



Graffiti artist Joel, from Create Crew Tasmania, taught the kids some awesome spray painting skills at Children's Week in Brighton.

Fun by the canful as kids have their spray

CHRISTINE AUGUSTINE

CHILDREN'S Week is a celebration of children and young people and the special contribution they make to our lives and communities.

The national Children's Week campaign is always themed around the United Nations' Conventions on the Rights of the Child. This year's theme was: Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others.

What better way to celebrate Children's Week than to partner with specialised children and families services like Communities for Children in one of the many exciting events and activities across beautiful Tasmania.

We were part of the supesize Bond Place session in Brighton. We enlisted a prominent graffiti artist, Joel from Create Crew Tasmania for teaching us some awesome spray painting skills! Each child left with their very own galaxy masterpiece and a smile.

On Saturday we attended Jordan River Services' Spring Food Festival! The theme was



all things pumpkin. It was a fantastic (albeit very windy) day with lots of laughs. Our community wellbeing team had a pumpkin lantern stall and created fun Halloween decorations. We finished the afternoon taking part in Communities for Children's ultimate colour run!

Centacare Evolve Housing believes childhood should be a time for play, adventure and discovery where children can develop their unique identities, abilities and hopes for the future.

We understand the positive benefits of stability and play

for children. As a Community Housing Provider our community wellbeing team works alongside families to build capacity and ensure they are supported to live a full life.

We partner with specialised local organisations like Communities for Children and councils to provide social activities and opportunities such as those offered during Children's Week.

Children are our future and we believe providing stable housing and opportunities to enrich wellbeing is a key priority in the communities we serve.

Huge savings as new way embraced

FOGO OFF TO A FLYER

THE FOGO FORMULA

Lining your kitchen caddy

Add some newspaper or paper towel to the bottom of your kitchen caddy before you put food scraps in to absorb any liquids.

NO plastic in your FOGO

Please never put plastic or plastic bags in your kitchen caddy or FOGO bin as this can contaminate a whole truck load. If you really need to use compostable bags, please ensure you buy only those that have the certified compostable symbol.

FOGO wheelie bins cannot weigh more than 80kg

You may need to remove some contents and leave for next collection. Please be conscious of not placing too much heavy matter in your FOGO bin: Let your green waste dry out before you place it in your bin. Don't collect your lawn clippings in the mower catcher but rather let the clippings mulch back into the lawn.

More info: www.brighton.tas.gov.au/property/fogo/

IN the first month of the new FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) kerbside waste collection service, Brighton Council residents have sent more than 92 tonnes of food and organics waste to be composted instead of going to landfill.

This is the equivalent of a blue whale or a space shuttle in weight that has been saved from landfill in just the first month of FOGO.

The good news continues, with the Brighton municipality recording very little to almost no contamination based on the FOGO bins being put out for collection. Residents have understood what can and can't go

in the green lid FOGO bins and kept the contamination rate to almost nil. In the FOGO processing industry anything below 3% is worthy of applause. This demonstrates just how dedicated our residents are to reducing their environmental impact and costs of landfill into the future.

By early October all residential households had received a FOGO wheelie bin with a lime green lid and a kitchen caddy. A total of 6020 FOGO wheelie bins and kitchen caddies were delivered.

There has been a free two month trial for all households

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Fire Hazards

Owners and occupiers of land in the Municipality are reminded that over the coming months abatement notices will, where considered necessary, be issued for the appropriate clearing of fire hazards.

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to issue Fire Abatement Notices that call for the removal of the hazard within a specified time period.

Advice on accessing assistance to clear such hazards may be obtained through council.

Failure to remove fire hazards by the specified time, could lead to compulsory clearance at the property owner's expense.

For further information or for reporting of a potential fire hazard, please contact Council on (03) 6268 7012.

Signed: James Dryburgh **GENERAL MANAGER**



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Ordinary Council
18 January and 15 February 2022

Planning Authority
8 February 2022

Finance
8 February 2022
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High rainfall does little to ease fire risk

TASMANIA'S firefighting agencies are continuing to prepare for bushfire season.

