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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Access Design Assessment Report has been prepared by Design Confidence at the request of Dunn & Hillam Architects and relates to the proposed Gilgandra Library Plaza upgrade located at Gilgandra.

Based upon our assessment to date we are of the opinion that the subject development is capable of achieving compliance with the accessibility provisions of the BCA, either by complying with the prescriptive requirements or via a performance-based approach.

With respect to the assessment undertaken, the following items shall be reviewed further as the project develops—

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY
2	As design progresses, further details shall be provided to ensure compliance with the requirements of the BCA / AS1428.1-2009 is achieved, such as: a. Walkway details; b. Wet area (sanitary facilities) details; c. Stair details.	Project Architect



1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report has been prepared at the request of Dunn & Hillam Architects and relates to the proposed Gilgandra Library Plaza located at Gilgandra.

The proposed development includes the upgrade of Gilgandra Library Plaza Upgrade including accessible and universal design.

In the context of this report and the BCA the building use can be described as follows-

CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Class 10a	Non-habitable structure and amenities block

STOREYS CONTAINED (INCLUD	ING BASEMENT LEVELS)
One (01)	Plaza
One (01)	Amenities block

1.2 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to identify the extent to which the architectural design documentation complies with the *accessibility provisions* of the National Construction Code – Building Code of Australia Volume 1, Edition 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the BCA), as are principally contained within Parts D3, E3.6, F2.4 and F2.9.

This report is based upon, and limited to, the information depicted in the documentation provided for assessment and does not make any assumptions regarding design intention or the like.

1.3 Documentation Provided for Assessment

This assessment is based upon the architectural documentation prepared by Dunn & Hillam Architects and listed within **Appendix 1**.

1.4 Limitations

This report is based upon, and limited to, the information depicted in the documentation provided for assessment and does not make any assumptions regarding design intention or the like.

This assessment does not contain comments regarding detailed design issues such as (but not limited to): luminance contrast, slip resistance, handrail design, door schedule and door hardware specification, location of fittings within sanitary compartments.

1.5 Report Exclusions

It is conveyed that this report should not be construed to infer that an assessment for compliance with the following has been undertaken—

- (i) Work Health & Safety Act and Regulations; and
- (ii) Work Cover Authority requirements; and



- (iii) Structural and Services Design Documentation; and
- (iv) The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992; and
- (v) Any parts of the BCA or any standards other than those directly referenced in this report.

1.6 BCA Assessment – Interpretation Notes

To provide the reader with additional context the following information regarding assessment methodology used in this assessment is provided below—

- (i) Amenities are the ongoing responsibility of the local council who should maintain the accessible and ambulant toilets free of any barriers and other elements that could make them inaccessible.
- (ii) It is local council's responsibility to maintain the floor surfaces and other external features (drinking fountains, seating, waste, etc.).
- (iii) This assessment refers to the public domain works only. For an assessment of the Gilgandra Library, refer to the Access Design Assessment Report prepared by Design Confidence [ref. P220_458-2 (ACCESS) KG] issued on 03 June 2021.



2.0 BCA ACCESS DESIGN ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

2.1 Interpretation

The following tables summarise the compliance status of the architectural design in terms of each *applicable* prescriptive provision of the BCA and indicates a *capability for compliance* ('COMPLIES') with the accessibility provisions of the BCA.

A detailed analysis and commentary are provided in **Section 3.0** of this report in the instance that prescriptive non-compliance occurs ('DOES NOT COMPLY') or further 'DESIGN DETAIL' is required. Such instances should not necessarily be considered BCA deficiencies, but rather matters which need to be considered by the design team, the certifying authority and all other relevant stakeholders as design progresses.

