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City of Playford

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

2025-2029



Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Playford acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

The City of Playford would also like to pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Recognition of Forebears

The City of Playford also acknowledges the people, our forebears, that have contributed to building and defending our great nation and way of life.



Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

2025-2029

Message from the Mayor and CEO

The City of Playford is committed to being welcoming, inclusive and accessible for everyone. Our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2025-2029 outlines how we will break down barriers, create opportunities, and strengthen connections so that people with disability can fully participate in all aspects of community life.

Playford is home to a diverse and growing population, and with growth comes both challenges and opportunities. We recognise that all people with disability, including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBTQIA+, and regional communities, bring unique strengths and perspectives to our city. This plan is about ensuring those voices are heard and reflected in how we design our places, programs, and services.

In developing this plan, we listened carefully to people with disability, their families, carers, and support networks, as well as service providers and advocates. Their insights and experiences have guided our priorities and actions. The result is a plan that aligns with the South Australian Disability Inclusion Plan (the State Plan) and provides a local roadmap for building an accessible, inclusive city.

Our commitment is both practical and aspirational: from improving physical access to facilities and infrastructure, to shaping attitudes, policies, and programs that remove barriers and support participation. This plan represents a partnership between Council and our community - a shared effort to create a city where every person feels valued, connected, and able to thrive.

We thank all who contributed their time, ideas, and lived experience to the development of this plan. Together, we will continue to shape a Playford that is inclusive by design and welcoming for all.



Glenn Docherty
Mayor

Sam Green
Chief Executive Officer



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33,000+

New dwellings
by 2046



83,000+

New residents
by 2046

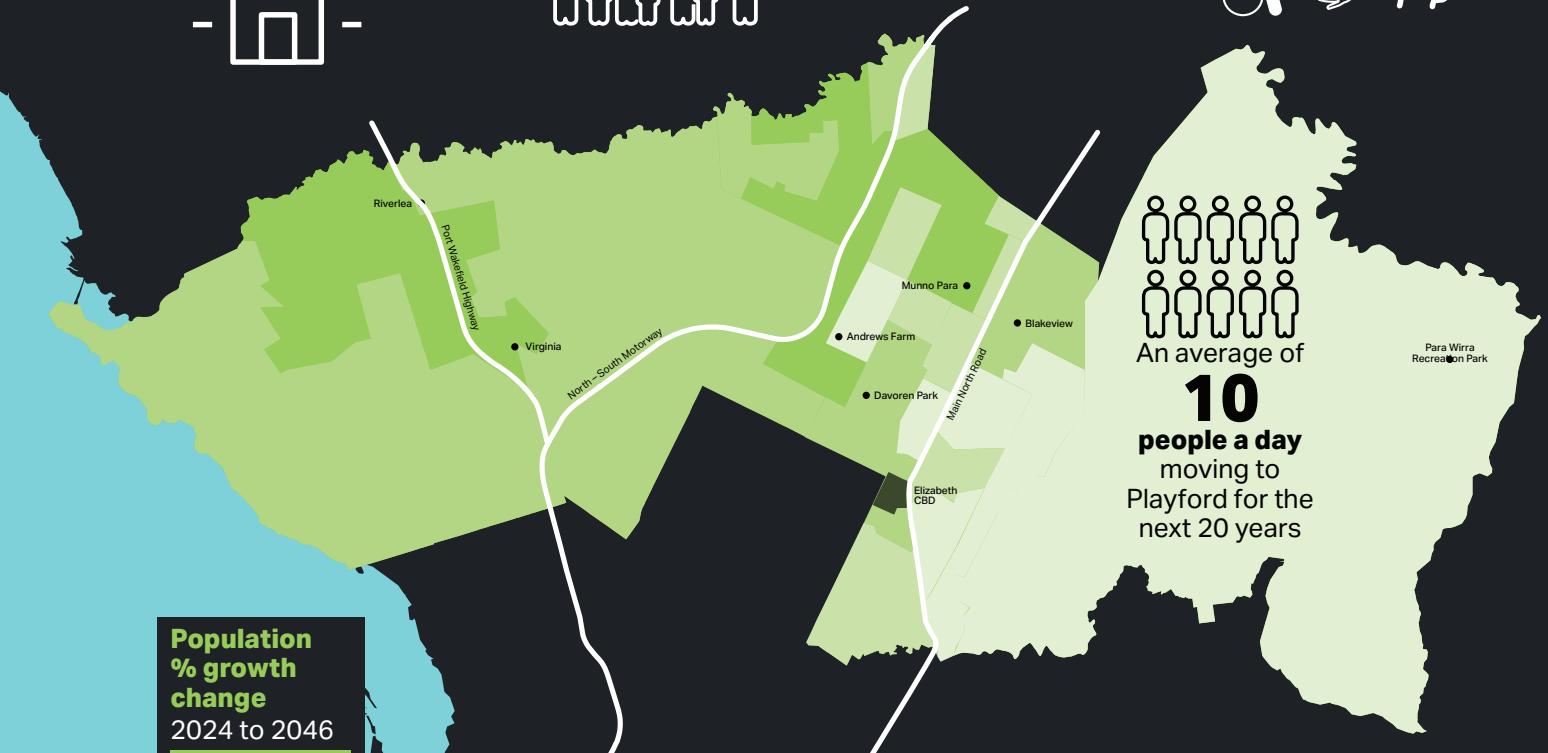


4.2%

of the population
are Aboriginal
and Torres
Strait Islander

8,373

Residents living
with a **disability**



**Population
% growth
change**
2024 to 2046

5.094% - 18.08%

25.1% - 9.8%

6.9% - 2.5%

1.4% - -2.5%

The different shades
on the map show
the different rates
of growth expected
across Playford.

Language at home other than English

15%

Top 5 Languages

Nepali
Vietnamese
Dinka (South Sudan)
Swahili
Hazaragi (Afghanistan)



*ABS 2021

Overseas born

22%

Top 5 Birthplaces

United Kingdom
Afghanistan
Philippines
India
Vietnam



City of Playford

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About the City of Playford

The City of Playford is a local government area in the north of Greater Adelaide.

