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## New committee provides voice for an accessible and inclusive community

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley is urging people to consider nominating for the Council's new disability and access advisory committee.

"We want to make our Shire as inclusive as possible so people feel a part of our community, and do not feel left out. Access is not just about making it easier for people with a disability, but helping people who may feel isolated in their community to feel they belong," Cr Pockley said.

"This committee, the Indigo Shire Disability and Community Access Advisory Committee, will provide advice and feedback to help Council to provide services, resources, facilities and events that are accessible and inclusive for everyone who lives in and visits the shire.

"The Council is seeking nominations from community members who can help make our shire more accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities, people with young children, the elderly and people from different cultures."

The new Committee will also support Council on the development and implementation of Council's Access and Inclusion Plan, and provide a consultative role to Council for the development of plans, strategies and projects that may require access and inclusion considerations.

"This is an excellent opportunity to make a difference within Indigo Shire and I encourage people to nominate. The new committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis throughout the shire. Assistance with transport to and from meetings can be arranged if required," Cr Pockley said.

All nominations will be confidential and If you would like to discuss this further please contact the Rural Access Officer, Loretta Caunt on 02 6028 1100 or 0427 688 248 or via e-mail [rural\\_access@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:rural_access@indigoshire.vic.gov.au) . The closing date for nominations is Monday 14 November.

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