

# **Brighton Council**

# **ATTACHMENTS**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

17 JUNE 2025





#### **Angela Turvey**

Subject:

FW: Civic center

**Attachments:** 

Civic center request .docx

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Subject: Re: Civic center

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Please find my letter to Council re Civic center

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I acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as enduring custodians of our ancient land and offer my respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. Working and living in lutruwita, and supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart: <a href="https://ulurustatement.org/">https://ulurustatement.org/</a>

To Brighton Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the HIPPY program that runs in our LGA.

We are asking if Council would consider waiving the hire cost for the main space at the Civic for HIPPY Brighton to hold their NAIDOC event for 2025?

HIPPY Brighton is an Aboriginal focused site that enrolls 3-year-olds in the community to encourage their love of learning and to empower parents to be their child's first and most important teacher.

NAIDOC week is a very important week for community to come together to celebrate Aboriginal culture in a culturally safe way that is place based and accessible.

We would love to hold our event at the Civic center to allow families who have no transport options to be able to attend without it being a barrier for them with public transport closely available.

During the day we will be welcoming Sid Williams and Nadia Currie from SNAICC – National Voice for our children who will be doing community consultations around the HIPPY program.

We will also be welcoming ACCO's and ACCHO's who work with our community.

Below is a time frame of what we would be asking

9-11 – Time for the team to set up cultural activities and spaces for local ACCOs and ACCHOs to set up displays and activities

11-1 – Event to take place – displays from Organizations, yarning circles and cultural experiences.

1-4 – Time for the cleaning, reflections and community consultations.

We thank you for considering this for our program

Kellyanne Williams

HIPPY Brighton - Team Leader

54 Reasons



June 2025

Dear General Managers, Mayor & Councillor's,

Reptile Rescue Inc, a Tasmanian charity established in 1999, provides statewide snake removal services through a network of trained, independent rangers.

To maintain this vital service, we rely on financial support from Tasmanian councils.

As a non-profit organisation, we face significant costs, including phone services, liability insurance and rangers' expenses.

Our voluntary phone services operate 24/7.

We're seeking donations to cover our running costs. Notably, our eighty volunteer rangers provide service at their own expense, with client payments going directly to them for fuel costs.

We're hoping that your council will consider supporting our statewide initiative.

For any enquires call 0447645953.

Warmest regards

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Jodie Jones

**Public Officer** 

Reptile Rescue Inc

Bank Details: Reptile Rescue Inc. My State BSB: 807-009 ACC: 60041811

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**BRIGHTON COUNCIL** 

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY





# DRAFT





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In the course of colonisation, dispossession of the Mumirimina was early, rapid and extensive.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community today as the continuing custodians of this land, pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Through our words and actions we strive to build a community that reflects and respects the history and hopes for all the people of Brighton.



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# Our 2050 Vision

Our place is thriving: a destination for business, learning and creation.

Our home is comfortable: safe, clean and peaceful with services and facilities for all.

Our community is proud: we embrace who we are now, while celebrating our ancient past.

Our Council cares: progressive and consultative, it combines fair rates with great services.

Our opportunities are for all: from the young to the elderly.

Our environment is cherished: we act sustainably and mindful of climate change.

Brighton: We love it.

## Why we built a 2050 Vision

In 2020, Brighton Council set out with the whole community to create a bold and optimistic plan for the future of Brighton Municipality over the next 30 years. That 30-year plan is called 2050 Vision.

2050 Vision lays out our shared hopes and goals as a community for the coming decades. It also acknowledges and responds to our current social, environmental and economic challenges.

2050 Vision has a clear focus on the things that Brighton Council has the power to shape and influence. It uses four headings to set out what Council is responsible for: Provider, Regulator, Facilitator and Advocate. Focusing on the four roles that Council has, helps ensure the Vision will be delivered.

2050 Vision is a statement of our collective aspirations for the future. By imagining together how Brighton could be in 2050, we are creating a way to make it happen.



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Cover: Food Hub volunteers.

# What is the purpose of this strategy?

The Community Engagement Strategy outlines Council's commitment to engaging the Brighton community and valuing the diverse perspectives, experiences and expertise our community has to offer.

We view community engagement as vital for good governance and leadership, recognising the important role our community plays in shaping the Brighton Local Government Area (LGA).

Council is dedicated to meaningful and equitable community engagement. This strategy details Council's commitments to integrate community engagement into activities, supporting decision-making, relationship building, and community strengthening.

Brighton Council's approach to community engagement is also guided by the Tasmanian Government's Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-2026. These reforms will mandate a new local government planning and reporting framework, including a legislated community engagement plan.

Community engagement is the responsibility of Councillors, council departments and employees, and also applies to contractors and consultants undertaking work on behalf of Council. To ensure the effective application of engagement processes and principles, the Community Engagement checklist has been developed to provide guidance for Council employees (refer Attachment 1).

The Community Engagement Strategy should be applied at the planning stage of any project or initiative, when a change in service, activities or infrastructure is considered, when an issue is raised and requires a decision or when more information or evidence is required. Engagement may be required at multiple stages within a project, program or development.

Brighton Council takes an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to working with and engaging with community. ABCD emphasises identifying and building upon the existing strengths, skills, knowledge, and connections within a community. It empowers communities to take ownership of their development, rather than relying solely on external resources. ABCD recognises the importance of local relationships in driving community development and connecting individuals and groups. It fosters collaboration among residents, organisations, and institutions within the community.

Our aim for community engagement, is to not only ask 'What do you need or want?' as a community member but 'How do you want to contribute, share your knowledge, bring your strengths to the table and fully participate in decision making and change?'

This strategy does not apply to processes that follow prescribed procedures, such as land use planning applications or other Council procedures, including service requests or complaints.

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# What is community engagement?

Community engagement provides various opportunities for public involvement in Council decision-making, relationship building and community strengthening.

Effective community engagement allows Council to make informed decisions at both operational and strategic levels, creating a mutual understanding between Council and the community. Community engagement is achieved when the community is included and not only feels involved in the process but where relevant is driving the process and leading change.

Some community engagement processes are undertaken to support decision making, some are about relationship building whilst others are focused on community strengthening (or capacity building). Often engagement processes support two or all three of these objectives.

# Inform decision making

To provide opportunities for the community to contribute to decision making process.

# Build relationships

To build relationships and/or improve relationships with the community.

# Strengthen community

To build the capacity of the community on a specific theme or issue to increase knowledge or change behaviours. This strategy adopts the International Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum which underpins Council's planning, implementation and evaluation of its community engagement practices.

Website

The IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum demonstrates the possible types of engagement with stakeholders and communities across five levels – **Inform**, **Consult**, **Involve**, **Collaborate** and **Empower**.

The table below identifies these levels and outlines the amount of involvement from both Council and the community/stakeholders within each level.

workshops

#### Inform Involve **Empower** Low level of public engagement Mid level of public engagement High level of public engagement Consult Collaborate Inform Involve **Empower** Goal One-way Two-way Participatory Working together To build the capacity communication to communication process designed to to develop an of the community to provide balanced process aimed help identify issues lead their own plans understanding and objective at obtaining and views to ensure of all issues and for change. information to assist feedback on ideas, that concerns and interests to work understanding about alternatives and aspirations are out alternatives and something that is proposals to inform understood and identify preferred going to happen our decision making. considered. collective solutions. or has already happened. Contribute Role of the **Partner** Lead Listen **Participate** community Community panels Workshops **Possible** • Advertisements • Focus groups Participatory engagement Brighton Public exhibition Advisory decision making Deliberative methods Community News • Surveys/Have Committees Facilitated workshops Public Notices your Say workshops Training events · Social Media Co-creation





Tea Tree Community Association

# Our commitment to the community

Council's Community Engagement Strategy outlines our commitment to plan, develop, implement, evaluate and continually improve community engagement processes.

