

LatrobeCity

Expressions of Interest

Latrobe City Council Disability Access and
Inclusion Community Engagement Group
Information Pack



Community Engagement and Latrobe City Council

Community engagement is about empowering and amplifying the voice of local people and capturing their expertise and knowledge to assist Council with decisions and actions which benefit the whole community.

Latrobe City Council understands that for some individuals and groups there are particular challenges, and the establishment of a Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group will support Council to continue improving equity and inclusion for people with disability.

About the Latrobe City Council Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group

The purpose of the Group is to enable community stakeholders to provide input and feedback into the operation of Latrobe City Council services and programs to ensure that the needs of people with disability are considered or addressed.

The Group forms part of Latrobe City Council's commitment to community engagement to ensure our work is reflective of the community's needs and aspirations.

About the Positions

Latrobe City Council is seeking Expression of Interest for the following positions:

- Six independent community members with lived experience of disability including people with disability, family members and carers (ideally at least 1 family member / carer of a child and 1 family member / carer of an adult)
- Five independent community members with strong community networks who have an interest in people with disability including advocates, self-advocates and support workers
- Three agency representatives currently providing services to people with disability.

Group members will have a range of disabilities, expertise and experience, and live in a variety of towns within Latrobe City. The group will have a balanced gender representation. Any additional requirements will be supported to ensure full participation.

Latrobe City Council values diversity and applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and LGBTIQ+ people are welcome and encouraged.

Selection Criteria

Latrobe City is seeking members who:

- Can work as part of a team with respect, enthusiasm and a positive attitude to work towards common goals
- Are aware of issues and barriers for people with disabilities, family, friends and carers
- Have a strong commitment to improving access and inclusion for people with disability
- Have an interest in contributing to the Latrobe City Council Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2022-2025
- Consider issues in a wider community context

Expression of Interest Evaluation

Following submission of your Expression of Interest, applications will be reviewed against the selection criteria by the Active Communities and Partnerships Manager and/or the Active and Liveable Communities Coordinator. The submissions will be shortlisted and suitable candidates may be requested to attend a short interview if required.

Timeframe

The following approximate dates are a guide only for the recruitment and appointment process.

Opening date for Expression of Interest	28 March 2022
Closing date for Expression of Interest	29 April 2022
Review of applications	2 – 20 May 2022
Member Induction	June 2022
1 st Meeting	July 2022

Member Induction

A brief induction will be held before the first official meeting for successful applicants to come together in a relaxed environment, ask any questions or raise any initial concerns. At this induction information will be provided about the operations and vision of Latrobe City Council and how the group can assist improving access and inclusion for people with disability.

Meeting Frequency

The Group will meet four times per year at a minimum.

Questions or Accessibility Requirements

Any questions regarding the Expression of Interest process, or for additional support to apply please contact:

Joanne Bedford, Community Engagement Officer Access and Inclusion

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joanne.bedford@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Submission of Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest submissions can be completed electronically by visiting –
https://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Community/Community_Groups/Community_Programs/Social_Inclusion

The hardcopy form can also be completed and sent to:

joanne.bedford@latrobe.vic.gov.au

or

Latrobe City, PO Box 264 Morwell 3840.

All information provided will be treated as confidential.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Latrobe City Council Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group

Please register my interest in becoming a member of the Latrobe City Council Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group.

Name:

Address:

Town:..... **Postcode:**

Email:

Telephone Contact:

Additional Requirements:

(Additional requirements can be for anything such as communication needs, accessing information, physical or sensory considerations and additional support to attend or participate in meetings).

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is 29 April 2022

I am seeking a role as (tick relevant box):

- Independent community member with lived experience of disability including person with a disability, family member or carer
- Independent community member with strong community networks who has an interest in people with disability including advocates, self-advocates and support workers
- Agency representative currently providing services to people with disability

NB: For agency representatives, please complete Agency Endorsement on page 4.

Question 1:

Why do you want to become a member of the Latrobe City Council Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group?

Question 2:

Disability can impact people in a many different ways. How will you work as part of a team to improve access and inclusion for the whole community?

Question 4:

What do you think are the key issues for Council in meeting the needs of people with disability in Latrobe City now and into the future?

Declaration

As part of the selection process to be part of the Disability Access and Inclusion Community Engagement Group, I understand that I may be asked to attend an interview.

Signed:

Dale: _____

Agency Endorsement:

For applicants who will represent agencies that currently provide services to people with disability in Latrobe City

Name: _____

Position: _____

On behalf of (agency name):_____

Endorsed by (name): _____

Endorse Position: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please forward completed Expression of Interest form to:

Joanne Bedford
Community Engagement Officer

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Or

Latrobe City Council
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