2.2 Part D3 – Access for People with a Disability

	BCA CLAUSE	COMPLIES	DOES NOT COMPLY	DESIGN DETAIL
D3.1	General building access requirements			\checkmark
D3.2	Access to buildings			\checkmark
D3.3	Parts of buildings to be accessible	N/A		
D3.5	Accessible carparking	N/A		
D3.6	Signage			\checkmark
D3.7	Hearing augmentation	N/A		
D3.8	Tactile indicators			\checkmark
D3.9	Wheelchair seating spaces	N/A		
D3.10	Swimming pools	N/A		
D3.11	Ramps	N/A		
D3.12	Glazing on an accessway	N/A		

2.3 Part E3.6 – Passenger Lifts

	BCA CLAUSE	COMPLIES	DOES NOT COMPLY	DESIGN DETAIL
E3.6	Passenger lifts	N/A		

2.4 Part F2.4 – Accessible Sanitary Facilities

	BCA CLAUSE	COMPLIES	DOES NOT COMPLY	DESIGN DETAIL
F2.4	Accessible unisex sanitary compartments			\checkmark
F2.4	F2.4 Sanitary facilities for people with ambulant disabilities			\checkmark

2.5 Part F2.9 – Accessible Adult Change Facilities

	BCA CLAUSE	COMPLIES	DOES NOT COMPLY	DESIGN DETAIL
F2.9	Accessible adult change facilities	N/A		



3.0 BCA DETAILED ASSESSMENT

3.1 General

With reference to the BCA Access Design Assessment Summary contained in **Section 2.0** above, the following analysis and commentary is provided.

In all instances, reference is also made to **Appendix 2**, which contains design guidance and other items which shall be coordinated by the relevant stakeholders as design progresses to ensure compliance with the deemed-to-satisfy (DtS) accessibility provisions of the BCA is achieved.

Furthermore, the analysis below contains preliminary advice regarding opportunities for the implementation of a performance-based approach in lieu of complying with the prescriptive (DtS) provisions of the BCA.

3.2 Part D3 – Access for People with a Disability

3.2.1 <u>Clause D3.1 – General building access requirements</u>

BUILDING CLASS	
Class 10a	Access is required to be provided to and within—
	(i) An accessible sanitary facility;
	(ii) A change room facility;
	(iii) A public shelter or the like.
All buildings	Access is not required to be provided to the areas afforded the concession under Clause D3.4 and identified in Section 1.6 above.

3.2.2 Clause D3.2 - Access to buildings

Accessways to Gilgandra Library Plaza is provided from Miller Street and from the rear of the library.



Figure 1 – Pedestrian Entries



The following comment are provided in regards the requirements of Clause D3.2 of the BCA-

DESCRIPTION	COMPLIANCE DEPARTURE	RESOLUTION
Walkway 1:35	No levels provided for assessment of the walkway.	Provide RL levels on the drawings for further review and comment.
External Stairways	Stairways have not yet been detailed with all the required	Stairway to comply with AS1428.1- 2009.
	features and fixings.	Level of detail provided is suitable for this stage. As design progresses, provide detailed drawings for review and comment.

Refer to **Appendix 2** below for further design guidance.

3.2.3 <u>Clause D3.3 – Parts of the building to be accessible</u>

Refer to Sections 3.2 and 2.4.

3.2.4 <u>Clause D3.4 – Exemptions</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.5 <u>Clause D3.5 – Accessible carparking</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.6 <u>Clause D3.6 – Signage</u>

The following comment is provided in regards the requirements of Clause D3.6 of the BCA-

DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	RESOLUTION
General	Signage details have not yet been provided for assessment.	Signage will be required in accordance with the requirements of this clause.
		Level of detail provided is suitable for this stage. As design progresses, provide detailed drawings for review and comment.

Refer to **Appendix 2** below for further design guidance.

3.2.7 <u>Clause D3.7 – Hearing augmentation</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.8 <u>Clause D3.8 – Tactile indicators</u>

Tactile indicators at stairways have not yet been detailed within the design documentation. Refer to **Appendix 2** below for further design guidance in this regard.



3.2.9 <u>Clause D3.9 – Wheelchair seating spaces in Class 9b assembly buildings</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.10 <u>Clause D3.10 – Swimming pools</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.11 <u>Clause D3.11 – Ramps</u>

Not applicable.

