

# MINUTES

## KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2022-2

Wednesday 13 April 2022



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 13 April 2022 2.00pm.

**PRESENT**

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown		X
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen	✓	
	Heather Anderson		X
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen	✓	
Staff	Mel Staples (Community Development Officer)	✓	

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Chairperson acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land on which the Committee met and acknowledged elders past and present.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MOVED: David Vickery  
 SECONDED: Di Carter

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9 February 2022 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

Welcome to new member Bob Schnierer

### **Plans for 2022**

- Public awareness to enable decision makers, engineers, designers, planners and business owners to go beyond the minimum standards for access and inclusion
- Transport accessibility including design of bus stops and other public transport facilities
- Footpath Audit for Kingborough including looking at where footpaths are lacking or where footpaths discontinue and resume on the opposite side of the road causing issues for those requiring a sealed path of travel; where there is excessive vegetation across footpaths or nature strips that are fully planted and items like parked cars and bins blocking footpaths. Consider advocating for a community project to audit the footpaths.
- Disability Parking within Kingborough including increasing the number of spaces at sporting grounds.
- Dangerous road crossings – particularly crossing at Margate from the Post Office
- Traffic Light Pedestrian Intervals review including a “Wheelchair Test” project around the CBD to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by people with mobility issues.

### **Beach Matting at Kingston Beach**

Council has developed a draft budget and is currently seeking community feedback on the intended budget allocations. Members of the committee are encouraged to visit Council’s website to complete the online survey:

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/kingborough/engagement-2/community-engagement-projects/budget-consultation-2022-23/>

### **Disability Awareness Training**

Michael Small (Equality Consulting), Disability Access Consultant and advocate will provide awareness training for staff on **Wednesday 1 June from 2-4pm**. Members of the Access committee are encouraged to attend to provide “lived experience” to staff and elected representatives in attendance. RSVP to Mel Staples.

A question was raised regarding the requirements for an accommodation business to promote themselves as “disability friendly”. Discussion took place around the age of the building/when it was constructed and that tourism operators should fully disclose any obstacles for people with disabilities. Members of the community should be given access to a range of questions to ask tourism operators prior to booking.

**Action:** Richard to email Mel a copy of the document with the 400 questions to ask.

### **Taroona Bus Stop**

The bus stop at Taroona is on a State Growth Road the pole on the footpath is located at the end of the path where pedestrians have to cross the road to continue their journey on a sealed footpath. Signalised lights are being installed and the crossing interval will be set for children crossing. T

**Action:** Investigate further when works are completed.

## Transform Kingston

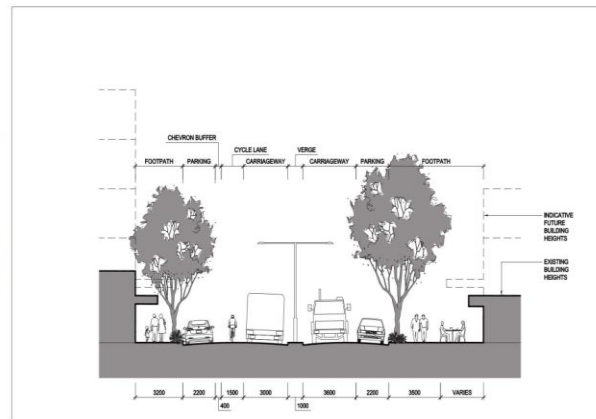
Option 1 (which was the preferred option of the committee) was endorsed by Council and includes an 'on-road' cycle lane which is positioned between parked cars and the travel lane and continues past the outside of the bus stop adjacent Commonwealth bank and connects with the existing cycle lane at the Banjo Bakery traffic signals.

### Transform Kingston



Concept 1

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## Correspondence

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#### **Community Consultation on Stage 2 reforms of the Transport Standards**

Consultation on Stage 2 reforms of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards) is now open from 15 March 2022 to 9 August 2022.

