



**Brighton
Council**

ATTACHMENTS

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

16 JANUARY 2024





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 5.38 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2023

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Attendance

Cr Gray (Mayor); Cr Curran (Deputy Mayor); Cr De La Torre, Cr Geard, Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh, Cr Owen, Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr D Allingham (Director, Development Services); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director, Asset Services); Ms G Browne (Director, Corporate Services); Ms A Turvey (Manager Community Development & Engagement); Ms E Lang (Acting Director Governance & Regulatory Services)

3. Applications for Leave of Absence

All members were present.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2023 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2023, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4.2 Planning Authority

The Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on the 5th December 2023 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on the 5th December 2023, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Irons seconded that the Minutes of the Planning Authority Meeting held on the 5th December 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4.3 Audit Panel Minutes

The Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on the 20th October 2023 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on the 20th October 2023, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that the Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on the 20th October 2023, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

5. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify the general manager, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

Cr Irons declared an interest in Item 13.1

The Mayor noted that he had previously declared an interest in Item 13.1 but that interest is no longer applicable.

6. Public Question Time and Deputations

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

Mrs Hertrick of Old Beach asked the following questions during Public question time at the November Ordinary Council Meeting:-

Q1 The planned walkway for north of the jetty, what point of the jetty is that walkway expected to start and go to given that this has been debated before years back?

Q2 There's been surveyors recently at the riverside behind Morrisby Road and up Blackstone Drive (bush side) and what we're wondering is what these surveyors are doing a feasibility of? Is there any information you can give us about that?

The General Manager's response to these questions is as follows:-

- *Council are currently doing the background feasibility work on the whole area from St Anns on the East Derwent Highway to the Old Beach Jetty to determine feasibility, including Fauna & Flora surveys and Aboriginal Heritage Assessments.*
- *This work will then provide sufficient information to workshop the options with Councillors and have a reasonable idea of practical issues, rough costs, and the like. The workshop with councillors should provide direction on Council's appetite to progress further development of these options, including public consultation.*
- *An initial Council workshop was held on the 5th December 2023. Council expects to conduct public consultation in early 2024.*

7. Reports from Council

7.1 Mayor's Communications

The Mayor's communications were as follows:

22/11	TasWater AGM
24/11	Tidy Towns Awards, Oatlands
5/12	Council Workshop
5/12	Brighton Council Annual General Meeting
5/12	Planning Authority Meeting
8/12	GMC Meeting
8/12	PLGC Meeting
18/12	Community Reception for Dr Chris Hughes
19/12	General Manager's Performance Review Committee
19/12	Council Workshop – STRWA Briefing
19/12	Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that the Mayor's communications be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
Cr De La Torre	
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7.2 Reports from Council Representatives

- Cr Geard recently attended an event in Ulverstone with the State Fire Commission as the Local Government representative.
- Cr Geard attended a talk to the Brighton School for the Seniors Group on Emergency Management.
- Cr Owen attended a Cycling South Meeting on 29th November 2023.
- Cr Owen attended end of year assemblies for Herdsmans Cove Primary School and East Derwent Primary School.
- Cr Owen accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Council from Under One Rainbow.
- Cr Irons attended the Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance meeting on the 7th December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the verbal reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr McMaster seconded that verbal reports from Council representatives be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
Cr Curran	
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Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

Public Question Time and Deputations

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Owen seconded that the meeting reverts back to Public Question Time to allow Mr Andrew Bullock to address Council.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

The Mayor advised Mr Bullock that his five minute timeframe to address Council had expired.

Cr Owen moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Mr Bullock be granted an additional three minutes to address Council.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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As per the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the General Manager will provide a response to Mr Bullock's questions without notice on the next Council agenda.

8. Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Email from Chief Executive, Committee for Greater Hobart dated 14th December 2023 welcoming Brighton Council as an Enterprise member.

9. Notification of Council Workshops

In accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

One (1) Council workshop has been held since the previous Ordinary Council meeting.

A workshop was held on the 5th December 2023 at 4.00 pm to discuss LGBTIQ+ inclusion matters and the Old Beach Foreshore track.

Crs Gray, Curran, De La Torre, Geard, Irons, McMaster, Murtagh, Owen and Whelan were in attendance.

10. Notices of Motion

Nil.

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*.

DECISION:

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

12. Reports from Committees

There were no Committee meetings held in December.

13. Council Acting as a Planning Authority

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 25 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, 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.

Cr Irons had declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting 6.02pm

13.1 Planning Scheme Amendment for 203 & 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach - RZ 2023-002

Type of Report	Section 40K of <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i>
File Reference:	RZ 2023-002
Requested by	JMG Engineers and Planners
Owner/s:	Mark Nolan Lisa Schimanski
Location:	203 Old Beach Road, Old Beach 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach
Proposal:	Amend the planning scheme map to: A. Rezone the land at 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach from Future Urban Zone to General Residential Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Environmental Management and Open Space Zone B. Amend the Priority Vegetation Overlay from 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach, C. Insert the Flood Prone Hazard Overlay over 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach.
Planning Instrument:	Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Brighton
Date Advertised:	21/10/20-23 – 20/11/2023
Representations:	Three (3)
Author	Jo Blackwell (Senior Planner)
Authorised:	David Allingham (Director Development Services)

1. Executive Summary

This report considers the submissions made during the exhibition period regarding a draft planning scheme amendment pursuant to s37 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) for the land at 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach (the Site) by amending the planning scheme maps to:

- a) Rezone the land at 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach from Future Urban Zone to General Residential Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Environmental Management and Open Space Zone.
- b) Amend the Priority Vegetation Overlay from 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach.
- c) Insert the Flood Prone Hazard Overlay over 203 and 205 Old Beach Road, Old Beach.

Council's Planning Authority, at its meeting on 17th October 2023, agreed to initiate the proposed planning scheme amendment made by JMG Engineers and Planners under s38(2) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and, therefore prepared and certified the draft amendment to the LPS (s40F) as meeting the LPS criteria (s34) under the Act.

The amendment application was then exhibited for a period of twenty-eight (28) days (s40H).

This is a report required by s40K to be submitted to the Commission in relation to the three (3) representations received during advertising.

It is considered that the representations to the draft amendment do not warrant any modification to the proposed amendment.

2. Legislative requirements

In accordance with s40H the planning authority must exhibit the draft amendment for twenty-eight (28) days.

Following exhibition, the planning authority must consider any representations and provide a report to the Commission. The report must include [s40K]:

(a) a copy of each representation, including any agreed to be accepted after the end of the exhibition period;

(b) the planning authority's views on the merit of each representation;

(c) a recommendation as to whether the draft amendment should be modified to take into account the representation and the effect on the LPS as a whole in implementing the recommendation; and

(d) a statement as to whether the planning authority is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria; and

(e) any other recommendations in relation to the draft amendment.

The planning authority has 35 days from the close of the exhibition period to forward its report to the Commission.

The Representations and Response

The draft planning scheme amendment was on public exhibition from 21st October until 20th November 2023. Three (3) submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

A summary of the concerns raised in Representation 3 has been provided to the applicant, TasWater and Department of State Growth for comment. Responses from the applicant and TasWater are included as Attachments D and E respectively.

Below is a summary of the 3 representations received during the public exhibition period, and the assessing officer’s response on the merit of each representation as required by s.40K(b) of the Act.

No.	Submission	Response on merit
Rep 1 – TasWater (Attachment A)		
1.	<p>TasWater initially advised that it does not object to the proposed amendment and has no formal comments, and does not required to be notified nor attend any subsequent hearings</p> <p>Upon receipt of a representation received during the public exhibition period, TasWater was asked to provide further comment on the submission made. TasWater’s response (Attachment E) was in the following terms:</p> <p>TasWater provides the following comments regarding sewerage servicing in the referred representation from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] relating to the rezoning Draft Amendment RZ2023/002;</p> <p>TasWater will not support the construction of a sewage pump station within the H5 flood inundation area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any future development in the proposed General Residential zones will require extensions to TasWater’s existing sewerage networks. In the event any future development within any portion of the land located in the proposed General Residential zones cannot be serviced by an extension to TasWater’s gravity sewerage network the developer will be required to install a suitably sized sewage pumping 	<p>TasWater’s comments are noted.</p> <p>It is considered that, should the rezoning be approved, the applicant will be required to design any future subdivision in accordance with TasWater’s requirements.</p> <p>See responses to individual submissions below for more detailed response.</p>

	<p>station on a dedicated lot to TasWater’s satisfaction.</p> <p>2. TasWater will take into account the “reserved” capacity at the downstream Tivoli Rd SPS for the entire Tivoli Green development when determining capacity restraints on future developments and where necessary developers will be required to build additional spare capacity or provide a monetary contribution to TasWater for future emergency storage upgrades.</p>	
<p>Rep 2 – TasNetworks (Attachment B)</p>		
<p>2.</p>	<p>TasNetwork have confirmed that it does not have any issues regarding the proposed amendment</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Representation 3 (Attachment C)</p>		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Based on a permit granted on 6th May 2023 to subdivide the lot into 4 (SA2022/44), all lots were required to remain onsite disposal of stormwater and sewerage. The connection of Lots 1 and 2 to reticulated sewer and point discharge or stormwater off-site were rejected by TasWater and Brighton Council due to impact on the surrounding environment</p>	<p>The provision of new stormwater connections for Lots 1 and 2 were conditioned under SA2022/44. Due to the existing Future Urban zoning, assessment was based on the uses the site could accommodate under the current zoning. Under the approved subdivision, a single dwelling could be developed whilst not fettering future subdivision. The lots were considered large enough to manage sewer and stormwater on site.</p> <p>As noted by the Applicant (Attachment D), any further development is subject to separate assessment, should this application for rezoning be successful. Any stormwater management provided will need to provide a detention and water quality system that would ensure the stormwater leaving the site will be at pre-existing flows and at a water quality consistent with Council’s standards.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>The Open Space zoning located on 205 Old Beach Road was required to be transferred to Council under Permit SA2022/44. No such contribution exists adjacent to Gagebrook and Bob's Creek for 203 Old Beach Road. The construction of walking trails and large open areas for recreation as planned in the Council's endorsed open space strategy for Tivoli Green has commenced by the developer. The strategy of connecting the open space areas to the East Derwent Highway (EDH) walking and bike trail is proceeding within the current DA. Increasing access along Gagebrook and Bobs Creek to Old Beach Road as part of this rezoning would complement this strategy and the significant contribution of land and resources being invested in the area.</p> <p>The rezoning report and indicative subdivision plans by JMG offer no additional open space other than required under SA2022/44</p>	<p>The amount of open space required under SA2022/44 equated to approximately 5%, which is the contribution amount provided pursuant to s116 of the <i>Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i> (LGBMP). Accordingly, there is no requirement to provide additional POS under SA2022/44.</p> <p>LGBMP makes provision for the purchase of open space and riparian areas. If open space, pedestrian connections, and the like are required into the future, this will be considered by Council at that time.</p> <p>Any future subdivision of the proposed general residential zoned land will require the provision of public open space, or a payment in lieu of, in accordance with ss 116 and 117 of LGBMP.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>The Traffic Impact Statement provided by Midson Traffic dated August 23 (TIS) significantly underestimates the number of lots within the study zone.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes that the site is intended to be linked to Lottie Mews and thus onto Riviera Drive and that the only resultant would be the Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway junction would need to be upgraded sooner.</p> <p>Application of the Road and Railway Assets Code will require any future subdivision application to give consideration to the extended road network, especially the Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway intersection. The Department of State Growth has the ability to require upgrades to the EDH intersection as part of any future subdivision application pursuant to Code.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p>The TIS nominates Riviera Drive as a residential collector road and raises issues with road pavement widths</p>	<p>Road connectivity to the site has already been accommodated in the Tivoli Green Subdivision. Riviera Drive was originally intended to be, and is likely to be used as, a through road irrespective of the rezoning. Should the rezoning place increased demand on Riviera Drive some upgrades may be required.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Both the TIS and the representors independent TIA (attachment C) agree that the Riviera Drive intersection at the EDH has capacity of 450 residents prior to unacceptable wait times. This capacity has already been taken up by existing residences and approved lots under SA2021/007.</p> <p>The TIS incorrectly assesses the number of lots to be serviced and spare capacity at the intersection from Riviera Drive onto the EDH.</p>	<p>The applicant submits that, based on the TIS, that the traffic capacity of Riviera Drive is limited by the junction at EDH, to a capacity of 3330 vehicles per day, with a peak of 350 vehicles per hour with the existing junction configuration.</p> <p>Council officers advise that the TIA submitted with the rezoning did not fully address the connection of Riviera Drive to Old Beach Road and underestimated volumes from the already approved Tivoli Green subdivision. It highlights that the level of service at the Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway will reach an unacceptable level of service at 450 lots which roughly equates to the already approved Tivoli Green subdivision. It does however point out that upgrades could be undertaken to accommodate the rezoned land including provision of a large diameter round about. A new TIA would be required as part of any future subdivision application and conditions requiring road upgrades could be imposed, as required.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>All subdivision in Tivoli Green is greenfield development and the developer has planned, developed and paid for the infrastructure.</p>	<p>In the absence of infrastructure contributions, the developer is required to pay for upgrades to infrastructure.</p> <p>Should TasWater, Department of State Growth and Council require future upgrades to existing infrastructure, the developer will bear the cost of these.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>Page 15 of the Concept Services Plan (CSP) shows two stormwater point discharges as existing, but do not exist. These connection points were not approved as part of SA2022/44. The lots are for onsite disposal of stormwater.</p>	<p>Correct. The developer will be required to address stormwater discharge as part of any future subdivision application, pending successful rezoning of the site (refer point 3 above)</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Proposed discharge Point 1 is located in the area to be zoned Environmental Protection and flows by open channel across title CT 181742 to Gage Brook.</p> <p>Discharge Point 2 is from proposed Lot 2 onto Lot 3 within the coastal protection area.</p> <p>The Rezoning report states in relation to State Policy for Water Quality Management 1997 that no new point source discharges are proposed therefore the application is consistent with the policy.</p>	<p>This is the key reason the planning authority recommended on site disposal for the 4-lot subdivision (2 additional lots) approved under SA 2022/44.</p> <p>Stormwater point discharge will be considered as part of any future subdivision application.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>This is contradictory with the CSP and the subdivision of un-serviced lots, stormwater discharge points will have to be developed.</p> <p>These discharge points will have the potential to negatively impact Bobs Creek, Gage Brook and adjoining land on title 181742/5. These sites contain threatened flora and the report provides no detail into management of these threats.</p>	<p>Council officers advise that future subdivision of the rezoned land would require new stormwater outfalls to the watercourse(s), and any development will include a requirement for stormwater treatment and management of flows so as to ensure there is no detriment to the watercourse or adjacent properties.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>The Plan proposes a sewer pump station (SPS) and Sewer Rising Main (SRM). No report has been provided with the application and the impact to the Tivoli Green SAP cannot be quantified. However the following items typical to the SPS have the potential to adversely impact adjacent sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location proposed for the SPS (Flussig flood map) is in the H5 Flood zone with flooding up to 2m deep during a 1% flood event; • The SPS will require an emergency bypass flow and none has been shown. This has the 	<p>As noted above TasWater will not approve a SPS within the H5 area, and the proposed location of the SPS is not supported by council officers. As such future subdivision will need to consider how sewer services can be accommodated on the site. It is noted that the lot layout provided as part of the Flussig report is indicative only, and that the SPS will need to be located in a low flood hazard area.</p> <p>The emergency bypass is a matter for TasWater, who have provided comment (see point 1 above)</p>

