

# QUICK GUIDE

## Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group



### Overview

The purpose of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Group is to provide a voice for people with disability, their families, and carers, who live, work, study or play in the City of Casey, on all issues related to disability access and inclusion.

The committee will be Council's main source of advice regarding disability access and inclusion for policies, programs and services which may impact people with disability, their families, and carers.

The role of the committee is to:

- Draw on the lived experience of people with disabilities, their families, and carers, within the City of Casey irrespective of disability type, age, gender, sexual orientation, or cultural and linguistic background.
- Advise Council on issues and opportunities that may affect people with disabilities and carers living, working, studying, or visiting the City of Casey.
- Identify, acknowledge, and celebrate activities that improve the lives of people with disability within the City of Casey.
- Participate in community consultation processes and contribute to the development and review of policies, programs and services which may impact people with disabilities, their families, and carers.
- Contribute to the development, implementation, and ongoing monitoring of Council's Disability Action Plan (DAP).
- Provide advice on accessibility and inclusion for Council run community events and activities.
- Advocate for people with disabilities and carers across all levels of government.
- Develop leadership skills and provide learning opportunities for people with disability.
- Raise awareness of the positive contributions that people with a disability and carers make to community life.

### Selection criteria

Applicants will be assessed on their level of interest and understanding of disability inclusion and their knowledge of the Casey community.

Applicants will be selected to ensure the committee is representational across a range of disability types and levels of severity and include a diverse range of people according to age, gender, ethnic or cultural background, religion, or sexual orientation.

## Membership

Membership of the committee will comprise of 15 members appointed for a three (3) year term:

- Eight (8) community representatives with a lived experience of disability.
- Four (4) organisational representatives (disability service providers).
- Three (3) community representatives who are unpaid carers of people with a disability (both children and adults).

## Meetings

Meetings will be held eight (8) times per year in a hybrid format, with members able to choose to attend online or in person. Additional out-of-session meetings may be held at the discretion of members.

## Capacity building and accessibility

Where possible, Council encourages committee members to enhance their skills and capacity both personally and professionally. This could be in the form of guest speakers, events, training, and participation in other Council or external opportunities.

Support will be provided to committee members to develop knowledge relevant to participation, including self-advocacy training, meetings skills, participation, and communication skills.

Any disability-related support required to enable participation on the committee will be provided by Council. This includes providing information in alternative formats including large print, Braille, and Easy English, and Auslan.