



# Brighton Council

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## Annual Plan 2022-2023





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

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

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

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

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



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# Annual Plan

## Introduction

Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2022/2023 financial year has been prepared and adopted by Council in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in that it:

- Is consistent with Council's strategic plan.
- Includes a statement of the manner in which Council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.
- Includes a summary of the budget estimates adopted by Council.
- Includes a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the Council's public health goals and objectives.

In 2022/23 Council will endeavour to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan in an inclusive manner with its citizens.

## Councillors as at 1 July 2022

- Cr Leigh Gray - Mayor
  - Cr Barbara Curran - Deputy Mayor
  - Cr Aaron De La Torre
  - Cr Wayne Garlick
  - Cr Peter Geard
  - Cr Moya Jeffries
  - Cr Tennille Murtagh
  - Cr Philip Owen
  - Cr Jessica Whelan
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## Summary of the Estimates for the 2022/23 Financial Year

Estimated Revenue of the Council	\$24,028,015
Estimated Expenditure of the Council	\$17,069,466
Estimated Borrowings by the Council	\$0
Estimated Capital Works of the Council	\$12,612,961

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## Key Focus Areas and Summary of Strategies and Initiatives for 2022/2023

# 1. Strengthen Our Communities

## 1.1 Understand/Improve Health & Wellbeing

- Support the Hobart Gymnastics Association's ongoing presence in Bridgewater by collaborating to try to ensure long and successful operation.
- Undertake an internal review of Council's Open Space Strategy 2012.
- Complete a Community Infrastructure Needs Analysis and identify priority actions for future years.
- Continue Council's support for the Brighton Care Collective and the PCYC.
- Lobby for and facilitate greater investment in local health services and long-term solutions to the current lack of General Practitioners and other medical services in the region.
- Lobby and build relationships for a more holistic approach to public and affordable housing projects that have greater consideration and investment in design, quality, integration with surrounding infrastructure, community building and harmony and with a clear eye on the long-term legacy of single and collective projects.
- Support community to improve how services and supports are connected and promoted throughout the municipality.
- Assist the community to prepare for the changing climate, with a key focus on overland flooding, coastal hazards and bushfire hazard management.

## 1.2 Create Housing/Employment/Play/Education (Liveability)

- Lobby Government and build relationships with a range of partners to ensure better educational and wellbeing outcomes for our community.
  - Construct off lead area for dogs at the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park in Brighton.
  - Continue to progress master planning for the South Brighton Precinct, incorporating the new Brighton High School design and development.
  - Investigate rezoning for infill development around Sorell Street and Samuel Street Bridgewater.
  - Finalise the Old Beach Zoning Review and commence implementing its recommendations.
  - Investigate other rezoning opportunities within the Urban Growth Boundary.
  - Lobby for and prepare grant applications for external funding for community infrastructure projects within Council's 10 Year Infrastructure Plan.
  - Continue the smooth and successful running of the 'Regional Jobs Hub' (Southcentral Workforce Network) on behalf of the region and support its on-going expansion of services and programs.
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- Continue and enhance cultural, social, environmental and educative partnerships, activities and events, including for youth, including with MONA, BighArt, Vibrance, Libraries Tasmania, Volunteering Tasmania, Landcare, PCYC and Brighton Care Collective.
- Investigate mechanisms to minimize negative social and infrastructure impacts created by large numbers of multiple dwelling developments in close proximity, including the potential for more equitable infrastructure and open space charges for unit developments.

### 1.3 Provide Public Facilities/Amenities

- Continue investigating options for council's waste management system and transfer station operations, with a focus on improving sustainability, benefits to the community and financial outcomes.
- Continue Council's waste and sustainability education program and its support for overall waste management in the area.
- Complete the construction of a new public toilet block at the Stage 2 Bridgewater parkland development.
- Continue working with all key stakeholders to develop Pontville Park into a first-class regional sporting, recreation and community facility in line with the site master plan.
- Construct a pump track in Bridgewater.
- Plan, design and undertake community consultation for an additional section of gravel walkway along the Old Bach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive.
- Commence Stage 1 of Cris Fitzpatrick Park in accordance with the Master Plan and in collaboration with project partners.
- Complete planning and design work and commence construction of a neighbourhood park in Herdsmans Cove.
- Continue implementing actions from Council's Public Art Strategy.
- Pursue the development of a town square in Brighton.
- Pursue grant opportunities that clearly align with Council's endorsed 10 Year Infrastructure Plan.

### 1.4 Support Connected Communities

- Continue ongoing roll out of new disabled access kerb ramps and continue improving disability access and aged friendly community infrastructure more generally.
  - Construct sections of walkway to link Gagebrook to the East Derwent Highway pathways in conjunction with the Cris Fitzpatrick redevelopment.
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- Continue to support Brighton Alive administration and coordination.
- Continue to progress Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Commence the drafting of a Community Engagement Strategy.
- Continue the publication of the *Brighton Community News* and provision of information via Council's website and social media platforms.