	<p>potential to cause significant impact on the recreational open space and stormwater treatment wetlands under construction on Tivoli Green</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>The SPS is to discharge to the TasWater Sewer Main and onto the existing SPS on Tivoli Green. Due to a decision taken by TasWater at the time of construction the capacity of the SPS was matched to the Tivoli Green SAP with no spare capacity. The developer has met all costs associated with the development of this SPS and reserve the capacity for the rapidly developing Tivoli Green. Hence any additional loading will need to investigate and identify upgrades required to this SPS.</p>	<p>See comments from TasWater noted in point 1 above.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>The JMG Bushfire Hazard Management Plan (BHMP) is the report submitted for SA2022/44 and does not directly address the rezoning application.</p> <p>The vehicle access outlined in the BHMP does not align with the vehicle access proposed in the CSP. Specifically the BHMP would involve a new crossover to Old Beach Road to proposed lots 1 and 2, whereas the subdivision access in the CSP is via Lottie Mews.</p> <p>Both the BHMP and the CSP show an access to Lot 3 which does not comply with the BHMP. The access easement is only 4m, rather than 5m wide and lacks the 7m wide passing bay</p>	<p>The applicant advises that the reports were included to show the impact of the hazards on the site and consequently on the proposed rezoning and overlays.</p> <p>Council officers advise that the permit conditions for SA 2022/44 require an amended BFHMP to address the access requirements.</p> <p>It is intended that access to any future division of land in the area proposed for general residential will be accessed from Lottie Mews and Elodie Drive.</p> <p>The officers' assessment of SA2022/44 determined that the accesses for Lots 3 and 4 (existing properties) are existing and will retain a rural nature. It was noted that both accesses will need to be upgraded to comply with bushfire standards and a condition to this effect was included in the approved permit.</p>

<p>17.</p>	<p>The Flussig Flood Hazard Report (FHR) is the report submitted for SA2022/44 and does not directly address the rezoning application.</p> <p>It is unclear if the flood report means to cover the existing permit or is intended for use with the future multi lot subdivision.</p> <p>Under the flood mapping the proposed SPS is under approximately 2m of water and in the H5 Flood zone</p> <p>Under the flood mapping, the indicative layout for the residential subdivision has lots 12 to 15 significantly within the flood one and within hazard zones H3-H5, whilst the report notes that “any future structures, located in the inundation area, are to be designed to resist flood forces including debris for the given flood conditions”. This seems like unnecessarily inviting risk when the flood map demonstrates inundation of up to 1.6m</p> <p>The FHR recommends that the indicative layout provides an unimpeded overland flow from the southern boundary of 205 Old Beach Road towards Gage Brook. If this overland flow path is zoned Open Space it could also provide public connection to the Tivoli Green Open Space and prove an area for stormwater treatment</p> <p>There are no calculations in the flood model regarding the impact of future subdivision and how future residential would affect flooding.</p>	<p>The reports were included to show the impact of the hazards on the site and consequently on the proposed rezoning and overlays.</p> <p>The Flood-Prone Hazard Code applies to any development of land within a flood prone hazard area, whether mapped or identified by council, based on information it has in its possession that the land is subject to risk from flood or has the potential to cause increased risk from flood.</p> <p>Council officers advise that the land affected by flooding would not be considered acceptable to Council as Public Open Space. Additionally, the flood affected land in the H3 to H5 hazard bands should not form part of residential lots. The proposed zoning map shows the flood affected land is to be zoned environmental management.</p> <p>The representation was also referred to TasWater for further comment (Attachment E).</p> <p>It is considered that future use and development can be controlled by the applicable zone and code provisions of the planning scheme, together with TasWater’s requirements relating to any proposed SPS.</p>
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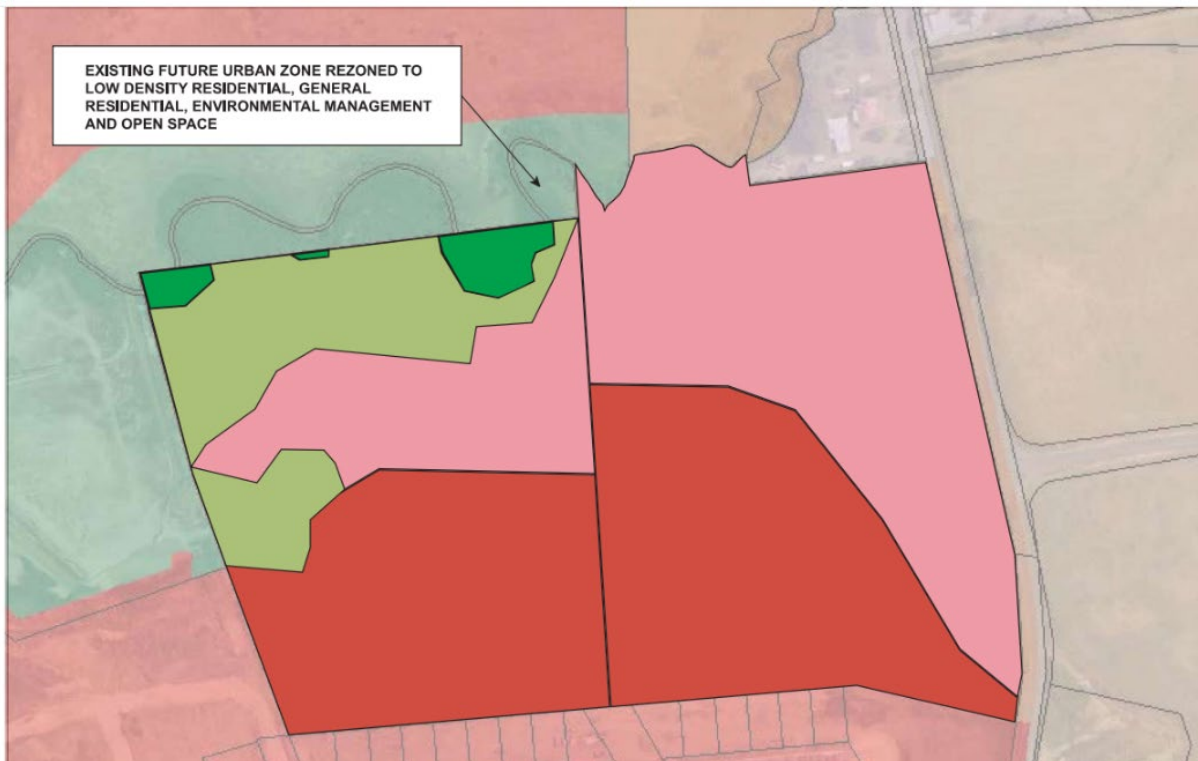
3. Assessment of proposed rezoning to EMZ / GRZ

The representor correctly identifies the risks associated with the flood hazard affecting the site. Some of the land identified to be rezoned to the General Residential zone falls within the flood affected land.

The Section 8a Guidelines note at GRZ3 that:

The General Residential Zone should not be applied to land that is highly constrained by hazards, natural values (i.e. threatened vegetation communities) or other impediments to developing the land consistent with the zone purpose of the General Residential Zone, except where those issues have been taken into account and appropriate management put into place during the rezoning process.

The zoning map in the applicant's s37 application shows the area of land identified as H3-H5 as Environmental Management, which will increase the safety and reduce the risk to people and property.



4. Assessment of proposed rezoning to GRZ against BRI-S9.0 Tivoli Green Specific Area Plan

The representation above raises the issue of whether the General Residential Zoned land should be included within the Tivoli Green Specific Area Plan (Tivoli SAP). Consideration of the proposed rezoning against the Tivoli SAP demonstrates that there are no advantages to extending the SAP across the site, as the standards within the Zone and Code provisions will provide for appropriate assessment, if the site is subdivided.

5. Modifications to the draft planning scheme amendment

As demonstrated above, based on assessment of the representations above, no modifications to the draft planning scheme amendment are required.

6. Conclusion

Three (3) representations were received during the public exhibition period for the 203 and 205 Old Beach Road draft planning scheme amendment, which have been considered in this report. The proposed draft planning scheme amendment still meets the LPS criteria as required by s.40K(d) of the Act, and does not require any modification (s40K (2)(c)).

4. Options:

- a) To adopt the recommendation; or
- b) To adopt an alternative recommendation satisfying the provisions of section 40K of the Act, with a full statement of reasons as determined by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council resolves that:

- a) Pursuant to section 40K(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide the Tasmania Planning Commission with a copy of this report.
- b) Pursuant to section 40K (2)(a) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, provide to the Tasmanian Planning Commission a copy of each of the 3 representations that were received during the advertising of draft amendment RZ 2023-02.
- c) Pursuant to section 40K (2)(c) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* advise the Tasmanian Planning Commission that the representations received during advertising do not warrant a modification to draft amendment RZ 2023-02 as detailed in this report.

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 Geard	
Cr Gray	
Cr McMaster	
Cr Murtagh	
Cr Owen	
Cr Whelan	

Cr Irons returned to the meeting at 6.08pm

14. Officers Reports

14.1 Safeguarding Children and Young People - Draft Policy and Complaints Handling Procedure

Author: Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Authorised by: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

Since 2022, Brighton Council has been monitoring the development of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Bill which has been in development by the State Government in response to the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

On 13 June 2023, the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023* was passed by Parliament. This new legislation imposes new requirements for councils to comply with.

Since this time Council officers have been engaging with the Department of Justice and the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) to seek further clarity on various matters regarding the implementation of the *Act*.

The Child and Youth Safe Framework consists of four (4) key elements:

- Ten (10) Child and Youth Safe Principles.
- The Reportable Conduct Scheme.
- The Independent Regulator.
- New Information Sharing Provisions.

There has been a large amount of information to work through and interpret from the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*. Council Officers have spent a considerable amount of time interpreting the information provided by Department of Justice, including compliance guidelines, and presentations delivered during online webinars held for all Tasmanians.

Council has been liaising on a regular basis with LGAT, who have been advocating for the State Government to provide support to councils for the implementation of policies and procedures, with the belief it is essential that councils should have a consistent approach to how we respond to these new obligations.

