



# Brighton Council

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, OLD BEACH**  
**AT 5.15 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2024**

## **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

## **2. Attendance**

Cr A De La Torre (Chairperson); Cr B Curran; Cr P Geard; Cr G Irons; Cr J McMaster; Cr P Owen and Cr M Whelan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Allingham (Director Development Services); Ms G Browne (Director, Corporate Services); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director, Asset Services); Ms A Turvey (Manager Community Development & Engagement), Mr J Flack (Youth Engagement Officer).

## **3. Apologies**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that Cr Gray and Cr Murtagh be granted leave of absence for this meeting.*

**CARRIED**

### **VOTING RECORD**

| <b>In favour</b> | <b>Against</b> |
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Cr Curran

Cr De La Torre

Cr Geard

Cr McMaster

Cr Irons

Cr Owen

Cr Whelan

## **4. Public Question Time**

*There was no requirement for Public Question Time.*

## 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.

*There were no declarations of interest.*

## 6. Business

### 6.1 Youth Engagement Officer - Progress Report (April-June 2024)

**Author:** Youth Engagement Officer (John Flack)

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

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#### Background

The Community Development team has committed to providing a quarterly update on the work being undertaken by Council's Youth Engagement Officer. This is the second progress report provided for Council's information.

#### Relationship Building Activities (April – June 2024)

- Facilitating fortnightly BYAG meetings.
- Attended a Child & Youth Safety Framework information session held in Bridgewater for community groups with Independent Regulator in attendance.
- Liaising with Brighton Football Club on opportunities for the club to support football in our local schools in Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove.
- BGH Breakers meeting to discuss grant application and understand the approach to bringing sports to our local communities.
- Meeting with PCYC to understand shift in priorities and their current strategy development. Used this opportunity to feedback ideas from BYAG on what they would like to see PCYC offer for young people, which included more visible sports activities in community.
- Working with Bridgewater Police to discuss and begin establishing a collaborative community safety group. This would include representatives from schools, Tas Police, Brighton Council, PCYC and Brighton Alive with end goal to work on a Youth Safety Strategy.
- Bond Place and Civic Centre high visibility activity (Youth Engagement Officer drumming as a way of making connections).
- Brighton Alive/Youth Network facilitation.

- Co-ordinating the Youth Week event and official opening of the pump track at Bridgewater Foreshore Parkland.
- Attended the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) forum in Launceston on youth homelessness with BYAG.
- Meeting of Youth Action Priorities (YAP) Southern Tasmanian – gathering of youth services to network and learn about what is happening for youth in our region.
- Visited the Clarence Plains Youth Centre to familiarise with what's happening in other municipalities, meet other youth workers and share experiences/learnings.
- Participated in The Smith Family careers session at Brighton Primary School to speak about being a social worker and youth worker.
- Attended a Gagebrook Primary School Association meeting – this group has reformed.
- Attended the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC) networking breakfast.
- Accompany students from Herdsmans Cove Primary School on a weekly basis to the Jordan River Community Shed to do wood working activities.
- Have had two (2) meetings with the Jordan River Learning Federation - Senior School youth workers Ray and Abbie to discuss the work they are doing with disengaged and disconnected students and look at where Council can provide support for this one year pilot.
- Have received two (2) referrals (from Child Safety and Tas Police) to assist with families who have children who are not currently attending school.
- Attended Under One Rainbow's Cris Fitzpatrick celebration at Cris Fitzpatrick Park, where BYAG supported some activities for Under One Rainbow.
- Submitted a Tas Network's Community Grant application on behalf of BYAG, to run school holiday activities for young people in the community.
- Social work supervision for the UTAS master's in social work student currently undertaking a placement with the Community Development team.

### Key Observations:

- Finding a spot to bump into youth has been difficult. However, have been making some progress with weekly drumming sessions outside the Civic Centre and Bond Place. Small signs of making connection with disengaged young people on bikes in the area e.g. thumbs up from kids.
- Brighton Alive Youth Action Network had a very productive discussion in June around the effectiveness of the meetings and an agreement was made to give the meetings a core goal related to supporting the establishment of the Bridgewater Youth Hub. This forum is also seen as a space where people who work with youth can find support from others in the community and make relevant connections.
- The young people who attended the two day Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) workshop are truly putting what they learnt into practice. The young people are involved in helping to bring to fruition two initiatives that were brought to life at the workshops. This included a 'bump in' place for young people in the Gagebrook/Herdsmans Cove area and a 'Hobby Expo' to showcase

many different activities or interests available to young people in our area. They are following up and developing leadership skills by investing time in the projects and including everyone in the decision-making process.

- It will be highly beneficial for services to start working together more to create a Youth Safety Strategy for the Brighton LGA. This would mean Council, Youth Justice, Education and those who support our young people in the area to share information to create safety plans and initiatives.

### Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives and notes the information in the Youth Engagement Officer's Progress Report (April-June 2024).

### **DECISION:**

*Cr McMaster moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council receives and notes the information in the Youth Engagement Officer's Progress Report (April-June 2024).*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

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| Cr Curran      |  |
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| Cr Geard       |  |
| Cr McMaster    |  |
| Cr Irons       |  |
| Cr Owen        |  |
| Cr Whelan      |  |

## **6.2 Update on the Bridgewater Youth Hub - Partnership between Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) & Brighton Council**

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

**Authorised:** General Manager (J Dryburgh)

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### **Background**

In 2023 Council, agreed to progress the Bridgewater Youth Community Hub in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS). A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the project was endorsed by Council and signed in December 2023 between Brighton Council, TALS and Australian Red Cross.

