



WELCOME

Let me welcome you to our municipality, one of the fastest growing communities in Tasmania.

We are extremely proud of Brighton and what has been achieved here, and I am confident that in a very short space of time, you will find out how enjoyable it is to live in this wonderful municipality. We have some fantastic facilities and public amenities and we live in a picturesque setting that makes living and working within Brighton an absolute delight.

At the same time, we all understand that one of the challenges of moving into a new area is knowing what services and amenities are available, and how to find them. This is why we have put together a residents' kit which contains information and details about our community and where to go if you are not sure of what is available.

I hope this assists you in learning more about your community and finding out where to go for further information.

On behalf of my Councillors, the General Manager and Council Officers I hope you find living in the Brighton municipality enjoyable and satisfying.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Foster', written in a cursive style.

Tony Foster
MAYOR

ABOUT US

Brighton Council is one of 29 local councils in Tasmania, with Local Government the third tier of Government after the Federal and State Governments.

Council operates under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 which was amended in 2013 and 2014 and, which gives Council certain powers and responsibilities to ensure good government for the people of the municipality.

Council provides a wide range of services to the community including:

- Construction and maintenance of roads
- Construction and maintenance of streetscapes, parks and public recreation and sporting amenities
- Town planning
- Community development
- Economic development
- Waste management

There are nine councillors with elections being every four years.

The next election will be held in October 2018.

HISTORY OF BRIGHTON

The Brighton Council area is very rich historically with what we know as Pontville first landed by early Royal Marine patrols soon after the arrival of Governor David Collins at Sullivans Cove on February 21 1804.

In 1821, Governor Lachlan Macquarie visited the island. In the course of a tour of the country, he selected sites for five townships, one of which was Brighton, in honour of residence of King George IV. As early as 1822, 12 months after Macquarie's visit, Brighton was being spoken of as the future capital of Tasmania. Although considered again in 1824 and 1825, the proposal was dropped and in 1826 became a military post on the main Hobart to Launceston road.

The Council itself held its first meeting on November 19 1863. In 1993, some 130 years later there were significant changes with the number of Councils in Tasmania reduced from 46 to 29. With this amalgamation of councils saw the loss of 61 per cent of rural land comprised mainly of Broadmarsh, along the Midland Highway north of Pontville to Bagdad, and parts of Tea Tree to the newly formed Southern Midlands Council.

The municipal area of Brighton Council altered significantly as a result of the modernisation process in 1993. Located approximately 25 kilometres north-east of Hobart, Brighton is bordered by the municipalities of the Derwent Valley (New Norfolk), Southern Midlands and the City of Clarence and is crossed by the Midland Highway, the major corridor linking the north and the south of Tasmania. This highway links with the East Derwent Highway, which extends south towards Clarence or over the Bowen Bridge into the cities of Glenorchy and Hobart,

Major residential areas within the municipal boundaries are Brighton, Old Beach, Bridgewater, Gagebrook and the historic precinct of Pontville. Tea Tree remains the only predominately rural area.

Prior to the early 1970s, Brighton was principally a rural municipality, but with the establishment of large public housing estates in Bridgewater and Gagebrook together with private residential and industrial developments in the Old Beach and Brighton areas in the late 1980s through to now, residential, commercial and industrial development has taken place throughout the municipality. This strong growth trend is continuing.

Brighton Council continues to raise the bar in terms of its growth and achievement in local government in Tasmania positively demonstrating what can be undertaken by a local community and its council working together for the benefit of the municipality as a whole.

If you would like further information or would like to comment on any aspect of Council please contact Council on 6268 7000.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK

The Councillors represent the community and make decisions on policy, budgeting, service delivery, major works priorities and strategic planning for the Brighton community.

Council staff provide expertise and advice to the Councillors and residents, are responsible for the day-to-day operations of Council, and are committed to the implementation of the Council's programs and policy decisions.

Council meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month for ordinary council meetings.

Council meetings are open to the public who are welcome to sit in the public gallery. Meeting times for Committee and Council Meetings are advertised in the municipality's own newspaper, *Brighton Community News* every month.

Members of the public may address a Council meeting on any subject of concern or interest to the municipality, except planning matters that are listed on the agenda.

Council meetings agendas and minutes are available in a pdf which is downloadable on Council's website <http://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/agendas-minutes/>

RATES INFORMATION

Property rates are Council's principal revenue source. Brighton operates under a fair rating system. This system, and our efficient Council management has enabled Brighton to keep rate rises at or below the rate of increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The rating system comprises a fixed component for services that are enjoyed equally by all ratepayers and includes a differential based on locality that recognises capacity to pay.