When engaging the community we will be open and accountable in our decision making process. Council commits that:

- We will ensure that the purpose of our engagement is clear, relevant and the methods used are well suited to generate highly effective community engagement.
- We will provide information that is clear, easy to understand and accessible.
- We will proactively engage with our community in an ethical manner using a range of methods and enable everyone to have a voice on matters of importance to them. We will provide engagement opportunities that are mutually respectful, undertaken in reasonable timeframes and with a shared understanding of how the input will inform decision making processes.
- We will value all participants' knowledge, expertise and experiences, acknowledging that everyone has different views and needs.

- We will undertake evaluation processes to continually improve our approach to community engagement.
- We will report back to our community in a timely manner about how their input was considered and influenced the final outcome.
- We will use information provided by community engagement to advocate on behalf of our community to relevant parties.
- Where possible, we will give our community the power to make decisions on matters that directly impact their health and wellbeing.

These commitments are built upon the core values identified by the International Association of Public Participation<sup>1</sup>.

1. The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is an international organisation advancing the practice of public participation.

# Why we engage ...

Community engagement is a collaborative process that connects Council with the community in a mutually beneficial sharing of new ideas, skills, knowledge, expertise and experience.

Effective and meaningful community engagement has real benefits for both Council and the community. Identifying the priorities, needs and aspirations of the community will help Council enhance its strategic planning and service delivery. A regular two-way conversation ensures Council is transparent, accountable and informed in its decision making process, aligning with our core values of *community; vision; integrity and respect*.

Where appropriate, community engagement should go above and beyond legislative requirements. The information and knowledge gained through hearing a range of community perspectives assists Council to make informed decisions; develop strong partnerships and create sustainable outcomes.

The community also benefit from participating in engagement activities. Participation can create a sense of belonging and connection; increase community involvement; unite and empower individuals and communities; and lead to greater community ownership and resilience. The knowledge, expertise and experience gained also provides Council with a foundation to advocate to other relevant parties, including Federal and State Government bodies, on issues that are important to our community and are out of its direct control.

In summary, there are a broad range of benefits to effective and authentic community engagement, both to Council and the community. Some of these benefits include:

- Better understand the needs and priorities of our diverse community and stakeholders
- Fostering strong relationships and partnerships within our community
- Providing a valuable source of evidencebased information which gives a wider perspective on issues and supports Council's future planning and service delivery activities
- Supporting transparency and accountability, integrity is demonstrated, and trust is built between all parties
- Ensuring the community's right to assist with democratic processes
- Ensuring informed decision making occurs and issues are addressed
- Helping to inform and assist with advocacy
- Leading to more sustainable outcomes
- Building community resilience and capacity leading to community empowerment



# Who we engage ...

Brighton is a diverse community with a mix of people from all walks of life, who all have unique experiences, interests and expertise. Our engagement process will identify community and stakeholders who are impacted by or interested in a project or Council decision.

For the purpose of this strategy:

- The Brighton community is defined as individuals or groups who live, work, play, visit, study, invest in or pass through the Brighton LGA.
- The term 'stakeholder' defines our community groups or individuals who are directly impacted by, involved with, or interested in, Council's decision making, relationship building or community strengthening processes.



Café Connections

Our stakeholders include:

- Ratepayers and residents
- Business community
- · Community service providers
- Sports clubs
- Community/social groups
- Environment and climate groups
- Arts and culture groups
- Children and young people
- Seniors
- Emergency services
- Government agencies
- Local, State and Federal MP's
- Councillors
- Employees, contractors and consultants
- Council committees
- Youth groups
- User groups
- People from culturally & linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Religious groups
- LGBTIQA+ community
- Indigenous community
- Media
- Neighbouring councils
- Schools and students
- Volunteers
- Volunteer organisations
- Philanthropic organisations



# When we engage ...

Community engagement should take place at the planning stage of any project or initiative, when a change in service, activities or infrastructure is considered, when an issue is raised and requires a decision or when more information or evidence is required.

Engagement will often be undertaken at multiple stages within a project, program or development. In essence, community engagement should be ongoing, involving continuous collaboration and conversations between Council and community at all levels and in multiple ways that best suit how community members want to engage and communicate based on the topic or issue at hand.

## Circumstances that trigger engagement activities:

Council will promote opportunities for the community to actively participate in the following Council processes:

- Where a proposed change to Council activities or strategic direction may significantly affect the community in terms of economy, lifestyle, environment, wellbeing or amenity of the municipality.
- Determining key long-term visions for Council.
- Introducing a new service, discontinuing an existing service or substantially changing or reviewing a service that may significantly affect how services are provided.
- Proposals for changing the way in which public space looks, is used or enjoyed.
- The community raises an issues with Council for a decision (or outcome) and there are likely to be competing community interests.
- Planning and development of major projects and capital works, including public buildings, centre or other infrastructure.

- Strategic planning and urban development/ redevelopment proposals, such as structure plans, that may significantly alter the existing amenity or characteristics of a geographic area.
- Any circumstance where Council and community needs more information or evidence to make an informed decision.

#### Mandatory engagement

Whilst the Local Government Act 1993 and a range of other legislation set out minimum requirements for some specific consultations, each engagement process needs to be considered on its individual basis and merits. In many instances Council will go above and beyond the minimum requirements to gain a strong understanding of our community's wants and needs to ensure we are achieving the best possible outcomes for our community.

# Circumstances where Council's engagement with the community will be limited

There are times when Council's level of engagement with the community and key stakeholders will be limited. In certain circumstances, Council may only be able to inform the community and stakeholders of Council's decisions and actions.

#### Examples include when:

- Council is not the lead agency
- an immediate resolution is required
- specialist or technical expertise is the critical determinant
- an initiative involves confidential or commercial information
- there are clear and defined legislative responsibilities that must be met
- developing or reviewing internal policies and procedures
- there is risk to public safety

# How we engage ...

There is no one-size fits all approach to community engagement activities.

A variety of methods will be required to cater for the different purposes of engagement as well as the broad range of groups and individuals in the community.

