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This Word document contains the text and image descriptions from the Light Up Darebin International Day of People with Disability booklet. Headings in this document refer to the headings of the PDF version of the booklet.

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# Booklet Cover

Text reads:

Light Up Darebin. International Day of People with Disability, 3 December 2021.

## Image description:

Front cover of booklet, a hand drawn image of a Council Building, with the logo for International Day of People with Disability in the sky above. The words “Light Up Darebin, International Day of People with Disability, 3 December 2021" are written at the bottom of the page.

# Acknowledgement of Country

## Text reads:

We wish to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land we now call Darebin. We pay our respect and gratitude to their Elders, past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia. We acknowledge that their sovereignty of this land has never been ceded. We respect the continuing connection of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia to land, water and community and recognise their ongoing strength, resilience and care for Country.

## Image description:

The top of the page has digitally hand written text that says "Acknowledgement of Country" with a digitally drawn image of a sun in front of a blue sky. The border of the page is rays of red, yellow and black radiating out around the text acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land.

# Chief Excecutive Officer’s Introduction

## Text reads:

Dear Darebin residents,

I am pleased to present you with this International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) celebratory booklet. It contains artwork by local artists and community members and provides information about Darebin’s 2021 IDPwD celebration event.

The IDPwD is a United Nations observed day. It aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability. IDPwD is celebrated every year on 3 December. This year Darebin is celebrating with a spectacular light display during the first weekend in December, starting on Friday 3 December. Make sure you visit the Preston Council building in High Street, Preston, and Northcote Town Hall in High Street, Northcote. Both buildings will be lit up in the colours of the IDPwD in Australia – light blue, navy blue, light green and orange. The IDPwD logo will be displayed on the Preston Council building to raise awareness about this important day.

Each year the United Nations announces a theme for the celebrations. This year’s theme is ‘**Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world’. Following this theme, this year’s celebration was prepared** by a group of women who took part in the *You Am I* work experience project at Darebin. Over a period of 12 weeks the women helped us develop this event to celebrate the 2021 IDPwD. Along the way, they developed workplace skills, learnt about Council and how to run events for the community.

**Please enjoy the reflections and artwork in this booklet and the light display on the weekend of 3 December. Celebrate and join us in building a more inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 community and world for everyone.**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Sue Wilkinson**

# ****Disability in Darebin****

## Text reads:

Around 165,000 people call Darebin home.

In Australia 1 in 5 people or 20% of the population experience disability.

Disability can be visible or non-visible. The majority or 90% of disabilities are invisible.

Disability is an umbrella term that includes:

* Intellectual disabilities
* Mental illness
* Sensory disabilities
* Neurological disabilities
* Learning disabilities
* Physical difference or
* Immunological disabilities.

## Image one description:

The words "disability in Darebin" are digitally drawn in bubble style writing in light blue, dark blue, green and orange, the colours of International Day of People with Disability.

## **Image two description:**

**Digitally drawn image of a group of diverse looking group of people gathered around a park bench. The picture includes a woman wearing an Aboriginal flag on her dress, a woman wearing a LGBTQI flag on her top, a guide dog, a man with a walking stick, a man sitting in a wheelchair, a woman wearing a hijab, a man holding a baby, and two children standing at the back. There are white people, and people of colour in the image. They are all smiling.**

# ****Light Up Darebin****

## Text reads:

Over the weekend of 3 to 5 December, Darebin City Council buildings will be lit up in light blue, green, orange and navy-blue colours.

These are the colours and the logo of the International Day of People with Disability in Australia (IDPwD). You can find out more about International Day of People with Disability and events happening on that day around Australia by visiting [the IDPwD website](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.idpwd.com.au%2F&data=04%7C01%7CJade.Myconos%40darebin.vic.gov.au%7C9b6c6026074c4766031608d99f4060ff%7C17ec87ffe26e4335a306feed4f58cc1d%7C0%7C0%7C637715921117431021%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IRlhOCP4atGfl1O9bNx2NS1KGVPPhrdk84i0P%2FNWHvs%3D&reserved=0).

The Light Up Darebin event has been created by participants of Darebin’s You Am I work experience program. This booklet accompanies the event. It includes participants’ artwork and reflections of what IDPwD means to them.

If you would like to find out more contact the Darebin Access and Inclusion Team on 8470 8327 or [disability.access@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:disability.access@darebin.vic.gov.au).

## Image one description:

The words “Light Up Darebin” are digitally drawn in yellow and black. There are yellow stripes behind the writing that give the appearance of light beams shining from the words "Light Up".

## Image two description:

Logo of International Day of People with Disability.

# Light Up Darebin Locations

## Text reads:

Address 1: Preston Council Building

350 High Street Preston VIC 3072

(corner of Gower and High Street)

Address 2: Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre

189 High Street Northcote VIC 3070

## Image one description:

Writing says "Light Up Darebin locations" The words “Light Up Darebin, Locations” are digitally drawn in yellow and black and blue. There are yellow stripes behind the writing that give the appearance of light beams shining from the words "Light Up".

