



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Kingborough Council
will be held in the Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston on
Monday, 4 December 2023 at 5.30pm

Kingborough Councillors 2022 - 2026



Mayor
Councillor Paula Wriedt



Deputy Mayor
Councillor Clare Glade-Wright



Councillor Aldo Antolli



Councillor David Bain



Councillor Gideon Cordover



Councillor Kaspar Deane



Councillor Flora Fox



Councillor Amanda Midgley



Councillor Mark Richardson



Councillor Christian Street

QUALIFIED PERSONS

In accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, I confirm that the reports contained in Council Meeting Agenda No. 23 to be held on Monday, 4 December 2023 contain advice, information and recommendations given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendations.



Gary Arnold
GENERAL MANAGER

Tuesday, 28 November 2023

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Section 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*

Questions from the public may either be submitted to the General Manager in writing or asked verbally at an Ordinary Council meeting. Any question asked must only relate to the activities of Council [Section 31(2)(b)].

This guideline is provided to assist the public with the requirements of Public Question Time as set out in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* as well as determinations made by Council. You are reminded that the public question forum is designed to accommodate questions only and neither the questions nor answers will be debated.

Questions on Notice

Written questions on notice must be received at least seven (7) days before an Ordinary Council meeting [Section 31(1)] and must be clearly headed 'Question/s on Notice'. The period of 7 days includes Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays but does not include the day on which notice is given or the day of the Ordinary Council meeting [Section 31(8)].

Questions Without Notice

The Chairperson of an Ordinary Council meeting must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes is made available for public questions without notice [Section 31(3)]. A question without notice must not relate to any matter that is listed on the agenda for that meeting.

A question by any member of the public and an answer to that question is not to be debated at the meeting [Section 31(4)]. If a response to a question cannot be provided at the meeting, the question will be taken on notice and will be included in the following Ordinary Council meeting agenda, or as soon as practicable, together with the response to that question.

There is to be no discussion, preamble or embellishment of any question asked without notice, and the Chairperson may require that a member of the public immediately put the question.

The Chairperson can determine whether a question without notice will not be accepted but must provide reasons for refusing to accept the said question [Section 31 (6)]. The Chairperson may require a question without notice to be put on notice and in writing.

The Chairperson may rule a question inappropriate, and thus inadmissible if in his or her opinion it has already been asked, is unclear, irrelevant, offensive or relates to any matter which would normally be considered in Closed Session. The Chairperson may require that a member of the public immediately put the question.

AGENDA of an Ordinary Meeting of Council
Kingborough Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston
Monday, 4 December 2023 at 5.30pm

1 AUDIO RECORDING

The Chairperson will declare the meeting open, welcome all in attendance and advise that Council meetings are recorded and made publicly available on its website. In accordance with Council's policy the Chairperson will request confirmation that the audio recording has commenced.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The Chairperson will acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, pay respects to elders past and present, and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

3 ATTENDEES

Councillors:

Mayor Councillor P Wriedt
Deputy Mayor Councillor C Glade-Wright
Councillor A Antolli
Councillor D Bain
Councillor G Cordover
Councillor K Deane
Councillor F Fox
Councillor A Midgley
Councillor M Richardson
Councillor C Street

4 APOLOGIES

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the open session of the Council Meeting No. 22 held on 20 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

6 WORKSHOPS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Date	Topic	Detail
27 November	Office Accommodation	Update provided on options for future office accommodation for Council

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

8 TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Are there any items, which the meeting believes, should be transferred from this agenda to the closed agenda or from the closed agenda to the open agenda, in accordance with the procedures allowed under Section 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

10.1 Kingston Beach Traffic Management Study

Mr Roger Tonge submitted the following question on notice:

1. *Has Council committed to addressing the issue of car parking in the Kingston Beach precinct and if so, what is being considered?*
2. *If Council is seriously considering the issue, can an indication be given of what is proposed and a time frame for implementation?*
3. *Bearing in mind that some residents have been approached for their opinion in respect of the construction of a multi storey car park, can Council advise if a multi storey car park is under consideration and if it is, what would be the preferred location and time frame for construction?*

Officer's Response:

The proposed Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) project has minimal impact on parking availability, with only a couple of spaces on Beach Road, near the Balmoral Road intersection identified. The scheme will have no impact on existing carparking spaces on Osborne Esplanade, or anywhere else in the Kingston Beach precinct. The provision of addressing car parking in the Kingston Beach precinct is outside the scope of the LATM project.

Council has listed the public carpark at the junction of Beach Road and Recreation Street, as well as the public carpark near the Early Childhood Intervention Service, for rehabilitation in the 5-year capital works program. Improved delineation and rationalisation of parking spaces will be addressed as part of the rehabilitation projects.

Council has no current plans to construct a multi -storey carpark in the Kingston Beach precinct.

David Reeve, Director Engineering Services

10.2 Biodiversity Offset Policy

Ms Jo Landon submitted the following question on notice:

1. *On what date did Kingborough's planning scheme (either the current or previous planning scheme) first formally incorporate the Biodiversity Offset Policy document?*
2. *Regarding the past Tribunal and Tasmanian Planning Commission decisions on development applications and Section 43A applications that referenced the Biodiversity Offset Policy, does Council consider any of them to have tested the validity of the policy or financial offset charges?*
3. *Which Act of Parliament specifically authorises Council to charge financial biodiversity offsets?*

Officer's Response:

1. The Offset Policy was first introduced into the planning scheme in 2010, as part of the amendment to Schedule 10 of the Kingborough Planning Scheme 2000 (KPS 2000). Rather than reference the policy as an incorporated document, this amendment included the relevant policy content in the planning scheme standards, including financial contributions. The Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 was the first planning scheme to formally referenced the Biodiversity Offset Policy document, when it came into effect on 1 July 2015. In 2021, the scheme was amended to update reference to the 'incorporated documents' and that also included the correct referencing to the Kingborough Biodiversity Offset Policy.
2. It is considered that, any matter that is heard at the Tribunal or the Tasmanian Planning Commission which includes assessments and conditions that relate to offset requirements, the provisions of the Biodiversity Code and the associated Biodiversity Offset Policy, is a form of review. When such decisions occur through those bodies, the decision making and the validity of decision making is taken on by them. Numerous decisions have been made by, and permits issued under, the direction of both the Tribunal and the Commission requiring offsets consistent with the Policy, including financial offsets. In addition, the following has been confirmed by the Tribunal as part of two separate appeals which included explicit consideration of financial offsets:
 - A condition imposed on a permit "may require a monetary contribution, and that feature does not defeat the validity of such a condition, provided it is fairly and reasonably related to the Scheme, and imposed in good faith for that purpose"
 - The imposition of a condition requiring a financial offset is valid.
3. Clause 8.11 of the Planning Scheme provides Council with the ability to apply conditions which relate to the applicable zone and code standards and requirements in the planning scheme, including offset requirements to meet Clauses E10.7.1 and E10.8.1 of the Biodiversity Code. Pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (former provisions), the content of the Planning Scheme is required to be certified and approved by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, which is established under the Tasmanian Planning Commission Act 1997 prior to it coming into effect.

Tasha Tyler-Moore, Manager Development Services

11 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

12.1 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Cr Glade-Wright submitted the following question on notice:

As a result of the 2018 Commonwealth Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), and the Commission of Inquiry of the Tasmanian Government's Response to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings which released its findings in August this year, there is a new Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Framework legislation which applies to Local Government from 1st January which requires council to take on a leadership role in CSA prevention.

(<https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/carcru/child-and-youth-safe-organisations-framework>)

1. *What changes is Kingborough Council making to ensure the organisation is compliant with new standards?*
2. *Other councils have begun some of the following:*
 - *Serving as a local exemplar of a Child Safe organisation - zero tolerance of CSA*
 - *Voluntarily self-accrediting to the TAS Child Safe Standards*
 - *Building a public memorial to local victim/ survivors*
 - *Leading community awareness campaigns with lived experience input*
 - *Observing key calendar days e.g. National Survivors Day, Day for Daniel, etc.*
 - *Auspicing a CSA Prevention Consortium (like Ballarat Council)*
 - *Facilitating all Council Managers and Councillors to secure and maintain a Working with Vulnerable People Clearance (WWVP)*
 - *Ensuring that all Grant recipients evidence compliance with the Child and Youth Standards*
3. *Will Kingborough Council be recommending any of these actions to elected members?*

Officer's Response:

Kingborough Council welcomes the new Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework (CYSOF) and the Reportable Conduct Scheme (RCS). In readiness for this new legislation, Kingborough Council to date has undertaken the following actions:

- Management staff has attended various training sessions and forums discussing the CYSOF and RCS,
- Executive Management team has been briefed on the new legislation, and the requirements around the CYSOF and RCS,
- General Manager sent Council wide communication to all staff about the new legislation on 9 November.

Kingborough Council will undertake an internal review to assess our current practices against the requirements of the new legislation, to ensure compliance, and to move towards voluntarily self-accrediting to the TAS Child Safe Standards.

As part of this process, we are considering the following actions:

- Facilitating all Council Managers and Councillors to secure and maintain a Working with Vulnerable People Clearance (WWVP),
- Serving as a local exemplar of a Child Safe organisation - zero tolerance of CSA.

Angie Everingham, Manager People & Safety

13 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

There are no petitions still being actioned.

14 PETITIONS RECEIVED IN LAST PERIOD

At the time the Agenda was compiled no Petitions had been received.

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15 OFFICERS REPORTS TO COUNCIL

15.1 DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

File Number: 12.104

Author: Scott Basham, Manager Legal & Property

Authoriser: Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services

Strategic Plan Reference

Key Priority Area: 1 Encourage and support a safe, healthy and connected community.

Strategic Outcome: 1.1 A Council that engages with and enables its community.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of Council's Dog Management Policy following the receipt of public submissions.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of the 18 September 2023, Council resolved to endorse the release of the Policy for public submission, for no less than 15 working days, in accordance with the provisions of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the Act) (minute C302/18-2023 refers).
- 2.2 Additionally, an amendment was also passed that the southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach be included in the consultation, as a dog exercise area.
- 2.3 The Policy for public submission proposed changes including:
- Introduction of a dog exercise area at Snug Beach south (sand only);
 - Allowing dogs that are on-lead and contained to tracks and formed road access to Kingston Wetlands;
 - Introduction of a proposed dog prohibited area at Summerleas Rd / Scott Rd Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting);
 - Inclusion of a Special Dogs clause; and
 - Minor clerical corrections.

3. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Pursuant to s.7 of the Act, Council is to consider any submissions and results of any consultation before making the Policy.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 In accordance with s.24 of the Act, on the 30 September 2023, a public notice of intention to declare areas was printed in the Mercury Newspaper (see attached).
- 4.2 Furthermore, articles and adverts were placed in the Kingborough Chronicle highlighting the consultation period, the way in which submissions could be received, and directing the community to Council's website for further information.

- 4.3 As Council Officers were unable to arrange a time to do initial stakeholder engagement with Autism Tasmania and the Greyhound Adoption Program, these groups were further directly contacted to encourage submissions.
- 4.4 Among others, the engagement asked the community to assess land access for dogs, provide ideas for improving land use, and assist Council with future planning for tracks and walks. Council received 1,122 submissions which are summarised in the attached public consultation report.
- 4.5 The following general information and themes were established from the public submissions:

Dog owners – 61% of survey participants were dog owners.

Definitions – There was an overwhelming response in support for the definitions of Responsible dog owner and the new Special Dogs clause.

Snug Beach – Regarding the proposed off lead dog exercise area at Snug Beach south (sand only), 66% of submissions supported the change. This was also supported in principle by the Coningham & Lower Snug Community Association.

Blackmans Bay Beach – 56% of submissions did not support the proposed dog exercise area at Blackmans Bay Beach (south of the stormwater outlet to the end of the beach - sand only). The Blackmans Bay Community Association noted that the Blackmans Bay community was divided on the topic.

Dog exercise – 58% of participants exercise their dogs off-lead. Beaches, parks and reserves, and walking tracks were their preferred options for this activity.

Land use – 61% of participants said there was suitable and accessible land to exercise their dog, with dog exercise information, followed by vegetation and seating, being identified as features participants would like to see added.

Consideration of future development – Regarding how important it was to consider dog exercise areas in future land developments, this question was answered by 872 participants and scored 3.7 stars average (5 Stars very important - 1 Star not very important).

Prohibited areas – A submission was received concerning the North West Bay River Multi-use Trail which is a newly created trail adjoining to the Sandfly Land for Wildlife Reserve, Sandfly (currently prohibited). – the Environmental Assessment Report and Feasibility Study states: *“Dog walking on the trail is not recommended given the abundance of wildlife occurring in the intact vegetation along the river”* and *“Due to the abundance of habitat for fauna species such as wallabies, bettongs, bandicoots and other mammal species and the number of fauna species observed during the surveys the trail is not suitable for dog walking”*.

- 4.6 On assessment of the submissions, it is recommended that the following be endorsed within the Policy:

Snug Beach – Snug Beach South (sand only) be declared a dog exercise area.

Kingston Wetlands – Maintain the wetlands as a prohibited area excluding where a dog is on-lead and contained to tracks and formed road.

Summerleas Rd / Scott Rd Reserve – Declared a prohibited area, July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting, and on lead at all other times.

Special Dog Clause – Include the Special Dogs Clause as per the Policy for public submission.

Clerical corrections – Acceptance of the clerical corrections as per the Policy for public submission.

Prohibited areas – based off expert advice, consolidate the North West Bay River Multi-use Trail (excluding end of Riverdale Rd) with Sandfly Land for Wildlife Reserve, as a dog prohibited area.

4.7 The proposal for the southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach to become a dog exercise area, received significant feedback with the topic dominating the written submissions. Out of 129 written submissions, 99 were against and 14 for the declaration.

4.8 The primary submissions against the declaration were:

- The southern end of Blackmans Bay Beach is the calmest and safest place to swim;
- The area is frequented and is a popular space for families; and
- There is limited parking.

4.9 Considering that there was not majority support for the declaration, and the valid submissions against the declaration, it is recommended that Blackmans Bay Beach remain restricted to dogs at all times.

4.10 Attached to this report is a copy of the track changed Policy for public submission, along with is a copy of the proposed Policy for endorsement.

4.11 Based on the initial stakeholder engagement and public submissions, the following future actions have been identified for further consideration over the life of the Policy. These are:

- Simplified information relating to dog control via the way of brochures etc.;
- A municipal dog strategy; and
- A declared areas interactive map published on Council's website.

5. FINANCE

5.1 There are limited financial impacts associated with the delivery of the Policy.

6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1 The restrictions contained within the declared areas are driven by a desire to protect environmental values. Where an area has been declared prohibited for environmental reasons, this is supported by a comprehensive assessment undertaken by appropriately qualified professionals.

7. COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

7.1 The Policy was formulated following evaluation of the feedback received through an extensive consultation process and received public submissions.

7.2 The Policy will be directly communicated to key stakeholders and placed on Council's website for public viewing.

8. RISK

- 8.1 Public amenity and environmental risk are key considerations in determining declared areas identified in the Policy.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 In accordance with s.24 of the Act, on the 30 September 2023, a public notice of intention to declare areas was printed in the Mercury Newspaper.
- 9.2 Council received 1,122 submissions within the consultation period. Having considered these submissions, and amending the Policy for public submission as appropriate, it is recommended that Council endorse the proposed Policy and declared areas.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That Council having considered the received submissions during the statutory public advertising period, endorse the attached Kingborough Dog Management Policy and declared areas in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and notify the public of the date on which the declared areas take effect and periods during which the declared areas remain in force.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Public notice of intention to declare areas**
2. **Public consultation report**
3. **Existing Policy with Track Changes**
4. **Updated Policy for Approval**

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PUBLIC NOTICE - INTENTION TO DECLARE AREAS (DOG CONTROL ACT 2000)

Pursuant to Section 24 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the Act), notice is given of Council's intent to declare the following areas in accordance with the provisions of the Act:

Off-lead Dog Exercise Areas pursuant to Section 20 of the Act:

- Taroona Apex Park
- Taroona Beach (East of the boat ramp)
- Northern end of Kingston/Tyndall Beach (sand only)
- Flowerpot Point Reserve, Blackmans Bay
- Suncoast Dog Park
- Suncoast Walking Track
- Kingston View Drive (area above Mt Bike Park)
- Kingston View Drive – greyhounds only
- Maranoa Heights Reserve (excluding prohibited public area)
- Dru Point (within dog exercise fenced area)
- Snug Beach south (sand only)
- Clarks Beach, Coningham
- Kettering Reserve (area below Kettering Oval)
- Middleton Beach (south of stormwater pipe only).

Dog Training Areas pursuant to Section 21 of the Act:

- Southern Obedience Club (Gormley Drive)
- Country Dog Association (Lower Longley).

Dog Prohibited Areas for the reason that the area contains sensitive habitat for native wildlife, pursuant to Section 22 of the Act:

- Browns River Reserve (northern side river)
- Browns River Reserve (end Balmoral Road)
- Kingston Wetlands (excluding on-lead and contained to tracks and formed road)
- Boronia Beach Reserve
- Blackmans Bay Beach (rock platforms north)
- Tinderbox Hills Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting)
- Summerleas Rd / Scott Rd Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting)
- Stinkpot Bay Reserve
- Mt Louis Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting)
- Sandfly Land for Wildlife Reserve
- Kettering Cemetery Bushland Reserve
- Adventure Bay Bushland Reserve (behind bowls club)
- Coningham Beach Rock Platforms (east main beach).

Dog Restricted Areas for the reason to ensure the health and safety of the public, pursuant to Section 23 of the Act:

a) Beaches – the following beaches are licenced by Council from the Crown for the purpose of public recreation. It is intended to declare these areas as restricted to dogs at all times:

- Taroona Beach (except the area east of the boat ramp)
- Hinsby Beach
- Kingston Beach (except the northern end)
- Blackmans Bay Beach
- Snug Beach (except the southern end)
- Coningham Beach
- Middleton Beach (except the southern end).

b) Sportsgrounds – the playing field of all Council owned and managed sportsgrounds are intended to be restricted to dogs at all times.

c) Parks – unless otherwise specified, it is intended that dogs must be on a lead at all times, in all Council owned or managed parks.

d) Natural Area Reserves – unless otherwise specified, it is intended that dogs must be on a lead at all times, with access limited to defined tracks in all natural area reserves.

e) Tracks and Trails – it is intended that dogs must be on a lead at all times on all tracks and trails managed by Council, with the exception of the Suncoast Walking Track on which dogs may be walked off-lead.

f) Other Areas – it is intended that any area surrounding any of the aforementioned areas, or any public place as defined by the *Police Offences Act 1935*, managed or controlled by Council, that are not listed in the above, are by virtue of their name or designation, deemed Restricted and dogs must be on a lead at all times.

Submissions in relation to the above may be made by completing the engagement survey on Council's website: kingborough.tas.gov.au, via email: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au or in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Kingborough Council, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston 7050 and should be received no later than 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 28 October 2023.

Gary Arnold
General Manager

kingborough.tas.gov.au

The logo for Kingborough Council, featuring the word "Kingborough" in a black serif font, with a thin black arc underneath it. The background of the slide consists of three vertical bands: pink on the left, light purple in the middle, and light blue on the right. There are also two thin horizontal white lines, one above and one below the main title.

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DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW 2023

PREPARED BY
Kingborough Council

November 2023

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Public Consultation

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Kingborough Council conducted a public consultation on the Draft Kingborough Dog Management Policy.

The engagement asked the community to assess beach access for dogs, provide ideas for improving land use and assist Council with future planning for tracks and walks.

OFF LEAD AREAS

The consultation asked participants to provide feedback about adding more off lead dog exercise areas to what is already available; such as Blackmans Bay Beach - south (sand only) and Snug Beach south (sand only).

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The survey highlighted the definition of responsible dog owners, where dogs can and can't be off lead. It also outlined the policy's new Special Dogs clause, highlighted the restricted areas to dogs and the new on lead areas like the Kingston Wetlands.

ENGAGEMENT STAKEHOLDERS

Prior to the start of this engagement, Council Officers consulted with a number of stakeholders to help build the draft policy for consultation. Stakeholders were:

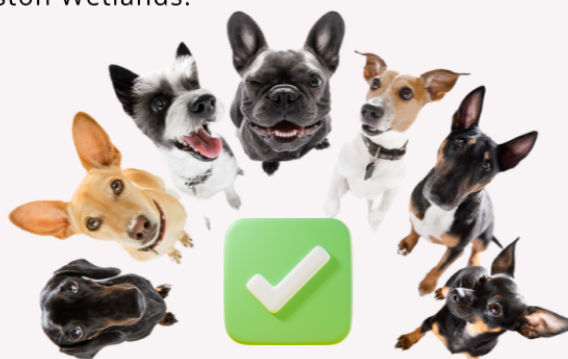
- Kingborough Dog Walking Association
- Tarooma Environment Network (TEN)
- Tarooma Community Association
- Blackmans Bay Community Association
- Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Committee
- Councillors
- Kingborough Community Forum

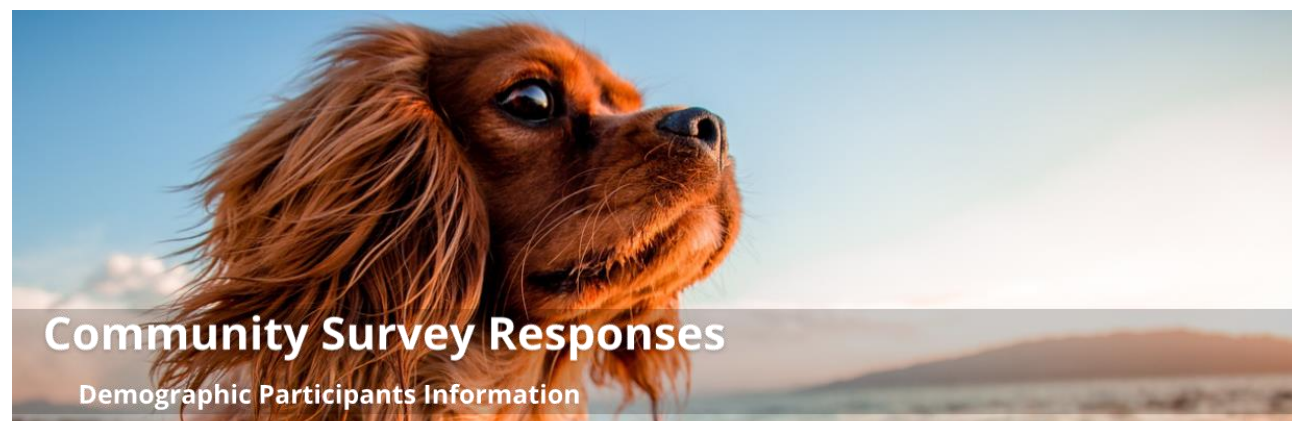
SUBMISSIONS

Submissions were completed via a public survey and written response.

