

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2024-1

Wednesday 14 February 2024



Minutes of a Meeting of the Kingborough Disability Inclusion & Access Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Wednesday 11 October 2.00pm.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	David Vickery	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Wendy Wade	✓	
	David McQuillan	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	Don Hempton	✓	
	Laura Della Pasqua	✓	
	Kevin Clayton	✓	
	Dr Christine Materia		✓
Staff	Julie Alderfox (Community Development Officer)	✓	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land on which the Committee met and acknowledged elders past and present.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Welcome and Introductions

All members were provided with the opportunity to introduce themselves and share information on their background and interest in being part of the committee.

2. Disability Inclusion and Access Plan Review

The committee's Terms of Reference determine that the Disability Inclusion and Access Plan is to be evaluated regularly by the group.

A copy of the document was provided to members.

Suggestions are to be collated and shared with the group prior to the April meeting.

3. Tarooma Bowls Club Accessible Parking

Images of the Tarooma Bowls Club accessible parking area was displayed for comment.

It was agreed that the amenity is not fit for purpose and that repairs and/or reconfiguration of the accessible parking should be made a priority to meet current standards.



Motion

That the resealing of and re-configuring of Tarooma Bowls Club accessible parking be considered as part of the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program.

Moved: Kevin Clayton

Seconded: Laura Della Pasqua

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received requesting the trimming of shrubs at Snug Beach to improve views from people seated in vehicles.

Enquiries are to be made to the Natural Areas Team and a response forwarded to the correspondent.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Snug Beach Foreshore

As noted in correspondence, a request was received requesting that shrubs at Snug Beach foreshore be removed or trimmed to open the view for visitors who are unable to leave their vehicle due to disability.

It was noted that coastal erosion at Snug Beach has been a serious issue and the plantings have been important to protecting the area.

Discussion took place regarding possible alternatives for people parking solely for access to the view.

It was determined that advice is to be sought from Council's Compliance staff and the Natural Areas Team to determine possible actions.

2. Accessible Parking at Coningham Beach

Attention was brought to the lack of accessible parking at Coningham Beach. Although the toilet facilities have been designed to be accessible, there is no allocated accessible parking to facilitate use of the facility. Staff to follow up.

3. Changing Facilities at Kingston Beach

It was noted that there are no suitable changing facilities for wheelchair users at Kingston Beach. Currently, transferring from one wheelchair to another, must be done publicly and can feel lacking in dignity for wheelchair users. Staff to enquire about possible adaptations to current facilities.

4. Accessible Sports

Information was shared on various sporting activities which promote inclusion.

5. Disability Discrimination Bill

No further information has been received on the Disability Inclusion Bill 2023.

6. Interim Disability Commissioner

An invitation is to be extended to the Interim Disability Commissioner to attend the April DIAAC meeting.

7. Positive Ageing Policy

It was noted that the Positive Ageing Policy will be due for review and renewal in November 2024. Given that there are crossovers with disability, access and inclusion there may be opportunities for DIAAC to contribute to the policy review. For example, it was suggested that Council could advocate for changes to legislation which currently allows for door-to-door charity collection, a practice which can put the elderly and vulnerable at risk.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Advisory Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13 April 2024 2pm at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm