Equitable Access



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Equitable Access -Caring for all People

Equitable access can increase wider community participation to the use of Church property.



A safe standard of access and egress can help protect persons from injury. As Christians, these considerations are part of showing our love and protection of neighbour, especially for those of our community who are most vulnerable.



An Access Audit is a report prepared by a professionally qualified consultant. It informs Church Councils on all equitable access needs for all types of disability and what is needed to comply with the law. Website : www. access.asn.au/accessibility-productsand-services/find-an-access-consultant



Certain access obligations may require urgent attention to protect the safety of all persons, such as handrails, signage or safe access such as compliant stair nosing. All work carried out must comply with the Australian Standard for Access and Mobility : **AS1428.1 – 2009.**



An Access Audit is an essential reference to prepare for a building project. A design prepared by an Architect or Engineer must comply with the Australian Standard for Access and Mobility: **AS1428.1 - 2009** in addition to all Parts of the Building Code of Australia (NCC 2019).



All carparks must provide for an accessible car space (1 for every 50 carspaces). Legislation was adopted to the Building Code of Australia in 2011 requiring that an accessible car space must comply as to Australian Standard for off-street parking for people with disabilities: **AS2890.6**-**2009.**



Church Councils can locate an accredited access consultant by location search at the The Association of Consultants in Access Australia Inc.

For more information on Equitable Access - including assistance with the Australian Standard for Access and Mobility please contact Property Services.

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This guidance document is recommended to be read in conjunction with the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Disability Action Plan 2019 - 2022

