



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 5.30P.M. ON TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2024**

PRESENT: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen and Cr Whelan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (General Manager); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director Asset Services); Mrs J Blackwell (A/Director Development Services); Ms J Banks (Director, Governance & Regulatory Services) & Ms A Turvey (Manager, Community Development & Engagement)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies / Applications for leave of absence

All members were present.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 16th July 2024 are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th July 2024, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr De La Torre seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16th July 2024, 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. 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.

5. 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.

There was no requirement for public question time.

6. Reports from Council**6.1 Mayor's Communications**

The Mayor's communications were as follows:

- 17/7 Meeting with Tas Irrigation (+GM in attendance)
- 18/7 Meeting with Marriner Group (+ GM in attendance)
- 18/7 Official Opening of Gagebrook Renewal Project – Criz Fitzpatrick Community Park
- 25/7 LGAT GMC Dinner
- 26/7 LGAT General Meeting & AGM
- 26/7 LGAT Networking Dinner
- 26/7 GMC Meeting
- 27/7 Elected Members Professional Development Day
- 30/7 Meeting with General Manager

- 31/7 Meeting with Brian Mitchell MP
- 5/8 Meeting with Minister Eric Abetz (+GM in attendance)
- 6/8 Meeting with Susie Bower (+GM and Manager, Community Development)
- 6/8 General Managers Performance Review Committee Meeting
- 7/8 Meeting with Tasmania Police (+GM in attendance)
- 13/8 Meeting with Jane Howlett MP
- 15/8 LGAT CEO Performance Review Meeting
- 16/8 Launch of Marriner Group Development
- 20/8 Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor’s communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the Mayor’s communications be received.

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	

6.2 Reports from Council Representatives

- Cr De La Torre recently attended the Holy Rosary Catholic School and addressed the Grade 4 Students on Local/State and Federal governments.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the verbal report from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the verbal report from Council representatives be received.

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

7. Miscellaneous Correspondence

- Letter to Minister Eric Abetz MP dated 15th August 2024 from the Mayor regarding public transport, DSG landscaping standards & Bridgewater Bridge growth precinct.
- Letter to Minister Michael Ferguson MP dated 12th August 2024 from the Mayor regarding East Derwent Highway/Midland Highway interchange.
- Copy of letter sent to Minister Eric Abetz MP dated 29 July 2024 from Senator Wendy Askew regarding public transport.
- Decision from Tasmanian Planning Commission dated 9th July 2024 regarding Draft Amendment RZ 2023-005 to rezone land at Old Beach from Rural Living Zone A to Future Urban.

8. Notification of Council Workshops

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

There were no Council workshops held since the previous Ordinary Council meeting.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. 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*.

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

11. Reports from Committees

There were no Committee Meetings in August 2024.

There were no Committee Meetings held in August 2024.

12. 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 12 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

There were no Planning Authority items listed for this meeting.

13. Petitions

13.1 Petition - halt the rezoning of Cobbs Hill Area from Rural Residential to Residential

An electronic petition via Change.org was received by Cr De La Torre on the 10th August 2024 with 516 signatories.

Petition Subject:

Halt the rezoning of Cobbs Hill Area from Rural-Residential to Residential

Petition statement and action requested:

The tranquility and value of Cobbs Hill, particularly Sorell and Samuel Streets, Tranquility Crescent, Serenity Drive and surrounding area in Bridgewater, are under threat due to a proposal to rezone the area from rural-residential to residential. This area is home to many who chose it specifically for its rural living benefits. We are individuals who invested in this area, who carved out a peaceful home amidst the hustle and bustle. We now risk losing the very essence of our chosen lifestyle due to this proposal.

Our concerns extend beyond just our homes and way of life. The rezoning could disrupt the existing ecology, and will increase population density with 280 new dwellings allowed under rezoning classification, potentially leading to infrastructure strain and increased traffic and crime. Australia's Housing Industry Association states that such rezoning often results in strains on public amenities and services, noise pollution, and various environmental impacts.

