

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Plain Language Summary

2026 to 2030

About this summary

This is a shorter version of Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. It uses plain language and explains the main ideas and actions in the Plan.

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You can ask Council for this information in another format, including Easy Read or an accessible Word version.

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What is a DAIP?

DAIP means Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

- It is Council's plan to make services, places, programs and information more accessible and inclusive.
- It helps Council think about people with disability when making decisions.
- It includes actions Council will work on from 2026 to 2030.
- Some actions will be done by Council. Some actions need Council to work with other people, groups and government agencies.

Who is the Plan for?

- People with disability.
- Families, carers and support workers.
- Older people and people with long-term health conditions.
- Community groups, volunteers, local businesses and service providers.
- Everyone who lives, works, studies or visits the District Council of Streaky Bay area.

Council's vision

Council wants a district where people with disability are respected, included and able to take part in community life.

Why access and inclusion matter in Streaky Bay

- 94 people reported needing help with daily activities such as self-care, mobility or communication.
- 205 people aged 15 years and over provided unpaid care to a person with disability, health condition or due to age.
- 195 people reported two or more selected long-term health conditions.
- The median age in Streaky Bay was 47 years.
- Only 0.9% of employed people used public transport to get to work on Census day.
- Almost one in three occupied private homes were single-person households.

What this tells us

Council needs to plan for safe paths, accessible toilets, disability parking, clear information, inclusive events, better transport options, emergency planning, and local health and wellbeing support.

How the Plan was developed

- Council listened to people with lived experience of disability.
- Council formed a DAIP reference group.
- The group included people with disability, disability support workers and community members.
- Local agencies, service providers and community organisations were invited to give feedback.
- People could provide feedback in writing, in person or through a survey.
- Council used the feedback to identify local priorities and practical actions.

What people told Council

- Make public places, paths, parking and toilets easier to use.
- Improve disability awareness in Council, businesses and the community.
- Provide information in ways people can understand and use.
- Support more inclusive events, sport, recreation and volunteering.
- Improve access to health, wellbeing, transport and community supports.
- Include people with disability in decisions that affect them.
- Think about disability needs in emergency planning.

Main areas in the Plan

1. Inclusive communities

People with disability should be able to take part in community life.

- Support inclusive sport and recreation.
- Use inclusive language in Council event information.
- Use inclusive event checklists for Council events.
- Promote events that celebrate and raise awareness of people with disability.
- Support community education about disability and inclusion.

2. Accessible places and facilities

Council will consider access when planning, building and improving public places.

- Use universal design principles in Council buildings and facilities.
- Improve paths, trails, beach access and open spaces where possible.
- Look at disability parking and safer access in key places.
- Keep footpaths clear for pedestrians, wheelchairs and mobility aids.
- Make sure new public toilets meet accessibility standards.

3. Local businesses and shopfront access

Council will work with businesses and property owners to encourage better access.

- Promote disability awareness and inclusive customer service.
- Encourage practical improvements such as signage, lighting, safer entries and clearer labelling.
- Promote grant and funding opportunities that may help improve accessibility.

4. Information and communication

People should be able to find information in a format they can use.

- Review Council websites and media for accessibility.
- Develop Easy Read versions of some Council plans and strategies where possible.
- Advocate for a central directory of disability, health, wellbeing, transport, training and community supports.
- Consider different formats, such as print, posters, phone support and text message options.

5. Transport and getting around safely

People with disability need safe and reliable ways to get to places and services.

- Advocate for accessible and connected public transport.
- Support health transport advocacy, including the NEPHA Transport Project.
- Consider safe paths, disability parking and access around key community places.

6. Education, employment and volunteering

People with disability should have opportunities to learn, work, volunteer and connect.

- Advocate for support and resources for local education providers.
- Meet annually with education and early years services to identify inclusion priorities.
- Advocate for school disability parking, drop-off and pedestrian access improvements.
- Promote accessible volunteering roles across Council, community groups and events.
- Promote pathways for people interested in becoming disability support workers.
- Review Council employment processes to support inclusive recruitment.

7. Community support and wellbeing

People with disability should be able to access local supports and social connection.

- Work with service providers where possible to improve local support.
- Promote community groups, programs and services.
- Support low-cost or no-cost community activities.
- Map inclusive social and recreation activities and identify gaps.
- Support information sharing through inter-agency meetings and local wellbeing networks.

8. Health and wellbeing

People with disability should have better access to health and wellbeing services.

- Continue to advocate for fair access to health care in the district.
- Map priority specialist and allied health needs.
- Advocate for visiting services, local training, telehealth equipment and transport pathways.
- Recognise the important role of carers and support workers.

9. Safety and emergencies

People with disability should be considered in emergency planning.

- Advocate for emergency resources and systems that assist people with disability.
- Support opportunities for Mental Health First Aid or disability awareness training for SAAS volunteers and first responders where practical.
- Investigate options for an opt-in emergency assistance register.
- Investigate household emergency information tools, such as fridge magnets or emergency medical information sheets.

10. Housing and planning

Planning decisions can help support more suitable housing options over time.

- Consider areas for higher density living or assisted living through master planning.
- Advocate for planning policy changes that support housing options for people with disability.

How Council will put the Plan into action

- Each action has a Council officer or team responsible for it.
- Some actions are for Council to implement directly.
- Some actions are about advocacy, which means Council will speak up or work with others to support change.
- Council staff will consider disability access and inclusion in everyday work, including projects, events, customer service, grants, communications and community engagement.
- Council will report on progress each year as required under the Disability Inclusion Act 2018.

People with disability will keep being involved

Council will seek feedback from people with disability, carers, support workers and community members with lived experience when projects and priorities affect them.

Helpful words

Access: being able to get to, enter, use or understand a place, service, program or piece of information.

Inclusion: making sure people are welcomed, respected and able to take part.

Advocacy: speaking up or working with others to support change.

Lived experience: knowledge a person has from their own direct experience of disability.

Universal design: designing places and services so they can be used by as many people as possible.

DAIP: Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

How to get more information

- You can read the full Disability Access and Inclusion Plan on Council's website.
- You can ask Council for a copy in another format.
- You can contact Council to provide feedback or ask questions.

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Information used in this summary

- District Council of Streaky Bay Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026-2030.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census data for Streaky Bay.
- REMPLAN Community reports on need for assistance and long-term health conditions.
- State Disability Inclusion Plan 2025-2029 and Local Government DAIP Template.