Brighton Council

Community Development Committee Agenda

6 May 2025

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Brighton Council

Council Representatives: Cr A De La Torre (Chairperson); Cr B Curran (Deputy Chair) Cr L Gray; Cr P Geard; Cr G Irons; Cr J McMaster; Cr T Murtagh; Cr P Owen & Cr M Whelan

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that the next **Community Development Committee Meeting** of the Brighton Council will be held at **5.15 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 6th May 2025**, to discuss business as printed below.

Qualified Person Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY that in accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any advice, information and recommendation contained in the reports related to the Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations.

Dated at Old Beach this *1st* day of *May 2025.*

James Dryburgh
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Being the General Manager as appointed by Brighton Council pursuant to Section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

AGENDA

Audio Recording of Meetings

An audio recording of this meeting, will be made in accordance with our Audio Recording of Council and Committee Meetings Policy 7.11. The audio recording will be made available on Council's website within seven (7) business days after the meeting.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Brighton Council acknowledges the palawa/pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal) community as the traditional and original owners of the skies, land and water of lutruwita (Tasmania) and forward our respect to their elders both past and present.

Brighton Council acknowledges the continued connection the Tasmanian Aboriginal people still have to the skies, land and water of lutruwita that provides them with the food, medicine and craft celebrated through ceremony today.

2. Apologies

3. Public Question Time

4. Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the L*ocal 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 Chief Executive Officer, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

5. Business

5.1 Grants and Donations 2025/26

Attachment: 2025/26 Community Grants – Applicant Summary

Author: Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Authorised: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background

The annual grants program for 2025/26 can be summarised as follows:

- The Quick Response grants exclude adults and is for individuals – this grant is for full-time students under the age of 18 years, who have been selected to represent Tasmania or Australia in a sport, the arts or another chosen field of expertise. The amounts are $100 if representing Tasmania and $200 if representing Australia.
- The Major Impact Grant is removed from the program due to these funds being allocated to the appointment of the Youth Engagement Officer for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.
- The Small Community Development Grants ($500-$5,000).
- The Medium Community Development Grant ($5,000-$15,000).
- The Small and Medium Community Development Grants are offered as just **one round** that opens at the beginning of March each year for approximately a four (4) week period. There was no obvious community demand for a second round in 2024/25, and it is anticipated that should Council be approached to consider funding a community initiative, this can be taken to Council for decision on its merits, outside of the official grant program period.
- Recommendations have been made for Council's consideration in the attached applicant summary spreadsheet, which contains a 'Recommendation' column.

The broad aims of the Community Grants Program for community are to:

1. Be healthier by improving the provision of services and supports to our growing population.
2. Reduce loneliness by enhancing community connections and activities that bring joy to people's lives.
3. Feel safer by improving the respect and care for our community, our land and our assets.
4. Make life more comfortable by increasing community awareness, education and access to sustainable living initiatives.

The Small and Medium Grant applications opened on 26 February and closed 26 March 2025. A total of 26 applications were received.

Council received the grant submissions for review at a workshop on 1 April 2025 and prior to the Community Development Committee Meeting on 6 May 2025.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer, SMT, Community Development Team.

Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A total budget of **$75,000** has been allocated to Grants and Donations for 2025/26.

This needs to allow for the Quick Response grants and any additional incidental grants or donations that Council may be asked to consider during the year. In 2024/25 a total amount of $62,600 was awarded for the Small and Medium Grants.

Strategic Plan

Goal 1:
1.1 Engage with and enable our community
1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identify and engaging activities

Goal 4:
4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

Social Implications

The overall objective of the grants program is to build capacity of our community through collaborations to deliver effective place-based initiatives and programs.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

N/A

Other Issues

Any other issues to be discussed at the meeting.

Assessment

The small and medium grants are awarded based on an assessment that they will have a positive impact on our local communities and deliver improved outcomes. The assessment should take into consideration that many of these grass roots community groups have limited funds from other sources available at their disposal.

