



'Brighton Alive' is an open collective of organisations and community members that supports, connects and enhances the lives of the people of the Brighton Municipality through sharing information, facilitating the coordination of services, developing partnerships and pursuing opportunities.

Brighton Alive Network Meeting

Minutes

Venue: Brighton Civic Centre

Date: 18.07.23

Time: 10.00

Attendance: John Flack (Yourtown) Moira Davidson (Café Connections), Nicki Kastner (Uniting), Elise Parker (Centacare Evolve Housing), Neet Targett (54 Reasons), Phil Owen (Brighton Council), Damian Neep (Your Choice Support Services), Snehashree Sapkota (Communities for Children), Tanya Brooks-Cooper (Communities for Children), Justin Johnstone (Searson Buck), Maddi Clarke (Searson Buck), Tash Hellesey (Your Choice Support Services), Amy (SWN), Darcy (SWN), Charlotte Ryan (Vinnies), Elle Bate (Vinnies).

Apologies: Jess Tyler

Chair: Moira Davidson

Minutes: Neet Targett

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I Standing Items:	
1.1 Nomination for chair and minute taker next meeting.	Communities for Children Representative - Chair Kylie Murphy - Minute taker TBA – Acknowledgement of country
1.2 Guest Speakers	<p>2 Understanding the Voice Workshops – 1 hour – Reconciliation Tasmania</p> <p>Tas Community Fund has funded the Understanding the Voice Workshops to support Tasmanians to have information and the opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p>Later this year, Tasmanians will vote on the referendum to formally recognise the First Peoples of Australia in the Constitution and establish a permanent Indigenous voice to Parliament. (The Voice.)</p> <p>The speakers ensured that attendees understood that this discussion was not a Point of View but a sharing of information session to better inform</p>

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	<p>the community. Additionally the group had to agree to some ground rules before embarking on an interactive discussion.</p> <p>A 'Timeline to the Voice to Parliament' was handed out and small groups of 2 or 3 and discussed. Many were amazed at some of the information including where recognition was beginning to take hold but would then be abolished by the next government. Also, the fact that in 16 years we haven't succeeded in Closing the Gap.</p> <p>The Uluru Statement of the Heart (2007) was read out in parts by volunteers and then discussed in small groups. It was interesting that the Voice to Parliament has been part of the conversation since 2007 but many people have never heard about it.</p> <p>Until now, when things have changed for Aboriginal people and their rights, there has been the risk of that change being abolished by the next government. A Voice to Parliament might help to keep changes in place even when governments change. The result of the Voice to Parliament will only be able to be abolished with another referendum.</p> <p>This will ensure the Aboriginal community have continuity and control over their lives.</p> <p>What is actually going to change? The route to gathering the process = Enshrined Voice \Rightarrow Makarrata (Truth Telling) \Rightarrow Treaty</p> <p>How long will treaty take? This has to be the way to reach treaty. This is a seminal moment in time to come good on the 2017 request.</p> <p>Other countries have experienced similar processes. It has been done before.</p> <p>South Africa had Truth Telling and then Constitutional Change.</p> <p>New Zealand have a Maori Voice to Parliament which has been in place since 1867.</p> <p>Small groups discussed a handout on how the referendum works, explaining the double majority. This means that the nation votes as a whole but then residents of the 6 states (not NT or ACT) will have their votes counted twice. At least 3 states need to vote YES for the change to occur.</p> <p>It was thought that this system could be confusing for younger people who are new to voting as well as older people. Because of this, fact-based commentary is essential. If it is a young person's first time voting, then it can be an onerous task.</p> <p>A doubtful seed that is being planted is the No campaign's message of "If you don't know, Vote No".</p> <p>We are all responsible for articulating the importance of the vote.</p> <p>The Call to Action: This years referendum is a once in a generation opportunity to take a huge step forward for reconciliation.</p> <p>To read more and make an informed decision please see the link below: Your official referendum 2023 pamphlet (aec.gov.au)</p>

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2.1 General Round.	Centacare Evolve Housing – housing week: Elise and team can send out display packs for services to display in their organisation for homelessness week.
2. Actions arising:	Carried over - JOSELLE to check with Sharon if the letter has been drafted, for a local presence of the ASCO for our aged residents.
Next Meeting	15th August 2023 10am