



Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Better by Nature

Disability Inclusion Plan

2020-2029

Introduction

This is the first Disability Access and Inclusion Plan prepared by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council. This plan is prepared in accordance with Part 5 of the Disability Inclusion Act 2018.

The plan was prepared in consultation with people with disability and the wider community and will be reviewed every 4 years.

People living with disability

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2015 (SDAC) defines a person with disability as someone who has a functional limitation, restriction or impairment, which has lasted, or is likely to last, for at least six months and restricts everyday activities.

330 people or 3.98% of the population in the Naracoorte Lucindale Council area in 2016, reported needing help in their day-to-day lives due to disability.

Analysis of the need for assistance of people in the Council area compared to South Australia shows that there was a lower proportion of people who reported needing assistance with core activities.

Overall, 3.98% of the population reported needing assistance with core activities, compared with 5.5% for South Australia.

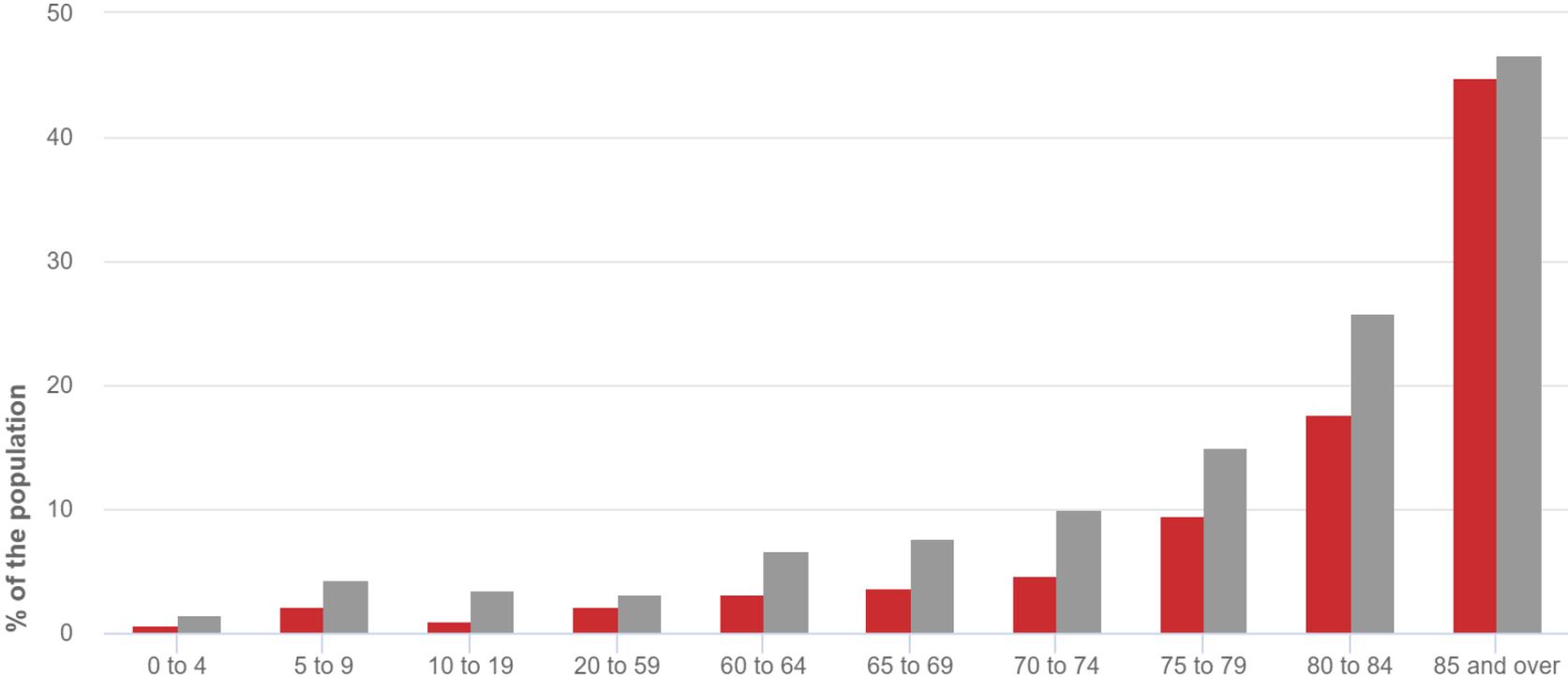
The major differences in the age groups reporting a need for assistance in Naracoorte Lucindale Council compared to South Australia were:

