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Subject: **Celebrating inclusion and connection this International Day of People with Disability**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge is inviting the community to come together to celebrate inclusion, connection and the contributions of people with disability at a free community event on Friday 4 December 2026.

Held in partnership with Genuine Support Services Australia, Mission Australia and the Murraylands Disability Alliance, the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) celebration will take place from **10am to 1.30pm** at the Murray Bridge Rowing Centre, between Wharf Road and Murray Cods Drive.

The event will feature a range of activities for all ages, including face painting, a petting zoo, modified sports, sailing, adaptive bikes through TADSA's Freedom Wheels program for children and adults living with disability, injuries or mobility challenges, art activities and rowing. Attendees can also enjoy a quiet and sensory zone, visit the Murray Bridge Library and meet Roary the Readasaurus, and look forward to a special visit from Santa.

A Welcome to Country ceremony will open the event at 10am, followed by activities for the community to enjoy. Mobilong Rotary Club will provide a free BBQ lunch, and the Second Beginnings iREACH coffee van will be serving coffee. The celebration will conclude with a raffle, giving one lucky attendee the chance to win a $250 voucher thanks to Care Squad.

Mayor Wayne Thorley said the event is an opportunity for the community to celebrate diversity, strengthen connections and recognise the importance of creating a community where everyone feels welcome.

"Everyone deserves to feel welcome, included and connected to their community. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the abilities and contributions of people with disability, bring people together and recognise the importance of creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to participate and feel they belong. I encourage everyone to come along, enjoy the activities and be part of a day that celebrates inclusion and connection," Mayor Thorley said.

Observed worldwide as a United Nations day, International Day of People with Disability promotes awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability. The day provides an opportunity for individuals, organisations, businesses and communities to recognise the contributions of people with disability and work towards a more inclusive society.

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge encourages everyone to attend and be part of this special community celebration.

Event details:
What: International Day of People with Disability community celebration
When: Friday 4 December 2026, 10am to 1.30pm
Where: Murray Bridge Rowing Centre, between Wharf Road and Murray Cods Drive
Cost: Free

To learn more about the Rural City of Murray Bridge's efforts to build an inclusive community, visit the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan on the RCMB website: **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan**.

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