

The inclusion revolution: Let's get smart about getting older

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About Centre for Universal Design Australia

It began with a coffee and idea for having a universal design conference in 2014.

Then a website

Then a legal entity and charity

Built on the passions of a few dedicated people



Vision

To live in a world where everyone can participate in all aspects of social and economic life.

Our mission is to inform, educate, persuade those who have power and control over all things designed.



Why is it important?

It's not a special kind of design

It doesn't single out any particular group

It doesn't stigmatise anyone

Therefore it helps combat stereotypes

We will all need aspects of thoughtful design at some point in our lives



Why is it important?

“There are only two kinds of people in the world: people with disability and people yet to have a disability”

Judy Heumann



<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/brief/393179/judy-heumann>



Universal design in housing: no place like home

So many reasons why
universal design is needed
in the built environment:

Economic

Social

Health

Family



Livable Housing Design Standard

Australia – house and land packages

Property industry controls

Government “markets decide”

Citizen action needed

Took 20 years

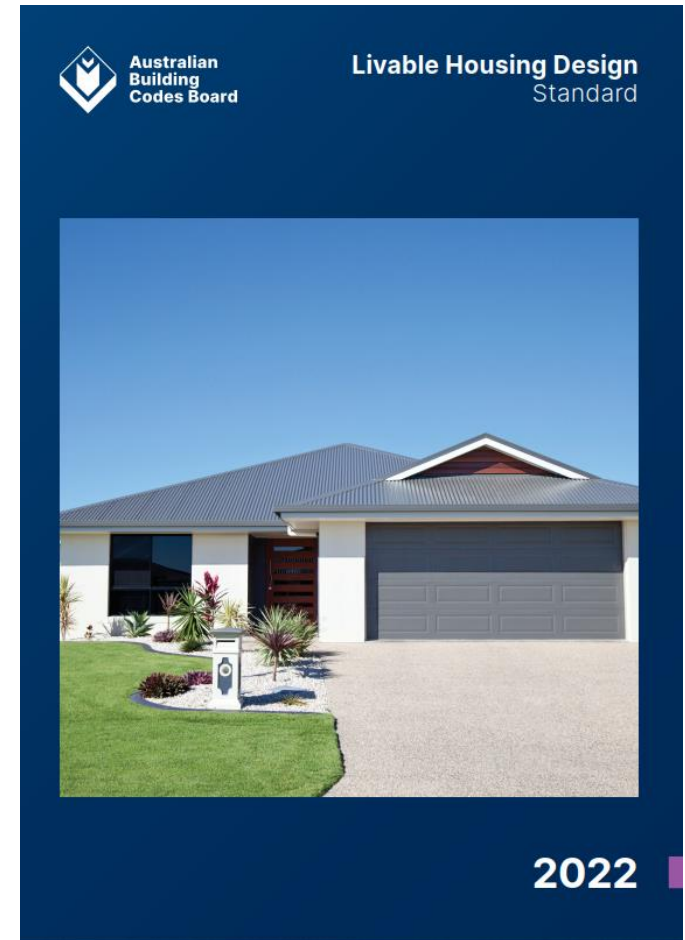


The full story in a conference paper
<https://universaldesignaustralia.net.au/universal-design-in-housing-making-it-happen/>



For all new and modified homes

- Step free path/parking access
- Level threshold and clear door opening 820mm
- Internal doors 820mm
- Corridors 1000mm
- Toilet entry level with 1200mm circulation space
- Step free shower – no hob or set down
- Wall reinforcement for later grab rails



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Thank you!



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