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MEDIA RELEASE

**COUNCIL SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON
DRAFT DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN FOR THE MID MURRAY**

Mid Murray Council invites community members to share their feedback on Council's draft plan to enhance access and inclusion across the region, aiming to better support people with disability, as well as their carers and families.

The *Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan* outlines Council's commitment to provide equity of access to the services, facilities, infrastructure, events and information it provides.

Deputy Mayor Georga Warhurst said the Plan was drafted after extensive community engagement in late 2025, where we asked what barriers were faced by our community members with lived experience of disability, and those areas that needed addressing to support full participation in the social, cultural and economic life of the region.

"Listening to our community members with lived experience of disability was essential in drafting this plan," Deputy Mayor Warhurst said.

"We are grateful for the robust and generous contributions shared, which have highlighted both the close social networks and informal supports vital for wellbeing, as well as the significant challenges faced in regional areas such as ageing infrastructure, natural terrain, and limited access to services compared to metropolitan regions".

"The Draft Plan is shaped by what our community identified as important during the initial engagement, and we hope those who contributed can see their impact in the plan's development. We remain committed to creating a community where everyone feels welcome, respected, and able to participate equally, and aim to embed access and inclusion into all council operations in a sustainable way."

Council's Draft Plan has been developed in alignment with the Five Domains set out in the *State Disability Inclusion Plan* and includes actions such as:

- Establish a Disability Advisory Group
- Adopting a Universal Design policy for all new council developments
- Undertaking access audits across a range of council owned infrastructure (eg buildings, footpaths, open space, public toilets) and developing a prioritised schedule of upgrades
- Explore opportunities for external funding, including grants for the installation of Changing Places adult accessible change facilities) and
- The development of an inclusive events tool kit for council and community events.

A **Community Feedback Survey** is currently open, and available online or in hard copy, and responses can be made until 20 March 2026.

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An **online Community feedback session** will be held on Thursday 12 March.

Submissions can also be made in writing to postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or by phone to the Council on 8569 0100.

Community feedback will be considered in finalising the *Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2026-30*, which will be published mid-2026.

For the full Draft Plan and further details on ways to get involved and provide input visit

<https://engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/>

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