

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2022-1

Wednesday 9 February 2022



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 9 February 2022 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown		
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Anne Rathjen	✓	
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Mel Staples (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Dan Kaimatsoglu (Project Manager Transform Kingston)	✓	

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

Anne Rathjen declared her position on the committee of the Junior Tigers Football Club

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: David Vickery

SECONDED: Di Carter

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 December 2021 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Beach Matting at Kingston Beach

A report is being prepared for Council outlining the costs and responsibilities involved in the provision of beach matting were it to be wholly managed by Council. It is anticipated that details, once collated will need to be comprehensive enough to gain approval prior to going to community consultation. The proposal needs to present an acceptable level of commitment and resourcing by Council.

It was noted that community consultation should involve service providers which support people with disability.

It was noted that Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club's storage locker for the two beach wheelchairs has been located on the grassed area adjacent to the toilet block in a fully accessible position.

Disability Awareness Training

Discussions took place in late 2021 to arrange for Michael Small, Disability Access Consultant and advocate to provide awareness training for staff. Dates were discussed and Wednesday afternoons were agreed to. A date to be confirmed with Michael Small.

Educational Booklets

'How to make your business accessible' booklet is a comprehensive resource for businesses providing information and tips on making easier for customers to engage with businesses. More copies to be requested for distribution.

Accessibility in Council Projects

Access consultant Michael Small from Equality Building attended a meeting with Mayor Cr Paula Wriedt, Director Environment, Development & Community and Julie Alderfox Community Development Officer to discuss ways to improve disability access outcomes for Council projects.

Arrangements were made for Michael to conduct workshops for Council staff in the new year. Workshops will aim to raise understanding of the importance of providing truly accessible amenities and find ways to embed accessible design at the earliest possible stages of project development.

Plans for 2022

Discussion began in relation to priorities and goals for 2022.

Of note were:

Footpaths: particularly where footpaths discontinue and resume on the opposite side of the road causing issues for those requiring a sealed path of travel. One location where the footpath stops abruptly is Diamond Drive.

Balmoral Road was mentioned as difficult to navigate due to parked cars and Hutchins Street for the poor quality of the pavement.

Shared pathways: ensuring that pedestrians have right of way on shared pathways.

It has been noticed that some bicycle and skateboard users move at speed with the expectation that pedestrians will move out of the way.

Park & Ride: ensuring that disability access is kept at the forefront of developments such as the Park & Ride facilities and Transform Kingston project. Ensuring that assumptions about disability are avoided and a big picture view which includes hidden disabilities are considered.

Dan Kaimatsoglu & Steve Loxely entered the meeting at 3pm.

The discussion on plans for 2022 was halted to allow for presentations on Transform Kingston and Kingston Park Stage 2.

Transform Kingston

Advice on Transform Kingston draft plans and community engagement was provided by Project Manager Dan Kaimatsoglu. Pedestrian linkages, design features, public transport infrastructure and vehicular traffic routes were explained. It was also noted that community engagement had been undertaken with business operators.

Of particular interest to the committee were the design options being offered for the bus stop on the southern side of Channel Highway which involves the directing of movements by bicyclists, pedestrians and bus passengers. Two options were provided in the design drawings:

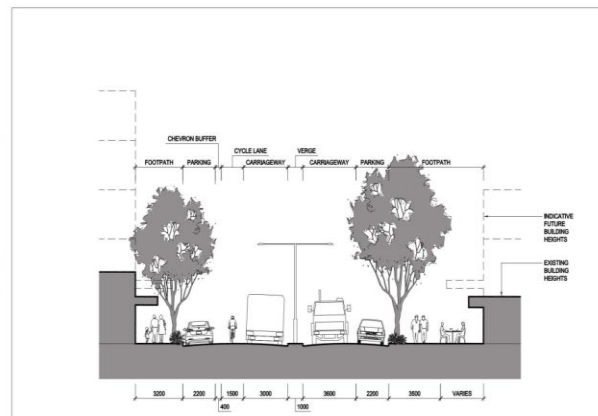
Option 1 includes an 'on-road' cycle lane which is positioned between parked cars and the travel lane and continues past the outside of the bus stop adjacent Commonwealth bank and connects with the existing cycle lane at the Banjo Bakery traffic signals.

