



Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH
AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY,
15 MARCH 2022**

PRESENT: Cr Gray (Mayor); Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor); Cr De La Torre; Cr Garlick; Cr Geard; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr G Davoren (Deputy General Manager); Mrs J Banks (Governance Manager); Mr D Allingham (Manager Development Services) and Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Manager Asset Services)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 February 2022.

Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 February 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

- 2.2 Confirmation of minutes of the Waste Management Committee meeting of 8 March 2022.

Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Minutes of the Waste Management committee meeting of 8 March 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

- 2.3 Confirmation of minutes of the Environment, Culture & Arts Committee meeting of 8 March 2022.

Cr Curran moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Minutes of the Environment, Culture & Arts Committee meeting of 8 March 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

3. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Murtagh moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Cr Jeffries be granted leave of absence.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	

Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

4. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Part 5, Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have an interest in any item on the agenda; and

Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of any interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Question Time and Deputations

As there were no members in the gallery there was no requirement for public question time.

6. Transfer of Agenda Items

According to regulation 8 (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, agenda items must be conducted in the order in which they are set out in the agenda of that meeting, unless the council by absolute majority, or the council committee by simple majority, determines otherwise.

7. Petitions

According to regulation 57 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a person may lodge a petition with a council by presenting it to a councillor or the general manager. A general manager who has been presented with a petition or receives a petition under subsection (1)(b) is to table the petition at the next ordinary meeting of the council.

8. Reports from Council

8.1 Mayor's Communications

Author: Mayor (Cr L Gray)

The Mayor's communications were as follows:

19 February	Launch of Old Beach Saltmarsh Signage with Cr. Owen and Cr. De La Torre.
21 February	STCA Meeting and Mayors' Round Table with Cr. Curran.
22 February	Meeting with Tas Police – Phillippa Burke (GM in attendance).
25 February	Meeting with State Government – Bridge Project Update (GM in Attendance).
25 February	Meeting with jetty proponents and Mona (GM in attendance).
28 February	Meeting with GM Performance Review Committee – appointment of HR firm.
02 March	Meeting and tour of Cleanaway recycling depot.
02 March	Catch-up with Alison Johnson, Climate Resilience Officer Re: solar panel installation.
07 March	Meeting at Brighton Council with John Tucker MP (GM in attendance).
08 March	Council Committee Meetings.
10 March	Meeting with DoE at School Farm – High School update (GM in attendance).
10 March	Meeting with TasWater (GM and Senior Staff in attendance).
15 March	Brighton Alive.
15 March	Ordinary Council Meeting – February 2022.

DECISION:

Cr Whelan moved, Cr Geard seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

8.2 Reports from Council Representatives

DECISION:

Cr Geard attended a reception to farewell Andrew Lees in his retirement from SES.

Cr Geard also attended a recent Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion Committee meeting.

Cr Garlick moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the reports be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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8.3 Correspondence from Southern Tasmanian Councils Association (STCA), LGAT, TasWater and Joint Authorities

8.4 Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Letter from Local Government Board regarding Future of Local Government Review – 24 February 2022.
- Thank you letter from UTAS regarding the Warren Lee Memorial Scholarship donation – 23 February 2022.

9. Notification of Council Workshops

In accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 it was reported that no Council workshops were held during the previous month.

10. Notices of Motion

10.1 Disposal of Construction and Demolition Waste

Author - Cr Owen:

Councillors, I reflect on Andrew Bullock's address at Public Question Time at the February 2022 Ordinary Council meeting. It was disappointing to hear that Brighton Municipality is viewed as a dumping ground for construction/demolition waste and other materials originating from both inside and outside the Brighton Municipality. It was also disappointing to hear that Brighton Council may be disposing of waste they are responsible for in an inappropriate and/or unacceptable manner?

Motion - Cr Owen moves that Council investigate:

1. The some 40 questionable dumping sites alluded to and prepare a report for Council. The report to identify the location, volume, the nature of materials and whether or not any environmental risk or threat exists as a result?
2. What materials Brighton Council e.g. demolition Brighton Football Club rooms, have been “disposed of” and what is the current practice for disposing of road spoil and where?
3. Where were the demolition materials from the former Bridgewater High School dumped?
4. Developing a strategy and if appropriate a by-law, to manage future “dumping” and ensure all materials that can be repurposed or processed for recycling are handled appropriately.

General Manager’s Response:

Council officers are effectively already doing this. In September 2021, Council employed its first dedicated Compliance Officer. Since this time, officers have investigated 14 complaints about illegal dumping or landfill. Several stop-work notices have been issued and relevant parties engaged with to ensure that their waste is disposed of legally. When necessary, these are dealt with through enforcement measures, such as Infringement Notices and Enforcement Notices.

Any individual, including Mr Bullock, is welcome to provide specific information or evidence to council officers regarding allegations of illegal dumping to be further investigated.

The building contractor has provided the following response to disposal of demolition products from the old football clubrooms.

The demolition/cartage sub-contractor has advised the following:

- Most of the loose building items (windows, doors, timber, steel, roofing) were salvaged and sold or given away for reuse.
- The concrete footings and masonry were disposed of at both Copping, and a site on Elderslie Rd, both of which the contractor has dockets for.
- The soil and ground materials (clean fill) were disposed of onsite adjacent Gunn Oval, supporting leveling in line with master plans for the area.

Current practice for materials reclaimed from road works is to temporarily store and reserve for future use or immediately deliver to projects under construction such as the Gunn Oval expansion.

The demolition of the Bridgewater High School was a state project some 15 years ago. Council did not have any involvement in the demolition or disposal of associated materials.

There are already sufficient regulations and enforcement powers under planning and environmental health laws to deal with illegal dumping in most cases.

With regard to council-controlled projects, a number of strategies have already been implemented or are underway in this area.

In 2014, a new set of guidelines for clean fill sites used by Council was implemented. These guidelines help to ensure sound environmental practices and reuse/recycling when appropriate. Council officers will review these again and consider whether these should form a Council Policy.

Council officers are undertaking a review of procurement policy and practice. The aim is to better align procurement with long-term strategy and vision – to use it more as a strategic tool. For example, this review could lead to changes to policy or process to increase the requirements or weighted decision criteria on tenders to place greater emphasis on environmental or climate-related matters, which can include repurposing or recycling materials. This is a significant piece of work. The findings and recommendations will be presented to Council in due course.

Recommendation:

Given the above responses addressing the matters raised, it is recommended that an alternative motion be considered along the following lines:

“That Council officers review the 2014 guidelines for clean fill sites and that Council officers review Council’s procurement policy and procedures (Code of Tendering AP08). The findings and recommendations of this work to be presented to Council’s Waste Management Committee for consideration.”

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that Council officers review the 2014 guidelines for clean fill sites and that Council officers review Council’s procurement policy and procedures (Code of Tendering AP08). The findings and recommendations of this work to be presented to Council’s Waste Management Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
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11. Consideration of Supplementary Items to the Agenda

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Council, by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda, and
- (b) that the matter is urgent, and
- (c) that advice has been provided under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

The General Manager advised that there were no supplementary agenda items.

