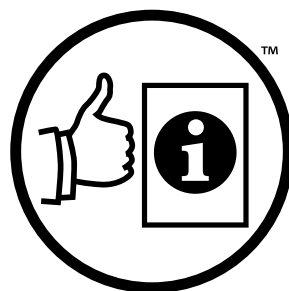




Disability Action Plan

2022 to 2026

Maribyrnong City Council



Easy English

Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

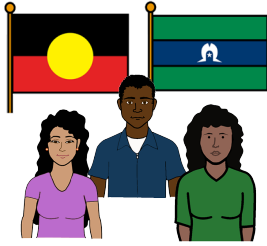
- know what this book is about

- find more information.



We will write contact information at the end of this book.

We acknowledge First Nations people

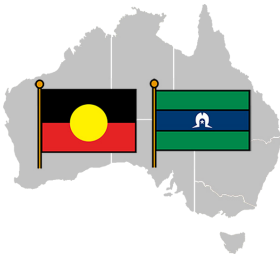


First Nations people are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

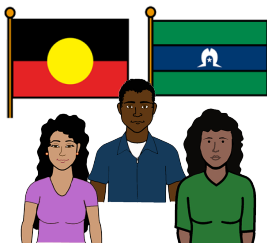


Acknowledge means we understand the importance of First Nations people's

- culture
- language
- history.



In the City of Maribyrnong the First Nations people are called the



- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung
- Bunurong.

About this book



This book is from Maribyrnong City Council.

This book is about our **Disability Action Plan**.



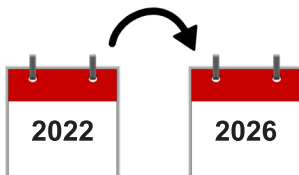
We call it **the plan** in this book.

The plan says how we want to make the City of Maribyrnong better for

- people with disability

and

- their families and carers.



The plan tells you what we will do from 2022 to 2026.

How we made the plan

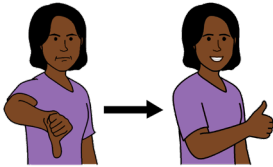


We made the plan together with our community.



We asked our community

- what we do well



- what we can do better



- what we should know about life with disability.



We listened to many people.



The people gave us new ideas.

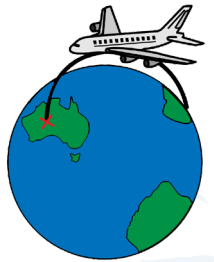
What we have learned



We understand that there are many different people with disability.



Many people with disability cannot take part in community life because of their disability.



Some people with disability are also left out because of

- where they come from



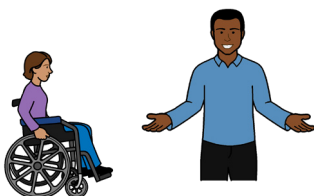
- what they look like



- who they love



- how they feel as a person.



We want every person with disability to feel welcome in the City of Maribyrnong.



We also need to do more to keep people with disability safe in a **crisis**.

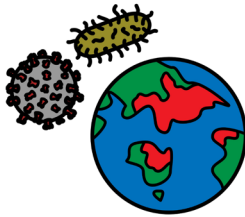


A crisis could be

- a bushfire



- a flood



- a **pandemic**.

A pandemic is when an illness spreads fast around the world.

For example, Covid.

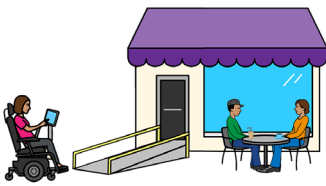
What does the plan say?

The plan says what we want to do to make sure people with disability can



- get the information they need

- take part in our community life



- use our places and spaces



- get services and support.

①	_____
②	_____
③	_____

The plan has 3 areas.

1 We will make our community more accessible

An **accessible** community has places that everyone can

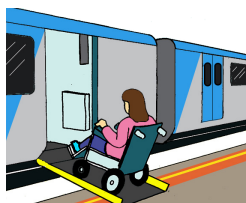


- go to



- use.

We want to make many things in our community more accessible.



For example

- buses and trains



- council buildings

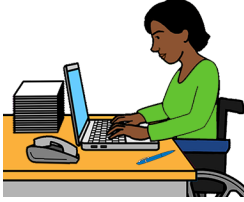


- council information.



We will support council staff to understand

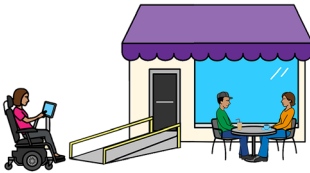
- why it is important to be accessible



- how to make our programs more accessible.



We will support businesses in Maribyrnong to understand disability better.



We will support businesses to learn about being more accessible and inclusive.

2 We will make our community more inclusive



An **inclusive** community is where everyone

- can be part of the community



- feels valued.

We want to make it easier for people with disability to



- go to events and meet other people



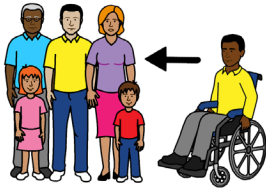
- use community services like the library



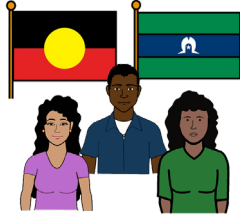
- learn new skills to find work



- **volunteer**
 - a volunteer helps other people but is **not** paid money.



We want to be inclusive for people with disability from many different groups.



The groups we will do more for include

- First Nations people



- LGBTQIA+ people



- people from different cultures



- people who do **not** speak English



- young people.

3 We want people with disability to have a say



We will make sure people with disability can

- tell us what they think about our community

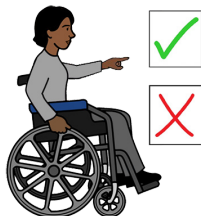


- join our **advisory committees**.

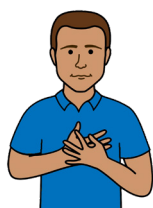


Advisory committees are groups that help us

- know what the community wants and needs

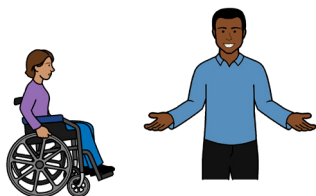


- make decisions.



We will work to make people in Maribyrnong

- understand people with disability better



- treat people with disability well.

We will do what the plan says

We will make sure



- we do what we say in the plan

- our staff understand the plan



- we write a report every year about how the plan is going.



You can read the full plan on our website.

[maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Residents/
Support-in-your-community/People-with-
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More information

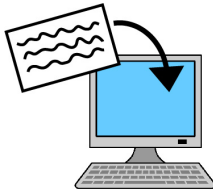
For more information contact
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Call 9688 0200



Website maribyrnong.vic.gov.au



Email communitydevelopment@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

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PO Box 58
West Footscray VIC 3012

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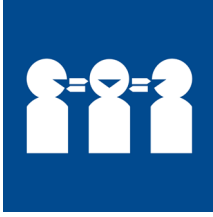
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