

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2024 - 4

Wednesday 9 October 2024 | 2pm

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee will be held in the Kingborough Council Chambers, 15 Channel Highway Kingston on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 2.00pm

Cr Paula Wriedt
CHAIRPERSON

Kingborough

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt		✓
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	David Vickery		✓
	Di Carter		✓
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	Dr Don Hempton	✓	
	Wendy Wade	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Kevin Clayton	✓	
	Dr Christine Materia		✓
	Laura Della Pasqua	✓	
	Mary Cook		✓
	Jess Miller (Baptcare) (online)	✓	
Staff	Bianca Kleine (Community Development Officer)	✓	
Presenter	Georgia Hardy, ParaQuad Tasmania	✓	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Kingborough Council acknowledges the Tasmanian Aboriginal People as the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of lutruwita, Tasmania. We pay our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to their Elders past, present and emerging.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 14 August meeting were confirmed.

Moved: Dr. Don Hempton

Seconded: Kevin Clayton

PRESENTATION

Georgia Hardy, provided an overview of ParaQuad Tasmania's activities, including:

- Physical disability sports (wheelchair rugby, boccia, basketball);
- BodySafe education program, addressing risk taking behaviours;
- Health Care supplies, including online store, competitive pricing;
- Pal coaching – coaches have lived experience with physical injury, supporting other wheelchair users who have newly acquired injuries.
- Glenmore accessible accommodation
- Collaboration with SES emergency preparedness

Discussion followed about opportunities for collaboration with community initiatives such as community gardens, the Men's Shed and potential for events at the Community Hub. Georgia expressed her willingness to be contacted directly for further discussions.

Georgia asked questions about the following and was encouraged to forward these questions via email to Council:

- Use of beach matting - request for any information about number of users and how often it is being used
- Availability at Kingborough Sports Centre for accessible sports – ParaQuad understand that the facilities are heavily used and are hoping to facilitate physical disability sports at KSC in the future.
- Details about accessible playgrounds in Kingborough (Margate/Kingston Park)

BUSINESS ARISING

Resolutions approved during 16 September Council Meeting:

- **DIAAC Action Plan**
Council approved the amendments to the DIAAC Action Plan
- **Safety concerns about door-to-door knocking**
Council authorised the Chair of DIAAC to write to the Minister of Community Services, Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs and Minister for Disability Services, raising the safety concerns around door-to-door fundraising and sales in Tasmania, especially for vulnerable community members.
- **Lack of wheelchair accessible taxis**
Council authorised the Chair of DIAAC to write to the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Disability Services and all other parties represented in the State Parliament to raise the issue of the lack of availability of wheelchair accessible taxis.

It was noted that the lack of wheelchair accessible taxis is an Australia wide issue.

Snug Foreshore Signage

Signage has been placed.

Coningham Accessible Parking Bay

Signage has been placed.

International Day of People with Disability – Expo

Jess Miller of Baptcare joined the meeting to speak about hosting a disability Expo in Kingston. The Committee discussed the possibility of forming a sub-committee to discuss further details in 2025. Wendy Wade and Heather Anderson agreed to liaise with Jess to discuss next steps and ideas.

Motion:

That the possibility of holding a Disability Expo at the Kingborough Community Hub in 2025, and funding via a community grant be explored for the benefit of the Kingborough Community.

Moved: Dr Don Hempton

Seconded: Wendy Wade

Motion carried

Neurodiversity - Compliance interactions

In addition to the previous response provided by Council's Customer Service team about interactions with people from neurodiverse background, Compliance staff have advised they are experienced in dealing with the public, comply with Councils *Customer Service Charter*, and have undertaken training from equal opportunities Tasmania, which includes but is not limited to, respectful workplaces, workplace diversity, and rights and responsibilities of employees

Transport Providers – wheelchair accessible transport

The following information was provided by transport providers:

Red Cross – accept wheelchairs, wheelchair users need to provide a companion, the weight limit for wheelchairs is 15 kg.

CTST – have wheelchair accessible vehicles in their fleet.

Passengers must register with My Aged Care (if 65+) or TCCRS (Tasmanian Community Care Referral Service).

It was noted that wheelchair transport providers/taxis don't take anyone in a wheelchair if the chair doesn't have a headrest.

Changing Places – Kingston Beach

The existing accessible toilet at Kingston Beach does not have enough space to retrofit it into a changing place. Officers will investigate the possibilities of a changing place being constructed on the grassy area near the beach wheelchairs. This would require a CAPEX application and potentially grant funding. A capital bid would explore cost versus priority, the priority being based on an identified need which captures the likely number of people wanting/needing to use this service. This may be a multiple year project with all designs, project risk assessments, due diligence etc carried out in the first year, in preparation to construct in the following year.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward:

- Request to trim native vegetation at a beach property as it affects water view from the ground floor for a property owner who lives with a physical disability
- Request to present at the December meeting about the 'People with Disability Emergency Preparedness Project'. Presenter: Richard Witbreuk, Emergency Preparedness Facilitator for the project in the southern region (through SES).

Outward:

- Reply to request to trim native vegetation (see above) – request declined due to environmental implications of removing vegetation from the beach, particularly when it comes to future erosion.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

An opportunity to talk amongst committee members outside agenda, maybe end of year function.

Participants agreed to close the December meeting at 3.30pm to allow time for a end of year-get-together in the Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 3.25pm

NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for 11 December 2024