

2.2 Disabled Persons Access

POLICY TITLE: DISABLED PERSONS ACCESS

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OBJECTIVES

To ensure that the Lockhart Shire becomes an accessible community to disabled persons including the many forms of intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities.

Council interprets an "accessible community" as one in which the transportation systems, physical environment, communication systems, technological systems, political, cultural, bureaucratic, corporate and social institutions are open and available to people with disabilities providing them with the same opportunities, rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all other people in the community.

POLICY STATEMENT

That the following policy be implemented gradually over time within allocated resources available from Council where possible.

1. No person who lives, works in, or visits the Council area, shall be denied access to any Council facility or service on the grounds of personal disability or disadvantage.
2. All new facilities operated and installed by the Council shall be designed to be fully accessible to disabled persons.
3. Existing facilities operated and having been installed by the Council shall, where possible, be progressively modified to optimise their accessibility.
4. Council shall, where possible, make available its resources to bodies in the area, to assist in community education and the integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of life in the community.
5. Council shall encourage all developers to optimise the accessibility of their projects.
6. Council shall encourage all non-council bodies to maximise accessibility of their facilities, programs and services.
7. Council shall actively enforce the Building Code of Australia and Council requirements for the provision of access to new and existing buildings.
8. Advice to be provided, where required, regarding the Federal Government's "Disability Discrimination Act 1992".
9. Implementation of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

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