Effective from 1 January 2024, councils will have certain responsibilities under the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*, including implementation of the Child and Youth Safe Principles and participation in the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

As far as we are aware, the Independent Regulator, who is integral to the Reportable Conduct Scheme is yet to be appointed.

LGAT's advocacy is ongoing and given the likely delay in the Independent Regulator being appointed and available to support councils by 1 January 2024, is now seeking direct resourcing to support councils to develop a suite of policies and procedures to ensure councils are equipped to comply with the *Act*.

In order for councils to manage any immediate risks or concerns by 1 January 2024, it is recommended that:

1. Council adopt an Interim Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, subject to more detailed work being undertaken in 2024 (please see attached draft Policy 7.12).
2. Develop Interim Allegation and Complaints Handling Procedures (please see Attachment 2).
3. Establish an internal Child Safe Organisation working group to begin monitoring Council's implementation of the Framework.

Brighton Council's draft policy is based on the Derwent Valley Council's (DVC) policy adopted in November 2023 by DVC.

The Allegation and Complaints Handling Procedures have been drafted using the Australian Government - National Office For Child Safety Guidelines for creating a child safe organisation and recommendations provided by Page Seager Lawyers as part of a Local Government Professionals of Tasmania Special Interest Group seminar, specifically on the implementation of the Child and Youth Safe Framework for local government in Tasmania.

Subsequent to the LG Professionals session, council officers formed a Child Safe Organisation working group for Brighton Council, which currently includes (but will not be limited to) the General Manager, Manager Community Development & Engagement, Community Development Officer, Risk and Property Management Officer, Governance and Business Improvement Officer. An action plan for the implementation of the Framework will be developed by the working group. This is expected to impact on the workload and priorities of several council officers across the organisation, particularly in the first 12 months of the *Act* coming into effect.

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy defines Brighton Council's commitment to creating and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation.

Implementing this policy is one of the first steps in becoming a child safe organisation. The policy alone does not mean we meet our obligations under the legislation. Significant further work is still required including reviewing and updating a number of internal policies and procedures, delivering staff and elected member training, and embedding child and youth safe practices across all aspects of the organisation.

It is proposed that a workshop is conducted with Councillors in early 2024, to brief elected members on some of the detail of the Child and Youth Safe Framework and bring everyone up to date on where implementation for our local government sector is up to.

Consultation

Department of Justice, LGAT, Page Seager Lawyers (LG Professionals), General Manager, SMT, Community Development Officer, Risk and Property Management Officer, Governance and Business Improvement Officer.

Risk Implications

Failure to comply with the *Act* risks harm to children and young people.

Organisation can be subject to a fine of up to \$70,200 for every breach, and in the case of the General Manager failing to make a report, the General Manager can be subject to a fine of up to \$23,400.

Financial Implications

Significant Council time and resources for implementation.

Indicative investigation costs based on working with an external investigator are estimated to be \$2,500-\$15,000, depending on the complexity of the investigation.

Other financial implications as per risk implications above.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

Social Implications

The implementation of the Child and Youth Safe Framework ensures Council's commitment to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation and community. It clearly defines Council's responsibilities to ensuring children and young people are safe within Council's physical and online environments and complaints or allegations do not go unreported or investigated.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable.

Economic Implications

Unknown.

Other Issues

Currently unknown.

Assessment

The safeguarding of children and young people is of the highest importance and Council is required under the law to ensure safety and wellbeing of children using its services or facilities. This policy outlines Brighton Council’s position and responsibilities toward the safeguarding of children and young people. It represents the first step in what will be an ongoing commitment to being a Child Safe Organisation.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council:

1. Adopts the draft Interim Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy No. 7.12.
2. Adopts the draft Interim Reportable Conduct Scheme – Allegations & Complaints Handling Procedures.
3. Supports ongoing advocacy, through LGAT, for more assistance from the State Government to implement Royal Commission Recommendation 6.12, and for standardised resources for all councils to implement the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023* in a consistent way across the State.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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| Cr Curran | |
| Cr De La Torre | |
| Cr Geard | |
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| Cr Irons | |
| Cr McMaster | |
| Cr Murtagh | |
| Cr Owen | |
| Cr Whelan | |

14.2 Brighton Community Food Hub - Relocation to Lennox Park, Old Beach

Author: Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Authorised by: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

Since March 2022, Council has supported the Brighton Community Food Hub by waiving the full amount of hire and service fees for the Brighton Civic Centre.

In July 2023, Council extended the waiving of hire and service fees for the use of the Civic Centre Main Hall and Theatrette (every second Wednesday and Thursday) for the 2023/2024 financial year.

At this time, Council also committed to work with the Brighton Community Food Hub in sourcing alternative premises that would provide a dedicated shop front and storage space on a more permanent basis for what has become an essential community service within our municipality.

The Brighton Community Food Hub provides access for individuals and families to affordable food items on a fortnightly basis. The group is a not-for-profit incorporated association and is currently assisting more than 170 individuals and families in Brighton and surrounding areas, which equates to approximately 700 people each fortnight.

Foodbank's *2023 Hunger Report* undertaken by Second Bite paints a bleak picture of food security in Australia. The number of Australians experiencing food insecurity has risen from 20 percent to 36 percent in just one year. This equates to one in three people or about 383,000 households in Australia doing it tough.

Council officers investigated several options over the past five months in consultation with the Food Hub. It became evident that the 'Scout Hut' near the Old Beach Community Hall at Lennox Park was the only suitable solution at this point in time within the Brighton Municipality.

Once it was ascertained in conjunction with Council's Development Services team that the proposed use of the 'Scout Hut' is not prohibited and that the Food Hub executive committee were satisfied with this option, Council officers met with a representative of the Old Beach Scout Group to discuss options. The 'Scout Hut' is currently only used for 4-5 Joey Scouts on a Wednesday evening, with all other Scout activities taking place in the main Old Beach Community Hall. The Old Beach Scout Group has very graciously agreed to give up the 'Scout Hut' for the Brighton Community Food Hub to utilise as a permanent home and we sincerely thank the Old Beach Scout Group for their understanding.

In addition, the Food Hub has received a donation of a refurbished container from McConnell Dowell, to be used for storage purposes on site at Lennox Park. McConnell Dowell teamed up with the Bridgewater Trade Training Centre, JRLFSS, and Build Up Tassie, to help a group of 15 local female students gain exposure to building trades.

It was called the “GET” Program – Gender Equity in Trades. McConnell Dowell did this by purchasing a 20ft container that the girls fitted out over a period of about 24 weeks, under the guidance of a Build Up Tassie supervisor at the Trade Training Centre in Bridgewater. The only caveat in gifting this container to the Brighton Community Food Hub, is that McConnell Dowell and project partners are able to place their logos on one of the exterior walls of the container, together with a plaque of some type that includes a short summary of what the GET Program was all about.

The Brighton Community Food Hub is extremely excited about the opportunity to move into a more permanent venue, with onsite storage and shop style shelving. The Food Hub have secured a builder/carpenter who will do some minor upgrades/refurbishment of the hut early in the new year, at a cost to the Food Hub, to make it more fit for purpose. Food Hub will naturally work with Council to ensure these works are carried out in a way that meets required standards.

Development Services is currently working with the Food Hub to prepare a Development Application for the onsite container and use of the hut.

It is proposed that the Brighton Community Food Hub will sign a formal lease agreement for the use of the ‘Scout Hut’ at Lennox Park, to give the Food Hub some certainty for future operations.

Consultation

Brighton Community Food Hub, Old Beach Scout Group, Senior Management Team, Senior Planner, Manager Community Development and Engagement, Community Development Officer, Admin & Facilities Management Officer, Executive Officer Risk & Property Management.

Risk Implications

Possible increase in vandalism around Council assets.

Increased traffic movements may hasten deterioration of the Old Beach Community Hall car park.

Currently no fire detection and management system is installed in the ‘Scout Hut’ but Council is in the process of rectifying this and these works will be complete by end of January 2024.

Financial Implications

Based on a recent valuation, the total market rent per annum would be \$3,300 (\$63.46 per week) for the Scout Hut at Old Beach, if it were to be leased exclusively to one user.

Cost of preparing and advertising a Development Application.

Cost of preparing lease agreement.

Cost of removal and disposal of rubbish will also need to be considered depending on the final lease agreement arrangements.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

Social Implications

The Brighton Community Food Hub is an important initiative that is providing people within our municipality access to food at a cheaper price in an environment where the cost of living continues to rise. The increase in the use of this service shows that the community is experiencing food poverty, but they also may use this program to engage with others on a social level. It may be the only social interaction that they have on a fortnightly basis. Council has a social responsibility to continue to support this initiative and facilitate finding a more permanent location for the operations, that alleviate the burden on volunteers physically moving a large amount of stock in and out of the Brighton Civic Centre on a fortnightly basis.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications. However, the tenant will be encouraged to engage in activities that promote and establish sustainable measures and waste management behaviours around the operations of the Brighton Community Food Hub.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Other Issues

The relocation of the Brighton Community Food Hub from operating fortnightly at the Brighton Civic Centre to this site at Old Beach, frees the Civic Centre up for other bookings in the Main Hall and Theatrette, especially with the temporary relocation of Tasmania Police into the Civic Centre in April 2024.

Assessment

Council have demonstrated their support for this program since its inception in March 2022 by waiving the hall hire fees through this time. The initiative provides genuine relief to those who access the program without the barriers that emergency relief programs may. It also allows people to maintain some dignity in being able to provide for their families by not having handouts but being able to pay a nominal fee for the hampers and additional produce available.

The relocation of the Brighton Community Food Hub into the 'Scout Hut' at Old Beach has many benefits for the longevity of the service, including more regular and consistent opening times (TBC), onsite storage and access to stock and with the absence of any other suitable venues being identified, this site offers the opportunity for the Food Hub to maintain its operations within the Brighton Municipality and servicing our communities.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
 2. Other.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council:

1. Prepare a lease agreement to lease the 'Scout Hut' exclusively to the Brighton Community Food Hub Inc. for a period of 2 years at the rate of \$63.46 per week, with the Food Hub having first offer to extend the lease at the end of the 2 year period.
2. Waive the Development Application fees for the development and use of the Lennox Park site for the Brighton Community Food Hub Inc. (includes placement of refurbished storage container on site).
3. Formally request the Old Beach Scout Group vacate the 'Scout Hut' at Lennox Park Old Beach by Monday 15 January 2024, with the Brighton Community Food Hub to sign lease and take-up tenancy by Wednesday 31 January 2024.
4. Offer the Old Beach Scout Group additional access to the Old Beach Community Hall as required to meet their needs and that the Old Beach Scout Group are given first offer to resume use of the 'Scout Hut' should the Brighton Community Food Hub vacate the site and relinquish their lease at any stage.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Brighton Council:

1. *Prepare a lease agreement to lease the 'Scout Hut' exclusively to the Brighton Community Food Hub Inc. for a period of 2 years (fees waived for 2 years) and with the Food Hub having first offer to extend the lease at the end of the 2 year period (fees to be reviewed at end of 2 year period); and that the waived fees be recorded in Council's Annual Report as a donation in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.*
2. *Waive the Development Application fees for the development and use of the Lennox Park site for the Brighton Community Food Hub Inc. (includes placement of refurbished storage container on site).*
3. *Formally request the Old Beach Scout Group vacate the 'Scout Hut' at Lennox Park Old Beach by Monday 15 January 2024, with the Brighton Community Food Hub to sign lease and take-up tenancy by Wednesday 31 January 2024.*

4. *Offer the Old Beach Scout Group additional access to the Old Beach Community Hall as required to meet their needs and that the Old Beach Scout Group are given first offer to resume use of the 'Scout Hut' should the Brighton Community Food Hub vacate the site and relinquish their lease at any stage.*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Irons seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6.24pm for ten minutes to receive a supplementary report relating to Item 14.3.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

14.3 Bridgewater Youth Community Hub - Draft Memorandum of Understanding with Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) & Australian Red Cross (ARC)

Author: Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Authorised by: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background

At the July 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council agreed to progress the Bridgewater Youth Community Hub in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS).

It was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Brighton Council and TALS would be established to progress the project and this would be brought back to Council to be endorsed.

Since this time, a new CEO has been appointed to TALS and several meetings have taken place with Council Officers to progress and develop the draft MOU.

The TALS board have agreed to fund a Project Officer who will drive the project in terms of assisting with establishing the steering committee of stakeholders, scoping the project and working in partnership with Council on the site assessment phase. This scoping work will put Council in an ideal position to apply for large infrastructure grants to construct this purpose built youth hub facility in Bridgewater.

The dedicated Project Officer position will be funded by TALS, with an anticipated start date end of January 2024 as a fixed term, part time role (18 hours per week) until approximately March 2025.

