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INCLUSION ACCESS NEWLETTER

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Welcome to our first newsletter! We are so excited to bring you the latest updates on Inclusion Access.

My name is Josh Marshall and I am the founder of Inclusion Access. As a person with a disability and a wheelchair user, I strive to inform people about all the great places out there to visit and help people better connect with our local community.



OUT AND ABOUT

Our most recent adventure was to Gordon County at Goomburra - such a beautiful location just 1 hour away from Toowoomba. This private eco-tourism property is on the edge of the Main Range National Park letting you experience stunning rainforest near bushland and forested creeks.

We stayed in the accessible cottage. This is studio style accommodation with a kitchen and bathroom. We enjoyed spending time in the bushland setting with a campfire and local wildlife all around.

You can also drive right up to the creek to enjoy the wonderful sights and sounds of nature in this spectacular location.

We also took a trip through the 4WD tracks for an adventure with lots of spectacular scenery.



For more information on the accommodation option see our website www.inclusionaccess.com.au and click on the STAY link to find the Gordon Country review

Dylan Alcott Australian of the Year 2022

We were absolutely elated to see Dylan be celebrated as Australian of the Year 2022. Dylan embodies the ethos of what we believe to be true, that with the right access to the world, people with disabilities can achieve great things!

*“Because **inclusion** matters”*

ACCESS UPDATE

In many situations, a passenger lift would not fit into a building requiring retrofitting therefore a Deemed-to-satisfy provision is required. Recently, Inclusion Access advised on a stairway lift to facilitate this access requirement and I feel it is a good discussion to be had. There are a number of companies in Australia which supply stairway lifts, but there are also a number of specific requirements that need to be fulfilled when using this form of technology. To comply with the necessary codes such as AS1428.1 and EN81, a stairway must have two rails and the platform lift must be able to be folded away out of pedestrian access to ensure safety requirements. Many companies will sell a stairway platform lift with an inbuilt rail, however sometimes these rails are not adequate to meet the Standards. These Standards include things such as the height and diameter of the rail and how a rail turns down the tree end. Companies such as P.R. King & Sons work closely with developers,



builders and access consultants to ensure a fit for purpose, cost-effective solution when a premises requires the installation of a platform lift. Platform lifts need to be attached to a solid anchoring point such as a brick wall or noggins in a house. Power is required to engage a lift motor so this will need to be factored in as well. If you need a hand organising and ensuring a safe, compliant stairway lift, get in contact with Inclusion Access and we will endeavour to ensure this process is as easy and stress free as possible.

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WHAT DOES INCLUSION ACCESS DO?

We are a not-for-profit organisation that gives those living with disability a voice, and helps people to participate in the community.

We aim to increase disability access through improving awareness and understanding of disability barriers in the order to enable enhanced community participation.

We can offer:

- Access consultancy
- Inclusive Practice Education
- Advocacy

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Our website is being updated as we visit local restaurants, cafes and venues that have inclusion features and practices.

Do you need to know where you can visit that can accommodate your needs? With our website you can search local options to eat, stay and play with the ability to search for the features you require. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, step free entry, inclusive attitudes and many other features can be added to your search to meet your needs.

HELP US

Do you want to be involved in making our local community more accessible and inclusive?

Do you have a skill or talent to share?

Contact us if you want to help Inclusion Access. **Because inclusion matters!**