

BRIGHTON COUNCIL



Annual Plan 2021-2022

Brighton
going places

Introduction

Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2021/2022 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 2021/22 Council will endeavour to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan in an inclusive manner with its citizens.

Councillors as at 1 July 2021

- Cr Barbara Curran – Acting Mayor
- Cr Wayne Garlick
- Cr Peter Geard
- Cr Leigh Gray
- Cr Moya Jeffries
- Cr Tennille Murtagh
- Cr Philip Owen
- Cr Jessica Whelan

Summary of the Estimates for the 2021/22 Financial Year

Estimated Revenue of the Council	\$17,785,089
Estimated Expenditure of the Council	\$15,710,476
Estimated Borrowings by the Council	\$0
Estimated Capital Works of the Council	\$7,978,368

Key Focus Areas and Summary of Strategies and Initiatives for 2021/2022

1. Strengthen Our Communities

11 Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

- Support the large local presence in Bridgewater's Hobart Gymnastics Association through the Brighton Council building ownership.
- Review the Open Space Strategy 2012
- Prepare a Community Infrastructure Needs Analysis.
- Support the Brighton Care Collective and the PCYC.
- Lobby for and facilitate greater investment in local health services and a long-term solution to the current lack of General Practitioners in the region.

12 Create Housing/Employment/Play/Education (Livability)

- Lobby Government and build relationships to ensure better educational and wellbeing outcomes for our students.
- Construct off lead areas for dogs in Brighton and Bridgewater.
- Prepare a Master Plan for South Brighton incorporating the new Brighton High School.
- Investigate rezoning for infill development around Sorell Street and Samuel Street Bridgewater.
- Investigate rezoning opportunities within the Urban Growth Boundary.
- Lobby for external funding for community infrastructure, especially in proximity to affordable housing developments.
- Establish a 'Regional Jobs Hub' on behalf of the region.
- Pursue cultural and educative partnerships and activities/events, especially for youth, including with MONA, BigArt, Landcare and Department of Education and Arts Tasmania.

13. Provide Public Facilities/Amenities

- Review waste management system and transfer station operations.
- Implement a Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service
- Provide new female changerooms and toilet facilities at Gunn Oval, Pontville.
- Complete a toilet block at the Bridgewater parkland development.
- Continue to upgrade Pontville Park in alignment with site Masterplan
- Continue working with Cricket Tasmania and other stakeholders to develop Pontville Park into a first-class regional sporting venue.
- Construct a new shed at Pontville Park for the Show Society and dog user groups.
- Construct a new off-lead dog park at Seymour Street, Brighton.
- Construct a section of gravel walkway along the Old Bach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive
- Construct Stage 1 upgrades of Cris Fitzpatrick Park in accordance with the Master Plan.
- Construct a neighbourhood park in Herdsmans Cove.
- Implement the priority actions from the Public Art Strategy.
- Identify a suitable location and develop concept plans for a town square in Brighton.

14. Support Connected Communities

- Construct new disabled access kerb ramps.
- Construct sections of walkway to link Gagebrook to the East Derwent Highway pathways
- Continue improving disability access and an aged friendly community.
- Support Brighton Alive administration.
- Continue to progress Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

15. Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future

- Work with Centacare Evolve to facilitate the implementation of the Holmes Dyer master plan for Bridgewater, Herdsmans Cove and Gagebrook.
- Continue implementing the Greening Brighton Strategy.
- Continue reducing council's ecological footprint.
- Pursue partnerships.
- Install solar panels on the Civic Centre
- Continue new street tree plantings throughout the Municipality.
- Update the flood-prone hazards overlay in the planning scheme based on modelling from catchment management plans.
- Install interpretation signage for the Old Beach saltmarsh.
- Establish local Landcare groups.

2. Create 2-3 Hubs for our Connector Satellite City

21 A focus on Agriculture/Horticulture/Aquaculture (Food)

- Improve strategic partnerships with NRM organisations.
- Continue boxthorn eradication.
- Prepare a policy for residential use in the Agriculture Zone.

22 Education/Capability Build

- Facilitate and support MONA's community development work at Bond Place, Eddington St Nursery and elsewhere in the municipality.
- Continue to work with the Department of Education on the development of the new Brighton High School.

23. Support further development of a "business & logistics hub"

- Implement the priority actions from the Brighton Industrial Estate Brand & Place Strategy.
- Investigate viability of a renewable energy hub and green hydrogen facility.

3. Drive Infrastructure Development

31 Support 30% Growth Target

- Update asset management plan.
- Pursue grant funding for strategic capital projects.
- Optimise use of council land.
- Lobby for a review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy and changes to the Urban Growth Boundary as recommended in the Brighton Structure Plan 2018.

32 Implement Strategic Asset Management Plan (Existing and New)

- Reconstruct sections of Albion Road, Cove Hill Road, McShane Street, Baskerville Road, Elderslie Road, Munday Street, Station Street and Andrew Street.
- Reseal Landermere Drive
- Upgrade and seal the Derwent Street intersection
- Formalise the overland flow path from Downie Street to Andrew Street to the Jordan River to improve stormwater and reduce flooding risk in the area.

33. Enabling Infrastructure

- Replace Willowbrook Road and Merriworth Road bridges.
- Collaborate with Government to ensure best possible outcomes for the Bridgewater Bridge Project.

4. Ensure a Stable Organisation

41 Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

- Keep general rate increases close to Hobart CPI as a long-term average.
- Closely monitor the economic and social impacts of COVID-19.

42 Be Well-Governed

- Continue succession planning for all positions.
- Continue professional service provision to enhance experience and best practice.

43. A Shaping Agenda Facilitated Through Strong Engagements

- Promote educational and workforce development with government and regional councils.
- Pursue partnerships with other organisations.

44. Long-term Thinking & Evidence-based

- Implement council's key strategies.
- Prepare master plans for key project areas and grant opportunities for the next 5-10 years.
- Continue implementing 2050 Vision.

5. 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.
- Comply with COVID-19 guidelines and Public Health advice.

6. 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.