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## Help Council Create a More Inclusive Shire Community Called for Input on new Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Warren Shire Council is asking community members to help with its new Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), to make the Shire more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

The purpose of this Plan is to outline the practical steps Council can put into place to break down barriers and promote access to services, information, and employment.

It will also be designed to help promote the rights of people living with disability.

General Manager, Gary Woodman, says Council wants to update its existing plan to ensure it reflects the thoughts of people living with disability, their families and carers, in 2024 and beyond.

"A Disability Inclusion Action Plan tells Council how to make sure that people with disability can live comfortably as part of the community," says Mr Woodman.

"We want to know what will make our community better for people with disability and their families, and it's time to update our existing Plan to ensure we are best catering for the needs of all community members, both now and into the future."

Council is asking the following community members to share their thoughts about life in Warren Shire:

- People living with disability.
- Family members of people living with disability.
- Carers of people living with disability.

Community members are being asked to complete a survey, with answers and feedback helping to create the new Warren Shire DIAP. The survey will be available until 4pm, Friday 8 March 2024.

Surveys can be completed online at <u>bit.ly/DIAPSurveyWSC</u> or paper copies are available from Council's Administration Building, Warren Shire Library, Nevertire and Collie Hotels.

Participants are asked to contact Council's Health and Development Team for further information or if assistance is required to complete the survey via (02) 6847 6600 or <u>council@warren.nsw.gov.au</u>

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