



**Brighton
Council**

Annual Plan

2018/19

Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2018/2019 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 2018/19 Council will endeavour to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan in an inclusive manner with its citizens.

Councillors @ 30 June 2018:-

Tony Foster – Mayor

Barbara Curran – Deputy Mayor

Wayne Garlick

Peter Geard

Leigh Gray

Keith Higgins

Moya Jeffries

Philip Owen

Sonya Williams

Summary of the Estimates for the 2018/19 financial year:-

Estimated Revenue of the Council	\$14,198,839
Estimated Expenditure of the Council	\$13,706,019
Estimated Borrowings by the Council	
Estimated Capital Works of the Council	\$5,042,460

Key Focus Areas and Summary of Strategies and Initiatives for 2018 / 2019:-

1. Provide sustainable and responsible financial management of council resources

- Council to maintain its debt profile below prudential guidelines. Council is currently debt free and has not budgeted for any borrowings this financial year.
- The community's finances will be managed to provide sustainable and responsible financial management of the community's resources. Council will again keep its general rate increase to Hobart CPI.
- Maintain a strong financial position, ensuring the Council remains financially sustainable in the long term. Council has planned to achieve above benchmark results for all financial sustainability indicators on a trend basis.
- Achieve underlying operating statement surpluses (excludes nonoperational items such as granted assets and capital income).
- Pursue recurrent grant funding for strategic capital funds from the state and federal government.
- Council's financial position will have a margin of comfort aimed to absorb the impact of unexpected developments, without the necessity for substantial increases in rates.
- Council will continue to sell surplus property for reinvestment in strategic areas.
- Further plan and develop the provision of Brighton Council professional services in Tasmania, the mainland and overseas through its participation in the Local Government Shared Services Venture.
- Optimise the return on investment for Microwise.

2. Manage and influence population growth with appropriate land use planning

- Continue implementing key strategies and plans, including implementing the Brighton Structure Plan 2018.
- Continue promoting investment in the industrial hubs.
- Continue investing in public realm and open space improvements.
- Facilitate major strategic residential growth rezonings.
- Work with Centacare Evolve to facilitate the implementation of the Holmes Dyer Master Plan for Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove.
- Prepare master plans for key capital works project areas and grant opportunities for the next 5 years.
- Represent Brighton's interests in the preparation of the single statewide planning scheme.
- Optimise community benefit from Council owned land and infrastructure, including sales and purchases when strategically appropriate.

3. Promote sustainable practices throughout council, local businesses and the community

- Continue improving Council’s sustainability and reducing Council’s ecological footprint.
- Promote environmentally responsible and socially ethical approaches in all activities.
- Support the Brighton Alive administration.
- Pursue and support relevant grant opportunities.

4. Promoting Brighton as a great place to visit and live

- Complete Stage 1 of the Bridgewater Parkland development.
- Complete the walkway and shelters upgrade for Gagebrook, Herdsmans Cove and Bridgewater.
- Continue implementing the Greening Brighton Strategy.
- Promote Council’s fair rating system and sound financial management.
- Continue to promote the Brighton “brand”.
- Continue improving disability access and an aged friendly community.
- Continue promoting education outcomes.

5. Facilitate provision of better transport systems

- Work with Metro Tasmania and the Department of State Growth to improve access to public transport.
- Promote strategic public transport opportunities such as light rail, ferries and park and ride.
- Work with State Growth to develop an East Derwent Highway Strategy.

6. Maintain at a high level and improve our physical infrastructure

- Continue working with Cricket Tasmania to develop Pontville Park into a first class venue for local, regional and state-wide events.
- Reconstruction works on Baskerville Road, Eddington Street, Lockhart Street, Plymouth Road and Sorell Street.
- Complete works on Bridgewater Park Stage 1.
- Construct Gagebrook – Herdsmans Cove walkways.
- Replace all street lights with LED lights.

7. Promoting industrial, business and employment growth

- Facilitate and encourage strategic developments.
- Facilitate population growth via development strategies and rezonings.
- Prepare a municipal investment prospectus.
- Provide affordable housing on vacant council and state government land.
- Continue working with the Department of Education and industries to provide better opportunities for residents.

8. 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, food premises, public health risk activities and water carters to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- Promptly investigate environmental health complaints.
- Maintain an effective analysis program for food, recreational waters and general complaints.

9. Risk Management

Council will:

- Continue to keep risk exposure to a minimum by helping reduce injuries and potential loss. Management practices will involve identifying risks, analysing and treating by taking appropriate action.
- Continue to be proactive in inspections and reviews of roads, footpaths, written agreements with clubs/user groups, building & financial services, town planning and recreation functions.
- Educate community groups on importance and activities involved with risk management.