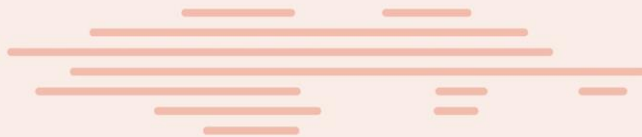




Brighton Council

New Resident Kit





We acknowledge the traditional owners who once walked this country: the Mumirimina people.

The Mumirimina belonged to the Oyster Bay tribe. This was the largest tribe in Tasmania and covered 8000 square kilometres. kotalayna levee in Brighton was a significant meeting place where hundreds of generations of Aboriginal families hunted, gathered, corroboreed, camped and traded.

In the course of colonisation, dispossession of the Mumirimina was early, rapid and extensive.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community today as the continuing custodians of this land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Through our words and actions we strive to build a community that reflects and respects the history and hopes for all the people of Brighton.



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Welcome to Brighton



Message from the Mayor

Let me welcome you to our municipality, one of the fastest growing communities in Tasmania.

We are extremely proud of Brighton and what has been achieved here, and I am confident that in a very short space of time you will discover how enjoyable it is to live in this wonderful municipality. We have some fantastic facilities and public amenities and are blessed with a picturesque setting to match, which makes living and working within Brighton an absolute delight.

We acknowledge that one of the challenges as an incoming resident is familiarising yourself with the services and amenities available to you. This is why we have put together this New Resident Kit, which contains introductory information on your local Council services and general information about the area.

On behalf of the Council, I hope you find living in the Brighton Municipality enjoyable and satisfying.

Councillor Leigh Gray,
Mayor of Brighton.

Our area at a glance

Brighton is located approximately 20kms north-east of Hobart on the eastern side of the River Derwent and forms part of the urban-rural interface of Greater Hobart. The municipality is bordered by the Derwent Valley, Southern Midlands and Clarence Councils and is traversed by the Midland Highway, East Derwent Highway, the main north-south railway line and the Jordan River.

Before European arrival, the land to the east of the Jordan River formed part of the Oyster Bay Tribe territory and the land to the west was part of the Big River Tribe territory. Aboriginal fire management and hunting practices formed the grassland valley, still visible today from Bagdad to the River Derwent. The Aboriginal name for this area of the Jordan River is kutalayna and it was the territory of the Mumirimina, one of the ten bands comprising the Oyster Bay tribe.

Brighton is Tasmania's fastest growing community with a municipal population exceeding 17,000 and an annual growth rate well in excess of 2 percent. By 2041 Brighton is expected to have a population of 22,489 following growth of 1.2% annually from 2019 to 2041.

Brighton has a relatively young population, with an average age of 35 years compared to 40 years for Greater Hobart (ABS, 2018).

Industrial land use is a key feature of the municipality and its future growth. It is centred upon the Transport Hub, which is the major transport interchange for Southern Tasmania.

About Council

Brighton Council is one of 29 councils in Tasmania, with Local Government the third tier of Government after the Federal and State Governments.

Council operates under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which gives Council certain powers and responsibilities to ensure good governance for the people of the municipality.

Council provides a wide range of services to the community including construction and maintenance of roads, streetscapes, parks and public recreation facilities, town planning, community development, economic development and waste management.

There are nine (9) councillors with elections being every four years. The next election will be held in October 2022.

Your Council at work

The Councillors represent the community and make decisions on policy, budgeting, service delivery, major works priorities and strategic planning for the Brighton community.

Council staff provide expertise and advice to Councillors and residents, are responsible for the day to day operations of Council, and are committed to the implementation of the Council's programs and policy decisions.

Council meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month for ordinary council meetings. These Council meetings are open to the public who are welcome to sit in the public gallery. Times for both Committee Meetings and General Council Meetings are advertised in the municipality's own newspaper, Brighton Community News.

Members of the public may attend these meetings to address Council on any subject or concern or interest to the municipality, with exception to planning matters, which are listed on the agenda.

Council meeting agendas and minutes are available in a PDF format on Council's website.

A list of Brighton Council's elected members can be found on Council's website:
www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/elected-members/

Planning and development

Building and Plumbing Services

To assist the building trade and the home builder, Plumbing and Building officers are available between 8.30am and 4.30pm for:

- Building approvals and inspections
- Plumbing approvals and inspections
- Building and drainage plans
- Storm water infiltration and soakage inspections
- Advice on regulations

Planning and Subdivisions

If you intend to subdivide land, develop or use land or buildings, or conduct a business from home, it is likely that you will need a Council planning permit. To assist people who are buying a property or wanting to make inquiries about a planning or subdivision application, the Planning Officer is available between 8.30am and 4.30pm for:

- Inquiries regarding Planning Scheme and other planning documents.
- Pre-application discussions and assistance.
- Lodgement of applications.
- Viewing of advertised applications.

Economic Development Services

Council encourages sustainable development within the municipality that will establish or expand business, employment opportunities and local services.