12. Reports from Committees**12.1 Waste Management Committee – 8 March 2022:**

The recommendations of the Waste Management Committee of 8 March 2022 were submitted to Council for adoption.

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendations of the Waste Management Committee meeting of 8 March 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
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Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

12.2 Environment, Culture & Arts Committee – 8 March 2022:

The recommendations of the Environment, Culture & Arts Committee of 8 March 2022 were submitted to Council for adoption.

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendations of the Environment, Culture & Arts Committee of 8 March 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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13. Council Acting as a Planning Authority

In accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the intention of the Council to act as a Planning Authority pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is to be noted. In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 13 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

There were no planning reports for the March Ordinary Council Meeting.

14. Reports from Officers

14.1 Annual Plan 2021-22 Progress Update:

Author: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

Every year Council prepares an Annual Plan. The Annual Plan is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993*. It must align closely with the budget.

The purpose of this report is to provide a mid-year update on Council's progress against the actions within the Annual Plan for 2021-22.

Consultation

Senior Management Team and relevant staff.

Risk Implications

None.

Financial Implications

This report is not a budget review. It is a summary of progress against the Annual Plan but it does also give an indication of how council is tracking against many key items in the budget.

Strategic Plan

The Annual Plan was prepared consistent with Council's Strategic Plan.

Providing a mid-year update on the progress of the Annual Plan furthers Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan to 'ensure a stable organisation' especially with regard to:

S4.1: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

S4.2: Be well-governed

*S4.4: Long-term thinking & evidence-based***Social Implications**

The Annual Plan includes a range of actions focussing on social outcomes.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

The Annual Plan includes a range of actions focussing on environmental issues and opportunities.

Economic Implications

A range of actions in the Annual Plan have economic implications.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

The Annual Plan is copied below in italics, with comment provided below each action.

1. Strengthen Our Communities***1.1. Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing***

- *Support the large local presence in Bridgewater's Hobart Gymnastics Association through the Brighton Council building ownership.*

Council has continued supporting HGA through leasing the Association the building it owns. In partnership with HGA, Council is also investigating the suitability of the facility for future expansion and upgrades.

- *Review the Open Space Strategy 2012*

An internal review of the *Open Space Strategy 2012* is underway and is on track to be completed this financial year. The outcome will include updated maps showing the current extent of open space in the area, its status and any foreseen or planned changes.

- *Prepare a Community Infrastructure Needs Analysis.*

Consultants have been awarded this project, have commenced work and are underway and on track to complete the project by the end of this financial year.

- *Support the Brighton Care Collective and the PCYC.*

Brighton has continued its financial support for the PCYC this year.

Council continues to support the Brighton Care Collective, both through its administration and the part time employment of a project officer to support the project.

- *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.*

Council successfully lobbied the Federal Government for changes in national classifications for the area, hopefully making the recruitment of GPs and the viability of health services stronger in the area. Council is also working with a number of parties to try to increase the capacity of health services in the area, with some positive progress.

12. Create Housing/Employment/Play/Education (Liveability)

- *Lobby Government and build relationships to ensure better educational and wellbeing outcomes for our students.*

In addition to the wide-ranging activities of the Jobs Hub that address this action, Council has lobbied government and Centacare to push for a more holistic approach to public and affordable housing – that is not just building the dwellings, but also supporting the facilities, services and social cohesion measures required for a growing community that suffers disadvantage.

With council's assistance, both MONA and BighArt are increasing their activities with local schools to improve educational, well-being and social outcomes.

- *Construct off lead areas for dogs in Brighton and Bridgewater.*

An off-lead area for dogs in Brighton now forms part of the Seymour St Master Plan. Consultation on this master plan has now been completed as has detailed costing. Council has lobbied government and the opposition to jointly fund this project and submitted it formally into the Federal election cycle and it now makes sense to hold off construction of the off-lead area until potential co-funding is determined.

An off-lead dog area for Bridgewater now forms part of the next stages of the Bridgewater parkland master plan. Determining the final location and timing for construction will now be postponed until the master planning work around the new Bridgewater Bridge area is completed in partnership with the State Government.

- *Prepare a Master Plan for South Brighton incorporating the new Brighton High School.*

Community consultation has been undertaken for this project with the consultant team currently reviewing community feedback and making changes to address issues raised.

- *Investigate rezoning for infill development around Sorell Street and Samuel Street Bridgewater.*

Initial land-owner consultation around this idea has been undertaken. Options for progressing it are now being considered.

- *Investigate rezoning opportunities within the Urban Growth Boundary.*

Council successfully lobbied the State Government for funding to conduct both local infill opportunities study and a joint settlement strategy/urban growth study with other outer urban councils. Both projects have commenced.

- *Lobby for external funding for community infrastructure, especially in proximity to affordable housing developments.*

This matter has been raised with all relevant government ministers and departments. Some success has been achieved in the past year, with State funding committed to park projects in Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove, as well as some successful partnerships on grant applications and residential projects with Centacare.

- *Establish a 'Regional Jobs Hub' on behalf of the region.*

The regional jobs hub (Southcentral Workforce Network) has been successfully established. It was officially launched by Minister Jaensch in February and now has four of its projected five staff employed and working. The Hub continues to far exceed its initial performance KPIs and has become an important service within Brighton and the broader region.

- *Pursue cultural and educative partnerships and activities/events, especially for youth, including with MONA, BighArt, Landcare and Department of Education and Arts Tasmania.*

A number of partnered projects with MONA are underway, which include both Bond Place and the Material Institute in Eddington Street.

Council has established a project with BighArt, which will also involve UTAS, MONA and the Jordan River Learning Federation. It will create opportunities for local young people to learn new skills and receive mentoring, especially in the fields of music, digital and creative arts.

The Landcare partnership with Council has been established and events involving them have been held in Bridgewater and Old Beach so far this financial year.

The Saltmarsh signage is another good partnership project example, in this case with UTAS and the Derwent Estuary Program.

A project introducing historical interpretation around the Army Camp public open space in partnership with the Rotary Club of Brighton is also progressing.

13. Provide Public Facilities/Amenities

- *Review waste management system and transfer station operations.*

This review is ongoing and is dependent on the findings and outcomes that will emerge late in 2022 from various pieces of work being undertaken at the State and regional level.

Council has however, successfully introduced FOGO, improved a number of existing services, secured a potential future WTS site and begun review of some specific services, such as hard waste collection.

- *Implement a Food Organics Green Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service.*

FOGO was successfully introduced in October 2021. So far, the service has exceeded expectations, with only a small percentage of residents opting out of the service.

Well over 90 per cent remain part of the program. In addition, there have been requests to join the service from a number of residents initially excluded, such as complexes with greater than 2 units.

- *Provide new female changerooms and toilet facilities at Gunn Oval, Pontville.*

This project has been successfully completed.

- *Complete a toilet block at the Bridgewater parkland development.*

This project is ready to go but is still waiting on final approvals from TasWater.

- *Continue to upgrade Pontville Park in alignment with site Masterplan.*

Access works around the new pavilion building and improved storm water infrastructure have been completed.