Rates are charged for various services and owners pay rates according to whether all or only some of the services supplied are available to a particular property.

For rates inquiries contact Council's Rates Office on 6268 7025.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. **By mail** by completing and detaching the tear off instalment advice on your rate notice and mailing it with your cheque or money order made payable to the Brighton Council. Postal address Brighton Council, Tivoli Road, Old Beach, Tasmania 7030.
2. **Pay by phone** 24-hour service by phoning 1300 366 740 and following the interactive voice responses. (Credit card transactions only)

3. Internet

https://secure.billexpress.com.au/biller/account_payment_v2.asp?bCode=258894

Credit card transactions only – (a \$1 transaction fee applies)

4. **In person** at the Brighton Council Offices, 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.
5. **Direct Debit** A more convenient and quicker way to pay your rates is now available for Brighton ratepayers. Using direct debit, Council will be able to electronically transfer funds from your bank account in order to pay your rates automatically.

To download an application form, or a copy of the service agreement, go to the Council's website www.brighton.tas.gov.au

PENSIONER CONCESSIONS

If you receive a pension you may be eligible for a rate remission. For existing pensioners, verified by Social Security or Veterans' Affairs, the remission will be automatically shown as a reduction on your rates notice.

New pensioners (if date of grant is prior to July 1) should complete a remission form before March 31 of each year.

RECYCLING

A fortnightly kerbside recycling collection service is provided to households in regular garbage collection areas.

Collection runs begin at 6am and finish at 6pm. Collection days are each Friday or Tuesday and residents are asked to put wheelie bins out before 6am.

Items that can be collected are:

- Cardboard
- Newspapers
- Milk cartons
- Glass bottles
- Aluminium
- Steel cans
- PET and HDPE plastic bottles

Recyclable products are only collected if placed in the Council marked recycling bin. Newspaper, cardboard and magazines must be tied and flattened in separate bundles and placed next to the wheelie bin.

Items that cannot be collected are:

- Car batteries

- Engine oil
- Soiled paper
- Soiled cardboard items (eg pizza boxes)
- Plain paper and envelopes

If recycling is not collected because it does not comply with requirements, a sticker detailing reasons will be attached to your bin. Please dispose of these items in your wheelie bin. However, car batteries, engine oil and paints can be recycled if taken to the Waste Transfer Station.

For more information on collection days, missed collections or replacing a recycle bin phone 6268 7030.

DOG MANAGEMENT

Dogs are an important part of the community and many people value their companionship. Council encourages owners to comply with the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

We ask that to follow some basic guidelines including:

- Ensuring dogs over six months old are registered and microchipped.
- Cleaning up any faeces left by dogs.
- Ensuring dogs are on a lead on all roads, footpaths, nature strips and public walkways or cycleways.
- Informing Council of the death or transfer of ownership of a dog.
- Ensuring your dogs are not allowed to attack a person or animal.
- Ensuring your dog isn't allowed to bark continually or cause a noise nuisance.
- Maintaining effective control of dogs.
- Keeping no more than two dogs over six months of age, or four in the case of working dogs, on premises unless a kennel licence has been approved.

The Animal Control Officer regularly patrols all suburban areas and an after hours' service is available in case of an emergency ie dog attack.

If the Animal Control Officer has picked up your dog, it will be taken to the Dogs' Home at 101 Scotts Road, Risdon Vale, phone 6243 5177.

For more information about responsible dog ownership phone 6268 7008 during normal office hours or if an emergency (Dog attack) exists after hours' phone 6268 7000.

NOISE MANAGEMENT

Noise can really upset your neighbour so be considerate. Under the *Environmental Management & Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004* there are certain defined hours you can use noisy equipment.

ALL POWER EQUIPMENT

Permissible hours of use

Monday - Friday	7am-6pm
Saturday	8am-6pm
Sunday	10am-6pm
Statutory Holidays	10am-6pm

LAWNMOWERS

Permissible hours of use

Monday - Friday	7am-8pm
Saturday	9am-8pm
Sunday	10am-8pm
Statutory Holidays	10am-8pm

CHAINSAWS

Permissible hours of use

Monday - Friday	7am-8pm
Saturday	9am-8pm
Sunday	10am-6pm
Statutory Holidays	10am-6pm

Chainsaws must not be used within 300m of a residence at anytime unless for domestic garden maintenance on only one day in any seven consecutive days.