Representatives from Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Meteorology gathered in Launceston in November, presenting on a wide range of topics, sharing information and updates ahead of the upcoming bushfire danger period.

"Tasmania Fire Service and our partner agencies have been working hard to ensure we are prepared for the bushfires that we will experience this summer," said TFS Chief Officer, Dermot Barry.

"While we are expecting a normal bushfire season, in Tasmania that means we will have bushfires and Total Fire Ban days – because that is normal for our state during the summer months.

"With recent rainy days, it can be easy for people to become complacent about the threat, but we know bushfires will occur in Tasmania over the coming months – what we don't know is exactly where they will happen.

"We have been busy training our people and con-

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Tasmania Fire Service

ducting fuel reduction burns where we can, and just as we are prepared, we need Tasmanians across the state to take action now.

"The best defence against bushfires is knowing your risk and preparing accordingly.

"Now is the time for all

Tasmanians to develop and practice bushfire survival plans, clean up yards and gutters, and remove flammable waste from around the home to create a defensible space."

For information about preparing your property visit www.fire.tas.gov.au

Flying start as FOGO embraced

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with the potential to opt out at the beginning of December 2021 based on specific criteria that are available to view on Council's website.

The number of households opting out of the service to date has been incredibly small (less than 1%).

Brighton Mayor Leigh Gray said he has been very impressed with how the community has got on board with using the FOGO service and wanting to get it right.

"It has been incredible to see so many households supporting the new FOGO service and as a result instead of sending unused food to rot in landfill we are helping create valuable compost for our gardens and Tasmanian farmers."

"I am so impressed by the ability of our residents to embrace a completely new way of handling their food waste and how successful their efforts have been,"

"Council officers have

received a steady flow of questions and enquiries from households that just want to do the right thing."

Thank you to our community for the fantastic effort to date and let's keep up the good work of keeping food waste and garden waste out of landfill. When FOGO waste is taken out of landfill, space is saved for all garbage that can't be recycled and there is a significant drop in the volume of greenhouse gases produced.

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Merry Christmas

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2050 Vision to guide us through changes

AS we approach the end of 2021, we can reflect on some big changes here at Brighton Council with the retirement of our long-serving Mayor, Tony Foster.

Tony stepped down at the end of June after more than 28 years as Mayor of Brighton. I would like to thank Tony once again, on behalf of the Council and the community, for his significant contribution to our Municipality.

We have entered a new phase, with a new Mayor and our new General Manager, James Dryburgh. We both hope to make small changes that will make big differences in years to come.

A MESSAGE FROM

The Mayor

Our 2050 Vision was developed in close consultation with the community, to represent the community's needs and aspirations. This is what will help to guide us through these changes and the new year ahead.

As anxiety and concern grows around the world regarding climate change and a broad call for climate action grows, I feel it is important to note that

Brighton Council has in place an active Climate Change and Resilience Strategy and a dedicated Climate Resilience Officer.

Brighton Council seeks to work with and empower its community to address climate change issues, minimise harm, reduce environmental impacts and create resilient and sustainable communities.

Council has recently set itself a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2040, with

a 30% reduction on 2021 emissions by 2030.

We are extremely proud to have successfully introduced a FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) service in 2021 to reduce food and garden waste to landfill, minimise future

our financial year and our works program.

This is the time of year when we start planning for next year's budget. We have set long term Asset Management Plans and Long-Term Financial Management Plans but that does not

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waste management costs for the ratepayer, produce compost that improves the soil health of our gardens and reduce greenhouse gases produced from landfill.

We are halfway through

mean we do not want input from our community as to where money is directed. Please feel free to contact me, other councillors or staff if there is something you think we should undertake

in the new financial year, after all we are here to make things better for all of us.

This edition of the Brighton Community News marks the last in this format.

We are making changes in 2022 and, as always, will welcome contributions from our community.

