

MINUTES

Kingborough Aquatic Facility Steering Committee

Meeting No. 2025-1

Thursday, 22 May 2025 at 5.30pm



MINUTES of a Meeting of the Kingborough Aquatic Facility Steering Committee held at the Kingborough Council Chambers, on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 5.30pm.

		Attendance
Chairperson – Cr Kaspar Deane	Cr Kaspar Deane	✓
Deputy Chairperson	Cr David Bain	✓
Members:	Damien Bones	X
	Kennedy Clarke	X
	Peter Hickman	✓
	Brad Johnson	X
	Rachel Lane	✓
	Nathan Langdon	X
	Selena Palmer	X
	Amanda Punch	✓
	Kylie Ramsey	✓
	Alex Sommer	X
Council Officers:		
Director Governance, Recreation & Property Services	Daniel Smee	✓
Operations Manager, Kingborough Sports Centre	Sean Kerr	✓
Special Projects Manager	Dan Kaimatsoglu	✓
Community Engagement Officer	Vanessa Weldon	✓

1. Brief recap (Kaspar)

Thank you to the Committee for their attendance and patience while waiting for the outcome of the grant application.

Kaspar has received correspondence from an Australian Paralympian expressing interest in contributing to the Steering Committee. A copy of their CV will be circulated with the minutes.

Future contribution from the committee will include working towards a strategic longer-term plan that includes the community engagement. It would also be beneficial to engage with people involved in the Glenorchy pool.

2. Draft Masperplan AFL HPC

Dan presented the high-level draft masterplan which showed the two new ovals being built, new seating pavilions and carpark. The AFL HPC will wrap around the top oval and share usage of another oval with Tigers Football Club. The cricket club will have use of two ovals during summer which means junior teams can have home games in Kingston, not Pontville.

If additional money is provided through the grant, the masterplan can be revisited to include the aquatic facility. Funding has been requested for the Spring Farm connector road. There is a design for the road and Geotech is being undertaken.

JackJumpers commence construction of their HPC in 6 weeks. Construction of the new ovals will be underway later this year. The Masterplan will likely be released to the public in a few weeks. Council is working on solutions to relocate the Dog Walkers and Dog Obedience Club. The Pumptrack will be relocated below the JackJumpers site.

As part of the project, Gormley Road will be sealed and kerb, gutters and lighting installed.

3. Grant opportunity (Daniel)

We have been informed that our grant application is still in the assessment phase. The applications are being assessed in batches on a 6-monthly basis. The funding is specifically for precinct development but can be used to narrow down on the details of the swimming pool. The grant money would help determine the type of facility that could be built (size, function, and future costs) as well as updating the masterplan and undertaking community consultation. A scope will be provided to a masterplan consultant first, then community engagement could be undertaken with the viable options.

Daniel re-emphasised that the establishment of an aquatic facility is a long-haul and we don't currently have a live project. It will be challenging to deliver, but we will keep working on it. With progression of two HPC developments in the next 6 months it adds leverage to the case for an aquatic centre and would be supported by the JackJumpers and AFL.

Kaspar advised that the role of this group in the short-term will be to touch base with semi-regular meetings while the grant application status is unknown.

Kylie asked if it worth investigating how we would want to engage with the community initially? This would give an indication of what the community is willing to pay and what they want.

David – It would be worth having the details of the 25m and 50m options, direct costs, and ongoing costs before going to the public.

4. Further research undertaken

N/A

5. Next steps & meeting date

Will reconvene when outcome of grant application is known.