We implore the Brighton Council and the relevant authorities to reconsider the proposed rezoning. Let us preserve the qualities that make Cobbs Hill and surrounding area a unique and desirable place to live in. Let us remember that homes are not merely properties; they hold memories, dreams, and the promise of a peaceful life. We urge everyone who cherishes their right to choose their lifestyle to sign this petition. Together, we can safeguard the rural allure of Cobbs Hill and surrounds.

This petition complies with Section 57 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and is accordingly tabled. In accordance with Section 58 of the Act the General Manager is to table the petition at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, enabling Council to receive it.

A recommendation in relation to the petition has been provided below.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a) the Petition be received; and
- b) that the concerns raised by petitioners be noted and considered as part of the Sorell Street Master Plan consultation process.

DECISION:

Cr Murtagh moved, Cr Curran seconded that:

- a) the Petition be received; and*
- b) that the concerns raised by petitioners be noted and considered as part of the Sorell Street Master Plan consultation process.*

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	

14. Officers Reports

14.1 Endorsement of Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy

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

Authorised: J Dryburgh (General Manager)

Background

In 2022 Brighton Council began working with Volunteering Tasmania to develop a volunteering strategy specifically for our local communities.

This is a process that Volunteering Tasmania has undertaken with several other councils around Tasmania in order to support community and volunteer organisations navigate the future of volunteering and ensure that there is some definite focus on adapting for the current and future needs of volunteers.

The national statistics on volunteering show that the number of people volunteering is in decline. Volunteers contributed 596.2 million hours to the community in 2019. This is a 20% decrease in the total number of volunteering hours from 2014 (743.3 million hours). In 2020, they contributed 489.5 million hours, a further decrease of 18% (Volunteering Australia, March 2024). Volunteering is a core part of how Australian society operates and a significant decline in volunteers would have a huge social and economic impact on how we live in our communities.

In December 2022, a co-design team was formed by open invitation to begin developing the Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy. As a result, this is very much a strategy developed by the community for the community, directly from the co-creation workshops and community consultation stages.

In May 2024 during National Volunteer Week, a draft Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy was endorsed by Council for community feedback. The consultation period was open from 23 May to 20 June 2024. The opportunity to provide feedback was communicated via the Brighton Alive network, Council's social media channels, the Brighton Community News and face to face during community events, including the Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards, where printed documents of the draft strategy were made available.

Brighton Council received two (2) submissions as follows:

- The Smith Family (Andrea Garland, Program Co-ordinator)
- Brighton Community Food Hub Inc. (Geoff Hull, President)

Most of the feedback and suggestions provided in these two submissions have been incorporated into the final Volunteer Strategy. These are highlighted in yellow in the final document for ease of reference.

In addition, it is pleasing to note that participants in the Community Creators pilot program being facilitated by Brighton Council at Jordan River Learning Federation – Senior School, have already implemented a volunteer recruitment activity specifically aimed at young people and created an information flyer based on learnings from deliberate conversations with volunteer organisations in the Brighton community. These conversations included what different organisations look for in volunteers and what is required of volunteers. One of the catch phrases from this brochure is *"We asked the questions so you didn't have to!"*

Consultation

Community Development Officer, SMT, Volunteering Tasmania, Brighton Alive, Brighton Youth Action Group (BYAG), Community Creators, community members, a range of local community groups, services and community volunteers.

Risk Implications

The strategy will only be effective if it is used as a tool to implement initiatives and change both at a broader level by Council and those in community leadership roles, as well as the grass roots level of community volunteer organisations. This will require Council including longer term volunteering initiatives in future strategies and action plans.

Financial Implications

None.