It covers an area of 345 km² and includes the suburbs of: Andrews Farm, Angle Vale, Bibaringa, Blakeview, Craigmore, Davoren Park, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Downs, Elizabeth East, Elizabeth Grove, Elizabeth North, Elizabeth Park, Elizabeth South, Elizabeth Vale (part), Elizabeth West, Evanston Park (part), Gould Creek (part), Hillbank, Hillier (part), Humbug Scrub (part), MacDonald Park, Munno Para, Munno Para Downs, Munno Para West, One Tree Hill, Penfield, Penfield Gardens, Port Gawler (part), Riverlea, Sampson Flat, Smithfield, Smithfield Plains, St Kilda (part), Uleybury (part), Virginia, Waterloo Corner (part) and Yattalunga.

Local Government's role in disability access and inclusion

Local governments (councils) provide a diverse range of services and facilities to their communities. Councils work to improve disability access and inclusion relating to:

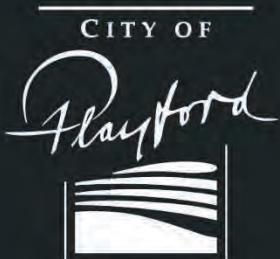
- Council buildings, parks and facilities (e.g. libraries, community centres, sports facilities, playgrounds)
- Public footpaths, roads, and on street parking
- Information (e.g. website, signage) and services (e.g. customer service)
- Proposed developments (e.g. new buildings)
- Community events, training and activities
- Employment and volunteer work at the council
- Consultation (e.g. providing input to a council plans or projects) and community representation opportunities (e.g. being elected to council or a Committee).

Across Australia, commitment to improving disability access and inclusion has grown over time. There were long periods when standards and expectations around accessibility were not adequately met. As a result, many councils still manage older infrastructure that is not fully accessible, and continue to review and improve their programs, systems, and organisational practices to better support inclusion.

Councils are working within their budgets to progressively make improvements in relation to disability access and inclusion. They are providing awareness training to staff and elected members, and are engaging with people with disability, carers and the disability sector to identify how to best remove barriers.



Inclusion Through Understanding



Let's talk about disability



Language matters

Every person with disability is different, with unique qualities, strengths, weaknesses and support needs.

Every disability is different, and some may not be visible.

We all play an important role in changing the way we think and talk about disability. From the conversations we have, to the documents we write, it is our collective responsibility to make important choices that support long lasting change.

There are many misconceptions and misunderstandings in the community about what it means to have a disability. This is why the use of accurate and respectful language is so important.

We acknowledge that language is a personal preference, and that different language and terminology preferences exist within the disability and neurodivergent community.

Based on feedback during statewide consultations, we have adopted 'person-first language (i.e. person with disability) for this Plan, rather than identity-first language (i.e. disabled person).

Creating a more inclusive community begins with listening, learning and reflecting on assumptions we may hold about disability. While many people with disability generously share their experiences, fostering broader understanding is a responsibility we must all share.

The most important thing is to ask the person with disability how they would like to be referred to and represented, and to respect their wishes.

(Source: The State Plan 2025-2029)

Let's talk about disability

Defining disability

Disability is diverse and experienced by people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures. It can include physical, sensory, cognitive, intellectual, psychosocial and invisible disability.

This Plan is underpinned by both the social and human rights models of disability, which recognise that disability is not caused by an individual's impairment, but by the physical, attitudinal and systemic barriers created by society.

These models emphasise the importance of removing those barriers to create a more inclusive and equitable community - one where people with disability have the same opportunity to participate, contribute and thrive as everyone else.

The human rights model further reinforces this by affirming the inherent dignity, autonomy and equal rights of people with disability, as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). It places responsibility on society to uphold and protect these rights across all areas of life.

The Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA) defines disability as:

In relation to a person, includes long-term physical, psychosocial, intellectual, cognitive, neurological or sensory impairment, or a combination of any of these impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder the person's full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

(Source: The State Plan 2025-2029)



Let's talk about disability

Facts at a glance

In 2022

5.5 million
Australians
21.4%
had a disability.



Indigenous
Australians were
1.9 times
more likely to
have a disability
than non-Indigenous
Australians.



12.1%
of children and
young people
aged 0-24 years (946,300
people) had disability, up
from 8.3% in 2018.



52.3%
of people aged
65 years and over
had a disability, compared
with just 15% of people
aged 0-64.



Each year, the
Australian Human
Rights Commission
receives more
complaints about
**disability
discrimination**
than about any other
form of discrimination.

In 2022-23,
46%
of all complaints
received were about
**disability
discrimination.**



In 2022,
37.5%
of children
aged 0-14 years
with disability had a
parent with disability.



Almost two
in five carers
38.6%
had a disability
themselves.



In 2022,
6.3%
of South Australian
people with disability
were unemployed in
comparison to 3.8% of
people without disability.



In 2022, the proportion of South Australian
people aged 20-64 with disability who had
completed year 12 or equivalent was 46%,
compared with 58% of people with
disability nationally.



46%



58%

In 2025, there are
an estimated
35,000
South Australians
living with dementia,
including 2,100 people under
the age of 65 living with
younger onset dementia.



The Disability Royal
Commission reported that
43%
of women with disability
have experienced physical
violence after age 15,
compared with 25% of women
without disability.
Women with disability are also
twice as likely to experience
sexual violence as women
without disability.



People with disability have
higher health risk factors than
those without disability. In 2022,
64%
of adults with disability
in South Australia said their
health was excellent
or very good,
compared with 94%
of adults without disability
in South Australia.