- A smaller percentage of persons aged 80 to 84 (17.7% compared to 25.8%)
- A smaller percentage of persons aged 75 to 79 (9.4% compared to 15.0%)
- A smaller percentage of persons aged 70 to 74 (4.7% compared to 10.0%)
- A smaller percentage of persons aged 65 to 69 (3.7% compared to 7.6%)

There were no emerging groups identified in Naracoorte-Lucindale Council area between 2011 and 2016.

Need for assistance with core activities, 2016

■ Naracoorte-Lucindale Council area ■ South Australia



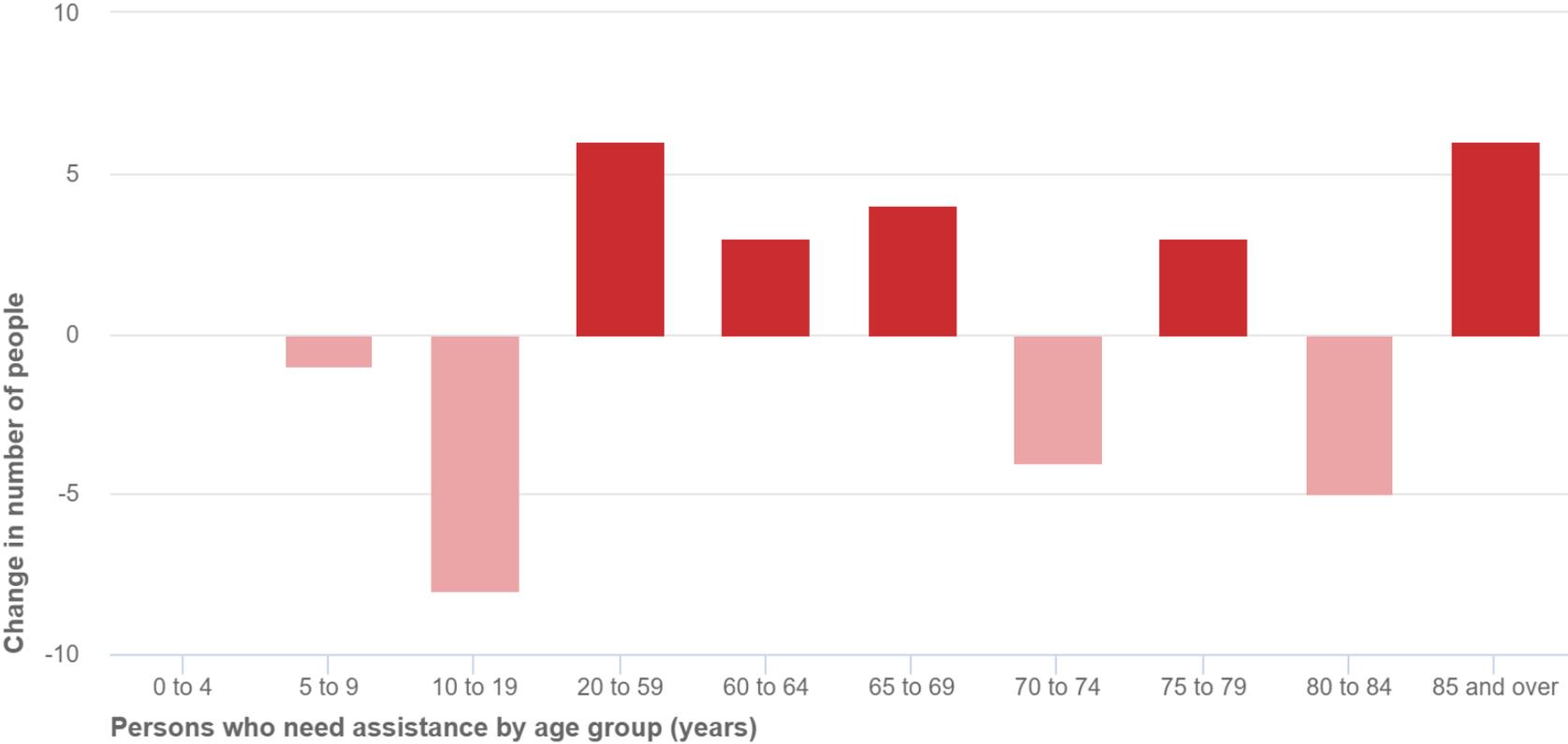
Persons who need assistance by age group (years)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2016 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id, the population experts.



