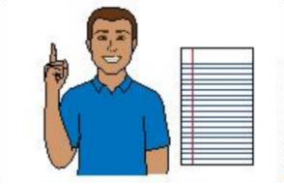


Disability Access and Inclusion Plan





This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**.
- we write what the hard word means.



You can get someone to help you

- Read this book
- Understand this book
- Find more information at City of Ballarat



This book is written by City of Ballarat.



When you see the word 'we' or 'council' it means City of Ballarat.

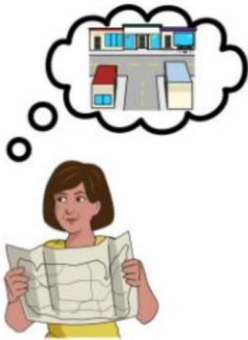
City of Ballarat is the local council for the Ballarat area



Introduction

This book is about council's **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan**.

A Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is what council will use to make Ballarat the best place it can be for people with disability.



We will call it The Plan.

2019 -2022



The plan will start in 2019 and end in 2022.

Why does council have the plan?

Council have a plan

- To make life better for people with disability □

The **law** says that we must have a plan.

The law is a set of rules everyone must follow in Australia.



What is the plan about?



The plan will

- Help people with disabilities talk to Council
- Teach others how people with disabilities can join in
- Help us understand the lives of people with disabilities in Ballarat.
- Help make Ballarat have better **access** and **inclusion**.



Access means places are easy for people to use and go to.



Inclusion means you feel like

- You belong

and

- You are important.



Council's job

Our job with the plan is to help people with disabilities

- To be a part of the **community**.

Community means everyone living in Ballarat.

- To be supported in everyday life.



Council will tell the community what we do each year for the plan.



Council will continue to talk to the community about the plan.



The job of the Disability Advisory Committee

The **Disability Advisory Committee** is a group of people.



They are people who could

- Have a disability



- Care for someone with a disability

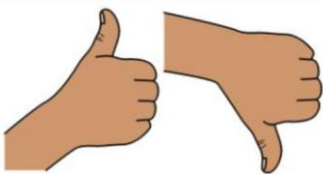


- Work with people with disabilities.



The Disability Advisory Committee talk to Council about

- What they think
- What ideas Council should try to improve access and inclusion.
- What works well
- What does not work well



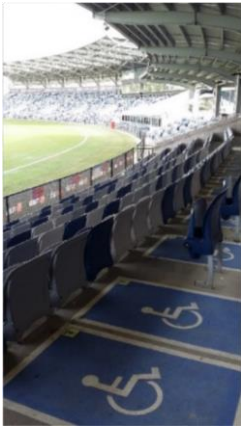
The council and the Disability Advisory Committee work together to make Ballarat better.

What was done in the 2015 to 2018 plan

In the 2015 to 2018 plan Council



- Built the Victoria Park Inclusive Play Space
- Marty Busch Reserve got a ramp up to the grandstand.



- Accessible seating at Mars Stadium was improved.



- Got a **Marveloo!**

A Marveloo is an adult toilet that has a hoist and change table.



- **Auslan interpretation** was used at events in Ballarat like Sovereign Hill and Eureka Centre.

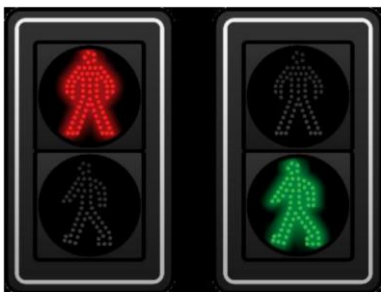
Auslan is changing English spoken words to hand signs so a Deaf person will understand what is being said.



- Fixed some of the footpaths and road crossings to make it easier to access.



- Sturt Street speed limit was changed to 40kms an hour.



- The **pedestrian lights** stay on longer for people to cross the road on Sturt Street.

Pedestrian lights are lights to tell you when it is safe to walk across roads.



The Principles

Principles are rules that Council will follow to make something work.

To make our plan work Council will talk to



- People in the community



- The Disability Advisory Committee



- Businesses and **organisations**.

Organisations are groups of people for a set job such as Australian Football League (AFL) for football.



- **Councillors**.

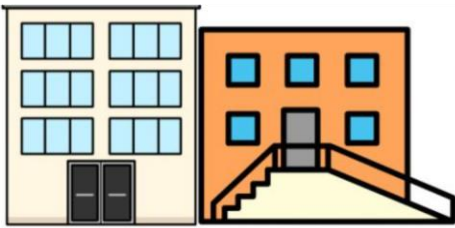
Councillors are people who are chosen by the community who then make decisions for Ballarat.

Our Principles will look like

- Inclusion and access at all community events and programs.



- New and old buildings are accessible and inclusive for everyone.



Technology needs to be used to help people with disabilities.

Technology is things like computers and phones.



- Council need to look at what is happening for disability in all of Australia.

Plan for 2019 to 2022

What is important for the 2019 to 2022 plan



- Access and inclusion will be looked at in everything Council do such as building and events
- Council will help people with disabilities join in with events
- Council will make it easy to find out what is happening and what is important.
- Council will protect everyone's **Human Rights**

Human Rights are laws so all people are treated well.

- For more people with disabilities to have the **opportunity** to get **employment**.

Opportunity is when you get the chance to do something.

Employment means to have a job and get paid.

Everyone at the council needs to work together to make this plan work.

More Information

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