Let's talk about disability

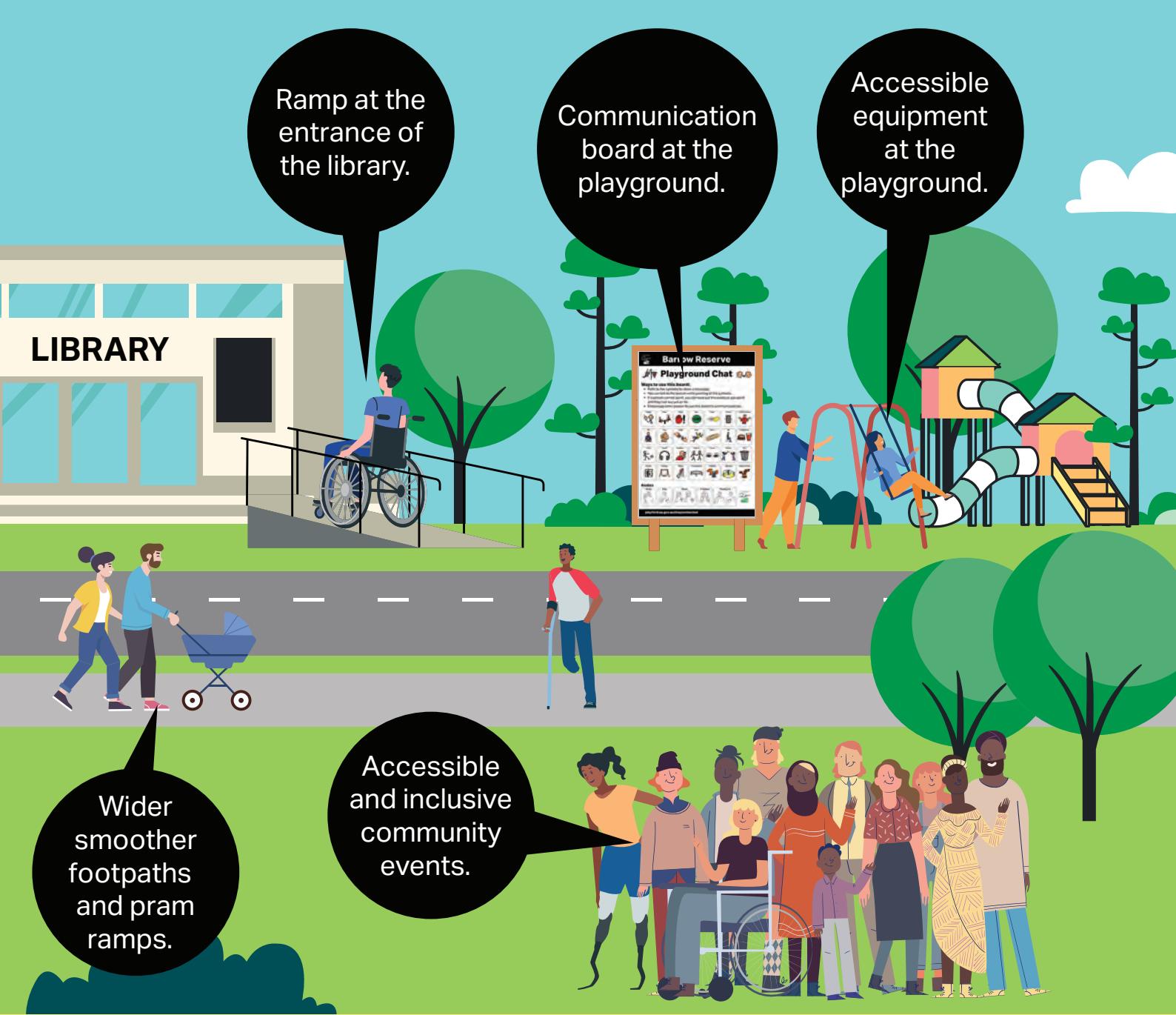
Intersectionality

Intersectionality is about recognising that people with disability are diverse. A person with a disability may also be subject to discrimination or disadvantage relating to their race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, social or financial capacity. For instance, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person with disability may experience discrimination relating to their race and disability. This compounds the impacts experienced by people with disability.

Groups of people with disability who may face additional or compounded barriers include:

1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability
2. Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people with disability
3. Women with disability
4. Children with disability
5. LGBTQIA+ people with disability
6. People with significant intellectual disability or who have high levels of vulnerability due to disability
7. People with disability who live in regional communities
8. Older people with disability
9. Carers of people with disability
10. People experiencing socio-economic disadvantage

The Disability Inclusion Act 2018 (SA) lists the groups numbered 1-7 and requires councils to tailor actions to address the diverse and intersecting needs of these groups. In addition, the State Plan 2025-2029 also acknowledges the intersectionality of older people with disability and carers.



Council's Commitment to Inclusion

Council's role in access and inclusion

Council's plans

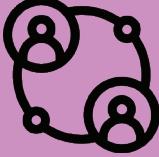
Community Vision

The Playford Community Vision 2043 is built around three core themes:

1. Prosperity
2. Liveability
3. Happiness

Strategic Plan 2025-28

The City of Playford's Strategic Plan 2025-2028 sets out a clear direction for building a stronger, more connected, and inclusive community. Through four key themes, the plan reflects the voices of local residents and aims to create a city where everyone regardless of age, ability, or background can thrive.

Strategic Plan Theme	Outcome
Theme 1 Our foundations Improving safety, accessibility and ease of movement around our city	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures footpaths, crossings, and public buildings are accessible for people with mobility aids or vision impairments. Reduces barriers to participation by addressing safety concerns like poor lighting or uneven surfaces. Supports inclusive design in all new infrastructure.
Theme 2 Our foundations Lifting city appearance	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourages co-design with people with disability to ensure places are welcoming for all. Supports wayfinding and signage that is easy to understand and navigate.
Theme 3 Building connections Fostering collaboration and connection to each other	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourages accessible communication formats (e.g. Easy Read, Auslan, captions). Builds stronger support networks for people with disability and their carers.
Theme 4 Building connections Activating and facilitating welcoming community spaces and events	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes social inclusion by ensuring events and programs are accessible to people with disability. Ensures events and programs are planned and designed with an inclusion and accessible lens.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2025-2029

This DAIP will be Council's second Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. It sets out the actions Council will deliver to contribute to the domains, priority areas, and mandatory measures identified for Council's in the State Plan 2025-2029.

Council's role in access and inclusion

Inclusion in Action

At the City of Playford, we're working alongside people with disability to build a more inclusive, accessible and connected community. Here are some of the milestones we're most proud of:

Positive Futures Expo

Opening doors to opportunity.

Every year, hundreds of people with disability, families, carers and services come together at our Positive Futures Expo. The event showcases opportunities in education, employment, health, housing, sport, the arts and more. It is about connections, inspiration and building brighter futures together.

Changing Places at Fremont Park

Access that changes lives.

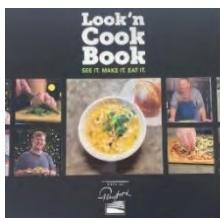
The Changing Places facility at Fremont Park means people with complex support needs can fully enjoy one of Playford's most popular parks. With features like a height-adjustable adult change table and hoist, it provides dignity, safety and true inclusion for the whole community.

Projects that Build Everyday Skills

Confidence in the kitchen, at the shops, and in life.