As part of the discussions with TALS around the MOU, it was agreed upon TALS suggestion, that the Australian Red Cross could play a significant role as a formal partner in the project. Red Cross has a very valuable place based community development role in our communities and are committed to working on the ground, building relationships of trust and leveraging the strengths that our community members have, including supporting and working closely with our BYAG. In addition, the Red Cross bring a range of additional experience and expertise to the table, including grant writing skills, asset based community development and experience in justice and human rights.

Red Cross have agreed to join the MOU as a partner in the project with a significant community connection and consultation role in conjunction with Brighton Council.

The Draft Bridgewater Youth Community Hub MOU to effectively move this project towards construction and establishment of the Youth Hub in Bridgewater, is provided here for Council's review and consideration.

This is not a legal document but outlines the partnership's way of working, including communication, information sharing, consultation processes and decision making.

Consultation

TALS, Red Cross, Senior Management Team, Community Development Officer.

Risk Implications

Any community throughout the world, which has a high concentration of social housing, poverty, intergenerational trauma, mental illness, lack of social infrastructure and schools struggling with attendance/disruptive behaviour, will unfortunately suffer a perceived stigma of being unsafe and having limited liveability. The cost of not doing anything about youth justice, health and wellbeing, is far greater than being proactive and tackling it together as a community, with local government taking a leadership role in partnership with other committed stakeholders.

Financial Implications

Unknown at this stage.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age.

Goal 3: Manage infrastructure and growth effectively.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

Social Implications

This project has the potential to be a significant social infrastructure investment to address current and future social needs, specifically for youth aged 12-25 years in our region.

It will strengthen the collaboration between a full range of youth services, stakeholders (including BYAG) and different levels of government, by bringing everyone together in one location or precinct.

The project demonstrates local government collaborating with and investing at a local level to make a significant difference to the health and well-being outcomes and day to day lives of youth in our area. A place-based solution rather than a 'cookie cutter' approach brought in by 'others'.

This will be a Hub for all youth. Although TALS as a key stakeholder, has a primary interest in Tasmanian Aboriginal youth justice, it is strongly acknowledged this will service our entire community and no young person will be excluded.

It will be a safe space for young people to meet, visit, connect and seek support services.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable.

Economic Implications

Unknown.

Other Issues

Currently unknown.

Assessment

It seems the optimum time to consider a collaborative approach to developing a place based approach to meeting youth needs and services (12-25 year age group), with this opportunity having be presented to Council by TALS, who are very willing and able to work with Council and the community to co-create the best possible outcomes from the development of a Bridgewater Youth Community Hub.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council:

1. Endorses the Bridgewater Youth Community Hub - DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding with Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) and Australian Red Cross (ARC), as presented.
2. Authorises the General Manager to sign the MOU on behalf of Brighton Council.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

In favour	Against
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| Cr Curran | |
| Cr De La Torre | |
| Cr Geard | |
| Cr Gray | |
| Cr Irons | |
| Cr McMaster | |
| Cr Murtagh | |
| Cr Owen | |
| Cr Whelan | |

14.4 Review of Brighton Council Community Awards - Award Categories

Author: Community Development Officer (K Murphy)

Authorised by: Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Background

At the August 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, it was agreed by Council to change the name and date of the Brighton Council Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards to Brighton Council Community Awards, to be held during National Volunteer Week, which is currently held in May of each year.

As part of this change, the Community Development & Engagement team have investigated what other councils across Tasmania do in terms of community award categories, to see what is commonly in place for council community awards.

Based on this review, the Brighton Council Community Award categories for Council's consideration are fairly consistent with what has previously been included within our awards but slightly expanding the event category to include a 'Community Initiative' rather than just an event.

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (up to 25 years at 31 May of each year)
- Community Initiative/Event of the Year

As part of this process, these three categories were presented to a Brighton Alive meeting to gauge some feedback from community members and service providers, who work within our communities.

Essentially, the 'Volunteer of the Year' category has been removed, as experience tells us that these three (3) categories are almost always awarded to volunteers within our community.

At the Brighton Alive meeting it was stated that having the community awards held as part of National Volunteer Week rather than the Brighton Council Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards, will support the community to put forward more community members and have the awards as a truly inclusive celebration of individuals and groups doing outstanding work.

Consultation

SMT, Manager Community Development & Engagement, Brighton Alive -community and service providers.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Not Applicable.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age- 1.1, 1.4.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient, and caring Council- 4.3

Social Implications

As mentioned by Brighton Alive members this will lead to increased civic engagement and a stronger sense of inclusivity and belonging.

Renaming the awards would reflect a growing emphasis on inclusivity, diversity, and acknowledging the contributions of all Australians, irrespective of their background.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable.

Economic Implications

Not Applicable.

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Nil.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Do not accept the recommendation.
3. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council resolves to adopt the following three (3) categories for the Brighton Council Community Awards to be held in May 2024 as part of National Volunteer Week.

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (up to 25 years at 31 May of each year)
- Community Initiative/Event of the Year

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that Council resolves to adopt the following three (3) categories for the Brighton Council Community Awards to be held in May 2024 as part of National Volunteer Week.

- *Volunteer Citizen of the Year;*
- *Young Volunteer Citizen of the Year (up to 25 years at 31 May of each year)*
- *Community Initiative/Event of the Year*

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

14.5 Review - Policy 7.11 - Audio Recordings of Council Meetings

Author: General Manager (J Dryburgh)

Background:

The Audio Recordings of Council and Planning Authority meetings Policy 7.11 was initially adopted by Council in May 2021. In line with Council's policy framework, this policy was reviewed after the Council elections in January 2023.

A motion submitted by Cr De La Torre was passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 21st November 2023 requesting that all open (or open sections of) Committee meetings of Council (in addition to Council Meetings and Planning Authority meetings) also be covered under this policy.

This motion included the provision that these recordings are to be made accessible to the public in the same manner as existing recordings, providing a more transparent and accountable record of Council's decision making processes.

The Audio Recordings Policy 7.11 has subsequently been amended to include these committees; which includes the following meetings within the scope of the policy:

- Ordinary Meetings of Council;
- Special Meetings of Council;
- Annual General Meetings of Council;
- Planning Authority Meetings;
- Finance Committee Meetings;
- Community Development Committee Meetings;
- Waste Management Committee Meetings;
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings; and
- Environment and Climate Committee Meetings.

Audio recordings of meetings as per the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* states:

33. *Audio recordings of meetings*

- 1) *A council may determine that an audio recording is to be made of any meeting or part of a meeting.*
- 2) *If the council so determines, the audio recording of a meeting or part of a meeting that is not closed to the public is to be –*
 - (a) *retained by the council for at least 6 months; and*
 - (b) *made available free of charge for listening on written request by any person.*
- 3) *If after the minutes of a meeting have been confirmed as a true record a discrepancy between the minutes and an audio recording of that meeting or part of that meeting is noticed, the council, at the next appropriate meeting, is to review the audio recording*

and either confirm that the minutes are a true record or amend the minutes to reflect the audio recording and then confirm the minutes as amended to be a true record.

- 4) *A council may determine any other procedures relating to the audio recording*

Consultation:

General Manager; Senior Management Team

Risk Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Other Issues:

N/A

Assessment:

N/A

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised 'Audio Recordings of Council and Committee Meetings' Policy 7.11 be endorsed.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

15. Questions on Notice

There were no Questions on Notice for the December meeting.

16. 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*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council moves into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public to deal with the following items:

Item:	Closed under:
16.1 - Andrew Street Drainage Upgrade & Streetscape Stage 1 Tender	Section 15(2)(d)

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Whelan seconded that in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council moves into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public to deal with the following item.

Item 16.1 – Andrew Street Drainage Upgrade & Streetscape Stage 1 Tender be Closed Under Section 15(2)(d)

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

16.1 Andrew Street Drainage Upgrade and Streetscape Stage 1 Tender

Authorisation to Move Out of Closed Session & Release of Information to the Public

DECISION:

Cr Curran moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council resolves to formally move out of Closed Session and report that it has determined the following:

Item:	Matter:	Outcome:
16.1	Andrew Street Drainage Upgrade & Streetscape Stage 1 Tender	Notify successful/unsuccessful tenderers

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

Meeting closed: 7.05 pm

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: 16 January 2024



4th January 2024

ATTACHMENT

AGENDA ITEM 8

The Hon Michael Ferguson MP

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

RiverDerwentFerries@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Dear Minister Ferguson

RIVER DERWENT FERRY SERVICE MASTERPLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan.

Background

A guiding strategy of Council is to be 'big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking'. We implore government to take the same approach. Government decisions (at all levels) often move slowly, but once they are made, they shape outcomes for decades. Council is greatly concerned that short-term, reactive, narrow and inner-city focused decisions are being made by government at present that will deprive our community for decades. This appears to be occurring not just with respect to ferries, but with housing, infrastructure (including elements of the Bridgewater Bridge project) and public transport and mobility more generally. Whilst this submission relates to the River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan some of these other concerns will be mentioned, as they are not unrelated.

At Brighton Council, we seek a future in which our community is not disadvantaged compared with other comparable areas of Tasmania, especially when it comes to 'public goods' - infrastructure and services provided by any level of government. This applies for our affluent suburbs such as Old Beach as it does for our suburbs with a lower socio-economic profile such as Bridgewater.

In 2024, it is almost universally agreed that housing the more disadvantaged sections of our communities in outer urban areas, without appropriate investment in the infrastructure and services that create a sustainable, cohesive and thriving community was a mistake. Unfortunately, this mistake is being repeated again today, with the State supporting the development of 600 social and/or affordable homes in recent years, without adequate associated investment in essential components of community building: mobility and public transport; health and well-being services; passive and active recreation opportunities; and community development. This creates communities where people lack access to essential services and access to opportunity, such as education and employment.

The lack of adequate public transport for our community has a huge impact on peoples' lives. It is often a key determinant as to whether or not a child can attend high school or college and whether people can take a job or arrive on time. Its inadequacy directly harms school attendance and results in jobs not taken and jobs lost due to an inability to be punctual.

It directly harms the lives of our people and deprives them of opportunities that should be a right.

To now see the government seemingly unable to see past Claremont when looking at rapid transit bus corridors through the Northern Suburbs (even though the new bridge has a bus interchange in Bridgewater designed into it and Brighton is currently the most rapidly growing municipality) and unable to see beyond Wilkinson's Point when considering ferries is extremely disappointing. Sadly, short-term thinking has long-term impacts.

Perhaps if our community was adequately served by bus services and we had cause to feel like the government was thinking about our communities when undertaking strategic work, we would be less passionate about ferries. However, we submit our concerns from a place of exasperation and desperation for some improvement in public transport for our people and a place in the government's thinking when undertaking strategic planning for the greater Hobart area.

Brighton Council has been a strong advocate for a connecting ferry service from locations in the municipality to Hobart and other stops in between. An integrated transport solution that considers multiple modes is critical to connect the community of Greater Hobart and critically address issues of transport poverty. A ferry service to potential location(s) in Old Beach and Bridgewater will provide a significant boost for residents of Brighton and neighbouring municipalities to meet their mobility needs more efficiently and cost effectively.

Concerns with the Masterplan and the Process

- ***Lack of engagement & information/data gathering.***

There was no engagement with council during the preparation of this Masterplan, nor information sought or verified. This is poor process and damages both the accuracy and legitimacy of the report. The consultants used have not had access to all the relevant information, including information necessary to accurately assess their own assessment criteria (such as future growth areas and planned and current pedestrian networks).

This is also not a fair process, given the deep involvement, provision of information and shaping of the project from the four metro councils.

- ***Inner City Focussed, Reactive and Short-term***

Brighton is very supportive of expanded ferry services for the more inner-city areas and of the four metro councils' efforts to secure this. However, this Masterplan purports to being an analysis of the long-term opportunities for the wider Derwent catchment, whilst appearing to actually be a mechanism for the State to try to control the expenditure of the \$20 million that the Federal Government awarded the four metro councils towards expanded ferry services.

The report itself and subsequent discussions seem to concede this, highlighting the inclusion of Kingston as a site, even though it scores poorly on the criteria-based assessment. This harms the integrity of the entire Masterplan. It also raises the question, if Brighton was a member of the City Deal or if Brighton had been awarded \$5 million from the Federal Government towards ferry service expansion, would Bridgewater and/or Old Beach have been a chosen site in this Masterplan?

Guiding Principles state that the Masterplan is a partnership with the 4 urban councils, excluding Brighton. Yet, the Masterplan also purports to be assessing the wider region. It cannot objectively be both.

- ***Transport Poverty, Disadvantage, Access to Opportunity***

Brighton asks the government to not just look at public transport as a technical matter, but to consider *why* we provide it, and what human goals we are actually trying to achieve by making it easier for people to move about.

In Brighton's view, tackling transport poverty and disadvantage and providing better access to opportunity are core reasons why public transport and mobility improvements are important. We believe there should have been criteria for the assessment of potential ferry terminal sites that addressed these 'big picture' issues of why public transport is important at all. It is also reasonable to assume that if these critical criteria had been utilised, the Bridgewater site would have rightfully scored substantially higher.

The Masterplan and the criteria used indicates that there is a lack of government awareness about the transport poverty and connectivity issues faced by many Brighton residents, and the direct impact it has on their lives and their participation within our society and the economy.

There is no guiding principle that acknowledges the need of connecting people and community with opportunity or reducing and alleviating transport poverty. The Government seems very keen to see more public housing and affordable housing in the Brighton area, but no integrated transport plan to help connect people with opportunity. Despite appearing to view Brighton as part of Greater Hobart for the purposes of providing housing, the government is excluding Brighton from key strategic planning processes, including Keep Hobart Moving and this Masterplan. The focus on the four metro councils via the City Deal and related mechanisms is causing outer areas to suffer even greater disadvantage and exclusion. It is also leading to poor planning outcomes for the metro area due to the lack understanding of how integrated outer growth areas such as Brighton are with the City in real terms.

- ***"Without Undermining Existing Services"***

The masterplan includes a guiding principle statement: "Without undermining existing services." This seems to suggest that a ferry service that may compete with Metro bus services would be a bad thing. This again suggests a lack of long-term vision and a willingness to reimagine the way in which public transport is delivered, regardless of mode – to imagine a future where the region is actually well-served by public transport. Disruption of existing systems will be essential to create something fit for the future.

- ***River Depth and Navigability***

The two key criteria that stopped the two Brighton sites (Bridgewater and Old Beach) from scoring far higher in the assessment of sites (as explained by State Growth Officers), were river depth and travel time.

Council officers were shown a section of the River near Green Point and the entrance to the Jordan River (approximately 3km south of the Bridgewater Bridge) where depths are low, especially on low tides.

It is Brighton's understanding that the Bridgewater Bridge has been designed to allow for boat clearance of 18m, as per the Bowen Bridge, and that if this had not been a requirement the bridge replacement may have only cost approximately \$300 million rather than \$800 million – utilising the existing causeway and corridor. If depth is genuinely such a big issue as to stop modest passenger ferries getting to Bridgewater, have the State and Federal Governments just squandered half a billion dollars?

- ***Travel Time***

Brighton Council is concerned that the travel time criteria assessment does not adequately take into account that fact that people will happily travel for longer on a train or ferry than they will on a bus. A recent survey of residents found that 76% said they would use a ferry if it were available.

We are also concerned that it doesn't adequately consider the travel time inclusive to finding a parking spot (especially day parking for commuters) and the significant inhibitory costs associated with commuter parking and the fact that car ownership is low for sections of our community and as such is not an available substitute.

- ***Park and Ride and Regional Access***

Bridgewater is potentially the only ferry site that has appropriate land close by where a park and ride facility could be built, which would also be next to the new bus interchange location on the northern side of the new bridge.

Bridgewater would also be the only site that is located effectively on the State's main highway and very closely connected to the other main State roads of the East Derwent Highway to the east and Boyer Road to the west. As such, there is potential for an integrated transport node connecting cars, pedestrians, buses and ferries at the strategic location that serves the wider sub-region beyond Brighton.

The Missed Opportunity of the \$800 Million Bridgewater Bridge Project

The Bridgewater Bridge Project has to replace an existing jetty and boat ramp to replace those being demolished as part of the project. Wouldn't it make sense to build a replacement jetty that is fit for the future and could accommodate ferries, rather than spending significant money on infrastructure that will never be able to serve this purpose?

Council worked jointly with the Bridge Team to engage consultants and prepare the Bridgewater Bridge Northern Interchange Precinct Masterplan (BBNIPM) to try to help ensure issues due to the Bridge are not ignored and opportunities are seized. The BBNIPM shows the great opportunities for the precinct, including commercial, residential and public space urban renewal and importantly for the ferry masterplan, the opportunity for a park and ride facility linking the wider Southcentral Sub-region to the ferry terminal, the new bus interchange and the Bridge. At present there is no engagement from Government from this work, no funding discussions and it seems, no incorporation of the work into wider analysis of public transport planning. Council would greatly welcome discussions with government about the

opportunities in this precinct, including the potential for two or three tiers of government to work in partnership.

The Bridgewater Bridge Project will result in profound changes to the urban environment on the Bridgewater side of the river nearby the Bridge. This brings with it both challenges and opportunities for the local community and for Council.

The Government does not appear to have realised that whilst the Bridge is a wonderful project for the State and the region, it actually brings with it significant negative aspects for the local community well beyond the construction disruption. For many Bridgewater residents the new arrangement will significantly increase travel time and distance to and from Hobart. The Bridge Project is not sufficiently recognising its impact on the local road, pathway and open network surrounding it and the project risks appearing like a failure locally, by leaving the surrounding precinct severely disrupted, under-invested and unfinished.

The government need to understand that while the new bridge is a fantastic investment for the state and the region, it will only be of benefit to the local community if they invest in the precinct around it. We need to seize the opportunities it presents to create a more integrated, functional and fair public transport system.

We have a great opportunity to leverage a massive project to help to connect our communities with opportunity, tackle structural disadvantage and not repeat the mistakes as we did in the past. A substantially sized urban renewal precinct can be unlocked for this area, which could include 600-800 dwellings, commercial areas, public spaces and integrated transport designs. It is an extremely exciting opportunity, but it will require three tiers of government working together. Given the State Government own large portions of the land (acquired for the Bridge) there is potentially not even a net cost to an investment from the State.

We call on the government to be ambitious, think long-term, and reconsider its approach to ferry and bus services for our community. The Government should commit funding to implement the Bridgewater Bridge Northern Interchange Precinct Masterplan – helping to unlock the integrated residential, commercial and public space opportunities this waterfront precinct contains. This will help to maximise the social and economic return on the huge investment made on the Bridgewater Bridge.

Opportunities & Recommendations

- Revisit the Derwent Ferry Masterplan process to include genuine engagement and consultation, and critically to revise the multi-criteria analysis to include criteria that actually relate to why public transport is critical (not just how it is delivered) including disadvantage, isolation, access to opportunity and transport poverty.
- Dedicate political will and government resources to understanding the transport issues for Brighton residents and identifying and funding solutions to create an improved integrated multi-modal system. This should consider buses (including extending the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor across the Bridgewater Bridge), ferries, local internal bus services such as a 'busy-bee' service, investment in pedestrian and cycle networks.
- Ensure that the jetty and boat ramp built as part of the Bridgewater Bridge project has the ability to accommodate passenger ferries.

- Consider the recommendations of Bridgewater Bridge Northern Interchange Precinct Masterplan (BBNIPM), which was funded by the State Government, and commit to funding key elements of it (including a park and ride facility to service the sub-region) and working in partnership with Council to deliver a broader urban renewal project for that area. Work with Council to develop an ambitious plan for this precinct that involves the three tiers of government.
- Tie funding and/or specific grant opportunities to areas where significant numbers of affordable and public housing is built for investment in the infrastructure and services necessary to support disadvantaged communities.

Brighton Council appreciate the opportunity to have our say on the River Derwent Ferry Service Masterplan. We would welcome further dialogue with government on the Master plan and on the broader issues raised in this submission. We believe now is the time for greater ambition and that this is more likely to be achieved when the three tiers of government have strong relationships and collaborate with each other.

Yours sincerely



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Submission to Planning Authority Notice

Council Planning Permit No.		Council notice date	5/10/2023
TasWater details			
TasWater Reference No.	TWDA 2023/01427-BTN	Date of response	17/10/2023
TasWater Contact	Shaun Verdouw	Phone No.	0467 901 425
Response issued to			
Council name	BRIGHTON COUNCIL		
Contact details	development@brighton.tas.gov.au		
Development details			
Address	27 SCOTT RD, BRIDGEWATER	Property ID (PID)	5038147
Description of development	Planning Scheme Amendment		
Conditions			
<p>Pursuant to the <i>Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008 (TAS)</i> Section 56S(2) TasWater makes the following submission(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> TasWater does not object and has no formal comments for the Tasmanian Planning Commission in relation to this matter and does not require to be notified of nor attend any subsequent hearings. 			
Advice			
<p>General</p> <p>For information on TasWater development standards, please visit https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/technical-standards</p> <p>For application forms please visit https://www.taswater.com.au/building-and-development/development-application-form</p>			
Declaration			
The drawings/documents and conditions stated above constitute TasWater’s Submission to Planning Authority Notice.			
TasWater Contact Details			
Phone	13 6992	Email	development@taswater.com.au
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-----Original Message-----

From: Landcare Tasmania <support@landcaretas.org.au>

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 2:25 PM

To: Angela Turvey <Angela.Turvey@brighton.tas.gov.au>

Subject: Brighton Council sponsoring Landcare group membership and insurance in 2024

Hello Angela,

I hope you are doing well.

It's that time of year when we make arrangements with councils that would like to financially support the Landcare Tasmania membership fees and insurance fees for Landcare groups in their municipality next year. If you are not the best contact for us would you mind forwarding this on to the right person for me please?

Brighton Council has been supporting community Landcare groups. Last year the council paid for 2 groups' annual Landcare membership fees (\$40), and insurance (\$237 per group last year):

Bridgewater Foreshore Landcare Group
Friends of Old Beach Foreshore

We expect insurance costs to remain similar in 2024.

Would you please let us know whether the council would be willing to sponsor these groups in 2024?

Memberships expire on 31 Jan. We would like to open membership renewal next week to give enough notice to those who may be away in January (school groups for example).

Timeline:

14 Dec: Membership renewal forms open (if I hear back from all sponsoring councils)

31 Jan: Memberships expire

31 March: Grace period ends, old insurance policy expires.

01 April: New insurance policy begins

mid-April: Invoices sent to councils for membership and insurance for groups who have completed the Membership Forms

Information on the insurance can be found here:

https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.landcaretas.org.au%2Finsuring_a_group&data=05%7C01%7Cangela.turvey%40brighton.tas.gov.au%7C369d37cc17f043eb908508dbf60afa47%7Ca13f3cef3aa349bc82183d2f8143bf9c%7C0%7C0%7C638374299244462073%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLjBtIl6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IYgbkxldBCh26nh81%2B6qrWhMZAEGvGF7cdlicrZcJM8%3D&reserved=0

Kind regards,

Priscilla Richards

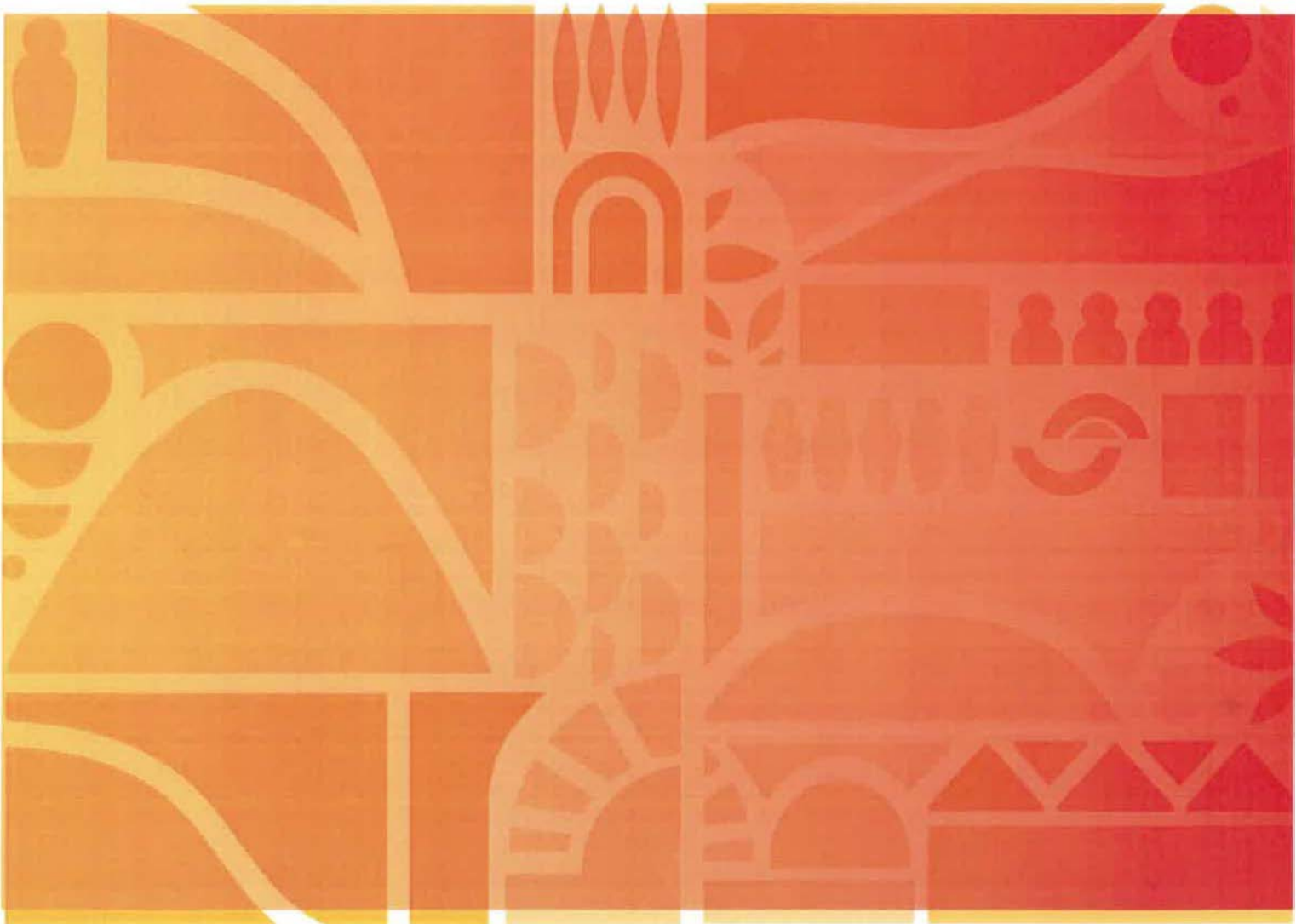
Member Services Manager

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Brighton Council

Quarterly Report December 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.



