

Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City becomes more inclusive with new Changing Place

Perth, 18 January 2018: Lakeside Joondalup has delivered the first accredited Changing Places facility in a Western Australian shopping centre, creating better access to retail experiences for people with severe and profound disabilities.

Changing Places are secure, clean facilities for people with disability who need space and assistance to use the bathroom when out and about in the community.

Minister for Disability Services, Stephen Dawson MLC said that the sad reality is that for many people with severe disability a day out at the shops is not always possible or feasible.

“Changing Places are fully accessible public toilets with change tables and hoists for people with disability and their carers to use when out in the community,” he said.

“These facilities enable many people with disability to more actively participate in community life.

“The direct impact Changing Places have on the daily lives of people with disability and their carers cannot be underestimated, they restore dignity and create truly inclusive communities.”

Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City Centre Manager Gemma Hannigan said Lendlease was committed to creating thriving, vibrant places where all people feel connected and included in their diversity.

“We are committed to providing an inclusive shopping experience to our customers and are extremely proud that we have delivered this facility, which differs from an accessible public toilet with several additional features, providing a dignified and safe way to use a public bathroom for people that could otherwise not do so,” she said.

“It also means that people with disabilities, their families and their carers can comfortably plan social, entertainment and shopping outings and enjoy more actively participating in community life.”

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- The Lakeside Joondalup Changing Places Facility is located within the Ground Level Food Court, adjacent Station Square.
- The Lakeside Joondalup Changing Places facility will be locked using The Master Locksmith Association Key system. Using this system will help keep the Changing Places network secure, safe and reserved for people who need them, while still allowing people with disability access. Lakeside Joondalup customers can borrow a key from the centres Customer Service Desk or alternatively the City of Joondalup can provide keys to eligible users.
- **The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment; Disability Services will officially launch Lakeside Joondalup’s Changing Places Facility at 11:00am on Thursday 18 January.**



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Marissa's story

Marissa Florias, a 29-year-old Cerebral Palsy client with Rocky Bay Duncraig often ventures out to Lakeside Joondalup Shopping Centre as part of her structured leisure activity said that the Changing Places facility would be good for her and her friends.

"I like buying clothes at Lakeside Joondalup and going to the Coffee Club and the Food Court and having lunch with my friends," she said.

"I need to be in a wheelchair and to go to the toilet I need a hoist, so it means we will be able to stay out longer."

Samantha Shaw, a Team Leader at Rocky Bay said carers were often faced with choice to put their family members or clients in undignified situations or not venture far from home.

"Professional carers are often unable to take their clients out due to no lifting policy," she said. "It is quite frustrating because we will be out and we have to take someone to the toilet so the trip is over and we need to go back to Rocky Bay. The Changing Place facility will reduce this pressure," she said.

"Marissa is our social butterfly, she loves to be out and will chat to anyone. This means she'll be able to stay out for longer, doing what she loves."

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