A stakeholder pack, including key messages, summary documents (in Easy English, Auslan and languages other than English), factsheets, and a range of social media materials has been developed to inform and promote the package of reforms. We encourage you to use these documents wherever possible. The stakeholder pack is available at

<https://communicationsgovau.box.com/s/4hpi0nwlac10ngdw73b8wntf4efrrmfj>

We are eager to hear what the public has to say on the package of reforms, and are excited to begin promoting the Consultation RIS. We need you to play a role in this consultation process in the following ways:

- Sharing and using the material in the stakeholder pack to raise awareness of the Stage 2 reforms of the Transport Standards as widely as possible.
- Use your networks to reinforce the need to modernise the Transport Standards
  - reflect the current and future needs of people with disability
  - provide sufficient flexibility or guidance to operators and providers to practically fulfil their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.
- Encourage your stakeholders and networks to "Tell us your story" through our online surveys, in writing, by video or by audio recording via email, by telephone or by taking part in one of the public consultations held across the country

Direct people to our website for more information on the Stage 2 reforms of the Transport Standards at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/stage-2-reform-disability-standards-accessible-public-transport-2002>

## **Development Applications**

Zap Gym is building some additional gyms next door to their current building.

**Action:** Mel to follow up on this proposed development.

Anne Rathjen left the meeting at 3.20pm

## **Other Business**

### **Kingborough Community Road Safety Committee**

There is a position available on this committee for a member from the DIAAC. If anyone is interested in nominating, please contact Mel for more information.

### **Avoiding Discrimination against and Vilification of those who are Neuro Diverse – Submission by Don Hempton**

A discussion took place in regard to the differences that people who are neuro diverse may experience when communicating and the need to develop an inclusive communication methodology. When dealing with a stressful situation in Council such as compliance, planning etc communication problems are often exacerbated. For example, a staff member could ask the customer “are you happy to continue this conversation on the phone or would you prefer another way such as in writing?”

Are anonymous complaints accepted by Council?

**Action:** Mel to refer to Customer Services Charter and new Complaints Policy.

**Action:** Subcommittee to investigate best practice examples and neuro diversity inclusion training through Disability Voices. Members include: Don Hempton, David McQuillan, Di Carter or Richard Witbreuk, and Paula Wriedt

### **Upgrade to entrance of the Kingston Men’s Shed**

There are major access issues to the entry of the Kingston Men’s Shed. The gravel path is sloping and rutted making it difficult for members with mobility issues to access the building.

**Action:** Mel to contact David Reeve to get advice from Engineering

Di Carter left the meeting at 3.35pm

### **Access to Mary Knoll St Joseph’s Social Housing**

Access from Ocean Esplanade is very difficult due to a very steep footpath and access from Derwent Ave and Blowhole Road is also difficult due to lack of footpaths.

**Action:** Mel to contact David Reeve for response

### **Shortage of Wheel Chair Maxi Taxis**

There is a state-wide shortage of Maxi Taxis and the complaints system is also difficult to navigate. People with wheelchairs are left wondering if they will be able to get home from appointments or being required to book a week in advance.

Motion: The DIAAC unanimously agrees that Mayor Paula Wriedt writes to the Minister for Disability Services and the Minister for Transport to inform them of the critical shortage of wheelchair accessible Maxi Taxis in all parts of Tasmania and in particular in regional areas and to call on the State Government to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency and not leave people with disabilities stranded without access to flexible transport options.

Moved: David Vickery Seconded: Don Hempton

### **Kingborough Community Hub Update**

**Action:** Mel to get an update on the list of tasks to be carried out at the Kingborough Community Hub

### **Kingston Beach Stage 3**

A question arose in regard to the final stage of the Kingston Beach upgrades, particularly the upgrades of footpaths near the cafés.

**Action:** Mel to contact David Reeve for update

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 June 2022 2pm at the Council Chambers.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.48pm.