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

Volunteering is a vibrant and economically significant part of our Tasmanian communities. All volunteers are a vital part of connecting and contributing to our communities, and in our Brighton communities, we rely heavily on volunteers to strengthen support services and program delivery, as well as drive a range of community activities and help out in times of need. This strategy will help to ensure volunteering is given the focus it deserves to ensure the nurturing of our volunteer culture and an ongoing supply of volunteers for the future.

Council will need to take a leadership role in implementing and supporting some of the key ideas identified as part of this strategy work.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable.

Economic Implications

Unknown.

Other Issues

Unknown.

Assessment

The final community consultation phase for the co-designed Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy is now complete. The majority of feedback provided by The Smith Family and Brighton Community Food Hub in this final stage of consultation has been incorporated into the final document, presented here for endorsement by Council.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council endorses the final Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy – 20 August 2024.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Geard seconded that Brighton Council endorses the final Brighton Community Volunteer Strategy – 20 August 2024.

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	

14.2 Variation to Small Community Grant 2024/25 - Centacare Evolve Housing

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

Authorised: J Dryburgh (General Manager)

Background

In June 2024, Council awarded a Small Community Development Grant valued at \$2,500 to Centacare Evolve Housing for a ‘Homes for All’ project. This project was originally to go towards funding an artist to take photos and complete a photo installation in the Brighton Municipality for Homelessness Week 2024. For a number of reasons, Centacare Evolve were not able to meet the timeframe to have the project complete for Homelessness Week at the beginning of August.

As an alternative initiative for Homelessness Week 2024, Centacare Evolve Housing funded a ‘Connect Card’, which contains the contact details and information for all the services available to people in our area who may be experiencing homelessness or cost of living pressures. This is a printed information source that will be promoted and distributed widely as a useful reference of services throughout our Brighton area.

Centacare Evolve Housing have approached Council to ask if the Brighton Council Small Grant funding, to the value of \$2,500, can instead be utilised to hold a Positive Ageing event in Bridgewater during Seniors’ Week – 14 to 20 October 2024.

A project plan prepared by Centacare Evolve Housing is attached.

Consultation

General Manager, Community Development Officer and SMT.

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This small grant amount has already been allocated to Centacare Evolve Housing for a community based initiative.

Strategic Plan

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

- 1.1 Engage with and enable our community.
- 1.2 Build resilience and opportunity.
- 1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities.

Social Implications

The Brighton area has not previously had a lot of active participation in Seniors' Week, with very few activities or events being on offer for our ageing population. This event provides an opportunity to engage with older members of our community and potentially establish an annual Seniors' Week event.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

Nil.

Assessment

Although the small grant funds will not be utilised for the originally intended 'Homes for All' photographic project, Centacare Evolve Housing have ensured that the organisation funded an alternative and relatively practical initiative for Homelessness Week with the development and production of the 'Connect Card'.

This proposed Seniors' Week event will fill a gap in the community calendar for positive ageing events or activities in the Brighton area. Based on the project plan provided, we can assume that the event will have a positive impact for our older residents who choose to participate in what will be on offer and has the potential to grow as an annual Centacare Evolve activity.

Options

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

That Council approve the small grant amount of \$2,500 awarded to Centacare Evolve Housing in June 2024 be utilised for a Seniors’ Week event as outlined in the attachment of this report, rather than for the originally intended Homelessness Week initiative.

DECISION:

Cr Murtagh moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council approve the small grant amount of \$2,500 awarded to Centacare Evolve Housing in June 2024 be utilised for a Seniors’ Week event as outlined in the attachment of this report, rather than for the originally intended Homelessness Week initiative.

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	

14.3 Waste Transfer Station - Free Access Vouchers 2024/25

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

Background:

Each year a few service organisations have been given free access to the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) for disposal of rubbish.

In 2023/24 Jordan River Service Inc (Gagebrook and Bridgewater Community Houses and Jordan River Community Shed) was the only organisation that requested waste transfer station vouchers, and this is once again the only request we have received. Jordan River Service Inc. have confirmed that they would like to request the same number of vouchers as last year.

Organisation:	WTS Vouchers required:
Jordan River Service	42
Bridgewater Centre (9), Gagebrook Centre (9), Jordan River Community Shed (12) & Helping Hands (12)	

Consultation:

General Manager, SMT and Community Development Officer.

Risk Implications:

The free access is considered a donation as part of Brighton Council’s Community Grants Program.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Usage/Cost- 2023-24 as at end June 2024

Organisation	Cost to end June 2024
Jordan River Service Inc.	\$903.00

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.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications:

The demand for free WTS vouchers has significantly reduced over the years with just one organisation requesting vouchers for 2024/25. This is hopefully an indication of a reduction in waste to landfill among the not for profit and community groups operating in the Brighton Council area.

Assessment:

For an organisation like Jordan River Service Inc. to continue their services at the Neighbourhood Houses and Community Shed, they rely on Council support to dispose of the waste that is collected as part of their activities.

Options:

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide free waste transfer station access to Jordan River Service Inc for the 2024/25 financial year, to be funded from the 2024/25 Grants and Donations budget and recorded in the Annual Report.

Organisation	Recommended number of vouchers
Jordan River Service Inc.	42

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council provide free waste transfer station access to Jordan River Service Inc for the 2024/25 financial year, to be funded from the 2024/25 Grants and Donations budget and recorded in the Annual Report.

CARRIED

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

14.4 Updated Bridgewater Youth Hub MOU - Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) & Brighton Council

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

Authorised: J Dryburgh (General Manager)

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 has meant that an updated MOU be provided to Council for endorsement. The MOU is now between just the two parties: TALS and Brighton Council.

Consultation

TALS, SMT, 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.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the updated Memorandum of Understanding, as presented with this report, between Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) and Brighton Council for the development of the Bridgewater Youth Hub.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Irons seconded that Council endorses the updated Memorandum of Understanding, as presented with this report, between Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Services (TALS) and Brighton Council for the development of the Bridgewater Youth Hub.

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	

14.5 Greening Brighton Strategy

Author: K Min (Planning Officer)

Authorised: D Allingham (Director, Development Services)

Purpose

This report seeks endorsement of the Greening Brighton Strategy following the public consultation period.

Background

The Greening Brighton Strategy is a strategic document that analyses, details and recommends actions to guide the planning, provision, protection, integration, and management of urban greening across the municipality for the next 10 years.

The Strategy was endorsed by Council at its ordinary council meeting on 18th June 2024 for public consultation for a period of four (4) weeks.

Consultation

The Strategy was exhibited between Friday 28th June and Tuesday 30th July 2024.

The Strategy was advertised on Council’s social media pages and an online survey was made available on the Brighton Council website and promoted through Facebook and via email in the winter edition of Brighton Nature News.

A total of three (3) responses were received during the public exhibition period via Council’s ‘Have Your Say’ page.

Submission	Response
It's a terrific, straight forward, clearly written strategy.	-
We live next door to Gunn Street Park 2 and would love to see a basketball court, exercise equipment and new park go in there.	Gunn St is included in the high priority list for streetscape plantings.
Asthma Australia: Need for the use of asthma-friendly plants to ensure community health and well-being.	Low allergy native plants are recommended in the Strategy.

Other changes in the Strategy include the amendments under the Implementation and Priority Suggestions section and the inclusion of Appendix G – Opportunities for green space projects to better align with the Draft Open Space Strategy.

Risk implications

The risk of planting and infrastructure works undertaken based on the Strategy being damaged or vandalised.

Financial Implications

Endorsement of the Strategy will have ongoing financial implications. Implementation of actions will form part of future budget decisions by Council.