#### **Plan**

Define the engagement purpose, objectives and scope

Understand the level of impact/interest

Design appropriate community and engagement methods

#### **Improve**

Lessons learnt

Ideas for continuous improvement

#### Do

Implement the engagement

Ensure participation is inclusive and accessible

Provide clear, timely communications

#### **Evaluate**

Measure outcomes – objectives met and achieved

Were communication and engagement methods appropriate

Share evaluation outcomes

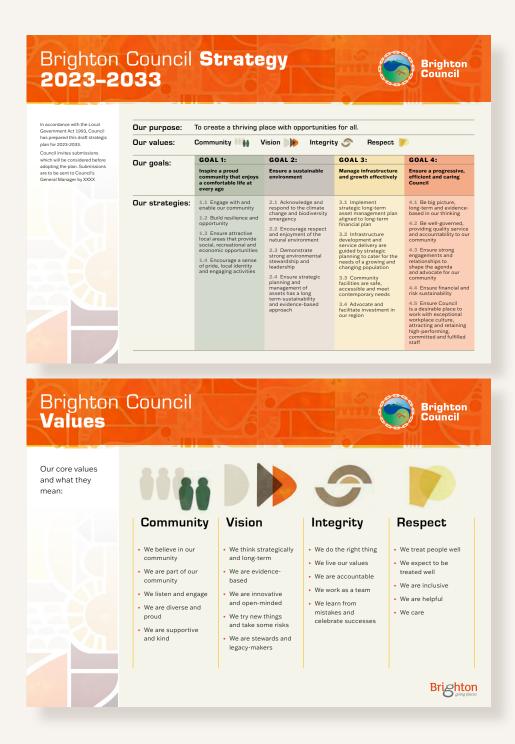
#### Share

Report back to the community and stakeholders

Inform the decision-making process

# Relationship to Brighton Council Strategic Plan and 2050 Vision

Community engagement processes support the delivery of all outcome areas identified in the Strategic Plan 2023–2033 and 2050 Vision.



# **Community Engagement Checklist**

Project Name:					
Project Officer:					
Department:					
Engagement dates: From	to				
Brief description of the project What is the purpose and timeline?					
Key issues Identify any current/historical issues that ma	y have an impact on the project.				
Community Engagement objectives What information do you need? What will you do with it? What outcomes are you after by this engagement?					
Authorisation of Community Engagement:  Council Resolution (date of Council meeting) Annual Plan (identify reference) Legislative requirement (List Act/Regulation) Other (e.g Project Management)					
What is the level of engagement?					
□ INFORM  One-way communication providing balanced and objective information to assist understanding about something that is going to happen or has happened.  □ CONSULT  Two way communication designed to obtain public feedback about ideas on rationale, alternatives and proposals to inform decision making.	□ INVOLVE  Participatory process designed to help identify issues and views to ensure that concerns and aspirations are understood and considered prior to decision making.  □ COLLABORATE  Working together with stakeholders to understand all issues and interests and to work out alternatives and identify preferred solutions.				

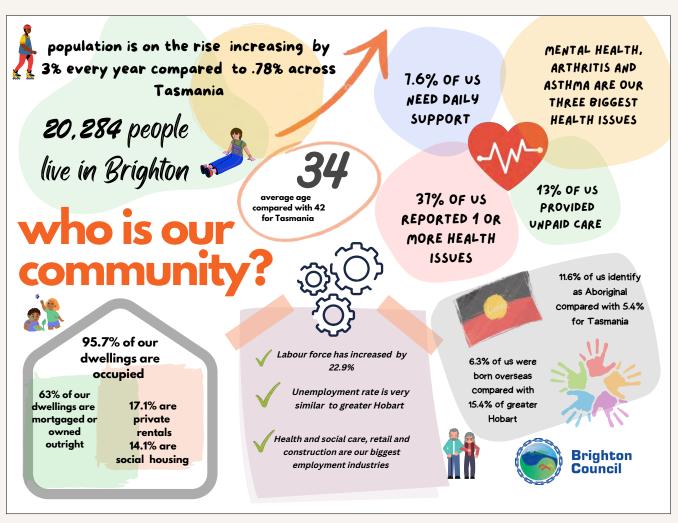
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Community stakeholders	☐ Brighton wide	·				
	Local area/s (list)					
☐ Business community						
	☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community					
	☐ Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALO) community					
	☐ Families and childre	☐ Families and children				
	☐ Young people					
	☐ Service networks					
	☐ Persons living with disabilities and their carers					
	☐ Other government agencies					
	☐ Community associations/clubs/organisations					
	Older people					
	☐ Other: (list)					

# Stakeholder Engagement Method Timeframe Responsible Officer/s Pre-Engagement Phase What needs to occur prior to engaging stakeholders? Engagement Phase How are you going to engage stakeholders? Post Engagement Phase How will you report back to stakeholders?

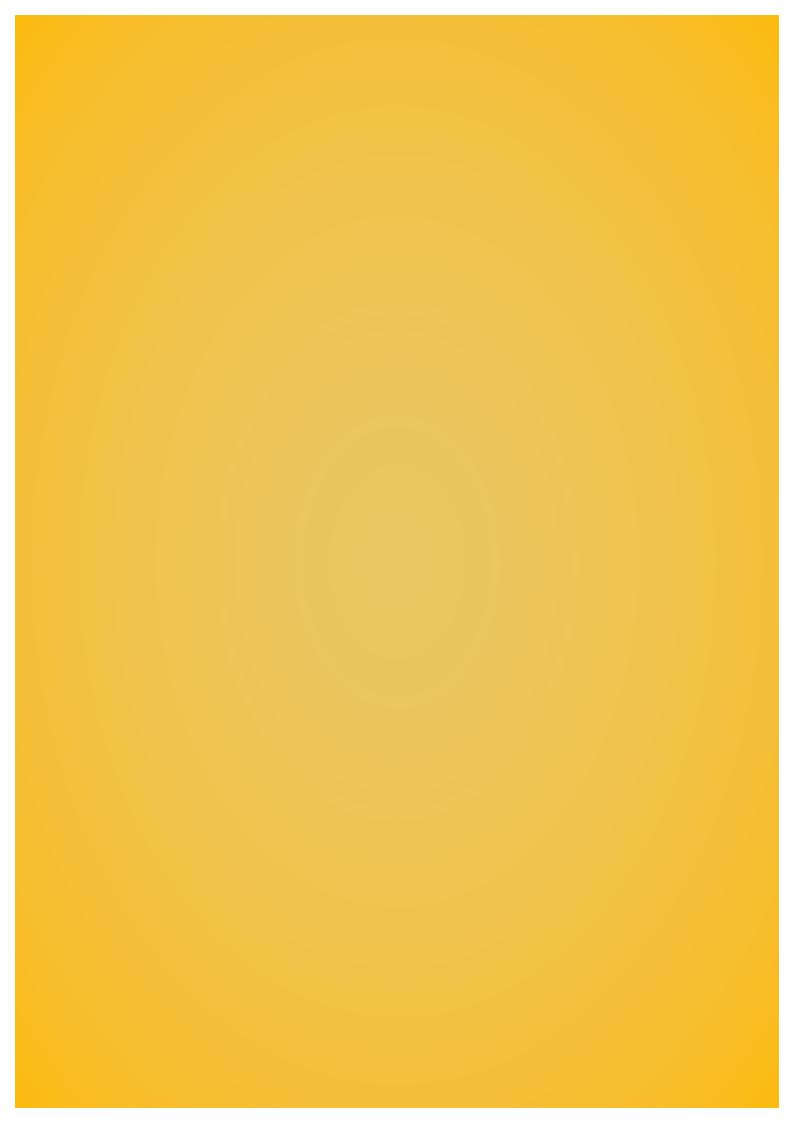
#### **Evaluation**

Identify measures to evaluate engagement (eg attendance number, number of response, diversity etc) consider the tool for the evaluation

# Appendix 1: Who is our community?



ABS data





#### **Brighton Council**

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# **Brighton Council**

# LGBTIQA+ Community Consultation Report

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## Summary

### Why this consultation?

Brighton Council's *2050 Vision*<sup>1</sup> sees Brighton becoming a **thriving place** with a **proud community**, where all residents benefit from a **good life at every age** in a **comfortable home** with a **sustainable environment**, supported by a **caring Council**.

