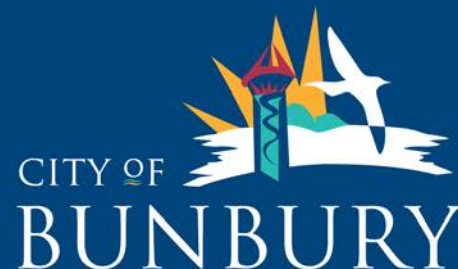


MEDIA STATEMENT



Monday, 21 May 2018

Changing Place facility opens at Koombana Foreshore

A brand new accessible toilet and change room facility will be officially opened at Koombana Foreshore on Friday 25 May.

A Changing Place is a secure and clean bathroom specifically designed for people who need space and assistance to manage their bathroom needs while in the community and for whom universal access toilets are not suitable.

The facility includes a centrally-located toilet, ceiling hoist, adult-sized change table, enough room for two support people and automatic door.

Access to the City Of Bunbury's Changing Place is via a Master Locksmiths Access Key.

Eligible people and organisations can purchase a Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) directly from the Master Locksmith Association, or via the Changing Places website.

Disability service organisations are encouraged to purchase their own Master Locksmiths Access Key for organisational use.

The City of Bunbury has a spare Master Locksmiths Access Key available to eligible users for day use.

A loan key can be picked up from the Hello Summer Kiosk during their business hours. There is no charge to borrow a Master Locksmiths Access Key however users will need to register their details with photo ID.

The facility is just one of a raft of accessibility improvements at the Koombana Foreshore precinct.

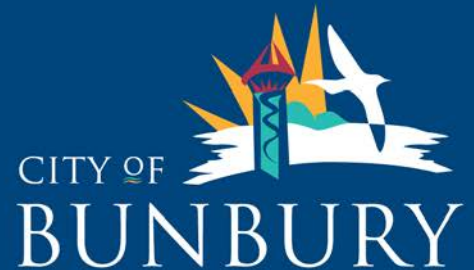
In late 2015 the City of Bunbury was the successful recipient of a Community Infrastructure grant from the Disability Services Commission for the installation of an accessible ramp at Koombana Foreshore providing access for people in wheelchairs, mobility aids, people unsteady on their feet or pram users.

In 2017 three ramps were installed as part of the overall Koombana redevelopment project. The City is now sourcing accessible beach matting that will extend from the ramp edge to water allowing people direct access to the beach.

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In collaboration with Enable South West the City of Bunbury has provided storage for two Beach Trekker wheelchairs previously located at the Koombana Sailing Club. People will now be able to access the wheelchairs right on the beach and utilise the access ramp.

To gain access to the wheelchairs patrons can request the storage key from the Hello Summer kiosk.

The City of Bunbury has also installed three wheelchair-accessible barbeques and wheelchair-accessible drink fountains and bench seating and tables.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said these measures would go a long way in helping people with accessibility issues have a more enjoyable experience at the Koombana Foreshore.

“When planning for the Koombana Foreshore precinct was underway the City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Committee was consulted and gave advice on elements of the design to ensure it would be accessible to all,” Mayor Brennan said.

“The Changing Places facility complements these elements and is an important step forward in reaching our goal of becoming the Most Accessible Regional City in Australia.”

All media is welcome to attend the official opening of the facility on Friday 25 May at 11.30am next to the Hello Summer Kiosk at the Koombana Foreshore.

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