# DERWENT VALLEY COUNCIL TASMANIAN COMPANION CARD POLICY



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# **POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is for Council to comply with anti-discrimination legislation by becoming an affiliate of the Tasmanian Companion Card.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

Companion Cards are issued to people who, due to their disability, require lifelong attendant care support to participate at most community activities and venues.

The Companion Card is also a tool to assist organisations that charge an admission or participation fee to comply with existing anti-discrimination legislation.

# **SCOPE**

People with disabilities are entitled to access opportunities to benefit from the social, physical and health benefits of participation in community sport and recreation.

### POLICY PROVISIONS

That Council apply to become an affiliate of the Tasmanian Companion Card enabling free access to persons assisting a Companion CardHolder to the following Council facilities:

- New Norfolk Swimming Pool
- Bushy Park Swimming Pool
- Derwent Valley Sports Centre