Our community projects focus on the everyday skills that build independence, inclusion and joy. Highlights include:

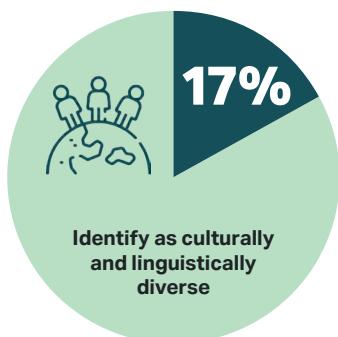
- **Look 'n Cookbook** – a step-by-step accessible recipe book designed by and for people with disability.
- **Everyday Money Skills** – practical workshops supporting budgeting, banking and financial confidence.
- **Right Track Toolkit** – co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, these resources support people to build confidence in understanding disability and navigating the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



Council's role in access and inclusion

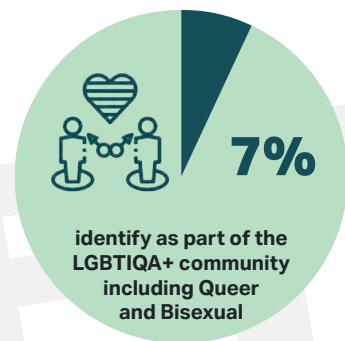
Our workforce

The City of Playford values and celebrates the diversity within its workforce, which reflects the vibrant community we serve. According to the 2024 Workforce Diversity Survey, our staff represent a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, and lived experiences.



Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CALD):

17% of our workforce identify as being from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds. Staff speak a variety of languages other than English, including Serbian, Italian, Cambodian, Marathi, Kannada, Hindi, Mandarin, German, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Russian, Ateso, Luganda, Dinka, Auslan, Greek, Punjabi, Japanese, Afrikaans, Sinhala, Arabic and Khmer.



Disability Inclusion:

8% of respondents identify as a person living with disability or as disabled, highlighting the importance of ensuring our workplace is accessible and supportive for all.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representation:

3% of staff identify as Aboriginal, contributing valuable cultural knowledge and perspectives to our organisation.

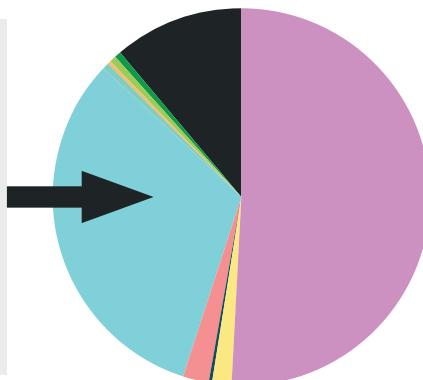
LGBTQIA+ Inclusion:

7% of respondents identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, reflecting our commitment to a safe and welcoming environment for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Gender Diversity:

Our workforce is 51% female, with representation across a spectrum of gender identities, including non-binary and agender staff.

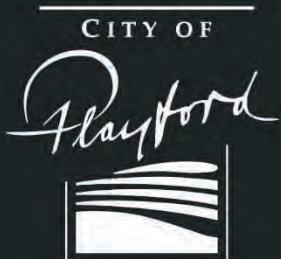
Female	91	51%
Female: She/Her	2	1.5%
Female & Assigned female at birth	1	0.5%
Cisgender Female	3	2%
Male	58	32%
Male: He/Him	1	0.5%
Agender	1	0.5%
Non-Binary	1	0.5%
XY	1	0.5%
Not Stated	20	11%



These results demonstrate the City of Playford's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. A diverse workforce strengthens our organisation and enhances our ability to deliver accessible, responsive services to the community.



Disability Snapshot



Disability Snapshot

Our community

Our community is vibrant and diverse, made up of people of all ages, genders, background and abilities.

There is no single statistic that perfectly measures the number of people living with disability in a council area. The Australian Census only records the number of people who need assistance with core activities such as self-care, mobility or communication.

However, we know disability is very diverse and not always visible. While many people need supports, not all people living with disability do, and some may not identify as having a disability. For instance, older people may see changes in their physical or cognitive changes as part of ageing, rather than as a disability.

Similarly, some people with autism may view their neurodivergence as a difference rather than a disability.

The statistics below provide some insight into the impact of disability in the City of Playford:

8373 people or **8.4%**
of our community need assistance with core activities.

Of these people:

43%
are women

20%
are children

35%
are aged
over 65

6%
are Aboriginal
and Torres
Strait Islander
peoples

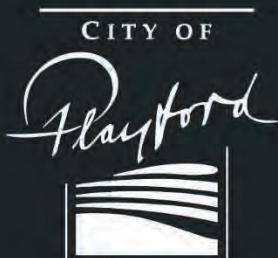
12%
do not speak
English at home

Source:
ABS Census
2021

10% of our community provide unpaid care to people with a disability, health condition or due to old age.



Policy and Legislative Framework





Policy and Legislation Framework

Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is shaped by a range of international, national, state, and local commitments. These frameworks guide how council supports people with disability, ensuring our actions are aligned with broader efforts to promote inclusion, uphold human rights, and respond to emerging reforms.

International

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Acknowledges that people living with disability have the same human rights as other members of the community and that the State and the community have a responsibility to facilitate the exercise of those rights.

National

These national laws and strategies establish the legal and policy framework that councils must operate within. They also set expectations for inclusive practices and continuous improvement in access and participation.

Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Australian)

Makes it unlawful to discriminate against a person, in many areas of public life, because of their disability.

Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031

Sets out a plan for all levels of government to continue to improve the lives of people with disability in Australia.

Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

The report made 222 recommendations on how to improve laws, policies, structures and practices to ensure a more inclusive and just society that supports the independence of people with disability.

National Reform Agenda

Extensive reforms to the NDIS and Australia's Disability Strategy are reshaping how disability services are delivered across Australia. These changes will influence how councils plan for access and inclusion, requiring greater flexibility and responsiveness and alignment with evolving priorities.

Policy and Legislation Framework

South Australian

Disability Inclusion Act 2018

Acknowledges the equal human rights and promotes the independence and social and economic inclusion of people with disability.

Requires all State authorities (including councils) to prepare and report on Disability Access and Inclusion Plans.

The State Plan 2025-2029

Identifies 5 domains of action for the state and local governments to achieve the vision of a South Australia where no one is left behind. Council Disability Access and Inclusion Plan's must align to the State Plan and include the measures assigned to local government.

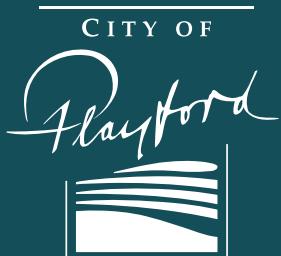
South Australian Autism Strategy 2024-2029

NDIS data indicates that autism remains the largest disability group in South Australia, followed by intellectual disability. This Strategy sets out a five-year roadmap for the government to help improve the lives of people with Autism of all ages and their families.





Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan





Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

What is the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan?

This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan has been prepared by the City of Playford (council). All councils in South Australia are required by legislation (law) to prepare a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

A Disability Access and Inclusion Plan says what a council will do to enable people with disability to access and be included in council places, services, events, employment and government representation. The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan sets out the City of Playford's commitment to creating a community where people with disability have equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of life.

This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is council's roadmap for action over the next four years. It outlines the practical steps we will take to remove barriers, improve access, and ensure people with disability are included in the design and delivery of council places, services, programs, employment opportunities, and decision-making.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan reflects the aspirations of our community and is shaped by the voices of people with disability, their families, carers, and support networks. It is not just a plan on paper - it is a statement of shared responsibility and a call to action across council to embed access and inclusion into everything we do.

By delivering on this Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, the City of Playford will:

- Build on the progress achieved through our first Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (2020-2024).
- Contribute to the statewide vision of "a South Australia where no one is left behind."
- Support our local community vision of prosperity, liveability, and happiness for all.

This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan represents council's ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive city where every person can contribute, belong, and thrive.

Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

How to use this Plan

This Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is designed to be a practical tool for council, our partners, and the community. It outlines clear actions that will guide the City of Playford in removing barriers, creating opportunities, and embedding access and inclusion in all aspects of council business.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan can be used in the following ways:

- **Council staff and Elected Members** to inform decision-making, service delivery, infrastructure planning, and community engagement. The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan acts as a whole-of-organisation commitment that ensures access and inclusion are considered across all programs, policies, and projects.
- **People with disability, families, and carers** to understand council's priorities and hold us accountable to delivering meaningful improvements. The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan also highlights opportunities for people with disability to be involved in shaping our city.
- **Partners, service providers, and community organisations** to support collaboration and alignment with council's work. The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan provides a shared framework for building an inclusive community together.
- **The wider community** to promote awareness, celebrate diversity, and encourage collective responsibility in making Playford accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for all.

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is not a static document. Council will report annually on progress and review actions regularly to ensure they remain relevant, achievable, and responsive to community needs.

Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Implementation

The City of Playford is committed to ensuring that the actions and strategies outlined in this plan are effectively delivered, monitored, and continuously improved. Implementation is a shared responsibility, involving council, community leaders, stakeholders, and people with disability.

Group	Role	Membership
SA Department for Human Services	Oversees the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Act 2018 and the State Disability Inclusion Plan. Ensures councils develop, implement, report on, and review Disability Access and Inclusion Plans in accordance with the Act.	Chief Executive of the Department for Health
City of Playford Council (Elected Body)	Endorses the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and approves budget allocations for its delivery. Tracks progress through the council's Annual Report.	City of Playford Elected Members
Council Staff - Disability Access and Inclusion Responsibilities	Deliver, report, and review council actions that support access and inclusion. Collaborate across departments and consult with the community to ensure initiatives meet needs. Coordinate and track progress through the Quality Coordinator, Disability Inclusion.	Nominated staff from all council departments responsible for delivering actions. Staff contribute to planning, implementation, and reporting of inclusion initiatives.
Access & Inclusion Community Leaders (e.g., Access & Social Inclusion Advisory Group)	Provides guidance and advice on council plans, projects, programs, services, and events from an access and inclusion perspective. Meets regularly to review initiatives and provide feedback during development phases.	People with disability, carers, family members, and service providers. Includes The State Plan priority groups such as women, children, and people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
Stakeholders	Collaborates with council to support delivery of Disability Access and Inclusion Plan actions, including promotion of opportunities, consultation, and awareness.	Service providers and organisations representing women, children, and people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

How we will plan, deliver and report on progress

Each year council will identify and plan for actions to be delivered. Actions requiring new resources will be subject to approval as part of council's Annual Business Plan and Budget process.

Progress will be reported annually to Elected Members and the Department for Human Services.

An interim review will be conducted to ensure consistency with any changes to the South Australian Disability Inclusion Plan, legislation or law. Every four years the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan will be reviewed and updated in consultation with people with disability, the community and stakeholders.

Council will consistently monitor and adjust Disability Access and Inclusion Plan actions through:

- Consultation and feedback from council staff, Elected Members, Access & Inclusion Community Leaders and stakeholders.
- Continuous improvement based on community feedback and emerging best practices.

This approach ensures accountability, transparency, and ongoing engagement with the people and communities the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is designed to support.





Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Developing this Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Steps undertaken to prepare the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan:

1. Background Paper (May 2025)

We prepared a background paper that outlined key information about our community, disability and how other levels of governments are planning for access and inclusion.

2. Community Engagement - Phase 1 - Shaping the Plan (June - July 2025)

We invited community members, service providers, and stakeholders to help shape the Plan by sharing what worked well in the previous Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, what could be improved, and what priorities should guide the next one. Their feedback directly informed the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

3. Drafting the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (August - September 2025)

Following the release of the State Plan 2025-2029 (August 2025) we began drafting our draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Our Plan aligns with the guidelines, template, goals and measures for councils in the State Plan 2025-2029.

4. Community Engagement - Phase 2 - Checking In (January - February 2026)

We will return to the community to share the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and check that it reflects what we heard. Feedback from this phase will help finalise the Plan.

5. Finalise Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (Early 2026)

We will revise the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan based on community feedback and present to council for formal adoption. Once endorsed, both the full Plan and an Easy Read version will be published on council's website.

6. Close the Loop

We will share the endorsed Disability Access and Inclusion Plan with the community and outline the next steps for implementation and reporting.



Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

Listening to People with Disability

How we engaged

In June and July 2025, we reached out to people with disability their carers, families, service providers and other key stakeholders for feedback on:

- What worked well and what could be improved in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (2020-2024)
- Their top priorities for disability, access and inclusion in City of Playford
- Their big ideas on what they would like to see in the next Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (2025-2029)

To support participation for people with different needs, consultation materials were available in multiple formats. The Playford Engagement Hub also featured accessibility tools, including the UserWay accessibility widget, a built-in language translator, and a short video tutorial.

People provided feedback in a way that suited them best, including:

- Online surveys
- Face to face sessions
- Social media interactions
- Audio/video recordings or drawings
- Ideas wall on Engagement Hub
- Email submissions
- “Your Big Idea” proposals
- Dotmocracy voting activities
- Phone conversations

This mix of methods, offered in accessible formats, helped ensure a broad range of voices were heard.

