



DAIP e-Bulletin September 2015

This e-Bulletin provides information for local government authorities and State Government agencies about Disability Access and Inclusion Plan developments.

DAIP progress reporting

Thank you to the 235 local and State Government agencies that provided DAIP reports for 2014–2015.

The DAIP Progress Report for 2013–2014 was tabled in Parliament by Disability Services Minister Helen Morton and is available to view on the Commission's website at www.disability.wa.gov.au.

City of Bayswater – an inclusive and connected community

The City of Bayswater has been recognised at the recent Parks and Leisure (PLA) WA Awards 2015, winning the Inclusive and Connected Communities award for its Count Me In Have a Go Day project. This was for outstanding programs, projects, practices or events which create and strengthen inclusive and connected communities through leisure opportunities and activities.

The Count Me In Have a Go Day created sustainable partnerships and supportive environments for volunteering and community involvement, particularly for people with disability.

As a State winner in the Inclusive and Connected Communities category, the city is now an entrant in the same category in the national awards event.

Outcome 7 workshops

The Local Government Managers Association, funded by the Commission, has engaged a consultancy, Localise, to develop and deliver workshops about DAIP Outcome 7. Localise specialises in working with local government on strategic and corporate planning. The workshops provided participants with the opportunity to discuss how to minimise barriers for people with disability to gain employment with public authorities. The workshops also provided participants with the tools to assess their workplaces.

The Public Sector Commission recently held a forum for human resource personnel from public authorities to discuss how to increase employment opportunities for people with disability. Speakers included the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment and a representative from the National Disability Recruitment Coordinator. The aim of the forum



was to provide information that will help organisations build disability knowledge and confidence to break down barriers for people with disability. Della Boys from Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) provided examples of how the relationship between NDRC and DPP works.

Outcome 7 amendment

Please be aware that any amendments made to the DAIP require consultation through your website and printed media. This means The West Australian newspaper for State Government agencies and local newspapers or newsletters (if no local newspaper is available for local government public authorities).

Resources on Outcome 7 are available on the [Commission's website](#). Alternatively, contact either Sue Henson on 9426 9353 or at susan.henson@dsc.wa.gov.au or Mark Kingston on 9426 9316 or at mark.kingston@dsc.wa.gov.au.

Expired DAIPs

There have been many requests from State Parliament in the past few months for information about public authorities that have out of date DAIPs. The Disability Services Act requires DAIPs to be reviewed within a five-year period. There are several guides and resources available on the [Commission's website](#), which explain the processes involved in reviewing, consulting, updating and promoting DAIPs. This includes a section on model DAIPs that provides a framework and examples. After you have reviewed the DAIP, it is essential that a copy of the current DAIP is available from the respective public authority.

Staff changes

The Commission's Senior Access and Inclusion Officer, Brett Daniells, has moved to another position at the Commission for three months, until 30 November. Mark Kingston, from the Commission's Strategic Policy and Programs branch, will fill Brett's role in his absence. Mark is available Monday to Friday, and Senior Access and Inclusion Officer Sue Henson is available Monday to Thursday. See the end of this newsletter for Sue and Mark's contact details.

Contributions welcome

We welcome contributions to this newsletter. If you have any information to share, including resources and links relating to disability access and inclusion, please email the Access and Inclusion team on access@dsc.wa.gov.au or phone 9426 9200.



Contact the Commission for more information

If you require more information or advice about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact the Access and Inclusion team at access@dsc.wa.gov.au or:

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