You must not operate a motor vehicle, motor vessel or dirt bike etc. for recreational purposes within 500m of a residential premises without the consent of the premises' resident.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING AND PLUMBING SERVICES

To assist the building trade and the home builder, Plumbing and Building officers are available between 8.15am and 4.45pm for:

- Building approvals and inspections

- Plumbing approvals and inspections
- Building and drainage plans
- Storm water infiltration and soakage inspections
- Advice on regulations

For more information phone 6268 7000.

PLANNING AND SUBDIVISIONS

If you intend to subdivide land, develop or use land or buildings, or conduct a business from home, it is likely that you will need a Council planning permit.

To assist people who are buying a property, or wanting to make inquiries about a planning or subdivision application, the Planning Officer is available between 8.15am and 4.45pm for:

- Inquiries regarding Planning Scheme and other planning documents
- Pre-application discussions and assistance
- Lodgment of applications
- Viewing of advertised applications

For more information phone 6268 7041.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Council encourages sustainable development within the municipality that will establish or expand business, employment opportunities and local services.

Areas of involvement include:

- Marketing and promoting the municipality location, identity and strengths
- Identifying development opportunities
- Planning the required support infrastructure and services
- Streetscape improvement projects
- Providing information and advice to potential developers
- Liaising with business, tourism and development organisations
- Providing rate incentives for business development

For more information phone 6268 7000.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBER

TELEPHONE: 6268 7000

Please use this number for all services after hours except for water, sewerage. The telephone number for these services is 136 992 (TasWater).

For Council inquiries during normal hours, refer to our Contacts.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

[LINC, SERVICE TAS & FAMILY CENTRE](#)

23 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6165 5446

[DINING WITH FRIENDS](#)

25 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
First Wednesday of every month
(March-December)

[ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE \(LINC\)](#)

23 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6165 5446

[POLICE](#)

20-22 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6268 4100

[PCYC](#)

20-22 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 5277

[PETE'S COMMUNITY WORK SHED](#)

10 Sorell St
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 5142

[RED CROSS](#)

28 Green Point Rd
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6235 6070

[POST OFFICE](#)

26-28 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 7236

or

37 Midland Highway
BRIGHTON
Tel: 6268 1270

[Mail Delivery Inquiries](#)

Tel: 131318

[SERVICE TASMANIA](#)

23 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 1300 135 513

[SES](#)

State Emergency Service
Tel: 6268 1098

[WASTE TRANSFER STATION](#)

Cove Hill Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6268 7047
Fri – Mon 8.30am to 4.30pm

[WORKSKILLS](#)

25 Hurst St
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6224 4566
corporate@workskills.org.au

[JORDAN RIVER LEARNING FEDERATION](#)

55 Eddington Street
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6262 5500
Bridgewater.high@education.tas.gov.au

[GAGEBROOK CAMPUS](#)

4 Tottenham Road
GAGEBROOK
Tel: 6263 6762
Gagebrook.Primary@education.tas.gov.au

[HERSDMAN'S COVE CAMPUS](#)

2 Lamprill Circle
GAGEBROOK
Tel: 6263 7843
Herdsmans.Cove.Primary@education.tas.gov.au

[BRIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

27 Downie Street
Bridgewater
Tel: 6268 1231
www.education.tas.edu.au/brightonprimary

[OLD BEACH PLAYGROUP](#)

Old Beach Community Centre
100 Jetty Road
OLD BEACH
Tel: 6249 2319

[LIFELINE](#)

24 Hour Telephone Counselling Line
Tel: 131 114

[CWA](#)

Country Women's Association
Tel: 6268 1034

[ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

2-4 Paice Street
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 6482
officepauls@tas.catholic.edu.au

[NORTHERN SUBURBS
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL](#)

17 Cobbs Hill Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 4733

[TAGARI LIA – CHILD AND
FAMILY CENTRE](#)

23 Green Point Road
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 7843

[BRIGHTON PLAYGROUP](#)

42 Dollery Park
BRIGHTON
Tel: (03) 6268 1851

[GREEN POINT MEDICAL
SERVICES](#)

9-11 Hurst Street
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 7349

[EAST DERWENT CAMPUS](#)

15 Bowden Drive
BRIDGEWATER
Tel: 6263 7303

JRLS.East.Derwent.Primary
Campus @education.tas.gov.au

CONTACT US

Brighton Council is committed to delivering the highest quality services that are responsive to business and community expectations and that are cost effective as well as being publicly accountable.

Brighton Council officers can be contacted Monday to Friday. Customer Service staff members are ready to answer your questions or direct you to the right department for any further information.

OFFICE HOURS

8.15am to 4.45pm
Council Chambers
1 Tivoli Road
OLD BEACH TAS 7017

GENERAL INQUIRIES

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