



## An introduction for management on providing access to parks, playgrounds and picnic areas

Some key considerations when planning access to Parks, Playgrounds and Picnic Areas are:

- Provide clearly signed accessible parking as close to the park or picnic area as possible.
- Provide a firm, continuous path free of obstructions and without steep slopes from parking to the entry point of the park, linking all the accessible park areas – playground, shaded seating, picnic tables, drinking fountain and barbecues.
- Provide at least one accessible barbecue – connected to the rest of the park facilities by an accessible pathway.
- Provide at least one accessible picnic table that is shaded and protected from weather – connected to the rest of the park facilities by an accessible pathway.
- Provide an accessible pathway into the playground to enable both children and carers / parents to access the playground facility.
- Provide a shaded seating area adjacent the playground, connected to the rest of the park facilities by an accessible pathway.
- Where long walkways are provided, provide signage that displays direction, distance and terrain, with resting places along its length.
- Boardwalks can overcome problems of traversing rough, uneven, sandy terrain.
- Where toilets are provided, provide a clearly signed unisex accessible toilet.

- Where drinking fountains are provided, ensure one that is accessible to all is provided.

### More information

- The Independent Living Centre of WA (ILC) provides information on equipment that will assist people with disabilities participate in recreational activities. Contact them on 9381 0600 or by their website [www.ilc.com.au](http://www.ilc.com.au). Additionally, they have available a publication, *GuestAbility* which provides additional access information.
- Sport and Recreation Victoria, *Sport and Recreation, Access for All*. Villamanta publishing Service Inc (Melbourne).