- *Continue working with Cricket Tasmania and other stakeholders to develop Pontville Park into a first-class regional sporting venue.*

Council has strong relationships with football and cricket bodies and clubs, as well as all the other users of Pontville Park. The quality of the facility, the use of the facilities and the opportunities there are constantly improving.

- *Construct a new shed at Pontville Park for the Show Society and dog user groups.*

This project has commenced. The ground preparation has been completed and the materials have been obtained.

- *Construct a new off-lead dog park at Seymour Street, Brighton.*

This project has been included in the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park master plan, which is now subject to potential Federal election funding. It now makes sense to pause this project until success or otherwise with Federal funding is known.

- *Construct a section of gravel walkway along the Old Beach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive.*

Initial planning work and investigations are underway in preparation for community consultation on a draft proposal.

- *Construct Stage 1 upgrades of Cris Fitzpatrick Park in accordance with the Master Plan.*

This project was successful with both State and Federal funding. As such, there is now a detailed grant process to go through and consequently a slower process in order to get the project underway. All this work is progressing well, including that being undertaken by MONA who are a grant partner.

- *Construct a neighbourhood park in Herdsmans Cove.*

The grant deed for this project was only recently confirmed by the State Government. Preliminary consultation has occurred with the primary school, including workshops with students. Initial planning has commenced.

- *Implement the priority actions from the Public Art Strategy.*

A major partnership is now underway between Council and BighArt, which will involve a number young locals working with UTAS and a series of artists, including digital, music and visual arts.

A street art project has progressed with 3-4 murals to be completed in April – May this year.

Council removed the ‘Jerry’ sculpture from the Greenpoint shopping centre pending its restoration and relocation in the future.

Historical interpretation panels are a being developed for the Army Camp and Saltmarsh educational signage has been installed on the Old Beach foreshore.

- *Identify a suitable location and develop concept plans for a town square in Brighton.*

This project is well progressed, with concept plans complete and in-principal agreement and funding support from IGA. This project is also now subject to a federal grant submission as part of the broader Brighton place-making works in Andrew Street and Brighton Road.

14. Support Connected Communities

- *Construct new disabled access kerb ramps.*

New disabled access kerb ramps have been installed in Albion Road and one is scheduled for the Morrisby Road – Jetty Road area later in the year.

- *Construct sections of walkway to link Gagebrook to the East Derwent Highway pathways.*

These works will be part of the larger Cris Fitzpatrick upgrade, including the parkland and the MONA outdoor classroom, which is now fully funded with funds committed by Council, State Government, Federal Government, Centacare and MONA.

- *Continue improving disability access and an aged friendly community.*

A 'wombat crossing' was installed at the Cove Hill Shopping Centre and major improvements have been made around the Greenpoint Shopping centre which greatly improve accessibility in these key areas.

New wide sealed paths will be completed later this year, finally fully connecting Gagebrook with Herdsmans Cove and the Jordan River Bridge via Cris Fitzpatrick Park.

Also, see above, regarding new accessibility kerb ramps.

- *Support Brighton Alive administration.*

Council continues to support the administration of the Brighton Alive network, which continues to add value to council, the community and the various organisations operating within the community.

- *Continue to progress Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).*

A RAP Working Group established and seven (7) new members have recently nominated to join the working group.

Brighton Council became a paid up member of the Reconciliation Tasmania Collective to assist with navigating through the process of developing a RAP.

All members of the original RAP Working Group have attended Cultural Awareness Training conducted by the TAC and another day of Cultural Awareness Training is being scheduled for new members of the working group.

Working group continues to attend on a regular basis forums and seminars conducted by Reconciliation Tasmania and LGAT.

An initial draft of actions from previous workshops and meetings to be reviewed in March 2022 and a community engagement plan developed to review and progress these ideas as part of establishing a Brighton Council RAP.

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.*

Council officers have regular meetings with Centacare to try to encourage a strategic and long-term approach to their developments in the area.

- *Continue implementing the Greening Brighton Strategy.*

In addition to Council's tree planting program addressed below, further work has been done in terms of catchment management plans and in the preparation of new weed and NRM strategies, which all contribute to Brighton's Greening Strategy.

- *Continue reducing Council's ecological footprint.*

The single biggest action council could take to reduce its corporate emissions was taken this year – introducing FOGO. Waste equates to well-over 90 per cent of council emissions, so diverting a large percentage of this waste from landfill into a useful agricultural product has a big impact.

Council has also undertaken analysis on fleet options and lobbied the Federal government to change the rules around FBT and electric vehicles. This has gained the support of the STCA and will go to the March LGAT General Meeting for sector support.

Solar is to be installed on the Civic Centre in March

Work is being done ensure emissions are being more thoroughly considered in council procurement, such as in the selection of materials or approach to capital works projects.

A number of environmental enhancement projects and partnerships are underway.

- *Pursue partnerships.*

This action has been a big focus this year and is critical to maximising council's leverage and impact in a cost effective and wide-reaching way.

Partnerships established or substantially expanded this year, include MONA, BighArt, Vibrance, Landcare, Derwent Estuary Program and the Derwent Catchment Project.

- *Install solar panels on the Civic Centre.*

Costing and analysis of potential systems is complete with installation scheduled for March.

- *Continue new street tree plantings throughout the Municipality.*

Council's ongoing street tree program remains very popular in the community with the aesthetic dividends really starting to pay now as some of the trees mature. Planning meetings for this winter's planting have been done with the priority sites and appropriate species selected. There has been some interest in corporate support for this program, which is being explored further.

- *Update the flood-prone hazards overlay in the planning scheme based on modelling from catchment management plans.*

The catchment management plans have been completed and are currently being reviewed after which their applicability to the planning scheme overlay will be determined.

- *Install interpretation signage for the Old Beach saltmarsh.*

This project was successfully completed and launched in February. It has been very positively received both locally and in the wider community.

- *Establish local Landcare groups.*

Council has partnered with Landcare Tasmania to try to establish local Landcare groups, supported both by Council and Landcare. Targeted and related events have been held in both Bridgewater and Old Beach. The Bridgewater event included a tree and understorey planting project adjacent to the new park.

Council has provided seed funding and significant in-kind support to assist Landcare in building local engagement and capacity. These projects can be a slow burn, but the early signs are that there is community interest and good potential to grow these 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.***

Council has partnered with the Derwent Catchment Project (DCP) to assist with better managing our natural assets, weed management and general environmental strategy. This is an area of Council's role that can be improved and could be more strategic.

The intent is to leverage off experts and practitioners already in the field and in the region, hence partnering with DCP.

In partnership with Council officers the Derwent Catchment Project are currently preparing a Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy for Council consideration.

- ***Continue boxthorn eradication.***

A new weed strategy has been drafted through a new partnership with the Derwent Catchment Project, who Council have engaged to assist with on-ground weed removal and improving our weed management strategy. This strategy will be presented to Council soon.

- ***Prepare a policy for residential use in the Agriculture Zone.***

A policy for residential use in the Agriculture Zone was endorsed at the February 2022 Council Meeting.

