

Access and Equity Working Group Terms of Reference

Vision: To provide an accessible and equitable environment throughout the Blue Mountains Local Government Area that enables all members of the community to participate in the wider community.

Aim: To facilitate the provision of the best possible standard of access for the community within the Blue Mountains Local Government Area, acknowledging the limited resources that Blue Mountains City Council possess.

Objectives:

- 1.To identify the access and equity needs of all community members in particular people with a disability, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities, and people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.
- 2.To work with Council and the Community to identify strategies to improve access.
- 3.To provide a forum for raising issues of concern regarding Access and Equity Issues
- 4.Examine and audit access and equity concerns identified in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area.
5. Facilitate, implement, and review Council's Access and Equity policies and periodically monitor their effectiveness at all levels of Council.
- 6.Ensure that Councils Access and Equity Policies and Procedures are in line with Councils 25 year vision strategy, and Councils Management Plans.
- 7.Ensure that Council considers access to and within buildings, parks and other public facilities used by the community.
- 8.Inform and educate the Council, staff and the general public about access and equity issues.