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

- | | |
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| 993 | Community survey |
| 129 | Written/email submissions & hard copy survey received |





Community Survey Responses

Demographic Participants Information

LOCATIONS

532	Blackmans Bay
197	Kingston/Kingston Beach
42	Margate
32	Taroona
31	Outside of Kingborough
30	Snug/Lower Snug
18	Howden
16	Kettering
12	Bonnet Hill
10	Tinderbox
8	Bruny Island
7	Longley/Lower Longley
7	Sandfly
6	Allens Rivulet
6	Coningham
5	Firthside
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4	Flowerpot
4	Neika
3	Electrona
3	Leslie Vale
2	Gordon
2	Middleton
2	Oyster Cove

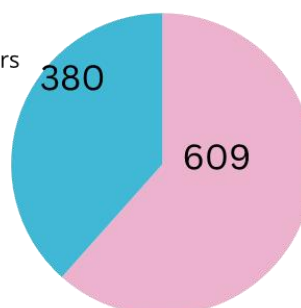
AGE GROUPS

under 18	9
18 - 24	23
25 - 34	110
35 - 44	220
45 - 54	208
55 - 64	183
65 - 74	179
75+	57

DOG OWNER SURVEY PARTICIPATION

Skipped by 4 participants

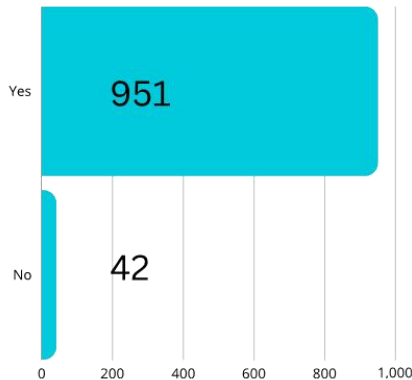
Not dog owners
38.4%



Dog owners
61.6%



Q4. Do you support this definition of a responsible dog owner?



The policy defines a **Responsible Dog Owner** as someone who can:

- house their dog in a secure yard
- ensure their dog is not a nuisance to people and is on lead in public at all times (except in off lead areas)
- have their dogs registered, microchipped and wearing a Council ID tag (after 6 months of age)
- provide for their dog's welfare and clean up after their dog

Q5. Would you like to share with us why you do not support this definition of a responsible dog owner?

skipped by 956 participants

The Majority of comments were about wanting owners to be in full control of their dogs at all times. Some quotes below:

"Even in off-lead areas responsible dog owners should ensure their dogs are under effective control and actually call them back to them. They should ensure their dogs are properly trained."

"I believe that a responsible dog owner should also be described as one who is in control of their dog at all times (ie. voice command), as I am. Not many people properly train their dogs anymore."

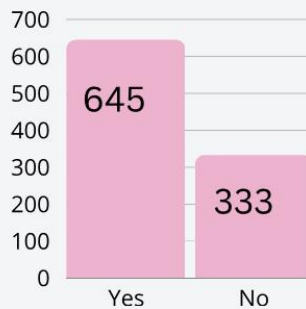
"Housing in a secure yard' discriminates against the homeless, people travelling with dogs, people in rental properties without full fencing, people in residential aged care etc."



Q6. Is this proposed off lead dog exercise area - Snug Beach South (sand only) acceptable to you?

Skipped by 15 participants

645 Yes
333 No



NO

"Opening up more beach areas to off-lead dogs will impact birdlife and the safety and enjoyment of young children who use these more shallow, gentle waters. There are sufficient off lead areas already and dogs and their owners can still enjoy walking in/adjacent to the proposed areas on lead."

"Because we already feel over-run with dogs in Kingborough. There are too many dogs in the area and the number of residents is growing along with the 2 dogs per household that they are allowed to own. We need to limit the numbers allowed rather than have all our beaches polluted with dog waste."

YES

"There are limited opportunities for Snug dog owners who may not have access to a car or drive to be able to exercise their dog off lead. The proposal has suitable restrictiveness (sand only) and enables people to exercise their dog with water. "

"This section of the beach is rarely used by families/public, as they prefer to use the river/bridge end which is extremely popular with people. We used to live in Snug and walk regularly with our dog."

"It is a low use area so has little impact on existing users."

"Many locals have dogs in Snug, and do a great job giving them regular exercise and picking up after them. Many locals take their dogs on the beach anyway - and along the whole length. This change will mean they can use the beach legally and might encourage them to stop using the northern end."



Q7. Is the proposed off lead dog exercise area at Blackmans Bay Beach (south of the stormwater outlet to the end of the beach - sand only) acceptable to you?

Skipped by 60 participants

448 Yes

485 No

No
52%



Yes
48%



NO

"ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!! This area of the beach is the most calm and safe area for small children and their families. This is the only disabled access that is usable..."

"This is a very popular space for families to have a day out at the local beach. It is a safe place to swim and explore (not to mention snorkelling to look for sea horses!!!). Dogs, their behaviour and excrement will ruin this for most users. Dont forget, shorelines are habitats for wildlife and sea life..."

"The area designated is often the only sheltered area of the beach and is used frequently by aged and frail people plus children, new migrants. It is used for swimming, making sandcastles and exercising and is a very popular part of the vicinity. My grandchildren were swimming there last week. Dogs will be a nuisance to humans, for their health and their security."

"Because it is the only suitable part of the beach for young families and the elderly due to it's calm water."



YES

"Blackmans Bay lacks off-lead exercise areas unless are able to make it up to Suncoast Drive off-lead area. In some ways, I'd prefer the rest of Blackmans Bay Beach to also have dog access maybe with time restrictions or on-lead (this could also be introduced for the rest of Kingston Beach)..."

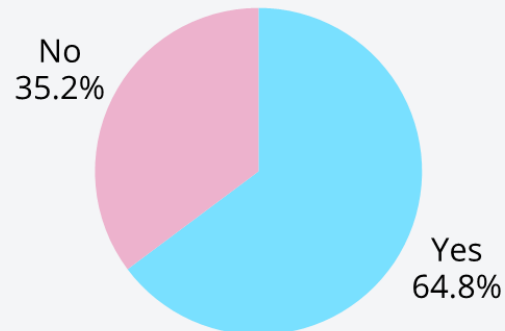
"For Blackmans Bay residents with no car access or able to drive it gives them a suitable watersport and exercise area they can access easily. Furthermore that end connects well to Sun Coast Drive on lead walking track so provides good continuity. Finally, it still creates an area for beach goers where dogs are prohibited."

"I am fully supportive of this. I would also support this area being an on-lead area as long as I can walk my dogs in the water. I would support on lead/off lead at different times of the day or year too. Again, more beach areas being available would reduce traffic to and crowding at Kingston Beach."

Q9. Are you satisfied with the number of beaches which are restricted from dogs at all times (except for exemptions in place)?

Skipped by 73 participants

596 Yes
324 No



NO

"Hinsby Beach should permit dogs on a lead, as they traverse from the Alum Cliffs Track northward to the Taroona Beach off leash area. Once you come down the steps there is no alternative route except going on the beach, so on leash walking should be allowed. Further along at Taroona Beach it is possible to follow a track/ road without needing to take one's dog into a prohibited area, before reaching the leash free zone."

"Opportunities at places like Bruny Island are very limited and far apart. Need to encourage exercise by owners and dogs at places which are "enclosed" - safe from vehicle movement, but open to dogs to interact as they wish. North Kingston Beach is a prime example of a happy opportunity for this."

"There are plenty of dog friendly beaches already in our areas. Having any more so close together means there are few (if any) dog free beaches for those who need places for kids who have had horrible experiences with dogs to play happily."



YES

"I'm happy - I am comfortable around dogs but I appreciate not everyone is. We have a good balance."

"The ratio of accessible and non accessible beaches is fair. All members of the community need to be considered so increasing the restricted beaches would be unfair to the responsible dog owners."

"The current and proposed new areas of beach dog exercise areas give a fair equity between dog owners and other users of the beaches."

"The beach areas that dogs are permitted to run on are sufficient. Leave the beaches for families to enjoy without interruption of a dogs."

"I do not think there is an actual need to grant dogs access to beaches. However, I accept the limited access they already have is not going to be rescinded. If the areas we already have for dog exercise is insufficient for the number of dogs, then we reduce to limit the number of dogs. I.e. By limiting the number of dogs allowed per household in our area."

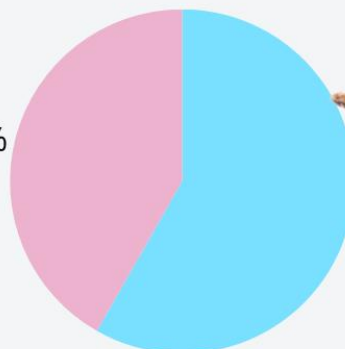
Q10. Do you exercise your dog in off-lead areas in Kingborough?

Skipped by 119 participants

509 Yes

365 No

No
41.8%



Yes
58.2%



Q11. Which type of area do you prefer to be in with your dog? Ranking question

Skipped by 477 participants

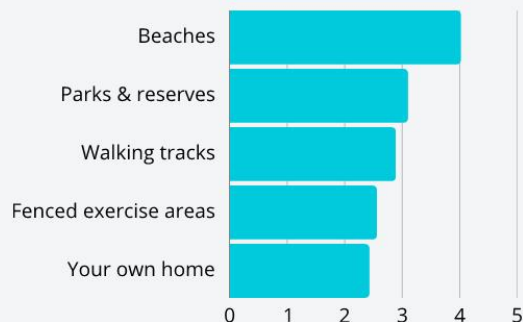
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3.10 Parks and reserves

2.89 Walking tracks

2.56 Fenced exercise areas

2.43 Your own home



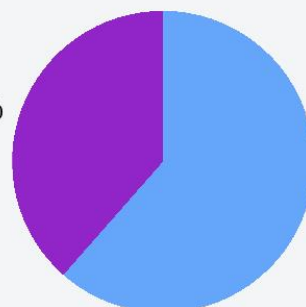
Q12. Is there enough suitable land to exercise your dog, which is accessible to you in your community?

Skipped by 479 participants

316 Yes

198 No

No
38.5%



Yes
61.5%

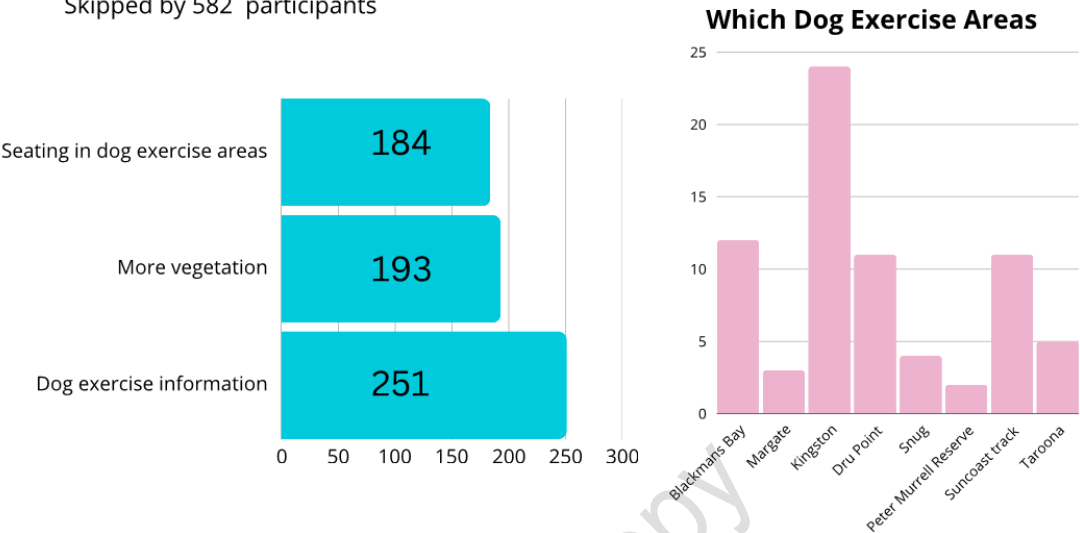


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Q13. Which of these features would you like to see added to your local off-lead dog exercise area?
Skipped by 582 participants



Q14. Is the Special Dogs clause acceptable to you ?
Skipped by 84 participants

729 Yes
35 No
145 Neutral

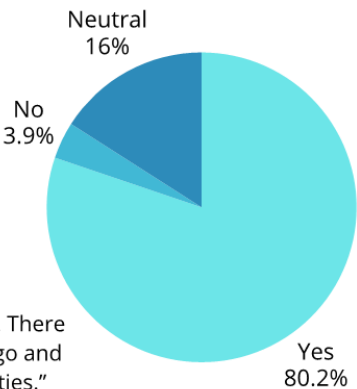
NO

“Special dogs are like any other dog, they are all special to their owner. There should be no difference between them in where they can and cannot go and this can become a loophole in the system to allow all dog owners liberties.”

“Too many people falsely claim their dogs are mental health assistance dogs to get access. ”

“Too many aggressive people claim their dogs are ‘assistance’ dogs when they allow them to run a muck on Kingston Beach.”

“Council does not have the resources to give effect to a policy that might otherwise be acceptable.”





Q15. When considering future developments in Kingborough, how important do you think it is to address the need for dog exercise areas?

(5 Stars very important 1 Star not very important)

Answered 872 Skipped by 121



Q16. Is there anything else you would like to make comment on?

Skipped by 560 participants

"There are already plenty of dog areas in Kingborough Council area. Some of which are barely used. So why make more???"

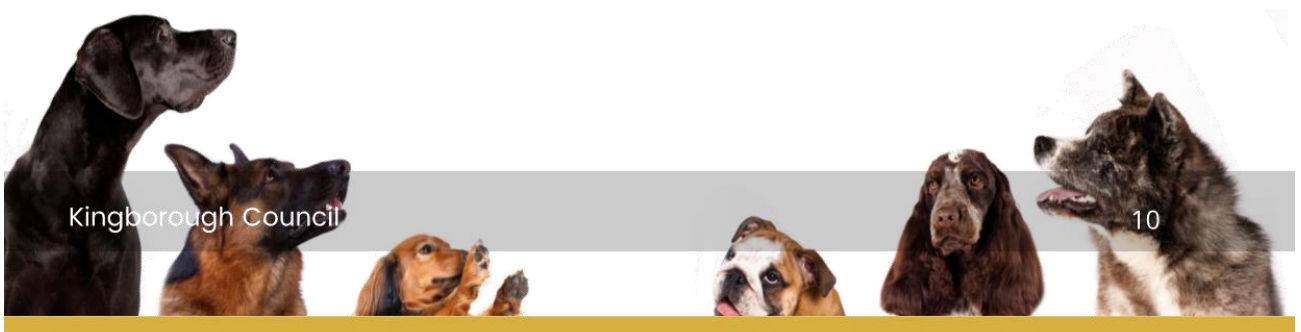
"Any chance rubbish bins could be installed at Dave Burrows Walk in Margate? It is popular with dog walkers but there are no bins - I see too many bags of poo left at the ends of the track. Most dog owners try to do the right thing but a bin would help!"

"There is a need to seriously increase dog registration fees and management of compliance, and limit multiple dog ownership to two if small and trained. The home owners and rate payers of Kingborough should be better protected from the growing dog ownership by irresponsible individuals."

"In Kingborough we already feel there are too many dogs... My husband and I are unable to walk after dark at Blackmans Bay esplanade as the footpath is covered in dog faeces. We believe that as soon as darkness falls many dog walkers fail to pick up after their pets. Dog ownership should be seen as a privilege and not as an entitlement."

"It is important that the council addresses the need for dog exercise areas in new developments and it is very important that these DO NOT include the precious beach areas that are free from dogs."

"Please make it easier to report incessant barking. Tax payers who work from home or who want to relax in their own homes should not have to endure this disruption."





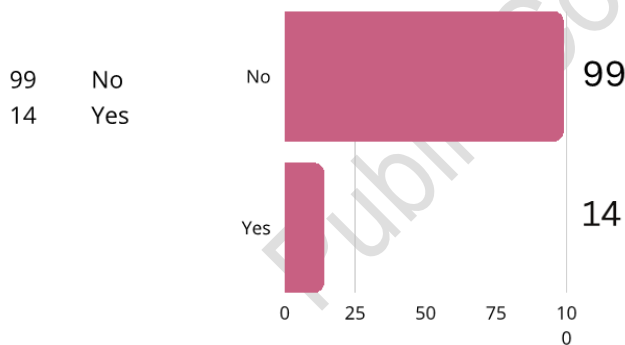
Community Written Submissions

The community consultation also collected written submissions and hard copies of surveys from the public.

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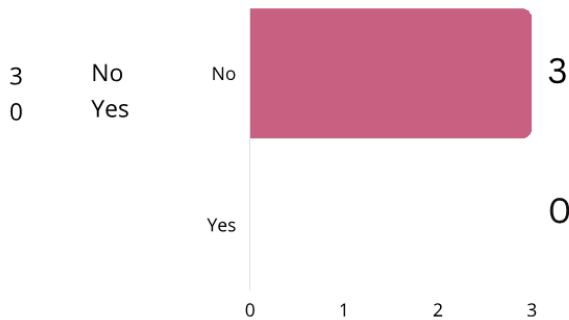
Blackmans
Bay Beach
South

Is the proposed off lead dog exercise area at Blackmans Bay Beach (south of the stormwater outlet to the end of the beach - sand only) acceptable to you?



Snug
Beach
South

Is this proposed off lead dog exercise area - Snug Beach South (sand only) acceptable to you?



EXISTING POLICY WITH TRACK CHANGES



Dog Management Policy

Policy No:	4.3
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- 5.3.2 In acknowledgement that a well exercised dog is less likely to create a nuisance within the community, a combination of off-lead and on-lead areas have been provided throughout the Municipal Area. Some areas have been designated as prohibited to dogs due to their location or environmental significance, whilst there are some public places that are defined as prohibited to dogs by the Act.

5.4 EXERCISE AREAS

A *Dog Exercise Area* is an area that Council has declared where dogs may be exercised off-lead but under effective control, and subject to any specific conditions. The following areas have been declared as Dog Exercise Areas pursuant to Section 20 of the Act:

- 5.4.1 Taroom Apex Park.
- 5.4.2 Taroom Beach (East of the Boat Ramp).
- 5.4.3 Northern end of Kingston/Tyndall Beach (sand only).
- 5.4.4 Flowerpot Point Reserve, Blackmans Bay.
- 5.4.5 Suncoast Dog Park.
- 5.4.6 Suncoast Walking Track.
- 5.4.7 Kingston View Drive (area above Mt Bike Park).
- 5.4.8 Kingston View Drive – greyhounds only.
- 5.4.9 Maranoa Heights Reserve.
- 5.4.10 Dru Point (within dog exercise fenced area).
- 5.4.11 Snug Beach south (sand only).
- 5.4.12 Clarks Beach Coningham.
- 5.4.13 Kettering Reserve (area below Kettering Oval).
- 5.4.14 Middleton Beach (south of stormwater pipe only).

5.5 TRAINING AREAS

A *Dog Training Area* is an area where dogs may be trained subject to any specified conditions. The following areas have been declared as Dog Training Areas pursuant to Section 21 of the Act:

- 5.5.1 Southern Obedience Club (Gormley Drive).
- 5.5.2 Country Dog Association (Lower Longley).

5.6 PROHIBITED AREAS

A *Prohibited Area* is an area that contains sensitive habitat for native wildlife. Dogs must not be taken into a Prohibited Area (guide and hearing dogs exempt). The following areas have been declared as Prohibited Areas pursuant to Section 22 of the Act:

- 5.6.1 Browns River Reserve (northern side river).
- 5.6.2 Browns River Reserve (end Balmoral Road).
- 5.6.3 Kingston Wetlands (excluding on-lead and contained to tracks and formed road).
- 5.6.4 Boronia Beach Reserve.
- 5.6.5 Blackmans Bay Beach (rock platforms north).
- 5.6.6 Tinderbox Hills Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.7 Summerleas Rd / Scott Rd Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.8 Stinkpot Bay Reserve.
- 5.6.9 Mt Louis Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.10 Sandfly Land for Wildlife Reserve and North West Bay River Multi-use Trail (excluding end of Riverdale Rd).
- 5.6.11 Kettering Cemetery Bushland Reserve.
- 5.6.12 Adventure Bay Bushland Reserve (behind bowls club).
- 5.6.13 Coningham Beach Rock Platforms (east main beach).

5.7 RESTRICTED AREAS

A *Restricted Area* is an area where dogs, other than guide dogs or hearing dogs, are restricted from entering during specified times, days or seasons or restricted to being restrained on a lead, or restricted from an area at all times. The following areas have been declared as Restricted Areas pursuant to Section 23 of the Dog Control Act:

- 5.7.1 Beaches – the following beaches are licenced by Council from the Crown for the purpose of public recreation and are declared as restricted to dogs at all times:
 - i. Tarooma Beach (except the area east of the boat ramp).
 - ii. Hinsby Beach.
 - iii. Kingston Beach (except the northern end).
 - iv. Blackmans Bay Beach.
 - v. Snug Beach (except the southern end).
 - vi. Coningham Beach.
 - vii. Middleton Beach (except the southern end).