Strategic Plan

S1.1 Engage with and enable our community

S1.2 Build resilience and opportunity

S1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities

S1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities

S2.1 Acknowledge and respond to the climate change and biodiversity emergency

S2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment

S2.3 Demonstrate strong environmental stewardship and leadership

S2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach

S3.2 Infrastructure development and service delivery are guided by strategic planning to cater for the needs of a growing and changing population

S4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidence-based in our thinking

Social implications

Implementing actions outlined in the Strategy will ensure a positive impact on liveability and social cohesion across the municipality.

Economic implications

Implementation of the Strategy will support the most cost-effective and efficient mechanisms for adapting the urban area to climate change, increase in economic activity, attract investments, enhance amenity and property values and improve general health and wellbeing.

Environmental or climate change implications

Implementing the strategy can enhance stormwater runoff absorption, improve air quality, increase biodiversity, provide shade for both animals and people, and reduce heat retention, thereby building community resilience to climate change.

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The Greening Brighton Strategy is a strategic document that analyses, details and recommends actions to build a resilient planting regime that brings improved benefits for biodiversity and community wellbeing across the municipality for the next 10 years.

The Strategy has been through the final stage of public exhibition, and it is recommended that it be endorsed by Council.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Suggest amendments to the Greening Brighton Strategy and do not endorse the Greening Brighton Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the 2024-2033 Greening Brighton Strategy.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council endorse the 2024-2033 Greening Brighton Strategy.

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

14.6 Naming Roads and Streets - 15 & 19 Burrows Avenue, Brighton

Author: K Clifton (Development Services Officer)

Authorised: J Blackwell (Acting Director, Development Services)

Background

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement for the naming of new roads in Burrows Avenue, Brighton in accordance with the *Place Names Act 2020*. The names have been supplied by Council, in conjunction with the developer for consideration.

In 2020, the *Place Names Act 2020* (the Act) was introduced to provide for contemporary Governance arrangements for the place naming process and clarity in the responsibility for the naming of roads and streets.

Under the Act, local councils are the naming authority for roads and streets.

The Tasmanian Place Naming Guidelines (the Guidelines) are provided for under the Act and are to be used by all naming authorities to assist in the selection of a conforming name, as well as providing the public and community with the principals that apply to the selection of a name.

Section 7.11 of the Guideline states: "Road and street name proposals should be endorsed by the elected council members".

The proposed name is "Silvergum Street".

Consultation

No consultation has been undertaken as the proposal is to name new roads that do not currently have any landowners other than the developer.

Risk Implications

There is a risk that the proposed road names do not conform with the Guidelines and that the proposed names will be referred back to Council. Council staff have considered the Guidelines and confirm that the proposed roads meet the requirements.

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Plan

1.4 Encourages a sense of pride and engaging in local activities.

3.3 Community facilities are safe and meet contemporary needs.

Social Implications

Nil

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

Economic Implications

Nil

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

This road reserve has been known as Fraser Street since the original land grants were issued. Unfortunately, the name Fraser Street was not made official and is not able to be used. Accordingly, a new name has been sought. In conjunction with the current developer of 15 & 19 Burrows Avenue, the proposed name has been taken from *Eucalyptus cordata* (Silvergum), a type of Eucalyptus that is known to grow in the area. By maintaining connective ties with our native flora, the developer hopes to create a sense of stability and longevity that encourages families to ‘put their roots down’ here.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Not endorse the road name.
3. Choose a different road name.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council endorse the road name “Silvergum Street” for the road reserve between 15 & 19 Burrows Avenue, Brighton.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council endorse the road name “Silvergum Street” for the road reserve between 15 & 19 Burrows Avenue, Brighton.

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	

14.7 Old Beach Probus Club - Request for fee waiver

Author: I Singh (Admin & Facilities Management Officer)

Authorised: G Browne (Director, Corporate Services)

Background

Old Beach Probus Club is a newly established club and received accreditation from Probus South Pacific on 12 July 2024. Probus Clubs are known for their focus on fostering community spirit among retired and semi-retired individuals by providing opportunities for social interaction, cultural enrichment, and intellectual stimulation.

