

# MINUTES

## KINGBOROUGH ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting No. 2021-1**

**Wednesday 10 February 2021**



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 10 February at 2.00pm.

**PRESENT**

		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGY</b>
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt		✓
	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	Julie Taylor		✓
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Paul Gilby		✓
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk		✓
	Melinda Harris	✓	
	Justine Barwick		✓
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Fran Thompson

/Seconded David Vickery

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9 December 2020 as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Kingston Park Stage 2**

Vanessa Weldon, Kingston Park Project Administrator provided the committee with a high-level plan of Stage 2 of the Kingston Park open space area. A number of questions were put forward and reassurance requested that universal design principles are to be included.

Considerations included the need for:

- Accessibility to the amphitheatre, regardless of whether formal or informal seating is provided;
- Accessible height of water fountains;
- BBQ accessibility to include ability for wheelchair users to 'roll under' the benchtop;
- Path gradient and width to accommodate passing users;
- Access to the area to be universal i.e. not separate access for people with disability.

## **Customer Service/Tourism Documents**

Draft brochures providing disability access advice were distributed to the group. Suggestions were put forward and will be provided to the Communications Officer for final editing. Quotes are to be obtained for professional production of brochures.

It was noted that the brochures should be adapted for the website to ensure accessibility standards are met and a user-friendly experience is created.

## **Building Better Homes Campaign**

Correspondence was forwarded from Cr Paula Wriedt to Hon. Elise Archer Minister for Building and Construction, encouraging changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) to include mandatory accessibility standards for all new homes. State Ministers are meeting to discuss the NCC in March. Committee members were encouraged to write to the Minister if they supported the changes to the code.

## **Kingborough Community Hub**

Curtains have been installed in the large auditorium which have improved the acoustic conditions in the hall.

## **Plans for 2021**

- Continuing community education projects
- Highlighting accessibility features (positive and negative examples)
- Finding ways to encourage improved accessibility in private businesses
- Further discussion at April meeting

## **Development Applications**

Bruny Island visitor accommodation. Information brochure on accessibility features is to be forwarded.

## **Other Business**

John Street Medical Centre - conditions continue to be hazardous for pedestrians when vehicles block the path. A letter is to be forwarded to new management on behalf of the committee.

## **Social Housing**

David Vickery raised the topic of the percentage of accessible housing provided within Tasmanian social housing. He suggested that the percentage should be increased to 100% rather than the current 20% which is currently allocated. A confirmation of the statistics will be sought prior to any correspondence being forwarded to the relevant Minister/s.

## **Kingston Beach**

An update was requested on the Kingston Beach access ramp/pedestrian crossing and the Kingston Beach Master Plan progress. Information is to be requested from relevant staff and forwarded via email.

Clarification was requested on the choice colour on part of the Kingston Beach decking where there is a direct jump-off area to the beach. Staff will seek confirmation that the silver colour contrast is acceptable and complies with the relevant standards should they apply to the section in question.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14 April 2021 2pm at the Council Chambers.

**CLOSURE:**            There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.35pm.