Transform Kingston



Concept 1

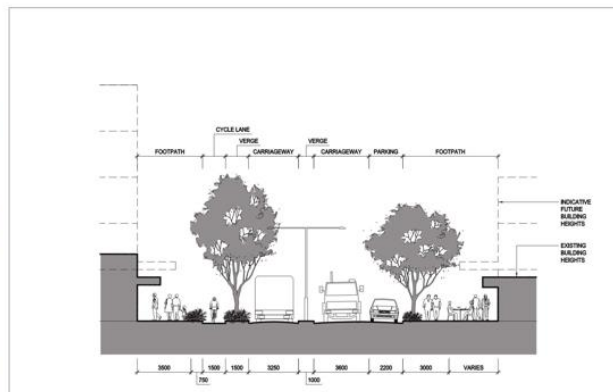
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Option 2 has a 'separated' cycle lane which is positioned between the footpath and a vegetated traffic island, which acts as a barrier between cyclist and moving vehicles. The cycle lane then ramps up to footpath level after passing the Channel Court entry/exit and runs between the bus stop and footpath. Cyclist will be instructed to give way to passengers entering and exiting the bus. All up hill on street parking will be removed as part of this option.

Transform Kingston



Concept 2 

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The Committee overwhelmingly supported Option 1 noting that Option 2 would create obstacles and stress particularly for slower moving people with the movement of cyclists passing between the passenger alighting/disembarking area and the footpath.

Dan Kaimatsoglu left the meeting at 3.20pm

Kingston Park Stage 2

Kingston Park Project Manager Steve Loxely provided an update on the progress of the Kingston Park Stage 2, noting that the steps which formed part of the path to the viewing platform have been removed. DDA compliance is not possible due to the topography.

An update on the Changing Place was provided noting that there is still outstanding rectification work to be undertaken. These include the replacement of a handrail, installation of the compliant sink and inclusion of suitable colour contrast around the door frame.

It was suggested that dark orange as a contrast to grey concrete would provide the most suitable contrast for all. Black, yellow, red and green were deemed inappropriate for people with visual impairment and/or colour blindness.

Di Carter and Richard Witbreuk left the meeting at 3.30pm
Steve Loxley left the meeting at 3.35pm

Resumption of Discussion on Plans for 2022

Due to time constraints committee members were asked to forward suggestions directly to Cr Wriedt.

Correspondence

Correspondence in from Disability Voices Tasmania

Provided information on:

- Religious Discrimination Bill
- Parliament Square High Court case
- Statement on use of e-scooters

Update of 2018-2021 Accessible Island Tasmania's Disability Framework for Action

Department of Communities correspondence responded to a query as to the review of Tasmania's Disability Framework for Action. We were informed that Targeted Action Plans will provide a focus for the Tasmanian Government's community consultations on the next iteration of Accessible Island. Consultation for the review of Accessible Island is anticipated to commence in the second quarter of 2022.

Development Applications

Kingston Beach Oval Change Rooms.

Copies of the design drawings were provided to the group. Suggestions for improved accessibility included:

- Use of sliding doors instead of traditional hinged swing doors
- No threshold entry
- Installation of accessible shower facilities to ensure inclusion into the future
- Ensure items such as mirrors, hand towels and basins are at heights accessible to as wide a range as people as possible.

Other Business

Complaints Framework

Accessible Premises Standards /National Construction Code

Follow up with Elise Archer MP regarding the National Construction Code and Accessible Premises Standards.

Taroona High School Bus Stop

Bus Stop Taroona High – DDA compliance to be checked.

E-Scooters

E-scooters – concerns were raised regarding the risk to pedestrians. It appears that the sharing of pathways/footpaths doesn't favour the safety of pedestrians.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13 February 2022 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4pm.