

**INCLUSION AND DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- Established:** 24 July 2001
- Resolution:** R25374 Council 24 June 2003
- Membership:** The composition of the Committee shall comprise -
- Four (4) members from Community Service organisations that operate within the Shire of Mundaring and provide support to people with disabilities.
- Eight (8) members who either have a disability; are carers providing support for people with disabilities; have a family member with a disability, or have a demonstrated interest in access issues for people with disabilities and who reside within the Shire of Mundaring or who utilise the Shire of Mundaring as their local community.
- One (1) Councillor appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act.
- Additional membership will be considered if a higher than usual response is forthcoming from the community.
- The appointment of members must be approved by Council before they are able to act in that capacity.
- Meetings:** The committee to meet four (4) times each year or more frequently as required.
- Terms of Reference:** Adopted RC17.02.04 24 February 2004

**1. NAME**

The name of the body is the Inclusion and disAbility Access Advisory Committee and will be referred to hereafter as "the Committee."

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 Access and Inclusion

As stated in the Shire of Mundaring Access and Inclusion Plan an accessible and inclusive community is one in which all Shire functions, facilities and services (both in house and contracted) are open, available and accessible to people with disabilities, providing them with the same opportunities, rights and responsibilities enjoyed by all other people in the community.

## 2.2 Disability

A disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. The Disability Services Act (1993) defines “disability” as meaning a disability:

- Which is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments;
- which is permanent or likely to be permanent;
- which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature; and
- which results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services.

Disabilities can result in a person having a substantially reduced capacity for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services in daily life. Some disabilities, such as epilepsy, are hidden, while others, such as cerebral palsy, may be visible.

With the assistance of appropriate aids and services, the restrictions experienced by many people with a disability may be overcome.

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2.3 “Council” means the Council of the Shire of Mundaring.

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## 3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To provide comment and advice to Council on matters relating to disability access and inclusion in the Shire.
- 3.2 To provide a means of communication between the Disability Services Commission, carers, people with disabilities and concerned community members and Council.
- 3.3 To facilitate a co-ordinated approach in the provision of disability access and inclusion within the Shire.
- 3.4 To be proactive in monitoring the Shire of Mundaring’s Access and Inclusion Plan
- 3.5 Assist Council in reviewing the Access and Inclusion Plan.
- 3.6 To encourage and assist community participation in the development of the Access and Inclusion Plan.
- 3.7 To provide representation on working parties for local events for people with disabilities.

- 3.8 To examine the implications of of current policies and procedures relating to disability access and inclusion issues and when appropriate, report on and or make recommendations to Council about those policies and procedures.
- 3.9 To facilitate the participation of people with disabilities; families and friends in the Shire in local activities and events.

#### **4. MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Deputations**

The Committee may invite appropriate persons to attend any meeting but such persons shall not be entitled to vote on any decision arising out of that meeting.

#### **5. AMENDMENTS**

The Terms of Reference may be amended in the following way -

- 5.1 Committee members must receive, at least fourteen (14) days notice in writing of the proposed amendment(s);
- 5.2 The amendment as accepted by the Committee shall be forwarded to Council for its consideration but can not be applied until adopted by Council.

#### **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Anne Jeavons	Community Member
Rosemary Karvinen	Community Member
Denise Makley	Community Member
Lyn Barrett	Community Member
Carol Phillips	Community Member
Duncan Cornwallis	Community Member
Gail Palmer	Community Service Organisation Representative
Val Shiell	Community Service Organisation Representative
Cerys Corrins	Community Service Organisation Representative
Maxine Martin	Community Service Organisation Representative
Cr Eva Marjanovic	South Ward