Council has no jurisdiction over any other beaches within the Kingborough Municipal Area (except Tyndall Beach and Clarks Beach). This includes beaches on Bruny Island,

which are under the jurisdiction of the Crown. Unless otherwise specified, beaches that are not managed by Council are deemed to be a public place in which dogs are required to be on a lead at all times.

- 5.7.2 Sportsgrounds – all Council owned and managed sportsgrounds are declared as restricted to dogs at all times. This restriction applies to the playing field only. Dogs may be walked around the outer areas of a sportsground, provided they are on a lead.
 - 5.7.3 Parks – unless otherwise specified, dogs must be on a lead at all times in all Council owned or managed parks.
 - 5.7.4 Natural Area Reserves – unless otherwise specified, dogs must be on a lead at all times, with access limited to defined tracks in all natural area reserves.
 - 5.7.5 Tracks and Trails – dogs must be on a lead at all times on all tracks and trails managed by Council, with the exception of the Suncoast Walking Track on which dogs may be walked off-lead.
 - 5.7.6 Other Areas - any area surrounding any of the aforementioned areas, or any public place as defined by the *Police Offences Act 1935*, managed or controlled by Council, that are not listed in the above, are by virtue of their name or designation, deemed Restricted for the purposes of this document, and dogs must be on a lead at all times.
- 5.8 Further information regarding declared areas is contained within the appendix.

5.9 PROHIBITED PUBLIC AREAS

- 5.9.1 The Act specifies that a person must not take a dog into the following areas:
- i. any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or
 - ii. any shopping centre (defined under the Act as a collection of shops in an enclosed area covered by a roof or forming a courtyard or square) or any shop; or
 - iii. the grounds of a public swimming pool; or
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 - v. any area within 10 metres of a children's playground.
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 - iii. a pet shop; or
 - iv. the premises of a veterinary surgeon; or
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NB: Under the provisions of the *Food Act 2003*, the proprietor of a food business may allow dogs in the outdoor dining area of that food business.

5.10 REVIEW OF DECLARED AREAS

- 5.10.1 Council may review current or declare additional areas of the municipality to be a declared area under the Act, pursuant to Section 24 of the Act. Council is not required

to review the entire Dog Management Policy when considering declaring an area under the Act.

5.11 FEE STRUCTURE

- 5.11.1 The fee structure and all fees payable under the Act are set annually in line with Council's fees and charges.

5.12 SPECIAL DOGS

- 5.12.1 Council acknowledges that some dogs play a significant part in our community and enhance the lives of others via their special skills. The Act and Council's fees and charges, identify special dogs which include Guide dogs, Hearing dogs, Assistance dogs etc. Guide and Hearing dogs benefit from certain access exemptions within the Act.
- 5.12.2 If a registered special dog becomes separated from its owner, Council will undertake all reasonable action to reunite them as soon as possible.

6. GUIDELINES

- 6.1 The following guidelines underpin the development and implementation of this policy:
- 6.1.1 Recognition – the contribution that dog ownership can provide to community health and wellbeing is acknowledged;
- 6.1.2 Balance – the need for a balanced approach to achieve a compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours, municipal land and the general community is recognised;
- 6.1.3 Compliance – there is a legislative requirement for both Council to enforce, and for dog owners to comply, with the Act.

7. COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The following are identified as stakeholders regarding consultation:
- 7.1.1 Members of the public
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8. LEGISLATION

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9. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 9.1 Appendix - Council Declared Dog Areas
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5.4 EXERCISE AREAS

A *Dog Exercise Area* is an area that Council has declared where dogs may be exercised off-lead but under effective control, and subject to any specific conditions. The following areas have been declared as Dog Exercise Areas pursuant to Section 20 of the Act:

- 5.4.1 Taroom Apex Park.
- 5.4.2 Taroom Beach (East of the Boat Ramp).
- 5.4.3 Northern end of Kingston/Tyndall Beach (sand only).
- 5.4.4 Flowerpot Point Reserve, Blackmans Bay.
- 5.4.5 Suncoast Dog Park.
- 5.4.6 Suncoast Walking Track.
- 5.4.7 Kingston View Drive (area above Mt Bike Park).
- 5.4.8 Kingston View Drive – greyhounds only.
- 5.4.9 Maranoa Heights Reserve.
- 5.4.10 Dru Point (within dog exercise fenced area).
- 5.4.11 Snug Beach south (sand only).
- 5.4.12 Clarks Beach Coningham.
- 5.4.13 Kettering Reserve (area below Kettering Oval).
- 5.4.14 Middleton Beach (south of stormwater pipe only).

5.5 TRAINING AREAS

A *Dog Training Area* is an area where dogs may be trained subject to any specified conditions. The following areas have been declared as Dog Training Areas pursuant to Section 21 of the Act:

- 5.5.1 Southern Obedience Club (Gormley Drive).
- 5.5.2 Country Dog Association (Lower Longley).

5.6 PROHIBITED AREAS

A *Prohibited Area* is an area that contains sensitive habitat for native wildlife. Dogs must not be taken into a Prohibited Area (guide and hearing dogs exempt). The following areas have been declared as Prohibited Areas pursuant to Section 22 of the Act:

- 5.6.1 Browns River Reserve (northern side river).
- 5.6.2 Browns River Reserve (end Balmoral Road).
- 5.6.3 Kingston Wetlands (excluding on-lead and contained to tracks and formed road).
- 5.6.4 Boronia Beach Reserve.
- 5.6.5 Blackmans Bay Beach (rock platforms north).
- 5.6.6 Tinderbox Hills Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.7 Summerleas Rd / Scott Rd Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.8 Stinkpot Bay Reserve.
- 5.6.9 Mt Louis Reserve (July to March – due to Wedge Tailed Eagles nesting).
- 5.6.10 Sandfly Land for Wildlife Reserve and North West Bay River Multi-use Trail (excluding end of Riverdale Rd).
- 5.6.11 Kettering Cemetery Bushland Reserve.
- 5.6.12 Adventure Bay Bushland Reserve (behind bowls club).
- 5.6.13 Coningham Beach Rock Platforms (east main beach).

5.7 RESTRICTED AREAS

A *Restricted Area* is an area where dogs, other than guide dogs or hearing dogs, are restricted from entering during specified times, days or seasons or restricted to being restrained on a lead, or restricted from an area at all times. The following areas have been declared as Restricted Areas pursuant to Section 23 of the Dog Control Act:

- 5.7.1 Beaches – the following beaches are licenced by Council from the Crown for the purpose of public recreation and are declared as restricted to dogs at all times:
 - i. Tarroona Beach (except the area east of the boat ramp).
 - ii. Hinsby Beach.
 - iii. Kingston Beach (except the northern end).
 - iv. Blackmans Bay Beach.
 - v. Snug Beach (except the southern end).
 - vi. Coningham Beach.
 - vii. Middleton Beach (except the southern end).

Council has no jurisdiction over any other beaches within the Kingborough Municipal Area (except Tyndall Beach and Clarks Beach). This includes beaches on Bruny Island,

which are under the jurisdiction of the Crown. Unless otherwise specified, beaches that are not managed by Council are deemed to be a public place in which dogs are required to be on a lead at all times.

- 5.7.2 Sportsgrounds – all Council owned and managed sportsgrounds are declared as restricted to dogs at all times. This restriction applies to the playing field only. Dogs may be walked around the outer areas of a sportsground, provided they are on a lead.
 - 5.7.3 Parks – unless otherwise specified, dogs must be on a lead at all times in all Council owned or managed parks.
 - 5.7.4 Natural Area Reserves – unless otherwise specified, dogs must be on a lead at all times, with access limited to defined tracks in all natural area reserves.
 - 5.7.5 Tracks and Trails – dogs must be on a lead at all times on all tracks and trails managed by Council, with the exception of the Suncoast Walking Track on which dogs may be walked off-lead.
 - 5.7.6 Other Areas - any area surrounding any of the aforementioned areas, or any public place as defined by the *Police Offences Act 1935*, managed or controlled by Council, that are not listed in the above, are by virtue of their name or designation, deemed Restricted for the purposes of this document, and dogs must be on a lead at all times.
- 5.8 Further information regarding declared areas is contained within the appendix.

5.9 PROHIBITED PUBLIC AREAS

- 5.9.1 The Act specifies that a person must not take a dog into the following areas:
- i. any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or
 - ii. any shopping centre (defined under the Act as a collection of shops in an enclosed area covered by a roof or forming a courtyard or square) or any shop; or
 - iii. the grounds of a public swimming pool; or
 - iv. any playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played; or
 - v. any area within 10 metres of a children's playground.
- 5.9.2 This section does not apply to:
- i. a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; or
 - ii. a hearing dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially deaf person or is in training for that purpose; or
 - iii. a pet shop; or
 - iv. the premises of a veterinary surgeon; or
 - v. a pet-grooming shop; or
 - vi. any other premises related to the care and management of dogs.

NB: Under the provisions of the *Food Act 2003*, the proprietor of a food business may allow dogs in the outdoor dining area of that food business.

5.10 REVIEW OF DECLARED AREAS

- 5.10.1 Council may review current or declare additional areas of the municipality to be a declared area under the Act, pursuant to Section 24 of the Act. Council is not required

to review the entire Dog Management Policy when considering declaring an area under the Act.

5.11 FEE STRUCTURE

- 5.11.1 The fee structure and all fees payable under the Act are set annually in line with Council's fees and charges.

5.12 SPECIAL DOGS

- 5.12.1 Council acknowledges that some dogs play a significant part in our community and enhance the lives of others via their special skills. The Act and Council's fees and charges, identify special dogs which include Guide dogs, Hearing dogs, Assistance dogs etc. Guide and Hearing dogs benefit from certain access exemptions within the Act.
- 5.12.2 If a registered special dog becomes separated from its owner, Council will undertake all reasonable action to reunite them as soon as possible.

6. GUIDELINES

- 6.1 The following guidelines underpin the development and implementation of this policy:
 - 6.1.1 Recognition – the contribution that dog ownership can provide to community health and wellbeing is acknowledged;
 - 6.1.2 Balance – the need for a balanced approach to achieve a compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours, municipal land and the general community is recognised;
 - 6.1.3 Compliance – there is a legislative requirement for both Council to enforce, and for dog owners to comply, with the Act.

7. COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 The following are identified as stakeholders regarding consultation:
 - 7.1.1 Members of the public
 - 7.1.2 Dog Walking Associations (in particular the Kingborough Dog Walking Association)
 - 7.1.3 Local community groups and associations
 - 7.1.4 Local landcare and coastcare groups

8. LEGISLATION

- 8.1 The following legislation is of relevance in regard to the management of dogs within Kingborough:
 - 8.1.1 *Dog Control Act 2000*
 - 8.1.2 *Dog Control Regulations 2021*
 - 8.1.3 *Local Government Act 1993*

9. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 9.1 Appendix - Council Declared Dog Areas
- 9.2 Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategy

10. AUDIENCE

- 10.1 Members of the public.
- 10.2 Dog Walking Associations (in particular the Kingborough Dog Walking Association).
- 10.3 Local community groups and associations.
- 10.4 Local landcare and coastcare groups.

15.2 DRAFT KINGBOROUGH SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY**File Number:** 22.319**Author:** Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services**Authoriser:** Gary Arnold, General Manager**Strategic Plan Reference****Key Priority Area:** 2 Deliver quality infrastructure and services.**Strategic Outcome:** 2.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are underpinned by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing population.**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to release the Draft Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy for public comment.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 1997, Council commissioned Jeavons Recreation and Tourism Planners to prepare a Recreation, Sport and Open Space Plan. This was a relatively high level document that provided direction for Council's service delivery in sport and recreation over the next 15 years.
- 2.2 In 2013, the Kingborough Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy was prepared, with a specific focus on the condition, use and improvement of Council owned sport and recreation facilities.
- 2.3 The document had a 10-year life span and was intended for review and updating in 2023.
- 2.4 In February 2023, Council approved the establishment of a Reference Group to assist in the review and updating of the Strategy, with the attached draft document being the culmination of work undertaken to date.

3. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 There are no specific statutory requirements associated with this matter.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The Draft Strategy has been reviewed internally and by the Reference Group and is considered to be at a point where it is ready for release for broader public comment.
- 4.2 The document includes 22 key recommendations that are based on analysis of the current demographics of Kingborough, population projections and feedback from the community, school students and sport and recreation groups.
- 4.3 It should be noted that updated population projections from the Department of Treasury and Finance are expected to be released shortly and will be incorporated into the Final Strategy.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 The Strategy provides detail of estimated costs associated with each of the recommended actions and identifies Council's role as either a provider, supporter, facilitator, or partner.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 One of the guiding principles of the Strategy is that "facility development should preserve natural values and where possible, enhance environmental outcomes, including initiatives to reduce energy consumption, waste and water usage".

7. COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Reference Group assisting Council in the preparation of the Strategy is made up of community stakeholders with an interest in sport and recreation.
- 7.2 Preparation of the Strategy has included a community survey completed by 483 people, a youth survey completed by 547 school aged students and a survey of sport and recreation clubs for which 40 responses were received.
- 7.3 The engagement report has previously been reported to Council and will be provided as an Appendix to the Strategy.

8. RISK

- 8.1 No risks to Council are identified in relation to releasing the Draft Strategy for public comment.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 A Draft Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy has been prepared for release for public comment.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the release of the Draft Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy for public comment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Kingborough Sport & Recreation Strategy



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy provides an update on previous work undertaken by Council in relation to the strategic development of recreational facilities within the Municipal Area. It aims to identify gaps in service provision and barriers preventing the community from accessing and participating in sport and recreational activities. It is intended that the Strategy will be used to guide the investment of resources by Council in relation to the maintenance, management, and development of recreational facilities, within the context of the demographics of the Municipal Area and data in relation to participation.

The development of the Strategy has involved a review of National, State and local participation rates in recreational activities, analysis of current and projected demographics for Kingborough and community surveys to determine issues and opportunities. This process has included feedback from sport and recreation clubs and organisations, school-aged children and from the general public. The community survey was completed by 483 people, with 547 respondents to the youth survey and 40 responses to the club/group survey. Council was assisted in the development, distribution, and analysis of the surveys by a reference group made up of community stakeholders with an interest in sport and recreation.

On a national level, there is a general trend for higher levels of participation in passive forms of recreation rather than formal sporting competition. This trend is reflected in the survey data obtained as part of the development of this Strategy. With the population projections for Kingborough predicting 5,000 more residents over the age of 50 living in the Municipal Area by the year 2042, there will be a corresponding increase in the demand for facilities used by older residents (particularly those that support passive recreation). Accordingly, one of the key recommendations of this Strategy is for Council to ensure that its investment into sport and



recreation service provision is underpinned by strategic planning that includes reference to participation trends. In essence, this will require more resources to be devoted to the development of multi-use trails that lend themselves to a range of passive recreation pursuits, whilst continuing to upgrade existing facilities to meet contemporary standards and expectations.

This Strategy includes an Implementation Plan that outlines 21 recommended actions for Council to pursue in order to meet the current and future sport and recreation needs of the community. This includes recommendations in relation to the development of an aquatic facility in Kingborough, which was one of the most prominent issue arising from the community engagement undertaken as part of the development of this Strategy.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Kingborough Council prepared its first Sport and Recreation Plan in 1997, with recreation planning consultants Jeavons and Jeavons commissioned to undertake the work. The plan was well utilised by Council over the next 10 years, with most of the recommendations adopted. In 2013, Council compiled a Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy that focused on the condition, usability, sustainability and improvement of Council owned sport and recreation facilities. Many of the recommendations in that Strategy have also now been implemented (see summary Appendix A), hence the need for a review and update to determine the relevance of previous planning going forward for the next ten years.



1.2 Purpose of Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to the planning, development and maintenance of Council owned and managed sport and recreation facilities. The strategy will guide the investment of Council's resources into recreational infrastructure and activities in Kingborough. For the purpose of this project, sport and recreation facilities will include those that are used for both formal and informal sport and recreation activities. The project will not focus on arts and cultural facilities, playgrounds or public open space as these elements have been included in specific Council plans and strategies.

1.3 Vision

Kingborough residents will have equitable access to a range of recreational facilities that are fit for purpose and meet their current and future needs.

1.4 Objectives

The objectives of this strategy are as follows:

- 1.4.1 To provide a strategic and coordinated approach to the development of Kingborough Council's sport and recreational facilities.
- 1.4.2 To identify gaps in the provision of sport and recreation facilities.
- 1.4.3 To determine priorities for the investment of resources by Council into the maintenance, management and upgrade of sport and recreation facilities.
- 1.4.4 To identify barriers to participation in sport and recreation facilities in Kingborough.
- 1.4.5 To identify opportunities to improve the accessibility of Council's sport and recreational infrastructure.
- 1.4.6 To provide a needs-based approach to planning within the context of:
 - i. Recreation policy and priorities at the State, regional and local levels.
 - ii. National, state and regional recreation and broader societal trends.

- iii. The demographics of the State and Kingborough region; and
- iv. The needs of user groups and informal users identified through consultation.

1.5 Strategic Context

The Kingborough Council Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 Strategic Plan provides the direction for the future delivery of services based upon three key priorities:

Encourage and support a safe, healthy and connected community

Deliver quality infrastructure and services

Sustaining the natural environment whilst facilitating development for our future

The vision for Council articulated in the Strategic Plan is "our community is at the heart of everything we do" and Council's purpose is identified as "to make Kingborough a great place to live". Of relevance to sport and recreation are desired strategic outcomes of "an active and healthy community, with vibrant, clean local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities" and "community facilities are safe, accessible, and meet contemporary standards".

1.6 Role of Council

Council recognises that it is a key provider of sport and recreational facilities in the Kingborough community. However, this is not to say that Council is the sole provider of these facilities, and it is important to acknowledge the limitations of Council's funding capacity and competing nature of priorities in meeting the diverse needs of the community. Council's role in supporting sport and recreation within the Municipal Area can be summarised as follows:

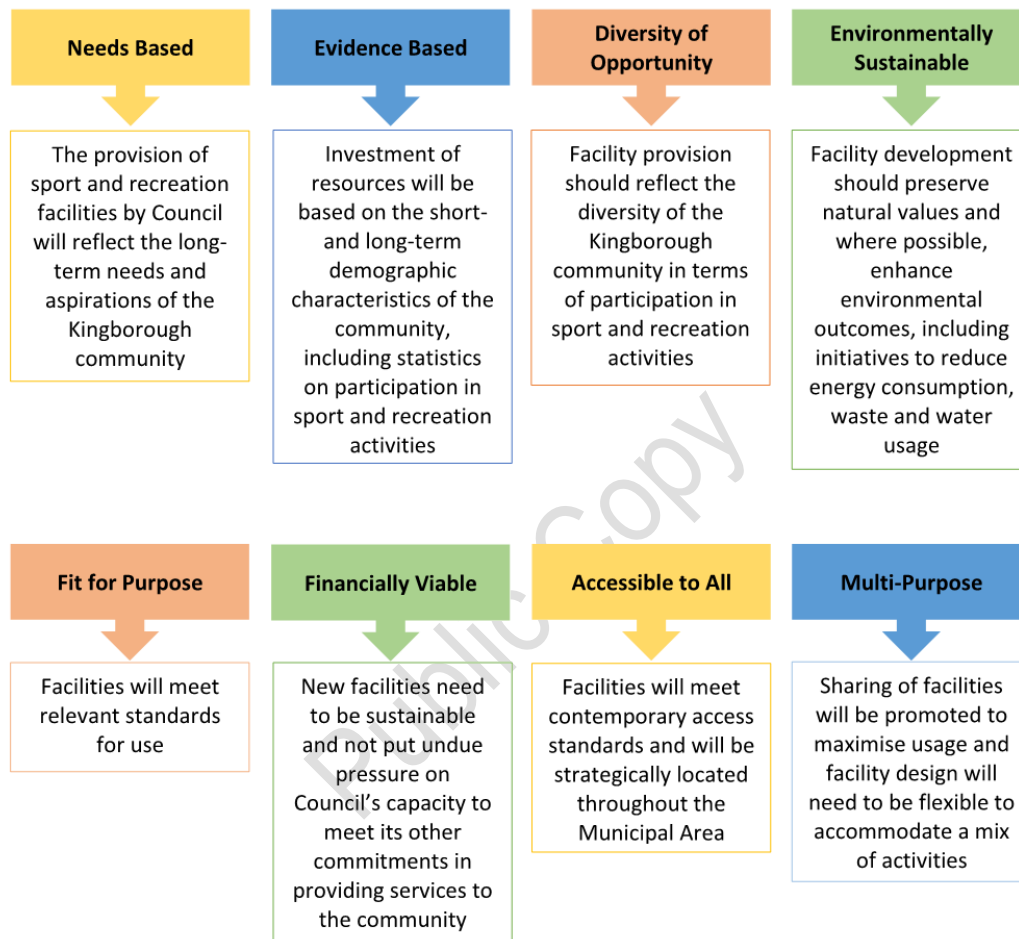
- Provider – the direct provision of sport and recreation facilities.
- Partner – connecting with sport and recreational organisations to deliver facility upgrades.
- Facilitator – the creation of environments that support participation in sport and recreation.
- Advocacy – promoting sport and recreation interests to decision makers and influencers.

Council does not consider that it has a role to play in the direct provision of sport and recreation programs, events or activities, except when they

form part of a strategy to support the needs of a specific interest group (eg the Kingborough Youth Strategy or Positive Ageing Plan).

1.7 Principles

The guiding principles underpinning the development of this strategy are as follows:



1.8 Associated Plans and Strategies

The Tasmanian Community Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Strategy 2022 outlines the State Government's approach to ensuring infrastructure is developed to address community needs. This includes a framework to guide future investment decisions for both community sport and active recreation infrastructure in Tasmania. Council has a number of strategies that cover specific elements of sport and recreation provision in Kingborough including:

- Kingborough Open Space Strategy 2019;
- Kingborough Sports Precinct Future Directions Plan 2020;
- Kingborough Tracks & Trails Strategic Action Plan 2017 – 2022;
- Kingborough Cycling Strategy 2021 – 2030;

- Play Space and Playground Strategy 2020;
- Lightwood Park Master Plan 2018;
- Dru Point Master Plan 2018;
- Kingborough Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study 2021;
- Kingborough Sports Precinct Master Plan 2011.

