

Everyone's Business: Inclusive Tourism Online Learning Course

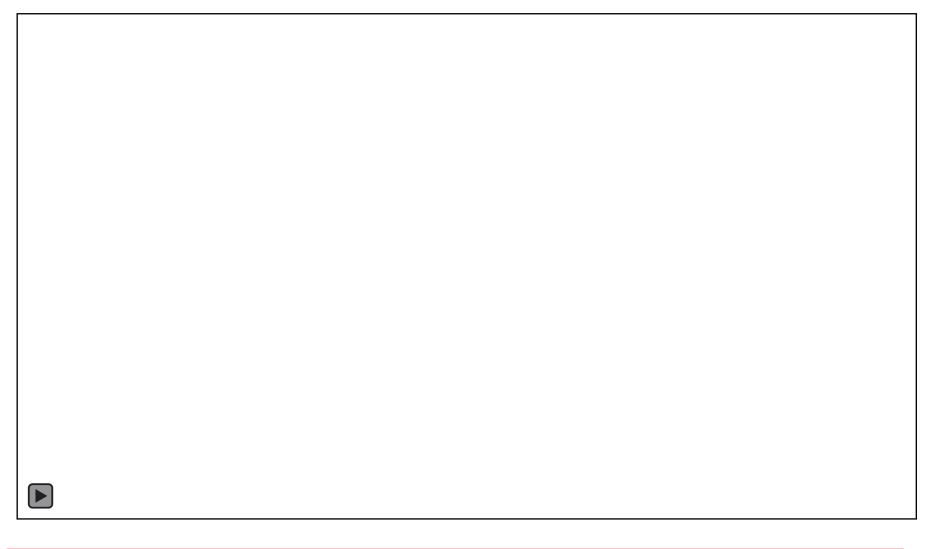


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Inclusive Tourism Expenditure in Australia







Outline

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- 5. Incorporating Universal Design principles
- 6. Stakeholders and consultations
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1. What is council's role:

Councils should: (Local Govt. Act 1993 Principles)

- plan for the provision of services and facilities to meet the *diverse needs* of the local community
- work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs
- recognise diverse local community needs and interests
- consider *social justice* principles
- actively *engage* with their local communities

Access advisory committees

- Disability Inclusion Action Plans (DIAP)
- their planning documents.

Include strategies for inclusion in

- Engaging people with disability
- What are councils doing?
 Planning for Inclusive Communities.

NSW Disability Inclusion

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Action Planning Guidelines











Information

- Visitor information centres
- Ageing and Disability officers in over 60 councils:



- Information directories of local services and activities (information & referral 'hubs')
- Work with Ability Linkers to help people with disability participate in community



Accessible public spaces Transport and traffic management. Linkages plans Access audits Bus stops Footpaths



Working with local businesses





GOPHERS - MOBILITY SCOOTERS POWER CHAIRS - ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIRS

Do you use one of the above?

Do you want to use it around town but worry that the battery won't last the distance?

Problem solved

Your local Sunrise Rotary Club has worked with a group of local businesses to make sure that you can enjoy the freedom of moving around Port Macquarie without the worry of running out of power.

If you use the services of any of the businesses listed overleaf, they will be happy to make a power point available to you to re-charge your mobility vehicle – at no cost.

The list of businesses will be added to regularly – check our website.

WWW. sunrise-rotary.org.au



 Keith Butlin (Barber)

 9/109 William Street
 6584 4251

 Care & Mobility

3/25 Central Road. 6581 0018 www.careandmobility.com.au

Centerlink 5-7 Short Street www.centrelink.gov.au

Crema Shop 2/17-19 Horton Street 6583 9858 www.peakcoffee.com.au

Growers Café 7/136 Gordon Street 6584 4900

Mid North Coast Diagnostic Imaging 72-80 Lake Road 1800 620 881 141 Bridge Street

Port Macquarie Hastings Council Library Cnr Gordon & Grant Streets 6581 8755 www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au

Port Macquarie Panthers Settlement City, Bay Street www.panthers.com.au 6580 2300

