

## **Brimbank City Council**

## **Community Report Card for**



# **Disability Action Plan 2017-2020**

### **Easy English**

#### About this book



This book is about how we did the actions in our Disability Action Plan 2017-2020.

It is written in a way that is easy to read.



You can ask someone to help you read this book.



Some words are in **blue**. You can find the meaning of these words at the end of the book. Go to page 9.

#### The actions in our Disability Action Plan



There were 4 actions.

 Help people understand disability and respect people with disability.



 Make it easier for people with disability to work.



- Make it easier for people with disability to use
   Council
  - places

and

spaces.



 Make it easier for people with disability and their carers to take part in the community

We say how we did these actions next.

Our actions to help people understand disability and respect people with disability.

We worked with **organisations** to help people understand disability better. We worked

• at events

and

• gave people training.

We worked with people with disability on the **Sexual Lives: Respectful Relationships program**. This program told people about

- sexuality and relationship rights
- sexual health
- how to stop violence and abuse.

We gave information on **community grants** to disability services and people with disability. A community grant was money to pay for services during COVID-19.











We ran the Brimbank Community Register.

The Register supported people by

- phoning them regularly to check they are ok and
- giving them an identity card in case they are in an emergency.

Our actions to make it easier for people with disability to find work.



We worked with **government** and **organisations** to give information to young people with disability. This was to help them find work after they leave school.

Our actions to make it easier to use our places and spaces



We checked that Council places and spaces follow the rules in the **Disability Discrimination Act**. These rules say they must be easy for people with disability to use.



We checked all Council buildings to make sure they follow rules for **accessible** buildings. These rules say how places must be built to be easy to use by anyone.



We checked that anyone who does building work for us follows

• building rules

and

• the rules in the **Disability Discrimination Act**.

Our actions to make it easier for people with disability and their carers to take part in the community



We worked with Carers Vic to train people who

work in

community centres

and

• neighbourhood houses.

We trained them about ways to help carers.



We ran training for carers and people with

disability on how to

• find

and

understand

information about COVID-19.



We worked with **the Brotherhood of St Laurence** to run an online support group for
carers.



We ran the **Council Support for Carers program**. This program gives support to carers.

We worked with the NDIS to help people who cannot get support from



• the NDIS

or

• Council.

We worked to find other ways for people to get support.



We supported the **Brimbank Disability Network Group** to meet online. This was to make sure people with disability could still get support during **COVID-19**.

We ran an online bookclub for people with disability to help them

• get library services

and

• keep in touch with the community.



We trained all our library staff to support young people with disability to use library services.



#### How to find out more

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National Relay Service

Website <u>www.relayservice.gov.au</u> then

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#### What the blue words mean

accessible	Easy to use or understand for everyone.
Brimbank Disability Network Group	A group of people who
Network Group	have a disability
	and/or
	• work in disability.
	The group meet to talk about things that affect
	people with disability
	and
	tell Council what we can do to make things
	better.
Brotherhood of St Laurence	A service provider that supports people with
	disability.
Carers Vic	An organisation that works to look after carers
community centre	A place where people come meet to do
	activities.
COVID-19	An illness that has made people very sick all
	over the world.

Disability	Government rules that say people must not
Discrimination Act	discriminate against people with disability. For
	example treat them different to other people.
emergency	When something happens that puts you in
	danger. For example
	a medical emergency is when you need help
	or else you might get very sick or die.
government	The people whose job it is to run the country
	or state.
identity card	A card that has important information about
	you. For example
	• your name
	where you live
	• information about your health.
neighbourhood house	A place where people meet to do activities.
organisation	A place where people work and earn money.
	For example
	• a shop
	• a service
	• an office.

regularly	Something you do or something that happens
	more than once
	• usually around the same time.
relationships	How people are linked to each another.
rights	What every person deserves no matter who
	they are or where they live.
respect	A feeling or understanding that someone or
	something is important. And to treat that
	person or thing well.
sexuality	How you feel about sex. For example if you
	want to have sex with
	• men
	or
	• women.
sexual health	The health of the parts of your body that you
	use when you have sex.
violence and abuse	When someone hurts you. For example they
	hit you
	say bad things to you.

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