Brighton Council
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023

	Note	2023 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue					
Rates and Grants	1	13,578,855	13,578,855	13,625,455	46,600
Statutory Fees and Fines	2	778,000	388,998	395,345	6,347
User Fees	3	964,900	540,944	517,496	-23,448
Grants	4	2,331,583	1,145,790	20,911	-1,124,879
Contributions	5	200,000	49,998	119,000	69,002
Interest	6	300,000	149,994	223,287	73,293
Commercial Income	7	1,111,448	657,695	1,465,484	807,789
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	8	739,200	308,000	308,000	0
Total Operating Revenue		20,003,986	16,820,274	16,674,977	-145,297
Operating Expenses					
Employee Benefits	9	-4,934,214	-2,497,400	-2,644,038	-146,638
Materials & Services	10	-7,788,984	-3,769,987	-4,026,353	-256,366
Contributions	11	-1,359,204	-730,272	-683,153	47,119
Commercial Activities	12	-10,000	-4,992	-20,490	-15,498
Depreciation and amortisation	13	-3,641,624	0	-12,954	-12,954
Other Expenses	14	-630,319	-166,634	-233,386	-66,752
Total Operating Expenses		-18,364,345	-7,169,285	-7,620,373	-451,088
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		1,639,641	9,650,989	9,054,603	-596,386
Capital Income					
Contributions - non-monetary assets	15	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property	16	-	-	59,270	59,270
Capital Grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets	17	2,243,089	-	2,500	2,500.00
Total Capital Income		2,243,089	0	61,770	61,770
Total Surplus/(Deficit)		3,882,730	9,650,989	9,116,374	-534,615

Operating Revenue

During the quarter ending December 2023, the year to date actual operational revenue was \$16,674,977 compared to year to date budgeted operational revenue of \$16,820,274. This represents an unfavourable result of \$145,297 against budget. Explanations have been given on the areas that have seen an increase of 10% above or below budget estimates and \$10,000.

Note 1 - Rates Revenue

In line with budget.

Note 2 – Statutory Fees and Fines

In line with budget.

Note 3 – User Fees

In line with budget

Note 4 – Grants

Since the budget was prepared and approved, the Australian Government made the decision to pay the Financial assistance grant on the 26th June 2023. This means that the revenue that was budgeted for in the current financial year was received in the prior year and thus overstating end of year accounts for the 2022/23 year. The remaining payment of approximately \$40,000 will be paid in four instalments in the 2023/24 year.

Note 5 – Contributions

Favourable to budget by \$69,002. These amounts are public open space contributions from developers in lieu of providing land.

Note 6 – Interest

Favourable to budget by \$73,293 due to Term Deposit interest rates rising.

Note 7 – Commercial Income

Favourable to budget by \$807,789 due to revenue being received in the current financially year from the Private Works Project for the Elderslie Road Roundabout.

Note 8 – Investment revenue from Water Corporation

In line with budget.

Operating Expenditure

Year-to-date operational expenditure is \$7,620,373 compared to budgeted year-to-date expenditure of \$7,169,285. This is \$451,088 or 6.29% greater than budgeted estimates and materially in line with Budget. Explanations have been provided below on areas that are 10% above or below budgeted estimates and \$10,000.

Note 9 – Employment Benefits

In line with budget

Note 10 – Materials & Services

In line with budget

Note 11 – Contributions

In line with budget

Note 12 – Commercial Activities

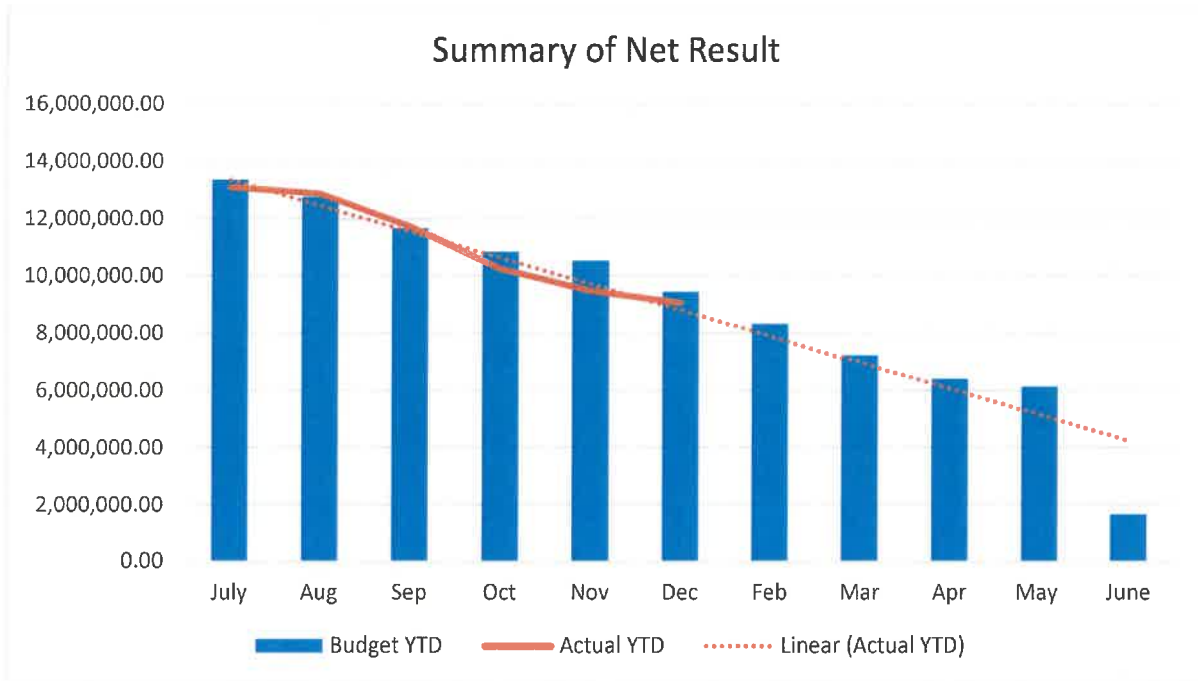
In line with budget

Note 13 – Depreciation and Amortisation

Depreciation and amortisation will be journalled at the end of year.

Note 14 – Other Expenses

This is out slightly to budget estimates due to the timing of the community grants payments and budget entry.



Non-Operating Revenue

Note 15 – Contributions – non-monetary assets

This item is calculated at year end and is made up of transfer of road assets from subdivisions.

Note 16 – Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property

As at the end of December vehicles a profit of \$59,270 had occurred due to the turnover of vehicles.

Note 17 – Capital Grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets

As at the end of December there was only one capital grant that was received for IT equipment for the Old Beach Community Centre.

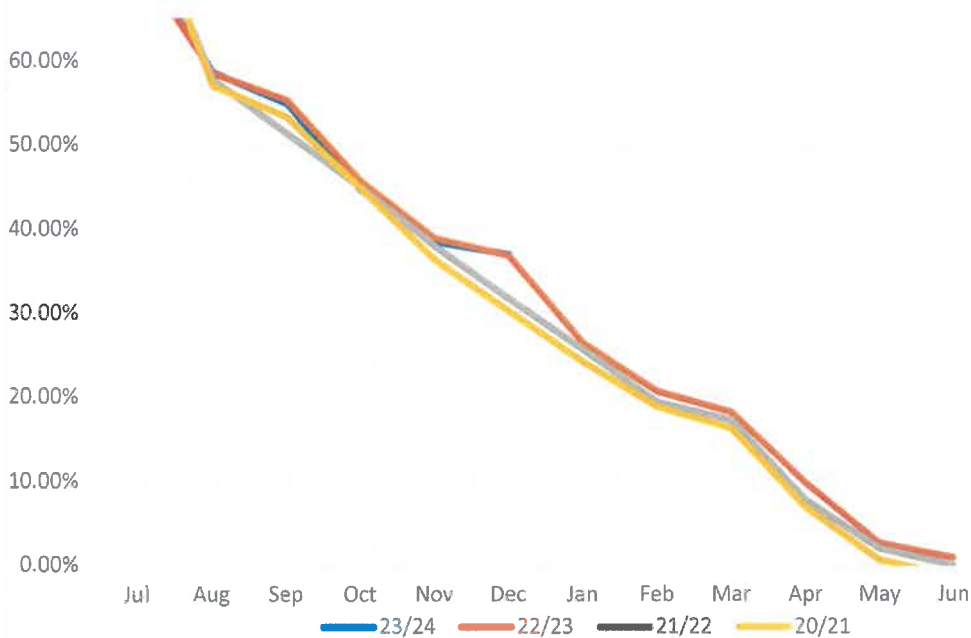
Capital Works

Year-to-date Capital Works expenditure is \$12,661,402 represented by \$2,967,864 for Physical Services expenditure and \$9,693,538 for other capital expenditure including work in progress that was carried forward from the 22/23 financial year. Various capital works were commenced which are included in the Asset Managers monthly report. The monthly year to date capital budget figures are based on a straight line expenditure of one-twelfth of the annual budget. Council is estimating \$2,243,089 in capital grant revenue in the 2023/24 year.

**Rates & Grants
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Grants	13,578,855	13,578,855	13,625,455	46,600
Grants	2,331,583	1,145,790	20,911	1,124,879
Interest	20,000	9,996	19,502	9,506
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	739,200	308,000	308,000	-
Total Operating Revenue	16,669,638	15,042,641	13,973,868	-1,068,773
Operating Expenses				
Other Expenses	-200,000	80,000	-	80,000
Total Operating Expenses	-200,000	80,000	-	80,000
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	16,469,638	15,122,641	13,973,868	-1,148,773
Capital Income				
Contributions - non-monetary assets	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2,243,089	-	2,500	2,500.00
Total Capital Income	2,243,089	0	2,500	2,500
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	18,712,727	15,122,641	13,976,368	-1,146,273