Change in need for assistance with core activities, 2011 to 2016

Naracoorte-Lucindale Council area - Total persons



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2011 and 2016 (Usual residence data). Compiled and presented in profile.id by .id, the population experts.



About the Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Local Government plays an important role in creating an environment which is inclusive of all people, through its planning role and also through its involvement in community activities and provision of a range of services.

Council has responsibilities under the Local Government Act to provide services as well as providing facilities, services and programs in response to community needs. Listed below is a summary of Council's services and activities:

- Management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, parks, public open space
- Storm-water drainage
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment
- Various environmental health services
- Maintenance and operation of the Naracoorte Swimming Lake
- Libraries
- Economic development
- Street cleaning and rubbish collection
- Environmental programs
- On-street parking management to maximise use of kerbside space
- Community amenities and programs
- Visitor Information Centre
- Support (financial and in-kind) of Festivals and Events
- Town Halls and other buildings owned by Council
- Cemeteries
- Aerodrome
- Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange

Naracoorte is the main service centre for the Council area. Naracoorte offers a wide range of retail, dining, accommodation and recreation experiences and a broad range of commercial, community and health services, and education facilities. Other towns in the Council area are Lucindale, Frances, Kybybolite and Hynam.

The population for the Council area is 8,628 with the majority of people, 5,950, living in the township of Naracoorte.

Objectives and Principles

By adopting and implementing the plan, Council will give effect to the following objectives and principles:

Objectives:

- acknowledging that people with disability have the same human rights as other members of the community and that the State and the community have a responsibility to facilitate the exercise of those rights; and
- promoting the independence and social and economic inclusion of people with disability; and
- providing safeguards in relation to the delivery of all supports and services for people with disability; and
- providing a local framework to support a whole of Government approach to improving the inclusion of all South Australians with disability in all areas of life in this State; and

Principles:

- people with disability have the same fundamental human rights and responsibilities, and the same right to autonomy, as other members of the community;
- people with disability have an inherent right to respect for their worth and dignity as individuals;
- people with disability have the right to participate in and contribute to social and economic life and should be supported to develop and enhance their ability to do so;
- people with disability have the right to make decisions that affect their lives including decisions involving risk to the full extent of their capacity to do so;
- people with disability have the right to access information in a way that is appropriate for their disability and cultural background, to enable them to make informed choices;
- people with disability have the same rights as other members of the community to pursue complaints and access justice;
- the changing abilities, strengths, goals and needs of people with disability as they age are to be acknowledged and respected.

The strategies identified ensure that the needs of all persons with disability are properly addressed.

Further guiding principles can be found in the Disability Inclusion Act 2018.

Aims

This plan sets out actions that Council intends to put in place to ensure that people with disability can access the mainstream supports and services provided by or on behalf of Council.

The aim of the Plan is to assist Council to meet the needs of people with a disability who live, work, volunteer and visit Naracoorte Lucindale. It will also assist Council to meet its statutory requirements, at both the Federal and State level.

Consultation

Council formed a Disability Working Group to recommend measures to ensure that people with disability can access the mainstream supports and services provided by or on behalf of Council; and to suggest strategies to support people with disability in the following areas under Council's care or control

- access to built environs, events and facilities
- access to information and communications
- addressing the specific needs of people with disability in Council programs and services

The Working Group included people living with a disability, carers, business owners, two Elected Members, and Council staff. The group discussed barriers and aspects that work well for people when living with a disability in the Council area.