22. Education/Capability Build

- ***Facilitate and support MONA's community development work at Bond Place, Eddington St Nursery and elsewhere in the municipality.***

MONA are now well-established in the municipality. Activities at Bond Place have expanded, and in partnership with Council MONA have been successful in gaining Federal funding towards their 'outdoor classroom' at Bond Place, which will link in with the new park development.

Council's General Manager was invited to take part in the strategy session to form MONA's new not-for-profit entity, the Material Institute, and many of its initial plans are within the municipality. MONA are very embedded in Bridgewater now with council's former nursery a hive of activity. Discussions are underway about jointly master planning the immediate area with MONA.

- *Continue to work with the Department of Education on the development of the new Brighton High School.*

Council officers continue to work closely with the Department of Education with regard to the planning and development of the new high school in Brighton. The two parties are collaborating closely both on the design and how it interacts with the surrounding precinct and also on the necessary hard infrastructure upgrades needed for the school and how they might also best serve the surrounding precinct.

23. Support further development of a “business & logistics hub”

- *Implement the priority actions from the Brighton Industrial Estate Brand & Place Strategy.*

The priorities from this Strategy have been determined as being the main entry signage and initial stages of landscaping. Both the signage and landscaping have been fully designed and located. However, they both require approvals from State Growth, which is slowing the process down considerably.

The Brand and Place Strategy has also been a very useful document to provide to investors considering establishing in the area.

- *Investigate viability of a renewable energy hub and green hydrogen facility.*

Discussions are ongoing with various parties involved in renewables and green hydrogen projects both from the private sector and relevant government agencies. Good relationships and communication channels have been established between these parties and council.

3. Drive Infrastructure Development

31. Support 30% Growth Target

- *Update asset management plan.*

Council Asset Management Plans, Long Term Financial Plan and 10 Year Plan were all updated and endorsed by August 2021. It is recommended that these be reviewed again in early 2023 with a newly-elected Council and in conjunction with the preparation of a new four year Strategic Plan.

- *Pursue grant funding for strategic capital projects.*

Council has been successful in a number of grants this year, all aligned closely with the Strategic Plan and 10 Year Capital works Plan. These include over \$1 million in both federal and state funding towards parks and pathways in Herdsmans Cove and Gagebrook.

Council has also presented its priority projects to both major parties ahead of the 2022 Federal Election.

In February, Council prepared a detailed grant application under the Federal Building Better Regions Fund combining the Andrew St rebuild and upgrade, with Brighton Road streetscaping and a new town square in the centre of Brighton. A smaller grant assisting with the necessary stormwater works in Andrew Street was also successful.

Major funding of over \$1.6 million over three years for the Jobs Hub has been secured.

- *Optimise use of council land.*

Council is constantly reviewing the best uses for its land and facilities. Council has a number of actively leased or rented properties, which provide useful sites for various organisations and provide revenue back to council.

Council undertook an EOI process this year for the former Army Camp Hospital building, which has successfully resulted in a contract of conditional sale for the purposes of establishing a childcare facility and NDIS housing.

Council is in negotiations for another site it owns to be sold and developed for a General Practice and allied health services, much needed in the area.

Council has also progressed a number of conditional sales with Centacare for the development of public and affordable housing on surplus council land. Generally, these sales have involved the securing of neighbourhood park facilities or better access outcomes or both, addressing several issues in one.

- *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.*

Council has continued to lobby government about this critical issue, often in partnership with other councils. The pathway towards the long-overdue review is now somewhat clearer and Government have provided funding for Brighton to undertake some of the strategic background work necessary to assist the full review.

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.*

Albion Rd – These works are currently in progress.

Cove Hill Rd – This tender has been awarded with works expected to occur in April.

McShane St – These works are complete.

Baskerville Rd – These works have commenced.

Elderslie Rd – These works are complete.

Munday St, Station St, Andrew St – These works are now affected by a federal grant submission and will be postponed until the outcome of this grant is known.

- *Reseal Landermere Drive.*

This work has been contracted, but has not yet been completed by the contractor. It is on track for completion this financial year.

- *Upgrade and seal the Derwent Street intersection.*

Planning work completed.

- *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.*

Council has successfully secured grant funding to assist with this project, which although assisting financially has slowed the progress of undertaking the work. Ideally, it will now be undertaken to tie in the broader works in Andrew Street, which are subject to a larger grant yet to be determined.

3.3. Enabling Infrastructure

- *Replace Willowbrook Road and Merriworth Road bridges.*

These two bridges were successfully completed early in 2022.

- *Collaborate with Government to ensure best possible outcomes for the Bridgewater Bridge Project.*

Council made detailed formal submissions early on in the planning phases for the Bridge. Fortunately, most of the issues raised have either been addressed or recognised as matters to be resolved in consultation with Council further into the process. These issues include, impacts to the local road network, pedestrian and cycle linkages, river access, public amenity and landscaping and the impact to various parcels of land and their tenure.

The Bridge project team are working closely with Council, jointly master planning the affected areas, resolving key issues and engaging other stakeholders when necessary.

Strong relationships have also been established between the Bridge project team, relevant contractors and the Jobs Hub in order to maximise regional training and employment outcomes from the project.

4. Ensure a Stable Organisation

4.1. Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

- *Keep general rate increases close to Hobart CPI as a long-term average.*

Council has not yet determined rates for 2022-23, but its financial position allows this action to be met.

- *Closely monitor the economic and social impacts of COVID-19.*

Council staff have closely monitored the impacts of COVID-19 to council, community and the economy. Council has played an important role in informing and supporting the community. This has included providing facilities, staff and support for the roll out of vaccinations, testing, lock downs and crisis response.

4.2. Be Well-Governed

- *Continue succession planning for all positions.*

Council continues the important practice of succession planning across the organisation. This has paid dividends this year in having an employee ready to step into the critical role of Asset Services Manager when this position unexpectedly became vacant. The role of 2ICs and 3ICs has been strengthened more in the past year and these staff are now involved in regular briefings and meetings.

A review of council's organisational structure by the General Manager is underway, looking at what resources the council will need over the next five years, what structure will best service these resources and an implementation plan for this.

Several new staff have come on board or been made permanent this year, in the outside workforce, planning, engineering, regulatory services, corporate services and of course at the Jobs Hub.

In response to the broadening expectations and requirements placed on local government, Council has this year expanded its expertise and resourcing in the areas of natural resource management (NRM), climate, compliance, community development and waste education. Council has also expanded its outdoor team to meet increasing demands, capital works and the servicing of new facilities and parks.

- *Continue professional service provision to enhance experience and best practice.*

Council continues to provide professional services to other councils especially in the fields of engineering and plumbing, but importantly, this is only undertaken where it makes sense to do so from a financial and resourcing perspective. Professional services provision will be reviewed within the abovementioned organisational review.

4.3.A Shaping Agenda Facilitated Through Strong Engagements

- ***Promote educational and workforce development with government and regional councils.***

In partnership with our three other sub-regional councils, State Government and the Tasmanian Community Fund, Council successfully launched the regional Jobs Hub (Southcentral Workforce Network) in February. This project is going from strength to strength, with its ability to expand and broaden its operations now locked in for a further three years.