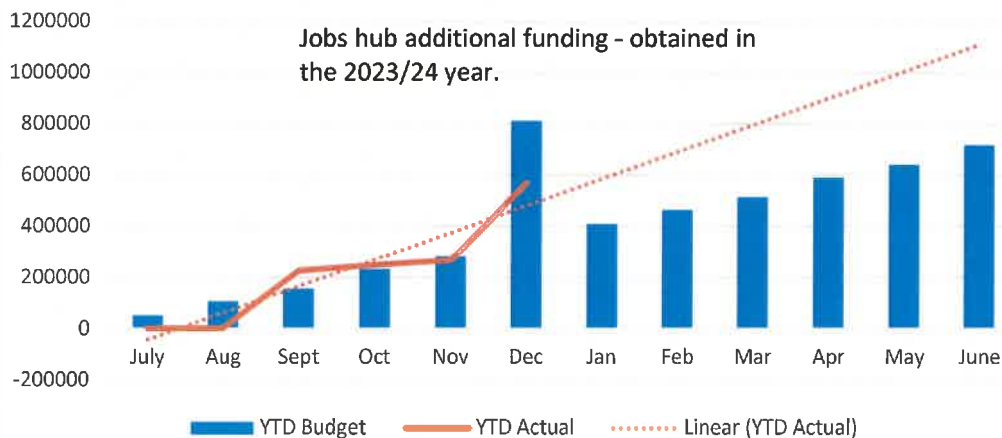
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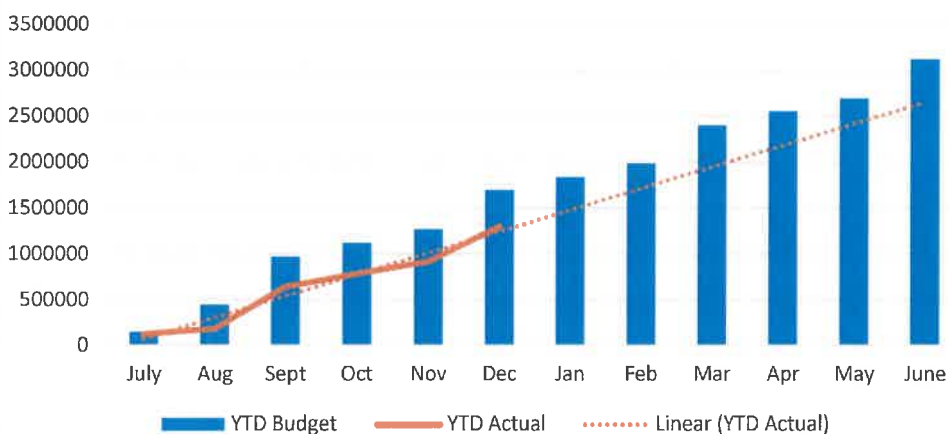
**General Management
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2023 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
User Fees	30,200	15,000	5,818	-9,182
Commercial Income	1,118,927	442,253	562,437	120,184
Total Operating Revenue	1,149,127	457,253	568,255	111,002
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	-558,866	-284,210	-390,344	-106,134
Materials & Services	-984,711	-238,800	-91,008	147,792
Contributions	-1,221,204	-661,272	-633,683	27,589
Other Expenses	-358,819	-211,384	-183,403	27,981
Total Operating Expenses	-3,123,600	-1,395,666	-1,298,438	97,228
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-1,974,473	-938,413	-730,183	208,230
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-1,974,473	-938,413	-730,183	208,230

General Management Income



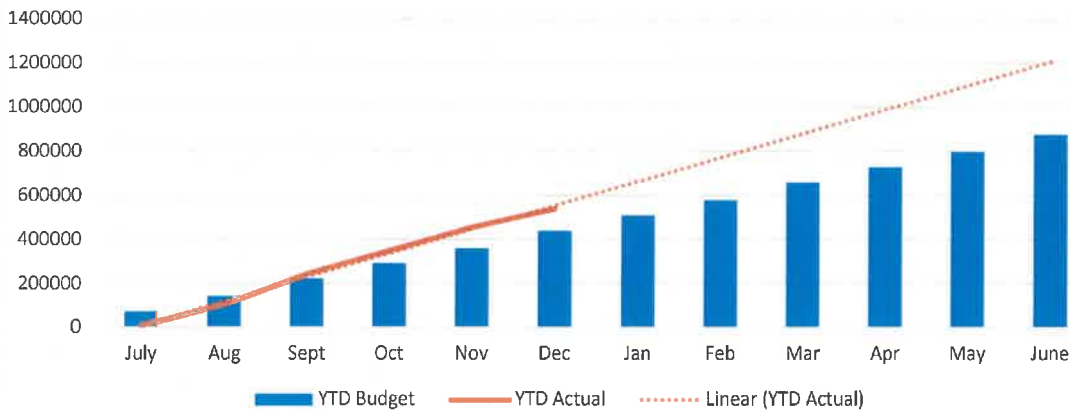
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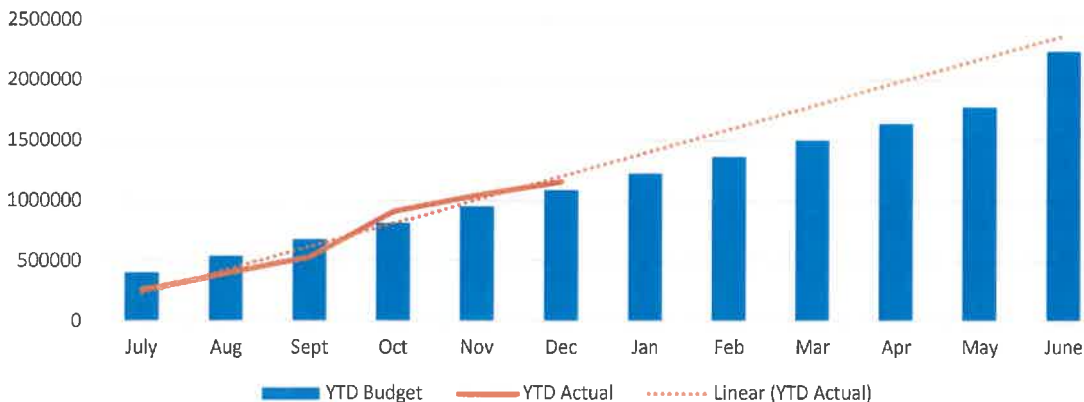
**Corporate Services
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
Statutory Fees and Fines	110,000	55,002	55,202	200
User Fees	62,500	31,244	43,046	11,802
Contributions	100,000	49,998	119,000	69,002
Interest	280,000	139,998	203,783	63,785
Commercial Income	323,664	162,662	118,613	-44,049
Total Operating Revenue	876,164	438,904	539,644	100,740
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	-1,024,193	-512,082	-501,209	10,873
Materials & Services	-785,083	-525,999	-575,614	-49,615
Contributions	-60,000	-30,000	-18,050	11,950
Depreciation and amortisation	-327,020	-	-12,954	-12,954
Other Expenses	-41,500	-20,250	-49,983	-29,733
Total Operating Expenses	-2,237,796	-1,088,331	-1,157,810	-69,479
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-1,361,632	-649,427	-618,167	31,260
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-1,361,632	-649,427	-618,167	31,260

Corporate Services Income



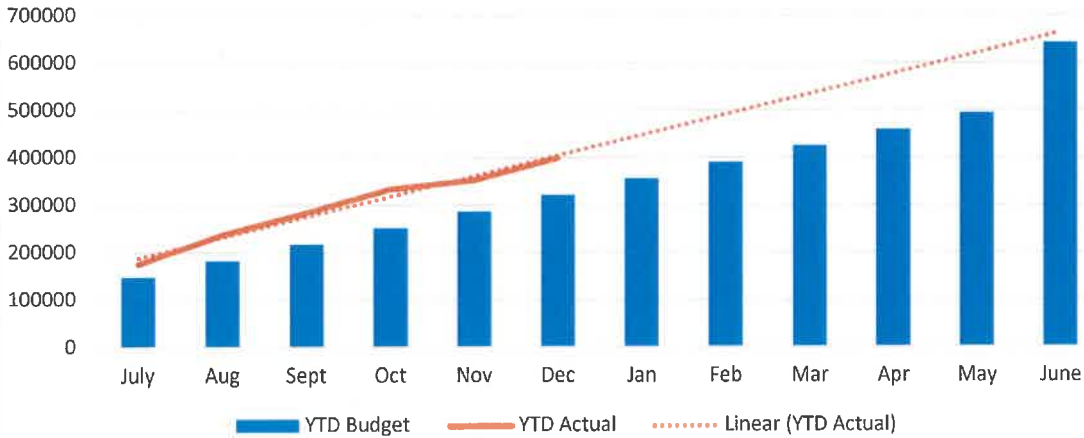
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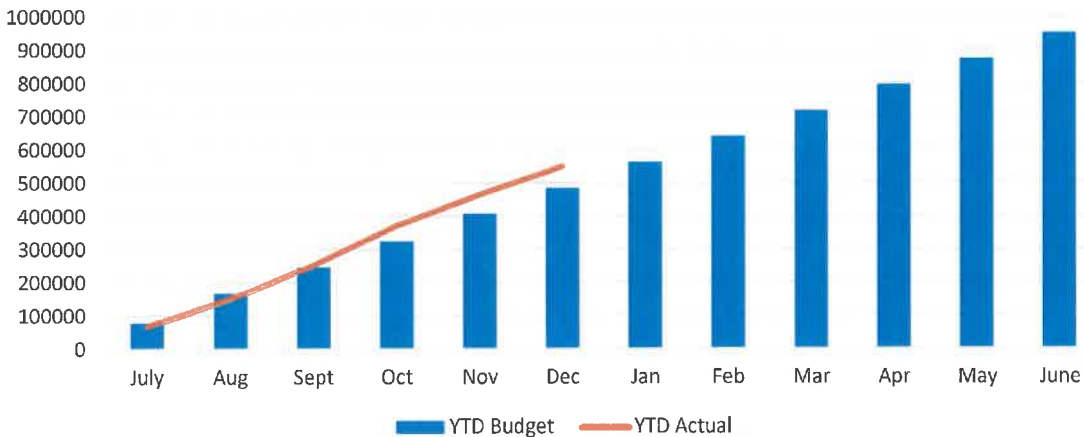
**Governance & Regulatory Services
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
Statutory Fees and Fines	365,000	182,496	219,847	37,351
User Fees	232,700	116,236	152,746	36,510
Commercial Income	43,992	21,996	26,683	4,687
Total Operating Revenue	641,692	320,728	399,276	78,548
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	-805,848	-409,293	-501,025	-91,732
Materials & Services	-66,500	-35,986	-17,235	18,751
Contributions	-78,000	-39,000	-31,419	7,581
Total Operating Expenses	-950,348	-484,279	-549,679	-65,400
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-308,656	-163,551	-150,403	13,148
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-308,656	-163,551	-150,403	13,148

Governance & Regulatory Services Income



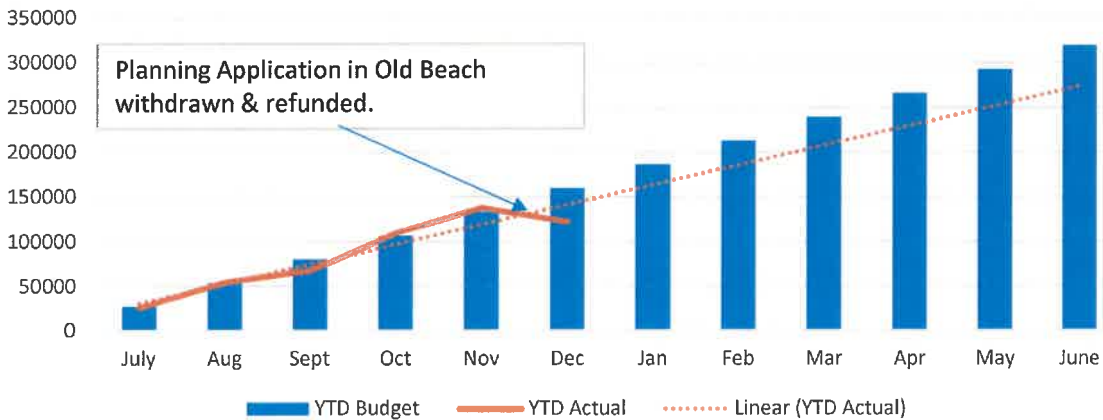
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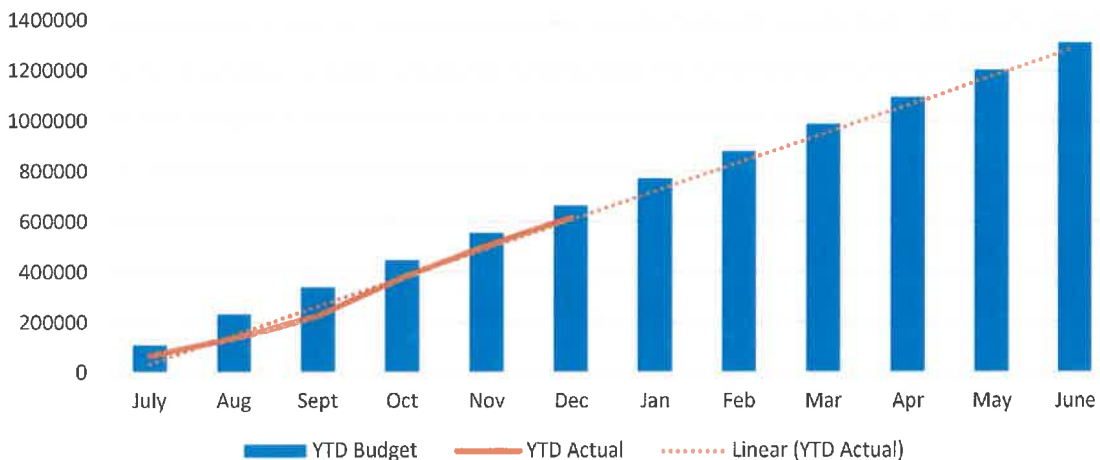
**Development Services
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
Statutory Fees and Fines	303,000	151,500	120,295	-31,205
User Fees	16,500	79,980	1,501	-78,479
Total Operating Revenue	319,500	231,480	121,796	-109,684
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	-957,703	-486,381	-469,723	16,658
Materials & Services	-325,500	-162,720	-147,058	15,662
Other Expenses	-30,000	-15,000	0	15,000
Total Operating Expenses	-1,313,203	-664,101	-616,781	47,320
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-993,703	-432,621	-494,985	-62,364
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-993,703	-432,621	-494,985	-62,364