Areas of involvement include:

- Promotion of the municipality – location, identity and strengths.
- Identifying development opportunities.
- Planning the required support infrastructure and services.
- Streetscape improvement services.
- Providing information and advice to potential developers.
- Liaising with business, tourism and development organisations.
- Providing rate incentives for business development.

Rates information

Property rates are the principal revenue source for local councils. Brighton operates under a fair rating system. This system has enabled Brighton to keep rate rises at or below the rate of increase in the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI). The rating system comprises a fixed component for services that are enjoyed equally by all ratepayers and includes a differential rate based on locality that recognises capacity to pay. Rates are charged for various services and owners pay rates according to whether all or only some of the services supplied are available to a particular property.

Payment Options

By mail: By completing and detaching the tear off Payment Slip on your rate notice and mailing it with your cheque or money order made payable to the Brighton Council.

Postal address: Brighton Council, 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach, Tasmania 7017.

By BPay: Details on how to pay via BPay are provided on your rate notice.

By Internet: <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/brightoncouncil>

Credit card transactions only (\$1 transaction fee applies).

By Phone: A 24-hour service accessed by phoning 1300 366 740 and following the interactive voice responses. Credit card transactions only (\$1 transaction fee applies).

In Person: At the Brighton Council Offices - 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach, Tasmania between the hours of 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Direct Debit: Using direct debit, Council will be able to electronically transfer funds from your bank account in order to pay your rates automatically.

Pensioner Concession: If you receive a pension you may be eligible for a rate remission. For existing pensioners, verified by Centrelink or Veteran Affairs, the remission will be automatically shown as a reduction on your rates notice. New pensioners (if date of grant is prior to July 1) should complete a remission form before March 31.

Rubbish and recycling

A fortnightly kerbside rubbish, recycling and FOGO collection service is provided to households in regular garbage collection areas.

Collection runs begin at 6am and finish at 6pm.

Check here: www.brighton.tas.gov.au/property/waste/ for your collection days. Residents are asked to put wheelie bins out by 6am.

Items that can be collected for recycling are:

- Cardboard
- Newspapers
- Milk cartons
- Glass bottles
- Aluminium
- Steel cans
- PET and HDPE plastic bottles

A FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) service for households was introduced in September/October 2021.

The FOGO wheelie bin is a 240L bin with a lime green lid, the same size as the recycling bin.

Along with the FOGO wheelie bin, households receive a kitchen caddy.

The FOGO collections happen on the alternate week to rubbish and recycling.

For more information visit www.brighton.tas.gov.au/property/fogo

Dog management

Dogs are an important part of the community and many people value their companionship. Council encourages owners to comply with the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

The Animal Control/Compliance Officer regularly patrols all areas around the municipality and an after hours service is available in case of an emergency (i.e. dog attack). Council does not collect stray dogs after-hours.

If the Animal Control Officer has picked up your dog, it will be taken to the Dogs' Home at 101 Scotts Road, Risdon Vale, which can be contacted via phone on 6243 5177. For more information about responsible dog ownership, visit <https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/property/dogs/>

We ask local dog owners to follow some basic guidelines, including:

- Ensuring all dogs over six months old are registered and microchipped.
- Cleaning up any faeces left by dogs. Ensuring dogs are on a lead on all roads, footpaths, nature strips and public walkways on cycleways.
- Informing Council of the death or transfer of ownership of a dog.
- Ensuring your dogs are not able to attack a person or animal.
- Ensuring your dog is not barking continually or causing a noise nuisance.
- Maintaining effective control of dogs.
- Keeping no more than two dogs over six months of age, or four in the case of working dogs, on premises unless a kennel licence has been approved.

Noise management

Noise can really upset your neighbours, so it is important to be considerate. Under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004, there are certain defined hours you can use noisy equipment.

POWER TOOLS

Permissible hours of use:
Monday – Friday 7am – 6pm
Saturday 8am-6pm
Sunday 10am-6pm
Statutory holidays 10am – 6pm

CHAINSAWS

Permissible hours of use:
Monday – Friday 7am – 8pm
Saturday 9am-8pm
Sunday 10am-6pm
Statutory holidays 10am – 6pm

Chainsaws must not be used within 300m of a residence at anytime unless for domestic garden maintenance on only one day in any seven consecutive days.

LAWNMOWERS

Permissible hours of use:
Monday – Friday 7am – 8pm
Saturday 9am-8pm
Sunday 10am-8pm
Statutory holidays 10am – 8pm

MOTOR VEHICLES

You must not operate a motor vehicle, motor boat or dirt bike etc for recreational purposes within 500m of a residential premises without consent of the premises' resident.

Contact, connect, communicate



**Brighton
Council**

Brighton Council offices can be contacted Monday to Friday. Customer service staff are ready to answer your questions or direct you to the right department for any further information.

OFFICE HOURS: 8.15am to 4.45pm

ADDRESS: 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach, Tas 7030

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: Ph: (03) 6268 7000
Email: admin@brighton.tas.gov.au
Website: www.brighton.tas.gov.au



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