



**Brighton
Council**

MEDIA ALERT

23 August 2023

Bridgewater Foreshore Parkland Officially Opens

When: 24 August 2023 commencing at 12pm-2pm

Where: 2A Eddington Street, Bridgewater

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Tomorrow will see the official opening of Brighton Council's Bridgewater Parkland 2 by Mr Brian Mitchell MP, Member for Lyons.

The Bridgewater Parkland – Stage 2 was made possible through the Community Development Grants Programme of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts.

The new park is situated on the Bridgewater foreshore, with spectacular views of the River Derwent and kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

Brian Mitchell MP, Member for Lyons said: *"It is a pleasure to be invited to open this phase of the Bridgewater Parkland Foreshore project, funded by the Australian government's Community Development Grants Programme."*

"\$1.7 million was funded and has been used with help from the Brighton Council to enhance this area with facilities like new playing equipment, shelters and BBQ's for families of all ages to enjoy."

The family friendly park has become incredibly popular and not only offers state of the art play equipment but includes gardens, tree plantings, BBQ shelter, toilets, picnic tables, water fountain with dog bowl and bike racks. Plans are currently underway to incorporate a pump track at the foreshore site with Brighton Council's Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan 2016-2026 continuing to be implemented.



Mayor Leigh Gray said: *“This area is becoming a vibrant community hub and recreational precinct. We are fortunate to have Mona’s Material Institute situated next to the park, the home of the annual Winter Fest plus many other community events, social enterprises and food education programs.*

We are fortunate to have the very dedicated Bridgewater Foreshore Landcare Tasmania Group working hard to restore this foreshore area by removing weeds, revegetating the landscape, monitoring for threatened species and removing rubbish on a regular basis.

The park is fast becoming a popular destination for all of our community and beyond given the range and quality of play equipment on offer with such great facilities and beautiful foreshore location. The park has many future opportunities to activate the waters edge and provides a great location for future ferry access.

Brighton Council sincerely thanks the Federal Government for making this parkland possible through the Community Development Grants Programme and we are very much looking forward to continuing to develop the foreshore area in line with our Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan 2016-2026.”

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