We will ensure the BCN continues to offer our community loads of local content with a focus on what is happening in our area and the things that impact our lives here in Brighton.

If you have ideas for articles or events you would like to see featured, please email communitynews@brighton.tas.gov.au.

Thank you to our previ-

ous Editor, Ingrid Harrison, for her hard work and dedication in creating and nurturing the Brighton Community News over many years.

It has always been an enjoyable read and informative community paper for all and we will be ensuring it continues in this vein.

Lastly, on behalf of Council I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May the festive season be a truly happy, peaceful and safe time with your family and friends. See you all in 2022.

*Cr Leigh Gray
Mayor*

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY BEDDED IN



Council has partnered with 24 Carrot Gardens and community housing provider Centacare Evolve Housing to deliver a major redevelopment of Cris Fitzpatrick Park on Tottenham Rd.

BRIGHTON Council has secured \$620,000 in Federal Government funding to deliver an exciting new community space with 24 Carrot, a kitchen garden project run by Mona's Kirsha Kaechele, as part of a major overhaul of a popular local park.

The Council secured the money under the Building Better Region Fund grant program towards its \$1.26 million Gagebrook Renewal Project.

Council partnered with 24 Carrot Gardens and community housing provider Centacare Evolve Housing, who are also contributing financially, to deliver the major redevelopment of Cris Fitzpatrick Park on Tottenham Rd, Gagebrook.

The project will deliver significant new park facilities including the construction of a 24 Carrot Bond Place Classroom: an architecturally designed, free community space offering a permanent undercover, weather-proof classroom for community activities, meals, events and classes.

"This is such an exciting project for Gagebrook and the wider community."

MAYOR LEIGH GRAY

The new Bond Place Classroom will boost the delivery of activities for local residents, school students and community groups from one day a week to between 3 and 5 days a week.

"This is such an exciting project for Gagebrook and the wider community," said Brighton Mayor Leigh Gray. "The local community was consulted about what they wanted to see happen with this park and securing this new government funding means those hopes can now become a reality."

The State Government also committed \$250,000 towards the project during the recent state election.

"Our recent 2050 Vision identified the importance of building strong positive relationships, partnerships and collaborations in creating a better future for our community," Mr Gray said.

"This funding success for this transformative project, partnering with Mona and 24 Carrot, Centacare Evolve and both tiers of government, proves the value of this approach."

Mr Gray said the project would dramatically improve mobility for Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove residents while delivering fantastic new park facilities.

"It will also allow 24 Carrot to expand their much-loved Bond Place precinct, affectionately known as Bondy, and all the wonderful community events and activities that happen there."

"This project brings to life every part of our 2050 Vision: a thriving place, a proud community, a good life at every age, a comfortable home, a caring council and a sustainable environment."



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Brighton Council Christmas Opening Hours and Services

COUNCIL OFFICES OLD BEACH

Closed from noon Friday 24 December 2021 until 8.15am on Tuesday 4 January 2022

WASTE TRANSFER STATION AND WASTE COLLECTION

Closed Christmas Day. Open Sunday & Monday. Waste and recycling collections as normal.

COUNCIL DEPOT, BRIDGEWATER

Closed noon Thursday 23 December 2021 until 7.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022

For emergencies during this period, phone the Standby Officer (03) 6268 7000.

Signed: James Dryburgh **GENERAL MANAGER**

**Wishing all residents
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
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Revamp for your paper in 2022

AS we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year, we're looking forward to 2022.

In February, a refreshed Brighton Community News will hit your letterbox.

The Brighton Community News will continue to be full of good news stories and showcase the people, businesses, community groups and sporting clubs that make our area great.

We want to sing the praises of our local heroes and the faces of Brighton.

There will be an event calendar with listings of what's on in our local area and valuable information on where you can get help or emergency advice from.

We will share bigger picture planning for the future, and statistics and results from the initiatives we're working on.

