as that:

- is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of these;
- is permanent or likely to be permanent;
- results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services.

Types of disability:

Sensory: affecting vision and/or hearing.

Neurological: affecting a person's ability to control their movements.

Physical: affecting mobility and/or a person's ability to use their upper or lower body. These generally relate to the musculoskeletal, circulatory, respiratory and the nervous system.

Intellectual: intellectual and developmental disabilities that relate to a range of difficulties. These may include learning, communicating, remembering information and using it appropriately, making judgements and problem solving.

Strategies

The following seven strategies contained in the DAIP aspire to achieve access for everyone:

- Outcome 1: People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by the Shire of Dandaragan.
- Outcome 2: People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Dandaragan.
- Outcome 3: People with disability receive information from the Shire of Dandaragan in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.
- Outcome 4: People with disability receive the same level and quality of service from the employees of the Shire of Dandaragan as other people receive from the employees of the Shire of Dandaragan.
- Outcome 5: People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the Shire of Dandaragan.
- Outcome 6: People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by the Shire of Dandaragan.
- Outcome 7: People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Dandaragan.

Implementation Plan

The final section of the DAIP contains an Implementation Plan, which details tasks and responsibilities for each strategy to be implemented. The Implementation Plan is the section that sets goals and drives improvements. Realistic suggestions from the public are added to this section to ensure that all aspects of our community are accessible.