3.2.12 Clause D3.12 - Glazing on an accessway

Not applicable.

3.3 Part E3.6 – Passenger Lifts

Not applicable.

- 3.4 Part F2.4 Accessible Sanitary Facilities
- 3.4.1 Accessible unisex sanitary facilities

A total of one (01) accessible sanitary compartment has been provided within the subject development.

Drawings indicate that compliance will be achieved with AS1428.1-2009.

Refer to **Appendix 2** below for further design guidance.

3.4.2 Sanitary compartment for people with ambulant disabilities

A total of two (02) sanitary compartments for people with ambulant disabilities have been provided within the subject development, one female and one male.

Drawings indicate that compliance will be achieved with AS1428.1-2009.

3.5 Part F2.9 – Accessible Adult Change Facilities

Not applicable.



4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 General

Our strategy for ensuring compliance will be refined and documented during the design process in conjunction with the continual development of the architectural documentation, as required.

Based upon our assessment to date we are of the opinion that the subject development is capable of achieving compliance with the relevant accessibility provisions of the National Construction Code – Building Code of Australia Volume 1, Edition 2019, subject to the comments provided in **Section 3.0** and the design detail contained in **Appendix 2**.

Compliance can be achieved either by meeting the deemed-to-satisfy requirements of the BCA, as are principally contained within Parts D3, E3.6, F2.4 and F2.9, or via a performance-based approach.

We trust that the above information is sufficient for the consent authority in assessing the merit of the architectural design from a planning perspective.

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APPENDIX 1 – Documentation Provided for Assessment

This accessibility assessment was based upon the architectural documentation prepared by Dunn & Hillam Architects namely—

DRAWING	REV	TITLE	DATE
DA01-05		Ground Floor Plan	02.06.2021



APPENDIX 2 - Design Checklist - Prescriptive Requirements

The following design guidance checklist is provided for implementation and coordination during construction in order to achieve compliance with the prescriptive requirements of the BCA, AS1428.1-2009, AS/NZS1428.4.1:2009 and AS/NZS2890.6:2009.

1.	ACCESS TO BUILDINGS
1.1.	Provide an accessible path of travel compliant with AS1428.1-2009 from all main pedestrian entry points at the site boundary to the principal pedestrian entrance/s of the building.
1.2.	 Where a building is afforded with multiple pedestrian entries, an accessway shall be provided through and through: (i) The principal pedestrian entrance (PPE); and
	(ii) Not less than 50% of pedestrian entrances, including the PPE.
	 Where the building area is greater than 500m²: (i) A non-accessible pedestrian entrance shall not be located more than 50m from an accessible pedestrian entrance.
1.3.	Provide an accessible path of travel compliant with AS1428.1-2009 from another building connected by a pedestrian link (not being the public footpath) within the allotment.
1.4.	Provide an accessible path of travel compliant with AS1428.1-2009 from accessible car parking spaces on the site.
1.5.	An accessible path of travel/accessway shall be in accordance with AS1428.1-2009 as applicable.
	Note: this includes requirements relating to floor finishes, stairway, ramps, doorways etc. Refer to the relevant section below for further detail.

2.	PATHS OF TRAVEL	
2.1.	A continuous accessible path of travel shall not include a step, stairway, turnstile, revolving door, escalator, moving walk or the like.	
2.2.	Provide 1000mm minimum clear width of path of travel compliant with AS1428.1-2009.	
	Note: the width of the path of travel shall be taken clear of any obstructions, such as handrails, kerb rails, skirting, fire hose reels, fire extinguishers or the like.	
2.3.	The minimum unobstructed height of a continuous path of travel shall be 2000mm or 1980mm at doorways.	
2.4.	An accessway shall be provided with turning spaces in accordance with the BCA and AS1428.1-2009 where required.	
2.5.	A turning space not less than 1500 x 1500mm is required to allow for a 60-90° turn on the accessway. A splay across the internal corner is permitted in accordance with Figure 4 of AS1428.1-2009.	
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4.	STAIRWAYS
4.1.	The requirements of this section shall apply to all stairways for general circulation and to external (non-fire isolated) egress stairways.
4.2.	Stairs located at site boundary shall be recessed (900mm min. from boundary) to allow required handrail extensions and TGSI's to not protrude into transverse path of travel.









