

# Report for Cooloola Human Services Network Annual General Meeting

May 2014

## Access Advisory Committee – Gympie Region

The Access Advisory Committee – Gympie Region's vision is:

*'A community that is universally accessible and accepting of all its members.'*

The Committee continued to progress this vision throughout 2014 by:

- promoting the importance of access issues within the Gympie Region.
- providing an independent forum for discussing and investigating issues related to access and inclusion for all members of the Gympie Region.
- encouraging strong community involvement in identifying and resolving access related issues.
- making recommendations to Gympie Regional Council, business and community agencies on how best to improve access within the Shire for all members of the community, in order to enable better planning of new facilities, and develop appropriate modifications to existing facilities.

Highlights for 2013 included:

- Providing submissions to Gympie Regional Council on Development Applications referred by Council across the Shire as a Third Party Advice Agency.
- Providing advice to Gympie Regional Council on:
  - portable lift purchase for community use
  - proposed Gympie pool hoist
  - Imbil Village Park amenities block
  - new footpaths across the region
  - accessibility of the proposed new aquatic centre
  - taxi rank seating
  - town beautification works at smaller towns across the region
  - recommendations for minor works to improve accessibility around the region
  - relevant conditions of approval for development applications in the area of access for people with a disability
- Liaising with a range of local businesses to incorporate accessible design features including contrast marking on glass display windows and doors and safely railings.

The Committee also conducted a number of site visits, access audit and provided free audit reports to a range of businesses, community and Council facilities I wish to thank all our volunteer members who made great personal contributions to the work of the Committee throughout the year. Without their tireless contributions, none of our important work would be possible.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the support of Cooloola Human Services Network, our Secretary Dianne Hughes, Councillors Rae Gâté and Julie Walker and Gympie Regional Council staff.

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