Part of achieving this vision involves making sure that we foster an **inclusive approach** which empowers all regardless of who you are and where you come from. One group that we know experience challenges in our community are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (trans), intersex, queer/questioning, and asexual people (LGBTIQA+).

Around 4.5% of Australia's population are LGBTIQA+<sup>2</sup>. In Brighton, this equates to nearly 900 people<sup>3</sup>. While many LGBTIQA+ people live happy and healthy lives, ongoing discrimination and stigma against this group mean that they have poorer health, reduced outcomes at school and work, and greater housing instability than the wider population.<sup>4</sup>

Part of supporting our diverse community in Brighton means **boosting health and wellbeing**. Given that 37% of Brighton residents report health issues,<sup>5</sup> with mental health featuring prominently, addressing the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ residents is important for improving the overall quality of life in the Brighton area. Brighton's population is growing faster than Tasmania as a whole<sup>4</sup> and Tasmania's population of LGBTIQA+ is higher than the national average.<sup>1</sup> Because of this, it is likely that our LGBTIQA+ community may increase with time.

We wanted to consult our community to better understand local experiences and needs. While national and state-wide<sup>6</sup> data on LGBTIQA+ populations provide a background for the health and wellbeing experiences of LGBTIQA+ people in Brighton,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Brighton Council. (2021). 2050 Vision. Available at: https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/2050-vision/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2024). Estimates and characteristics of LGBTI+ populations in Australia. Available at: <a href="https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/estimates-and-characteristics-lgbti-populations-australia/latest-release#:~:text=for%20further%20information.-</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>,LGBTI%2B%20Australians,and%20lowest%20in%20older%20Australians</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2021). Census QuickStats: Brighton LGA. Available at: <a href="https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA60410">https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA60410</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Hill et al. (2020). *Private Lives 3: The health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people in Australia*. ARCSHS Monograph Series No. 122. Melbourne, Australia: ARCSHS, La Trobe University.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Brighton Council. (2025). About Us. Available at: <a href="https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/about-us/">https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/about-us/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Dwyer et al. (2021) 'LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians: Telling us the story - Final Report. Available at:

https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0025/247147/LGBTIQ-Tasmanians-Telling-Us-the-Story-Survey-Report-May-2022.pdf

more detail about their experiences in Brighton will help identify areas for community development.

#### How did we consult the community?

Between October 2024 and February 2025 we surveyed LGBTIQA+ people, their families, friends, and allies who live, work, and visit the Brighton area to hear how Brighton can be more safe, welcoming and inclusive for all. The survey was designed in consultation with community members and was promoted widely through local and state-wide print and social media.

#### Who did we hear from?

A total of 51 individuals completed the survey. This included people of all ages (14+) who live, work, visit, and go to school in the Brighton area. We heard from a mix of LGBTIQA+ community members, as well as non-LGBTIQA+ people who are parents, family members, and those working with LGBTIQA+ people in Brighton.

#### What did we learn?

Most LGBTIQA+ participants felt welcome in Brighton, but concerns about safety and inclusion persist, particularly for trans and non-binary residents. Key priorities identified were LGBTIQA+ training for council staff, public all-gender toilets, and greater visibility of inclusion. Participants also highlighted the need for improved mental health services and anti-discrimination efforts in the area.

## Glossary<sup>7</sup>

**Asexual -** A lack of sexual attraction to others, or low or absent desire for sexual activity or relationships. Some asexual people still seek romantic relationships with others, however, sex is not experienced as a big part of their identity or how they connect with others.

**Bisexual** – A person who is sexually and/or romantically attracted to people of the same gender and people of other genders.

**Cisgender -** A term describing people whose gender identity is in line with the expectations based on the sex they were presumed at birth. (e.g. someone who was presumed female at birth who describes themselves as a woman is a cisgender or 'cis' woman).

**Gay -** An person who identifies as a man and is sexually and/or romantically attracted to other people who identify as men. The term gay can also be used in relation to women who are sexually and/or romantically attracted to other women.

**Gender -** Refers to how you understand who you are and how you interact with other people. Many people understand their gender as being female or male. Some people understand their gender as a combination of these or neither. A person's gender identity refers to their deeply held internal and individual feeling of their gender. Gender can be expressed in different ways, such as through behaviour or physical appearance.

**Gender diversity -** Acknowledges that there are many different ways to identify outside of the binary of male/man and female/woman.

**Heterosexual** – A person who is only sexually and/or romantically attracted to people of a different gender to them.

**Intersex -** Refers to people with innate variations of sex characteristics (genetic, hormonal or physical) that do not conform with medical norms for female or male bodies. Being intersex is a naturally occurring variation in humans and there are lots of ways someone can be intersex. Not all people with such characteristics identify as intersex.

**Lesbian** – A person who identifies as a woman and is sexually and/or romantically attracted to other people who identify as women.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Dwyer et al. (2021) 'LGBTIQ+ Tasmanians: Telling us the story - Final Report. Available at: https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0025/247147/LGBTIQ-Tasmanians-Telling-Us-the-Story-Survey-Report-May-2022.pdf

**LGBTIQA+** - An acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning, asexual and other people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. This acronym is widely used and has been adopted by all Tasmanian Government departments, however, there are other terminologies and expressions that people use.

Non-binary - Refers to someone who does not identify as exclusively male or female.

**Queer -** A term people often use to express fluid identities and orientations. Some people use queer to describe their own gender and/or sexuality if other terms do not fit. For some people, especially older people, 'queer' has negative connotations, because in the past it was used as a derogatory term.

**Pansexual -** A sexual orientation describing people who are sexually and/or romantically attracted to any people regardless of their gender identities.

**Sex** - The legal status that was initially determined by sex characteristics observed at birth (i.e. female, male).

**Sex characteristics -** A person's physical sex features such as their chromosomes, hormones, and reproductive organs.

**Sexual orientation** - Describes a person's physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction to another person. Sometimes the term 'sexuality' is used to mean the same thing.

**Transgender (trans) -** An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were presumed at birth. For example, if someone is presumed female at birth but lives as a man, they are a trans man. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation. Trans people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, etc.

The Progress Pride Flag adds a chevron to the traditional rainbow flag to highlight inclusion and progress. It features black and brown stripes for LGBTQIA+ people of colour, and pink, blue, and white for the trans community—emphasising the need for continued equity, visibility, and justice across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum.



## **Consultation Results**

## About the participants

A total of **51** participants completed the survey. Most participants were local residents who identified as members of the LGBTIQA+ community.

#### Age:

The age distribution ranged from 14-65+, with the largest proportion falling within the 25-34 (23.5% n=12) and 45-54 (23.5% n=12) age brackets.

Age Group	Number of Respondents (n)	Percentage (%)
14-17	6	11.8%
18-24	4	7.8%
25-34	12	23.5%
35-44	10	19.6%
45-54	12	23.5%
55-64	4	7.8%
65 or older	3	5.9%
	Total: 51	100%

#### Gender:

**51.1%** (n=**24**) of respondents were women, 25.5% (n=12) were men, and 17% (n=8) were non-binary. Approximately 23.4% (n=11) of participants were trans (reported that their gender was different from the one assigned at birth).

