

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2022-6

Wednesday 14 December 2022

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 14 December 2022 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter		X
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen		X
Staff	Mel Staples (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Anthony Verdow (Executive Officer Engineering)		X
	Sean Kerr (Manager Kingborough Sports Centre)	✓	

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: David McQuillan

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12 October 2022 as circulated, be confirmed. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Updated Terms of Reference

The Mayor Cr Paula Wriedt welcomed Cr Flora Fox to the Committee as Deputy Chairperson. This change has resulted due to the recent updating of the Terms of Reference for Council Committees.

Two (2) Councillor representatives from the Kingborough Council appointed as Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. (October 2022)

2. Inclusive Customer Service Sub-Committee

ACTION: Cr Paula Wriedt to call a meeting of the sub-committee by mid-January. Members of the sub-committee include Don Hempton, Di Carter and David McQuillan.

3. Beach Matting Kingston Beach

Mel researched some examples of beach matting in Queensland and found that most beach areas only offer the matting on weekends during the summer period September to May.



Mobi Mat 10metres and 1.5 metres \$4,790.00

- Self-maintaining design, remains on top of the sand at all times
- Available in 5m to 30 interconnecting lengths
- Rapid 2 minute setup and pack up time using Mobi-Roll 'N Stow®
- Wheels won't get stuck as they do when turning on slat based products
- Can be installed as a temporary or permanent pathway
- Available in accessibility pathway compliant widths of 1.53m or 1.98m
- Super thin, highly engineered design makes storage a breeze!
- Serviceable design and life expectancy of 10+ years

Mobi Mat – Roll and Stow \$6,969.00

- Deploys 50m of MobiMat in just a few minutes
- Made of corrosion resistant material, and is suitable for salty environments
- Can be pushed and pulled manually by 1 or 2 people
- Two blue wheels allow transport of the MobiMat without the mat touching the ground
- You can tow the Roll N Stow on the back of a vehicle or ATV
- Light weight weighing in at just 23 kg

Kingston Beach

Assumptions:

- Community engagement has been completed with the Surf Life Saving Club and other beach users
- Summer period is December – March (17 days)
- Days Available: Saturdays 9am-4pm

Annual Cost to put out and roll up

17 days x cost for 2 contractors morning and afternoon on a weekend callout

\$100/hr 2hrs min = \$13,600 (annually)

Mobi Mat 10metres and 1.5 metres \$4,790.00 (once off)

Mobi Mat – Roll and Stow \$6,969.00 (once off)

Storage for Mat – unknown

Total Approximate in first year \$25,359

Public Liability – will we be covered for the people using the mat and the people who are deploying the mat. Does the mat need to be staked down?

ACTION: Mel to further research the public liability implications and whether staking down into sand is required.

Storage – we would need to consider options for storage. It may need a storage at the Kingston Beach toilet block similar to the storage for beach wheelchairs.

Contractors – need to further investigate whether there are contractors who would take this on during the summer period. Suggestion that there may be a charity group or service club that might take it on for a donation to their club.

Grants – consider the grant opportunities available including the Premiers Sundry grants program.

Prior to the beach matting going to the budget process, Council would need to consult with all the user groups at Kingston Beach including the KBSLSC, Beach Volleyball and other users.

MOTION: Moved Fran Thompson Seconded Heather Anderson

That the Disability Inclusion Access Advisory Committee would like, as a priority, to proceed with the Beach Matting at Kingston Beach for the 2023-24 budget, subject to community consultation. CARRIED

4. Kingborough Community Hub Wayfinding Signage

The Hub signage is out of date and difficult to see. Mel has received an updated version of the proposed new signage after receiving feedback from October DIAAC meeting. Images below are of proposed new sign and current sign. As can be seen from the location of the current sign, it would be difficult and unsafe to add a braille option.



The entire removal and replacement of wayfinding signage has been quoted as approximately \$20,000. This includes yellow illuminated signage for toilets, baby change and bike racks; new coloured signage indicating the Auditorium, Middleton and Whitewater Rooms, Information and the wrap around signs and noticeboards for the concrete poles.



ACTION: Mel to contact Vision Australia to get some advice on best practice signage for people with low vision.

2.30pm Sean Kerr, Manager Kingborough Sports Centre entered meeting.

5. Kingborough Community Hub Changing Places

The Changing Places facility at the Kingborough Community Hub has received accreditation and is now open to the public (with a MLAK) from 8am-9pm daily. There are security cameras located outside these toilets.

ACTION: Mel to see if the Changing Places can be removed from the current toilet security system so that it can be available 24hrs/day.

