

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of the Community Disability Reference Group (DRG)

The Disability Reference Group (DRG) is established to provide advice, insights, and lived experience to support the development of Mount Barker District Council's next Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The DRG will help ensure the Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of people with disability, carers and the broader community.

2. Objectives

The group will help guide the DAIP by sharing lived experience and offering feedback. Specifically, members will:

- Provide feedback on draft priorities, actions, and strategies proposed in the DAIP.
- Share lived experiences and community perspectives to inform Council decision-making.
- Support and contribute to community engagement and consultation activities related to the DAIP.

3. Membership of the Community Reference Group

The membership of this Community Reference Group comprises up to ten (10) members. Membership will include individuals who:

- Identify as a person with disability
- Are carers or family members of people with disability
- Represent disability service providers or advocacy organisations
- Are community members with a strong interest in inclusion

Council staff may also attend meetings to provide support and context.

4. Temporary Term

This group is temporary, specifically to support the development of the new DAIP. The expected duration is from August 2025 to December 2026. There is no obligation for ongoing involvement beyond this period.

5. Support and Accessibility

Council will provide reasonable adjustments and support to ensure all members can participate fully. Members are encouraged to share any accessibility requirements.