No participants indicated that they were born with a variation of sex characteristics (this is sometimes called being intersex).

#### Connection to LGBTIQA+ community:

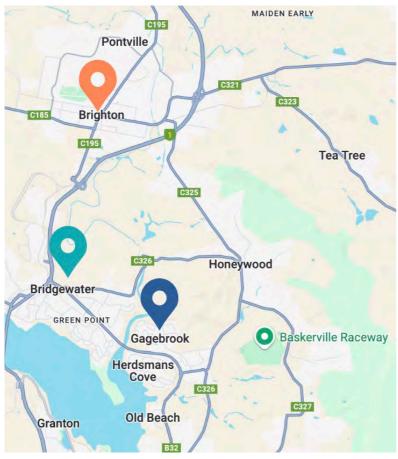
Most participants (55.3% n=26) identified as part of the LGBTIQA+ community, while others were parents (10.6% n=5), family members (31.9% n=15), or friends/partners (29.8% n=14) of LGBTIQA+ people.

While 38% (n=18) identified as heterosexual or straight, other participants identified with a range of

sexual orientations including: bisexual/pansexual (23.4% n=11), gay or lesbian (17% n=8), queer (17% n=8), and asexual/demisexual (8.5% n=4).

Among LGBTIQA+ participants, the majority (59.2%) felt part of the Tasmanian LGBTIQA+ community, and reported that being part of that community was a positive thing for them (66%). This compares similarly to population levels of LGBTIQA-community-belonging and positive perceptions of community-belonging nationally<sup>8</sup> and state-wide<sup>9</sup>.

#### Residential Location and Connection to the Brighton Area:



Claremont, Montrose and Hobart.

The majority of participants (76.6% n=36) lived in the Brighton area.

Additionally, 31.9% (n=15) indicated that they worked or went to school in the area, while 21.3% (n=10) reported socialising or engaging in recreational activities there. A smaller proportion had previously lived in the area or regularly visit.

Among the 36 respondents who provided location data, the most common places of residence were **Brighton** (21.3% n=10), **Gagebrook** (19.2% n=9), and **Bridgewater** (14.9% n=7). Smaller proportions of participants lived in Herdsmans Cove, Old Beach, Pontville, and Dromedary.

19.2% (*n*=9) of participants lived outside the area in areas such as Broadmarsh, Clarence, Glenorchy,

#### **Cultural Background:**

Nearly all participants (97.9% n=46) were born in Australia, though the sample was culturally diverse. **31.9%** (n=15) of participants were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, likely reflecting Brighton's higher population of these groups than the Tasmanian and national average. <sup>10</sup> The majority (66.7% n=30) of participants described their cultural background as Anglo-Celtic, while smaller proportions identified as Eastern European, Middle Eastern, and African. No participants

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Hill et al. (2020). *Private Lives 3: The health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people in Australia*. ARCSHS Monograph Series No. 122. Melbourne, Australia: ARCSHS, La Trobe University.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Hinton et al. (2024). LGBTQA+ mental health and suicidality: Tasmania Briefing Paper. Melbourne, Australia: Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2021). Census QuickStats: Brighton LGA. Available at:

spoke a language other than English at home.

#### **Education:**

Participants reported higher levels of education compared to the broader population of Brighton and Tasmania as a whole.  $^{11}$  31.9% (n=15) holding a graduate or postgraduate degree, 17% (n=8) a bachelor's degree, and 14.9% (n=7) having completed TAFE. Others had completed Year 12 (8.5%) or had lower levels of schooling.

#### Work:

**46.8%** (n=**22**) were in full-time work, while others reported working part-time (14.9% n=7), casually (10.6% n=5), or being students (19.1% n=9). A smaller proportion identified as self-employed or retired.

#### Disability:

Reflecting what we know about the broader population in Brighton, 12 36.2% (*n*=17) of respondents identified as having a disability, being neurodiverse, or having a long-term physical or mental health condition.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2021). Census QuickStats: Brighton LGA. Available at: <a href="https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA60410">https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA60410</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Brighton Council. (2025). About Us. Available at: <a href="https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/about-us/">https://www.brighton.tas.gov.au/council/about-us/</a>

# LGBTIQA+ People and their Families Living, Working, and Visiting the Brighton Area

#### Attachment to Place:

Participants were asked a series of questions to gauge their level of attachment to the Brighton area. These included the extent to which they agreed with statements such as: "The Brighton area is very special to me," "I am very attached to the natural environment in the Brighton area," and "I feel part of the Brighton community."

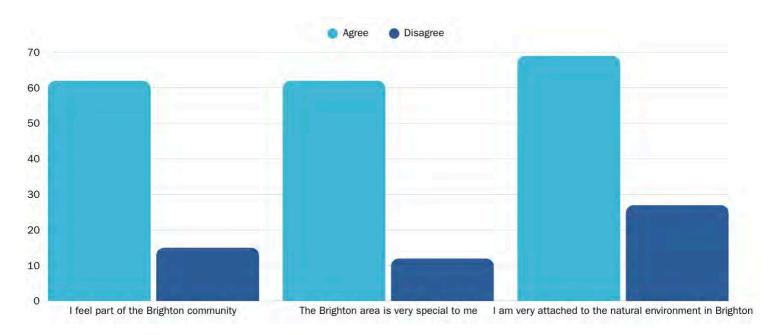
When asked about their sense of belonging, 62.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they felt part of the Brighton community, while 22.5% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 15% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

The Brighton area was described as very special by 62.5% of participants, while 30% held neutral views, and 7.5% disagreed. Similarly, 47.5% of respondents stated that living in Brighton was an important part of their identity, whereas 40% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 12.5% disagreed.

In terms of the natural environment, **69.2%** of participants reported feeling strongly attached to the area's natural surroundings. However, when asked whether Brighton was the best place for the activities they enjoy, responses were more varied—25.7% agreed, 45% were neutral, while 27.5% disagreed.

Trans and gender diverse participants were highly represented among those with low-levels of connection to the Brighton area.

These results suggest that while many participants felt a connection to the Brighton community and valued its natural environment, there were mixed perspectives on the area's personal significance and its suitability for various activities.



#### Attachment to Community:

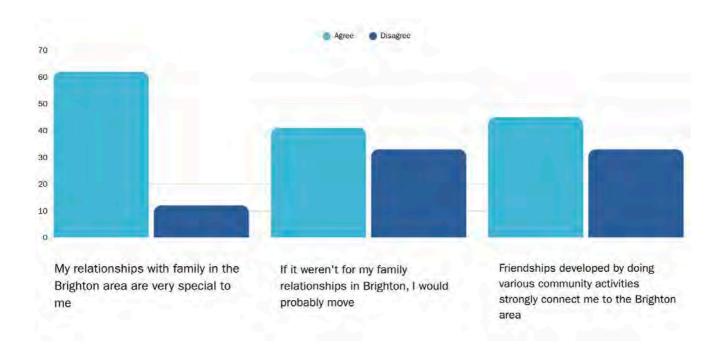
Participants were asked a series of questions to gauge their levels of attachment to the community in the Brighton area. These included the extent to which they agreed with statements such as: "My relationships with family in the Brighton area are very special to me" "Friendships developed by doing various community activities strongly connect me to the Brighton area."