Everything will relate back to the Brighton municipality – if it's not affecting you or inspiring our local

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community in some way, then it won't make the cut. And readers are encouraged to contribute to the newspaper by sharing stories, photographs and local tips.

With an easy-to-read, refreshed design, the Brighton Community News will be delivered direct to letterboxes on a bi-monthly basis, starting in February.

Stories from the newspaper will be shared on our Brighton Community News website and via our Brighton Council Facebook page.

We're excited by the opportunities and look forward to sharing the first edition of Brighton Community News in February.

PLANTING BIG GROWTH AREA



Planting will focus on climate resilience and biodiversity in residential areas, places of commerce and high traffic flow.

ALISON JOHNSON

AFTER planting more than 400 trees, Brighton Council's street tree planting program continues to grow.

With a yearly budget of \$30,000, Brighton Council aims to increase the tree canopy across urban areas through strategic tree planting.

Improving the attractiveness and shading of highly used

footpaths and roads are important when considering where to plant, alongside the constraints such as existing telecommunications, plumbing, electricity, and other infrastructure.

The Greening Brighton Strategy 2016-2021 and Brighton Council Street Tree Strategy have helped determine which species of

tree best suits local growing conditions.

The East Derwent Highway has been a key focus area as well as the main street of Brighton.

Future planting will focus on climate resilience and biodiversity in a mix of residential areas, places of commerce and high traffic corridors.

Other areas that have received street tree upgrades include Gage Road, Paice Street, Hurst Street, Green Point Road, Scott Street, Lamprill Circle and Elderslie Rd.

For more information, please see Brighton Council's website: www.brighton.tas.gov.au/community/environment
Alison Johnson is Brighton Council Climate Resilience Officer

FINISH THE JOB

GET YOUR SECOND DOSE

To protect yourself against COVID-19 **you must get your second dose** of the vaccine.

Walk-in to a free public vaccination clinic (no appointment necessary) or book by going online or calling the Public Health Hotline.

You can also get your vaccinations at participating GPs or pharmacies.



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Futures under construction



Apprentice carpenter Lukas onsite at a Centacare Evolve Housing building site. Picture: Mark Franklin

BELINDA CLARKE

A SOCIAL impact construction program provides more than trade qualifications to the young men and women involved, according to a current apprentice.

Build Up Tassie, run through Centacare Evolve Housing, supports young job seekers with an interest in the construction industry through training, experience and work opportunities.

Apprentice carpenter Lukas applied for the program as it offered an opportunity to gain building skills and begin his career.

"I feel accomplished to have made progress throughout my first year of my apprenticeship," he said. "It's made me more organised,

able to plan and use my head to figure out problems that arise at work. It's also made me develop leadership skills, as I have worked with others that have had less experience than me and I am able to teach them skills I have learnt."

Build Up Tassie executive manager Belinda Clarke said the program provides extensive coaching and support, followed by work experience in up to six trade environments.

Successful participants are then invited to apply for apprenticeships and other employment opportunities with building and construction social enterprise St Joseph Affordable Homes and industry partners.

"We are building many new homes and we know that the industry needs workers with the right skills and attitudes, who are ready for a career in construction," she said.

"Together with our partners, we provide what we know helps support young people: individual coaching, life skills support, opportunities to develop the attitudes and habits to be ready for work, and learning new skills on construction sites and in workshops."

Mrs Clarke said Build Up Tassie employed 11 apprentices with St Joseph Affordable Homes in 2021, with the intent to grow this number in the next 12 – 24 months.

"We want to see [applications

from] young people who are interested in building and construction, but don't know how to get an opportunity," she said.

"We also want more women to join our program and people from diverse backgrounds, including those who are disengaged from education and employment."

Mrs Clarke said she had seen firsthand the tremendous impact of the program.

"As well as supporting young people into jobs we have had significant impact in getting participants into safe and affordable housing, connecting them to wellbeing supports including mental health support and financial assistance and many other impacts," she said.

"It can be and has been a life changing program for many of our young people."

