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Better Together 2040

Easy Read



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About this plan



This information is in Easy Read.

We use words and pictures together.

Some words are in **bold**.

We tell you what these words mean.

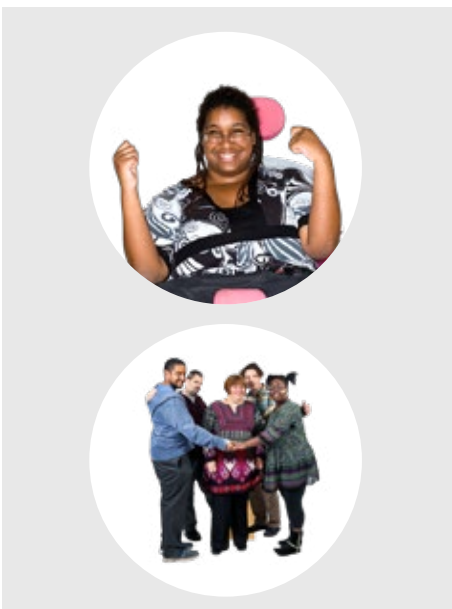


You can ask someone to help you read this information.

This could be

- A family member
- A friend
- Your support person

Better Together plan



Northern Beaches Council wants to make sure everyone on the Northern Beaches feels

- Safe
- Part of the community



We put together a plan to make sure this happens.

The plan is called **Better Together 2040**.



The plan is for 20 years.



The plan tells us what we need to do so that everyone

- Feels safe at home, outside and online

- Can do activities

- Can be part of the community

- Can get support and information to do the things they want

About the plan



Before we put together the plan we talked to one thousand people.



We talked to people that

- Live on the Northern Beaches
- Work on the Northern Beaches
- Visit the Northern Beaches



We found out that some groups of people need more support.

We call them **priority groups**.

The priority groups are



- People with disability



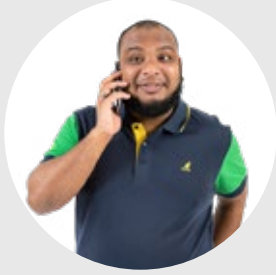
- Older people



- Younger people



- Families



- People that come from other countries and are still learning how to speak english



- Support people

What people told us



This is what people told us

People told us about things they find hard.



They told us what needs to be better.



Information is important.

It helps people feel safe and be part of the community.

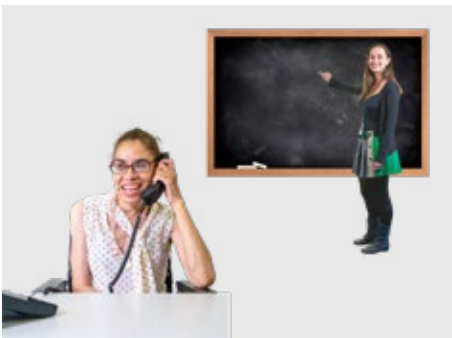


People want to feel that they belong.



Mental health is important.

Many people are lonely.



It can be hard to

- Find work
- Go to school, uni or TAFE.



Many things are not accessible.

For example

- Events
- Activities
- Some places in the community.

What we will do



We put 3 big things in the plan that we want to make better.



We want people to be

1. Safe
2. Included
3. Connected.

Safe



People feel safe when

- No one hurts them
- They do not worry that someone might hurt them.



Sometimes people and places can make you feel unsafe.



We will work hard to make sure that everyone

- Feels safe at home and outside
- Can get help when they need it
- Can get mental health support within 1 week.

