



DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately **20%** of Banyule residents identify as having a disability.

4.8% (5,624 residents) reported the need for assistance with core activities due to a disability, long-term health condition, or old age.

(Based on 2011 Census data and the 2014 Banyule Household Survey)



Highlights from the 2014/15 Disability Action Plan

Our 2014/15 Disability Action Plan has 16 key actions to support people with a disability and their families, 75% of the Actions have been completed, with the remainder to be actioned over the next year.

This year, we re-established a Disability Inclusion Advisory Committee comprising people with a disability and carers of people with a disability. The Committee has a key role in providing advice and direction to Council. We are currently developing our next Disability Action Plan and are working closely with our Committee and local community to shape the plan.

We have summarised our progress below.

Improving access and equity in Council services and practices

- Implementing basic accessibility features in approximately 20% of new housing developments of three or more dwellings via Council's Liveable Housing Guidelines.
- Piloting a "Work Inspirations" work experience program with Concord School, a P-12 specialist school for students with additional learning needs.
- Providing an innovative arts program for young people with a disability aged 12-25 years through Jets Creative Arts.
- Providing in home support and respite services to over 300 people with a disability.
- Starting a comprehensive review of our disability services to prepare for changes from the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- Improving accessibility to Ivanhoe Aquatic (gym equipment, reception counter, lift access and toilet facilities) as part of the leisure centre's redevelopment which was recently completed.



Partnership with community organisations and advocacy

- Supporting two sensory friendly films for over 150 young people on the Autism spectrum and their families in conjunction with Hoyts Cinemas.
- Supporting Yarra Plenty Regional Library service in providing a Sensitive Santa program for children on the Autism spectrum.
- Hosting the third Inclusive Arts Forum to increase the capacity of local arts organisations to include people with a disability.
- Hosting four Disability Services Network meetings to increase planning and coordination amongst local disability services.

Increasing community awareness

- Hosting a series of events to celebrate and recognise the International Day of People with a Disability, attended by over 200 people.
- Hosting the 'We' inclusive arts exhibition highlighting the work of artists with a disability.