5.	WALKWAYS	
5.1.	1:20 walkways shall have suitable landings at 15m maximum intervals. Note: for gradients other than 1:20, the maximum interval between landings shall be confirmed with Design Confidence.	
5.2.	Walkways shallower than 1:33 are not required to be provided with landings.	
5.3.	 Landings shall be: (i) Minimum 1200mm length where there is no change in direction; (ii) Where there is a change in direction, refer to Section 2 – Paths of Travel above; (iii) Where there is a doorway, the landing shall be capable of accommodating the required doorway circulation spaces. 	
5.4.	 A suitable barrier (edge protection) shall be provided to both sides of the walkway. Suitable barriers include: (i) Floor/ ground surface to extend 600mm min. width at same grade in firm and level of the walkway surface, being of a different material; (ii) Kerb in accordance with Figure 18 of AS1428.1-2009; (iii) Kerb rail + handrail in accordance with Figure 19 of AS1428.1-2009; (iv) Low wall min. 450mm height. Note: The top of kerbing must not be within 75-150mm range above FFL to minimise risk of wheelchair footplate entrapment. 	
5.5.	Curved walkways have 1500mm min. clear width. The minimum inside radius shall be in with Figure 20 of AS1428.1-2009.	

6.	HANDRAILS
6.1.	All stairs and ramps shall be provided in accordance with Clause 12 of AS1428.1-2009, including fire-isolated stairways and ramps.
	Note: for stairs/ramps in areas afforded the concession under D3.4, handrails are only required to comply with Clause D2.17 of the BCA.







6.	HANDRAILS
	Note: fire-isolated stairs and ramps are not required to be provided with handrail extensions at landings, however handrail ends shall be in accordance with Figure 26 (C) of AS1428.1-2009 as shown above.
6.10.	The inner handrail shall always be continuous at landings.

7.	SIGNAGE	
7.1.	 Braille and tactile signage will be required to: (i) Identify each sanitary facility, including an accessible sanitary facility and a sanitary compartment suitable for people with ambulant disabilities; (ii) Identify each space provided with hearing augmentation; (iii) Within each space provided with hearing augmentation; (iv) Identify each door required by BCA Clause E4.5 to be provided with an exit sign; (v) Identify a sanitary compartment suitable for people with ambulant disabilities; (vi) At entry doors to airlocks containing either accessible and/or ambulant WCs, identifying each facility provided within. 	
7.2.	 Braille and tactile directional signage will be required at: (i) A non-accessible pedestrian entrance to direct a person to the nearest accessible entrance; (ii) A sanitary bank which is not provided with an accessible sanitary facility to direct a person to the nearest accessible sanitary facility. 	
7.3.	Signage required to comply with Clause D3.6 of the BCA shall be in accordance with BCA Spec. D3.6 and Clause 8 of AS1428.1-2009.	
7.4.	Per BCA 2019, signage complying with Clause 3 and 6 of Specification D3.6 shall be provided to identify the latch-operation device (manual controls for power-operated doors).	
7.5.	At standard sanitary facilities, the signage shall include: (i) Minimum required message: "Male Toilet" or "Female Toilet", as applicable; (ii) Raised & visual versions of the male and female symbols; (iii) Braille that fully describes the information displayed by symbols and text.	
7.6.	At an accessible sanitary facility, the signage shall include: (i) Minimum required message: "Unisex Toilet RH" or "Unisex Toilet LH" (as applicable) (ii) Information if the toilet pan is suitable for RH or LH transfer; (iii) Raised & visual versions of the international symbol of access; (iv) Raised & visual versions of the male and female symbols; (v) Braille that fully describes the information displayed by symbols and text.	
7.7.	At an ambulant sanitary compartment, the signage shall include:	



