

MINUTES

KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2026 - 1

Wednesday 18 February 2026 | 2pm

Kingborough

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

PRESENT

		PRESENT	APOLOGY
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox	✓	
	Heather Anderson	✓	
	Di Carter	✓	
	Kevin Clayton	✓	
	Taraidh Colquhuon	✓	
	Paula Heald	✓	
	Dr Don Hempton	✓	
	Zola Lawry	✓	
	Tamara Manning	✓	
	Fran Thompson	✓	
	Michelle Warr	✓	
Organisational	Angelica Thaddeus		✓
	Sarah Young	✓	
	Samara Jenkins	✓	
Staff	Aleira Chalker – Administration Officer	✓	
	Anthony Verdouw – Executive Officer	✓	
Presenters	Gordon Broome (SES)	✓	
	Richard Witbreuk (SES)	✓	

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 and present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

11 June 2025 meeting

Moved: Di Carter

Seconded: Fran Thompson

CARRIED

10 December 2025 meeting

Moved: Don Hempton

Seconded: Cr Flora Fox

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Person Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) – State Emergency Service

Richard Witbreuk and Gordon Broome (SES emergency preparedness facilitators) presented on preparing for emergencies.

Provided scenario examples of person-centred emergency plans (P-CEP). Provided information on how to get involved with P-CEP plans and learning the P-CEP approach.

<https://www.ses.tas.gov.au/>

Distribute P-CEP presentation to DIAAC members.

BUSINESS ARISING

Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan Consultation

Discussed the proposed Committee submission to 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**.

ACTION: Feedback to be collated by Friday, 27 February 2026.

Raised ongoing issues with taxi and transport services. Potential for national scheme for taxi refund assistance.

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.

Add to list for discussion at Group Meeting of Southern Council Committees.

2026 expo scheduled for Tuesday 26 August 2026 at Mac2.

<https://disabilityexpotas.org/>

Group Meeting of other Southern Council Access Committees

Aiming for a mid-year meeting of other Southern Council access committees for group advocacy actions.

ACTION: AO to prepare list of group meeting agenda items.

ACTION: Chair to write to Chairs of respective Access Committees.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

Nil

Outgoing

Nil

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS & COUNCIL PROJECTS

The below Council project plans were reviewed, with comments passed on to the project teams:

- Blackmans Bay Hall Accessible Toilet

Feedback raised regarding handbasin heights, mirror heights, turning circle space, sliding doors, pulldown grab rails.

- Kettering Hall Accessible Toilet

Feedback raised regarding pulldown grab rail, coloured toilet seats, clothes hooks at accessible height.

- Margate Hall Accessible Ramp

Feedback raised regarding the handrail, turning circle on the ramps.
Requested that the design be peer reviewed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Request that the pedestrian crossing on Hutchins Street between State Library and U3A Kingborough be formalised as pedestrian right of way.
More people crossing now that the adult education carpark has been restricted.

MOTION:

That Council investigates a formalised pedestrian crossing on Hutchins Street, Kingston vicinity U3A Kingborough and Library Tasmania.

Moved: Fran Thompson

Seconded: Di Carter

CARRIED

- Suggestion that traffic counters be installed at Kingston Beach to do a comparison if reduction of speeding has happened following Local Area Traffic Management works.
- Kingston Park Playspace – question raised about lack of fencing around the park and the ability for children to run onto the road.
Staff to raise issue with Parks and Reserves team.
- Suggestion that the Committee have a presentation from blind representative – planned for April meeting, Don Hempton to provide details.

Meeting closed: 3.27pm

NEXT MEETING – 15 April 2026

Action Items

What	Who	Date added
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 by 27 February. AO to collate feedback	18/12/2025
Follow and clarify up how and when relevant Developments (via Planning Dept.) and Council projects (via Engineering Dept.) are brought to the Committee for feedback.	AO – New project development process underway for FY27. New DDA building projects added to agenda for comment.	18/12/2025
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.	18/12/2025
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.	9/4/2025
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	18/12/2025

Write to Southern Tasmanian Councils regarding organising a time to convene representatives from the respective Access Committees for a Group Meeting or discussion.	Chair / AO	18/02/2026
Create a list of items for discussion for Group Meeting.	AO	18/02/2026
Fencing around Kingston Park – raise issue with Council’s parks and reserves team	AO	18/02/2026