It is not intended to duplicate the material covered in these documents as part of the Sport and Recreation Strategy and it is important that they are referenced for more detailed information in relation to the specific areas they cover.



1.9 Approach

Preparation of this strategy has involved:

- 1.9.1 A review of the 2013 Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy.
- 1.9.2 Formation of a Reference Group comprising of community representatives with an interest in sport and recreation to provide advice in relation to the development of the strategy.
- 1.9.3 A review of National, State and local statistics relating to participation in sport and recreation activities.
- 1.9.4 Surveys of sporting clubs, school students and the broader community.
- 1.9.5 Analysis of data obtained from surveys.
- 1.9.6 Formulation of a draft plan including recommendations and assignment of priority actions.
- 1.9.7 Workshopping of the draft strategy with Councillors.
- 1.9.8 Release of the draft for public comment.
- 1.9.9 Review of feedback on the draft and preparation of the final strategy document for endorsement by Council.



2. DEMOGRAPHIC PRO

2.1 Population and Projections

The Kingborough Municipal Area has experienced rapid growth over the past 20 years, increasing from 27,874 residents at the time of the 2001 Census to 40,082 in 2021. The Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance population projections for local government areas published in 2022, indicate that the population of Kingborough can be expected to grow by nearly 9,000 residents over the next 20 years to 50,506 by the year 2042 as shown in the table below:

Table 1 - Kingborough Total Population (High Series) by Age Groups

Year	0 to 14 yrs	15 to 29 yrs	30 to 49 yrs	50 to 64 yrs	65 to 85+ yrs	TOTAL
2023	7 450	6 862	11 137	7 743	8 589	41 781
2024	7 435	6 808	11 464	7 810	8 782	42 299
2025	7 460	6 738	11 796	7 808	9 035	42 837
2026	7 454	6 719	12 162	7 784	9 268	43 388
2027	7 498	6 708	12 472	7 774	9 486	43 938
2028	7 547	6 722	12 736	7 787	9 690	44 483
2029	7 578	6 800	12 883	7 880	9 871	45 011
2030	7 618	6 899	12 989	8 003	10 018	45 528
2031	7 660	7 002	13 085	8 143	10 138	46 028
2032	7 714	7 104	13 095	8 325	10 268	46 505
2033	7 798	7 170	13 065	8 541	10 389	46 962
2034	7 872	7 212	13 115	8 661	10 545	47 404
2035	7 943	7 229	13 101	8 829	10 730	47 831
2036	8 028	7 227	13 083	9 007	10 903	48 247
2037	8 083	7 247	13 061	9 251	11 011	48 653
2038	8 133	7 288	13 038	9 444	11 143	49 046
2039	8 180	7 315	12 976	9 690	11 269	49 430
2040	8 222	7 350	12 866	9 970	11 392	49 801
2041	8 262	7 374	12 687	10 365	11 470	50 158
2042	8 299	7 443	12 424	10 793	11 546	50 506

In terms of population growth, the projected increase in Kingborough's population is predicted to make up 20.88% of the State's total growth over the next 20 years. Add to this the growth rates of neighbouring Councils in Huon Valley (22.28% of the State's total) and Hobart (24.74%) and the indirect increase in usage of Kingborough's facilities will be significant. This will be particularly relevant for regional facilities such as those within the Kingborough Sports Precinct that attract a high level of use from people living outside of the Kingborough Municipal Area.

Like most of Tasmania, Kingborough's population is ageing, with the median age of 41.2 years in 2021 projected to increase to 47.5 years in 2042. Kingston has the lowest median age of 36 years, whilst Kettering has the highest with 49 (ABS Census data 2021). From a recreational planning perspective, it is important to note that whilst the numbers of residents in the younger age groups is expected to increase by around 850, the number of residents over the age of 50 will increase by about 6,000. In other words, the community demand for sport and recreational infrastructure will increase across all ages but will be particularly significant for those facilities enjoyed by older residents. The impact of the shift in the relative proportion of residents in each age bracket is shown in the following two graphs in which the age pyramids for Kingborough residents in the year 2023 and 2042 are compared:

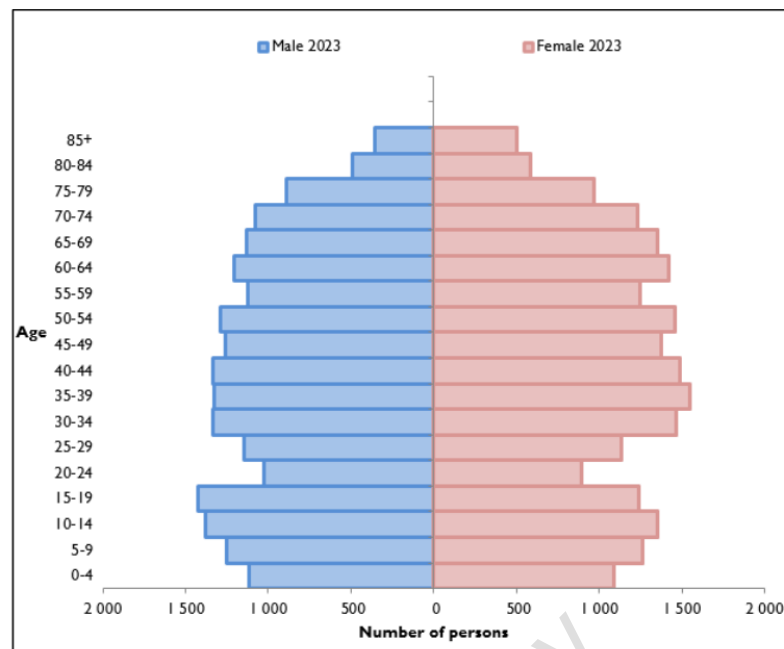


Figure 1 – Kingborough Age Pyramid 2023

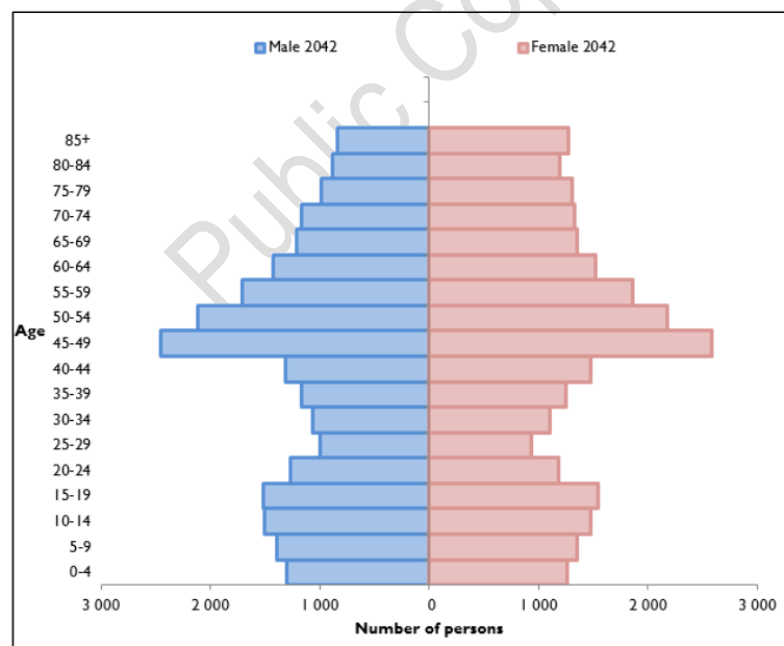


Figure 2 – Projected Kingborough Age Pyramid 2042

2.2 Geographical Distribution

The majority of Kingborough's population (65% according to the 2021 Census) live in and around the urban areas of Kingston, Blackmans Bay and Taroona. Kingston and Blackmans Bay have experienced the highest levels of population growth, both as a result of urban in-fill and subdivision of land on the outskirts of Kingston (Huntingfield, Spring Farm and Whitewater Estates). The other large growth area is Margate, which now accounts for 10% of Kingborough's population with just over 4,000 residents. Most of the rural townships south of Kingston have a population of less than 500 people, whilst Bruny Island has a resident population of just over 1,000 people, which can swell to over 5,000 during peak holiday season. The chart below shows the distribution of the population throughout the municipality.

Table 2 - Population distribution in Kingborough (2021 ABS Census):

Town/Suburb	Population	Town/Suburb	Population
Allens Rivulet	685	Longley	229
Barretta	57	Lower Longley	182
Birches Bay/Flowerpot	118	Lower Snug	447
Blackmans Bay	7,540	Margate	4,158
Bonnet Hill	500	Middleton	263
Coningham	323	Neika	195
Electrona	383	North Bruny	305
Gordon	206	Oyster Cove	324
Howden	704	Sandfly	321
Huntingfield	534	Snug	1,467
Kettering	907	South Bruny	703
Kingston	12,096	Taroona	3,016
Kingston Beach	2,206	Tinderbox	390
Leslie Vale	387	Woodbridge	551

2.3 Cultural Diversity

Whilst Kingborough has a culturally diverse community, ABS statistics from the 2021 Census show the majority of the population have either English (44.4%) or Australian (36.9%) ancestry. In terms of country of birth, 75.5% of Kingborough's population was born in Australia, with the next highest being England (5.4%), China (2.8%) and New Zealand (1.2%). In regard to Indigenous status, 4% of Kingborough's residents identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Whilst one of the guiding principles of this Strategy is that facility provision should reflect the diversity of the Kingborough community, the statistics in relation to the ethnicity of the population don't highlight any specific needs from a recreational perspective. This view is supported by the results of the community engagement that did not identify cultural considerations as either a barrier to participation or opportunity for improvement.

3. PARTICIPATION TRENDS

3.1 National

Ausplay data indicates that National participation in physical activity has increased over the past 20 years, with more adults participating more often than they did in 2002 as shown in Figure 3.

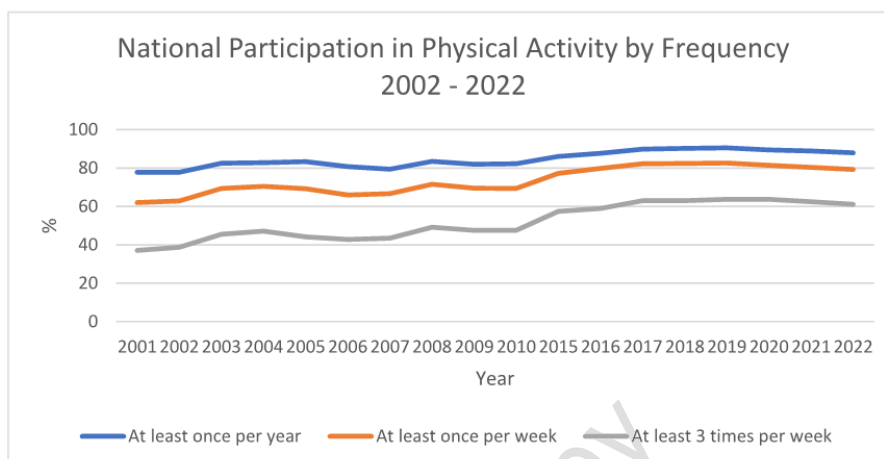


Figure 3 – National Participation in Physical Activity 2002 – 2022 (Ausplay)

There has been an increase in participation in non-sporting related activities, such as walking, running, cycling and fitness, whilst participation in most sporting activities has remained relatively stable, with a decline in participation rates for sports such as tennis, golf and squash.

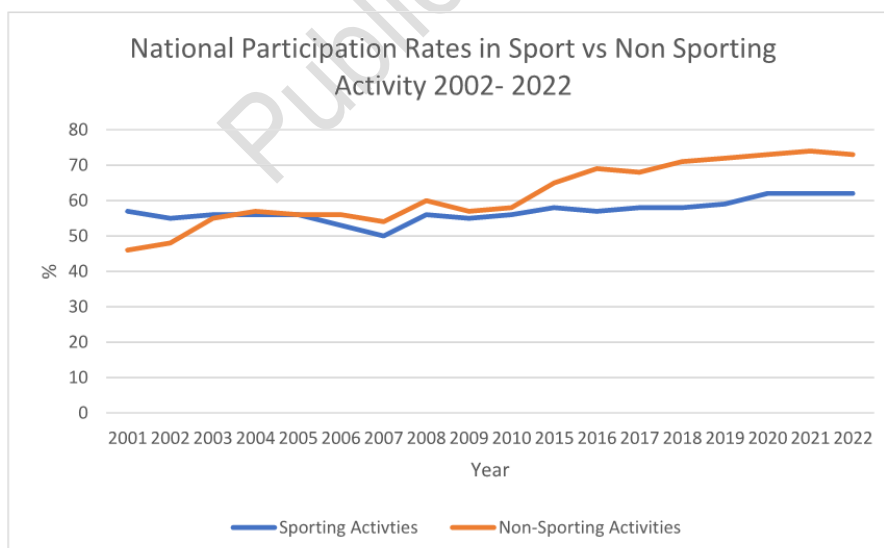


Figure 4 – National Participation in Sport vs Non-Sporting Activities 2002 – 2022 (Ausplay)

Recreational walking ranks as the most popular form of physical activity for adults (aged 15+) in Australia, with 44.6% of the population engaging in this pursuit in 2022.

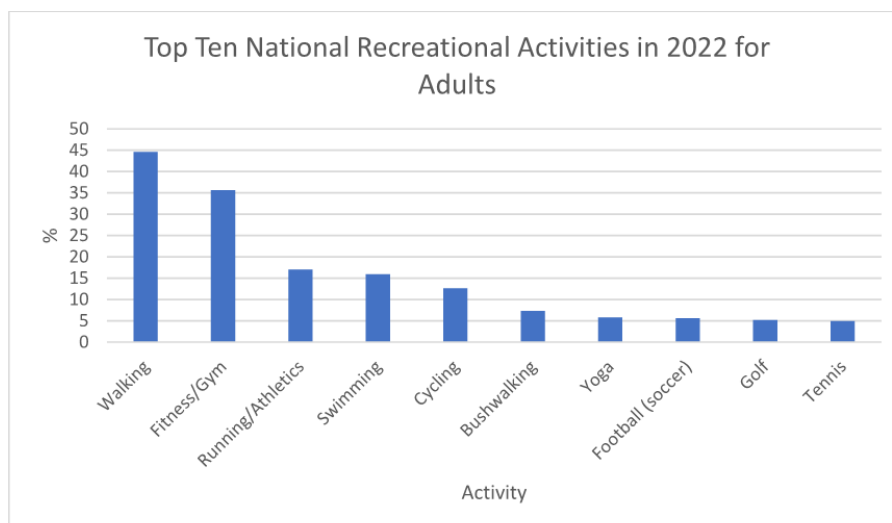


Figure 5 – Top Ten Recreational Activities in Australia for Adults in 2022 (Ausplay)

Swimming was the most popular activity amongst children (aged U/15) with 34% participating in this activity outside of school hours.



Figure 6 – Top Ten Recreational Activities in Australia for Children in 2022 (Ausplay)

3.2 Tasmania

Participation trends for Tasmania are not dissimilar to those experienced Nationally, with recreational walking, fitness/gym, swimming and running the most popular pursuits for adults. In 2022, 87% of the adult population participated in some form of recreational activity at least once a year, with 77% participating at least once a week and 58% participating at least three times per week. There is very little difference in the participation rates between males and females in Tasmania amongst the adult population but for children under the age of 15, the participation rate is 3% higher amongst females. Participation rates are highest for adults in the 35-44 age bracket, whilst participation for children is highest between nine and 11 years of age. Participation rates in recreational activities for adults in Tasmania are marginally higher in urban areas, whilst rates for people with a disability are 10% lower than the State average.

In 2022, 70% of children in Tasmania participated at least once per year in recreational activities outside of school hours, 39% participated at least once per week and 13% participated at least three times per week. These participation rates are all slightly below the National benchmark. 57% of Tasmania’s adult population participates in sport related activities, with this figure increasing to 65% for children under the age of 15. 22% of adults and 45% of children participate in recreational activities through a sports club or association. Swimming is the most popular recreational activity for children in Tasmania, with 29.4% participating in this activity on at least one occasion per year, followed by 17.6% for football (soccer), 11.6% for gymnastics and 10.4% for athletics.



Figure 7 – Top Ten Recreational Activities in Tasmania for Children in 2022 (Ausplay)

3.3 Kingborough

Ausplay data for Kingborough indicates higher than average participation in recreational activities, with 93.3% for adults and 87% for children. Recreational walking is the most popular form of recreational activity in Kingborough, with 45.1% of the population engaging in this pursuit. This figure is even higher amongst the adult population, as shown below:

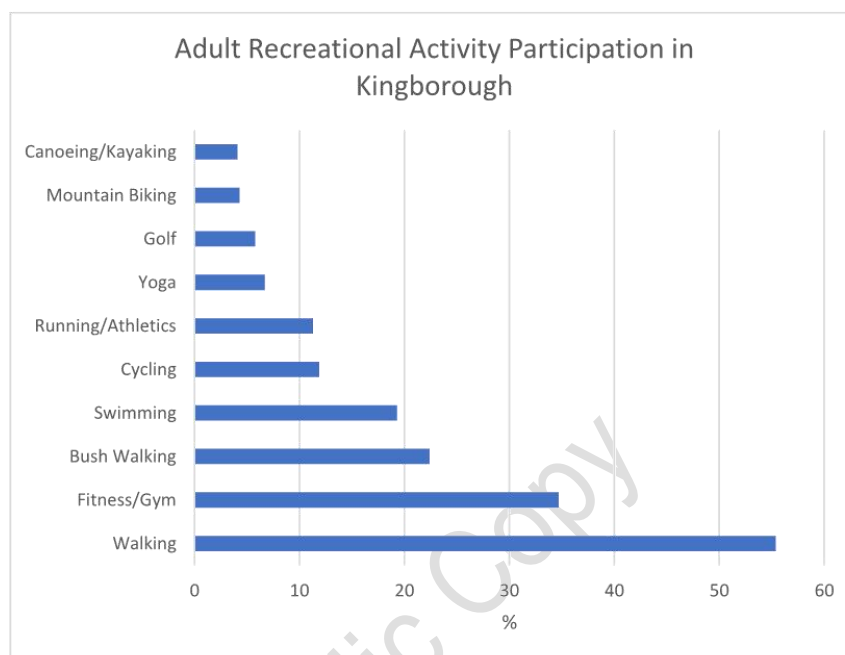


Figure 8 – Top Ten Recreational Activities in Kingborough for Residents Aged 18+ in 2022 (Ausplay)

The trend towards higher participation rates in recreational walking amongst Kingborough residents becomes even more pronounced with age. For residents over the age of 55, the participation rate in recreational walking is 63.1%, with a further 14.5% participating in bush walking. Amongst females, these rates are higher again, with a 79.1% participation rate in recreational walking in the 55+ age group. The picture changes significantly for young people in Kingborough, with swimming the number one activity at 37.3%, followed by gymnastics (20.5%), AFL (10.5%), football/soccer (10.1%) and cricket (8.8%).



4. ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

4.1 Community Survey Results

The community survey received 483 responses, which based on the ABS sample size calculator for a population of 40,979 is sufficient to provide a result with 95% confidence. The survey was completed by 271 females, 202 males and 10 people who selected other. The highest number of respondents (27.5%) live in the Kingston/Kingston Beach area, followed by Margate (18.6%) and Blackmans Bay (17.4%). The age bracket with the highest number of respondents was 41 – 50 years, accounting for 31.9% of responses, followed by the 31 – 40 age group with 23.4% and the 51 -60 age group with

14.5%. Full details of the demographics of participants can be found in the Engagement Report contained within Appendix A.

