

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2023-1

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 8 February 2023 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox		X
	David Vickery	✓	
	Kevin Brown	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Nielsen		X
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	David McQuillan		X
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Bob Schnierer	✓	
	Anne Rathjen	✓	
Staff	Mel Staples (Community Development Officer)	✓	
	Anthony Verdow (Executive Officer Engineering)		X
	Dan Kaimatsoglu (Project Manager Transform Kingston)	✓	
	Mark Lee (Project Manager Capital Works)	✓	

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: Don Hempton

SECONDED: David Vickery

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14 December 2022 as circulated, be confirmed. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

1. **Action List 2022** – update on actions
2. **Inclusive Customer Service Sub-Committee** – a meeting has been set for Tuesday 14 February 2023.
3. **Beach Matting Kingston Beach**

Discussions have been held with the Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club (KBSLSC) and the response to taking on the management of the beach matting has been enthusiastic. The KBSLSC have reported that the beach wheelchairs are very popular, and the beach matting will provide an extra opportunity for people with mobility issues to access the beach. Subject to funding, the KBSLSC would put the matting out during their patrol times which are 1 December to 31 March 12pm – 5pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Members of the KBSLSC would require basic training in how to safely stake down the matting into the sand.

The matting (2 x 10mtr rolls) would be stored underneath the current ramp with a shelf and lockable cage created. It could be configured end to end at mid/low tide or in a T configuration during high tide.



A Capital Works budget bid for \$16,000 has been submitted for the 2023-24 budget plus an annual operational donation to the KBSLSC for managing the matting.

A report was provided to the Kingborough Council meeting on the 6 February with the motion from DIAAC. The report was endorsed.

There would be the opportunity to promote Kingston Beach from as an accessible tourist destination.

There was a request for the beach matting to be used to get access to walk dogs at the dog beach. It was agreed that there would be a few difficulties to overcome to get from the matting area to dog beach in a wheelchair.

4. **Disability Parking Kingborough Sports Centre** – no update
5. **Traffic Light Pedestrian Intervals** (Lights next to Banjos) – no update

6. **Community Hub Wayfinding Signage** – A capital works budget bid has been submitted. Discussion centred around the possibility of adding a QR code on the sign or to have the availability of a QR code so that further information on the Hub could be made available. It would be preferred that the sign have black text on a white background so that it is easier for people with macular degeneration to see the words. The sign could be forwarded to Vision Australia for approval.

Action: Mel to check the Kingborough Community Hub web page for information on the facilities at the Hub.

Action: Mel to check the final version of the sign with Vision Australia before it is created.



7. **Community Hub Changing Places Promotion** – An article appeared in the Kingborough Chronicle 17 January 2023 to let the public know that the facility is now open from 8am – 9pm daily. There has been one request for the MLAK.
8. **Design of Bus Stop facilities Main Street** – An update was provided by Dan Kaimatsoglu on the urban design elements planned for the main street.



The new bus transit area will be created on the site of the current denture clinic. The building will be demolished during the week commencing 14 February.

The John Street intersection will have a raised zebra crossing and will become left in and left out only.

The traffic lights at Banjos will have some colour treatment added to the crossing. A suggestion was made that the treatment be appropriate for those who are sensitive to high visual stimulation.

Fantail Parade (the former John Street Carpark) will have seating and native vegetation and bring in elements from the foreshore to the town centre. It was suggested that the new street furniture has end arms to support people with disabilities.

Landscaping will be added around the corner of the BP Station site.

Flush pedestrian treatment will be added to the entrance to Channel Court, located between ANZ and Liv Eat.

Landscaping will be added to the frontages of the Westpac Bank, Chiropractor and Maxie Coffee, ensuring that all the new pavements are flush and even.

The new roundabout at Hutchins Street will be made larger and there will be raised thresholds to cross the road. There will also be a new, straight, zebra crossing from the Civic Centre to Coles and a crossing for Hutchins Street.

Car parking is available at Skipper Lane, and entry to John Street carpark will be off Goshawk Way. Council is currently looking at options for future parking in the CBD.

Question – what are the parking options for people with disabilities who want to catch the bus? The 4 accessible carparks in John Street will eventually be moved.

