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**Upgrade of path to Euroa Railway Underpass improves accessibility**

Local Euroa man, James Carter is now able to safely access Anderson Street railway underpass on his scooter after raising accessibility issues with Council's Access and Disability Advisory Committee (ADAC).

Mr Carter was having trouble accessing the path to the Railway underpass at the corner of Frost Street and Kirkland Avenue.

"The gravel contained broken glass and bindi eyes, causing punctures in wheelchairs, scooters, bikes and prams," Mr Carter explained.

Mr Carter raised the issue with Council's Access and Disability Advisory Committee, of which he is a member, and Council sealed the edge of the road and the walking track that goes under the railway line so it is now one continuous piece of smooth bitumen.

Mr Carter said the upgrade has allowed him to safely access the underpass on his scooter and encourages anyone with accessibility needs or concerns to contact Council.

"ADAC helps identify things that sometimes aren't always obvious to an able person," Mr Carter said.

"For example, people in wheelchairs may suffer from a back injury, so travelling on uneven or bumpy footpaths can exacerbate the back problem."

ADAC meets every six weeks to liaise with community members and provide advice and recommendations to Council in relation to access and equity.

Those over the age of 65 or those who are living with a disability also have the opportunity to receive advice and assistance from Council's Access & Support Officer, Lauren Dainton.

This service provides free assistance to people who have diverse needs and who have difficulty finding out about services or getting the services they need.

Council's Access & Support Officer will discuss the range of support services available to you.

If you're living with a disability, or are a parent or carer of someone living with a disability and would like more information about the support that is available, please contact Council Offices on 1800 065 993 or email [info@strathbogies.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogies.vic.gov.au).

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