

The District Council of Streaky Bay

DISABILITY ACCESS & INCLUSION PLAN

2026-2030

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE *Officer*

Council is pleased to present its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, which sets out our commitment to building a more accessible, inclusive and welcoming district for people living with disability, their families, carers and support networks.

This Plan has been shaped by local voices and reflects what we have heard from community members, service providers, people with lived experience and stakeholders across our district. Their feedback has helped identify practical actions that can improve access to Council services, public spaces, information, community programs and opportunities for participation.

We recognise that disability is diverse, and that access and inclusion mean different things to different people. For some, it may mean safer paths, accessible toilets, disability parking or better entry into local businesses and facilities. For others, it may mean information in a format they can use, inclusive events, stronger support networks, access to local services, or opportunities to work, volunteer, learn and connect.

Council also acknowledges that meaningful change takes time, planning and partnership. While some actions can be delivered directly by Council, others will require advocacy, collaboration and support from government agencies, service providers, businesses and the broader community. This Plan provides a practical framework to guide that work over the coming years.

Our aim is to ensure people with disability are considered in Council decision-making and are supported to participate fully in community life. We are committed to listening, learning and improving as we implement this Plan.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the development of the DAIP. Your knowledge, experiences and ideas are essential in helping us create a district where everyone feels valued, respected and included.



Yours faithfully,

Damian Carter

Chief Executive Officer



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council would like to acknowledge the Custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past and present.



This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) is available on the District Council of Streaky Bay Council's website at www.streakybay.sa.gov.au. If you require a copy in an alternative format, (such as Easy Read or a fully accessible word version), please contact the main office (details below).



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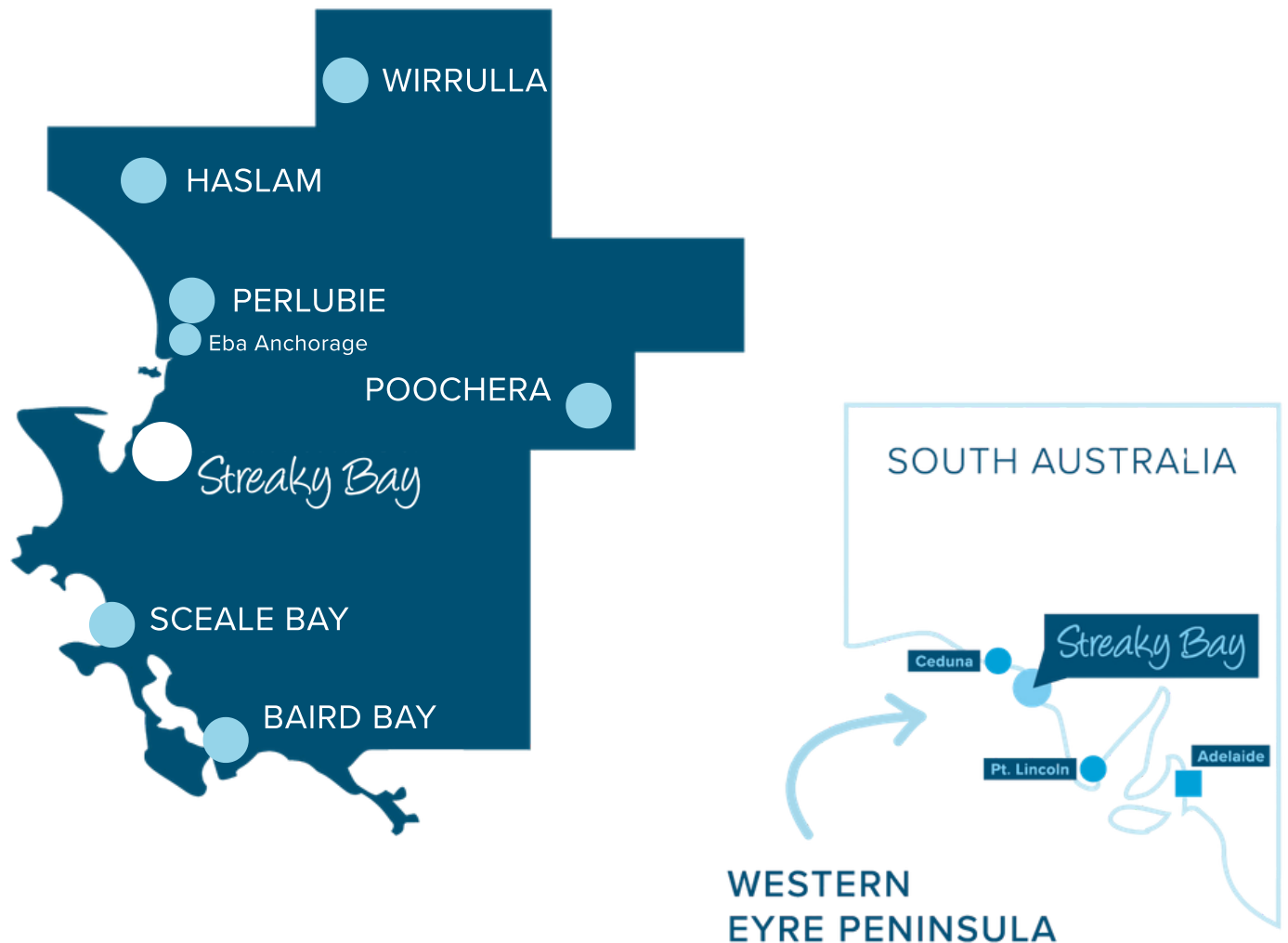


