

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2025 - 3

Wednesday 11 June 2025 | 2pm

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 11 June 2025 at 2.00pm.

ATTENDEES

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt <i>(arrived 2.45pm)</i>	✓	
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		✓
Staff	Anthony Verdouw – Executive Officer	✓	
	Aleira Chalker – Administration Officer	✓	
Presenters			

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

Moved: David Vickery

Seconded: Fran Thompson

That the minutes of the DIAAC meeting on 12 February 2025 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Emergency Preparedness Update

Update from Aby McGuire – Community Resilience Officer:

- ‘Get Ready for Emergencies’ Workshop was held at the Kingston Library on 27 May, presented by Richard Witbreuk, Emergency Preparedness Facilitator with SES as part of the People with Disability Emergency Preparedness Project. There is another session scheduled for July: Get Ready for Emergencies at Kingston Library. This session will again be promoted on our social media.
- Council has been working with Michael Small of Equality Building on an access appraisal of our primary evacuation centre, the Kingborough Sports Centre. This has involved a comprehensive walk-through of the facility and meetings. Council have received Michael’s report and are working through his recommendations.
- A number of sensory products have been purchased for evacuation centre use including noise cancelling headphones and a range of sensory tools to cater for different sensory preferences.
- Council has continued our representation on the People with Disability Emergency Preparedness Project Advisory Committee as the LGAT representative.
- Further to the above, Council have participated in an initial evaluation of the above Project, through the Collaborating4Inclusion research team based at the University of Sydney. This specifically includes participation in the P-CEP online certificate course.

David raised the issue of emergency exit doors with the common bar style opening mechanism and potential difficulties for wheelchair users. Noted that the Committee could assess mechanism of emergency doors for wheelchair users at KSC.

Action: Staff to follow up if it would be possible to hold the August Committee meeting at the Kingborough Sports Centre. Noting it would be an opportunity to see upgraded facilities and check emergency exit doors etc.

BUSINESS ARISING

Kingborough wheelchair and Inclusion Access Policy

The Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy has been reviewed and will be brought to Council soon.

Noted that the Committee would like to see final draft before it goes to Council.

Disability Expo

Contacted Greater Hobart Councils regarding possible Councils stall at Speak Out September 2025 expo in Hobart. One response received from Clarence City Council requesting further information.

Noted that registrations for the expo are now open, with pricing starting at \$650 for a trade table. The table could have Council information and promotion: small business disability booklet, marketing materials, DIAAC achievements etc.

ACTION: Committee request Council investigate the feasibility of funding, staffing, preparing materials and registering for a stall at the Speak Out Disability Expo to be held in Hobart on 3 September 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- 7 May 2025 – RE: EOI for Student Representation – Felicity Haeusler, Taroona High School.
- 26 May 2025 - RE: Enquiry Speak Out October 2025 Expo – Han Yan, Clarence City Council.

Outgoing

- 5 May 2025 – EOI for Student Representation – Taroona High, Kingston High and Indie School.

Noted that it would be worth setting criteria around individuals who could possibly attend and reviewing the Terms of Reference to include option for school representation on the Committee. It was also noted that students or representatives could attend the Committee as observers.

ACTION: Staff to follow up with Taroona High School re. interest and also provide invitation to other high schools in the municipality. Additionally, provide invitation to School of Social Work at UTAS and possibly Disability Liaison Officers at UTAS.

- 23 May 2025 – Enquiry Speak Out October 2025 Expo – Glenorchy City Council, Clarence City Council, Hobart City Council.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

- Further update on assistant animals and recent media reporting. Classification of service animals is an ongoing issue.
- Noted DDA compliant safe refuge area in case of fire/emergency in a Melbourne Hotel.

ACTION: Chair to Investigate DDA compliant safe refuge areas further, determining what facilities safe refuge areas have or offer.

- The Chair thanked Committee members who attended Council's volunteer's event. 162 volunteers attended. Noted that it will be an annual event from now on. Christine acknowledged Council for holding the event.

NEXT MEETING

13 August 2025

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.07pm

Action Items

What	Who
Follow up if it would be possible to hold the August Committee meeting at the Kingborough Sports Centre. Noting it would be an opportunity to see upgraded facilities and check emergency exit doors etc.	AO & KSC Manager
Committee request Council investigate the feasibility of funding, staffing, preparing materials and registering for a stall at the Speak Out Disability Expo to be held in Hobart on 3 September 2025.	AO & Community Development Team
Staff to follow up with Taroona High School re. interest in attending DIAAC and also provide invitation to other high schools in the municipality. Additionally, provide invitation to School of Social Work at UTAS and possibly Disability Liaison Officers at UTAS.	AO
Investigate DDA compliant safe refuge areas further, determining what facilities safe refuge areas have or offer.	Chair
Write to the other 11 Mayors of Southern Tas Councils garnering support for State Government to recognise assistant animals. Invite Minister to a meeting and/or provide a timeline for response.	Chair - Follow up classifications of assistant animals as an action for post State election or State Government reshuffle.
Contact the 3 other Greater Hobart Councils re. being involved in holding a stall at Speak Out's October 2025 expo.	AO – emailed Greater Hobart Councils. One response seeking further information.
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. Follow up if this letter to Minister Palmer has been sent.

Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee

Meeting Dates for 2025

*Note meetings are held bi-monthly on Wednesdays at 2:00pm
in the Council Chambers, Kingston*

12 February 2025

9 April 2025

11 June 2025

13 August 2025

8 October 2025

10 December 2025