- ***Pursue partnerships with other organisations.***

This action has been a big focus this year and is critical to maximising council's leverage and impact in a cost efficient and effective way.

Partnerships established or substantially expanded this year, include MONA, BighArt, Vibrance, Landcare, Derwent Estuary Program and the Derwent Catchment Project.

4.4. Long-term Thinking & Evidence-based

- ***Implement council's key strategies.***

All key council strategies have been furthered this year via a number of projects and initiatives. These key strategies include:

- Long Term Financial Plan
 - Asset Management Plans & 10 Year Plan
 - Brighton Structure Plan
 - Open Space Strategy
 - Industrial Estate Strategy
 - Climate Change and Resilience Strategy
 - Workforce Planning Report
 - Public Art Strategy
 - All active local area master plans
- ***Prepare master plans for key project areas and grant opportunities for the next 5-10 years.***

Several master plans have been further progressed this year. These include the South Brighton residential growth area, the Industrial Estate, the Brighton Town Square project and the Council offices site.

Discussions have also commenced with regards to three exciting potentially partnered master plans, including the foreshore precinct occupied by MONA, the Bridgewater

Bridge precinct with State Growth and a circular economy precinct with the Office of the Coordinator General.

Council staff have also been working closely with the proponent of the Tivoli development area to prepare a long-term master plan for the area.

- *Continue implementing 2050 Vision.*

All council plans and strategies now have regard to the 2050 Vision, either directly or via subordinate strategies which have been prepared under the Vision, including the Annual Plan.

5. Public Health

Council will:

- *Conduct monthly immunisation clinics, annual school immunisations and promote the need for immunisation.*

Council has continued successfully fulfilling this role despite the complexities posed by COVID-19.

- *Ensure proper provision of on-site effluent disposal in compliance with relevant standards.*

Council continues to satisfy this ongoing action.

- *Undertake routine inspection of places of public assembly, food premises, public health risk activities and water carters to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.*

The normal standards for routine inspections have been maintained despite practical difficulties presented by COVID-19 and the regulations and advice associated with it.

- *Promptly investigate environmental health complaints.*

All environmental health complaints have been promptly investigated and addressed.

- *Maintain an effective analysis program for food, recreational waters and general complaints.*

All analysis programs have been maintained despite practical difficulties presented by COVID-19 and the regulations and advice associated with it.

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

Council has complied with all COVID-19 guidelines and Public Health advice and ensured compliance at its facilities and events.

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.*

This year Council has placed a much greater emphasis on risk management. All relevant plans, procedures and systems have been reviewed and updated. Key staff members have been assigned roles with regard to risk. A new system of constant review and regular themed communications and workshops with all staff has been implemented.

Cyber risk has also been reviewed in detail with several changes and upgrades to Council's cyber security now implemented.

Council has had a huge focus on managing the risks associated with COVID-19. Whilst this has been a big drain on council resources, it has resulted in minimal harm to people and minimal disruption to council services.

- *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.*

Council has worked with the users of Pontville Pavilion to ensure robust user agreements.

Regular inspections and reviews are taking place across the board.

Council this year employed its first Compliance Officer and has now placed a greater emphasis on ensuring greater compliance with permits and regulations within the municipality. A collaborative and helpful approach has been adopted and the results are very positive, with improved compliance and minimal conflict or legal/tribunal issues.

- *Educate community groups on importance and activities involved with risk management.*

Community groups are gaining the benefits from Council's more comprehensive and proactive approach to risk. Council has assisted many groups in managing COVID-19 risks.

Other actions of note during this financial year:

Council successfully changed its model for producing a community newspaper, which has resulted in an improved product/service and significant savings.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Receive the report.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Annual Plan Progress Update report.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Whelan seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.2 Monthly Finance Report as at 28 February 2022:

Author: Deputy General Manager (G Davoren)

Background

The finance reports were submitted for consideration.

They compromised the summarised financial position and revenue and expenses of the Council for the first eight months of the 2021/22 financial year.

Consultation

Nil.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Not Applicable.

Strategic Plan

Not Applicable.

Social Implications

Not Applicable.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable.

Economic Implications

Not Applicable.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Nil.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Not receive the reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports be received.

DECISION:

Cr Garlick moved, Cr Whelan seconded that the report be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD**In favour****Against**

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.3 Terms of Reference for Overarching Committee - Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion:

Author: Executive Officer (M Braslin)

Approved: Deputy General Manager (G Davoren)

Background

At the June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, recommendation 11 was adopted to set up an overarching committee.

The purpose of the overarching committee for the new Brighton Council asset known as the 'Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion' situated at 325 Brighton Road Pontville is to provide leadership, collaboration and direction as well as providing an avenue for conflict resolution between parties, if and when required.

The use of the committee is an effective means of managing a Council asset and ensuring that community needs are met as well as the facility being managed in the best interest of venue users and the community.

In most cases, a committee is concerned with the communication of information and with assisting the leadership in the decision-making process.

After several meetings a 'Draft Term of Reference' document was agreed on and finalised (see attachment 1).

Consultation

President of Brighton Football Club, President of the Brighton Cricket Club, Council Services Officer, Asset Services Manager, Corporate Executive, Chair Parks and Recreation Committee, Deputy General Manager.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Advertising for the independent committee members and the cost of fuel to and from each meeting an independent member attends, in accordance with the Australian Tax Office travel rates.

Strategic Plan

The proposal contributes to our Goal 1 to *strengthen our communities* and Our Strategies S1.1 to *Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing*, S1.3 to provide public facilities/amenities.

Social Implications

This committee allows Council to ensure the new community sports facility is managed well and in the best interest of the community and its ratepayers.

Recreation, leisure and sports activities play an important role in communities. Their many benefits include improving the health and well-being of individuals, contributing to the empowerment of individuals, and promoting the development of inclusive communities.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Terms of reference define the purpose and structures of a project, committee, meeting, negotiation, or any similar collection of people who have agreed to work together to accomplish a shared goal.

Sport and recreation are fundamental to Australia's way of life and underpins many aspects of community, economic and individual wellbeing, especially in regional areas.

It is anticipated that this committee will only be needed for a short-term period up until both the cricket and football clubs legally merge as one.

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not approve the Term of Reference document

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference document for the Overarching Committee of the Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray

Against

Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.4 Asset Maintenance vs. Renewal

Author: Asset Services Manager (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background:

In the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 September 2021, council sought, through a notice of motion, a report to compare the costs, risks, and benefits of an accelerated road asset renewal program against the current staged approach to upgrades and renewals.

Council's current renewal program is determined through the NAMS PLUS framework. A system based upon the International Infrastructure Management Model and aligned with ISO Standards (international industry benchmarked standards, compiled by relevant experts in their field).

In determining the risks and benefits of an accelerated replacement program, it is key that all councillors have relevant background in our current asset management methodology. Concepts of condition assessment, useful asset lives and how these relate to service levels and council's capacity to fund them form the core of responsible financial and infrastructure management in local government. Consideration of these concepts must form the basis for any decision to move away from council's current practice.

Consultation:

Asset Services Manager, General Manager, Deputy General Manager, Corporate Executive

Risk Implications:

Inadequately funding infrastructure can result in the condition of some assets falling below the expected service levels of the community.