The Old Beach Probus Club aims to:

- Offer a safe and welcoming space for retired and semi-retired community members to connect socially.
- Advance the social, cultural, and intellectual interests of its members.
- Be recognized as a valuable organization within the community.

The club, run entirely by volunteers, has successfully attracted 20 residents as its Foundation Members. The members are enthusiastic about the club's potential and have begun meeting on the third Friday of each month at the Old Beach Community Hall. These meetings include guest speaker sessions and morning tea, providing members with opportunities for social engagement and learning.

As a newly established club, the Old Beach Probus Club is currently funded through pro-rata annual membership fees and donations. However, to sustain and grow their activities, they seek financial relief. They have requested that the Council waive the \$22.50 per hour hire fee for the three hours (\$67.50) they use the hall each month, which is already at a 50% discount rate. This financial support would greatly assist the club in its early stages, allowing it to focus on achieving its objectives and expanding its membership base.

Consultation

Director Corporate Services

Risk Implications

The permanent booking of the hall for three hours each month could reduce the availability for other paid bookings.

Waiving fees could set a precedent for other community-based groups to request similar concessions.

Financial Implications

The club requests the Council waive the hire fees for three hours per month. Over a period of 12 months, the total cost would amount to \$810.

Strategic Plan

This request aligns with Councils Strategic Goals: -

Goal 1.1 – Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.3 – Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational, and economic opportunity.

Goal 1.4 – Encourage a sense of pride, local identity, and engaging activities.

Social Implications

The Old Beach Probus Club emphasizes its non-profit status and strong community focus, highlighting the benefits of their activities to the broader community, particularly in fostering social connections and a sense of belonging among older residents.

Supporting the Old Beach Probus Club will contribute to community building by providing retired and semi-retired residents with opportunities for social engagement, intellectual stimulation, and cultural enrichment.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

NIL

Assessment

Old Beach Probus Club is currently receiving a 50% discount in accordance with the Council Buildings Hire Fees Policy no: 8. However, given the club's focus on community engagement and the specific needs of retired and semi-retired residents, an initial waiving of fees for 12 months could be beneficial. This will allow the club to establish itself and the Council to assess the ongoing need and community benefit.

Options

1. As per recommendation.
2. Refuse to waive hire fees and apply only a 50% discount.
3. Other options to be discussed, such as waiving fees for a shorter trial period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council waive the hire fees for the Old Beach Probus Club for a period of 12 months to support their establishment and community engagement efforts. The Council will review this arrangement at the end of the 12-month period to assess the ongoing need and impact.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council’s Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that Council waive the hire fees for the Old Beach Probus Club for a period of 12 months to support their establishment and community engagement efforts. The Council will review this arrangement at the end of the 12-month period to assess the ongoing need and impact.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council’s Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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	

14.8 Uniting & Communities for Children - Request for fee waiver for Civic Centre

Author: I Singh (Admin & Facilities Management Officer)

Authorised: G Browne (Director, Corporate Services)

Background

Uniting, in partnership with Communities for Children – Southeast Tasmania, is planning a free music event for families at the Brighton Civic Centre on Thursday, 10th October 2024, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This event will provide an interactive music experience tailored for families with children aged 0-12 years. The organizers have requested that Brighton Council waive the Civic Centre hire fees for the day.

The event will expose children and their families to a diverse range of musical genres and cultures, including baby music, classical, indigenous, cultural music, and modern DJ experiences. The event will take place in the Civic Centre's main room, the theatrette, and additional meeting rooms in the library, all of which have been secured. Participating musicians will lead interactive sessions throughout the day, providing continuous programming across these spaces.

The event will feature key local music figures business that have volunteered their time and use of equipment to support the event.

This event seeks to address the lack of diverse musical opportunities for children in the Brighton area, where many children are behind in AEDC scores and families often struggle to meet basic living needs. By offering this experience, Uniting and Communities for Children aim to promote positive mental health and well-being, strengthen family relationships, and foster a deeper sense of community and cultural understanding.