## 1.5 Build a Resilient Community and Environmentally Sustainable Future

- Continue implementing the Greening Brighton Strategy, including Council's ongoing tree planting program.
  - Develop strategic partnerships with environmental and social organisations to enhance environmental management outcomes and build greater community engagement in local environmental and social activities.
  - Develop a corporate energy action plan, identifying opportunities for Council to further reduce emissions and save on its energy bills.
  - Update the flood-prone hazards overlay in the planning scheme based on modelling from catchment management plans.
  - Begin transitioning Council's vehicle fleet to electric vehicles.
  - Continue to report on Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions and continue taking actions to reduce emissions towards Council's target of a 30% reduction by 2030 on 2021 levels and to zero by 2040.
  - Investigate coastal hazard impacts and building resilience through the Brighton Derwent River Foreshore Coastal Hazards Project.
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## 2. Create 2-3 Hubs for our Connector Satellite City

### 2.1 A focus on Agriculture/Horticulture/Aquaculture (Food) Wellbeing

- Implement new Weed Management Strategy.
- Prepare a Natural Resource Management Strategy.
- Continue to assist with the promotion of MONA's 24 carrot program and the School Farm to increase food production learning in local schools.
- Develop a farm to plate and plate to farm Waste Wise campaign to increase awareness of food miles and FOGO options.
- Work with the agriculture community to increase biodiversity and climate resilience in private land management.

### 2.2 Education/Capability Build

- Continue to support MONA's community development work, including at Bond Place and Eddington Street.
- Continue to work with the Department of Education on the development of the new Brighton High School precinct and investment in the School Farm.
- Continue to support schools through collaboration and engagement, including with Council's waste and sustainability education programs.

### 2.3 Support Further Development of a Business and Logistics Hub

- Continue implementing the priority actions from the Brighton Industrial Estate Brand & Place Strategy, including entry signage and associated landscaping.
  - Engage with current and potential local businesses and employers to better understand and assist with identified issues and opportunities.
  - Investigate opportunities for circular economy and renewable energy investment within the Brighton Hub area.
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## 3. Drive Infrastructure Development

### 3.1 Support 30% Growth Target

- Pursue grant funding for strategic capital projects.
- Optimise use of council land for community benefit and long-term council sustainability, including exploring potential sales and purchases.
- Pursue the review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy and changes to the Urban Growth Boundary to support fair, efficient and sustainable growth of the region.
- Engage with all levels of government and with the Greater Hobart Committee to help realise the opportunities for Brighton within a regional context.
- Advocate for improved public and active transport, including ferry infrastructure and services.
- Commence the Outer Hobart Residential Demand and Supply Study in partnership with other Councils and the State Government.
- Commence the Bridgewater Bridge North Interchange Master Plan in partnership with State Government to ensure the necessary infrastructure is provided and opportunities are realised.

### 3.2 Implement Strategic Asset Management Plan (Existing and New)

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

### 3.3 Enabling Infrastructure

- Upgrade the Bowls Club & Community Carpark.
  - Collaborate with Government to ensure best possible outcomes for the Bridgewater Bridge Project.
  - Upgrade path network to increase accessibility from Gagebrook. through to Bridgewater.
  - Continued footpath network development, with specific attention to age and disability access improvements.
  - Continued upgrade and development of community park facilities.
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## 4. Ensure a Stable Organisation

### 4.1 Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

- Keep budget processes and general rate increases in line with Long Term Financial and Asset Management plans and strategies.
- Closely monitor the economic and social impacts of external circumstances and events, including COVID-19.
- Ensure integrated and active risk management.

### 4.2 Be Well-Governed

- Continue succession planning for all key positions and prepare an organizational structure for predicted future growth in community service and infrastructure needs.
- Investigate and plan for potential Council Chambers renovation and expansion.
- Review and renew Council's Strategic Plan after the election of a new Council.
- Review and ensure commitment to Council's 10 Year Infrastructure Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.
- Continue professional services/shared services provision where beneficial to Council, to enhance experience, best practice and operational efficiency.

### 4.3 A Shaping Agenda Facilitated through Strong Engagements

- Promote educational and workforce development with government and regional councils.
- Pursue partnerships with other organisations.
- Ensure regular dialogue with representatives of all tiers of government on matters relevant to Brighton.

### 4.4 Long-term Thinking & Evidence Based Strategies

- Continue implementing council's key strategies.
  - Prepare master plans for key project areas and grant opportunities for the next 10 years, in line with Council's 10 Year Infrastructure Plan.
  - Continue implementing 2050 Vision.
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## 5. Public Health

Council will:

- Conduct monthly immunisation clinics, annual school immunisations and promote the need for immunisation.
- Ensure proper provision of on-site effluent disposal in compliance with relevant standards.
- Undertake routine inspection of places of public assembly, food premises, public health risk activities and water carters to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- Promptly investigate environmental health complaints.
- Where applicable maintain an effective analysis program for food in accordance with the Department of Health South Regional Food Sampling Program and recreational waters for the Derwent Estuary Program. and general complaints.
- Comply with COVID-19 guidelines and Public Health advice.

## 6. Risk Management

Council will:

- Continue to keep risk exposure to a minimum by helping reduce injuries and potential loss. Management practices will involve identifying risks, analysing and treating by taking appropriate action.
  - Continue to be proactive in inspections and reviews of roads, footpaths, written agreements with clubs/user groups, building & financial services, town planning and recreation functions.
  - Educate community groups on importance and activities involved with risk management.
  - Integrate climate change risks into key strategic documentation.
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