



# Getting Around in Shellharbour

A mobility map for people with disabilities





# Welcome

**G**etting Around in Shellharbour has been designed to help people access the wide range of public facilities that exist in Shellharbour City.

It shows the locations of many facilities in our main shopping areas which are useable for people with disabilities. It includes Health Professionals, Public Telephones, Car Parks, Shopping Centres, Public Toilets, ATM machines, Post Boxes and Post Offices, Bus Stops, Taxi Ranks and Police Stations.

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## **Your Comments Please!**

Buildings and facilities are always being upgraded and improved, so if you know of useable public facilities that are not on these maps, or of any changes to the facilities shown on the maps, please let us know.

Your comments are important to us, so please write to: Mobility Map, Council Community Services, Shellharbour City Council, PO Box 155, Shellharbour City Centre, NSW 2529.

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This map has been produced with invaluable assistance from the Australian Quadriplegic Association. The accessibility of the facilities shown has been based on the Australian Standards 1428.1.

Many of the facilities and services, such as health professionals, ATMs, public telephones and curb ramps will be useable by people reading this map, subject to their individual levels of disability and whether they have assistance.

If you are unsure whether a facility or service is useable by you, phone ahead and enquire.



Public telephones in the areas covered by this map generally do not comply with the recommended accessible height. Some may be useable depending on individual levels of disability.



Automatic Teller Machines in the areas covered by this map generally do not comply with the recommended accessible height. Some may be useable depending on individual levels of disability.



Most of the curb ramps in the areas covered by this map are steep and often do not comply with the accessibility standards. Some may be useable with help depending on individual levels of disability.

# City Centre

**S**hellharbour's City Centre is opposite Shellharbour Square - the largest and most popular shopping centre in the city. The Square contains more than 120 shops and includes health professionals and supermarkets.

The Shellharbour City Centre has cinemas, professional suites, restaurants and an ample parking area.

Access to the nearby Shellharbour City Council building is by way of a ramp from South Road, by the car parking area behind the building.



Many of the streets and footpaths in the area around Shellharbour Square and the city centre are steep and may be hard to negotiate without help.

There are designated carparks shown on the map but you may need help in the city centre car park, and in the park behind the City Council building. Access from the City Centre carpark to the footpath can be difficult without assistance.

The path of travel from Shellharbour Square to the City Centre is steep and difficult in places.



There are three sets of traffic lights in the city centre area, all of which have audio tactile lights to tell you when it is safe to cross.

The intersections of New Lake Entrance Road and College Avenue and Lamerton Crescent and College Avenue can present problems both because of the amount of traffic and the steep kerb ramps.

**Key**

 Useable Council facilities	 Police	 ATM	 Doctor
 Assisted-use Council facilities	 Supermarket	 Tourist Information	 Dentist
 Disabled parking	 Bulky Goods Shopping	 Post Box	 Optometrist
 Toilets	 Bus Stop	 Post Office	 Physiotherapist
 Toilets No Access	 Taxi Rank	 Kerb Ramps - Not accessible	 X-Ray Clinic
 Shower	 Railway Station	 Kerb Ramps - Accessible	 Pathology Lab
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## City Centre

# Oak Flats

**O**ak Flats dates back to the 1860s when it was a cattle run owned by John Terry Hughes. The run took its very descriptive name from the relatively flat land with many She-oak trees.

The township of Oak Flats, surveyed in 1928, was inspired by Walter Burley Griffin's design for Canberra .

Oak Flats is well served with useable public facilities including a baby health centre and a library on the main street. A senior citizens centre is located on Griffiths Street and a new community centre is sited on Fisher Street.



The footpaths in Oak Flats are wide with the usual seats, rubbish bins, bike racks and trees placed away from the usual path of travel.

Please note advertising boards for shops and other businesses. Some of them are quite large and easily seen but others are small and may be difficult to spot.

One or two of the footpaths can present difficulties with slopes towards the kerb and Central Avenue itself is quite steep at one end making unassisted access challenging.



There is ample parking for people with disabilities in Oak Flats with designated car parks on both sides of Central Avenue and some in side streets. Please note that the designated parks are in the middle of the blocks, with kerb ramps some distance away at the end of the blocks. Not all the kerb ramps are useable.