Since this time, the Australian Red Cross (ARC) has made a funding decision at the national level to withdraw from all of its place-based projects, and this includes ARC's place based work in our Brighton local government area. As of the end of July 2024, ARC will no longer employ a place based worker in the Brighton Council communities.

This decision by ARC did mean some delays in progressing the project, but in recent weeks Council officers and TALS were able to make some decisions around how they would like to move forward with the project and the following report provides Council with an update.

### **Progress Report – Bridgewater Youth Hub**

- The MOU will be amended to remove ARC from the agreement and an updated version of the MOU will be brought to Council in July 2024.
- TALS will fund a Project Officer who will have expertise in place based work and drive the community engagement process for the youth hub in collaboration with Brighton Council, BYAG and the Brighton Alive Youth Action Network.
- A draft Community Engagement Plan is being developed and will be provided to Council in July 2024 for Council's information and input. It has already been identified that Winter Fest in August 2024 will provide an ideal opportunity to introduce the idea of a youth hub to the broader community and young people, giving the project team a prime opportunity to begin gathering and collaborating on ideas for the youth hub.
- The Community Engagement Plan will incorporate a communications plan for this first stage of the project that outlines key messaging, how communications will be managed and the mediums utilised for all stakeholders.
- Based on an site analysis conducted by Development Services, a primary site for the location of the Youth Hub was identified out of several options within the Bridgewater area at 55 Eddington Street, Bridgewater, on the corner of Green Point Road and Eddington Street. This site is currently owned by the DECYP.

- This preferred site was flagged with Minister Jaensch when he was Minister for Education and he has requested in his role as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Children and Youth, that TALS and Brighton Council write to him formally advising that this site is the preferred site for the Bridgewater Youth Hub so that we can begin negotiations to obtain this land from DECYP. This letter has been drafted and will be sent to Minister Jaensch week commencing 1 July 2024, as a joint letter from the CEO of TALS and the General Manager of Brighton Council.
- An initial meeting with the Principal of Jordan River Learning Federation – Senior School has recently occurred to inform the school of the desire to use this site for the Youth Hub and we were pleased to receive in principle support from the school for this location.
- Throughout the community engagement process, over the next six months, Council will provide a member of the Asset Services team to work with the community engagement team and a building design firm, to take the co-creation ideas from the community engagement work and develop a concept design for the physical infrastructure. This scoping and concept design work will put Council in an ideal position to apply for large infrastructure grants to construct this purpose built youth hub facility in Bridgewater.

### Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives and notes the information contained within this update on the Bridgewater Youth Hub project (a partnership between TALS and Brighton Council).

### **DECISION:**

*Cr Geard moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council receives and notes the information contained within this update on the Bridgewater Youth Hub project (a partnership between TALS and Brighton Council).*

**CARRIED**

### VOTING RECORD

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| Cr Curran      |  |
| Cr De La Torre |  |
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| Cr McMaster    |  |
| Cr Irons       |  |

Cr Owen  
Cr Whelan

### 06.3 Overview of Community Creators Pilot Program

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| <b>Attachment:</b> | Community Creators Pilot Program Presentation          |
| <b>Author:</b>     | Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey) |
| <b>Authorised:</b> | General Manager (J Dryburgh)                           |

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#### Overview

Community Creators is a schools based program developed by Kylie Murphy, Council's Community Development Officer and Joselle Griffin, Place Based Community Development Worker with Australian Red Cross.

It is designed to work with students in primary and secondary schools to build an understanding of:

- What is community?
- How you can be an active community member?
- What is a community leader?
- How you can use your voice as a young person to advocate for change and work with others to shape what your community is like.

To many of us who have lived, volunteered and worked in communities all our lives this might seem obvious but for many young people a sense of community is not automatically know to them.

Jordan River Learning Federation – Senior School agreed to the conduct of a pilot program of the Community Creators program with a group of students from across the school and supported in the school by Paul Mabb, Aboriginal Education Support Officer.

After the first term and what was originally to be just a six week program, JRLF-SS invited Kylie and Joselle back to continue the program this term, to allow the students to work on the actions they wanted to take to help make change in their community.

Based on evident capacity building, young people taking on a mentoring and leadership role with the potential to run the program and an increase in confidence amongst participants (and the ability for Community Creators to engage some of the disengaged students), the school has welcomed the program with enthusiasm in Term 2 2024.

The goal in 2024 is to submit an expression of interest to the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) for their Connected and Educated Children funding stream, which would allow Council to roll this program out to the primary schools in our area who would like to participate. There has already been confirmed interest from East Derwent Primary School, who have agreed to run a primary school pilot program this year.



If successful, the TCF funding would allow the program to be embedded into our local schools and be conducted in a sustainable manner over a 5-7 year period.

The pilot program has been invaluable in providing learnings and opportunities for enhancements and changes to how Community Creators is facilitated within a senior school.

An additional benefit has been those in Community Creators discovering their voice and desire to volunteer and joining the BYAG.

### Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

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*Cr Irons left the meeting at 5.26pm.*

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives and notes the information contained within this overview of the Community Creators Pilot Program.

### **DECISION:**

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Whelan seconded that Council receives and notes the information contained within this overview of the Community Creators Pilot Program.*

**CARRIED**

#### VOTING RECORD

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| Cr Curran      |         |
| Cr De La Torre |         |
| Cr Geard       |         |
| Cr McMaster    |         |
| Cr Owen        |         |
| Cr Whelan      |         |

Meeting closed: 5.27pm

*Cr Irons returned to the meeting at 5.28pm*

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mayor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

16 July 2024