- More than 2,600 people visited the project page
- Over 4,500 people saw social media posts
- Nearly 1,700 people opened project emails
- In total, 240 people provided direct feedback through these channels

Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

What we heard

Top five priorities for our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan identified by the community:

1. Universal design and improving physical access.
2. Supporting active participation in community life.
3. Disability awareness and education.
4. Strengthening cultural inclusion and safety.
5. Creating more inclusive events and activities for all ages.

A detailed summary of community feedback is available in the **What We Heard** report, which can be accessed on Playford Engagement Hub [City of Playford's New Disability Access and Inclusion Plan](#)

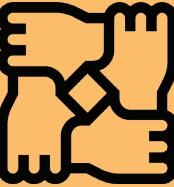


Shaping the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

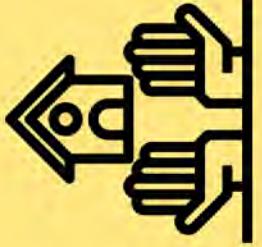
Action Plan: Domains, Priorities and Measures

Our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is aligned to The State Plan, representing our local community needs and contributing to creating an accessible and inclusive South Australia.

The State Plan domains and outcomes we will work towards are:

	Inclusive Environments and Communities	All people with disability can participate as equal citizens and feel connected to their communities.
	Education and Employment	All people with disability benefit from inclusive educational experiences, equitable employment opportunities and financial security.
	Personal and Community Support	All people with disability can access quality tailored personal and community supports addressing their individual needs.
	Health and Wellbeing	All people with disability can attain the highest possible health and wellbeing outcomes throughout their lives.
	Safety, Rights and Justice	All people with disability should feel safe, have their rights upheld and have full and equal protection before the law.

The next section follows The State Plan template required for councils to use for their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. For each domain it lists the actions council will deliver, when and how each action will be measured. The State Plan includes compulsory measures that councils must collect data for, to enable reporting on certain measures at a statewide level. These compulsory measures are shown with a State Plan reference number (e.g., The State Plan 1.1.2).



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Domain 1: Inclusive environments and communities

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Outcome Statement: A South Australia where all people with disability can participate as equal citizens and feel connected to their communities.

Objective: To influence community attitudes to remove discrimination and build a South Australian community that values difference and respects the contributions people with disability make to our communities. This includes ensuring the community itself is fully accessible.

Priority Areas for Domain 1

1. Active participation
2. Inclusive communities and attitudes
3. Universal Design
4. Accessible facilities
5. Communications and information
6. Transportation
7. Collaboration, consultation and innovation
8. Housing

Priority Area 1: Active participation.

Outcome: People with disability are active participants in accessible and inclusive communities.

No	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
1	Provide social and recreation programs, events and activities that are accessible and inclusive of people with disability including children, young people and adults of diverse cultural, social, and community backgrounds.	The number of inclusive and accessible events, both internal and external, with 50+ people following best practice event management principles (The State Plan 1.1.2)	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
2	Develop and follow accessible event guidelines to enable the inclusion of people with disability in all City of Playford events.		Year 1	Connection & Inclusion
3	Identify the factors that enable people with disability, from diverse ages, cultures, and gender identities, including LGBTQIA+ communities, to participate in community programs and events, and apply these learnings in practice.		Year 1	Connection & Inclusion
4	Provide information about the accessibility features of all City of Playford events and programs and ask questions about access and cultural needs in registrations.		Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

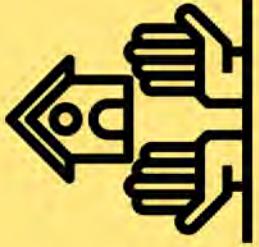
Disability Access and Inclusion Plan actions table

Domain 1: Inclusive environments and communities

Priority Area 2: Inclusive communities and attitudes.

Outcome: People with disability are respected and included in their communities, where inclusive attitudes and behaviours are widely demonstrated.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeline	Responsibility
5	Provide disability access and inclusion training to Elected Members, staff, and volunteers.	The number of initiatives undertaken to promote disability inclusion and improve community attitudes towards people with disability in the community, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of staff and volunteers participating in disability awareness training, including Universal Design. • The number of workplace initiatives promoting disability inclusion. 	Ongoing	Organisational Development
6	Support local businesses and community groups and organisations to become more accessible and inclusive for people with disability.	(The State Plan 1.2.1)	Ongoing	Economic Development Connection & Inclusion
7	Collaborate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations to identify and implement ways Council can support Aboriginal people with disability and their families, ensuring inclusion is part of everyday community life. Respect, empathy, advocacy, and the promotion of independence are prioritised so that everyone feels valued, engaged, and able to participate and contribute.	The number of actions embedded in our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan working towards Closing the Gap targets. (The State Plan 1.2.3)	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
8	Facilitate opportunities for the community to connect, learn about, and celebrate disability through inclusive events and educational workshops, fostering awareness, understanding, and participation for all.	Feedback and reflections from participants on increased awareness, understanding, and sense of inclusion following events/workshops. Documented examples of how events or workshops contributed to community awareness and positive attitudes toward people with disability.	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion Events & Activation



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Domain 1: Inclusive environments and communities

Priority Area 3: Universal Design.

Outcome: Everyone in South Australia can access and enjoy inclusive and accessible natural and built environments.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
9	Follow universal design principles in the upgrade, construction and maintenance of buildings, facilities, public realm, and open space in-line with community needs and Council budgets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of public-facing council buildings, spaces, play spaces and infrastructure that are modified to improve accessibility. For example, by adding signage or widening doors. 	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery Operations
10	Build, upgrade, and maintain Council footpaths, paths, trails, and crossings to be accessible and safe in-line with community needs and Council budgets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of upgrades to parks, reserves, beaches, and playgrounds (within these areas) that are built or modified to improve accessibility. 	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery
11	Provide or make improvements to council on-street and facility accessible parking spaces and drop-off zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of new council developments that incorporate Universal Design. 	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery
12	Prioritise accessibility upgrades at Council owned community venues to enable participation.	(The State Plan 1.3.2)	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery
13	Educate developers about the benefits and opportunities of incorporating universal design into commercial or housing developments.	Description of outcomes delivered	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery

Priority Area 4: Accessible facilities.

