



**Brighton
Council**

Annual Plan 2008/2009

Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2008/2009 financial year has been prepared and adopted by Council in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in that it:

- is consistent with Council's strategic plan
- includes a statement of the manner in which Council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan
- includes a summary of the budget estimates adopted by Council
- includes a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the Council's public health goals and objectives

In 2008/09 Council will endeavour to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan in an inclusive manner with its citizens.

Councillors @ June 2008

Tony Foster – Mayor

Geoff Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Barbara Curran

Wayne Garlick

Peter Geard

Leigh Gray

Moya Jeffries

Phillip Owen

Sonya Williams

Summary of the Estimates for the 2008/09 financial year

Estimated Revenue of the Council	\$13,516,170
Estimated Expenditure of the Council	\$11,145,685
Estimated Borrowings by the Council	none
Estimated Capital Works of the Council	\$2,872,480

Summary of Strategies and Initiatives for 2008 / 2009

1. Image

Promote Brighton as a great place to be.

by 2016: *Build local self perception and esteem and dispel negative internal and external perceptions of the area*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- finalise and roll out Stage I Landscape Plan
- promote hub and Brighton community to external community
- Main Street Program
- targeted improvement program
- develop and document Human Resource Management and Training plans for Brighton Council employees

2. Education and training

Improve education and training opportunities.

by 2016: *Promote a facility for training and skill development focused on target industries*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- support the construction of new facilities to replace the High School
- aggressively promote a focus on pre-primary / early learning programs for literacy and numeracy
- promote proposed adult literacy and skills based training in the Brighton area.
- lobby for year 11/12 technical training college
- develop strategies to promote community value of education and positive attitudes for learning

3. Business growth

Promote industrial and business growth.

by 2016: *In order to improve local employment opportunities, increase awareness of Brighton Municipality as a viable, proactive business centre driven by a "pro business" culture*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- promote Transport Hub strategy

4. Physical infrastructure

Maintain and improve our physical infrastructure.

by 2016: *Develop a major sports complex and community centre*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- Water & Sewer infrastructure to be provided to identified future settlement areas
- launch and promote community use of completed community centre
- Pontville recreation strategy implementation

5. Communications

Improve communication and interaction between residents, community groups and businesses.

by 2016: *In the first instance build a communications strategy to raise community awareness with the objective of promoting a cohesive community and to coordinate a strategic approach to media marketing and public relations*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- launch Communications strategy
- keep Brighton Alive 'alive' – monitor, measure and refine
- review Brighton Community News

6. Land use planning

Get our land use planning right – including business and administrative districts.

by 2016: *Develop a land use and development strategy to provide a long term approach that produces sustainable and measurable economic, environmental (built and "green") and social benefits for the municipal area and the region*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- commence preparation of a new Planning Scheme
- sell targeted Council properties and use proceeds for recreation land use projects
- participate in Federal and State affordable housing programs as appropriate
- conduct audit of potential affects of climate change develop long term strategic social space/ park plan : "Brown to Green"

7. Transport systems

Facilitate provision of better transport systems.

by 2016: *Develop an appropriate, accessible bike / walkway network that circulates and links various parts of the municipal area*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- continue development of foreshore walking track
- park and ride promotion
- develop a transport strategy for post by-pass

8. Alliances

Form alliances to take projects and strategies forward.

by 2016: *Improve influence with our neighbouring councils, the southern regional councils and State and Commonwealth Governments*

2008-2009 initiatives:

- service provision expansion with Microwise Pty Ltd
- regional lobbying at State and Federal level to improve service delivery to Brighton Council especially in relation to the key areas of transport and education
- Water & sewer reform
 - investigate resource sharing with others – e.g. roads, reserves, operations, plant & equipment (i.e. tendering)
 - develop succession planning strategies

Public Health

Council will:

- Conduct monthly immunisation clinics, annual school immunisations and promote the need for immunisation.
- Ensure proper provision of on-site effluent disposal in compliance with relevant standards.
- Undertake routine inspection of places of public assembly, to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- Promptly investigate environmental health complaints.
- Maintain an effective analysis program for food, potable water, recreational waters and general complaints.

Risk Management

Council will:

- Continue to keep risk exposure to a minimum by helping reduce injuries and potential loss - management practice will involve identifying potential risks, analyzing and treating by taking appropriate action.
- Continue to be proactive in inspections of roads, footpaths, written agreements with clubs/user groups, building & financial services, town planning and water/sewer functions.