 Quality Sails Resort

 20 Park Street
 6589 5100

 www.sailsresort.com.au
 6589 5100

Sea Acres Rainforest Centre Pacific Drive 6582 3355 www.environment.nsw.gov.au

McDonalds Family Restaurant Cnr Bay and Park Streets 6583 5522

The Westport Club Buller Street

www.westportclub.com.au

Look for the "Charge Point" logo

6583 1499



Further information

For more information on planning issues, building approvals and local access requirements:

Holicyd Citry Council Phone: 02 9840 9840 Web: www.holicyd.nsw.gov.au Email: records@holicryd.nsw.gov.au Ask to speak to the Duty Officer between 9 30am and 1.00pm weekdays

For more information on design ideas and to contact an Access Consultant:

Association of Consultants in Access Australia Inc Phone: 03 5221 2820 Web: www.access.asn.au

For more information on legal issues and responsibilities:

Australian Human Rights Commission Phone: 02 9284 9600 Web: www.humanrights.gov.au

NSW Anti Discrimination Board Phone: 02 9268 5544 Web: www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/abd.nst/pages/index

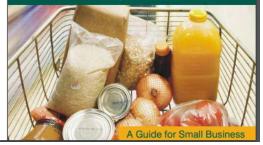


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Missed Business

How to attract more customers by providing better access to your business

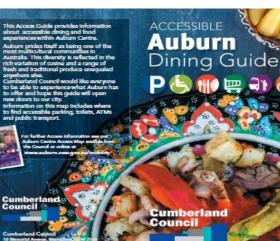


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Accessible dining

Cumberland Council -Guide to accessible restaurants and cafes



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Sri Mandir was established in 1977 to meet religious, social and cultural needs of our rapidly growing Hindu community. The temple has the distinction of being the oldest Hindu temple in Australia where devotees comprise of people with a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds.

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Open Mon-Fri 10am-12pm and 5.30pm-8.30pm, Sat-Sun 10.30am-8.00pm. 286 Cumberland Road, Auburn. Fel 9643 1919, 0423 341 604 www.srimandir.org

Gallipoli Mosque

Architect Omer Kirazoglu designed the Gallipdi Mosque in the classical Ottoman style of architecture characterised by a central dome and minarets. It is a source of pride for the local community and whilst considered a Turkish mosque it is frequented by all sections of the Islamic community and is one of Sydney's busiest mosques. To book a tour please call or book online, cost of tour is \$5.00.

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Open seven days a week (tours not available on Fridays). 15-19 Gelibolu Parade, Auburn. Tel 9646 5972







2. Background

- 2016 Research availability of travel & recreation data for all.
- The Issue –



EQUITY OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- Includes from mainstream platforms & direct operator contact.
- Project partners LGNSW & UTS: IPPG (with TDDI & FACS).
- Improve the demand & supply of tourism opportunities for all.



3. The Project Overview

- Project roles
- Desktop review
- Strategic engagement
- Stakeholder analysis
- Site visits and workshops
- Inclusive Tourism online course





The Project - Process

- *Extensive* engagement with stakeholders
- LGNSW project management, stakeholder engagement & online learning course



• **UTS:IPPG** – research & demonstrate economic opportunities for inclusive tourism



The Project - Outcomes

- Develop a business case for inclusive tourism
- Better information collection by tourism providers to promote the inclusion aspects of their businesses
- Develop an online learning course for councils, businesses and accommodation providers



4. The Online Course (product):

- 5 Course Streams:
- i. Setting the scene (case for inclusion) for all
- ii. Specifically for councils
- iii. Specifically for businesses
- iv. Specifically for accommodation providers
- V. Resource Centre for all



Course Objectives

- Identify social & economic opportunities
- Tourism and recreation services more inclusive
- Build awareness staff
 & business operators



- Accessibility information on databases & websites
- Identify barriers to access
- Best practice customer service



Course content

- Tested, piloted, surveyed, reviewed... to get it right
- Access statement templates, accessibility checklist, best practice case studies, inclusive tourism reference list (publications, websites, webinars etc)
- Reviewed & incorporated existing resources on inclusive tourism



Course Benefits to...

- Council employees
- Visitor Information Centres
- Tourism business operators & services
- Recreation facility managers
- Local business groups & chambers
- Tourism event managers
- All tourists, adventurers, families....