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# Oak Flats

# Albion Park

**A**lbion Park grew from Samuel Terry's cattle holding at the crossroads. In 1879, Gabriel Timbs purchased twelve town lots and built a hotel and shops which started Albion Park's growth into a prosperous commercial centre.

Albion Park is still well served with shops and a hotel on Tongarra Road, and the more recently developed shopping centre off Terry Street which includes a small range of specialty shops, a petrol station and a supermarket.



There are two sets of traffic lights in Albion Park, both of which have audio tactile lights to tell you when it is safe to cross.

The intersection of Terry Street and Tongarra Road can present problems during and after heavy rain because it can become flooded and prevent access by people wishing to cross.



Albion Park's streets have the usual amenities including seats, public phones, rubbish bins and trees but as a general rule they are placed away from the main path of travel.

There are a number of retail advertising boards on the footpaths in Albion Park. Some can almost block the entire footpath while others are small and may be difficult to see.

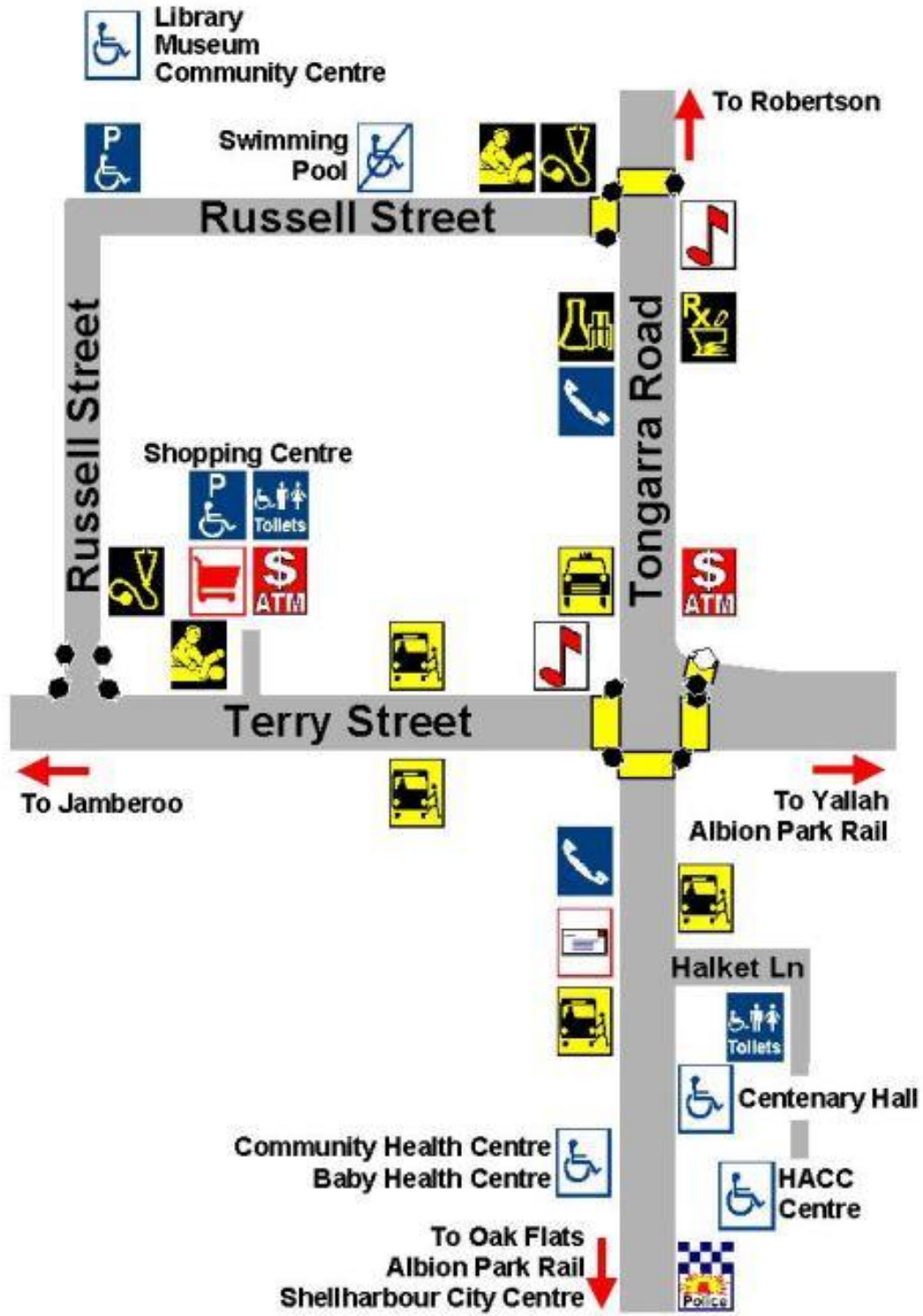


Please note that there can be some variations in the footpath surfaces and levels in Albion Park, while in some areas the footpath slopes noticeably and steeply towards the kerb.

