

Disabled accessibility, AS1428 standard and the Urban+ Apollo fountain range

Urban+ believe there is not (and cannot be) a one size fits all approach to disability and wheelchair access. As mobility equipment and outdoor access has improved over time, we have seen an increase in the range of wheelchair products that the public are using while accessing public spaces. The AS1428 standard has not kept up with and made provision for these changes. There are very low sporty wheelchairs and wheelchairs that children use, large bulky electric wheelchairs used by quadriplegic adults and many sizes in between, all of whom would possibly struggle using an AS1428 specified fountain.

Therefore, Urban+ have designed a range of fountains that suit a wide range of disabilities and various wheelchair access heights and depths. All our Apollo range of fountains are “disabled accessible” with a few that we have designed to fit the standard.

We supply hundreds of fountains each year to Councils throughout Australia and most authorities seem to agree that the access code needs to be considered when choosing a fountain but a practical approach needs to be taken to ensure that the fountain is suitable to the majority of its end users.

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