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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF *Streaky Bay*



The District Council of Streaky Bay is a local government authority located on the West Coast of Eyre Peninsula, South Australia. Council provides a broad range of services, infrastructure and information to support residents, ratepayers, businesses, visitors and community groups across the district. This includes services relating to roads and footpaths, waste management, community facilities, planning and development, environmental health, animal management, cemeteries, community wellbeing, tourism and visitor information, community consultation, local events, libraries, open spaces, public amenities and civic administration.

Council operates, manages or supports a range of public facilities and community assets, including Council offices, public toilets, roads, footpaths, parks, reserves, recreation and open space areas, cemeteries, waste facilities, visitor information services and other community facilities. Access and inclusion are also supported through Council's broader planning framework, including the Strategic Management Plan, Township Master Plans, Wellbeing Strategy, Ageing Well Strategy, Traffic Flow Study, Trails and Paths planning, community grants, workforce and volunteering processes, and other policies and strategies that guide how Council plans, funds, upgrades and delivers services and infrastructure for the community.

WHY ACCESS AND INCLUSION MATTERS IN

Streaky Bay

The 2021 Census data shows that disability access and inclusion are important local issues for the District Council of Streaky Bay. In 2021, 94 people, or 4.18% of people counted in the region, reported needing assistance with core activities such as self-care, mobility or communication due to disability, long-term health condition or age. This highlights the need for accessible public spaces, inclusive services, clear communication, safe transport options and emergency planning that considers people who may need extra support.

The data also shows that many people in the community are affected by long-term health conditions. 432 people reported one selected long-term health condition, and 195 people reported two or more selected long-term health conditions. Arthritis, asthma, mental health conditions, diabetes and heart disease were among the most commonly reported conditions. These figures support the DAIP's focus on improving access to local health, wellbeing, transport, social connection, information and community support services.

Carers and volunteers also play an important role in supporting access and inclusion across the district. In Streaky Bay, 205 people aged 15 years and over provided unpaid assistance to a person with disability, a health condition or due to old age, while 617 people, or 35.2% of people aged 15 years and over, volunteered through an organisation or group. This reinforces the importance of supporting carers, disability support workers, volunteers and community organisations as part of a whole-of-community approach to inclusion.

The local population profile also strengthens the case for practical access improvements. Streaky Bay has a median age of 47 years, and almost one in three occupied private dwellings are single-person households. These factors highlight the importance of planning for accessible facilities, safe footpaths, disability parking, inclusive events, accessible information, community connection and services that help people remain active, independent and connected as they age or experience changing support needs.

Transport and mobility are also key DAIP considerations. Only 0.9% of employed people travelled to work by public transport on Census day, while 63.1% travelled by car as a driver or passenger. This supports the DAIP's focus on accessible parking, safe paths of travel, transport advocacy, health transport options and local access to services, particularly for people who may not be able to drive or who need assistance to travel.



94 people



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35.2%



35.2% of people aged 15+ volunteered.

47 years old



is the median age.

1 in 3



occupied private dwellings are single-person households (almost).

205 people



provide unpaid care to someone with disability, a health condition or due to age.

OUR *Vision*

South Australia's vision for disability access and inclusion is anchored in the guiding philosophy "A South Australia where no one is left behind". It aims to make the state a leader in accessibility, fairness and opportunity for people with disabilities.