Mrs Clarke said she hopes Build Up Tassie will be scaled into other communities and industries. "There are opportunities to use our Build Up Tassie model in other industries and not only in building and construction – we have a great deal of learnings to share," she explained.

"Build Up Tassie hopes to support other areas of the building and construction industry including Civil Construction. We think we could play a critical role developing the workforce to deliver much needed infrastructure such as the Bridgewater Bridge."

WELCOME TO HALL OF POSITIVITY

AMANDA MIDGLEY

STUDENTS at Gagebrook Primary School have joined forces with Save the Children staff to design an exciting new sensory hallway experience.

A sensory hallway contains a series of interactive handmade designs that provide guided movements for children to follow.

Children have painted the walls with flowers and trees and designed tactile objects for the walls.

Save the Children Child Development Specialist Wendy Hall said the children had really taken to it.

"It is great to see so many children at the school enjoying it and using it daily to help regulate and return to the classroom ready to learn," Hall said.

Save the Children is funded by Communities for Children to support the Cool4School program at Gagebrook primary school.

In the program children work one-on-one with a Child Development Specialist to learn about mindfulness and emotional regulation.

The Cool4School group thought the sensory hallway was a great way to share the mindfulness teachings with all the children at Gagebrook.

Salvation Army Communities for Children Manager, Tanya Brooks-Cooper praised all those involved.

"Communities for Children has loved watching this project come together, and seeing the kids engaging, and working together to make the school a great, safe space. A job well done by everyone!" Brooks-Cooper said.

School Principal Nick Dodd said the hallway design was just another way in which Gagebrook equips students to regulate emotion and re-focus and manage transitions in the school.

"What has been a drab, passive hallway in the past has become an interactive and



Research has shown that sensory hallways can help children work off excess energy and develop gross motor skills.

stimulating environment for all of our students to enjoy," Mr Dodd said. "Our kids love it and already we have seen a decrease in negative behaviours in these spaces helping us create a happier, more productive school environment."

Students at Gagebrook researched various concepts from other schools before committing to their design.

One student involved said the hallway was both educational and calming.

"The children at school will

learn lots of stuff set out on the hallway as it will help them to be calm and nicer to others," the student said.

Research has shown that sensory hallways can help children work off excess energy and develop gross motor skills.

The hallway at Gagebrook has floor stickers that include frog hops, twists, hopscotch, crawling and push off the wall activities.

On the wall there are positive affirmations for children to read that include 'I am kind', 'I am special' and 'I will not give up'.



Brighton Council

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards — we want your nomination!

The Brighton Council, in conjunction with the National Australia Day Committee, invites nominations from residents of the municipality for:

- **Citizen of the Year Award**
- **Young Citizen Award**
- **Community Event of the Year Award**
- **Volunteer of the Year Award**

To be presented by Brighton Council as a focal point for the Australia Day celebrations.

A complete description of the contributions made by the nominee/events organisers is essential. Individual nominees must include their name, address and date of birth.

Nominees must be Australian citizens and live in the Brighton municipality.

Nominations close **14 January 2022** and may be lodged online at www.brighton.tas.gov.au, sent to Cathy Harper at admin@brighton.tas.gov.au or posted to Cathy at Brighton Council Offices 1 Tivoli Rd, Old Beach TAS 7017

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Booth boost to our effort on recycling

ALISON JOHNSON

NOT sure what to do with small batteries, old mobile phones or light globes lying around at home?

Now you can recycle items locally by depositing them in the recycling waste booth at the Brighton Council Offices.

The waste booth is part of Council's strategy to reduce waste to landfill and increase awareness of the benefits of re-using and recycling everyday objects.

Did you know that recycling a million mobile phones could recover 10,000kg of copper, 300kg of silver and 30kg of gold?

