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Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026-2030



The Mid Murray Council Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2026–2030 sets out Council’s commitment to creating a more inclusive, accessible, and connected community, where people with disability can participate fully in all aspects of community life.

Our approach

- Removing barriers to participation
- Improving access to services, facilities and information
- Embedding inclusion into everyday Council operations
- Strengthening partnerships and advocacy where services sit outside Council’s role

Our vision

A community that is:

- Inclusive, welcoming and safe for everyone
- Supportive of participation regardless of ability
- Focused on respect, connection and opportunity

Why this plan matters

Community consultation identified that barriers are:

- Multiple and interconnected rather than one single issue
- Present across infrastructure, transport, information, services and participation

Key challenges:

- Limited accessible infrastructure (e.g. footpaths, toilets)
- Lack of transport options
- Limited access to health and support services
- Gaps in accessible information formats
- Need for stronger inclusion in decision-making

Our community context

Mid Murray:

- Covers 6,273 km² with dispersed townships
- Has a population of around 9,593 (growing seasonally)
- Includes an ageing population, with 40% aged 60+
- Has 7.7% of residents identifying as living with disability

This creates additional challenges such as:

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- Geographic isolation
- Transport disadvantage
- Limited access to services

How the plan was developed

The DAIP was informed through:

- Community workshops and drop-in sessions
- Online and hardcopy surveys
- Individual interviews
- Internal Council consultation

The process prioritised:

- People with lived experience of disability
- Inclusive and accessible engagement methods
- Diverse community participation

Five key focus areas (State Plan domains)

1. Inclusive Environments and Communities

- Improve physical access to buildings, parks and public spaces
- Promote inclusive events and recreation opportunities
- Strengthen inclusive attitudes and awareness
- Enhance communication through accessible and inclusive formats
- Apply Universal Design principles across Council planning, infrastructure and services
- Advocate for accessible transport and housing

2. Education and Employment

- Support inclusive learning opportunities
- Improve employment pathways and recruitment practices
- Create inclusive and flexible workplaces
- Strengthen training and workforce capability
- Advocate for early intervention services

3. Personal and Community Support

- Improve access to information and services
- Strengthen partnerships with service providers

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- Support carers and families
- Ensure inclusive community programs and grants

4. Health and Wellbeing

- Advocate for improved access to health services
- Support environments that enable health and wellbeing
- Promote better coordination of services

5. Safety, Rights and Justice

- Improve access to information about rights and services
- Ensure inclusive emergency planning
- Support safe and accessible reporting processes
- Increase inclusion in consultation and decision-making

Key actions

The Plan includes practical actions such as:

- Accessibility audits of buildings, footpaths and facilities
- Development of Accessible Events Toolkit
- Improved digital accessibility (Web Content Accessibility Guideline compliance)
- Accessible information (Easy Read, Auslan, multilingual formats)
- Establishment of a Disability Advisory Group
- Disability awareness training for staff and volunteers
- Inclusive community programs and recreation opportunities

DAIP Implementation

Our focus to support long term delivery:

- Establishing governance structures and oversight mechanisms
- Defining roles, responsibilities, and reporting arrangements
- Setting up data collection and baseline reporting processes
- Embedding inclusion principles across Council functions
- Initiating early priority actions aligned with community feedback

Progress will be monitored through:

- Regular reporting

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- Data collection and evaluation
- Community feedback

Ongoing engagement

Council will:

- Maintain open communication with the community
- Continue to involve people with disability in decision-making
- Use feedback to refine and improve actions over time

Our commitment going forward

Mid Murray Council is committed to:

- Building on past achievements
- Addressing identified barriers
- Working collaboratively with the community and partners
- Creating a place where everyone feels valued, respected and able to participate fully.

“A South Australia where no one is left behind”