Consultation

Director Corporative Services

Risk Implications

- The one-day booking of the hall will reduce availability for other paid bookings.
- Waiving fees could set a precedent for other community-based groups to request similar concessions.

Financial Implications

Uniting & Communities for Children request the Council waive the hire fees of \$481 for the event.

Strategic Plan

This request aligns with Councils Strategic Goals: -

Goal 1.1 – Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.2 – Ensure resilience and opportunity.

Goal 1.3 – Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational, and economic opportunity.

Goal 1.4 – Encourage a sense of pride, local identity, and engaging activities.

Social Implications

Supporting this event will contribute significantly to community building by providing children and families with opportunities for cultural enrichment, social interaction, and educational experiences through music. Music, as an integral part of all cultures, can foster resilience, acceptance, and stronger family and community bonds.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

Nil

Assessment

The event organisers have some funding from Communities for Children, but much of it is needed for musician fees, library room hire, subsidised food, and other interactive activities for the participants on the day. Although groups like Uniting and Communities for Children usually receive a 50% discount under Council policy, a full fee waiver is recommended due to the event’s focus on community engagement in an area with significant socio-economic challenges. This support will help ensure a successful high-quality event without compromising on any of the planned activities and engagement opportunities that will be available.

Options

1. As per recommendation.
2. Apply a 50% discount as typically granted to similar groups.
3. Other options to be discussed, such as waiving fees for part of the day.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council waive the hire fees for the Uniting and Communities for Children’s music event on 10th October 2024, for \$481, to support their efforts in providing a culturally enriching and engaging experience for local families and children.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council’s Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DECISION:

Cr Irons moved, Cr Owen seconded That Council waive the hire fees for the Uniting and Communities for Children’s music event on 10th October 2024, for \$481, to support their efforts in providing a culturally enriching and engaging experience for local families and children.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council’s Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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

14.9 Youth Expo - Request for fee waiver for Civic Centre

Author: I Singh (Admin & Facilities Management Officer)

Authorised: G Browne (Director, Corporate Services)

Background

Village People, a group of six participants from the Tasmanian Community Fund's Emerging Community Leadership Program 2024, are planning to hold a "Youth Expo" in mid to late October 2024 at the Brighton Civic Centre. They have requested that the Brighton Council waive the hire fees and cover the cost of casual hire insurance for the event day.

The Youth Expo targets young people aged 12-17 years old in the Bridgewater and Gagebrook communities. The project aims to create pathways for youth enrichment and engagement in community groups and activities. The expo will feature various clubs and organizations showcasing their activities and offering interactive "tasters." For instance, attendees might play a game of Magic: The Gathering or crochet a square with the Crochet Club. This event will provide young people with educational and learning-based activities that they can engage in regularly or during holidays, broadening their awareness and offering opportunities they might not have had previously.

The event is scheduled for 30th October 2024. The expo will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The cost for a full day hire of the Civic Centre is \$481, and the insurance fee is \$34.

Consultation

Director Corporate Services

Risk Implications

- The one-day booking of the hall will reduce availability for other paid bookings.
- Waiving fees could set a precedent for other community-based groups to request similar concessions.

Financial Implications

Village People request the Council waive the hire fees of \$481 and the insurance fee of \$34 for a total of \$515 for the event.

Strategic Plan

This request aligns with Councils Strategic Goals: -

Goal 1.1 – Engage with and enable our community

Goal 1.2 – Ensure resilience and opportunity.

Goal 1.3 – Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational, and economic opportunity.

Goal 1.4 – Encourage a sense of pride, local identity, and engaging activities.