Action: Mel to confirm with Dan K where the accessible parking spaces will be created in new interim and new design.

Bus Routes – all buses from Channel Highway will be redirected to Goshawk Way for the period of the main street works.

9. **Feedback re Toilet Blocks Kingston Beach and Kettering Oval** – Update from Mark Lee

Pre-fabricated toilets are being constructed for 4 areas:

- Longley Reserve
- Taroona
- Christopher Johnson
- Kettering Oval

The toilets are all built to current standards, however Mark could work with the committee in the future to ensure that the toilets are built to a higher standard ensuring that the needs of the community are balanced.

There will be sensor lights at night-time and some of the toilets will be locked at night. The Blackmans Bay toilets are being vandalised on a weekly basis and there are also vandalism problems during the daytime with the Christopher Johnson temporary toilets.

A question was raised about the possibility of having a raised toilet pan. Mark responded that the height of toilets are set out in the relevant specifications to cater for all people and are regarded as most suitable to cater for the majority with access restrictions. It was suggested that the hospitals have a riser seat added.

Action: Mark to investigate the option of a toilet seat riser for accessible toilets.

10. **Accessible Toilets at Kingborough Sports Centre** – A capital works budget bid has been submitted for the 2023-24 Council budget. There was a favourable discussion at Council meeting on Monday 6 February with regards to this.

11. **Minister's Disability Consultative Committee** – Anne and Heather have both submitted a nomination and are awaiting information on the outcome.

Correspondence

Inward: Mark Lee – reply to David Vickery re accessible toilet standards feedback
Cr Flora Fox – service station assistance for Mrs Burgess
Don Hempton – recognising the neuro diverse individual
Bianca Kleine - Expressions of Interest for Council's Flags Policy
Julie Ryan – Carer's Tasmania consultation on NDIS
Gilda Sorella – beach access for wheelchairs

Outward: Christian Florence – Complaint about Kingborough Sports Centre 20/12/22
Tas Water – Burwood Drive footpath
The Honourable Elise Archer – wheelchair accessible taxis
Cr Flora Fox - service station assistance for Mrs Burgess

Tas Water has replied to say that the issue on Burwood Drive is Council's responsibility.

Action: Mel to check with Council's engineering department

Mel contacted the BP Service Station on Channel Highway and it is staffed with 2 people from 6am to 6pm on a daily basis. Staff are willing to come out and provide assistance as required.

Action: Mel to organise a Social Media post to inform members of the public that this driveway service is available.

Development Applications

DA-2022-480 Cnr Huon Hwy and Goshawk Way Commercial Offices, Café, Retail

DA Kingston Bus Interchange – no reply required as the bus interchange is not required to have a planning application.

Other Business

1. **Council Flag Policy** – Council is seeking expressions of interest from from organisations and individuals who would like to see community flags flown, that symbolise and celebrate Kingborough's diverse community and recognise important community events and dates. Approved flags must be provided by the applicant.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is held on 3 December each year to recognise the contributions and achievements of the 4.4 million Australians with disability, both visible and invisible.



The Five Colours:

Red: physical disabilities

Yellow: cognitive and intellectual disabilities

White: invisible and undiagnosed disabilities

Blue: mental illness

Green: sensory perception disabilities

Motion: The Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee would like to nominate the flag (as pictured) for Council's Flag Policy.

Moved: Fran Thompson Seconded: Anne Rathjen

Action: Mayor Paula Wriedt to follow up the nomination and investigate if the mayor's discretionary fund could be used to purchase the flag.

2. **'How to make your business accessible' pamphlet** (Department of State Growth) – David Vickery suggested that each member read the document for comment at the next meeting.
3. **Bus Shelters that need to be made DDA compliant** – the mayor reported that there are 231 bus shelters in total in Kingborough. Of these, 91 bus shelters require substantial work for accessible issues. Kingborough received \$2.5 million towards this project.
4. **Community Grants**

Action: Mel to inform Di of the dates for next rounds of grants

Mel reported that Julie Alderfox will be returning to Council in March and she will resume her role with the committee at the next meeting in April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 April 2023 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.45pm.