

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2025 - 6

Wednesday 10 December 2025 | 2pm

Opening time - 2:01pm

Kingborough

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

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	Dr Don Hempton	✓	
	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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resignations received from Wendy Wade and David Vickery.

The Chair expressed gratitude and acknowledged their valuable contributions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8 October 2025 meeting – Quorum not achieved and meeting proceeded as a discussion.

13 August 2025 meeting – To be confirmed at the next Committee meeting.

Note for Committee administrators to distribute 13 August 2025 minutes prior to the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

NIL

BUSINESS ARISING

Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan Consultation

The Tasmanian Government is developing the Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan with the aim to enable people with a disability to be more included and supported in Tasmania.

The plan will be developed in collaboration with people with disability with feedback open until 10 March 2026.

<https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/cpp/community-and-disability-services/tasmanian-disability-inclusion-plan-consultation>

ACTION: Committee to prepare a submission. Initially requesting Committee members submit feedback regarding the plan via email with all feedback consolidated and to be discussed at the February 2026 Committee meeting.

Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy

The Kingborough Disability and Inclusion Access Policy has been reviewed and was endorsed by Council on Monday 4 August 2025.

Disability Expo

Contacted Greater Hobart Councils regarding possible Council stall at the Speak Out October 2025 Expo in Hobart. One response received from neighbouring Council and staff discussed further confirming no interest from neighbouring Councils.

ACTION: Arrange possible meeting with other Access Committees across Greater Hobart Councils to explore combining resources and share ideas.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- 28 July 2025 – Response from Calvin Christian School – two primary students interested in coming on a one-off basis.

ACTION: Committee to follow up with the school when the 2026 school year commences.

- 30 July 2025 – Community Engagement Team – Introduction from ParaQuad Tasmania.
Sarah Young introduced herself representing ParaQuad Tasmania.

Outgoing

- 13 June 2025 – EOI for Student Representation on DIAAC – Calvin Christian School, St Aloysius college and Southern Christian.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ACTION: Staff to follow up how and when relevant Developments (via Planning Dept.) and Council projects (via Engineering Dept.) are brought to the Committee for feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

DIAAC Community Nominations:

17 community and organisation nominations were received.

Committee recommended that the DIAAC Terms of Reference be amended to permit up to 10 community members and up to 4 organisation representatives, to be put to Council for consideration.

Local Footpath Issues:

Noted concerns raised about footpath condition along Ocean Esplanade and Pengana Road. Works department have been advised.

Media release about keeping footpaths clear of obstructions released in November 2025.

DISCUSSION

- Suggestion that a representative from Christian Homes be invited to join the Committee. Possible presentation about developments in Kingborough.

- Suggestion that Inspector Riley could be invited to a future meeting to discuss issues.

NEXT MEETING – TBC

Close meeting at 2:55

Action Items

What	Who
Committee to prepare a submission to Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan consultation. Initially requesting Committee members to submit feedback regarding the plan via email with all feedback consolidated and to be discussed at the February 2026 Committee meeting.	Committee members to email contributions.
Follow up and clarify how and when relevant Developments (via Planning Dept.) and Council projects (via Engineering Dept.) are brought to the Committee for feedback.	AO
Local student feedback to DIAAC.	AO – Calvin Christian School advised that two of their primary students may be interested in attending with a teacher to a future meeting. Follow up in 2026 school year.
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.
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.
Write to Christian Homes regarding getting a representative to do a presentation about the proposed developments in Kingborough municipality.	AO
Write to our four surrounding Councils regarding organising a time to get all four Disability and Access Committees together for a joint meeting or discussion.	Chair / AO

Contact Stuart Heather regarding media release on footpath parking.

AO – Media release issued and published in Kingborough Chronicle November 2025.