Council's vision is to support the state philosophy for disability access and inclusion by providing a district where people living with disability are respected, included and able to participate fully in community life.

Through this DAIP, Council aims to improve access to services, facilities, information, public spaces, employment, volunteering, events and community programs. Council's strategic goals are to remove barriers where possible, apply inclusive and universal design principles, improve accessible communication, strengthen community awareness, advocate for better local services and ensure people with lived experience of disability are included in decisions that affect them.

Disability access and inclusion are incorporated across Council's broader strategic planning framework. The Long Term Strategic Plan 2045 and Four-Year Priority Plan 2025–2029 provide direction for a vibrant, sustainable and connected district, with community wellbeing, liveability, infrastructure, public spaces and service access forming part of Council's long-term priorities.

The Township Master Plans, Community Health and Wellbeing Strategic Plan, Ageing Well Plan, Traffic Flow Study, Trails and Paths planning, community grants, workforce and volunteering processes also provide opportunities to embed access and inclusion into Council decision-making, project planning, infrastructure renewal, community development and advocacy. This DAIP will help guide how those broader plans are implemented so that the needs of people living with disability, their families, carers and support networks are considered from the earliest stages of planning.

STRATEGIC *Context*

The District Council of Streaky Bay's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan sits within a broader international, national and state framework for disability rights, access and inclusion. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognises the rights of people with disability to equality, dignity, independence, accessibility and full participation in community life. At a national level, Australia's Disability Strategy 2021–2031 provides a shared framework for all levels of government to improve outcomes for people with disability across areas such as inclusive communities, education, employment, health, safety, justice, support and community attitudes.

In South Australia, the Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA) requires State authorities, including councils, to prepare and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and to review it at least once every four years. The State Disability Inclusion Plan 2025–2029 guides South Australia's approach to disability inclusion and provides the key outcome areas that local DAIPs should align with. Together, these frameworks support Council to identify practical, measurable actions that remove barriers, improve access to mainstream services and facilities, and support people with disability to participate fully in community life.

DISABILITY ACCESS & INCLUSION PLAN

Development

CONSULTATION

This is Council's second Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. In developing the Plan, Council undertook a local consultation process to identify access and inclusion barriers, community priorities and practical actions that could be included in the DAIP. The consultation process was informed by the broader engagement undertaken for the State Disability Inclusion Plan 2025–2029, which captured feedback from people with disability, families, carers, service providers, advocacy groups and the broader community across South Australia. This feedback helped shape the domains, priority areas and mandatory measures that underpin both the State Plan and Council's DAIP.

Council invited community members to be involved through a DAIP reference group. The group included people with lived experience of disability, disability support workers and general community members. The reference group played a key role in the early stages of the Plan by identifying local issues, discussing barriers and workshopping priorities for action. Topics raised included access to public spaces, disability parking, communication and information, inclusive events, local support services, education, employment, health access, emergency planning and opportunities for social connection.

Council also provided opportunities for local agencies, service providers, community organisations and interested community members to provide feedback. Comments could be provided in writing, in person or through a survey. To support accessible participation, the consultation material was prepared as a plain-language summary document that outlined the proposed priority areas and actions in an easy-to-read format. The document was circulated for comment, and information was made available through Council's website, which includes accessibility options to support people to access information in different ways.

Feedback received through the reference group and broader consultation process was used to refine the DAIP actions and ensure they reflected local needs, community priorities and Council's role. The consultation process helped Council develop a practical and locally relevant Plan that supports improved access and inclusion for people living with disability, their families, carers and support networks across the district.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER POLICIES, STRATEGIES, FRAMEWORKS

Council's DAIP links directly with its existing strategic, operational and community planning framework by embedding disability access and inclusion considerations into how Council plans, delivers, reviews and advocates for services, infrastructure and community outcomes. It supports and complements Council's Strategic Management Plan, Long Term Strategic Plan, Four-Year Priority Plan, Annual Business Plan and Budget, Township Master Plans, Wellbeing Strategy, Ageing Well Strategy, Traffic Flow Study, Trails and Paths planning, community grants, workforce and volunteering processes, asset management, project planning and community engagement practices. By aligning with these existing policies, procedures and planning mechanisms, the DAIP helps ensure access and inclusion are considered in Council decision-making, service delivery, infrastructure upgrades, communication, employment, volunteering, community programs and advocacy.