The group sought initial feedback from the community in the form of a survey which was available online and in hard copy from Council's offices. The survey consisted of 11 questions to collect perceptions of the level of difficulty or barriers in accessing Council or community facilities. Respondents were provided the opportunity to contribute comments in relation to specific concerns or suggestions for improvement. The survey was open to people of all ages in the Naracoorte Lucindale Council. Promotion of the survey was via print and social media and direct communication to a list of organisations, service providers and individuals with an interest in disability access and inclusion.

Despite 43 people visiting the consultation webpage www.yoursay.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/disabilityplan and the two Facebook posts having a reach of 553 and 714 people respectively, the survey response rate was very low.

Action Priorities

Based on the feedback received, the input from the Working Group and previous requests received by Council, eighteen actions have been identified which are outlined in the attached Implementation Plan.

The consultation feedback and the working group discussions identified areas of priority that are highly utilised by members of the public in particular the Naracoorte Swimming Lake and the CBD of Naracoorte and Lucindale. This was considered to ensure linkages between streets are achieved including kerb ramps and safe paths of travel in and around the townships.

The working group discussed measures to improve pedestrian safety when crossing Smith Street. In January 2016, Council considered the feasibility of establishing an on-street zebra crossing for Smith Street. The brief assessment that was conducted *demonstrated "that Smith Street does not meet the requirements of DPTI's Operational Guideline for an on-street zebra crossing and it is recommended that Council does not apply to DPTI for a permit to install"*. Council resolved not to install a zebra crossing on Smith Street, Naracoorte (resolution 191/16). In July 2016, Greenhill Engineers undertook further investigations into pedestrian access on Smith Street and concluded that the existing traffic control devices provide plenty of safe crossing opportunities. The zebra crossing concept was evaluated and they concluded there is not clear concentrated pedestrian desire line.

To ensure projects align with the construction timeframes and budget the themes and projects in the implementation plan align with Council's Capital Works Program.

Plan Review and Reporting

This Plan is a working document and can be reviewed at any time. The Plan may be reviewed in line with changing legislation. The timeframe for evaluation and review of the Plan is four years unless otherwise legislated.

Implementation Plan & Cost Estimates

*The indicative budgets may include contributions from external parties in addition to Council funds.

THEME & PROJECT	COST ESTIMATES								
	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29
1. Access to built environs, events and facilities									
1.1. Town hall access ramp		\$5,000	\$70,000						
1.2. Swimming lake paving	\$30,000								
1.3. Access ramp into lake				\$15,000					
1.4. Portable ramp for sound shell access		\$10,000							
1.5. RSL Lucindale access ramp									\$20,000
1.6. Improve access to Naracoorte CBD toilets	\$5,000								
1.7. Access to Town Hall upstairs meeting room							\$10,000		\$250,000
1.8. Access Ramps									

• Crossing Hinckley St			\$6,000						
• Rolland St to Robertson St			\$6,000						
• Smith St crossing near roundabout (western side)				\$6,000					
• Ormerod St crossing near Town Square			\$6,000						
• Smith St crossing near LC Work Options				\$6,000					
• McCoy St crossing(Smith St end)	\$6,000								
• Access ramps on Robertson St	Captured in the PLEC project Stage 3								
1.9. Footpath along Jenkins Tce (Rolland St to Smith St)					\$50,000				

1.10. Reseal Robertson St footpath	Captured in the PLEC project Stage 3								
1.11. Raise accessible carpark near post office							\$20,000		
1.12. McRae St Footpath too steep near roundabout Smith St corner	40,000*								
1.13. Access across Smith st 1.14. (pedestrian crossings)	\$1,000								
1.15. New accessible carpark (Smith St near LC work options)				\$5,000					
1.16. Park table and chair accessible friendly									\$25,000
1.17. Work with commercial property owners and business operators to improve understanding of disability access to buildings.									

1.18. Work with DPTI to improve pedestrian safety on Smith Street.									
2. Access to information and communications									
2.1. Continue the use of Social media- Facebook etc.									
3. Addressing the specific needs of people with disability in Council programs and services									
3.1. Access to online services is important – such as paying rates.									

Not Council managed building ownership only

*Project to be undertaken with footpath upgrade work along Smith St in front of Office National ect