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Other publications of interest

You may be interested in checking out some of the other brochures that are available through Bass Coast Shire Council.

Ask at any customer service centre or contact us to obtain a copy of any of the following information brochures:

- Guide to Using the Beach Wheelchair
- Guide to Using the Hospitality Kit
- Accessibility by Bus and Car in Bass Coast
- Easy Access Maps for Inverloch & Cowes
- Accessible Accommodation
- Accessible Activities
- Accessible Beaches
- Accessible Eateries

Access & Inclusion In Bass Coast

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Improving opportunities
for people with disability.

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Bass Coast Shire Council has planned for better access and inclusion for a number of years. The current plan is the Access & Inclusion Action Plan 2007-2010. This Plan outlines the key objectives for Council in its commitment to increase community involvement for people with a disability and comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (1992).

Examples of these objectives are:

- Model best practice in inclusiveness and access for people with disability in Bass Coast
- Improve opportunities for access and participation in social, educational, cultural, recreational and leisure activities in Bass Coast

Any community group, business or organisation can help achieve these goals. Even if you don't have an Action Plan, you may be able to do a number of things that will help your group, business or organisation become more accessible and inclusive.

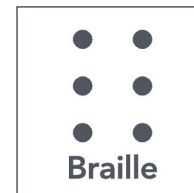
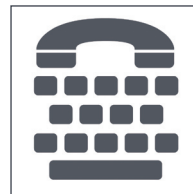
Contact the RuralAccess Worker at Bass Coast Shire Council for more information.

Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee

Council's Access & Inclusion Action Plan outlines the need to maintain a relevant and effective Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIAC).

This committee is made up of 15 members who are a representation of the Bass Coast community and disability experts, including one Councillor, six community representatives, three agency representatives, Council's Community Services Manager and RuralAccess Worker as well as three other Council staff.

The main role of the AIAC is to provide advice and expertise on access and inclusion issues in Bass Coast. The AIAC assists Council to identify practical solutions to these issues for people with disability living, working, studying in or visiting Bass Coast.



What is RuralAccess?

RuralAccess is a Community Building Initiative funded by the Department of Human Services. The program complements the direction of the Victorian State Government Disability Plan 2002- 2012 .

The Victorian Government is committed to strengthening communities across Victoria so they are more welcoming, more accessible and more inclusive of people with disability. The Victorian State Government Disability Plan supports the ongoing role of RuralAccess workers in the community.

What does a RuralAccess worker actually do?

RuralAccess gets involved in any number of appropriate projects or ideas that meet the aim of increasing access and inclusion. This can range from providing general information for businesses or organising forums and events, to supporting conferences or ensuring adequate training for Council staff.

How can I find out about what RuralAccess is doing?

Reading the local newspapers and listening to local radio is a good place to start. Council's website also offers up-to-date information and an event calendar.