

Minutes

Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 2024-2

Friday 19 April 2024

Kingborough


MINUTES for the Meeting of the Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee held at the Kingborough Civic Centre, Kingston, on Friday 19 April 2024 at 9:00am.

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Amanda Midgley	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr David Bain	✓	
Members:	Mark Donnellon		X
	Joyce du Mortier		X
	Emlyn Jones		X
	Kelvin Lewis	✓	
	David McQuillen	✓	
	Rob Sheers	✓	
	Peter Tuft	✓	
	Angela Wilson	✓	
Cycling South	Mary McParland		X
Bicycle Network	Alison Hetherington	✓	
Council Officers In Attendance:			
Executive Officer	Anthony Verdouw		X
Recreation Officer	Su Sprott	✓	
Senior Roads Engineer	Renai Clark	✓	
Roads Engineer	Khum Sharma	✓	
Other Attendees:			
Urban Mobility Planner – State Growth	Dustin Moore	✓	
REALMstudios	Alaric Hellawell	✓	
WSP	Oscar Hayes	✓	

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 we meet and acknowledged elders past and present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED: Angela Wilson
 SECONDED: David McQuillen

That the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Friday 23 February 2023, as circulated be confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Margate Master Plan

Presentation on the Margate Master Plan by project consultants REALMstudios and WSP.

2. Cycling Strategy – Strategic and Advocacy Actions Review

Review and discussion of Strategic and Advocacy Actions – Appendix 1

Action 3 – Track counters:

- Permanent counter installed on Whitewater Track. The others will be moved around to various tracks regularly.
- *Between January and March 2024 counts on Whitewater Creek track are up:
Summerleas Rd end Daily Avg – 122
Whitewater Rd Underpass Daily Avg – 468*
- *Su to provide a graph of figures for Whitewater Creek Track counts.*

Action 5 & Action 12 – Road safety audits to eliminate hazards for cycling – maintain existing network.

- KBAC members are invited to report on specific issues and can use Snap Send Solve or raise service requests out of session.
- *Snug to Margate Shared Path – grass coverage increasing over gravel sections – The path is maintained under contract – Work Depot advised and requested further action.*

Action 7 & 8 – Promote safe cycling and places to ride in Kingborough.

Action 10 – Wayfinding strategy – signage and mapping

- Some additional wayfinding signs have been installed on the new Whitewater Creek track extension.
- *Council need to formalise a name for the new Spring Farm to Sports Precinct connector track - “Sports Precinct Link” at one end and “Whitewater Track Link” at the other end.*

Action 11 – Positive Provisioning Policy

- *Preliminary draft document was provided for comment. Staff to confirm formalisation/Council review soon.*
- *Suggested amendments:*
 - *5.1 Add a note regarding sweeping of loose aggregates.*
 - *6.1 Capital projects – duplicate paragraph about traffic management from section 6.2.2*
 - *6.2.2 Change heading to Road resealing and maintenance. Amend paragraph to: When assessing resealing projects, consideration should be given to aggregate size and provision of a surface that is suitable for cyclists.*

3. Cycling Strategy – Infrastructure Actions Review

Review and discussion of Infrastructure Actions – Appendix 1

Action 15 – Channel Hwy Sealed Shoulders (Huntingfield to Margate section – State Growth projects)

- Noted by the Committee as a high priority safety issue for commuter and recreational cyclists.

Action 16 – Mountain bike park improvements

- New public toilet works nearly complete.

Action 17 – Channel Trail – Kingston to Margate.

- Engagement on the Margate to Huntingfield Feasibility Study complete. Awaiting final report.
- *Share report with KBAC when it is released.*

Action 19 – Summerleas to Firthside

- Pathway connections funded in the 2023-2024 Budget.
- *Sections of the Summerleas to Firthside link that are not connected to stormwater section have been constructed:*



Action 20 – Huntingfield Park & Ride Connections

- Subdivision application for Huntingfield House property lodged.
- Howden Road connection raised for consideration.
- *Staff have written a letter to PWS re. trail maintenance within PWS land. Specifically key routes through Peter Murrell. Response not yet received – staff to follow up.*

Action 21 – Channel Hwy Taroona design

- Designs are being prepared. Additional grant funding was successful.

