



Rural City of
Wangaratta

Community Access and Inclusion Plan

2019 – 2022



In Easy English



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This is Wangaratta's Plan.



The name of our plan is Wangaratta's Community Access and Inclusion Plan.



You can ask someone to help you read this plan.



Some words in this plan are in **blue**. These are hard words and you can find the meaning of these words at the end of the plan.



Access means

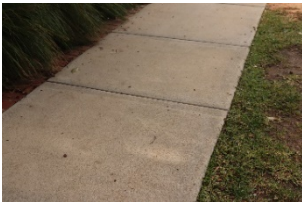
You can



- Go in to buildings



- Use toilets



- Walk along footpaths



- Go to parks



- Attend events



Inclusion means

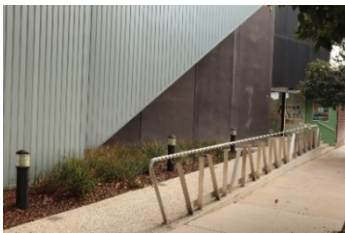
You



- Are a part of the community



- Can use places and spaces easily



- Can use services and programs

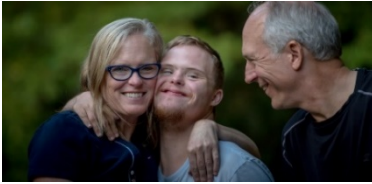


- Get the information you need



What is the Community Access and Inclusion Plan?

The Rural City of Wangaratta wants



- people with disability
- their families

and



- their carers



to be included in the Wangaratta community.

We have made a plan about how we can make sure you are included.

The plan is called the

Community Access and Inclusion Plan.

Our Goals



We have 4 goals

These are



Goal 1 – Everyone can be a part of our community



Goal 2 – Everyone can communicate and access information



Goal 3 – Leadership



Goal 4 – Easy to access environments

Goal 1.

Everyone can be a part of our community

We want Wangaratta to be a place where people with disability can



- Have a say



- Access community events



- Watch and play sports



- Be celebrated



- Feel a part of the community

How we will do this



- Keep the Accessibility Reference Group going
- Add access and inclusion into Council's [policies](#)
- Hold an International Day of People with Disability
- Use the internet to grow [awareness](#) of disability and disability events
- Make an [Inclusive](#) Events Guide
- Look in to making accessibility maps for small towns in the Rural City of Wangaratta
- Spread the word about Council's Resource Kit which has ramps, signs and [hearing loops](#)

Goal 2.

Everyone can communicate and access information

We want council to be easy to communicate with so you can



- Get your pet registered



- Find out when your recycling bin is picked up



- Ask about events



- Communicate with us

How we will do this



- Have council information online, in audio and large print



- Make communication boards



- Train council staff in Key Word Sign and [Sign language](#)



- Gain the Communication Access Symbol for all council buildings

Goal 3.

Leadership

Council is a role model and is leading the way to an **inclusive** community.

This is what we do now



- Have a **hearing loop** at the front desk of the Wangaratta council office



- Have our Community Matters newsletter in audio and online



- Have an accessibly map of Wangaratta

How we will do this



- Support training



- Support for work experience



- Help people with disability get a job



- Keep the Good Access = Good Business program going to
 - make it easy to move around in buildings



- Have a Access and Inclusion Award for [businesses](#) in Wangaratta



- Find [funds](#) to support [inclusive](#) and accessible works into the future

Goal 4.

Easy to access environments

We want council buildings to be easy to enter and move around in, so you can access



- The Wangaratta Government Centre



- The Wangaratta Library

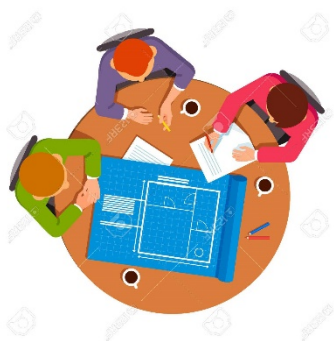


- The Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre



- The Wangaratta Art Gallery

How we will do this



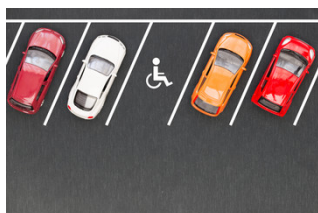
- Ask the Accessibility Reference Group and people with disability to look at plans for new buildings



- Look in to getting a Changing Places building in Wangaratta



- Look in to getting a [Marveloo](#) {movable disabled toilet}



- Check the size, place and number of disabled car parks in Wangaratta

Hard Words

Accessibility Reference Group	A group of community members which work with council to make the community more accessible and inclusive
Awareness	Making sure someone knows about something
Business	Where people work to make and sell products or services {Shops}
Funds	Another word for money
Hearing Loop	A tool that allows people to hear what is being said at events
Inclusive	Being welcoming and having everyone be a part of
Marveloo	Portable/moveable disabled toilet
Policies	A set of ideas or plans that is used for making decisions
Sign Language	A way of communicating for people who have trouble hearing
Training	Learning new information and skills
Work experience	Learning while doing a job



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