## Image two description:

Map of Darebin, digitally drawn in blue. There are two yellow squares with arrows coming from them pointing to the photos of Council buildings that will be lit up.

## Image three description:

Digitally drawn image of Preston Council Building on a sunny day.

## Image four description:

Digitally drawn image of Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre on a sunny day.

# International Day of People with Disability 2021 Theme

Text reads:

International Day of People with Disability 2021 theme.

Text reads:

Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.

## Image one descpription:

Writing says: IDPwD theme. The letters "IDPwD" are digitally drawn in bubble writing in the colours of IDPwD. The word "theme" is written next to it in black.

## Image three description:

A digitally drawn image of four culturally and age diverse women, smiling and standing close side by side. One woman wearing a hijab, one is accompanied by a guide dog, one is wearing glasses, and one woman is wearing a green top.

# What does it mean to me?

## Image one description:

The question "what does it mean to me?" is digitally hand written in a speaking bubble. The bubble is coming from an image of a laptop with a drawing of an online meeting on it.

## Image two description:

A colourful digitally drawn image of a laptop computer with the faces of 7 people in an online meeting on the screen.

# Angela

## Text reads:

"Throughout COVID I have seen more use of digital technologies and an increased participation for and with people with disabilities in workshops, events and educational opportunities online. Holding events and workshops online and making them accessible can reach people with disabilities and make for a more accessible future post-COVID. Let’s hope this will still be an option when we are back to normal and that online programs are still there as an alternative to assist those with access issues.”

## Image one description:

An image of artwork by Angela Blazevic, in response to the theme of IDPwD. The artwork has a pink and magenta background. There is a blue computer in the foreground with disability access symbols on the screen. There are images around the computer of people with disability. One person has a speech bubble near them that says; “too noisy”. Another is sitting in a wheelchair. The work looks dynamic with white curly lines in between the pictures of people on the page.

## Image two description:

A black text box with a pink outline. The text reads: By Angela Blazevic @flowerycreativehorticulturist.

# Jess

## Text box one reads:

IDPwD is an opportunity to celebrate our agency, vitality and diversity as disabled people and to light up our unique experiences and stories.

## Text box two reads:

"We want people to leave their unconscious bias at the door on what they think people with disability can do. There's this perception that we're unemployable, undatable, unsexy, can't travel, aren't consumers, can't do anything. And it's not true."  - Dylan Alcott

## Text box three reads:

This digital artwork (below) by local artist Leylan 13, captures the individuality, agency, participation and leadership of CALD and LGBTQIA+ disabled persons in community.

## Text box four reads:

A black text box with a yellow outline, the text reads: By Jess

## Text box five reads:

“Disability leadership does not always have to have the intent of having big outcomes or speaking or writing or even protesting publicly because not everyone can or will communicate in that way. I am a believer of doing what you can within your capacity and that being enough. Some days or hours are better that others and there is more than one way to communicate to advocate for ourselves and others. I have seen that through the pandemic many people have had an opportunity to understand stories of isolation … maybe we now may see parts of ourselves reflected in others and (will) be more united in moving forward. And to shift new stories from the shadows into the light”. – Artist, Pearl Blakk. Pearl is a Black multicultural woman with disability living in Wurundjeri Country.

## Image description:

In the middle of the page is a digital cartoon style drawing of four gender and culturally diverse people with colourful hair. They are holding a sign that says "We are leaders. And we are growing and inclusive, accessible and sustainable community. #GrowInclusion"

# Theodora

## Image description:

A collage of national and international disability access symbols, disability flags. Text at the top of page reads: “Since the dawn of time, humans have used symbols, images and colours to communicate with one another ...” Text in red in the middle of the page reads: “The Disability Community has also been using colours and symbols to ... celebrate and bring awareness and to direct and help each other”.

## Image two description:

A black text box with a purple outline, the text reads: By Theodora

# Alicia

## Text reads:

Hi everyone,

My name is Alicia. I have a disability.

The International Day of People with a Disability is important for me because it shows the world how strong people with disabilities can be living their day to day lives. It also highlights the benefits of inclusion into society and how we can improve the lives of all people.

Join us on the 3 December, enjoy the activities prepared by the Darebin Council but most importantly spread the news that inclusion for people with disabilities is cool!

“It is not our disabilities, it is our abilities that count!” - Chris Burke

## Image one description:

A page border using a repeat image of the logo of the International Day of People with Disability.

## Image two description:

A page boarder using the following images: access support worker icon, Auslan symbol, blind or low vision symbol, assistance animals and guide dogs welcome symbol.

# Maria

## Image one description:

An image of artwork by Maria covers the whole page. The artwork has a sky- blue background, with black white and pink collaged butterflies spaced evenly across the page. There are also images of water colour painted diamond shapes in teal, pink and yellow spaced between the butterflies.

## Image two description:

A black text box with a pink outline, the text reads: By Maria

# Back Cover

## Text reads:

Proudly supported by Darebin City Council.

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## Image description:

The whole page is white, at the bottom of the page above the text is the logo of International day of People with Disability.