5.1.1 Indoor Sport and Recreation Participation

The community survey data is consistent with the Ausplay research, with gym/fitness ranking as the number one indoor recreational activity, followed by swimming and yoga/pilates. 22.4% of respondents indicated that they did not participate in any indoor activities, whilst 12.1% indicated that they participated in activities other than those listed. The participation rates for each indoor activity are shown in Figure 9 below:

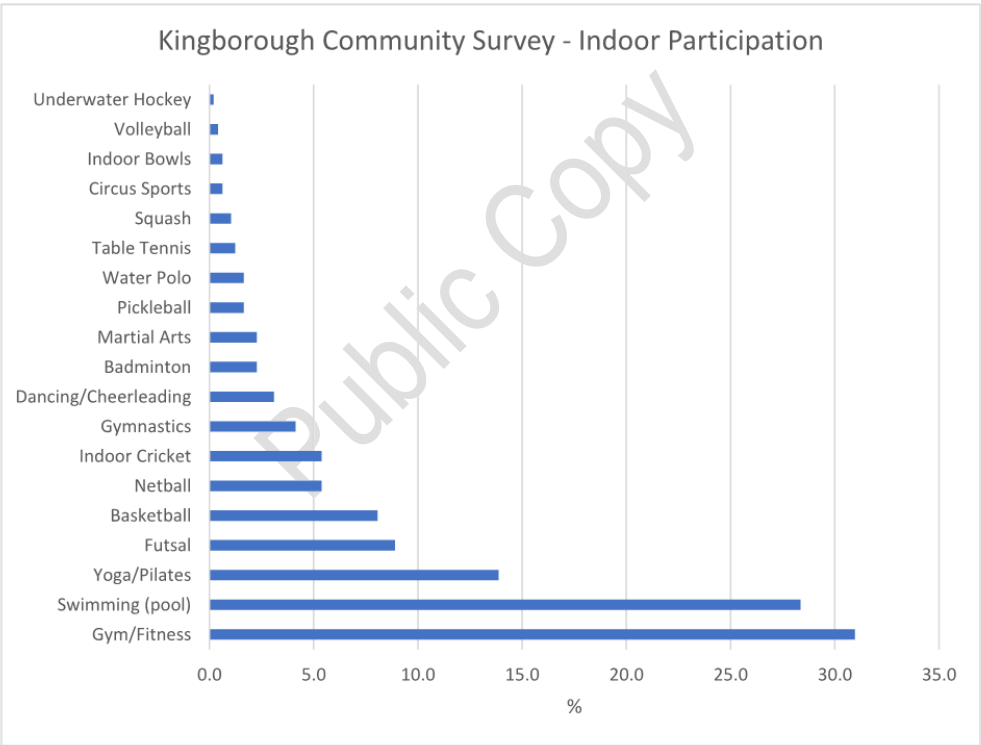


Figure 9 – Indoor Recreational Activity Participation

5.1.2 Outdoor Sport and Recreation Activities

The survey results for outdoor activities also reflect the Ausplay data, with walking the most popular activity with 48.9% of respondents engaging in this form of recreation, followed by bushwalking

(30.8%), running (20%) and cycling (16.5%). The number of non-participants in outdoor recreation was significantly less than the indoor result at 9.3%. The participation rates for outdoor recreational activities are summarised in Figure 10 below:

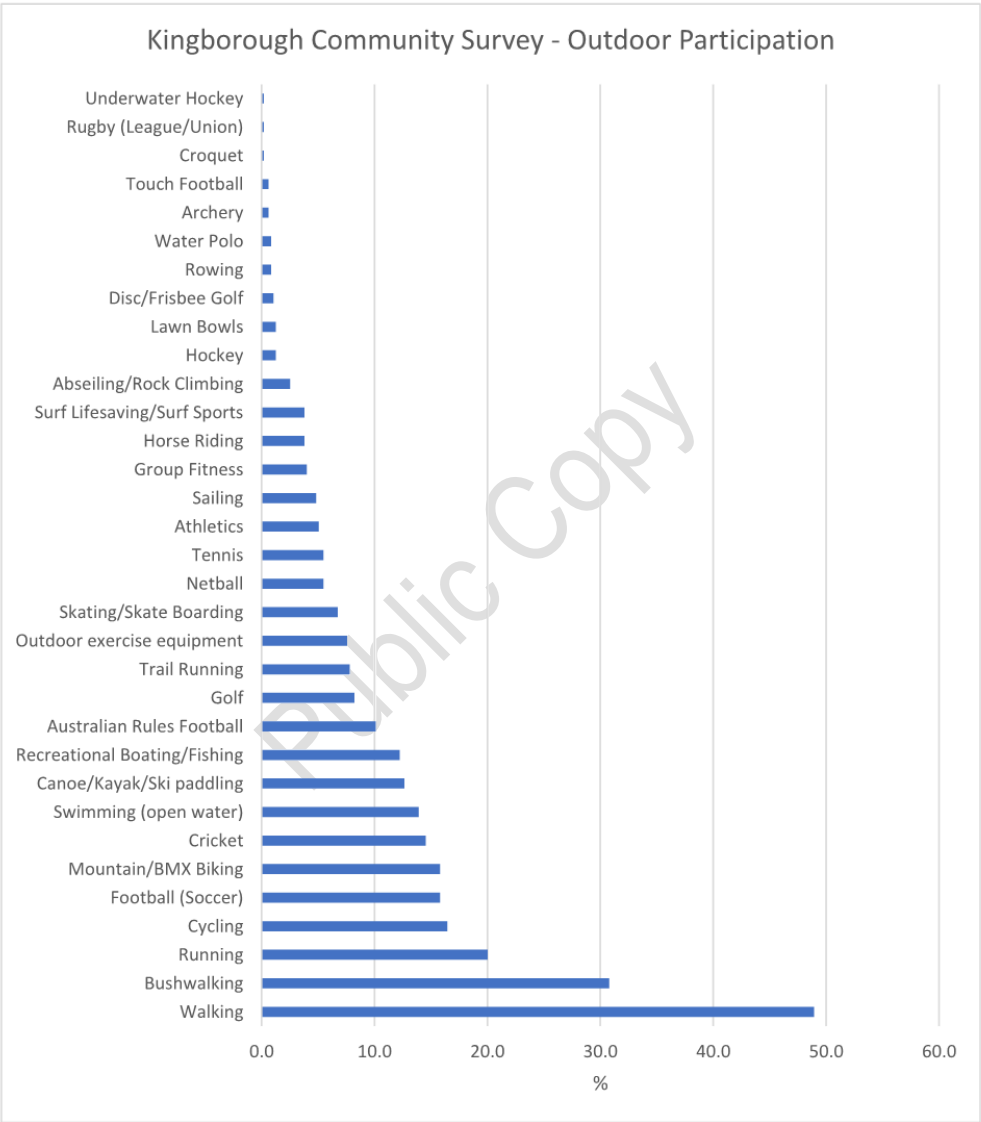


Figure 10 – Outdoor Recreational Participation Activity

5.1.3 Frequency of Participation

The survey shows that participation in recreational activities by Kingborough residents is on par with the National average, with 50.5% of respondents engaging in some form of activity multiple times per week as show in Figure 11 below:

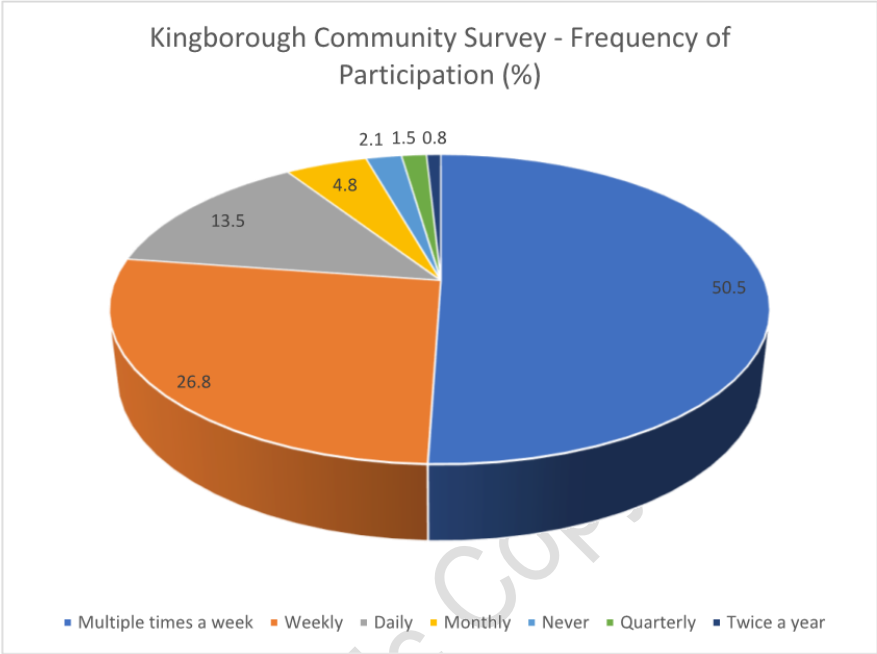


Figure 11 – Participation Rates in Recreational Activities

5.1.4 Standard of Facilities

The survey results show that the community rates the standard of Kingborough’s indoor sporting facilities highly, with 83.2% of respondents giving them at least a “good” rating. Similarly, the standard of dog exercise areas, sports grounds and parks/reserves were rated well by respondents. At the other end of the scale, 90.7% of respondents rated aquatic facilities as being poor or below average. This result is likely to be due to the fact that there is no public aquatic facility in Kingborough rather than a reflection on the standard of privately operated facilities.

The standard of skate facilities, cycling paths and outdoor courts also rated poorly, with more than 50% of respondents indicating that they considered the standard of these to be either poor or below average. Once again, it is assumed that these results relate to public facilities rather than the outdoor courts at member-based clubs such as those provided by the Kingston and Taroona Tennis Clubs. The ratings for each of the respective facilities are shown as weighted averages in Figure 12, in which five equates to the maximum rating of “excellent” and 0 is “poor”.

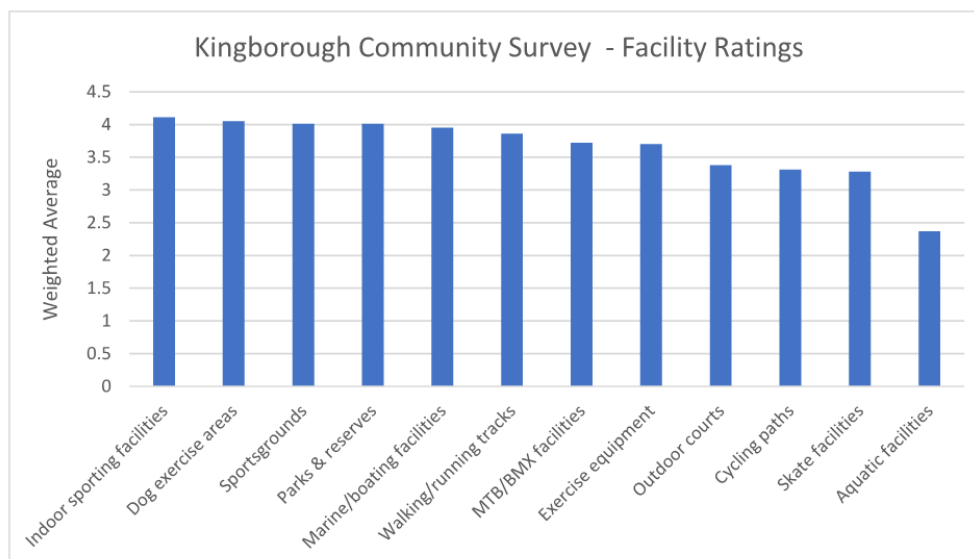


Figure 12 – Standard of Facility Ratings (Weighted Averages)

5.1.5 Opportunities for Improvement

Increasing the number of facilities was the most common answer provided by respondents in relation to the question of how Council can improve its delivery of sport and recreational facilities. 129 people listed “other” in response to this question, with nearly half of these (61) suggesting that a pool or aquatic centre was needed.

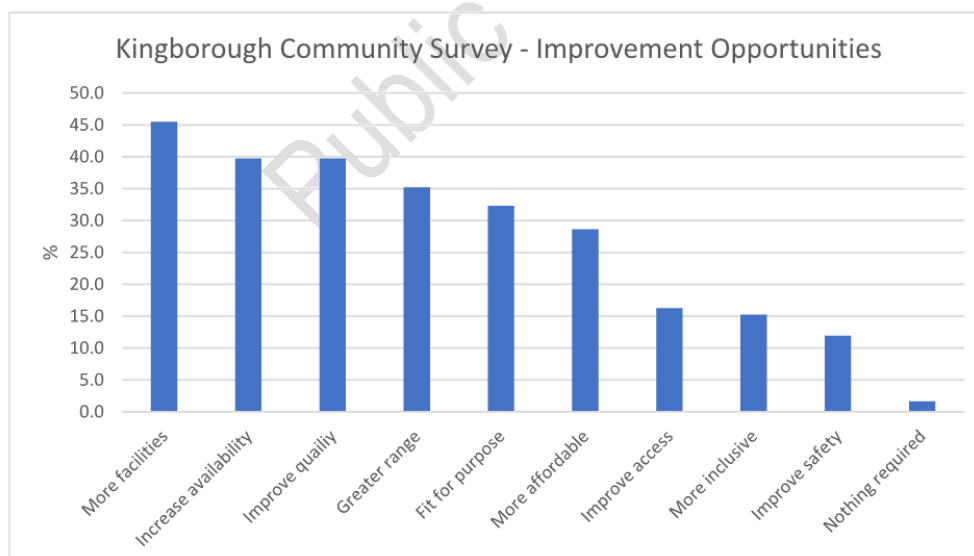


Figure 13 – Opportunities for Improvement

5.1.6 Barriers to Participation

A lack of relevant or specific facilities was the most cited response in relation to the question of barriers to participation, followed by affordability and poor quality of facilities. Once again, the lack of an aquatic facility appears to be the major influencing factor behind this result, with this issue the most prominent in the comments section for this question. 14.6% of respondents indicated that they had no barriers to participating, whilst a lack of gender appropriate facilities was only reported on 19 occasions (8.6%). A summary of the responses provided is show in Figure 14 below:

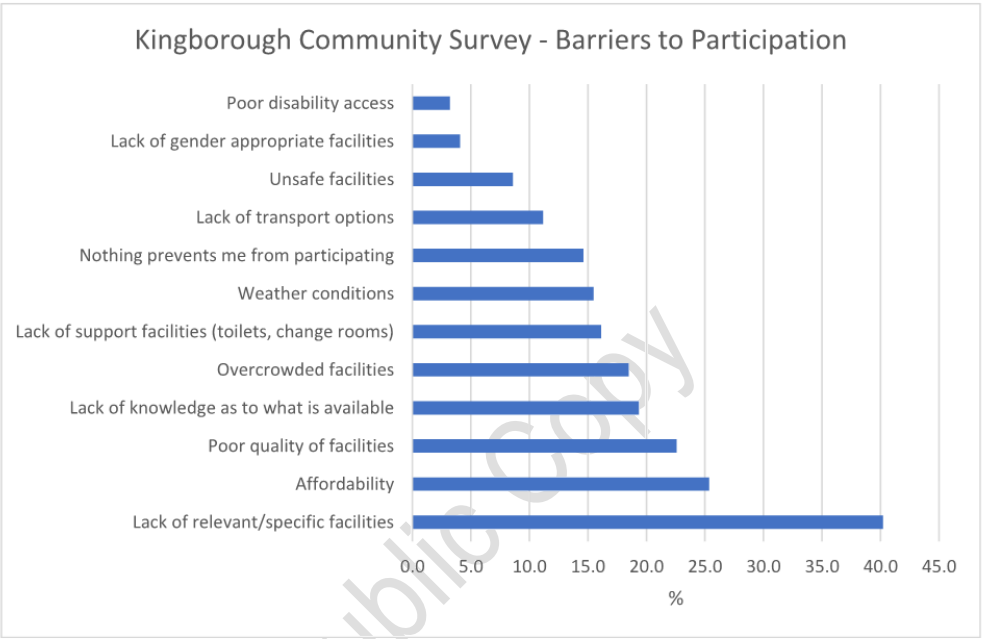


Figure 14 – Barriers to Participation

5.1.7 Initiatives

50.1% of respondents believe that Council should invest in additional infrastructure to meet the sport and recreational needs of the community, with the provision of a pool or aquatic centre mentioned regularly in the comments section for this question. The purchase of land for future facility development was nominated by 39.1% of respondents as being the best initiative to improve access to sport and recreational opportunities. This was followed by the promotion of shared use facilities (31.6%), improving active transport linkages to facilities

(29.9%), investigating use of school grounds (27.4%) and investing in synthetic grounds (23.4%). Other recurrent themes in the comments included the need for improved skate parks, cycling paths and mountain bike facilities.

4.2 Youth Survey Results

The School Survey was completed by 547 students, with a summary of the results provided in Appendix A. 23.7% (128) of respondents live outside of Kingborough but use sport and recreational facilities within the Municipal Area. The highest response rate came from Taroona High School with 31.2%, followed by Illawara Primary (15.4%), Calvin Christian (13.0%) and Woodbridge (12.1%). Most students (65.3%) were in the 10-13 years age group, with 24.8% in the 14-16 years bracket and 7.7% under 10. 84.2% of participants played a sport or engaged in a recreational activity, with 61.9% of

those not participating indicating that they had no interest in doing so. Transport difficulties (20.4%), financial constraints (17.7%) and lack of suitable facilities to play/train (14.1%) were listed as barriers to participation. Most students (85.1%) participate in sport and recreational activities for fun and enjoyment, whilst 63.2% do so for health and fitness benefits. Football (soccer) was the highest participation activity amongst respondents to the youth survey at 36.6%, followed by swimming (21.5%) and netball (13.8%), with the full results shown in Figure 14 below:

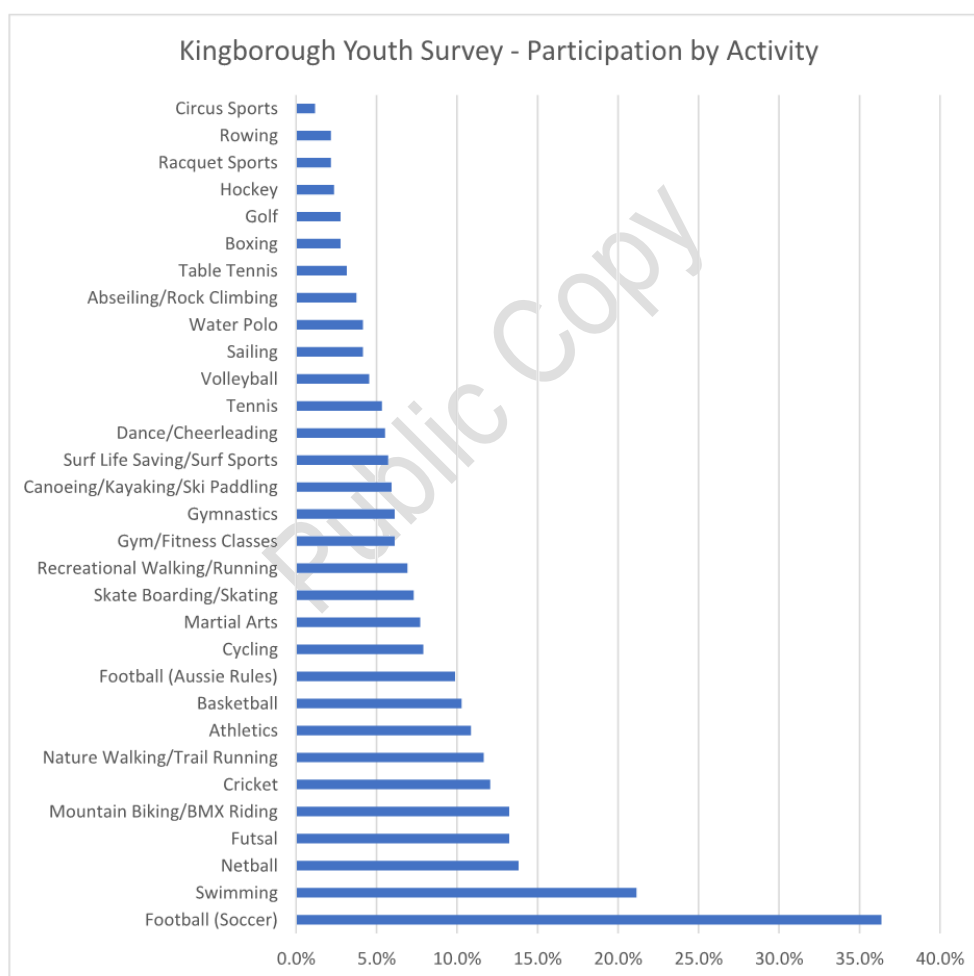


Figure 14 – Kingborough Youth Participation Rates in Sport and Recreation

4.3 Club Survey Results

A survey of sport and recreation clubs/organisations in Kingborough was undertaken to obtain feedback on the specific needs of each group with respect to the facilities that they use. A total of 40 clubs/organisations provided a response to the survey, the results of which are provided in Appendix 2. A summary of the key themes coming out of the survey is provided below:

5.3.1 Participation Trends

Most clubs reported an increase in participation rates over the past five years as shown in Figure 15 below:

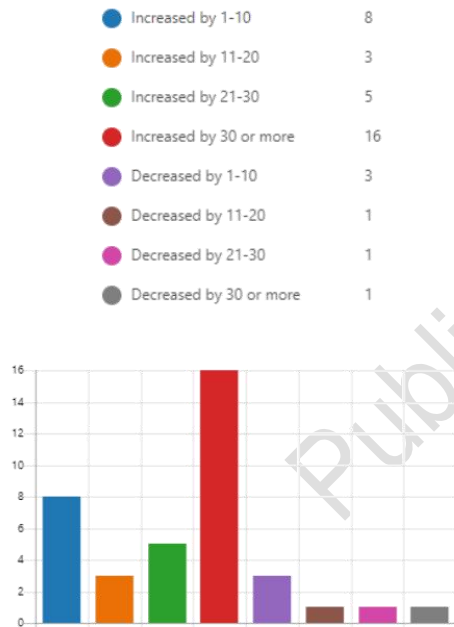


Figure 15 – Club Participation Rates Since 2018

The increase in participation is reportedly an even spread between males and females and across both senior and junior age groups. For those experiencing a decline in participants, most have indicated a drop in the junior/youth demographic.

5.3.2 Barriers to Participation

The cost of accessing sport and recreational activities was identified as the most significant barrier to participation by club/organisation

respondents. Factors mentioned include the current cost of living pressures due to inflation, lack of disposable income, the downturn in the economy as a result of COVID-19 and increased insurance costs. Organisations using Council’s halls (yoga, pilates etc) cited hire fees as a barrier in that they negatively impacted on participation due to the capacity of clients to afford to pay for services. Difficulties in maintaining volunteer numbers due to increasing workloads associated with regulatory compliance was cited by a number of respondents as an issue, along with people being time poor and having less time to commit to playing sport.

5.3.3 Facility Ratings and Opportunities

Facility ratings varied between clubs, with this result not unexpected given the variability in the condition of infrastructure used by clubs and the diverse range of organisations responding to the survey. Improvement priorities mainly focused on upgrading existing facilities to bring them up to contemporary standards and expectations. This includes upgrading of carparks and road access to facilities, along with toilets, changerooms, courts and grounds. Consistency of venue quality was cited as an issue, along with the need for more facilities to meet growth in specific activities eg mountain biking.



5. DATA ANALYSIS – GENERAL THEMES AND IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Demographics

The population projections for Kingborough indicate that the number of children in the 0-14 year age group will remain stable over the next 20 years. Similarly, the number of residents in the 15-29 age group is not predicted to increase by more than a few hundred people over this time period. However, there will be significant growth in the older age groups, with projected age pyramid predicting 5,000 more residents over the age of 50 living in Kingborough by the year 2042. Given the current high level of participation in sport and recreational activities by the Kingborough community, the implications of this data from a recreational planning perspective are as follows:

- 5.1.1 The demand for facilities used for children's sport and recreational activities will only increase in areas where there are existing gaps in service provision and/or changes in participation rates for individual activities; and
- 5.1.2 There will be an increase in demand for facilities used by older residents (ie passive recreational pursuits such as walking, cycling and swimming); and
- 5.1.3 Future facility provision needs to promote universal design to provide inclusive opportunities for all ages and abilities.