Social Implications

Supporting the Youth Expo will significantly benefit the community by providing young people with educational, engaging, and interactive activities. This event fosters social connections, enhances learning opportunities, and contributes to the overall well-being of the youth in the community. Participating in extracurricular activities can improve mental health, develop social skills, and foster a sense of belonging and responsibility among young people.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

NIL

Assessment

Groups, clubs, and businesses similar to Village People are typically granted a 50% discount in accordance with the Council Buildings Hire Fees Policy no: 8. However, given the Youth Expo's focus on community engagement and the specific needs of local youth, waiving the fees would enable the group the opportunity to hold the youth expo and deliver a successful event that benefits the community.

Options

1. As per recommendation.
2. Apply a 50% discount.
3. Other options to be discussed, such as waiving fees for a shorter trial period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Brighton Council waive the hire fees and insurance fees for the Village People's Youth Expo on 30th October 2024 to support their community engagement efforts. The total cost to be waived is \$515.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council's Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council waive the hire fees and insurance fees for the Village People's Youth Expo on 30th October 2024 to support their community engagement efforts. The total cost to be waived is \$515.

That the waive of the hire fees be recorded as a grant in Council's Annual Report in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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	

14.10 Draft Unreasonable Conduct of Customers Policy

Author: J Dryburgh (General Manager)

Background

The Office of Local Government have provided a model policy to assist all Council's with the management of unreasonable conduct by customers across local government. The model policy provides a clear, standardised and consistent model that councils can use to inform and support our policy development processes.

Under the Work Health and Safety Act, Council has a duty of care in its role as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking to staff, councillors and others to ensure their health, safety and wellbeing and to provide a safe work environment. Part of this duty of care is ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, that workers and other persons are not exposed to risks to their psychosocial or physical health and safety and that psychosocial risks in the workplace are eliminated or minimised.

Council's Customer Service Charter, Code of Conduct Policy and Councillor Code of Conduct set out the minimum standard of expected behaviour and Council's approach to managing infringing behaviour. While the Customer Service Charter governs the vast majority of customer service interactions, it does not adequately describe unreasonable customer conduct or Council's approach to managing unreasonable customer conduct.

Unreasonable customer conduct is uncommon but can lead to:

- Adverse impacts to the health and wellbeing of staff and councillors who face unreasonable behaviour in their place of work.

- A disproportionate and unreasonable impact on Council's services, time or resources in responding to the conduct, with a consequent impact on the ability of staff and councillors to efficiently perform their roles and provide an appropriate level of service to the community.

Adopting this model policy allows Council to respond to unreasonable customer conduct in a way which prevents or minimises the negative impacts that it has on staff and councillors, and ensures transparency in Council's intended management of unreasonable customer conduct.

The other major benefit in adopting the model policy is that ideally most councils in Tasmania will also adopt it, meaning that unreasonable conduct will be responded to in the same way across municipal areas and that councils can more comfortably defend their actions as being consistent with Government advice and the sector as a whole.

Consultation

Senior Management Team

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Plan

Goal 4.2 – be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community

Social Implications

N/A

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

Nil

Options

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

That Council adopt the unreasonable conduct of customers Policy and that a copy is made publicly available on Council's website.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Council adopt the unreasonable conduct of customers Policy and that a copy is made publicly available on Council's website.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

15. Questions on Notice

There were no Questions on Notice for the August 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 move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public to deal with the following items:

Item:	Closed under:
16.1 – General Managers Performance Review	15(2)(a)

DECISION:

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

Item 16.1 – General Managers Performance Review 15(2)(a)

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	

Council Officers left the meeting 6.18pm.

16.1 General Managers Performance Review

Author: J Banks (Director, Governance & Regulatory Services)

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, having met and dealt with its business formally moves out of Closed Session and resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Agenda item	Matter	Outcome
16.1	General Managers (GM) Performance Review	Council has determined to negotiate a renewal of the GM contract for a period of 5 years.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council move out of closed session and the decision made while in closed session be ratified.

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

Meeting closed: 6.40 pm

Confirmed: _____
(Mayor)

Date: _____
17 September 2024