

LAUNCH OF BELLINGEN SHIRE MOBILITY MAP

As part of Social Inclusion Week, Bellingen Shire Council recently launched the Bellingen Shire Mobility Map at the Bellingen Library. A small group of local service providers and community members gathered to hear Bellingen Mayor, Cr Mark Troy officially launch the map and thank everyone involved in producing the publication.

Originally, conceptualised by the Bellingen Shire Council Access Committee, the more recently formed Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee have steered the development of the map as a project identified in the Bellingen Shire Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. It depicts accessible features such as accessible toilets and disabled parking spaces on maps of Dorrigo, Urunga, Mylestom and Bellingen as well as useful phone numbers and information on the availability of groups and services. Its aim is to provide people with disAbilities and their families with easier access throughout the shire.

The map has been road tested several times and will be updated regularly to reflect any changes to features for people with particular needs or updated contact information. It has also been included in the Bellingen Shire Discovery Apps which can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Cr Mark Troy said "It is fitting that the map is launched during Social Inclusion Week. This map will help make the Bellingen Shire more socially inclusive by providing a safer environment, where social engagement, connectedness and integration are nurtured. I commend the work done by the Advisory Committees in bringing this project to fruition", added the Mayor.

The Bellingen Shire Mobility Map is free from a number of locations around the Shire including Visitor Information Centres, Libraries, Neighbourhood Centres and Bellingen Shire Councils Administration Centre. A3 copies are available upon request.

Why not grab a Mobility Map and a friend and have a walk or wheel around your local area, get out and be included. For more information contact Council's Community Wellbeing Officer, Anna Joy on 66557300.

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Image Included - Terry Daniel from Discovery Apps and Bellingen Shire Mayor, Cr Mark Troy at the Launch.

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