5. The Course and UD

- Extensive research and consultation
- Included many disability peaks, IDEAS, access consultants, Centre for Universal Design
- Best practice and resources on inclusive tourism
- Disability awareness training in councils



5. The Course and UD (cont.)

- Visit England, ATDW, Destination NSW, Travability
- Accessibility questions on ATDW data-set
- Content design of online Inclusive Tourism course
- Media Plan media channels & stakeholder networks



6. Stakeholders & Consultations

- Early research
 - 100 stakeholders, 60 organisations
- Project engagements
 - Peak bodies, Destination NSW, ATDW, FACS,
 NSW Business Chamber, digital tourism databases
 & tourism websites.
- Travability, Trip Advisor, Visit England, NSW FACS, IDEAS, WheelEasy, My Travel Research



Stakeholders & Consultations (cont.)

- Surveys, interviews, site visits vox pops and workshops with key stakeholders.
- Consultations more than
 535 people 180 organisations and 34 engagement activities



 Course design consultations – NSWBC, FACS, ADN, CUD, Travability (+ 14 course pilot organisations)



Consultations & feedback

- Very positive feedback from pilots breadth of info, useful resources, downloadable social media assets, good examples for sharing...
- Minor amendments including more info on goals of universal design Yamba accessible fishing platform



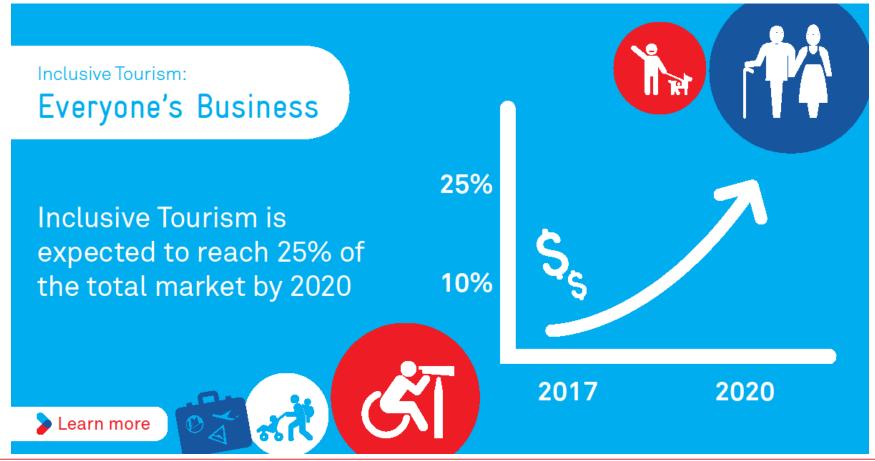


7. What next?





Opportunities...





And risks...



Recent image in a government promotion

Image from the same shoot





Success rate...

- LGNSW Landing page hits
- No. of course completions/commenced
- Access resource material on websites
- Collateral use on social media accounts....
- Social sharing & engagement....
- Print and radio....
- Engagement by Ministerial and MP offices....

- > 2,500
- > 180
- > 350



Wins...

- Australian Tourism Data Warehouse data set current & accurate accessibility data
- The potential market through identified economic opportunities
- Inclusive Tourism Course & resource package
- Disability awareness training for councils
- Relationships between stakeholders e.g. business
 & council



Lake Macquarie – beach access

- Local beach used by Disabled Surfers Association and hosts major surf carnivals
- Provide an accessible path of travel from the car park area to the hard sand beach matting.
- Access improvements to other beaches under Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.





Goulburn Mulwaree – Accessible nature trail

- accessible car parking spaces
- a low gradient 85m path (with widened areas for wildlife observation, resting and adequate wheelchair turn radius)
- viewing platform to observe the rich variety of bird species and plant communities
- multi-modal communication systems for people with vision and hearing impairment
- wheelchair accessible benches and picnic area.





Greater Taree – foreshore access

- Manning River Foreshore already upgraded widened shared footpath, seating, tables, shaded areas, gardens, installation of outdoor gym equipment, signage, improved connectivity, and generally creating a more engaging, interesting place.
- 2014 grant installed additional ramps, seating along paths and under trees and shaded pavilions in parks.





LGNSW Online Inclusive Tourism Course

https://www.lgnsw.org.au/inclusivetourism

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Questions?

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