Action 22 – Spring Farm to Sports Precinct

- *Extension of Whitewater Creek Track through Spring Farm along the creek and top section of Sports Precinct Connector – construction nearly complete. There is still a section of the WWC track to be completed between Spring Farm Road and Java Head Link that will be done around September once the developer has finished some works in that area.*



Action 24 – Roslyn Ave design

- Concept plans for uphill bike lanes and cost estimate presented to the Committee. Project has site constraints and a high-cost estimate.
- Committee have requested that the project remains on the 5-year plan as it is a high-priority high-use cycling link.
- *Meeting to discuss project occurred 17 November 2023. Plan to pursue grant options and potential to break project into 2 stages.*
- *Grant application submitted for Safe Passing Distance Signage not successful. Council is planning to fund some signage from operational budgets.*

Action 26 – Channel Trail – Snug to Lower Snug

- Staff have prepared a capital bid for a potential gravel pathway between Old Station Rd and Davies Rd, Lower Snug. The bid will likely be deferred.
- *A Report went to Council on 5 February 2024 in response to a community petition to construct a pathway between Snug and Lower Snug. The report noted staff are progressing negotiations with stakeholders to achieve a viable pathway option.*

Action 27 – Taroona Safe Route to School

- Mary noted that some simple fixes in the area could improve access for students.

Action 28 – Sandfly Road Sealed Shoulders

- Staff have prepared a grant application for some funding under the Safer Rural Roads Program for sealed shoulders on Sandfly Rd focussing on uphill sections.

4. Cycling South Report

Report on Cycling South activities:

- A new Cycling South website is being developed which will focus on monitoring the progress of the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan. I am looking for high quality cycling photos that can be used on the website.
- I'm working with Brighton Council on an active travel strategy.
- I did a ride around with the Manager for Transport at Hobart Council in April to look at sites in the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan. A high profile separated cycleway on Campbell St will be open for use by 29 April.
- I have prepared a signage plan for the paths at the Hobart Airport interchange on the Tasman Hwy as the road network is confusing and am liaising with State Growth regarding getting signage installed and linemarking done.

CORRESPONDENCE

5. Tasmanian Bike Collective in Kingston – Incoming Email – 18 April 24 – Mark Donnellon

The Tasmanian Bicycle Collective mentors and trains young people through the medium of bicycles, developing work skills, confidence, resilience, healthy character traits and attitudes. In what ways could KBAC and KC assist Tas Bike Collective set up a group in Kingston?

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Draft Council Budget 24-25

Council's draft budget 24/25 is open for consultation until 1 May 24. A number of active transport projects have been considered.

7. Channel Highway between Huntingfield and Margate

Concern that the recent reseal has left this road dangerous and very challenging for cyclists.

MOTION 1

KBAC request that Council write a letter to DSG requesting a review of the recent resealing of Channel Highway between Margate and Huntingfield in line with DSG's Positive Provisioning Policy.

MOVED: Rob Sheers
SECONDED: Peter Tuft

CARRIED

MOTION 2

KBAC request Council write a letter to the Minister for Transport, Eric Abetz, congratulating him as new Minister for Transport and member for Franklin; then informing him of the Kingborough Cycling Strategy and advising that Kingborough Council has been successful in its applications to the Better Active Transport grant programs to deliver elements of the strategy; and seek a commitment from the Tasmanian Government for ongoing recurrent funding for the Better Active Transport grant program.

MOVED: Kelvin Lewis
SECONDED: Rob Sheers

CARRIED

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at 9am on Friday 21 June 2024 at the Council Chambers.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.46am.

Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024

*Note meetings are held bi-monthly on Fridays at 9:00am
in the Council Chambers, Kingston*

23 February

19 April

21 June

23 August

18 October

13 December

Appendix 1 – Cycling Strategy Action Tables:

Strategic and Advocacy Actions

Acti on	Project	Description	Time frame	Cost	Responsible Authorities	Fundi ng	Progress/Outcomes
1	Ride to School Day and Ride to Work Day	Promote National Ride to School Day and Ride to Work Day through Council communication channels. Assess schools for rideability and barriers to greater cycling uptake.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
2	Commuter Counts	Continue to collect cycling data by participating in the annual Commuter Counts in March each year.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
3	Install usage counters	Install counters to collect usage data on cycling routes and create an active transport data set for the municipality.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
4	Bike Week	Support Bike Week events to encourage participation in cycling, such as the Kingborough Treasure Hunt.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
5	Road safety audits to eliminate hazards for people cycling	Review road crossings on shared paths and around schools to assess whether safety improvements can be made, such as wombat crossings and pedestrian refuges. Where kerb outstands create 'pinch points' identify options for removing the hazard. Review speed limits in activity areas and on cycling routes.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
6	Active travel provisions in new developments	Advocate for the development of standards for active travel infrastructure and facilities. Encourage new developments and subdivisions to align with the recommendations of the <i>Kingborough Footpath Policy</i>	Ongoing	Low	Council, Tasmanian Planning Commission	Op	

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		and the <i>Kingborough Cycling Strategy</i> endorsed by Council. Where appropriate require a 2.5m wide shared path alongside all collector roads and waterways in new developments. Encourage developers to incorporate bicycle parking in commercial and residential apartment developments.					
7	Promote safe cycling in Kingborough	Promote road safety campaigns developed by RSAC (Road Safety Advisory Council) and the Kingborough Community Safety Committee. Support and promote cycling education programs run by external agencies to provide bicycle education that increases skills and confidence.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
8	Promote cycling routes and places to ride	Promote cycling-related tourism through provision of maps and online information about routes and destinations, such as Bruny Island.	Ongoing	Low	Council	Op	
9	Advocate for bike racks on buses	Advocate to MetroTas and the State Government to provide bike racks on buses on all local and regional bus routes.	Short	Low	Council, DSG	Op	
10	Wayfinding Strategy – signage and mapping	Develop and implement a Wayfinding Strategy, including improved signage and mapping for active travel throughout Kingborough.	Short	Low	Council	Op	
11	Positive Provisioning Policy	Adopt a Positive Provisioning Policy to incorporate cycling-friendly design in all Council projects.	Short	Low	Council	Op	

Infrastructure Actions

Action	Project	Description	Time frame	Responsible Authorities	Cost	Funding	Progress/Outcomes
12	Maintain existing bike network	Ensure the principal bicycle network is reviewed annually to ensure bicycle infrastructure is safe and surfaces are free of significant bumps, holes, or other impediments. Any issues should be included in road resurfacing or other road maintenance schedules.	Ongoing	Council, DSG	N/A	Op	
13	Bike parking	Install bike parking based on an annual audit and community surveying and at key bus stops.	Ongoing	Council, DSG	Low	Op	
14	Water stations and bike repair stations	Install water fountains and bike repair stations based on an annual audit and community surveying.	Ongoing	Council	Low	Op	
15	Channel Hwy sealed shoulders – Kingston to Kettering	Liaise with Department of State Growth to advocate for road upgrades along the Channel Highway that include 1.5m sealed shoulders.	Ongoing	State Growth, Council	Low	Op	
16	Mountain bike park improvements	Continue to seek opportunities and funding to upgrade the facilities at the Kingston Mountain Bike Park to bring it to contemporary standards.	Ongoing	Council	Low	Ex	
17	Channel Trail – Kingston to Margate	Investigate and advocate for a shared path from Huntingfield to the end of the existing shared path in Margate.	Short	DSG, Council	Low	Cap / Ex	Consultant engaged by DSG undertaking Feasibility Study
18	Algona Road	Investigate and advocate for a shared path on the southern side of Algona Road between Roslyn Avenue and Huntingfield.	Short	DSG, Council	Low	Cap / Ex	
19	Firthside to Summerleas	Construct a mixed on-road and shared path route between	Short	Council, DSG	Medium	Cap /	

