

ACCESS AND INCLUSION POLICY

Intent To provide guiding principles for Council to ensure residents and visitors to the region have equitable access to Council facilities, services, programs and activities.

Scope This policy applies to all of the services and facilities of the Cairns Regional Council and all employees and elected members of Cairns Regional Council should be aware of and adhere to the Principles outlined in this policy

PROVISIONS

Objectives

The Cairns Regional Council: –

- Recognises that people with disabilities are valued members of the community who make a variety of contributions to the social, economic and cultural life.
- Believes that a community which recognises its diversity and supports the participation of all of its members enjoys a richer community life.
- Is committed to a long term goal of removing all barriers (physical, social, organisational and structural) which may prevent people with disabilities, their families and carers from accessing and participating in Cairns Regional Council services, facilities and programs.
- Is committed to consulting with agencies and disability service providers, people with disabilities, their families and associates, to ensure that barriers to access are addressed appropriately.
- Is committed to working in partnership with local businesses to improve access to community facilities and services.

In the process of achieving these objectives, Council will implement actions contained within the Access and Equity Action Plan #5457197

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This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

General Manager Responsible for Review:

Community, Sport and Cultural Services



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