

# Festivals and events

Inclusive festivals and events create welcoming spaces where people of all abilities can fully participate. By planning your event with accessibility in mind, you can offer a better experience for everyone.

# What is accessibility?

Access or accessibility is about making sure everyone can take part in your event. This might mean making sure your entrances, toilets and stalls can be accessed with a wheelchair, and allocating quieter spaces where people can go for some time away from the busyness of the event.

## How can you plan an accessible event?

# ■ Physical accessibility:

Offer step-free access, ramps, wheelchair-accessible restrooms, and clear signage.

## ■ Way finding:

Wayfinding involves using signage, maps and other navigational aids to help people find their way in complex or busy environments.

# ■ Sensory considerations:

Offer quiet spaces, reduced noise, and environments that aren't cluttered or overwhelming.

## **■** Communication:

Have Auslan interpreters, captions, large-print materials, and trained staff available for people with additional communication needs.

#### ■ Pre-event planning:

Share key accessibility details about your event online and in all promotions, including information about transport options and the venue.

#### **Let's Work Together**

The Community Capacity Building team at Latrobe Community Health Service can help you to improve and build on your event's accessibility. We can support you with event planning, implementation and evaluation of the event – with accessibility front of mind.

Let's work together to increase attendance, improve overall event success, and have a positive ripple effect across the community.

## Together, we can make sure everyone feels welcome in our community.

If you would like to learn more, please visit our website or get in touch with us at <a href="mailto:communitycapacitybuilding@lchs.com.au">communitycapacitybuilding@lchs.com.au</a>