Options

1. As per the recommendations provided in the grants summary spreadsheet.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the grants and donations requests for the Small and Medium Grants for the 2025/26 financial year are allocated as per the recommendations provided in the grants summary.

DECISION:

5.2 Youth Engagement Officer - Progress Report (February to April 2025)

Author: Youth Engagement Officer (J Flack)

Approved: Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

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 fourth progress report provided for Council's information.

Relationship Building Activities (February – April 2025)

- Attended the Greater Hobart Homeless Alliance.
- Attended the Southern Council of The Salvation Army **'Street 2 Home'** network meeting, who were able to share some statistics for the Brighton Council Area in 2024.
  - 22 clients for the year.
  - 13 couch surfing.
  - 4 sleeping rough in tents or cars.
  - 5 family violence clients requiring help relocating to shelters and rapid rehousing.
  - 14 required a 1 bed house.
  - 2 required a 2 bed house single parent 1 child.
  - 5 required a 3 bed house mostly single parent with children.
  - 1 required a 5 bed house couple with children.
- There are many people in the Brighton LGA who are described as the hidden homeless and will not be included in these statistics.
- Received a **Youth Week Grant** and ran an event during Youth Week with support from the Brighton Youth Action Group. We had over 90 attendees.
- Attended and supported the Brighton Alive Network and Brighton Alive Youth Action Group meetings.
- Brighton Youth Action Group fortnightly meetings and action planning.
- Facilitating a film being made with BYAG by local film makers about "What teachers don't see."
- Attended the Youth Network of Tasmania Youth Symposium.

- Supported the removal of items from a “memorial” created at a TasNetwork transformer box in Killarney Road.
- Worked with a seniors drumming group to connect them to Gagebrook Primary School to drum with young people in the school, creating inter-generational relationships.
- Supported a student from the Big Picture School who is interested in youth work.
- Supporting the Jordan River Services Community Shed with future planning.
- Supporting a local mum to get her Inspiring Future Leaders project implemented with Build Up Tassie – ‘Build It Up Bridgewater’ for 12-16 year olds (free hands on learning workshops).
- Attended “Where’s Your Line” gendered violence training.
- Meet and greet with new Police Inspector and Sergeant.
- Supported the Anti-Racism Campaign and Walk Against Racism.
- Participated in the pitch process for funding for targeted early intervention and prevention place-based initiatives in Brighton as part of the Tasmanian Youth Justice Reform (DPAC). Working with several grass roots community groups who are applying for funding through the initiative.
- Participated in the Engage Youth Cove Creek Easter Event.
- Utilising the Communities for Children Activity Van on a regular basis pop up events for young people.
- Regular attendance at Bond Place in Gagebrook.
- Attended the Department of Health and Aged Care round table. Orygen has been engaged to lead a diverse consortium to deliver sector-led advice to the Australian Government on the existing system and potential new and/or refined models of care for mental health services for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

Key Observations:

- Young people are more aware of my role and are engaging with me when I am out and about.
- Brighton Youth Action Network is growing with more regular attendance from individuals with an interest in youth.
- Brighton Youth Action Group are being recognised statewide for their work and there has been interest from the wider community on the work they are doing.
- Individuals and agencies are wanting to work with the Brighton Youth Action Group. Recent request from The Link Youth Health Service to attend Brighton Alive meetings and connect with local events and young people.

Consultation

Local community members & organisations; Community Development Team.

Risk Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Plan

S1.1 Engage with and enable our community

S1.2 Build resilience and opportunity

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

Social Implications

These activities collectively aim to build a more inclusive, engaged, and supportive community for young people in the Brighton area.

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

Economic Implications

N/A

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the information in the Youth Engagement Officer's Progress Report (February to April 2025).

DECISION:

6. 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:
6.1 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations	15(2)(g)

DECISION:

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
6.1	2025 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations	

DECISION: