

WHAT WE DO

Atlas (Access To Leisure And Sport Inc.) is a public benevolent non-profit charity organisation. We are based in Geraldton, Western Australia and have been serving the community since 2003.

We work to increase people with disabilities access and inclusion in community, and use leisure and sport and recreation as a tool to achieve this.

Access is about making the physical facilities suitable for all people to be able to participate as they choose within their community.

Inclusion is about the culture of a group or organisation. It is how it feels to get involved. Whether you feel welcome and able to get involved in areas that interest you to your full capacity.

To achieve improvements in access and inclusion we work both with people with disabilities and with organisers and developers directly. This two way process is designed to bring people together to enable better decisions about how we make a better community now and in the future.

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For more information, please contact our friendly team. They'd love to hear from you!

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**THE SPORT AND
REC SPECIALISTS**

SERVICES

ATLAS customises services on an individual basis. The type of support we provide will be based on your desired goals and the community activities you would like to participate in.

LEISURE BUDDIES

A Leisure Buddy is a person interested in Leisure and Sport and Recreation, who can accompany you to your chosen activity. They can assist you to get involved to the level you aspire to. They also work with the organisers of your activity to assist them to serve you appropriately, and to make their facilities accessible. Our buddies are trained to assist you to achieve remarkable results.

If you are interested in purchasing personal support hours you can talk to us and we can provide you with access to our Leisure Buddy profiles. From these you can either select a person to work with and tell us your preference or we can assist you to choose a Leisure Buddy to suit your needs.

DIRECT PERSONALISED SUPPORT

You can use Individualised funding, respite or any other fund you have to purchase Leisure Buddy hours. Leisure buddies are here to assist you to get involved in what-ever leisure, sport and recreation activity you want to participate in (as long as it's legal).

You may just need some assistance to connect with the right people, or you may want more intensive ongoing personal support. Our Leisure buddies are able to assist you to plan for the future, and to develop the knowledge and skills you need to enjoy the benefits of being actively involved in the community.

SPIN OUT

Spin Out is a wheelchair sports program. We run Spin Out through two offerings:

Wheelchair Basketball Competition

ATLAS regularly run a full wheelchair basketball competition where you can join a team and compete in the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association alongside the rest of the basketball community. The competition runs in line with the regular basketball seasons of the association. Our Leisure Buddies are able to assist you to join and participate in an existing team or you can start a new one and join in with your friends.

Hire Out and Education

ATLAS regularly hire out our Spin Out wheelchairs for all sorts of events, training and education activities. You can either hire the chairs or we can provide coaching and education sessions tailored to your requirements.

Come and talk to us about your ideas and we can develop a package to bring them to life. We can assist you with organisational development as well. You can run team building events, leadership development, and novelty sports programs. We also use the Spin Out Wheelchairs to run various come and try days for other wheelchair sports activities such as wheelchair tennis.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ATLAS provides Leisure Buddy support to assist you to join in to your choice of communities activities. Decide what you would like to participate in, and then come and talk to us about your support requirements early so we can match you to a Leisure Buddy.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Leisure Buddy services are free when provided within one of our funded programs.

You can also access Leisure Buddy support outside of our programs for an hourly fee. Come and talk to us about your requirements and we can tailor a service to suit.

The costs of entry fees or charges for various activities in the community vary according to your selection. It is your choice of what you do. We will find a way to support you to access the activities you want to try.