Financial Implications:

The way in which we manage our assets has significant financial implications. The approach to funding asset renewals must be sustainable against council's available operating revenue. Overfunding asset renewals will result in infrastructure service levels that are not sustainable over the long term. Underfunding renewals can result in increased replacement costs as the condition of assets deteriorate.

Strategic Plan:

Goal 1:

S1.3 - Provide Public Facilities and Amenities

Goal 3:

S3.2 - Implement Strategic Asset Management Plan (Existing and New)

S3.3 - Enabling Infrastructure

Goal 4:

S4.1 - Ensure Financial Risk and Sustainability

S4.4 - Long-Term Thinking and Evidence Based

Social Implications:

Not applicable

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Not applicable

Other Issues:

Nil

Options:

1. As per the recommendation
2. An alternative as proposed by council

RECOMMENDATION:

That councillors are invited to attend an education session on asset management and the financial implications of accelerating renewal of assets.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

14.5 Traffic Assessment Report

Author: Asset Services Manager (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 August 2021, council sought, through a notice of motion, to:

“establish a road safety report in a couple of troublesome areas within the Brighton and Bridgewater areas as a priority:

- Issues surrounding the Brighton Primary School and St Pauls Primary School*
- Issues surrounding the disembarking of students on busses in or near Elderslie Road and Seymour Street, Brighton and Bowden Drive, Bridgewater.”*

Council staff have undertaken, through a number of site visits, an analysis of the sites outlined. A report has been drafted taking into consideration the vehicular traffic movements, public transport movements, pedestrian traffic movements and road characteristics at these sites. The report provides options to address issues identified in this analysis.

Consultation:

Asset Services Manager, General Manager.

Risk Implications:

Council is responsible for maintenance of local government roads under the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 and school parking and drop zones are a responsibility of the Education Department. A collaborative approach to management of these zones is required to minimise the risks to road users and pedestrian traffic.

Financial Implications:

Cost of infrastructure required to address identified road safety issues

Strategic Plan:

Goal 1:

S1.3 - Provide Public Facilities and Amenities

Goal 3:

S3.3 - Enabling Infrastructure

Goal 4:

S4.4 - Long-Term Thinking and Evidence Based

Social Implications:

Not applicable

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

Not applicable

Other Issues:

Nil

Options:

1. As per the recommendation
 2. An alternative as proposed by council
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the work in this traffic safety report be furthered by costing the options proposed and, where appropriate, engaging with the Education Department regarding actions which require their involvement.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD**In favour****Against**

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.6 Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan 2021 - 2035

Author: Manager Development Services (D Allingham)

Background

At the October 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM), Council approved the "Seymour Street Master Plan 2021-2035" for public consultation.

Twenty-two submissions were received via Survey Monkey and one written submission from Football Federation Tasmania (FFT).

85% of respondents were from the Brighton suburb, 90% were female and 40% were between 25-34 years old.

What the community liked (in order of frequency raised):

- Dog Park, including separated areas for large and small dogs.
- Walking/Bike tracks.
- Open, nature based, lots of planting shown.
- Upgraded bus drop off/pick up area and parking/Better parking facilities/Provision for lots of sports.
- Upgraded playground facilities and skate park.

What the community didn't like:

- Reference to Seymour Street Park instead of Ted Jeffries Memorial Park.
- Plan doesn't detail the equipment proposed.
- New club rooms not required when Pontville Park development has just been completed, and may attract more unsavoury types.

What the community would like to see:

- Change name back to Ted Jeffries Memorial Park.

- Traffic concerns including speeding, parking and extra traffic, request to block off traffic to Bedford street to stop speeding, and protect pensioners in the street.
- When planting trees, need to ensure they aren't too close to the road and obstructing sight lines.
- Playground equipment identified: flying fox, climbing tube, curly slide, nest swing, needed, and different areas for different ages.
- Obstacles should be included in the dog park.
- Need to have public toilets in different areas of the site.
- Great for a growing community.
- Needs to be well lit.
- Provide seating options.
- Align the junior and senior pitches.

Based on the feedback from the community consultation, the following changes were made to the Master Plan (attached).

- Amend the name to "Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan".
- Add to the "Key" to install signage to formally identify the area as Ted Jeffries Memorial Park.
- Identify areas suitable for seating adjacent to full size football pitches
- Identify a location for a new public toilet in in or near the playground area.
- Show lighting next to the junior ovals along the car park edge.

Consultation

Public consultation was held between 21 November and 17 December 2021 and included letters to adjoining owners and promotion through social media directing the community to a survey hosted on Brighton Council's "Have Your Say" page on its website.

Further consultation has been held with the General Manager, Manager Development Services, Manager Asset Services.

Risk Implications

Master planning an area reduces the risks of poorly designed and laid out park area.

Council needs to be clear in its communications that this is a long term vision to manage community expectations.

Financial Implications

The Master Plan has not been costed at this stage, but it will be a multi-million dollar project to implement and will be heavily reliant on grants and other external funding.

The Master Plan provides an excellent tool for communicating the vision for the area and attracting funds.

Strategic Plan

1.1: Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

S1.2: Create Housing/ Employment/Play/ Education (Liveability)

S1.3: Provide Public Facilities/Amenities

S1.4: Support Connected Communities

S1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future

S3.1: Support 30% Growth Target

S3.2: Implement Strategic Asset Management Plan (Existing and New)

S3.3: Enabling Infrastructure

S4.4: Long-term thinking & evidence-based

Social Implications

Implementation of the Master Plan will provide many health and well-being gains for the community.

Economic Implications

The Policy will provide a high-quality park area and much improved soccer facility and make Brighton a better place to work, live, play and invest.

Assessment

The Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan was very well received by the community during the consultation period. The Master Plan has been updated to reflect the feedback from the community and Football Federation Tasmania. Some of the suggested changes were not adopted (e.g. tree planting locations, playground equipment, etc.) as they can be addressed at the detailed design stage.

Council can be confident that the Master Plan has the support of the community and it is recommended that it be endorsed.

Options

1. As per the recommendation
2. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan 2021 – 2035 as per Attachment A.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.7 Naming Roads and Streets - "Dinosaur Park", Bridgewater

Author: Development Services Officer (H Hanson)

Authorised: Manager Development Services (D Allingham)

Background

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the naming of new roads in the "Dinosaur Park" subdivision in accordance with the *Place Names Act 2020*.

In 2020, the *Place Names Act 2020* (the Act) was introduced to provide for contemporary Governance arrangements for the place naming process and clarity in the responsibility for the naming of roads and streets.

Under the Act, local councils are the naming authority for roads and streets.

The Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines (the Guidelines) are provided for under the Act and are to be used by all naming authorities to assist in selection of a conforming name, as well as providing the public and community with the principles that apply to the selection of a name.

Section 7.11 of the Guidelines states: "Road and street name proposals should be endorsed by the elected council members".

Brighton Council approved a 44 lot subdivision (DA2019/232) on an internal lot that used to be underutilized public open space. The land has become known as Dinosaur Park due to its unusual shape.