Development Services Income



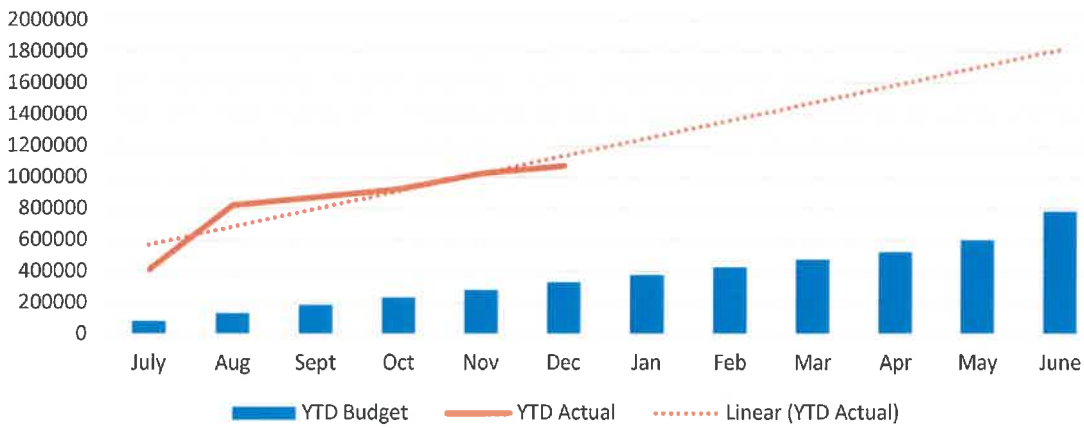
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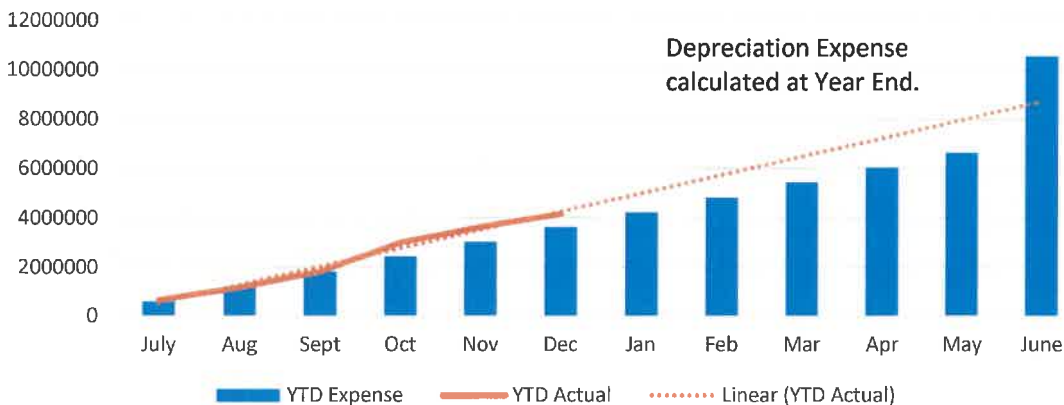
**Asset Services
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income to 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	Actual	Variance
Operating Revenue				
User Fees	623,000	298,484	314,384	15,900
Contributions	100,000	-	-	-
Commercial Income	57,580	30,784	757,749	726,965
Total Operating Revenue	780,580	329,268	1,072,133	742,865
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	-1,587,604	-805,434	-781,735	23,699
Materials & Services	-5,627,190	-2,806,482	-3,195,436	-388,954
Commercial Activities	-10,000	-4,992	-160,490	-155,498
Depreciation and amortisation	-3,314,604	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	-10,539,398	-3,616,908	-4,137,661	-520,753
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-9,758,818	-3,287,640	-3,065,527	222,113
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	-9,758,818	-3,287,640	-3,065,527	222,113

Asset Services Income



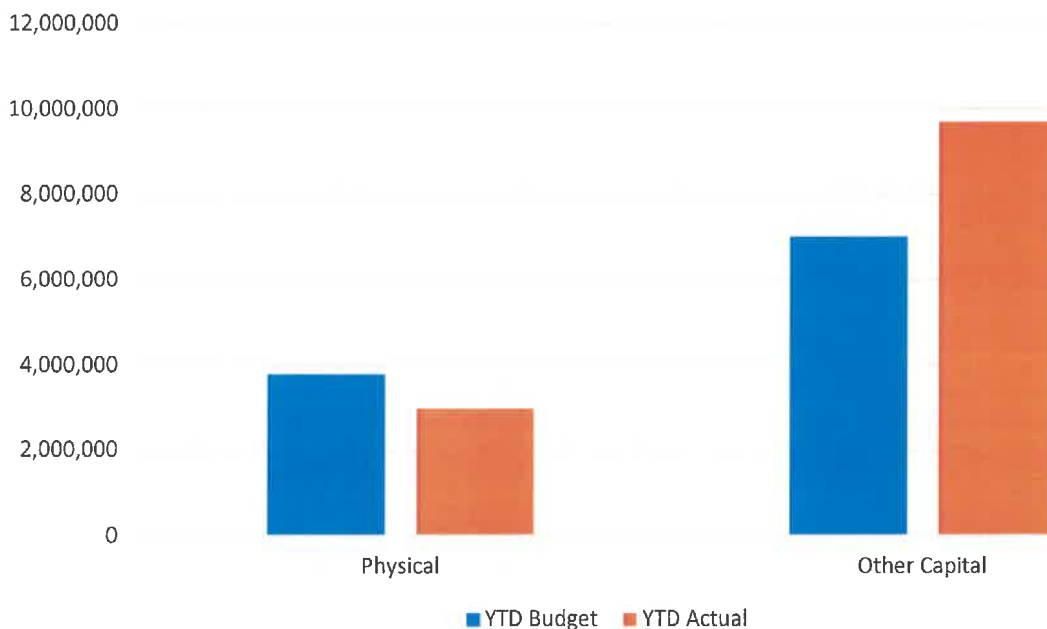
Asset Services Expense



**Capital Works Program
Financial Report
Statement of Comprehensive Income at 31st December 2023**

	2024 Budget	YTD Budget	Actual	Variance
Physical Services Capital				
Roads	6,465,359	3,232,680	2,044,398	-1,188,282
Bridges	77,500	38,750	-	-38,750
Reserves	651,320	325,660	472,468	146,808
Buildings	348,800	174,400	450,999	276,599
Total Physical Services Capital	7,542,979	3,771,490	2,967,864	-803,626
Other Capital				
Work in Progress Carried Forward	13,317,474	6,658,737	9,376,090	2,717,353
Work in Progress Grants Carried Forward	-9,436,446	-	-	-
Property	-	-	-	-
Plant & Vehicles	335,000	335,000	317,448	-17,552
Furniture & Equipment	0	0	-	0
Total Other Capital	4,216,028	6,993,737	9,693,538	2,699,801
Total Capital Expenditure	11,759,007	10,765,227	12,661,402	1,896,176

**Capital Expenditure
Budget YTD to Actual**



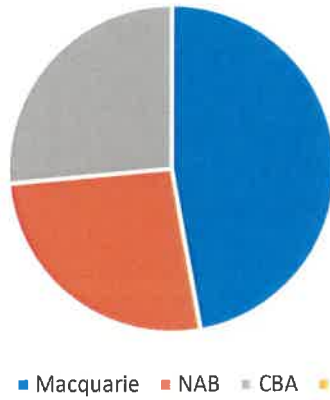
Investment

The following pie charts represent the Agencies and Investment by credit rating of Councils investments. All Council funds have been invested in accordance with the Investment policy. Further investment will be undertaken with funds in the coming month.

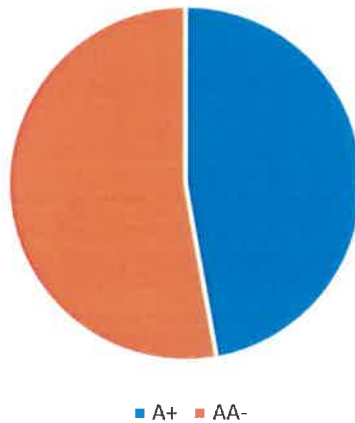
Council currently has the following investments

Agency	Rate	Investment	Maturity Date
Macquarie	4.76%	\$500,000	4/3/24
Macquarie	4.75%	\$750,000	26/2/24
NAB	5.00%	\$700,000	4/3/24
CBA	5.01%	\$700,000	6/5/24

Investment by Agency

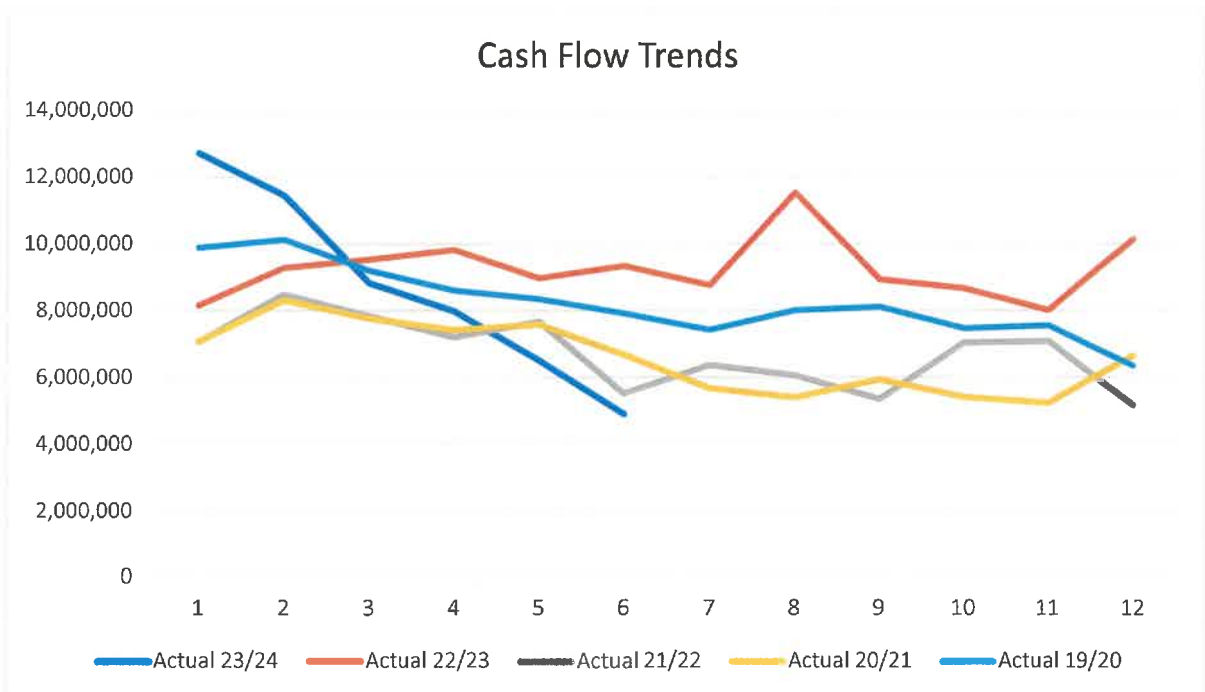


Investment by Credit Rating



Cash Flow Trends

The following chart monitors the cashflow trend over the previous five years. It is noted that cash has increased steadily over this period. The main increase being in July when rate notices are issued. At year end there was an increase in cash due to a number of outstanding Projects that had not been completed as well as the Financial Assistance Grant being paid early. Cash flow is currently dropping due to a substantial increase in capital works. A more acceptable level of cash at bank will be restored on completion and sale of the medical centre.



From: pam harvey <pamharv@gmail.com>
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To: Ishita Singh <Ishita.Singh@brighton.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Quilters Easter Showcase

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On behalf of the committee of the Quilters Easter Showcase I would like to apply for a reduction in the rental fees or free use of the Brighton Community Centre on 23rd March 2024. We have been having this event for quite a few years now ,with the exception of the Covid era. It is a get together of like minded people from all over Tasmania .

We charge minimally for entrance and have various fundraising events. Since the beginning we have donated most of our profit to various groups in the Brighton area. Last year we gave \$600 dollars to the school farm and \$2000 to the Food Bank. This was more than we actually raised by that event but we decided to reduce our bank account because it was more beneficial to expend it than leave it in the bank at this time. Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

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Pam Harvey
for Quilters Easter showcase committee
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