

# MINUTES

## KINGBOROUGH DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 2026 - 2

Wednesday 22 APRIL 2026 | 2pm

Kingborough

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

## **PRESENT**

		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGY</b>
Chairperson	Cr Paula Wriedt	✓	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Flora Fox		✓
	Heather Anderson		✓
	Di Carter	✓	
	Kevin Clayton	✓	
	Taraidh Colquhoun		✓
	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			

## **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**

### **18 February 2026 meeting**

Moved: Don Hempton

Seconded: Samara Jenkins

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**NIL**

*ACTION: Contact Guide Dogs Tasmania requesting a presentation for an upcoming meeting.*

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### **Motion from February Committee meeting**

Motion went to Council - 20 April 2026:

**C1/7-2026**

#### **15.1 DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

Moved: Cr Gideon Cordover

Seconded: Cr Clare Glade-Wright

That Council:

- (a) Notes the minutes of the Disability Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee.
- (b) Investigates options to improve pedestrian safety on Hutchins Street, including the feasibility for a pedestrian priority crossing vicinity U3A Kingborough and the Kingston Library.

**CARRIED**

Noted the recommendation endorsed by Council. Discussed that further investigation be undertaken on Hutchins Street between Church Street and Channel Highway to improve safety outcomes.

### **Disability Expo**

2026 expo scheduled for Tuesday 26 August 2026 at Mac2.

<https://disabilityexpotas.org/>

*Include Disability Expo Tas Council Stall on list for discussion at Group Meeting of Southern Council Committees.*

## **Group Meeting of other Southern Council Access Committees**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Incoming**

- 18 March 26 - *Community inclusion resource for adults on the autism spectrum (18+) Information for Council networks* - [enquiries@aspireclubhouse.com.au](mailto:enquiries@aspireclubhouse.com.au)
- 15 April 26 - *Free online P-CEP Facilitation Course* – Richard Witbreuk (SES)  
As part of the PCEP project, Uni of Sydney are offering free online facilitation course of P-CEP.

### **Outgoing**

Nil

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS & COUNCIL PROJECTS**

Sherburd Park Changerooms Development Application design – Council are planning for new changeroom facilities at Sherburd oval to commence in FY26-27.

Feedback outlined below:

- Regarding unsealed carpark noted that choice of gravel or compacted gravel could improve access for wheelchair users, prams and dust for neighbouring residents.
- U/A amenities – requested that amenities installed to standards, accessibility requirements reviewed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ALGA**

Cr Wriedt noted a recent Australian Local Government Association meeting and advocacy for a national approach to disability access.

### **Accessible Businesses**

Di Carter noted issues with Disability Toilet upstairs in Channel Court Shopping Centre. After raising with Centre management, the issues have now been resolved.

Suggested that DIAAC advocate for businesses regarding disability access. Noted that something like a Kingborough accessible businesses certificate would be beneficial.

*ACTION: Follow up opportunity for Kingborough Chronicle article to outline what DIAAC does, ask whether community needs are being met by community services and infrastructure, provide email for feedback.*

*Include proposal for accessible businesses certificate on list for discussion at the Southern Council's Group meeting.*

### **Wheelie Bins on Footpaths**

Wheelie bins on footpaths restricting access was again raised. Noted the brochure outlining the issue went out with rates notices some years ago. Suggested that the brochure be sent out again.

Noted that a mainstream media story – article in the Mercury – could be beneficial.

*Include Wheelie Bins/Obstructed footpaths on list for discussion at the Southern Group Meeting.*

### **School Access**

St Aloysius Blackmans Bay Campus – the School requires users of the accessible car spaces to enter the carpark through the Exit point of the carpark. Safety concerns raised and suggested contact with Catholic Schools Tasmania.

### **NDIS**

Noted the proposed changes to the NDIS to be implemented from 1 July 2026.

### **Sunflower Lanyards**

Discussed sunflower lanyards for hidden disabilities. Suggestion this could be promoted in the community and resources could possibly be distributed from Civic Centre.

[www.hdsunflower.com/au/](http://www.hdsunflower.com/au/)

*Include Sunflower Lanyards resources and community education to list for discussion at Southern Group meeting.*

**Meeting closed:** 3.28pm

**NEXT MEETING** – 10 June 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.  Feedback submitted.	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.  Contacted Calvin waiting to hear back.	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
Disability taxis – Confirm if letter has been sent to minister.	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  Christian Homes scheduled to present at 10 June meeting.	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 - ongoing	18/02/2026
Fencing around Kingston Park – raise issue with Council’s parks and reserves team	AO – to contact reserves team to raise issue	18/02/2026
Contact Guide Dogs Tasmania requesting a presentation for an upcoming meeting.	AO	22/04/2026
Follow up opportunity for Kingborough Chronicle article to outline what DIAAC does, ask whether community needs are being met by community services and infrastructure, provide email for feedback.	Comms, Chair, AO	22/04/2026