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		Kingston High School and the Firthside Park & Ride.			m	Ex	
20	Huntingfield Park & Ride Connections	Construct shared path and safe crossings from existing shared paths to the Huntingfield Park & Ride.	Short	Council, DSG	Mediu m	Cap / Ex	
21	Taroona – Channel Hwy	Upgrade on-road cycling facilities along Channel Highway through Taroona.	Short	Council, DSG	Mediu m	Cap / Ex	
22	Spring Farm to Sports Precinct	Construct a shared path from the existing Whitewater Creek path, north to the sporting precinct.	Short	Council	Mediu m	Cap / Ex	
23	Huntingfield to Kingston CBD – Channel Hwy	Advocate and seek funding for protected cycling infrastructure along Channel Highway, between Huntingfield and Kingston.	Short	DSG, Council	Mediu m	Ex	
24	Roslyn Avenue - Kingston Beach to Blackmans Bay	Investigate options for an uphill bicycle lane from Algona Road to Jindabyne Road. Investigate a shared path on the western side of Roslyn Avenue, including safe intersection upgrades.	Short	Council	Low	Cap	
25	Kingston to Kingston Beach	Investigate options and pursue opportunities for a shared path between Kingston and Kingston Beach.	Short	Council, Landowners	Low	Cap / Ex	
26	Channel Trail – Snug to Lower Snug	Construct a shared path between Snug and Lower Snug, starting from the existing shared path in Snug.	Short	Council, DSG	Very High	Cap / Ex	
27	Taroona Safe Route to School	Construct a mixed on-road and shared path route along Flinders Esplanade to Taroona Primary and High Schools, including modal filters and safe crossings.	Medium	Council, Education Dep.	Mediu m	Cap	
28	Sandfly Road – sealed shoulders	Improve on-road cycling infrastructure along Sandfly Road.	Medium	Council, DSG	High	Cap / Ex	Grant application being lodged for ‘safety lanes’ on the worst

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							sections.
29	Blackmans Bay Beach Connections	Connect Tinderbox Road and Blowhole Road to Ocean Esplanade with cycling infrastructure.	Medium	Council	Medium	Cap	
30	Blackmans Bay Shops Connection	Provide a cut-through path from Roslyn Avenue and the Blackmans Bay Shops.	Medium	Council, Landowners	Low	Cap	
31	Roslyn Avenue – Algona Road to Illawarra	Investigate providing a shared path from Algona Road to Illawarra Primary School.	Medium	Council	Low	Cap	
32	Gormley Drive and Kingston View Drive	Link a shared path from Summerleas Road to the Sporting Precinct via the Twin Ovals.	Medium	Council	High	Cap	
33	Margate to Dru Point	Investigate a shared path link from Margate to Dru Point.	Medium	Council, Landowners	Low	Cap	
34	Margate local pathways	Investigate local access pathways and linkages for upgrades and slow street implementation in Margate.	Medium	Council	Low	Cap	
35	Snug local pathways	Investigate local access pathways and linkages for upgrades and slow street implementation in Snug.	Medium	Council	Low	Cap	
36	Redwood Road to Algona Road	Investigate a shared path from the Maranoa Heights Reserve paths to Algona Road.	Medium	Council, DSG	Low	Cap	
37	Channel Trail – Lower Snug to Kettering	Investigate a shared path between Lower Snug and Kettering.	Medium	DSG, Council	Low	Cap / Ex	
38	Lower Snug to Coningham	Construct a shared path between Lower Snug and Coningham.	Long	Council	High	Ex / Cap	
39	Redwood Road to Kingston CBD	Investigate a shared path from Lorikeet Drive to the Kingston CBD.	Long	Council	Low	Cap	
40	Longley to Neika –	Improve on-road cycling infrastructure on Huon Road	Long	Council	High	Cap /	

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	sealed shoulders	between Longley and Neika.				Ex	
41	Harris Ct to Sherburd Ct path	Construct a path linking Harris Court to Sherburd Court.	Long	Council, Education Dep.	Mediu m	Cap / Ex	
42	Tingira Road to Ash Drive link	Investigate a shared path and/or on-road improvements, linking existing local tracks to Roslyn Avenue.	Long	Council	Low	Cap	
43	Ferry Road	Investigate improving active transport infrastructure along Ferry Road to Bruny Island Ferry Terminal.	Long	DSG, Council	Low	Ex	