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# Albion Park

# Albion Park Rail

**A**lbion Park Rail dates back to when the bush was cleared in 1925 and housing in the area sprang up around the railway station and the dairy factory. Shops began to appear in the 1930s as the main road ran through the town.

There are a number of shops and some professional offices on the Princes Highway frontage with ample parking behind the shopping area.

The railway station, which is usable, is opposite Station Road.



The traffic lights at the intersection of Creamery Road and Princes Highway have audio tactile lights to tell you when it is safe to cross.

Princes Highway is an extremely busy and dangerous road so take great care when crossing. Always wait and listen for the audible alarm as well as the tactile and visible alarms before you cross.



Albion Park Rail's streets have the usual amenities including seats, bike racks, public phones, rubbish bins and trees but as a general rule they are placed away from the main path of travel.

Be aware of retail advertising boards which can almost block the entire footpath while others are small and may be difficult to see.



There can be variations in the footpath surfaces and levels in Albion Park Rail, most noticeably as the footpath nears the railway station. On the opposite side of the highway, there is no concrete footpath for pedestrian use.

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# Shellharbour

**S**hellharbour was originally known as Peterborough Estate, and was one of the earliest land grants received by D'arcy Wentworth. The original Council Chambers can still be seen in Addison Street.

The main street, Addison Street, runs steeply to the shoreline where there is a park, a salt water pool, barbeque and picnic areas. A feature of the area is the walkway completed as a Federation project in 2001.



Shellharbour's streets have the usual signs, rubbish bins and trees placed away from the main path of travel.

The trend towards footpath cafes means that the footpath can be busy and you may have to find your way through tables, chairs and diners.

Please note that the footpath in Addison Street is steep with variations in the surface.



At the bottom of Addison Street there are designated car parks for people with disabilities, accessible toilets and an accessible shower.

There is ramp allowing access to the Beverly Whitfield pool area for people with mobility aids however the pool itself is not yet useable for all people with disabilities.



A feature of Shellharbour is the attractive park at the bottom of Addison Street. In addition to the facilities adjacent to the pool, there is now an accessible picnic table designed for people who use mobility aids.

**Key**



Useable Council facilities



Assisted-use Council facilities



Disabled parking



Toilets



Toilets No Access



Shower



Telephone



Picnic Table



Police



Supermarket



Bulky Goods Shopping



Bus Stop



Taxi Rank



Railway Station



Audio Tactile Alarm



Care Needed



ATM



Tourist Information



Post Box



Post Office



Kerb Ramps - Not accessible



Kerb Ramps - Accessible



No footpath



Audio Tactile Crossing



Doctor



Dentist



Optometrist



Physiotherapist



X-Ray Clinic



Pathology Lab



Chemist



Hospital



# Shellharbour

# Warilla

**W**arilla became a suburb in 1951 and became the site of the City Council offices from 1969. The former offices now house a variety of community services including a medical centre.

There are a range of shops in Warilla and many other local shopping needs are catered for in the Warilla Grove shopping centre.



Footpaths in Warilla are wide with minor surface variations. There are the usual seats, rubbish bins, bike racks, advertising boards and trees but these are generally away from the path of travel.

Some of the footpaths slope towards the kerb, while most of the kerb ramps are steep.



The traffic lights at the Shellharbour Road and Lake Entrance Road intersection – outside the old Council Chambers – have audio tactile lights to tell you when it is safe to cross this very busy intersection. Please note that the traffic light control buttons on traffic islands in the intersection are not useable for many people using mobility aids.



There are a number of public telephones on George Street in Warilla however they are in slightly elevated phone boxes which may not be useable by all people.



Access to the large number of health professionals on Shellharbour Road is either from the main road frontage, or in many cases, from the carpark in Beverly Avenue. If you are in doubt, ring your health professional for information about their carparks and ramps.

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