7.	SIGNAGE		
	 (i) Minimum required message: "Ambulant Male Toilet" or "Ambulant Female Toilet", as applicable; 		
	(ii) Raised & visual versions of the male and female ambulant symbols;		
	(iii) Braille that fully describes the information displayed by symbols and text.		
	Female Ambulant Toilet		
7.8.	At exits, the signage shall include:		
7.0.	(i) The word "Exit"; and		
	(ii) The word "Level" and the floor level number OR a floor level descriptor OR a combination		
	of both the number and the descriptor;		
7.0	(iii) Braille that fully describes the information display by text.		
7.9.	At the door to rooms/spaces provided with hearing augmentation, the signage shall include raised & visual versions of the international symbol of deafness.		
7.10.	Within the room/spaces provided with hearing augmentation, the signage shall include:		
	(i) The type of hearing augmentation;(ii) The area covered within the room;		
	(iii) If receivers are being used & where they can be obtained.		
7.11.	Directional signage shall include:		
	(i) A wayfinding arrow that indicates the location of the subject accessible facility (being an		
	accessible toilet or accessible entry);		
	(ii) Raised & visual versions of the international symbol of access;		
	(iii) Raised text that describes the subject accessible facility;(iv) If the accessible path of travel to the subject accessible facility is on a different level,		
	include a symbol to denote travel via lift (if applicable).		
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	Unisex Toilet Level 3		
	Direction Information		
= + 0	Identification		
7.12.	Location of signage: (i) Braille and tactile components shall be at a height of 1200-1600mm above FFL; and		
	(ii) On the wall on the latch-side of the door, leading edge of the sign 50-300mm from the		
	architrave, except at ambulant sanitary facilities;		
	(iii) Where b. is not possible, signage shall be on the door itself; and		
7.40	(iv) At ambulant sanitary facilities, the signage shall be placed on the door.		
7.13.	Minimum 30% luminance contrast between the wall/door to the backplate of the sign and between the backplate and the symbols, tactile and braille contained in the sign.		



8.	TACTILE GROUND SURFACE INDICATORS (TGSIs)
8.1.	 Ensure that TGSI's are slip-resistant and achieve minimum luminance contrast against background surface in accordance with the following: (i) Integrated TGSI's (i.e. tiles) require 30% min. luminance contrast. (ii) Discrete TGSI's (i.e. buttons) require 45% min. luminance contrast. (iii) Composite TGSI's with 2 materials/colours requires 60% min. luminance contrast.
8.2.	Ensure that warning TGSI's extend across the full width of the path of travel and commence 300mm from the edge of stairs, ramps etc. Note 1: tactile indicators are not required where the gradient is not steeper than 1:20 (walkways) or at step ramps and kerb ramps. Note 2: tactile indicators are not required at fire-isolated stairs and ramps. Note 3: tactile indicators are required at external (non-fire-isolated) egress stairs and ramps.
8.3.	Ensure that warning TGSI's have between 600mm - 800mm depth at open areas, or at landings >3m length and/or when handrail is discontinuous.
8.4.	Ensure that warning TGSI's have between 300mm - 400mm depth at enclosed landings (<3m) when external handrail is discontinuous.
8.5.	Where a pedestrian pathway and vehicular way are at the same level (i.e. no kerb provided), warning tactile indicators shall be provided.
8.6.	TGSI's may be provided in lieu of a barrier to the underside of stairs where the headroom is less than 2 meters.

9.	ACCESSIBLE SANITARY FACILITIES
9.1.	Provide 1 unisex accessible toilet at each bank of male/female toilets on each storey compliant with BCA Table F2.4a. <i>NB. Where more than 1 toilet bank on each storey provide an accessible facility at 50% of banks.</i>
9.2.	Ensure a balance of left- and right-handed WC pans within the building.