The full list of items that you can bring in to be recycled in the waste booth include: X-rays, which contain precious silver; Toner cartridges; Light bulbs – LED round globes as well as fluoro globes, though please be careful not to break them and release the gases; Batteries – flat batteries can be used to make more batteries; DVDs/CDs and tapes; Small e-waste, which contain valuable metals; Decorations –



The recycling waste booth at the Brighton Council Offices.

for example Christmas lights will be reused into local art projects; Fabrics, such as clean towels and linen; Plastic bottle tops, as your kerbside recycling would have these removed; Stationery; Soft plastics, such as plastic bags and lolly wrappers, which are NOT to go in kerbside recycling bins

The items will be recycled through various national recyclers such as Mobile-Muster and Planet Ark, as well as local waste recycling companies.

This adds to the range of existing waste recycling serv-

ices that Brighton Council offers with fortnightly household kerbside collection (yellow bin lid) and a new Food Organics and Green waste Organics (FOGO) collection service (lime green bin lid) which commenced in early October.

In addition, the Cove Hill Waste Transfer Station has larger bins for bigger green waste drop offs and areas for oil containers and bulk plastic bottles, glass recycling.

For more information see: www.brighton.tas.gov.au/property/waste/ or phone (03) 6268 7000



Our highlight again this year was Talk Like a Pirate Day when we dress up as pirates and wander the Greenpoint Plaza area giving away chocolates

SHERYL RAINBIRD

CAFE Connections have had a fantastic year of fun while spreading kindness in our community.

Meeting at the Civic Centre once a month to have a chat over coffee, while discussing what we can do to make our community even better, has seen many good ideas put into practice.

We have chalked messages to schools to welcome them back after a difficult 2020.

Emergency services in our area were given a thank you in chalk for all their work and provided kindness hearts to

many in our community including our police after a difficult period and shop staff after our Covid scare.

Our highlight again this year was Talk Like a Pirate Day when we dress up as pirates and wander the Greenpoint Plaza area giving away chocolates and telling pirate jokes which gets everyone involved laughing and having fun.

The group has also been able to advance its ideas around using the Bridgewater Jerry as a well-known symbol of the area and are extremely pleased that the Jerry statue has been moved and will be restored to its former

glory thanks to Brighton Council.

Some of our members have also involved themselves in other services in the community, including volunteering for The Smith Family and Jordan River Inc., which is enriching many lives in our community.

If you would like to come along and join in a chat about our community, while enjoying a barista made coffee and having a cake or two, you will find us at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 22nd February from 10am.

Our thanks to Brighton Council, Salt Anglican, Moes and Bean to Brew for their continued support of CAFE Connections.

NEW CHECK IN TAS FEATURES

Including the ability to store your COVID-19 digital certificate.

RECENT NEW FEATURES:

COVID-19 digital certificate storage – if you wish, you can store your COVID-19 digital certificate in your Check in TAS app.

Quick check-in – you can now check into frequently visited locations without needing to scan a QR code.

Remove your display name – for added security, you can remove your details (name and phone number) from displaying on the home screen.

To access all of these features, make sure you update your Check in TAS app in the Apple app store or Google Play.



For more information on Check in TAS including how to connect your digital certificate with the app, visit:

coronavirus.tas.gov.au/checkintas



PUMPKIN EATERS MAKE FEAST OF IT

ANOTHER very successful Spring Food Festival was held at Gagebrook Community Centre at the end of October with well over 300 people attending the annual community event.

Each year the event is proudly sponsored by the Jordan River Service Inc, Brighton Alive and Brighton Council.

This year's pumpkin themed event offered food stalls, free face painting, seedlings to give away, pumpkin gnocchi making workshops and much more.

Brighton Council enjoyed a great day meeting those who came to visit the Council's waste information stall.

With the recent launch of FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics) service, there were loads of FOGO tips, including looking after your FOGO bins – keeping them clean and minimising smells and advice on compostable bags for your kitchen caddy.

There were competitions and prizes to be won by spinning the wheel, with free bags of compost donated by Barwick's Wholesale and Retail Landscape Supplies and a home compost bin.

Thank you to everyone who came and had a chat about food waste and FOGO. And a huge thank you to Councillor Phil Owen for his invaluable support and assistance before during and after the event.

