

Yarra Ranges Council Disability Advisory Committee Achievements – 2022

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| Internal Advocacy: <i>Input, influence, and involvement in number of Council projects that support accessibility.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAC members informing the development of Council Policy and Strategies such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Economic Development Strategy 2022-2032- Active Recreation for People Plan- Nature Plan 2022-2032- Review of the Yarra Ranges Council Housing Strategy- Municipal Recovery Plan (MRP)• Input to the Monbulk Urban Design Framework. DAC members conducted a site visit in Monbulk with Council staff. DAC members also had input on the following place planning projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wayfinding Strategy for Lilydale Project.- Lilydale Structure Plan.- Warburton Place Plan and opportunities to engage on Council’s Shaping Yarra Ranges website.• Four accessible play spaces opened in 2022 with accessible design features influenced by the DAC. This included play equipment including sealed paths, large gyro swing and rubber softfall access to combination units (Upper Yarra, Luke Polkinghorne, Mooroolbark Heights, Bailey Road in Mt Evelyn and Monbulk Recreation Reserve).• Bailey Road in Mt Evelyn is a steep site however a pram crossing was installed to ensure safe crossing and access to the concrete path. Involvement from DAC has ensured accessible design features are included in play space upgrades. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste Management system – input from DAC on proposed changes to collections and how Council can assist people with disability who may have difficulty putting their bins out for collection.• Input on the Coldstream Pump Track and elements that ensure disability access.• Kilsyth Sports Centre improvements, including the installation of a Changing Places toilet at the reserve. DAC members have conducted previous site visit to this Centre to provide input.• Lillydale Lake and Chirnside Urban Park Masterplans. DAC members provide input on design elements that ensure equitable access.• Input on examples of accessibility projects as part of Council's Minor Works program in 2022-23.• Belgrave South Netball Club – disability access. Two DAC members proposed a site visit to provide input on the path and ramp access.• Belgrave South Safer Places. DAC members provided input on key design features.• Council's footpath program and prioritisation of footpath missing links. DAC members actively informing Council to report missing links.• Input on Council's accessible parking bay program and on newly constructed accessible parking bays in Belgrave, Lilydale and Monbulk.• Input on Council's crossing facilities - funding and grant opportunities to develop programs. Recent installation of crossing at Liverpool Road, Kilsyth. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access issues input provided by DAC member at Yarra Glen Oval resolved and posts installed to stop cars and enable safer access. • DAC member couldn't access Breakneck Road in Yarra Glen in his adaptive Mountain bike. Council's Outdoor team created a ramp access which enabled the member to use the trail. The DAC member created a video of his experience getting to the top of Breakneck Road which was shared at the International Day of People with Disability event 2022. • Council's Pandemic & Storm Impact Survey enabled DAC members to share their experience of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe storm event on 9 June 2021. Results from this survey have been used to monitor the effectiveness of Pandemic and Storm Event Recovery Programs being implemented now and over the next few years. • Acknowledgement of retiring DAC Committee members and the recruitment of new members of the Disability Advisory Committee 2022-26 approved by Council on 13 December 2022. |
| <p>External Advocacy: <i>Input, influence, and involvement in number of projects that support partners and key stakeholder to increase accessibility.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of two DAC members who shared their stories for Eastern Community Legal Centre's (ECLC) project, <i>Hidden Voices</i>. This is funded by the Lilydale Revitalisation Program. Lilydale has been selected as one of eight activity centres to receive focused funding and support from the State Government's Suburban Revitalisation Program. The Hidden Voices project was held at Lilydale Library and the Regional Museum where their stories foster conversations that challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="665 322 1388 680">• Art and Sole Project – DAC members were involved in an audit of the walking trails to ensure accessibility in Lilydale. A site visit was conducted with Inspiro, DAC members and Council staff at Poyner Reserve, Cave Hill Road 7-11 crossing and Lilydale Station. DAC members' input has resulted in changes to pedestrian crossing and improved pathways and accessways at Poyner Reserve.<li data-bbox="665 725 1388 860">• Accessible Caravan launched at Warburton Caravan Park and DAC members advocated on the value of accessible visitor accommodation in Yarra Ranges.<li data-bbox="665 904 1388 1128">• Yarra Ranges Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning (DIEP) Forum: A community workshop held at Civic Centre. DAC members participated in the forum and were invited to register in the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) Facilitator Training.<li data-bbox="665 1151 1388 1666">• The CHAOS Network (of community houses) and SwinLocal (a network with Swinburne Uni and 21 Learn Locals) received funding to deliver a Carers Employment Support Program through DFFH. The project aimed to link 108 carers into vocational opportunities such as adult learning, training, employment or volunteering. A DAC Carer member, Mt Evelyn Community House and Council are part of the Project Reference Group. DAC Carer member employed as Link Worker for the Project. The project successfully reaches its targets and funding extended for another year.<li data-bbox="665 1711 1388 1890">• DAC carer member continues to co-lead the Pathways for Carers walks in Mt Evelyn. The carer member also shares the information provided by Guest Walkers with carers who are unable to attend the walks. |

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| <p>Projects & Events: <i>Input and involvement in a number of projects and events that build knowledge, awareness and skills for staff, community members and enable the DAC members to actively participate.</i></p> | <p>A number of accessible events and celebrations were held during 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Yarra Ranges International Day of People with Disability event held <i>Celebrating the Power of People with Disability</i>. This was an opportunity for staff and DAC members with disability to participate and contribute to the planning of this event.• Promotional videos created with DAC members and shared on social media and on the Civic Centre screens.• DAC members present on key projects that have benefitted from working with the committee and celebrating the DAC contributions and achievements across Council.• Yarra Ranges Council 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence event held <i>'Gender and Diversity: Creating Equality and Respect' What does equality and respect look like? How might this differ for Indigenous women, older women, or women with disability?</i>• Twelve editions of the Yarra Ranges Disability Inclusion newsletter created by Council and distributed to the community. The content includes promotion of the DAC activities and profiles members' contributions. |