5.2 Participation Figures

The results of the surveys conducted by Council are consistent with AusPlay data and other research that shows the highest participation rates within the adult population are associated with passive forms of recreation such as walking, cycling, running, swimming and gym/fitness. The data also shows that Kingborough has a very active community, with above average levels of participation in sport and recreational activities. The implications of these findings are:

- 5.2.1 Council needs to ensure that its investment into sport and recreation service provision is underpinned by strategic planning that includes reference to participation trends; and
- 5.2.2 Given the current high levels of participation in sport and recreational activities amongst the Kingborough community, there is unlikely to be further increases in overall participation levels. There will be fluctuations in participation levels between activities, but these will occur gradually over time.



5.3 Facility Condition

The condition ratings for existing Council facilities show a range of community satisfaction levels, with indoor facilities, dog exercise areas, sportsgrounds, parks/reserves and marine facilities scoring well and aquatic, skate and cycling facilities scoring poorly. However, these results are more a reflection on the provision of such facilities (or more specifically a lack of) rather than their condition. There is a need to assess gaps in the provision of facilities against participation rates, demonstrated need, alternate options and the extent to which the lack of locally provided facilities is causing a barrier to participation. In relation to the condition of facilities, it is necessary to address these on a case-by-case basis, with an underlying motive of ensuring that they are fit for purpose.

5.4 Improvement Opportunities – Aquatic Facility

The most prominent issue arising from the community engagement in relation to the development of this strategy is the desire of the community for a public swimming pool or aquatic facility. This is consistent with the findings of a feasibility study commissioned by Council in 2021 that stated:

The findings from all the consultative methods have indicated that there is strong support for an aquatic centre in Kingborough. At the same time, the consultations found strong evidence that many residents were using other aquatic facilities because there is no venue close to large sections of the community, whether as a result of location and accessibility or the limited scope of the facilities and programs which are provided. These constraints were found to impact on a wide range of groups in the community ranging from children and teenagers through to sporting and recreation groups and older residents (C Leisure 2021).

However, this same study concluded that:

Looked at in combination, the data on the total population size, population growth, projections and the age distribution suggest that Kingborough is unlikely to be able to support a financially or operationally viable 50 metre indoor pool or other “higher order” facilities into the foreseeable future unless it is willing to pay a significant capital and annual operational deficit.

The study indicated that the estimated cost of constructing an Aquatic Facility in the KSC Precinct was \$40.5m, plus an estimated \$4.5m to relocate and rebuild the facilities that would be displaced if it was to be located on the site recommended in the report. These figures are likely to be considerably higher given the increase in construction costs since this report was published. The annual net operating cost to Council was calculated at \$700 - \$750k depending on the management model adopted. An increase in the general rate of 3% would therefore be required to meet the costs associated with operating the facility. Council's response at the time was to acknowledge that it was unable to accommodate the construction of an aquatic facility of this size within its existing budget and resolved to seek financial support from the State and Federal Governments towards the project.

Financial issues aside, the research undertaken as part of the development of this strategy has confirmed that there is a strong justification for the development of an aquatic facility in Kingborough based on the following:

- 5.4.1 AusPlay data indicates that swimming has the highest participation rate of any sport and recreational activity amongst children under the age of 15 in Kingborough;
- 5.4.2 AusPlay data indicates that swimming is the 4th most popular activity in Kingborough amongst adults (aged 18+);
- 5.4.3 Data from the Community Survey indicated that swimming was the second most popular indoor recreational activity in Kingborough;

5.4.4 Data from the Youth Survey indicates that swimming is the second most popular activity amongst school students in Kingborough;

5.4.5 Provision of an aquatic facility was the most prominent opportunity for improvement identified in the community survey; and

5.4.6 The demand for such a facility is only going to increase with an ageing population.

These findings suggest that Council needs to be more proactive in its pursuit of an aquatic facility, with specific recommendations contained in the following section of this strategy, along with those for other improvement opportunities in relation to skate parks and cycle paths.

5.5 Barriers to Participation

Apart from the issue of an aquatic facility, there are no standout concerns in relation to barriers that may prevent or limit participation in sport and recreational activities by Kingborough residents. Affordability is an issue associated with the current cost of living pressures but was only listed by 25.4% of respondents in the Community Survey and 17.7% in the Youth Survey. Lack of transport did not feature significantly in either survey, neither did poor disability access or lack of gender appropriate facilities. This should not be interpreted as meaning that these issues are not important, as equity of access to facilities is a basic human right. However, the fact that these issues have not been highlighted as a major impediment to accessing sport and recreational opportunities in Kingborough is a positive sign.

A lack of knowledge as to what is available was cited by 19.3% of respondents to the Community Survey, which represents an obvious improvement opportunity for both Council and sport and recreation clubs/organisations. Whilst Council has a comprehensive listing of all of its recreational facilities on its website and produces hard copies of the Kingborough Tracks and Trails brochure, there is potentially a need to promote the availability of this information more broadly.

5.6 Initiatives to Improve Access

The survey results are inconclusive in regard to the views of the community on how Council should pursue improved access to sport and recreational opportunities. Whilst investment in additional infrastructure received the highest response rate (cited by 50.1% of respondents), the issue of an aquatic facility dominated the suggestions for both this question and the “other comments” section at the end of the Community Survey. The promotion of shared use of facilities was listed by 31.6% of respondents, indicating that better usage could be made of existing facilities. Investigation into the use of school facilities rated surprisingly low at 27.4%, whilst investment into the development of synthetic sports grounds received the least support at 23.4% - potentially because the benefits of this technology are not fully understood by the community.

There is a tendency for the construction of new facilities to be suggested as the solution to any situation in which facility demand exceeds supply. Whilst this is a logical proposition, it comes with some inherent issues for Council, first of which is the capital cost of the new asset. The number of capital projects that Council can fund each year is limited and with construction costs currently at record levels, the capacity to fund new projects is further diminished. The second factor is the cost of asset maintenance and depreciation. Whilst users may pick up some of the maintenance costs for new assets, in cases where Council is the asset owner, there is a requirement for funding to be set aside to cover the cost of the replacement of the asset over its expected lifespan.

Assets with a high capital cost incur high levels of depreciation, which impacts on Council’s annual expenditure and hence the rates charged to residents. For this reason, it is important that the use of existing facilities is maximised before consideration is given to the construction of new infrastructure. This issue becomes particularly problematic when the demand for facilities is associated with peak times (eg indoor courts from 5-7pm on weeknights). There needs to be a balance between the provision of facilities when it is convenient for people to use them, and the costs associated with having these same facilities under-utilised outside of peak times.



6. ACTIVITY SCAN AND OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 Indoor Sport and Recreational Activities

ACTIVITY	CURRENT FACILITIES	KEY ISSUES	OPPORTUNITIES
Badminton	Kingborough Sports Centre Council Halls	None identified	N/A
Basketball	Kingborough Sports Centre	Court availability at peak times.	Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Boxing	Kingston Beach Oval training facility	None identified	N/A
Circus Sports	Kingborough Sports Centre	Fit for purpose space.	Development of purpose-built facility.
Dancing	Kingborough Gymnastics Centre Council Halls Privately Operated Facilities	Condition and suitability of existing facilities. Hire costs	Development of purpose-built facility.
Futsal	Kingborough Sports Centre Kingborough Indoor Cricket Centre	None identified	N/A
Gym/Fitness	KSC Fitness Centre (privately operated facilities)	Disability Access, lack of space for expansion	Funding provided in Council's 2023/24 Capital budget for an upgrade of the centre, including improved disability access.
Gymnastics	Kingborough Gymnastics Centre	Condition and suitability of existing facility	Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC, including expansion of gymnastics centre.
Indoor Bowls	Kingborough Bowls Club	Maintenance and upgrade of existing facility	Diversification of membership.
Indoor Cricket	Kingborough Indoor Cricket Centre (privately operated)	None identified	N/A
Martial Arts	Kingborough Sports Centre	Condition and suitability of existing facilities	Upgrade of existing facilities and

ACTIVITY	CURRENT FACILITIES	KEY ISSUES	OPPORTUNITIES
	Council Halls Private facilities		implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Netball	Kingborough Sports Centre	Lack of indoor courts to meet demand (particularly during peak periods).	Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Pickleball	Kingborough Sports Centre	Lack of social space at KSC. Court access at peak periods.	Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Squash/Racquet Ball	Kingborough Sports Centre	Condition of existing courts.	Upgrade of existing facilities.
Swimming (pool)	Kingston Swim Centre (privately owned and operated)	Limited capacity Community desire for a public facility	Kingborough Aquatic Facility Feasibility Report provides options to pursue a Council owned/operated pool.
Table Tennis	Kingborough Sports Centre	Facility condition	Upgrade of existing facility. Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Underwater Hockey	Nil	No locally available facilities	Aquatic facility in Kingborough.
Volleyball	Kingborough Sports Centre	Court access at peak times.	Implementation of Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Water Polo	Nil	No locally available facilities	Aquatic facility in Kingborough.
Yoga/Pilates	Kingborough Sports Centre Council Halls Private facilities	Affordability	Review hire rates for Council Halls for this activity. Development of purpose-built facility.

6.2 Outdoor Sport and Recreational Activities

ACTIVITY	CURRENT FACILITIES	KEY ISSUES	OPPORTUNITIES
Archery	The Lea	None identified	N/A
Athletics	Gormley Park	Standard of facilities	Implementation of Gormley Park Masterplan.
Australian Rules Football	Twin Ovals, Kingston Beach Oval, Snug Oval	Ground capacity Gender appropriate supporting infrastructure	Development of an additional ground within the KSC Precinct. New changerooms at Kingston Beach and Snug Ovals. Greater access to school grounds.
Cricket	Twin Oval Cricket Ground (Turf), Kingston Beach Oval, Sherburd Oval, Lightwood Park No. 2 Oval, Leslie Vale Oval, Margate Oval, Snug Oval, Kettering Oval, Woodbridge Oval, Alonnah Oval	Facility maintenance and upgrades Lack of access to a second turf wicket in Kingborough	Development of Masterplans for individual sportsgrounds. Development of second turf wicket.
Croquet	Kingston Croquet Club	Maintaining standard of existing facility	Upgrade of current facilities.
Cycling	Multi-use trails, bike lanes	Lack of cycle paths and connectivity	As per Kingborough Cycling Strategy.
Disc/Frisbee Golf	Sportsgrounds	Lack of locally available facility for disc golf	Facility currently being developed at Taroona High School.
Football (Soccer)	Lightwood Park, Kelvedon Oval, Sherburd Oval, Margate Oval, Woodbridge Oval	Grounds at capacity in Kingston and Taroona areas Ground closures due to wet weather	Development of Synthetic based grounds. Greater access to school grounds. Upgrades to change facilities to universal access.
Golf	Kingston Beach Golf Club, North West Bay Golf Club	None identified	N/A
Group Fitness	Numerous private operators using a range of facilities	None identified	N/A

ACTIVITY	CURRENT FACILITIES	KEY ISSUES	OPPORTUNITIES
Hockey	Sportsgrounds	Not currently played in Kingborough and low levels of demand for facilities	N/A
Horse Riding	Huntingfield Pony Club (Peter Murrell Reserve), designated tracks and trails, private horse arenas	Insurance, increasing workload for volunteers, loss of rural land for keeping horses	More multi-use tracks as per Tracks & Trails Strategy
Lawn Bowls	Taroona Bowls Club, Kingborough Bowls Club, Bruny Bowls Club	Facility maintenance and upgrades	Diversification of membership base
Mountain/BMX Biking	Kingston Mountain Bike Park and Pump Track, Kingston Park (children)	Lack of locally available trails	Upgrade of current facilities, more multi-use tracks as per Tracks & Trails Strategy
Netball	Kingston Sports Centre, School facilities	Outdoor courts subject to weather conditions	Conversion of outdoor courts to indoor as per the Concept Plan for new Multi-Use Court facilities at KSC.
Outdoor Gym	Balmoral Park, Kingston Park	Provision of equipment suitable for older residents	Equipment upgrades
Recreational Boating/Fishing	Boat ramps, jetties, wharves, marinas and pontoons (combination of ownerships between Council, MAST and private facilities)	Facility upgrades	MAST strategic planning and grant funding
Rock Climbing/Abseiling	Blowhole Reserve (abseiling)	None identified	N/A
Rugby	Sportsgrounds	Not currently played in Kingborough and low levels of demand for facilities	N/A
Running/Trail Running	Sportsgrounds, footpaths, tracks, trails	Connectivity of tracks and trails	As per Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategy
Sailing	Kingston Sailing Club Kettering Sailing Club	Safe access to the water, disability access, participation costs	Facility redevelopment

ACTIVITY	CURRENT FACILITIES	KEY ISSUES	OPPORTUNITIES
Skateboarding	Taroona Skate Park, Blackmans Bay Skate Park, Kettering Skate Park, Alonnah Skate Park	Condition of facilities, lack of a contemporary standard facility in Kingborough	Pursue a high quality facility within Kingborough
Surf Lifesaving	Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club	Capacity of existing facilities restricting potential growth Legislative demands on volunteers	Facility redevelopment
Tennis	Kingston Tennis Club, Taroona Tennis Club Public tennis courts at Tinderbox, Dennes Point, Dru Point, Snug and Middleton	Facility maintenance and upgrades	Upgrades to public facilities
Touch Football	Sportsgrounds	Not currently played in Kingborough and low level of demand for facilities	N/A
Underwater Hockey	Nil	No locally available facilities	Aquatic facility in Kingborough
Walking/ Bushwalking	Footpaths, tracks, trails	Facility maintenance and upgrades Connectivity of tracks and trails	As per Kingborough Tracks and Trails Strategy

7. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Outlined below is a summary of the recommended actions for implementation of the Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy. Actions and priorities are subject to change and adjustment dependant on available funding opportunities and support from other levels of Government. The Plan notes the role of Council in supporting the implementation of the actions and assigns priority ratings to each of the actions based on the following timeframes:

- Ongoing = an ongoing action for the life of the plan or until the objective is achieved
- Short = 0 – 3 years
- Medium = 3 – 5 years
- Long = 5 – 10 years

Estimated costs accompany each recommended action, where:

- Low = Less than \$100,000
- Medium = \$100,000 - \$1m
- High = \$1m - \$5m
- Very High = More than \$10m

	PROJECT	RECOMMENDATION	TIME FRAME	PROJECT COST
Council Role – Provider				
1.	Aquatic Facility	Establish a Project Steering Committee to progress the development of an Aquatic Facility in Kingborough, including consideration of design options, cost planning and funding opportunities.	Ongoing	Very High
2.	Tracks and Trails	Review, update and implement Kingborough Tracks and Trails Action Plan and resource in accordance with current and projected participation levels.	Ongoing	Very High
3.	Second Turf Wicket	Pursue the development of a new ground within the KSC Precinct with a turf centre wicket.	Short	High
4.	Sportsgrounds	Prepare and implement conceptual masterplans for each sportsground in consultation with tenant clubs to determine future facility upgrades and priorities.	Short	Medium
5.	Cycle Paths	Implement the Kingborough Cycling Strategy and resource in accordance with current and projected participation levels.	Ongoing	Very High
6.	Skate Park	Pursue the development of a high-quality skate park facility in Kingborough.	Short	Medium
7.	Outdoor Courts	Upgrade public courts at Dru Point, Snug, Tinderbox and Dennes Point to include provision for multi-use activities.	Medium	Low

	PROJECT	RECOMMENDATION	TIME FRAME	PROJECT COST
8.	Synthetic Playing field	Pursue the development of a synthetic based sportsground at Lightwood Park and/or Kelvedon Oval.	Long	High
9.	Indoor Courts	Establish a Working Group to pursue the development of additional indoor courts at the Kingborough Sports Centre in accordance with the Concept Plan prepared by Inspiring Place in 2022 and consider options to stage the development to address the short-term requirements of individual user groups.	Long	Very High
10.	Lightwood Park	Upgrade Lightwood Park in accordance with the Masterplan prepared by Inspiring Place in 2018.	Medium	High
11.	Gormley Park	Upgrade Gormley Park in accordance with the Masterplan prepared by Inspiring Place in 2023.	Medium	High
12.	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	Investigate options for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment within Council's parks and reserves.	Medium	Medium
13.	Sea Pool	Explore the potential development of a sea pool in Kingborough.	Short	Medium
Council Role – Advocacy and Support				
14.	Kingston Beach Sailing Club	Support the Kingston Beach Sailing Club in its proposed redevelopment of its clubroom facilities.	Medium	High
15.	Kingston Beach Surf Lifesaving Club	Support the Kingston Beach Surf Lifesaving Club in its proposed development of new clubroom and training facilities.	Short	Medium
16.	Bruny Bowls Club	Support the Bruny Island Bowls and Community Club in its proposed redevelopment of its clubroom facilities.	Short	Medium
17.	Taroona Tennis Club	Support Taroona Tennis Club in its proposed redevelopment of its clubroom facilities.	Short	Medium
Council Role – Facilitation				
18.	Council Halls	Review hire charges for recreational activities in Council's Community Halls.	Short	Low
19.	Marine Facilities	Prepare a Marine Facilities Strategy to identify priority upgrades for marine infrastructure in Kingborough, including facilities for kayaking, canoeing and recreational fishing.	Medium	Medium
20.	Grants	Council to include within its Workforce Plan provision for a Grants Officer to source external funding and assist clubs to identify and apply for grant opportunities.	Medium	Low

	PROJECT	RECOMMENDATION	TIME FRAME	PROJECT COST
21.	Promotion	Investigate options to improve community knowledge of sport and recreational clubs, including use of Council's website and signage at venues with QR Code for further information.	Short	Low
12.	Land acquisition	Pursue the acquisition of land at Dru Point from TasWater for the development of new sportsgrounds and partial use as a dog exercise area.	Short	Low
Council Role – Partner				
22.	School Facilities	Collaborate with the Department for Education, Children and Young People to develop partnerships that deliver greater community access to school facilities, particularly for growth sports such as soccer where demand for grounds exceeds supply.	Ongoing	Medium

8. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – List of completed projects from 2013 Strategy

SPORTS COURTS (OUTDOOR):

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Sports Courts (Outdoor)	Kingston Tennis Club: Working with Tennis Australia, Tennis Tasmania and the Kingston Tennis Club to plan and construct at least one court (with lighting) initially and a second in the medium term (depending on demand) adjacent to the Kingston Tennis Club site. An estimate for the construction of a single acrylic hard-court is around \$60k to \$80K.	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Kingston Tennis Club received Sport & Rec funding in May 2016 of \$39,968 and a capital works contribution, for 2 full courts resurface upgrades. The Club have a 2019 Business Development Plan to seek funding for court & light upgrades. All courts received LED light upgrades to Tournament standard in 2020 (cost \$65,000, funded by the club and with a \$10k contribution from TA). 2023: 2 courts fully upgraded to national standard level with \$220,000 grant from State Government and KC contribution.
	In conjunction with the Kingston Tennis Club, Taroona Tennis Club and Tennis Tasmania, come to an arrangement through lease agreements whereby access to the existing courts is made more accessible to the public for informal tennis opportunities by developing a more efficient, widely known and publicised system of public access (pay and play) system.- Staff time	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Once 2016 court upgrades completed, Council and Tennis Tas will work with both clubs re public access and an accessible system. Tennis Tas offering Kingston Tennis Club the 'Book a Court' system. Kingston Tennis Club now have a system (2020) where you don't have to be a member to book a court but higher fees apply. Taroona Tennis Club have installed 'Book a Court' system.
	Taroona Tennis Club: Work with the Taroona Tennis Club to improve the club facility and environment over time to make the club more welcoming and inviting, improving the quality of the tennis experience delivered by the facility. Staff Time	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Taroona Tennis Club received Sport & Rec Grant Funding in May 2016 of \$52,057 and Council Capital works contribution for 3 full court upgrades in 2017. Lighting upgrades for 3 courts completed Jan 2018. The 4th court was resurfaced and new net posts installed April 2021. New LED floodlights of 4 poles were installed in 2022 and a hitting wall extension with new netting completed in Aug 2022.
	Identify a suitable practice to reduce the impact on the tennis courts of tree roots and implement as regularly as recommended. Staff Time	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Unresolved
	Initiate discussions with the Taroona High School to investigate the possibility of Council providing tennis nets for	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed	Contact with school in May 2016 and concern of public liability in regard to public access and public

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	use at the school tennis courts and ensure that the courts are open to public use at all non school use times. An estimate for this project is \$600.00.		<input type="checkbox"/> In progress	access not encouraged. They have nets.
	Dru Point Tennis: Upgrade the look, feel and usability of the Dru Point tennis courts, especially the standard of fencing, the shelter and seating area adjacent to the court and the signage related to the courts. Evaluate and cost the resurfacing of the two courts so as to provide a quality surface at this venue. Consider implementing a court management system to ensure that everybody gets a fair chance to court access at busy times. An estimate for this project is between \$60k to \$100k	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	2017 – KC received a Grant for a Dru Point Masterplan. Completed. Donated nets from the Kingston Tennis Club installed at Dru Point, April 2017 to replace ones in poor condition. 2023 – Tennis courts being reviewed for refurbishment as part of upgraded works at Dru Point with Council funds.
Sports Courts (Outdoor) cont.	Assess the condition and needs of the tennis courts at Kettering, Middleton, Adventure Bay and Dennes Point and develop maintenance and upgrade plans for improvements over the next 10 years.	Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	Audit done (Tennis Tas template) in 2014 on 9 public Council Tennis Courts – sent to Tennis Tas. Tennis Tas completed audit in 2019 Middleton Tennis Court upgrade through grant application in 2021 Snug Tennis Court getting refurbished as a Capital Works bid 23/24 Friends of North Bruny keen to upgrade Tennis Courts at Dennes Point through seeking a grant.
	Assess the condition of the tennis courts at Snug and Alonnah and in conjunction with the community, develop projects to upgrade these courts to include other facilities such as a basketball ring/soccer goals etc. to meet the needs of the community.	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	Bruny Island School pursuing option for netball rings in the Tennis Court at Alonnah. Snug recreation facilities reviewed in 2016 to assess community needs for sport & rec infrastructure in Snug area. New playground being installed 2018 and basketball key being added to tennis court. \$51,000 in 20/21 Capital Works for Snug Tennis Court refurbishment

PAVILION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT:

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Pavilion Development and Improvement	Kelvedon Oval Pavilion: Working closely with the user groups, the Taroona community and Football Federation of Tasmania, develop a concept plan which includes the construction of a basic yet usable pavilion design taking into account the planning principles of this study. Following this planning, funding should be pursued to see this development implemented. It is estimated that this project would cost between \$300K-500K and the development of partnerships (including the club, Council and State Government) for this projects funding should be pursued.	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Taroona Football Club submitted a Development Application in Sept 2016 for a new pavilion. Finances secured for 19/20: TCF Grant: \$90,000? State Gov't: \$240,000 Federal: \$350,000 Council: \$150,000 Project completed 2021
	Lightwood Park Pavilion: Develop in conjunction with Football Federation Tasmania and the local user groups in Kingborough the further redevelopment of the clubroom/changeroom and spectator facilities at Lightwood Park. This planning should include improved storage solutions for clubs and consider the needs for carparking adjacent to the building(s).	Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	KLUFC completed minor clubroom upgrades in 2016. A working group has been established to investigate planning for a full project proposal for upgrade of facilities at Lightwood Park and future all-weather surface proposal. Full feasibility & Masterplan report for Lightwood Park completed 2017 with grant funding. Grant submitted 2018 to Sports Aust. Unsuccessful. Level the Playing Field Grant successful late 2019 to build new female friendly change rooms in 2020 Work commenced on full pavilion in 2021 and is ongoing through 2023 with stage 2 near completion and stage 3 in the planning. \$6 million worth of upgrades in total.
	Margate Oval Pavilion: Develop in conjunction with the Margate Cricket Club and the Margate Primary School Soccer Club a concept plan for the upgrade of the existing sporting pavilion so as to meet the long-term needs of both clubs. An estimate for works is between \$50k and \$100k	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	Roof replaced in 2019 2021 – club have engaged an architect and now have plans to seek funding for upgraded changerooms.
	Kettering Oval Cricket Pavilion: Continue to work with the Kettering Cricket Club to develop a future building plan that will	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	The Cricket Club have completed a plan in 2016 to extend and improve the clubhouse. 2018 – received \$100,000 pre-

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	meet the current and future needs of the club and community			election commitment funding for project. Kettering Cricket Club received a grant in 2021/21 for \$62,790 for new centre pitch and training nets. New public Toilets installed 2023. Capital Bid 23/24 to convert old public toilets into second changeroom.
	Undertake building audit of all Council owned sports ground buildings including change rooms, clubrooms, scoreboards, kitchens/canteens and identify a prioritised schedule of works to bring them up to the relevant standard. Priority should be in accordance with usage and trends and work should meet planning principles. Estimated cost- \$30K	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	AFL Tas and Cricket Tas did an audit of grounds and changerooms in 2017. FFT doing audit 2019 Council Building staff doing audit 2019 Woodbridge Masterplan for the oval created in 2020. Cricket Tas doing on all grounds and Clubrooms in 2023.