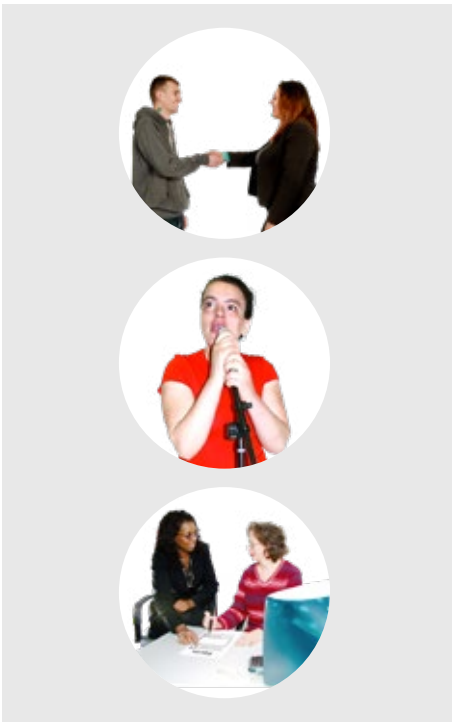


We know that we do a good job when you tell us that you feel safe.

Included



To be included means that you are part of the community.



We will work hard to make sure that everyone

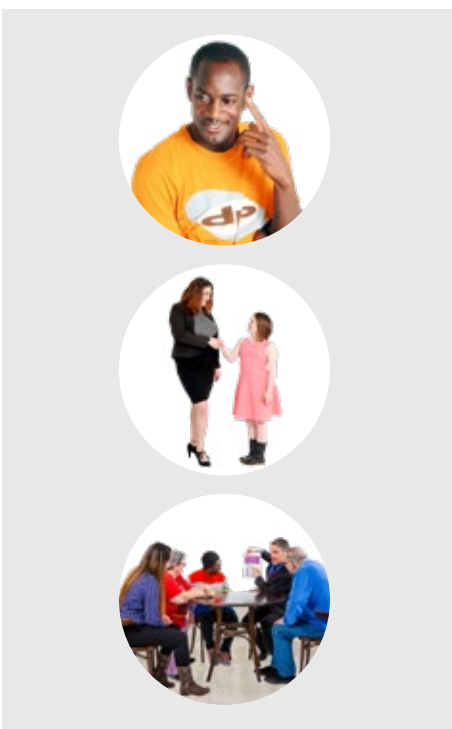
- Feels welcome
- Has a say
- Can find the support they need.



We will build community hubs.

A **community hub** is a place where you can go to and get the support you need.

This could be support for things like health, housing or counselling.



We know that we do a good job when you tell us that

- People listen to you
- People respect you
- You feel part of the community.

Connected



To be connected means to spend time with people in the community.



This could be family, friends or other people in the community.



We will work hard to make sure that

- You feel that you belong
- You can get to the places you want to
- You can get the information you need



- You can do the things you want to



- We have people to support you.



We know that we do a good job when you tell us that

- You feel happier



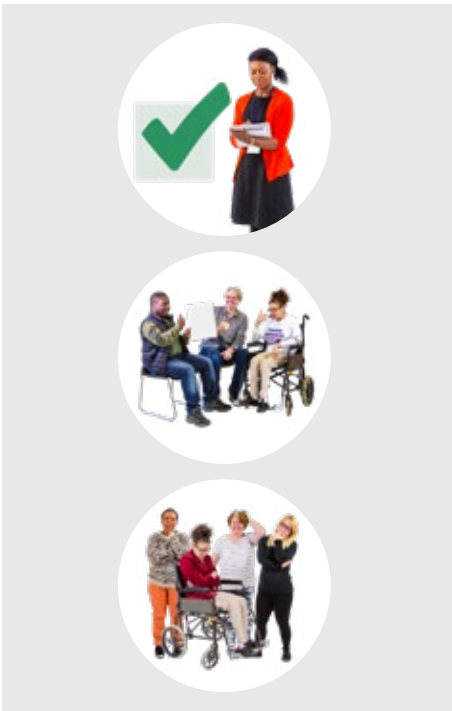
- You have friends and family to spend time with.

How do we know the plan works



We put together a group that checks if the plan works.

This group is called the Better Together Leadership group.



The Better Together Leadership group will

- Make sure we do the things we put in the plan
- Check how things are going
- Look into the issues we might have.



We will talk to people from the priority groups about how things are going.



We will do a survey every 2 years.

The survey is to find out how things are going.



Everyone from the community can fill in the survey.

Contact us



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