9.	ACCESSIBLE SANITARY FACILITIES
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9.31.	All accessible showers have shower rail/curtain installed. Note: if shower screens are proposed, it shall be clear of the minimum circulation space (min. 1600 x 2350mm). Moreover, the shower door shall be in accordance with Clause 13 of AS1428.1-2009.
9.32.	The height to the top of shower seat shall be 470-480mm above FFL.
9.33.	Provide a horizontal grab rail (660mm min), to be placed beneath the vertical shower support rail, between 390-400mm from side wall (leading edge of grabrail aligned with end of shower seat), installed 800-810mm height from FFL.
9.34.	Provide vertical shower support rail to start between 1000-1100mm from FFL. The top of the shower support rail to finish between 1880-1900mm FFL. The rail to be placed between 580-600mm from the side wall.
9.35.	Ensure the shower taps and soap holders to be placed between 900mm - 1100mm from FFL. The shower taps and soap holders shall be 300-800mm from side wall and there shall be 50mm clear from the vertical support grabrail.
9.36.	Hand-held shower head required, with flexible hose min. 1500mm in length.
9.37.	The height of the hose wall outlet to be 700±5mm height above FFL to ensure suitable hose length when showering. A suitable back-flow prevention device shall be provided.
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9.38.	Provide 2 x clothes hanging devices required outside the shower recess. First hook shall be 400mm from the edge of the toilet seat and the second hook shall be 600mm from the edge
	of the seat, installed between 1200-1350mm from FFL.

10.	AMBULANT SANITARY FACILITIES
10.1.	Ambulant facilities for males and females shall be provided at each bank of toilets where there are one or more toilets in addition to an accessible WC.
10.2.	Minimum 900mm x 900mm circulation area shall be provided between successive door swings in airlocks/vestibules on path of travel leading to ambulant toilets.
10.3.	Minimum 900mm x 900mm circulation area shall be provided outside the ambulant cubicles.
10.4.	The cubicle shall be between 900mm - 920mm clear width with WC pan centred (i.e. 450-460mm set out).
10.5.	The cubicle door shall have a min. 700mm clear opening width.
10.6.	900mm x 900mm clear area shall be provided in front of WC pan and clear of door swing.
10.7.	Projection of WC (distance from back wall to the front of the seat) shall be 610-660mm.
10.8.	Height to top of pan seat shall be 460-480mm above FFL.
10.9.	Ambulant cubicle door shall be provided with in-use indicator and bolt/catch that is able to be opened from outside (in emergency). If snib catch used, the handle shall be 45mm min. length from centre.
10.10.	Grabrails provided on both sides of cubicle at 800mm - 810mm height (to top of grabrail) from FFL.
	Refer to Figure 53 (A) of AS1428.1-2009 for further guidance.



10.	AMBULANT SANITARY FACILITIES
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10.11.	Toilet roll holder to be placed at 700mm max. height from FFL and 300mm max. distance from front of pan on adjacent wall, no closer than 50mm to grabrails.
10.12.	Clothes hook to be installed between 1350mm - 1500mm from FFL.

11.	GRABRAILS
11.1.	Grabrails shall have 30-40mm outside diameter.
11.2.	Grabrails shall be installed 800-810mm height to the top of grabrail.
11.3.	Grabrails shall be able to withstand a force of 1100N applied at any position and in any direction.
11.4.	The clearance between the face of the grabrail and the wall shall be 50-60mm (finger/knuckle clearance).
11.5.	270-degree clear arc around top of handrail required (extending for 600mm min. height above the grabrails).



APPENDIX 3 – Universal Design Recommendations

The following design guidance checklist includes recommendations which may be implemented in order to add value to the project in relation to enhanced accessibility provisions.

1.1. Provide accessible path to all key elements in the plaza and ensure that they are on a slip-resistance surface.	bayed
1.2 Provide a hard, slip-resisting surface to the continuous accessible path and all other pareas.	saved
1.3 Waste bins to be located on a hard slip-resistance surface that is connected to the acception offset of the pathway.	
1.4	
1.5 Where seating areas are provided allow for wheelchair users space, grading 1:40 or le	SS.
1.6 Provide benches with backrests and armrests.	







APPENDIX 4 – Drawing Mark-ups





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