SPORTS GROUNDS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES:

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Sports Grounds and associated facilities	Kelvedon Oval: Undertake assessment of the costs associated with a complete rebuild of the Kelvedon Oval including drainage and soil profile. Estimated cost including irrigation- \$300k-\$400k	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	The KC Turf Team completed some improvements and the ground is in a more improved condition. Current consensus is the ground doesn't justify that amount to be spent. A Pavilion upgrade is of higher priority at this stage. \$200k budget bid for 23/24 for drainage upgrade.
	In conjunction with the Taroona Soccer Club and other community groups, develop a landscaping plan for the Kelvedon Oval precinct incorporating pathway and carparking planning, local trail linkages and signage plan. (In conjunction with building redevelopment.) Estimated cost \$100k	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	As part of the new Pavilion development in 2019/20.
	Taroona High School: Investigate options for further community and club use (especially for training) of sports grounds at the Taroona High School and identify barriers for clubs using these facilities such as sports lighting and toilets etc.	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Taroona Football Club utilise the high School grounds on a regular basis.
	Gormley Park: Develop a master plan of the Gormley Park precinct identifying the needs and desires of the current and future user groups. This plan should include clubrooms, oval layout, athletics layouts, carparking areas and other issues such as drainage around both the building and the ground.	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	KC & Inspiring Place upgraded Sports Centre Precinct Masterplan 2019 Gormley Park had complete new drainage and ground refurbishment in 2023. \$100K allocated in 22/23 budget for upgrades to clubrooms/changerooms
	Lightwood Park: Expand the western most soccer ground at Lightwood Park to create a full-sized junior soccer pitch. The KSC Master Plan recommended that Lightwood Park should become one of the best venues for soccer in the Greater Hobart region. This plan recommended that the ground Develop a plan that would see Lightwood Park 1 be redeveloped to become a fully drained, sand-based turf pitch with night lighting. (From Sports Centre Masterplan).	Medium Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Lightwood Park 3 playing surface expansion to a new ground completed early 2018 including lighting. Lightwood Park 2 new cricket nets in 2021 (grant received \$34k) Lightwood Park 1 and 1B complete refurbishment in 2023.

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	Kingborough Sports Centre Precinct: Develop in conjunction with Football Federation Tasmania a concept plan for the development of a 'soccer hub' made up of synthetic surfaces and flexible fencing options to accommodate a broad variety of all-weather high participation sporting opportunities (not just soccer). This action will require analysis of all sports ground areas within the precinct and include the needs for access, parking and support buildings. Estimated cost of a single full size synthetic soccer pitch is between \$800k and \$1.5m	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Lightwood Park 1 upgrades/new ground and lighting completed 2018 and another refurbishment in 2023. Grant received in 2017 for a feasibility report and Masterplan for Lightwood Park including geotechnical reports. Estimated costs for synthetic ground including lighting: \$2M A working group of relevant stakeholders has been established to progress and seek future funding KC & Inspiring Place upgraded Sports Centre Precinct Masterplan 2019
	Training Ground above Gormley Park: Improve the playing surface (i.e. size, landslip issues, investigate drainage, subsurface profile) and as well as appropriate sports lighting options of the 'Training Ground' on the top side of Gormley Drive to make this ground more suitable as a training venue for soccer as well as a multiuse venue (expanded action from the Sports Centre Master Plan to be considered in relation to the broader action item regarding the concept of synthetic surfaces).	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Quotes obtained early 2016 for improvements for Lightwood 3 for playing surface. Lightwood Park 3 playing surface improvements to drainage and surface completed 2020
	Twin Ovals: Continue to pursue funding opportunities that will contribute to the construction of suitable spectator facilities and associated car parking areas at the Twin Ovals (football)- Estimated cost \$4M.	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Grandstand for TO1 has had state funding and been completed 2018/19 \$500,000 pre-election commitment funding for tiered seating at TO2 in 2018/19 Grant of \$91,244 received in 20/21 by KDCC for new scoreboard for cricket oval.
Sports Grounds and associated facilities cont.	Kingston Beach Oval: In partnership with the Kingborough Junior Football Club, invest in a lighting upgrade at Kingston Beach Oval to meet the needs of the club and to provide a safer playing and training environment.	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Lighting upgrade completed July 2018 Full net refurbishment completed 2019 Level the Playing Field Grant of \$340K and \$104k from Council for new female friendly changerooms to be constructed 2023/24.
	Snug Cricket Ground: In partnership with the Snug Cricket Club, investigate options for the upgrade and improvement of the cricket training nets.	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Training wicket, surface upgrade with Sport & Rec Grant fund contribution (\$10,000) in 2013. Total cost of upgrade \$22,870.

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	Consideration is required on the most suitable long-term location within the oval area.			New synthetic wider pitch installed in 2022 from a Grant. Changeroom refurbishment in 2022 funded by grant/club. Net replacement – approx. cost \$45,000 in 23/24 capital works budget.

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RECREATIONAL AND CYCLING TRAILS

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Recreational and Cycling Trails	Coffee Creek Track: Widen the track and upgrade to a hard gravel surface between Huntingfield and the new Algonia Rd underpass - taking into consideration the impacts on the natural environment of the corridor including trees and water management. Investigate the possibilities of taking this track through to Howden Road. Investigate the construction of a shared path linking Coffee Creek Track with Huntingfield Ave adjacent Patriarch Drive.	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Track from underpass to Patriarch Drive has been widened and gravelled and also connecting to Redwood Rd.
	Whitewater Creek Track: Investigate safe crossing options such as a pedestrian refuge on Summerleas Rd linking the new section of concrete path with the section of trail linking the Spring Farm Bridge.	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	Council Road Engineer advised Summerleas Rd too narrow at this crossing for a pedestrian refuge without major road work upgrades. Grant applications applied for an underpass 2021 with final designs being finalised 2023 ready for construction.
	Whitewater Creek Upgrading: Upgrade this multiuser track to a concrete surface along the whole length between Summerleas Road and Kingston CBD to provide a quality trail experience for users and ensure its longevity and sustainability into the future. Estimated cost \$400-500K	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Track severely damaged in storm May 2018 requiring major reconstruction works. Sections will be upgraded with Kingston Park Playground development. Grant received 2021 to upgrade Whitewater Creek Track to 3m wide, concrete shared path
Recreational and Cycling Trails cont.	Alum Cliffs: Complete the land negotiations and agreements required to complete this track project to the Shot Tower and then beyond to link with the Taroona Foreshore Track	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	ROWS have been purchased by Council. Final extension from the Shot Tower to Wandella Ave has been completed and opened in Spring 2016. Stair upgrades completed 2019
	Explore barriers to the introduction of mountain bike access to the Alum Cliffs Track	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Planned for 2017/2018 Risk Assessment of shared use undertaken in 2017. With some minor modifications it would suit a shared use trial. Halted in April 2018 due to political interference.
	Develop a landscaping plan aimed at defining the path from the footbridge to the new entrance ramp of Alum Cliffs through the carparking area at Browns River Estimated cost \$60k	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Carpark re-gravelled and a new footpath installed linking from the Scout building to start of Alum Cliffs track July 2016
	Taroona Foreshore Tracks:	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed	Karingal Court walkway steps flagged for Capital Works project

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	Continue to develop and upgrade sections of the Taroona foreshore track links including those that connect streets to the beach.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	2016 Wandella Ave connection path completed in 2016. 112 Flinders Esplanade section upgrade in 23/24 Capex.
	Kettering Point Track: Following Council's leasing arrangements being finalised, upgrade this track in conjunction with a combination of people from the various Kettering Community groups between Ferry Road and Trial Bay to ensure a safe enjoyable walk or ride in this popular area. Estimated cost of an upgrade of the second section of this track is \$50K	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Work undertaken in 2013 to upgrade the track to Kettering Point. Track has been re-surfaced and hardened (August 2016) New stair rail 2019
	Nierinna Creek Track: Develop this track further to meet the needs of all user groups including MTB riders as per the recommendation in the Greater Hobart MTB Master Plan. Estimated cost of an upgrade is \$50K	Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	Issues with the steepest parts of the trail are on very narrow corridors of Council land so limited ability to re-align and adjust gradient. Further investigation and options required. Capital works project for 20/21 upgraded step section west of Perrins Rd intersection. Both bridges to be replaced in 2023.
	Regional (D'Entrecasteaux) Trail: Continue planning to develop public access to sections of trail between Mt Nelson and Kaoota Tramway as part of the development of the Hobart to Dover linkage	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Discussions with Mt Nelson Landowners stalled.
	Cottage Road to Kingston CBD (Wetlands Track) - Shared path development. An estimate for this project is \$160k	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Community Grant Fund applied for 2016 (successful) and \$50,000 POS funds committed. Cost of project \$85,000 (not sealed)
Recreational and Cycling Trails cont.	Greater Hobart Mountain Bike Master Plan: Continue to plan and deliver relevant actions from the Greater Hobart Mountain Bike Master Plan including the Westringa Track, Regional Trail, MTB Park and Nierinna Creek Track	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	This has been superseded by new strategies.
	Work closely with Hobart City Council to progress the possibility of public access to the popular MTB track from Fern Tree to the bottom of Summerleas Road.	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Initial discussions held, landowners still allowing access, not formalised.
	Kingborough Mountain Bike Park:	High	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed	Some upgrades in Dec 2016 with capital works funds to address

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	Continue to implement elements of the Kingborough Mountain Bike Park including stage two projects such as a pump track, skills area and additional trails. Monitor the facility and plan additional facilities such as shelters, seating, bbq and toilets in accordance with demand. The completion of the planned mountain bike riding elements from the Masterplan are estimated to be a cost of \$50k		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In progress	drainage issues and harden the descending track. 2018/19 project for stage 2 upgrades completed. Dirt Jumps upgraded 2019 with \$10,000 from Capital works budget. Pump track needs expansion and asphaltting – funding required. New asphalt pump track and shelter installed 2023 (with State Gov' Grant of \$262, 683 and \$26, 532) and Council funding. A toilet will be installed later in 2023.
	Kingborough Trails Audit: Audit all 'existing' trails in Kingborough - and develop an updated strategy for future major and minor improvements with a focus on those that meet the criteria and planning principles listed in this document as a priority. Accessibility, safety, sustainability and signage should be a focus of this planning. - Staff time or consultancy	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Kingborough Tracks & Trails Action Plan (2009) has been reviewed, updated, and endorsed and aligned with a new Draft Strategic Action Plan (2017). Tracks audit by contractor completed Dec 2017. Tracks maintenance and signage audit completed in 2020
	Margate to Snug Shared Trail: Pursue external funding opportunities for the future development of the Margate to Snug shared trail – Project cost is estimated to be between \$500k and 800k	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Feasibility report conducted. \$400,000 committed in 16/17 Capital Works. Trail construction completed Dec 2018
Other Facilities	Kingborough Sports Centre: Investigate suitable retractable spectator seating options of at least 800 seats. Estimated cost is between \$350 and \$500K	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	New spectator seating installed 2015.
	Investigate options for the development of a suitable external access to the main stadium via a ramp to the carpark.	Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Investigation has occurred, awaiting funding opportunity.
	Undertake a study of the open level 4 area identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the current situation in this area the issues regarding these areas use the potential uses and user groups of this area if improvements were made and the relevant improvements required to ensure this area is well 	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	A fence with padding has been installed as a sound barrier on level 4 between the martial arts area to block noise from the stadium below which enables this area to be better utilised.

STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	PROGRESS	COMMENTS
	utilised and operated effectively.			
	Beach Volleyball: Investigate the possibilities and barriers to the development of permanent net posts on Kingston Beach for the purposes of organised and non-organised volleyball. - Staff time	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Not pursued by the local club
	Kayak/Canoe: Develop a plan which identifies the future facility needs that would support the kayak and canoe groups in Kingston Beach and in other parts of Kingborough. -Staff time	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	KC have been working with the Derwent Canoe Club regarding possible installation of slalom gates at a suitable location. Awaiting the club to lodge a DA. New kayak racks for washdown installed at Kingston Beach Sailing Club end and at Snug Beach in 2022/23.
	Recreational Fishing: Develop a plan which identifies the future facility needs that support recreational fishing in Kingborough. Staff time	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	
	Blackmans Bay Skate Park: Continue to monitor the needs of the community in regard to the possible renovation or redevelopment of the Blackmans Bay Skate Park- Staff time	Medium	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress	The Skate Park was upgraded in in 2016/17 with the aid of a Tas Community Fund Grant and Public Open Space Funds. Playground upgraded in 2018

15.3 MILLS REEF PARK**File Number:** 17.71**Author:** Daniel Smee, Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services**Authoriser:** Gary Arnold, General Manager**Strategic Plan Reference****Key Priority Area:** 1 Encourage and support a safe, healthy and connected community.**Strategic Outcome:** 1.5 An active and healthy community, with vibrant, clean local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider requests from the Bruny Island Community Association in relation to Mills Reef Park at Alonnah.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 14 September 2020, Council resolved to advertise its intention to sell seven residentially zoned properties in Kingborough, including Lot 1, William Carte Road at Alonnah, with funding from the proceeds of the sale to be used to upgrade the playground in the nearby foreshore reserve.
- 2.2 This land was acquired by Council in the 1970's as a public open space requirement associated with a 22-lot subdivision.
- 2.3 Council at the time could have taken cash in lieu but elected to take the land. However, it was not developed for use as public open space and was subsequently zoned for residential purposes.
- 2.4 At its meeting of 26 October 2020, Council resolved not to proceed with the sale of the land and agreed to allow the Bruny Island Community Association (BICA) to develop the site as public space on the condition that Council would revisit the proposed sale if there had been no substantial progress from the community within 12 months (Minute C626/20-2020 refers).
- 2.5 Following the Council decision in October 2020, the Bruny Island Community Association (BICA) and a local working group have been developing the site as a community park (now referred to as Mills Reef Community Park).
- 2.6 In October 2023, Council received a request for funding for the purchase of play equipment to support the continued development of the park and subsequently resolved to consider this as a capital bid in the 2024/25 budget.
- 2.7 Further correspondence has recently been received via email from a representative of the Working Group requesting the following:
1. *Arrange for the runoff onto the Mills Reef Park from the Hotel Bruny to be tested as it seems to be contaminated, probably from the septic/waste water/stormwater overflow.*
 2. *Arrange for the weed management team to visit the site and deal with the weeds.*

3. *Arrange for the park to be mowed by the Council and re-imburse Dion Dillon for the costs associated with doing this job for the past two years.*
4. *Get Council to contribute to the park in real terms. They could do this by matching the contribution from community organisations. To date the project has cost \$72,000. \$40,000 has been from the Tasmanian Community Fund. \$10,000 has come from BICA and the Cork Club. Council could fund the \$22,000 over run and the estimated \$10,000 to finish Stage Two.*
5. *Arrange for the project and management of the facility to be taken over by Council officers.*

3. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 There are no statutory requirements associated with this matter.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The decision by Council in October 2020 to allow the community to utilise the land as public space was based on the understanding that this would include responsibility for maintenance of the park whilst it was being developed. This is at odds with the request for reimbursement of mowing costs contained within the most recent correspondence.
- 4.2 Similarly, Council has never made any commitment of funds towards the upgrade of the park but has provided in-kind support through officer advice.
- 4.3 Given the lack of clarity with respect to ownership and maintenance of the assets that have now been constructed on land owned by Council, it is appropriate that management of the facility be taken over by Council.
- 4.4 This includes responsibility for maintenance of the park, inclusion of the infrastructure on Council's asset register, depreciation of these assets and provision of insurance.
- 4.5 The requests for financial contributions towards the project are best considered as part of the budget process in accordance with Council's resolution of 2 October 2023.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 Assuming responsibility for maintenance of the park will add to Council's operational expenses and provision for this increase in cost will need to be made as part of the preparation of the 2024/25 budget.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 The requests relating to testing of runoff and weed management have been referred to Council's Environmental Services Department for assessment.

7. COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The proposal to sell the land in 2020 was advertised in accordance with the requirements of Council's Sale of Land Policy and received numerous objections from the local community, including a petition signed by 172 people.

8. RISK

- 8.1 The question of responsibility for maintenance and management of the park was raised by staff in the initial stages of its development, with options including a lease to BICA or direct management by Council.

- 8.2 This matter was never resolved, leaving a situation in which Council as the landowner is potentially exposed to liability.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Correspondence has been received requesting Council to formally take over the management and maintenance responsibilities for Mills Reef Park and commit funding to its upgrade.
- 9.2 It is considered appropriate for Council to accede to the request, with the question of funding provision to be considered as part of the budget process.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to accept management and maintenance responsibilities for Mills Reef Park at Alonnah and adds the facility to its asset and insurance registers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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15.4 SPRING FARM CONNECTION TRACK

File Number: 22.362

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Strategic Plan Reference

Key Priority Area: 1 Encourage and support a safe, healthy and connected community.
Strategic Outcome: 1.5 An active and healthy community, with vibrant, clean local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend an allocation of funds as a co-contribution to a successful \$350,000 grant application to the State Government's Open Spaces Grant Program.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council applied for funding earlier this year to Round 1 of the Open Spaces Grant Program for \$350,000 towards the construction of a track to connect planned trail developments in Spring Farm Estate and the Kingborough Sports Precinct as shown in pink on the plan below.



- 2.2 A Council contribution of \$237,000 is required to complete the project, with the appropriate source being funds from the Public Open Space account.

3. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 The work is exempt from the requirement for a development application under Clause 5.2.10 of the *Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015*.
- 3.2 It will be necessary to call tenders for the construction of the track in accordance with Section 333A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 Work to extend the Whitewater Creek Track into Spring Farm to allow for greater connectivity for active transport into the Kingston CBD is currently underway, whilst the provision of a track to provide a connection from the residential areas in Corlacus Drive into the Kingborough Sports Precinct has recently been completed.
- 4.2 The missing link is a 450m section of track through the Council owned bushland, with a bridge crossing over Whitewater Creek.
- 4.3 The connection has been identified in Kingborough's Tracks & Trails Strategic Action Plan (2017-2022) and will provide an active transport link for residents in the Spring Farm and Whitewater Estates to access the Kingborough Sports Precinct and Kingston High School.
- 4.4 This will help alleviate traffic congestion in Kingston View Drive and contribute towards improved community health and safety by allowing for people to walk or ride to destinations within the Sports Precinct.

5. FINANCE

- 5.1 The project has been costed at \$587,000 of which the Open Spaces Grant will provide \$350,000.
- 5.2 It is proposed that the remaining funds required to complete the project be sourced from the Public Open Space account, that currently has a balance of \$77,000 but is due to be topped up by around \$300,000 through the sale of land at Taroona.

6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 The route of the track has been selected to minimise impacts to the vegetation within the bushland reserve.

7. COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The provision of a trail connection between Spring Farm Estate and the Kingborough Sports Precinct was the subject of a public petition received by Council in February 2021.

8. RISK

- 8.1 No risks to Council are identified in relation to this matter.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Council has been successful in obtaining a grant for \$350,000 to provide a trail connection between Spring Farm Estate and the Kingborough Sports Precinct.

