



**Brighton
Council**

Annual Plan

2017/18

Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2017/2018 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 2017/18 Council will endeavour to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan in an inclusive manner with its citizens.

Councillors @ 30 June 2017

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 2017/18 financial year

Estimated Revenue of the Council	\$15,230,614
Estimated Expenditure of the Council	\$13,105,851
Estimated Borrowings by the Council	\$720,000
Estimated Capital Works of the Council	\$6,000,021

Key Focus Areas and Summary of Strategies and Initiatives for 2017/2018

1. Provide sustainable and responsible financial management of council resources

- 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 targeted 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
- 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
- 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
- Complete the Brighton Bowls and Community Club building redevelopment for community purposes
- 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 Child's Drive Park in Old Beach
- 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"
- Complete the Brighton Streetscape Plan
- 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
- Reconstruct the Cove Hill Road bridge
- Reconstruct 500m of Thompson Crescent and Croydon Place in Bridgewater
- Asphalt reseal and two coat seals for various Bridgewater and Old Beach roads
- Major repairs on Elderslie Road
- Complete streetscaping on Brighton Road
- Reconstruct Willowbrook bridge and Old Beach Jetty
- Commence works on Bridgewater Park Stage 1
- Construct Gagebrook – Herdsmans Cove walkways
- Replace all street lights with LED lights by the end of the financial year

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

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.

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.