

# MINUTES

## **KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting No. 2025 - 1**

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**

The logo for Kingborough, featuring the word "Kingborough" in a serif font, with a green curved line underneath it.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 2.00pm.

## **ATTENDEES**

		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGY</b>
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		✓
	TBA ((Baptcare)		✓
Staff	Anthony Verdouw – Executive Officer, Engineering Services	✓	
	John-Paul Ibbott - Facility Management Officer	✓	
	Renai Clark – Senior Roads Engineer	✓	
	Aleira Chalker – Administration Officer	✓	
Presenters	Craig Couacaud and Brad Wagg – Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) Presentation – Information and support on sales and charity approaches	✓	
		✓	

## **1      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.

## **2      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Don Hempton  
Seconded: Kevin Clayton

That the minutes of the DIAAC meeting on 11 December 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED**

## **3      PRESENTATIONS**

### **John-Paul Ibbott and Steve Loxley – Council Officers – Civic Centre Customer Service Counter Upgrades**

John-Paul Ibbott and Steve Loxley presented on the Civic Centre Customer Service Counter Upgrades.

John-Paul thanked DIAAC for their previous feedback on the proposed upgrades and presented the final amended designs. The contract for the works has been awarded, with installation planned on the long weekend in Easter, April 2025.

John-Paul noted that the designs provide:

- Improved officer safety
- Upgraded screens to prevent restrictions for those hearing-impaired and wheelchair users
- Service counter at varying heights to support inclusive access.

Request that some colour could be implemented or efforts to create a more welcoming atmosphere. Suggested some native plants.

Committee noted that the final plans address all concerns that had been raised.

### **Craig Couacaud and Brad Wagg – Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) Presentation**

Craig and Brad from CBOS presented on scams and door-to-door sales.

Topics discussed in the presentation:

- Scam statistics for the nation and state

- How to report a scam
- How to understand your rights when a scam has been committed
- More educational resources are being produced and becoming more accessible

Noted legislative reforms upcoming:

- Commonwealth Scams Prevention Framework. Federal legislation.
- Charity and associations law amendment bill. State legislation.

Noted improved community education and law reform is required. Reports can be made to CBOS if breaches of law occur. If someone feels vulnerable, they should report it.

### **Renai Clark – Council Officer – Hutchins Street Pedestrian Crossing**

Renai presented on the zebra crossing across Hutchins Street and recent concerns raised. Renai provided a list of options:

- Leave roundabout and crossing points as is
- remove zebra crossing on Hutchins Street
- reconstruct the approach to the roundabout.

Renai sought views from the Committee about noted issues with the crossing.

Committee member Heather noted that she is not well seen by drivers. Suggested the crossing be moved further up the road.

Committee member Don suggested that a lower speed limit be considered. Renai advised that Council doesn't have authority to change speed limits and 20km/h would not comply. Deputy Chairperson Cr Fox noted the inconsistency of pedestrian priority in the area.

Other suggestions were:

- Flashing beacons alerting drivers that there is a zebra crossing.
- Signalised intersection crossing option.

Committee suggested that unless the crossing is consistent with others and designed to standard it should be removed.

## **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy**

The committee provided comment on the policy and outlined a number of suggestions to be incorporated in the policy review.

Staff will collate suggestions, prepare a revised policy and present to the Committee again before the revised policy goes to Council for final endorsement.

### **Disability Expo**

Noted awaiting response from Baptcare.

Council staff to follow up with Burnie Council regarding the recent expo held in Burnie.

## **5      CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Incoming**

Nil

### **Outgoing**

- Email on 8 January 2025 from Cr. Wriedt to Cr. Midgley Letter and Cr. Bain raising concerns about safety on shared pathways when some cyclists are not using their warning bells and riding at unsafe speeds.
- Letter dated 29 January 2025 from Cr. Wriedt to Hon Jo Palmer MLC, requesting that DIAAC be included as a stakeholder as part of the consultation for the review of wheelchair accessible taxis.

## **6      DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

NIL

## **7      OTHER BUSINESS**

- Noted the ATSA Independent Living Expo is happening 6 March 2025 at PW1. 10.30am-4.30pm. Free entry.
- Review of DDA legislation happening soon with consultation in March.
- Committee Member Kevin Clayton noted he has a letter published in the current week's Chronicle regarding disability carparking permits.

**NEXT MEETING**      Scheduled for 9 April 2025 at 2PM

**CLOSURE:**      There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.00pm.

## Action Items

What	Who
Create media release to raise awareness of invisible disabilities such as hearing impairment with Chris Barrell from 'Sorry I can't hear you'	Chair, Chris Barrell, EO liaise with Communications
Contact Council's Bicycle Committee to raise safety concerns on shared footpaths, e.g. people with hearing impairment are unable to hear bike bells or warnings from cyclists who travel at high speed.	EO, Anthony Verdouw
Do social media campaign throughout summer 2025 to educate people to consider each other on shared footpaths.	EO liaise with Communications
Follow up with Baptcare regarding a new representative for DIAAC and discuss Disability Expo.	EO
Emergency Evacuation at Kingborough Sports Facilities: Contact State Government and ask the question whether the new facilities being built at the Kingborough Sports Centre could be considered for emergency evacuations.	Chair
Write a letter to the Hon. Jo Palmer, Minister for Disability Services, requesting that DIAAC be included and have a representation during the discussion in the larger consultation process about WATs.	Chair