Outcome: People with disability can access public toilet facilities that meet their needs when out in the community.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
14	Upgrade or install new accessible toilets or changing places facilities in-line with community needs and Council budgets.	The number of public council owned toilet facilities across the council area that meet accessibility standards and/or a designated Changing Places facility.	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery

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Domain 1: Inclusive environments and communities

Priority Area 5: Communications and information.

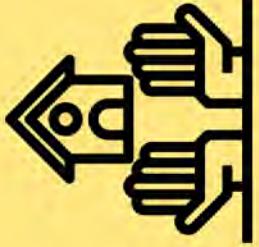
Outcome: People with disability can find the information they need in the format(s) they need it in.

No	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
15	Ensure Council venue information, including access features and visual stories, is available in accessible formats online and in hard copy to support inclusion.	The number of resources or materials that have been developed in accessible formats. For example, websites that meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 Level AA accessibility standard or above, Auslan translations and Easy Read documents.	Year 1	Marketing & Communications Connection and Inclusion
16	Continue to provide accessible communication through plain language, different formats and assistive tools	(The State Plan 1.5.1)	Ongoing	Marketing & Communications
17	Introduce visual communication supports at Council service points, including libraries, community centres, and customer service desks, to facilitate inclusive engagement for people with diverse communication needs.		Year 1	Connection & Inclusion



Disability Access and Inclusion Plan actions table

Domain 1: Inclusive environments and communities



Priority Area 6: Transportation.

Outcome: People with disability can get to where they need to go safely.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
18	Advocate for improved and inclusive transport options that meet the needs of people with disability, ensuring they can travel safely, affordably, and independently to access employment, education, services, and community activities.	The number and quality of council advocacy actions undertaken to improve inclusive transport options for people with disability.	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery + Advocacy from Executive

Priority Area 7: Collaboration, consultation and innovation

Outcome: People with disability are actively involved in government decisions that affect their lives.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility	
19	Undertake community engagement activities using accessible information and tools, promote it to disability networks and share outcomes	The number of public consultations that included and sought input from people with disability.	Ongoing	Community Insights	
20	Sustain and enhance the Access and Social Inclusion Advisory Group, providing meaningful engagement for members and leveraging their input in the planning and design of major Council projects and programs.	(The State Plan 1.7.1)	The number of people with disability, including parents and carers, serving on committees and working groups.	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
21	Ensure questions about disability access and inclusion are in Council's annual community survey.	(The State Plan 1.7.2)	Community perceptions of council's progress on disability access and inclusion, are reflected in survey responses and themes.	Ongoing	Community Insights

Priority Area 8: Housing.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

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Domain 2: Education and employment

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Outcome Statement: A South Australia where all people with disability benefit from inclusive educational experiences, equitable employment opportunities and financial security.

Objective: To ensure equal opportunity to learning and earning is achieved by addressing the barriers and obstacles people with disability of all ages continue to face at all levels of the education and employment experience.

Priority Areas for Domain 2

1. Targeted knowledge, understanding and support
2. Supports and resources for children and young people
3. Targeted transitional supports
4. Access to employment opportunities
5. Inclusive working environments
6. Data and reporting

Priority Area 1- Targeted knowledge, understanding and support.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

Priority Area 2 - Supports and resources for children and young people.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

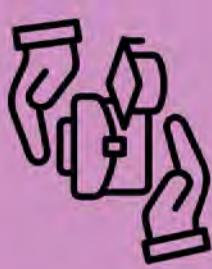
Priority Area 3: Targeted transitional supports.

Outcome: People with disability have supportive environments to learn, grow, and transition throughout their life.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
22	Develop diverse and meaningful volunteering opportunities through accessible and inclusive promotion, administration, and support.	The number of initiatives taken to encourage people with disability to volunteer. (The State Plan 2.3.5)	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
23	Strengthen lifelong learning opportunities by ensuring council's spaces and programs are accessible and inclusive of people with disability including children, young people and adults of diverse cultural, social, and community backgrounds.	Examples of participation outcomes showing people with disability are supported to engage, learn, and transition throughout life.	Ongoing	Library Services

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Domain 2: Education and employment



Priority Area 4: Access to employment opportunities.

Outcome: People with disability have opportunities to achieve, develop and succeed in their chosen fields.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeline	Responsibility
24	Adopt accessible and inclusive recruitment guidelines and build the capacity of human resources staff and hiring managers to implement them effectively.	The number of organisational changes adopted to improve inclusive recruitment for people with disability. For example, tailoring roles to fit individuals and employer incentives.	Year 1 and Ongoing	Organisational Development
25	Deliver community “expo” events that promote opportunities for participation, leadership and employment for people with disability.	(The State Plan 2.4.3) Highlighting improvements or adjustments made to the events based on participant feedback or sector collaboration.	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion Economic Development

Priority Area 5: Inclusive working environments.

Outcome: People with disability have access to supportive places to learn.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeline	Responsibility
26	Adopt universal design principles in the upgrade or construction of new workplace environments.	The number of workplace practices implemented to support people with disability to have equal opportunities for growth and success, including support to remain in employment.	Ongoing	Assets & Delivery, Asset Operations
27	Explore and put in place practices that promote inclusive employment for staff with disability through assistive technologies, flexible or outcome-based work arrangements, workplace workplace supports.	For example, outcome-based employment, flexible work arrangements, workplace adjustments and mentoring programs.	Year 1 and Ongoing	Organisational Development
28	Support staff in leading inclusive teams by providing targeted guidance, mentoring, and development opportunities focused on disability inclusion.	(The State Plan 2.5.1)	Year 1 and Ongoing	Organisational Development

Priority Area 6: Data and Reporting.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

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Domain 3: Personal and community support

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Outcome statement: A South Australia where people with disability can access quality, tailored personal and community supports addressing their individual needs.

Objective: To build a service system in South Australia that takes a person-centred approach that recognises the contributions and potential of all people with disability.

Priority Areas for Domain 3

1. Accessibility
2. Advocacy and supports
3. Information sharing
4. Family and carer support
5. Programs

Priority Area 1: Accessibility.

Outcome: People with disability can easily access community supports and services.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
29	Connect people with disability to council and local services by maintaining accessible information across digital and print channels.	The number of council initiatives and improvements made to connect people with disability to community supports and services wherever they present. For example, referral hubs, mobile outreach, online information platforms, frontline worker training, and partnerships with community organisations.	Ongoing	Marketing & Communications
30	Engage with community and sector experts to inform, design, and deliver targeted programs and services that are inclusive and responsive to the needs of people with disability.	(The State Plan 3.1.1)	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

Priority Area 2: Advocacy and supports.

