Policy 1.02 Inclusive Communities

Scope
This policy prescribes the processes implemented by Council to identify and remove barriers that prevent all people, including people with disabilities, from accessing Council information, services or facilities.

Purpose
- Provide guidance to Councillors, managers and staff in the development, implementation, monitoring and review of effective and efficient processes that improve equity of access and promote inclusiveness.

Definitions
Nil

Legislative requirements
Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act 1986
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1997
NSW Local Government Act 1993
NSW Disability Services Act 2006
NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014

Policy Statement
Bega Valley Shire Council, as a leading organisation, will demonstrate a commitment to the development of an inclusive community by:

- Implementing actions identified in Council’s Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
- Designing future public infrastructure works to be accessible.
- Ensuring development approval and planning processes consider accessibility as a key requirement under the appropriate legislation and regulations.
- Working towards making all Council’s facilities, information and services accessible.
- Promoting inclusive, fair, open and participatory decision-making.
- Continuing to support the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee as a key advisory group.
- Advocating for services that improve access and inclusion on behalf of the whole community when negotiating with other levels of Government.
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Policy No.: 1.02
Directorate: Community, Relations and Leisure
Outcome Area: Active and Healthy Communities

Goal(s):
1. We are co-operative, caring and enjoy a culturally rich community life.
2. We are an active, healthy community with access to good quality recreation and sporting facilities, and medical health care.

Responsible Officer: Manager | Community, Culture and Informational
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