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



Councillor Phil Owen helped organise the event and was on hand on the day to join in the action.

Savour the taste without the waste

GWEN HARPER

THE average family spends \$250 on their Christmas Day meal, yet one in five shopping bags of food can end up in the bin.

But if you plan ahead, ditch the single use plastics, and reuse leftovers, you can save money and reduce Christmas waste. Here's some helpful tips:

Take stock – check your cupboards/fridge to clear space before the big shop, and throw food past its 'use by' date into your FOGO bin. 'Best before' dates tell you the food may no longer be perfect (e.g. freshness, taste or nutrients) but not necessarily that the food is unsafe to eat.

Get ready for Christmas leftovers by making sure you have enough containers with matching lids. Green star? Get Santa to deliver beeswax



Write a meal plan based on how much people will actually eat, don't over-buy ingredients you can't use in another meal

wraps or large, reusable silicon covers instead of single-use plastic wrap. Some silicon

covers can even go from freezer/fridge to oven/microwave – great for reheating!

Plan the food shop – write a meal plan based on how much people will actually eat, don't over-buy ingredients you can't use in another meal.

Don't be fooled by fancy Christmas-themed packag-

ing - compare shelf prices on any food items available all year round.

Ditch the 'single use' where you can – borrow tableware instead. If you can't bear to wash up, choose paper, cardboard or bamboo items and throw in your FOGO bin after use.

Please no fancy/shiny wrapping paper in FOGO bins though, as most are fused with plastic or foil.

Let people serve themselves to reduce over-serving, and get leftovers in the fridge as soon as possible – check the internet for advice on best ways to safely store food. Put perishable items in easy view so they don't get forgotten.

Don't forget that all food scraps (including bones and shells) plus napkins, paper plates and bamboo cutlery can go in your FOGO bin. If you have smelly waste e.g. prawn or lobster shells, freeze and only put into your FOGO bin the night before collection.

Gwen Harper is Senior Waste and Environmental Consultant, Just Waste Consulting

Federal cash for local projects

THE Federal Government is funding more improvements to local roads and community infrastructure with \$499,134 provided to Brighton Council for local projects.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania, Claire Chandler, announced that councils across Lyons would receive the funding under the third phase of the Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program.

"This latest round of

funding will enable the council to take projects off their wish list and turn them into reality, while at the same time creating jobs and providing an economic stimulus to local businesses.

"We know that fixing and upgrading local roads, footpaths and other infrastructure is a priority for both residents and councils.

Senator Chandler said the funding injection would help drive local recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 as

regions get ready to return to business as usual.

"The program encourages councils to use local businesses and workforces to deliver projects where possible, meaning the benefits from the funding continues to flow on to local families.

For more information on the \$2.5 billion LRCI Program, including the guidelines and allocations for the \$1 billion third phase, visit investment.infrastructure.gov.au/local-roads-and-community-infrastructure.



Brighton Council

2021 Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Brighton Council will be held at:

**5pm Tuesday 14 December 2021
Council Chambers, Council Offices
1 Tivoli Rd, Old Beach**

Electors are invited to attend the meeting and are entitled to vote.

The Annual Report can be viewed on Council's website www.brighton.tas.gov.au. The community is invited to make submissions regarding the Annual Report and those submissions will close on 6 December 2021 to ensure they are included on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

Dated at Old Beach this 20th day of November 2021.

Signed: James Dryburgh **GENERAL MANAGER**

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Family of Lions make difference

BIANCA COLEMAN
WHEN I went along to my first meeting of the Lions Club of Brighton, I thought that Lions Clubs were about barbeques and for retirees!

I quickly discovered, however, that the Lions Club of Brighton is made up of a diverse group of people of different ages and backgrounds, with everyone committed to helping their community.

While we do cook a mean snag, we also help the community in many ways, such as: providing bread for schools and community organisations; running the Brighton Market each month; awarding scholarships to local school students; participating in the Lions Eye Health vision screening program for primary school children; raising money to support children's cancer research; and col-

lecting used eyeglasses for Lions Recycle for Sight Program.