As part of the approval several cul-de-sac heads will become continuous roads, including:

- Reynolds Place
- Hobden Place
- Shoobridge Place
- Fergusson Place

All of the existing properties on these roads will need to be re-numbered as the existing numbering for the cul-de-sacs were allocated in the circular fashion rather than the odd numbers on the left and even numbers on the right. Additionally, the type of each road will need to be changed from "Place".

Council sought advice from Placenames Tasmania who have provided the below 3 options for consideration (see Attachment A for layouts).

Option 1:

This is the preferred option from Placenames / Land Tasmania as it would allow us to remove duplicate road names in the state.

This option would require 2 – 3 new road names. Hobden can remain we would just need to alter the road type to reflect that it is no longer a cul-de-sac i.e Hobden Street. Please see attached image.

Option 2:

Option 2 would allow council to keep 3 of the 4 names Shoobridge Road , Reynolds Way and Hobden Street would be the road types we would suggest for these roads to avoid duplication.

This is assuming if council are happy for the extent of Shoobridge and Reynolds way to continue straight through.

It would not be advised that Fergusson be kept as a first or second choice as there is a Fergusson road within the Brighton LGA and we would advise against using it again if council can help it.

Option 3:

Option 3 would be to keep all the existing names and alter their respective road types as suggest in the attachment again it's not advised that council keep Fergusson street if possible.

After reviewing the advice from Placenames Tasmania, staff determined that there was a possible fourth option as per below:

Option 4:

Rename all of the affected roads thereby removing any chance of duplications and creating confusion and possible distress. This option also provides an opportunity to rebrand the area as a whole.

The preference is to select Option 4 and to carry the "Dinosaur Park" nickname through to the road naming and proposes the following names:

Jurassic Street

Raptor Street

Fossil Street

Consultation

Placenames Tasmania, Centacare Evolve, Senior Management Team

Risk Implications

All of the above options are likely to be disruptive to the residents and may cause some confusion and possibly distress for the residents. It is important that Council clearly communicates with residents about why and when the changes are occurring.

Council will write to each landowner informing them about the next steps.

Financial/Budget Implications

In accordance with Council's Street Numbering Policy, Council will provide \$15 financial assistance per street number to each existing property owner for costs associated with mail redirection and updating of the numbers on houses or letter boxes.

Forty-six properties will be affected and the cost will be approximately \$855.

Five new street name blades will also need to be installed.

Social Implications

The changes are likely to be disruptive to the residents and Council will provide financial assistance and help where they can.

Environmental Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Assessment

Reynolds, Hobden, Shoobridge and Fergusson are to be extended through the whole of the development thereby requiring the renumbering of 46 existing properties in order to accommodate the new lots.

The preferred option from Placename Tasmania is to rename at least Shoobridge, Fergusson, Reynolds Place to remove duplication of names across southern Tasmania. It is suggested to go one step further and also rename Hobden Place to effectively rebrand the area and to avoid any confusion that may be caused by renumbering existing streets.

It is proposed to rename the streets as per Option 4 in Attachment A.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. As per the recommendation, but with alternative street names.
 3. Other
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RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a. In accordance with section 11(2) of the *Place Names Act 2020* it is recommended that the Council endorse the proposed road names as shown in Option 4 in Attachment A; and
- b. As soon as practicable, submit details of the road name(s) to the Registrar of Place Names for recording in the register.
- c. Council writes to affected landowners explaining why and when the road name and addressing changes will occur and provide them with financial assistance as per Council's Street Numbering Policy.

DECISION:

Cr Murtagh moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Council officers further consult with local residents in relation to proposed name changes; option 2 to be the preferred option.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD**In favour****Against**

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.8 Naming Roads and Streets - Tivoli Green, Old Beach

Author: Development Services Officer (H Hanson)

Authorised: Manager Development Services (D Allingham)

Background

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the naming of new roads in the “Tivoli Green” subdivision in accordance with the *Place Names Act 2020*.

In 2020, the Place Names Act 2020 (the Act) was introduced to provide for contemporary Governance arrangements for the place naming process and clarity in the responsibility for the naming of roads and streets.

Under the Act, local councils are the naming authority for roads and streets.

The Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines (the Guidelines) are provided for under the Act and are to be used by all naming authorities to assist in selection of a conforming name, as well as providing the public and community with the principles that apply to the selection of a name.

Section 7.11 of the Guidelines states: “Road and street name proposals should be endorsed by the elected council members”.

The developer of the “Tivoli Green” subdivision at 201 Old Beach Road (Permit SA2018/00040) has nearly completed Stage 9 and provided the following background on naming of roads in the development to date:

Previous stages of Tivoli Green have drawn on the names of the Developers family and past associates who were involved in the early stages of the development. These names celebrate all those who have ties with the Estate.

The desire is to continue with this theme to create a level of continuum and consistency within the networks of roads for not only stage 9 but all stages through to completion of the project in the years ahead.

Tivoli Green is seen as an Estate for families. The use of family ‘style’ names add a warmth and ‘friendly’ nature to the Estate, reinforcing the goal for the Estate to be seen as a community of families proud of their home.

The proposed road names for Stage 9 are listed below and are shown in Attachment A.

Arbie View – Nephew of the Developers

Elodie Grange – Niece of the Developers

Consultation

No consultation has been undertaken as the proposal is to name new roads that do not currently have any landowners other than the developer.

Risk Implications

There is a risk that the proposed road names do not conform with the guidelines and that the proposed names will be referred back to Council. Council staff have considered the guidelines and confirm that the proposed roads meet the requirements.

Financial/Budget Implications

Nil.

Social Implications

Nil.

Environmental Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Assessment

The proposed road names meet the requirements of the Guidelines and should be endorsed.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Endorse the road names with amendments.
3. Other

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with section 11(2) of the Place Names Act 2020 it is recommended that the Council endorse the proposed road names as shown in Attachment A; and

As soon as practicable, submit details of the road name(s) to the Registrar of Place Names for recording in the register.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD**In favour****Against**

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.9 School Tree Planting Proposal

Author: Climate Resilience Officer (A Johnson)

Authorised: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

The East Derwent Primary School proposes Brighton Council match funding for six mature trees to be planted for the children's shade cover on school grounds.

The East Derwent Primary School is seeking \$2,000 exc. GST as a 50% contribution from Brighton Council towards just the trees, and the school will provide ongoing maintenance and care. The total project cost of \$8,000 exc. GST covers 6 x mature trees at \$2,400 exc. GST, \$6,000 exc. GST for irrigation and soil provision.

The playground is bare at East Derwent School Primary. The role trees play in shading and providing nature play has a range of benefits from nature play to creating natural habitat. East Derwent Primary School is expected to successfully grow six mature trees in a gated and lockable area with security cameras and irrigation.

The proposal has strategic ties with Brighton Council's Vision 2050 statement key theme: 'Sustainable environment: Nurturing natural places for people and wildlife'. In addition, the proposal links in with Brighton Council's sustainability program in schools, the Greening Strategy and Climate Change Resilience Strategy.

Consultation

The Asset Services Manager and Corporate Executive Manager have been consulted.