6. Disability Parking Kingborough Sports Centre



Sean and Mel have met with council's Road Engineer on-site and discussed that 2 accessible spaces could be moved from in front of the Gymnastics Centre and put in front of the Sports Centre (see yellow highlight on image above). Those 2 spaces from Gymnastics could be converted to future Pram Parking. Sean has also put in a Capital Bid to have the design completed for an accessible parking space in front of the Kingborough Fitness Centre.

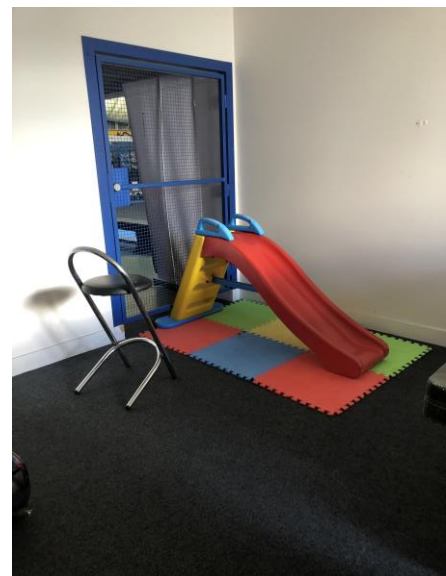
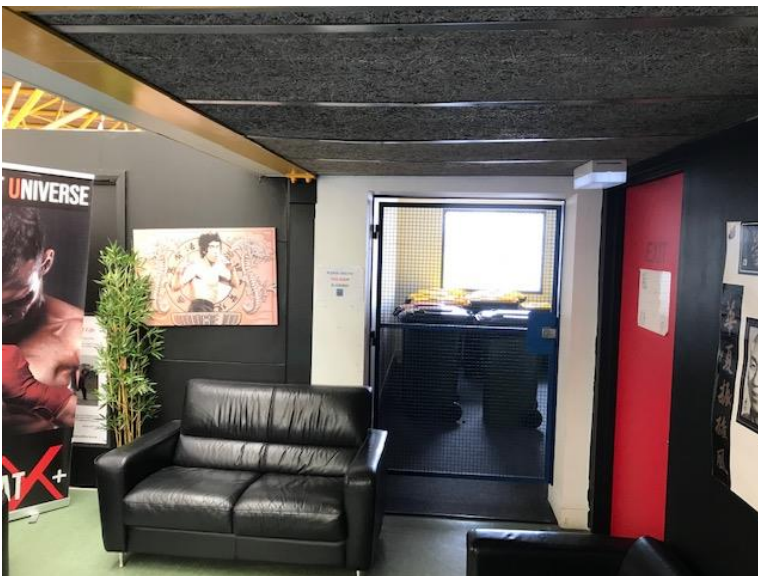
ACTION: Mel to follow up with Roads Engineer regarding the feasibility of this upgrade.

While Sean is attending the meeting, he also spoke to items in Correspondence and Other Business.

Complaint by Social Circus re wheelchair access to their Unit (correspondence)

The Committee has received an email from Christian Florence regarding an unresolved complaint regarding wheelchair access to the unit he sublets on the 4th floor of the Kingborough Sports Centre.

His Circus Space only has wheelchair access from the lift if he is able to traverse through a storage area, locked gate and door through the unit that is currently leased by the Kung Fu Club.. To get to the door, he has to move a couch, banner, bamboo and other items such as play equipment and bins (see images).



Sean reported that the Kung Fu club has been a tenant at the KSC for approximately 15 years. They have set up their space and legally do not have to allow access through their tenancy. However, they have been kind enough to accommodate Christian and his request. It is Sean's opinion that Social Circus staff need to arrive 20 minutes early for their sessions and they could clear the path. It is not the responsibility of the KSC staff to ensure that the path is clear for the Social Circus clients.

Suggestion from DIAAC that the two tenancies swap sides so that Social Circus has the tenancy closest to the lift. Sean reported that the Kung Fu has a 3-year lease on that particular site and may not want to move due to the work that they have put in to create the space.

ACTION: Sean to discuss the option of swapping tenancies with the Kung Fu tenant.

ACTION: Mel to email Christian with the suggestion from DIAAC and let him know that Sean Kerr will be discussing options with Kung Fu.

Accessible Toilets at Kingborough Sports Centre

Women's accessible toilet is located on 2nd floor of the older section of the KSC. It is down a narrow corridor and is part of the general women's toilets. The sinks, mirrors and hand wash are out of reach.



The men's accessible toilet is located on 2nd floor of the older section of the KSC. To enter, there are two doors (airlock) to negotiate. Again, the sinks, mirrors and handwash are out of reach.



The newer basketball court section on Level 2 has one non gendered accessible toilet with shower.



