

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2025 - 2

Wednesday 9 April 2025

The logo for Kingborough, featuring the word "Kingborough" in a serif font, with a green swoosh underline.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 2.00pm.

ATTENDEES

		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		✓
	TBA ((Baptcare)		✓
Staff	Anthony Verdouw – Executive Officer, Engineering Services	✓	
	Aleira Chalker – Administration Officer	✓	
Presenters			
Observers	Chris Rule	✓	

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: Di Carter

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

CARRIED

3 PRESENTATIONS

N/A

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy

The Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy is scheduled for review. Staff are now reviewing and updating the Policy following the Committee's comments and suggestions.

A final draft of the policy with changes tracked will be brought back to the Committee prior to going to Council for endorsement.

Disability Expo

Contacted Jess Miller from Baptcare in December 2025, follow up sent 3 February 2025.
Awaiting response.

Noted that an expo is planned in Hobart this year - 5 July 2025.

<https://disabilityexpo.com.au/expo/aged-disability-expo-hobart-kuj0n>

Speak Out's 'Gearing Up' Disability Expo will be held in Hobart in October 2025.

Suggested there could be a Council stall.

<https://disabilityexpotas.org/>

Action: Staff to contact the 3 other Greater Hobart Councils re. being involved in holding a stall at Speak Out's October expo.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

Nil

Outgoing

Nil

6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

NIL

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Student Committee Representative

Raised that it would be useful to have a younger voice on the Committee, possibly a representative from a local School.

Action: Staff to approach Taroona High School, Kingston High School and Indie School regards welcoming participation in the Committee.

Assistant Animals

- Committee member Don Hempton spoke to the push to improve access for assistance animals in rental properties.
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-30/push-to-improve-access-for-assistance-animals-in-rentals/105009458>
- Ongoing discrimination for those needing assistant dogs in Tasmania.

Action: Mayor to 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.

- *Include a media release once support is canvased.*
- *Include Ben Bartl from the tenant's union in correspondence.*

Emergency Management and Preparedness

- Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) – Noted that there hasn't been much take up spreading the word for support. Libraries were raised to engage better with the community.
- Noted the University of Sydney course. Richard Witbreuk of SES and Di Carter are involved and can provide links and further information.

ACTION: Staff to raise P-CEP with Belinda Loxley, requesting if Council can promote P-CEP further.

Disabled parking permits

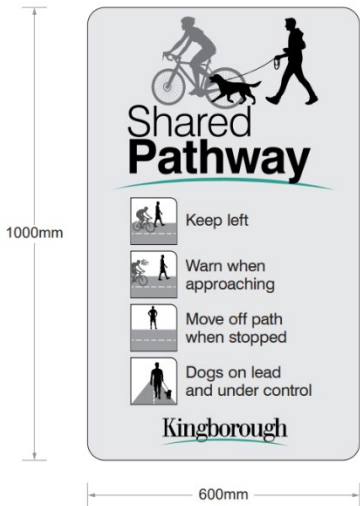
- Kevin raised that permits are issued to an individual not to a car. Not easy to police the issue. Debated whether the Committee should pursue this further.

NEXT MEETING Scheduled for 11 June 2025 at 2PM

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

Action Items

What	Who
Contact the 3 other Greater Hobart Councils re. being involved in holding a stall at Speak Out's October 2025 expo.	EO
Approach Taroona High School, Kingston High School and Indie School regards welcoming participation in the Committee.	EO
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Include a media release once support is canvased. •Include Ben Bartl from the tenant's union in correspondence. 	Chair
Raise P-CEP with Belinda Loxley, requesting if Council can promote P-CEP further.	EO
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 – Paula to follow up with Chris
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 – Complete. Shared Path Etiquette Signage to be installed on Whitewater Creek Track.

	 <p>Committee noted ongoing issues along Ocean Esplanade, Blackmans Bay and Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach.</p>
Do social media campaign throughout summer 2025 to educate people to consider each other on shared footpaths.	EO liaise with Communications. Complete.
Follow up with Baptcare regarding a new representative for DIAAC and discuss Disability Expo.	EO. Complete.
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. Complete. HPC not to be used as overflow Evac. Centre.
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.