I also roped my husband into coming along with me to that first meeting and now we've both been members for two years. My mum joined the Lions Club of Brighton in 2020.

We're not the only family unit within our club. Jarrod and Candice are husband and wife.

Katie and Linda are mother

and daughter. Patrick coaxed his partner, Treen, to join us. Some members have been life-long friends, while others are new friends.

At any rate, it's a true "family affair" at the Lions Club of Brighton – we build our personal bonds while working side-by-side for our community.

Joining the Lions Club of Brighton has been one of the best

decisions I've ever made. I've met a great group of people, I feel productive, and I know I'm making a difference.

We are always looking for new members and I strongly encourage everyone to come along to one of our meetings.

Held on the third Monday of every month at 6.30 pm at the Old Council Chambers, Pontville, our meetings are open to everyone.

Come along – you might just be surprised!

Please visit our website www.brightonlions.org.au, email us at info@brightonlions.org.au or visit our Facebook page for further information about joining Lions or come along to our meetings.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas from everyone at the Lions Club of Brighton.

ROOMS THEY ARE A-CHANGING



It is hoped the Gunn Oval upgrades will help to further increase participation and membership of sporting groups in the Brighton municipality.

THE Gunn Oval changerooms at Pontville Park have been upgraded through funding received under the Levelling the Playing Field grant program.

The new look changerooms can only be described as embodying elements of contemporary

architecture, with simple lines, asymmetry, bold colour and texture.

The new look changerooms were designed by Dock4 Architects, who also designed the newly built Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion.

The upgrades have made the changerooms more accessible and suitable for all genders, both players and umpires. The facilities now meet the requirements of the AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines.

Other improvements include new storage facilities for use by the

local clubs (both cricket and soccer).

It is hoped the upgrades will help to further increase participation and membership of sporting groups in the area. The changerooms are available for hire through.

Views group lends an ear and shoulder

WELLINGTON Views has recently introduced a Chain of Friends social group that meets on the first Friday of every month, from 10am to 12pm, at Wellington Views in Old Beach, Tasmania.

The purpose of the group is to provide a listening ear, or a shoulder to lean on, for residents and their families.

Pam, from Choose Life Services, attends every group to provide additional support.

If you would like more information on the Chain of Friends group, please contact Respect Aged Care Wellington Views on 6262 6000.

New SES rescue vehicle hits ground running



BRIGHTON Council has supplied the SES with an Isuzu 4x4 cab chassis. The SES upgraded the suspension and provided the back module fabrication.

Since its arrival, this vehicle has attended various callouts including high wind damage, burst dam, road closures and flooding during recent rain events.

This unit is a valuable asset for the Brighton Municipality Emergency Service.

This modern rescue vehicle is fit for purpose and will enable the volunteer crew to assist in various callouts.

Veterans salute with dance and dress-up

GAYL HALLEY
THE Veteran's Memorial Centre has had a busy year and would like to thank our

community for their ongoing support.

Our Halloween Disco was a huge success for the

kids. We look forward to what the new year will bring.

We would like to also thank Country Castaway and Friends, 3 Floorz Up that perform each fortnight at the Centre.

Our thanks go out to the Committee members for their tireless contribution to the Centre.

Please check our Facebook page for upcoming events.

New members are always welcome, we also have members only 8 ball Calcutta every Thursday with a great prize pool, please call in on a Thursday we are open from 4pm.

We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



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2022 Immunisation Clinics

Brighton Council provides FREE monthly immunisation clinics at the Brighton Civic Centre, 25 Green Point Road, Bridgewater from 2-3pm on these dates:

- Tuesday 4 January
- Tuesday 1 February
- Tuesday 1 March
- Tuesday 12 April
- Tuesday 3 May
- Tuesday 7 June

For inquiries please call Brighton Council's Environmental Health Officer (03) 6268 7029

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