

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

## PENRITH CITY COUNCIL ACCESS COMMITTEE

### COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Penrith City Council's Access Committee aspires to provide the highest possible standard of access and social inclusion throughout the Penrith Local Government Area for all people with disability. The Committee provides advice to Council about access issues and promotes the inclusion of people with a disability as part of the diversity and strength of our City.

The Access Committee includes three Councillors and up to eight community members who meet up to six times a year and report directly to Council. The aim of the committee is to support access and social inclusion in the Penrith Local Government Area for people of all abilities.

Council's Access Committee is guided by the following objectives:

1. To advise on Council policies and procedures to ensure that legislative requirements on access are considered in Council decisions and its operations.
2. To promote the Inclusive Design approach as a means to contribute to social inclusion.
3. To provide a link between Council and people in the community with disabilities.
4. To assist Council on strategic planning matters which can contribute to improved access and social inclusion for people with a disability.
5. To support Council in providing leadership for the broader community to achieve social inclusion of people with disability.

In previous years, the Access Committee has contributed to a broad range of projects and strategies, including:

- Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan - Developed with input from people with disability, this plan guides Council's strategic work to improve accessibility and social inclusion across the City.
- Disability Access Improvement Program – Delivers infrastructure projects to make Council services and facilities more accessible; some of these projects include the installation of ramps, accessible toilets, hearing loops, and disability awareness training for Council staff.
- Nepean Jobs for All – Delivered training to local businesses about the benefits of employing people with disability.
- Input to major developments in the City including the Regatta Park and Tench Reserve upgrades.
- Delivery of new Adult Change Facilities across the City.

Community members are invited to nominate for appointment to Council's Access Committee for a term of four years. There are eight (8) positions



available for community members. Nominees should either be local residents or individuals who work in the Penrith Local Government Area.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- An understanding of access issues for people with disabilities.
- An understanding of, or willingness to learn how Council's policies and procedures and relevant legislation aligns with principles of Inclusive Design and supports social inclusion.
- Experience in providing advice or advocating on access issues for people with disabilities.
- Experience of living with disability, caring for or being a friend, family and or ally of someone living with a disability.

All Access Committee members will be supported to participate in an orientation session where further information will be provided.

To apply, please respond to the Selection Criteria above. You can provide:

- A written statement via post to Penrith City Council, PO Box 60, Penrith 2751, addressed to Marcela Hart, or
- An email to [marcela.hart@penrith.city](mailto:marcela.hart@penrith.city), or
- A verbal statement over the phone by calling Marcela Hart on 0448 751 612

To enable participation by community members, Council offers the following assistance:

- Transport to and from meetings, training and planning days
- Childcare/respite care for the duration of meetings.

We encourage people from different ages, from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds and gender and sexually diverse people with lived experience of disability to apply.

If you have any questions or need any support applying, please contact Marcela Hart on 0448 751 612 or [marcela.hart@penrith.city](mailto:marcela.hart@penrith.city). The Access Committee Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest forms can be found online: [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au).

**Applications close 26 November 2021**