- 9.2 A contribution of \$237,000 is required to complete the project, with the proposed funding source being the Public Open Space account.

10. RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve an allocation of \$237,000 from the Public Open Space account towards the development of a trail connection between Spring Farm Estate and the Kingborough Sports Precinct

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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15.5 APPENDICES**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Appendices attached to the Agenda be received and noted.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION

At the time the Agenda was compiled there were no Notices of Motion received.

17 CONFIRMATION OF ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* Council, by absolute majority, move into closed session to consider the following items:

Confirmation of Minutes

Regulation 34(6) *In confirming the minutes of a meeting, debate is allowed only in respect of the accuracy of the minutes.*

Applications for Leave of Absence

Regulation 15(2)(h) *applications by councillors for a leave of absence*

Current Court Matters

Regulation 15(2)(i) *relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council*

In accordance with the Kingborough Council *Meetings Audio Recording Guidelines Policy*, recording of the open session of the meeting will now cease.

Open Session of Council adjourned at

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNS

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

RECOMMENDATION

The Closed Session of Council having met and dealt with its business resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Item	Decision
Confirmation of Minutes	
Applications for Leave of Absence	
Current Court Matters	

CLOSURE

APPENDICES

- A General Manager's Activities 30 October 2023 to 24 November 2023
- B Current and Ongoing Minute Resolutions (Open Session)
- C Quarterly Summary Action Report to September 2023

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A GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES 30 OCTOBER 2023 TO 24 NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Description
30 October	Attended Southern Waste Solutions Organics Project briefing
	Attended Councillor workshop
31 October – 2 November	Attended LGAT General Meeting in company with the Mayor, Cr Paula Wriedt and Cr Flora Fox
3 November	Met with Ms Penny Wells to discuss stormwater
6 November	Attended Council meeting
8 November	Attended 'Unreasonable Conduct' workshop hosted by LGAT
9 – 10 November	Attended LGAT General Manager's Workshop
13 November	Attended Councillor Workshop
14 November	Attended Derwent Estuary Program AGM
15 November	Participated in National Oil Spill Response Emergency Management Exercise
16 November	Met with representative of Datascape to discuss software
20 November	Attended Council meeting
21 November	Participated in Metropolitan Council GM's weekly meeting
	Attended Hobart City Deal Board Implementation Meeting
22 November	Attended TasWater AGM
23 November	Attended Copping Authority Risk Appetite workshop, AGM and General Meetings in company with Cr Gideon Cordover
24 November	Attended Emergency Services Hub meeting hosted by the Department of Police, Fire & Emergency Services

B CURRENT AND ONGOING MINUTE RESOLUTIONS (OPEN SESSION)

CURRENT	
Resolution Title	The Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy
Meeting Date	2 October 2023
Minute No.	C314/19-2023
Status	In progress
Responsible Officer	Manager Development Services
Officers Comments	A submission was sent to State Govt (who are running the project) in October 2023. We await further direction or steps from them on the project.
Anticipated Date of Completion	Unknown.
Resolution Title	Buy Local Procurement & Tendering Policy
Meeting Date	20 November 2023
Minute No.	C365/22-2023
Status	Ongoing
Responsible Officer	Director Engineering Services
Officers Comments	A draft policy will be developed for Council in accordance with the Council resolution
Anticipated Date of Completion	February 2024
STILL BEING ACTIONED	
Resolution Title	Expansion of Smoke-Free Areas
Meeting Date	5 June 2023
Minute No.	C172/10-2023
Status	In progress
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
Officers Comments	Planning commenced for consultation
Anticipated Date of Completion	December 2023
Resolution Title	Continuous Improvement Policy
Meeting Date	19 December 2022
Minute No.	C494/24-2022
Status	In progress
Responsible Officer	Director People & Finance
Officers Comments	Policy to be prepared
Anticipated Date of Completion	September 2023
Resolution Title	Multicultural Strategy
Meeting Date	19 December 2022
Minute No.	C498/24-2022
Status	In progress
Responsible Officer	Director Environment, Development & Community Services
Officers Comments	Public multicultural survey complete. The draft report of the survey outcomes are being reviewed by the Multicultural Advisory Group.
Anticipated Date of Completion	July 2024

Resolution Title	Tinderbox Beach Erosion Management – Community Consultation Report
Meeting Date	5 December 2022
Minute No.	C475/23-2022
Status	Ongoing
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
Officers Comments	Development of a local plan for Tinderbox Reserve not included in 23/24 budget. Will review in the 24/25 budget.
Anticipated Date of Completion	June 2023
Resolution Title	Speed Limit on Woodbridge Hill Road
Meeting Date	6 June 2022
Minute No.	C256/10-2022
Status	Complete
Responsible Officer	Director Engineering Services
Officers Comments	Transport Commission have agreed to a reduction to 60km/hr. This will be finalised once a signage plan and some consultation with the community is undertaken.
Anticipated Date of Completion	Completed
Resolution Title	Glyphosate
Meeting Date	7 February 2022
Minute No.	C54/2-2022
Status	Ongoing
Responsible Officer	Director Environment, Development & Community Services
Officers Comments	A broader herbicide usage review is underway which encompasses Glyphosate. The project is now due for completion by end of FY23/24. Glyphosate is classified as safe for use by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
Anticipated Date of Completion	June 2024

C QUARTERLY SUMMARY ACTION REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 2023

Key to Status Symbols			
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None	On Target	Ahead of Schedule	Ongoing

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
1.1 A Council that engages with and enables its community							
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 - 2025							
1.1.1 Implement the Corporate Engagement Framework to provide a consistent approach to community engagement across the organisation	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
1.1.6 Undertake stakeholder engagement as part of the review and update of the Kingborough Dog Management Policy 2023	0	0	●	0	0	●	Stakeholder and public engagement complete.
Community Services 2023 - 2025							
1.1.2 Deliver services and events to ensure the needs, issues and aspirations of young people in our community are embedded into program delivery by Council	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Key initiatives include, school holidays program, get ready for work program, youth services program.
1.1.3 Provide services and programs that meet the needs of older people in our community	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Key initiatives include the volunteer program, reserve walks, pop-up cafe, aging education sessions
Environment, Development & Community Services 2023 - 2025							
1.1.4 Collaborate with Destination Southern Tasmania, the Huon Valley Council and the tourism industry to market the region south of Hobart	0	0	●	0	0	●	
1.1.5 Support the operations of the Kingborough Community Forum as a means of receiving feedback on Council's policies, strategies and projects	0	0	●	0	0	●	
Finance 2023 - 2025							
1.1.7 Undertake community consultation in relation to Council's budget.	0	0	●	0	0	●	

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
1.2 An inclusive community that has a strong sense of pride and local identity							
Community Services 2023 - 2025							
1.2.1 Deliver a range of civic, cultural and community events that celebrate local attributes	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Initiatives include citizenship ceremonies, cultural walks
1.2.2 Provide services, events, advocacy and leadership for arts and culture	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Program includes art workshops, KIN, development of the sculpture trail
1.2.3 Maximise the usage of the Kingborough Community Hub as a focal point for community activities.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Initiatives include markets, film nights, Youth Services program, Health Check Road Show. Night of Lights held in July.
Development Services 2023 – 2025							
Environment, Development & Community Services 2023 – 2025							
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 – 2025							
1.2.5 In partnership with local community groups, develop heritage trails and interpretative signage for areas of historical and cultural significance	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
1.3 A resilient community with the capacity to flourish							
Emergency Management 2023 – 2025							
1.3.1 Work with local community groups to promote a safe, sustainable and resilient community through practical planning for risk mitigation, preparedness and recovery	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing. Initiatives include Sparking Conversations Igniting Action events and the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Programs in partnership with TFS.
Environmental Services 2023 – 2025							
1.3.2 Continue to review, update and implement Council's Public Health Emergency Management Sub-Plan to guide the management of risks to the community	25	25	●	25	25	●	On target
Community Services 2023 – 2025							
1.3.3 Operate the Kingborough Volunteer Program to assist older residents to continue to live in the community with dignity.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
1.3.4 Enhance organisational support for volunteering opportunities and recognise and celebrate volunteers in the community	25	25	●	25	25	●	Onnngoing. Council World Gratitude Day held in September, Quarterly check in sessions for council volunteers.
1.3.5 Provide support to community groups through a transparent and targeted provision of grants for community-based projects	25	25	●	25	25	●	Annual Community Grants Program advertised.
1.4 A Council that acknowledges the existence of a climate change and biodiversity emergency and has in place strategies to respond							
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
1.4.1 Review, update and implement the Kingborough Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. through developing and implementing a governance structure, processes and systems to ensure its implementation	25	25	●	25	25	●	New governance structure in place to ensure cross council implementation of climate change related intiatives and risk assessments.
1.4.2 Implement priority actions from the Kingborough Climate Change Action Plan (2023/24)	25	25	●	25	25	●	Climate Change Report Card being developed. Climate Adaptation Officer funded in 23-24 budget. Coastal Hazards Policy adopted by Council. Received Carbon and Energy Footprint for Council and the community.
1.4.3 Adopt and implement the Coastal Hazards Policy to guide Council coastal works and asset management actions in the context of climate change	25	25	●	25	25	●	Coastal Hazards Policy adopted. Coastal works decision framework in development.
Engineering Services 2023 - 2025							
1.4.4 Develop and Implement a Stormwater strategy to address the management of the flood risk and within Council's urban drainage catchments	25	25	●	25	25	●	Draft strategy complete
1.5 An active and healthy community with vibrant, clean, local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities							
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 - 2025							
1.5.1 Review and update the Kingborough Tracks and Trails Action Plan.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Review underway.
1.5.2 Complete the development of Kingston Parkin partnership with the	25	25	●	25	25	●	Council component of works complete.

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
developer, Traders in Purple and in accordance with the Project Delivery Agreement.							
Engineering Services 2023 - 2025							
1.5.3 Continue to review, update and implement the Recreational Water Quality Management Strategy to improve the water quality of Council's beaches used for recreational activities	25	25	●	25	25	●	
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
1.5.3 Continue to review, update and implement the Recreational Water Quality Management Strategy to improve the water quality of Council's beaches used for recreational activities	25	25	●	25	25	●	Winter water testing completed for Blackmans Bay Beach.
1.5.4 Undertake community engagement and provide guidance and recommendations to Council on how to manage existing and new Council Smoke Free Areas into the future	25	25	●	25	25	●	Engagement designed. Implementation in early 2024.
1.5.5 Continue to review, update, and implement Council's Immunisation program providing Kingborough community members access to NIP funded immunisations through school based and community clinics	25	25	●	25	25	●	Full review of Immunisation Program complete and recommendations being implemented,
2.1 Service provision meets the current and future requirements of residents and visitors							
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 - 2025							
2.1.1 Complete the implementation of the Transform Kingston Program	25	95	✓	25	95	✓	Bus stops and interchange only outstanding items.
2.1.2 Complete the civic works in Kingston Park	25	100	✓	25	100	✓	Council works complete.
2.1.3 Investigate options for the development of a multi-story carpark in Kingston	25	25	●	25	25	●	Business case prepared.
Executive Management 2023 - 2025							
2.1.4 Continue to lobby the State Government to improve public transport services within Kingborough.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
Information Services 2023 - 2025							
2.1.5 Develop a process to measure community satisfaction with the delivery of infrastructure and services	25	25	●	25	25	●	A section to be included in the Community Satisfaction Survey together with existing Customer Contact Surveys offered to customers after contacting Council
2.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are underpinned by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing population							
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 - 2025							
2.2.1 Implement the Kingston Congestion Package as outlined in the Greater Hobart City Deal Implementation Plan.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Transform Kingston works nearly complete.
2.2.3 Review and update the Kingborough Sport and Recreation Strategy to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to the development and management of Council's recreational facilities	25	75	✓	25	75	✓	Draft Strategy prepared to go out for public comment early in the new year.
2.2.5 Implement the Kingborough Community Halls Strategy to provide accessible and functional halls throughout Kingborough	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
Engineering Services 2023 - 2025							
2.2.2 Update Central Kingston Parking Strategy	25	25	●	25	25	●	Draft strategy complete, Workshop to be held with Council in the new calendar year.
2.2.4 Deliver the annual infrastructure Capital Works program	25	25	●	25	25	●	
2.2.5 Review Strategic Asset Management Plan	25	25	●	25	25	●	Draft strategy complete.
2.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary standards							
Community Services 2023 - 2025							
2.3.1 Through the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee, improve the accessibility of Council's services, buildings and information to people with a disability	25		—			—	

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
Governance, Recreation & Property Services 2023 - 2025							
2.3.2 Implement the Kingborough Public Toilet Strategy and ensure effective provision, upgrading and maintenance of Council owned public toilets throughout the Municipal Area	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
2.3.3 Implement the Kingborough Playground Strategy to provide a comprehensive network of quality, accessible and well-maintained playgrounds throughout Kingborough	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
2.3.4 Develop a Building Maintenance Schedule and inspection regime to provide proactive maintenance of Council's buildings and community facilities	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.
2.4 The organisation has a corporate culture that delivers quality customer service, encourages innovation and has high standards of accountability							
Works Department 2023 - 2025							
2.4.1 Review and improve the pathway system to ensure that we are closing the loop effectively and efficiently for the customer	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ensuring information is provided as outcomes in the Pathway system
Information Services 2023 - 2025							
2.4.2 Develop and deliver a Customer Service Strategy for the organisation.	25	25	●	25	25	●	
Executive Management 2023 - 2025							
2.4.3 Develop an operational plan which clearly articulates the values, key results areas, performance measures and deliverables for the organisation and that this plan is clearly conveyed to all emp	25	100	✓	25	100	✓	Annual Plan complete and endorsed by Council August 2023
2.4.4 Implement the Kingborough Council Leadership Framework for managers and supervisors as a key driver of continuous improvement and accountability.	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
Finance 2023 - 2025							
2.4.5 Review the Long-Term Financial Plan to ensure the strategic actions identified in the Plan are delivered and implement strategies to improve the financial performance of the organisation	25	25	●	25	25	●	Preliminary update has commenced
2.5 Council is a desirable place to work, attracting committed and engaged staff through progressive human resource practices and a positive work environment							
People & Safety 2023 - 2025							
2.5.1 Undertake negotiations for the 2023 Kingborough Council Enterprise Agreement	25	100	✓	25	100	✓	Enterprise Agreement finalise August 2023
2.5.2 Develop and implement the annual Workforce Plan which sets the priorities for workforce strategies, learning and development programs and resourcing capacity	25	50	✓	25	50	✓	Workforce Plan in place, and now working on updated draft for 2024 plan.
2.5.3 Undertake the biennial employee engagement survey and link the results into the Workforce Plan	25	25	●	25	25	●	Draft Workforce Plan for 2024 due to be submitted to Manex for review in November.
2.5.4 Review the Council's Work Health and Safety Management Plan and System and deliver the identified WHS strategies to meet Council's obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas)	25	50	✓	25	50	✓	WHS Management plan reviewed, and action items underway / due to be closed off by end of 2023.
2.5.5 Implement and deliver an annual employee health and well-being program with a key focus delivering the community action plan for mental health	25	50	✓	25	50	✓	Recent engagement in health & wellbeing include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Luke's Health onsite visit;• Spirit Super onsite visit;• LGBTIQA+ training provided by Working it Out;• RUOK Day morning tea;• Speak Up Stay Chatty onsite Visit to Works Depot. Upcoming sessions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGBTIQA+ training provided by Working it Out;• Mental Health First Aid training

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
3.1 A Council that values and prioritises its natural environment, whilst encouraging investment and economic growth							
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
3.1.1 Improve the compliance response for environmental matters to ensure effectiveness of controls	25	0	➡	25	0	➡	Limited action. Officers attended Authorised Officer training for the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act with a focus on erosion and sediment control on development sites.
3.1.2 Develop Council's Tree Strategy 2023-2033 and maintain a Register of Significant Trees	25	25	●	25	25	●	Register of Significant Trees maintained. Tree Canopy mapping for Kingborough settlement areas complete.
3.1.3 Develop a By-law to ensure that regulations provide appropriate protection for trees on private land	25	50	✓	25	50	✓	Trees on Private Property By-law on community consultation
3.1.4 Deliver biodiversity offset projects under the Kingborough Environmental Fund Implementation Plan 2019-2023 and update the implementation plan	25	25	●	25	25	●	Biodiversity Offset projects being implemented as per Implementation Plan. New Implementation Plan due to Council in December 2023.
3.1.5 Manage the natural area reserve network through the development and implementation of both new and existing reserve management plans	25	25	●	25	25	●	Reserve Management Plans being implemented including actions such as weed control, litter control and community engagement.
3.1.6 Develop and implement existing Creek Maintenance Plans that improve the health and function of urban waterways	25	0	➡	25	0	➡	No waterway management activities completed this quarter.
Development Services 2023 - 2025							
3.1.1 Improve the compliance response for environmental matters to ensure effectiveness of controls	25	85	✓	25	85	✓	This is an ongoing compliance matter. Development Services only responsible for those trees covered by the Planning Scheme. By-law matters or those not covered by the Planning Scheme is dealt with by Environmental Services.
Compliance 2023 - 2025							
3.1.1 Improve the compliance response for environmental matters to ensure effectiveness of controls	25	25	●	25	25	●	Ongoing action.

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
3.1.3 Develop a By-law to ensure that regulations provide appropriate protection for trees on private land	25	75	✓	25	75	✓	By-Law developed and advertised for public comment.
Engineering Services 2023 - 2025							
3.1.6 Develop and implement existing Creek Maintenance Plans that improve the health and function of urban waterways	25	25	●	25	25	●	
3.2 A community that has a well-developed sense of natural and cultural heritage							
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
3.2.1 Provide opportunities and engage the community in the conservation and restoration of our natural areas, wildlife and plants	25	25	●	25	25	●	Engagement and education activities include Dose of Nature and seniors guided walks. Activities with local schools. Aussie Bird Count citizen science events. Social media posts.
3.2.2 Foster positive working relationships with landcare groups across the municipality, coordinating the network of volunteers to achieve good environmental outcomes	25	25	●	25	25	●	Landcare groups provided onground support and technical advice and resources. Guided creation of the new Kingborough Landcare Network.
3.2.3 Implement the North West Bay River Catchment Management Plan in partnership with the community and key land managers in the catchment	25	25	●	25	25	●	Facilitated two stakeholder meetings to support land manager collaboration to implement actions in the catchment plan. Provided four interpretation signs and a trail logo for the North West Bay trail.
3.2.4 Work with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to promote community understanding of cultural heritage, such as the Wood for Fire walk	25	25	●	25	25	●	Mumara patrula walks concluded in August 2023. Trainee Aboriginal Land Management Officer working with Council's Natural Areas team.
3.3 Council is able to demonstrate strong environmental stewardship and leadership							
Engineering Services 2023 - 2025							
3.3.1 Implement the Kingborough Waste Management Strategy 2018 to deliver cost effective and efficient waste and recycling services to residents, improve recycling rates, reduce emissions and energy	25	25	●	25	25	●	

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
Compliance 2023 - 2025							
3.3.2 Review and update the Kingborough Dog Management Policy 2018 and provide education and enforcement of restrictions in areas with environmental values	25	75	✓	25	75	✓	Policy reviewed and will be put to Council for endorsement in December.
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
3.3.3 Develop and implement an Environmental Management System to support continuous improvement of environmental performance	25	25	●	25	25	●	Scoping of an EMS for Council commenced
3.3.4 Promote responsible cat ownership and work with the community and stakeholders to implement programs that minimise the impacts of cats (via predation, disease and nuisance)	25	25	●	25	25	●	Cat Management Program actively supporting responsible cat management through providing advice to customer enquiries and attending events, including on Bruny Island. Monitoring and trapping cats adjacent to Cat Prohibited Areas and providing traps for landowners to use.
3.4 Best practice land use planning systems are in place to manage the current and future impacts of development							
Development Services 2023 - 2025							
3.4.2 Participate in a review of the Southern Regional Land Use Strategy	25	25	●	25	25	●	This is being run by the State Government, so timing is out of our hands. We have a nominated officer for the working group.
3.4.3 Finalise the Local Provisions Schedule in order to enable the declaration of the new Kingborough Planning Scheme	25	25	●	25	25	●	Draft has been prepared, revisions sent. Waiting for TPC to request final meeting and then direction to go to public exhibition.
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
3.4.2 Implement the Kingborough Weed Management Strategy 2017-2027	25	25	●	25	25	●	Implementation of actions on target. Survey and management of serrated tussock on Bruny Island. Development of strategy for the containment of Spanish heath.
3.4.4 Progress implementation of the Barretta Environmental Management Plan	25	25	●	25	25	●	Annual Environmental Monitoring Report complete and accepted by the EPA. Monitoring and management of the site ongoing

	Result			YTD			
Description	Target %	Actual %	Status	Target %	Actual %	Status	Comment
3.4.5 Implement the Kingborough Weed Management Strategy 2017-2027	25	25	●	25	25	●	
3.5 Management of environmental assets is based on professional advice and strategic planning							
Environmental Services 2023 - 2025							
3.5.1 Develop and implement a Natural Areas and Biodiversity Strategy to underpin the management of Council's natural area reserves network	25	0	➔	25	0	➔	Not commenced
3.5.2 Implement Bushfire Risk Reduction Strategy for Council land	25	25	●	25	25	●	Hazard Management Areas on Council land assessed and maintained. Vegetation removal completed at Lower Longley Nearby Safer Place. Review of Bushfire Risk Reduction Strategy complete. Grant application to extend Roadside Risk Reduction model and works.
3.5.3 Collaborate with key stakeholders to contribute to the recovery of threatened species and threatened vegetation communities	25	25	●	25	25	●	White gums for forty-spotted pardalotes program, Grant application in collaboration with NRM South to manage amonite snail habitat, Presented at Wildlife and Community Together forum on importance habitat for wildlife and roadkill. Community education on threatened species habitat and threats through social media and events, Habitat restoration at Bruny Island for Swift Parrot and Forty-spotted pardalotes.