The Kingborough Sports Centre is designated as Kingborough's evacuation centre in an emergency. With only one accessible toilet that is fit for purpose, Sean is proposing a Capital Bid in 2023-24 to convert a storeroom located on Level 3 into a non-gendered accessible bathroom. The main entry to the KSC is located on Level 3 with the Café. Having an accessible toilet at that level would be beneficial to many users of the facility.

MOTION: Moved Don Hempton Seconded David McQuillan

As a matter of urgency, compliant accessible toilets need to be provided on all 3 levels of the Kingborough Sports Centre. This is particularly important since the KSC is Kingborough's only dedicated emergency evacuation centre.

Sean Kerr left the meeting at 3pm.

7. Traffic Light Pedestrian Intervals (Lights next to Banjos)

David had a trial to cross the road at the lights. He took 30 seconds to cross but this was because his wheelchair has a faster speed available. David did not feel there was enough time if the person crossing had a walking aide. There should also be some type of indication as to how much time is available to cross. Some lights have a sound or a timer with the number of seconds remaining.

ACTION: Mel to discuss possibilities with Renai, Roads Engineer

8. Design of Bus Stop facilities Main Street

Mayor Wriedt reported that Council is still negotiating with Channel Court to extend the space near the Commonwealth Bank for bus shelter infrastructure. Work will begin in February 2023 with the new Hobart bound bus facilities to be located on the site of the previous Denture Clinic site. This new space will allow up to 4 buses to pull in off the Channel Highway.

9. Feedback re Toilet Blocks Kingston Beach and Kettering Oval

David Vickery provided the following items as feedback for the new toilets and that these items should be an addition to the existing Toilet Strategy:

- Toilet height is raised as a standard to cater for all
- Wayfinding signage provides distance to nearest toilet
- Signage to provide doorway width to cater for those with wider than average wheelchairs
- Access to toilet block to be sealed where there is a grass or gravel path

ACTION: Mel to report this feedback to Mark Lee and Anthony Verdouw.

Correspondence

Correspondence In

- **Amy Breen - New State Government Disability Legislation Media Release**

The State Government is drafting the new disability legislation.

ACTION: Mayor Paula Wriedt to write to Minister Jo Palmer to seek reassurance that there will be appropriately qualified input from people with 'lived disability experience' to assist in this process.

- **Don Hempton - Minister's Disability Consultative Group**

This group is looking for members of the community with 'lived experience' of disability to join.

Heather Anderson volunteered to nominate, pending her workplace providing her with clearance to attend meetings if they are during the workday.

Mayor Paula Wriedt offered to write Heather a letter of support if this was a requirement of her nomination. Nominations close 3 February with memberships term being two years.

ACTION: Heather Anderson to seek permission from her employer and if successful, nominate to be the Kingborough DIAAC representative on the Minister's Disability Consultative Group.

- **Minister Elise Archer – Wheelchair Accessible Taxis**

Unfortunately, the reply from the Attorney General didn't answer the question as to whether there was a legal undertaking by taxi companies to provide a service to get a passenger home if they have dropped them off.

ACTION: Mayor to write another letter to the Attorney General, Minister Elise Archer stating that it is with 'dismay' and 'disappointment' that the DIAAC didn't get a response to their important question.

▪ **Christian Florence – Complaint about Kingborough Sports Centre**

Already discussed with Sean Kerr in earlier part of the meeting

No Correspondence Out

Development Applications

Kingston Beach Oval Change Rooms (Closed 13 December)

Other Business

1. LGBTIQA+ Action Plan 2023-25

The LGBTIQA+ Action Plan 2023-25 was endorsed by Council at its meeting on Monday 5 December. Don Hempton suggested that there could also be some similar planning done for the 'neuro-diverse' communities.

Council is looking at undertaking similar Action Plan for the Multicultural community as well as a Health and Wellbeing Strategy in 2023. Actions relating to people who are neuro-diverse could be included in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy or when the Disability Strategy is updated at the end of 2024.

2. Burwood Drive footpath

Tas Water has dug a new section of Council footpath and left a lot of gravel on the path and road.

ACTION: Mayor Paula Wriedt will write to Tas Water asking when this matter will be rectified.

3. Repeat vandalism of the Blackmans Bay public toilets

ACTION: Mayor Paula Wriedt will speak to Acting General Manager, Daniel Smee, to discuss whether the toilets should be left open or locked at 9pm at night and reopened at 6.30am.

4. Tactile strips in front of the Kingborough Community Hub

David Vickery asked if the black strips in front of the Hub could be changed to a higher visibility colour such as orange or yellow.

ACTION: Mel to follow up with Tony Millhouse

5. Meeting dates for 2023

- 8 February
- 19 April (shifted by a week due to Easter)
- 14 June
- 9 August
- 11 October
- 13 December

The Mayor thanked all the members of the committee for their dedication and support during 2022 and wished them a restful and fulfilling holiday season.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 February 2023 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.