

DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2017 – 2021

Key Achievements

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) aims to enable people living with disability to have greater access to the built environment and Council information, services, facilities and events.

Key achievements of Bathurst Regional Council's inaugural DIAP include;



All Ability Lego Club held at Bathurst Library



Council staff trained to improve customer service for people living with disability



Bathurst Winter Festival Accessibility Day



International Women's Day event promotions featured two women from the Glenray Laundry



International Women's Day florals provided by Power of Ability



All Council websites provide Readspeaker function including an enlarge font button



Jobs Expo attended by disability service providers



Disability Service Directory created and published on Council's website



Re-vamp of Council's 'People Living with Disability' webpage



Implementation of new recruitment software which asks people with disability to specify what additional requirements they require to assist them during the employment process



Council provided paid work opportunities to two LiveBetter participants to pack children's arts and craft packs for the Winter Festival



Council provided employment opportunities for seven LiveBetter participants during the Winter Festival as part of their transition to work program



Bathurst Library hosted a work experience student from Carenne School for 2.5 hours per week for 3 months



Access and inclusion audits undertaken at selected Council facilities



Bathurst Access Improvement for Small Business Grants provided with the assistance of Bathurst Regional Access Committee (BRAC)



Hearing loop installed in the Council Chamber



Charge stations for motorised wheelchairs installed at the Library/Art Gallery forecourt and Bathurst Visitor Information Centre



Upgrade of Bathurst Visitor Information Centre and National Motor Racing Museum accessible toilets



Continuing improvements to footpaths, playgrounds and parks



Advocacy provided for improvements to accessible taxi services



Advocacy provided for improvements to bus services



Continued provision of accessible toilets, parking and site access for major events



Purchase of portable ramps for use at events



Details of disability support provided by local schools added to Council website



Development of a media guide for local disability service providers



Kelso Community Hub playground developed to include an accessible layback swing and accessible spinner



Street lighting upgrades



Accessible Bathurst content developed including a Visitor's Guide to Bathurst and accessible toilet map



Library update of audio readers in partnership with Vision Australia.



All abilities league tag during NRL



AUSLAN introduced at Baby Rhyme Time programs at the library



Two Bathurst Business Chamber sessions have included presentations on the benefits of hiring people with disability



Promotion of Glenray Movie Night