Risk Implications

There is medium risk that the best efforts of the school, kids and the community could result in vandalism or tree removal. The success of previous tree planting efforts has been limited, as there has been a history of vandalism. In addition, a lack of irrigation has meant previous efforts to establish trees have been unsuccessful.

To mitigate these risks the school has proposed a closely watched location, near security cameras and under gated lock and key. In addition, the larger mature trees have been selected for planting to help thwart digging and removal due to the sheer size.

Financial Implications

The total financial request to Brighton Council of planting three mature trees is \$2,000 exc. GST. There are funds available for this purpose as a donation in the budget line “community development”.

Strategic Plan

The recommendations further the following strategies from Council’s strategic plan:

S1.1: Understand/Improve Health and Wellbeing

S1.5: Build a resilient community and environmentally sustainable future

S4.1: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

S4.2: Be well-governed

S4.4: Long-term thinking & evidence-based

Social Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Tree planting helps to sequester carbon dioxide emissions that have already been released into the earth’s atmosphere. This action will also help build resilience, which is a key measure in the Brighton Council *Climate Change Resilience Strategy 2019*.

Economic Implications

Responsibility for the land at the East Derwent Primary School remains with the Department of Education, Tasmanian Government. The school is in a low socioeconomic zone and focuses its funds on improving the day to day lives of students, rather than investing in natural capital. The high upfront cost of mature tree plantings and associated infrastructure act as a significant barrier to adoption.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

The Brighton Council is expected to pay for half the cost of planting mature trees and pay no ongoing fees or maintenance. Tree planting in this location and community is expected to have many positive flow-on effects.

The proposal benefits Brighton Council by building more natural places, increasing the health and wellbeing of some the youngest residents in the Brighton municipality and increases community awareness of the value of the natural world.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not support the East Derwent Primary School pursuit to plant six mature trees.
3. Support the East Derwent Primary School's pursuit to plant six mature trees with an alternative contribution from Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the East Derwent Primary School proposal for Brighton Council to pay 50% of the total cost of tree plantings.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Garlick seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

14.10 NAIDOC Week 2022 – School Initiative Competitions

Author: Executive Officer, Governance (A Turvey)

Authorised: Governance Manager (J Banks)

Background

This item was deferred from the January 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, pending further information regarding confirmation of participation by schools in our local government area.

It has been confirmed that in 2021 the following schools participated in the NAIDOC Week School Initiatives, which includes a colouring-in, poem writing, poster design and essay writing competition.

- St Paul's Primary School
- Brighton Primary School
- Gagebrook Primary School

It should be noted that this program is a national program and not specific to Tasmania but part of the overall celebration of National NAIDOC Week 2022. It is a nationwide program and not culturally specific to Tasmania or any other state.

The NAIDOC Week School Initiatives is the only activity throughout NAIDOC Week that provides students with an educational component to NAIDOC Week and Indigenous culture and heritage.

Koori Kids is a community organisation that engages young people across Australia in a range of school initiatives to promote education and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Each year Koori Kids conducts the NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competitions for school aged children Australia wide.

Koori Kids thanks and acknowledges Brighton Council's support last year and is once again seeking support from Council. They request consideration of Council to be an associate partner with a \$450 donation towards the program.

NAIDOC Week 2022 will take place from 3 to 10 July.

The Koori Kids 2022 School Initiatives program is coordinated in partnership with the Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Premier and Cabinet.

As Council is currently in the process of developing a *Reflect* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), this program fits well with key deliverables required in the RAP, including raising awareness and sharing information about the meaning of NAIDOC Week and supporting/promoting external NAIDOC week events in our local area.

Consultation

General Manager, Governance Manager, Council Services Officer, Executive Officer.

Risk Implications

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Koori Kids has provided a proposal for the 2022 initiatives. The contribution sought is \$450 to be utilised towards the costs for printing and distribution of information packs, posters and entry forms to schools across Brighton Council's Local Government Area.

The Grants and Donations budget for 2021/22 is currently over-expended.

Strategic Plan

An initiative such as this supports Council's 2019-29 Strategic Plan as follows:

Goal 1 – Strengthen our Communities.

S1.4 - Support Connected Communities.

S1.5 - Build a Resilient Community.

Social Implications

Improved relationships between Council and the Aboriginal community, and the organisations which operate in our municipality.

These initiatives are designed to educate all students on cultural diversity and involve a whole of community approach in the spirit of reconciliation and bringing us 'all together as one community'.

This year students will design posters that reflect their community, NAIDOC Week and thanking our frontline workers (who keep us safe).

This year's patrons include Jessica Mauboy (Indigenous Singer) and Josh Ado Carr (Indigenous NRL player).

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

The initiatives will enable participants to explore concepts linking environmental; and social/cultural issues and foster harmony in the community.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Other Issues

Not applicable.

Assessment

This cross cultural initiative has been operating very successfully since 2001 and is aligned with NAIDOC Week, celebrated in July each year. Hundreds of entries are received each year from schools within Council's LGA, and the success of the program is due in part to the support of councils and partner organisations.

Council is acknowledged through logo inclusion as an associate partner on information packs sent to schools throughout Council's LGA. If there is a winner school from within Council's LGA, an invitation for the Mayor and or a representative is invited to attend the school, along with Executive Director, NAIDOC Week Initiatives and other dignitaries to make special presentation of the NAIDOC Medal of Excellence and the student's prize.

A media release for the winning school is prepared in consultation with Council's media officer. Council is also forwarded a final report on the program.

The NAIDOC Week School Initiatives is a great fit with the development of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which includes raising awareness of NAIDOC week and promoting external events for NAIDOC week in our local area.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council not contribute to NAIDOC Week 2022 – School Initiative Competitions in our area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council contribute \$450 to the Koori Kids NAIDOC Week 2022 School Initiatives program to be utilised towards the costs for printing and distribution of information packs, posters and entry forms to schools across Brighton Council's Local Government Area.

This contribution be reported accordingly in Council's Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DECISION:

Cr Murtagh moved, Cr Curran seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

Cr Whelan moved, Cr Garlick seconded that council resolve into Closed council.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
Cr Garlick	
Cr Geard	

Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

15. Closed Meeting

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

Matters are listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

This item was to be considered in closed session in accordance with Meeting Procedures Regulation 15(2)(b).

15.1 Sale of Surplus Land

15.2 Authorisation to Move Out of Closed Session and Release of Information to the Public:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council:

- (i) Having met and dealt with its business formally moves out of Closed Session;
and
- (ii) Resolves to report that it has determined the following:

DECISION:

Item Number	Matter	Outcome
15.1	Sale of Land	Resolved not to release information to the public.

Cr Curran moved, Cr Whelan seconded that Council resolve out of closed Council and the decision made whilst in Closed council be ratified.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour

Against

Cr Curran
Cr De La Torre
Cr Garlick
Cr Geard
Cr Gray
Cr Murtagh
Cr Owen
Cr Whelan

16. Questions on Notice

There were no 'Questions on Notice' for the March Ordinary Council Meeting.

The meeting closed 7.10 pm

Confirmed:

(Mayor)

Date:

_____ 20 April 2022