Outcome: People with disability are supported to make their own choices and use advocacy when needed to protect and promote their rights.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
31	Maintain dedicated staff resources to advocate for disability inclusion and provide clear contact points for the community.	Description of outcomes delivered through council advocacy and accessible contact points for people with disability.	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan actions table

Domain 3: Personal and community support



Priority Area 3: Information sharing.

Outcome: People with disability receive more coordinated and effective support when services work together and share information.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
32	Participate in the Local Government Access and Inclusion Network.	The number of inter-agency meetings and initiatives to support the implementation of the State Plan and our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
33	Partner with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program to acknowledge and support people with hidden or invisible disability.	(The State Plan 3.3.1)	Year 1 and Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
34	Be responsive to new partnerships to improve disability access and inclusion.		Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

Priority Area 4: Family and carer support.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

Priority Area 5: Programs.

Outcome: Government-funded programs and services include disability-specific provisions to enable full and equal participation.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
35	Review council grant programs to make them more inclusive, enabling people with disability to participate fully and equally in opportunities that deliver positive outcomes.	The number of council grants and funding amount distributed to enhance disability inclusion. (The State Plan 3.5.1)	Year 1 and Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

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Domain 4: Health and wellbeing

Domain 4: Health and wellbeing

Outcome Statement: A South Australia where all people with disability can attain the highest possible health and wellbeing outcomes throughout their lives.

Objective: To have a well-connected health and mental health sector that is easy to access, navigate and interact with for all people with disability.

Priority Areas for Domain 4

1. Inclusive infrastructure
2. Targeted knowledge, understanding and support
3. Supports and interventions

Priority Area 1: Inclusive infrastructure.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

Priority Area 2: Targeted knowledge, understanding and support.

Outcome: People with disability can access healthcare that is inclusive and responsive to the intersectionality and diversity of disability, recognising the important role of carers.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
36	Engage with government agencies, health providers, and disability sector experts to advocate for accessible and inclusive health and wellbeing services that respond to the diverse needs of people with disability.	Description of outcomes delivered through council advocacy, including improvements in accessibility, inclusiveness, and responsiveness of health and wellbeing services for people with disability, and increased sector awareness of diverse needs and carer perspectives.	Ongoing	Advocacy from Executive Connection & Inclusion

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Domain 4: Health and wellbeing

Priority Area 3: Supports and interventions.

Outcome: People with disability receive coordinated health supports that meet their needs, with stronger connections between mental health and disability services.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
37	Collaborate with community organisations and health providers to design and deliver inclusive, accessible health and wellbeing programs and supports for people with disability.	Description of outcomes delivered through council-led collaborations, including increased accessibility, inclusiveness, and responsiveness of health and wellbeing programs and supports, and enhanced participation and engagement of people with disability.	Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion
38	Partner with dental institutions, practitioners, and disability stakeholders to strengthen access to oral health care and promote improved dental hygiene for people with intellectual disability.	Description of outcomes delivered highlighting examples of resources, pathways, or programs developed to address barriers and improve oral health outcomes.	Year 1 and Ongoing	Connection & Inclusion

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Domain 5: Safety, rights and justice

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Outcome Statement: A South Australia where all people with disability feel safe, have their rights upheld and have full and equal protection before the law.

Objective: To improve the safety and overall experience of people with disability coming into contact with our emergency services, criminal justice and civil law systems.

Priority Areas for Domain 5

1. Targeted knowledge, understanding and support
2. Responding to emergencies
3. Support and navigating the justice system
4. Consultation and collaboration
5. Safeguarding

Priority Area 1: Targeted knowledge, understanding and support.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

Priority Area 2: Responding to emergencies.

Outcome: People with disability are kept safe during emergencies, with their needs planned for and prioritised.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
39	Embed Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) into council emergency planning, and train staff to support people with disability	The number of emergency response resources and systems developed for people with disability, including the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) approach. (The State Plan 5.2.1)	Year 1 and Ongoing	Work Health & Safety

Priority Area 3: Support and navigating the justice system.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

Priority Area 4: Consultation and collaboration.

No identified actions for local government within this area.

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Domain 5: Safety, rights and justice

Priority Area 5: Safeguarding.

Outcome: People with disability can access effective, inclusive and responsive safeguarding supports and services.

No.	Action	Measure	Timeframe	Responsibility
40	Apply appropriate safeguards, checks and accreditation for staff or volunteers working with vulnerable people with disability.	Ongoing use, maintenance, and improvement of safeguarding policies, procedures, and compliance measures for staff and volunteers supporting people with disability.	Ongoing	Organisational Development



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Glossary

Access and Inclusion - Ensuring that people with disability can participate fully, equally, and independently in community life by removing physical, social, cultural, and systemic barriers.

Accessible Formats - Information provided in ways that suit different needs, such as Easy Read, Auslan, captions, large print, Braille, or screen-reader compatible digital documents.

Carer - A person who provides unpaid support to a family member or friend who has a disability, health condition, mental illness, or who is ageing.

Changing Places - Fully accessible public toilet facilities with specialised equipment such as hoists and adult change tables for people with high support needs.

Co-design - A collaborative process where people with lived experience, including people with disability, work alongside organisations to design, plan, and deliver projects, programs, or services.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) - Refers to people who identify as having a cultural heritage and/or language background other than English.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (Disability Access and Inclusion Plan) - A legislated plan prepared by South Australian councils and other State authorities under the Disability Inclusion Act 2018, setting out actions to improve access and inclusion for people with disability.

Intersectionality - Recognising that people may experience overlapping forms of disadvantage or discrimination based on disability, race, gender, sexuality, culture, socio-economic status, or other identities.

Neurodivergent - A broad term for people whose brain functions, learns or processes information differently from what's considered typical. This includes a wide range of conditions and ways of thinking such as autism, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia and others and isn't limited to a specific list.

Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) - An approach that ensures the needs and capabilities of people with disability are included in emergency management planning.

Person-first language - Language that places the person before their disability (e.g. "person with disability"), emphasising individuality and humanity.

Priority Cohorts - Groups of people with disability who may experience additional barriers, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, women, children, older people, LGBTQIA+ people, or carers.

Universal Design - A design approach that creates buildings, environments, products, and services usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation.

UNCRPD - The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, an international treaty affirming the rights and dignity of people with disability.



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