



A NEW YEAR MESSAGE from Brighton Mayor, Tony Foster

ON behalf of Brighton Council, I wish all in our community a happy and successful New Year.

Certainly 2020 unfolded in an unexpected way and the pandemic impacted on most aspects of our lives. While many of the major challenges of the past year are now behind us, hopefully we can look forward to the next 12 months with some hope and optimism. Yes, we still need to be cautious and vigilant, but with the development and roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines, with luck the worst may be behind us.

I am extremely proud of the manner in which the Brighton community responded to the challenges, observed the advice of health authorities and the State and Commonwealth Governments and worked together to ensure we emerged safer and stronger.

Brighton now has much to look forward to. We have a number of significant projects in planning or underway, that will continue the growth and development of our municipality. The year will see progress on the new Brighton High School and the replacement Bridgewater Bridge

At a local level, Council is doing all it can to stimulate the local economy and provide enhanced services for our community. This includes major works such as the Gunn Oval changerooms, the Pontville Park pavilion development, stage two of the Bridgewater Parkland, a new off-lead dog area for Seymour Street in Brighton as well as improvements to the Old Beach off-lead dog area.

Road works being undertaken this year include significant upgrades to Green Point Road, Baskerville Road, Jetty Road, Augustus Street and Andrew Street. We're also extending our roadside tree planting program which is enhancing our streetscapes and we know this is very popular with residents.

Brighton is a very resilient community, and I am confident we will navigate the future responsibly and with confidence.

Again, Noeline and I extend our very best wishes to all for a safe and successful year ahead.

Tony Foster AM OAM JP
Mayor