



**Brighton  
Council**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, OLD BEACH**

**AT 5.40 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025**

**PRESENT:** Cr De La Torre (Chairperson); Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen & Cr Whelan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J Dryburgh (Chief Executive Officer); Ms J Banks (Director, Governance & Regulatory Services); Ms G Browne (Director Corporate Services); Ms A Turvey (Manager Community Development & Engagement) and Mrs K Murphy (Community Development Officer).

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

**2. Apologies**

*All members were present.*

**3. Public Question Time**

*There was no requirement for Public Question Time.*

**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 Chief Executive Officer, 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. Business

### 5.1 Grants and Donations 2025/26

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 identity 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:**

*Cr Gray moved, Cr Geard seconded 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, with the inclusion of DOSA receiving the full grant amount as requested.*

**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	
-----------	--

## 5.2 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 identity 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:**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Murtagh seconded that Council receives and notes the information in the Youth Engagement Officer's Progress Report (February to April 2025).*

**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. 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:**

*Cr Curran moved, Cr Owen 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 item:*

*Item 6.1 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations*

**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	



## **6.1 2025 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations**



## 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:**

*Cr Owen moved, Cr Curran seconded 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 not to be released until after the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

**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: 6.00pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor)

Date: 20 May 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_