Participants reported varied experiences regarding their sense of community in Brighton. When asked about the role of family in their connection to the area, **62.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their relationships with family in Brighton were special to them**. However, 25% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 12.5% disagreed.

For some, family was a key reason for staying in Brighton—41% agreed that they lived in the area because of their family, while 33% disagreed, and 26% remained neutral. Similarly, 47.5% stated that without their family relationships, they would likely move away, though 25% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 27.5% disagreed.

Friendships and social connections also played a role in participants' sense of belonging. **45%** agreed that friendships formed through community activities helped them feel connected to **Brighton**, while 35% neither agreed nor disagreed, and 20% disagreed.

These results suggest that while family and friendships contributed to some participants' sense of belonging, community ties were not universally strong, with a notable proportion of respondents feeling neutral or disconnected from the area.



#### Places Participants Visited in Brighton and Their Perceptions:

"A lot of the time the problem is not knowing whether people in public support LGBT, not knowing whether to have your guard up or not" - Participant

Participants reported visiting a variety of public spaces in the Brighton area over the past 12 months. The most frequently visited locations included general public areas, bus stops, public toilets and parks.

Location visited in past 12 months	Number of Respondents (n)	Percentage (%)
Brighton Civic Centre	22	53.6%
Community halls	14	34.1%
Cris Fitzpatrick Community Park	18	43.9%
Bridgewater Parkland	18	43.9%
Bridgewater Foreshore Parkland	16	39%
Bond Place	16	39%
Ted Jeffries Memorial Park	12	29.2%
Brighton Regional Sports Pavilion	10	24.3%
Public toilets	19	46.3%
Council offices	13	31.7%
Other parks and playgrounds	17	41.4%
Bus stops/public transport	19	46.3%
Other public spaces in the area (e.g. streets, shopping centres)	29	70.7%

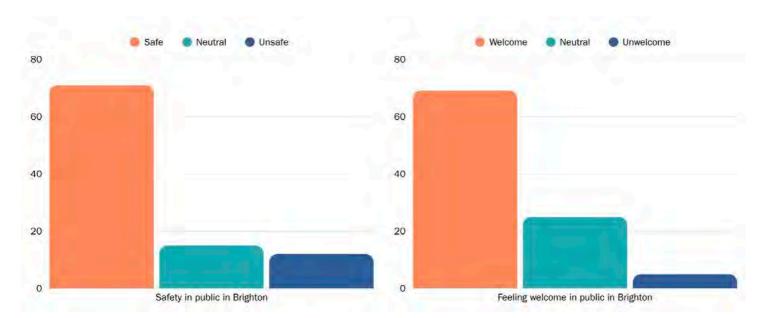
When asked about **safety** in these public spaces, most participants (48.7%) reported feeling "safe," while 23.1% felt "very safe." However, a significant portion (15.4%) felt "neither safe nor unsafe," while 12.8% expressed feeling "unsafe."

Of the small number of participants who reported feeling unsafe in public spaces in Brighton, all were members of the LGBTIQA+ community (or preferred not to say) and the majority were women or non-binary people.

Perceptions of **welcomeness** were generally positive, with 69.2% feeling either "welcome" or "very welcome." However, 25.6% felt neutral, and a small number (5.1%) reported feeling "unwelcome" or "very unwelcome."

Of those few who reported feeling unwelcome or very unwelcome, all were non-binary people.

These results show that while most participants felt safe and welcome in Brighton's public spaces, some expressed concerns about safety and inclusion.



"More work to remove hateful graffiti would be appreciated." - Participant

#### **Discrimination and Harassment:**

"We need to be accepted as part of the community. Occasionally groups of young people walking the streets will abuse me or my partner. This has to stop otherwise we do not feel welcome in the community." - Participant

Participants reported mixed experiences of bullying, harassment, or discrimination in the Brighton area relating to their LGBTIQA+ identities.

32.3% of LGBTIQA+ participants reported experiencing bullying, harassment, or discrimination in **Brighton in their lifetime**, with 22.6% experiencing these in the past year.

This is markedly lower than the rates of discrimination reported in the past year by LGBTIQA+ adults nationally (57%), <sup>13</sup> and state-wide (sexual orientation: 57.6%; gender identity: 85%). <sup>14</sup> Based on these figures, while this small sample of LGBTIQA+ community members may not have experienced high rates recent discrimination *in the Brighton area*, it is likely that this population still faces substantial challenges elsewhere and continue to require local responses and support. Notably, participants who were most likely to have ever experienced discrimination in Brighton were trans or non-binary people and cisgender gay men.

Participants were also likely to have seen or heard about discriminatory incidents happening to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Hinton et al. (2024). LGBTQA+ mental health and suicidality: Tasmania Briefing Paper. Melbourne, Australia: Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University

others. A total of **32.3% reported witnessing or hearing about someone else being bullied, harassed, or discriminated against due to their LGBTIQA+ identity in Brighton**, while 64.5% had not.

For those who had ever experienced or witnessed discrimination (n=18) against LGBTIQA+ people in Brighton, most common locations included public spaces including businesses, public transport, and parks, with a smaller proportion experiencing or witnessing discrimination in local sporting and healthcare facilities.

Location	Percentage (%)	
Work	11%	
Public Transport	22%	
Retail and hospitality businesses	44%	
Parks	22%	
Sporting club	5%	
Healthcare setting	5%	

If you or someone you know has experienced bullying, harassment, or discrimination relating to their LGBTIQA+ identity, there is support available:

**Working It Out:** Tasmania's gender and sexuality support service, visit: <a href="https://www.workingitout.org.au/">https://www.workingitout.org.au/</a> or call 6231 1200 to arrange a free and confidential support session

**QLIFE**: free anonymous LGBTIQA+ peer support & referral (www.qlife.org.au) Phone & web chat 3pm till midnight every day – Ph: 1800 184 527

Lifeline: 24/7 Crisis support and suicide prevention (www.lifeline.org.au) - Ph: 13 11 14

**BeyondBlue**: 24/7 mental health information & qualified support for you or someone else (www.beyondblue.org.au) – call: 1300 224 636

**Kids Helpline:** Free and confidential support service for children and young people, visit <a href="https://kidshelpline.com.au/">https://kidshelpline.com.au/</a> or call 1800 55 1800

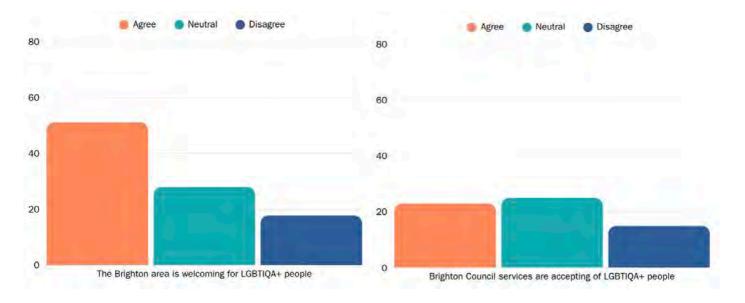
Headspace: Youth mental health service provider (12-25 years). Go to www.headspace.org.au to find your local centre.

13YARN: Free confidential support service for mob, 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone - 13 92 76

**Head to Health:** mental health advice, support & help services in your area (<a href="www.headtohealth.gov.au">www.headtohealth.gov.au</a>). Phone support 8.30am - 5pm weekdays (except public holidays)— call: <a href="mailto:1800-595-212">1800-595-212</a>.

# LGBTIQA+ Inclusion in Brighton

While **51.2%** of respondents agreed that the Brighton area is welcoming for LGBTIQA+ people, others were either neutral (28.2%) or disagreed (17.9%). The majority of participants also believed that Brighton Council services are accepting of LGBTIQA+ people (57.5%), though smaller proportions were neutral (25%) or disagreed (15%). Trans and non-binary people represented the majority of those who disagreed.



Among trans and non-binary participants, 59% felt that their local community in Brighton had affirmed their gender in ways that were important to them. This is markedly higher than the 35% of trans and non-binary adults nationally who reported the same. 15

Participants identified several **key actions that they felt would best support LGBTIQA+ people**, their families, and friends in the Brighton area. The top three priorities were:

## 1. LGBTIQA+ Inclusion Training for Brighton Council Staff and Elected Members

 Many participants emphasised the need for local government representatives to receive training on LGBTIQA+ inclusion to foster a more welcoming and supportive community.

#### 2. Public All-Gender Toilets

 Accessible, gender-inclusive public facilities were seen as an important step toward making public spaces safer and more inclusive for transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse residents and visitors to the area.

#### 3. More visible signs of LGBTIQA+ Inclusion for local venues and businesses

 Participants wanted better visibility of and access to LGBTIQA+ services, suggesting that the council could play a role in connecting people to relevant community supports.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Hill et al. (2020). *Private Lives 3: The health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people in Australia*. ARCSHS Monograph Series No. 122. Melbourne, Australia: ARCSHS, La Trobe University.

Other frequently mentioned priorities included:

- Flying rainbow flags or installing a rainbow zebra-crossing,
- LGBTIQA+ ally badges for council staff, and
- Increased engagement and consultation with the LGBTIQA+ community.



When asked **what resources are most needed to support LGBTIQA+ people** in the Brighton area more generally, participants prioritised the following:

- 1. Mental health services and support groups
- 2. Educational resources
- 3. Police and emergency services education

"Having groups and events for queer people to have a stronger sense of community within Brighton"

- Participant

## Recommendations

The results of our community consultation survey reflect the need for the following actions:

### 1. Strengthen LGBTIQA+ Inclusion Training for Council Staff and Elected Members

- Implement regular LGBTIQA+ awareness and inclusion training for all council staff and elected members, including as part of standard onboarding procedures for new staff.
- Ensure training includes specific content on the needs of trans and gender diverse people, given that they reported lower levels of safety and affirmation in the community.
- Develop clear policies and guidelines for addressing discrimination and harassment in council-run services and spaces.

## 2. Improve Visibility of LGBTIQA+ Inclusion in Public Spaces

- Introduce visible markers of inclusion, such as a rainbow flags, a rainbow zebra-crossing, "Everyone is Welcome" stickers for businesses, and LGBTIQA+ ally badges/lanyards for council staff.
- Promote and display LGBTIQA+ resources in community centres and local businesses.
- Actively celebrate LGBTIQA+ events and days of significance, such as TasPride (January/February), International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex discrimination, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) (May 17) and Trans Day of Visibility (March 31).

## 3. Enhance Safety and Accessibility in Public Spaces

- Increase efforts to prevent discrimination and harassment in key locations, particularly in shops, public transport hubs, and recreational areas.
- Improve council oversight of safety concerns by working with local businesses and public transport services to implement anti-discrimination policies.
- Support initiatives that provide safer spaces for young LGBTIQA+ people, such as youth dropin centres or inclusive community events.

#### 4. Expand Access to Mental Health and Support Services

- Advocate for increased mental health services that specifically cater to LGBTIQA+ residents.
- Work with local health providers to ensure services are inclusive and affirming of LGBTIQA+ people and their families.
- Support peer-led community groups that foster connection and mental wellbeing among LGBTIQA+ residents.

## 5. Provide More Gender-Inclusive Public Amenities

- Conduct an audit of existing facilities to ensure they are inclusive and accessible for all
  residents.
- Install more all-gender public toilets in council buildings, parks, and recreation areas.

### 6. Foster Ongoing Engagement with LGBTIQA+ Community Members

- In line with Kingborough, Hobart City and Glenorchy City Councils, establish an LGBTIQA+ advisory group to provide ongoing feedback on council policies and initiatives.
- Continue community consultations to track changes in LGBTIQA+ residents' experiences over time and ensure ongoing engagement.
- Partner with LGBTIQA+ organisations and local groups to co-design local programs and events.

#### 7. Improve Awareness of LGBTIQA+ Support Services

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive list of LGBTIQA+ support services and make it easily accessible on the council website.
- Promote educational resources that support families of LGBTIQA+ people in the Brighton area.

## Summary

This consultation highlights Brighton Council's commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and welcoming community for LGBTIQA+ residents, visitors, and their families. While many participants reported feeling a sense of belonging and connection to Brighton, concerns remain—particularly among trans and gender diverse people—about safety, visibility, and access to inclusive facilities and services. Participants expressed strong support for increased LGBTIQA+ awareness training for council staff and elected members, public allgender toilets, and greater representation of LGBTIQA+ people and services in the community. Addressing these priorities is vital to ensuring Brighton continues to grow as a vibrant and supportive place for all. Council has an important leadership role to play in supporting mental health and wellbeing, challenging discrimination, and strengthening social connection. Ongoing engagement with LGBTIQA+ community members will be key to tracking progress and ensuring that local programs, services, and spaces meet the needs of everyone who lives, works, or visits the Brighton area.

# Acknowledgements

Special thanks to Working It Out, Under One Rainbow, and Equality Tasmania for their advice in developing this consultation survey and assistance with promoting the survey in their networks.

From: Tasmanian Nepalese Cricket Association

Sent: Wednesday, 11 June 2025 4:18 PM

To: Gillian Browne

Subject: Re: FW: Thank you for your guidance-Support seeking from the council

Good afternoon Gill,

Thank you for your email.

I am writing on behalf of the Tasmanian Nepalese Cricket Association (TNCA) in response to your request for further information regarding our application for a reduction in ground hire fees.

Over the past 12 months, TNCA has undertaken several significant community-driven projects that have considerably impacted our financial resources. These include:

#### 1. TNCA T20 2024-2025 Tournament

Featured multiple teams across Tasmania, involving over 100 community members.

Included hire of professional umpires, multiple council ground bookings, refreshments for volunteers, and trophies.

Promoted multicultural engagement and active participation of the Nepalese youth and families in sport.

#### 2. TNPL Auction & Tournament

Featured auction, media coverage, and player bidding involving 6 franchises.

Expenses included ground hire, umpire costs, catering, auction event, live broadcast, and player awards.

Fostered community connection, leadership development, and raised the profile of Nepalese cricket in Tasmania.

#### 3. Women's Cricket Program

This season, we proudly hosted our Women's Cricket Match which saw active participation from women across our community, encouraging female involvement in sports and breaking cultural barriers.

#### 4. Junior Blast Program

We organize Junior Cricket Blast sessions to promote early sporting interest and physical activity among children aged 5–10. This program was conducted with volunteer support and included basic skills training, fun games, and family involvement

5. Community Fundraising Events – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Conducted as part of TNCA's fundraising effort to support operational costs and community events.

Mobilised volunteers, engaged public support, and promoted community spirit.

These community-led projects, while immensely impactful, have stretched our financial capacity due to necessary costs such as:

- Ground bookings
- · Umpires' fees
- Equipment and refreshments
- Prizes and trophies
- Volunteer support and logistics

We are requesting a reduction in ground hire fees to ensure we can continue delivering inclusive programs and make community sport accessible to all, especially families and youth from multicultural and emerging communities.

I have Attached our most recent financial report, detailing income, expenditure, and outstanding payables.

We hope the Council recognizes the positive impact TNCA brings to the community and considers our request favorably.

Kind regards,

Sujan Dhungel

Treasurer

Tasmanian Nepalese Cricket Association (TNCA)

For Attn: Mr James Dryburgh

General Manager, Brighton Council

Dear Mr. Dryburgh,

I am writing to inform you of the successful establishment of the Old Beach Probus Club, which received accreditation from Probus South Pacific on 12 July 2024. This club was formed following an expression of interest from retired and semi-retired members of our local community at an information session held on 10 May 2024.

As a not-for-profit organization run entirely by volunteers, the Old Beach Probus Club aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment for social connection among retired and semiretired residents.
- Promote the social, cultural, and intellectual engagement of its members.
- Serve as a valuable community organization.
- Maintain a non-political and non-sectarian platform for open and respectful information exchange.

We currently have 28 Members and steadily growing, we hold our monthly meetings at the Old Beach Community Hall on the third Friday of each month. These meetings include guest speakers and morning tea.

As a new club focused on serving the community, we are actively working to grow our membership and achieve our objectives. Our current operating costs are covered solely by member fees and donations towards morning tea.

In light of our voluntary nature and community focus, we would greatly appreciate it if Brighton Council would consider continuing waiving the \$22.50 per hour hire fee for the three hours (\$67.50) we use the Old Beach Community Hall each month.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Robert Shaw Old Beach Probus Club Secretary 0411182336

Email oldbeachprobusclub24@gmail.com



# The Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) Inc.

ABN 22 043 255 068

## **Southern Section**

The Secretary PO BOX 328 BRIGHTON TASMANIA 7030

Attachment AGENDA ITEM 14.7

12th March, 2025

Brighton Council 1 Tivoli Road OLD BEACH TAS 7017

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of the members of the Veteran Car Club of Australia Tasmania Inc., Southern Section, I wish to extend our gratitude to Council for the five years free use of Cloak Oval, Old Beach, given in 2017, for our Annual Charity Car Show and Swap Meet held in February each year. We acknowledge your support on our publicity materials – posters, flyers and appreciation certificates which all car and swap site participants receive.

This letter is to seek a further period of free use of the oval so that we may keep this show in the Brighton municipality. By repute, it is said to be the best car show in the South of the State and this is supported by the large number of car clubs, car owners, swap site vendors and the very large number of the public who come along on the day.

We have supported various charities over the twelve years that we have run this show, donating over \$45,000. Our main charity for the past three years has been Hobart City Mission. Added to this is Rotary Club of Brighton who run the food tent, enabling them to raise funds to support their own local charities.

We hope you will look kindly on this request.

Yours sincerely

Roger Sly President Southern Section VCCA

# **Brighton Council**

# **OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

**ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT** 

**June 2025** 





## **Summary**

Brighton Council's draft Open Space Strategy (OSS) was open for community consultation from 7<sup>th</sup> April to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Brighton Council established a "Have Your Say" page for the Project directing the community to provide feedback through a survey, interactive mapping tool and submissions via email.

The Have Your Say page was promoted through posters, social media, direct mail/email and community pop-up events. The Have Your Say page was visited 358 times and 29 surveys were completed and 74 social map contributions were provided.

### Survey results

The survey captured responses from individuals across all age groups, except for people under 24. The majority of respondents were female (69%) and the majority of respondents were from Brighton (38%) and Old Beach (24%).

Respondents visited open space frequently, with 35% visiting open spaces daily, and 41% visit weekly. It was nearly a 50/50 split between how people travelled to open space, with nearly 53% of respondents driving, while 47% walking or riding.

Respondents most frequently visited Ted Jeffries Memorial Park (25%), closely followed by the Jordan River Walking Trail in Brighton (18%).

The main activities people use open space in Brighton for is walking or running (58%), playgrounds (51%), spending time with family (33%) or walking the dog (25%). People valued their open space as a free activity (68%) for the family and for peace and quiet that benefits mental wellbeing. Open spaces were also valued for social cohesion and children's development.

The majority of respondents have open space within a 5 or 10-minute walk from their home (82%) and more than three quarters of respondents (76%) are satisfied with the availability of open spaces in their area. People were most satisfied with the Foreshore trails, and how accessible and well-maintained open space areas are.

Most respondents thought protection and expansion of open spaces in the community was very important. Some respondents indicated they would like to see the open space network expanded with more parks, trails and equipment.

Over 75% of respondents believed that open spaces were accessible to everyone and the major barriers for visiting open space was the weather, lack of time and safety. People were generally satisfied with parking available at open spaces.

Respondents indicated their preferred sustainability initiatives were for more tree planting and shaded areas with native species preferred.

Improving safety continued to be a key theme throughout the survey with respondents indicating it should be Council's top priority to improve its open space network. More seated and shaded areas was also a priority. Walkability, improved highway crossings, better maintenance and more equipment were other key themes.

#### Social Map

74 contributions were provided on the Social Map with the most "pins" dropped in Old Beach (46%), Bridgewater (23%) and Brighton (16%). The majority of comments were about existing facilities, with a strong focus on the larger parks in each suburb.

Broadly, residents of the Brighton Council area value their parks and open spaces but see opportunities for improvement. The strongest themes are the need for upgraded and inclusive play equipment, better amenities and maintenance, enhanced safety, and more facilities for all age groups. There is also a clear desire for environmental improvements and better connectivity between open spaces

More specifically, residents in Old Beach liked the foreshore walking track, but would like to see improved seating and shelter along the path. Residents were keen to see improvements to Lennox Park to bring it up to the standard of other parks in the municipality and across Greater Hobart.

The focus in Bridgewater was the need for improving cleanliness and maintenance of parks. Safety was also raised an ongoing concern, with improved lighting a suggestion. A dog park in the area was also desirable.

Brighton residents hope to see improvements to Ted Jeffries Memorial Park and more things to do for older kids. The new dog park was strongly supported and people would like to see more walking tracks.

Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove residents were happy with the new upgrades to Cris Fitzpatrick Park and suggestions for ongoing improvements included better toilets, and more equipment.

#### Key stakeholders

The key themes to come out of each of the submissions from key stakeholders was that they're supportive of the draft Brighton OSS and encourage early and ongoing dialogue with Council about actions in the OSS that relate to their assets. Some stakeholders offered suggestions to improve the legibility of the document.

#### Alignment with Draft OSS

The feedback from the community consultation confirmed that quality open space and their ongoing improvement remains an important priority for Brighton residents. Brighton Council can be satisfied that the work they have undertaken to date is enjoyed by the community, and open space is generally accessible.

The feedback aligned strongly with the draft OSS goals to address gaps in the open space network and improve the quality of open space. The sustainability initiatives for more native tree plantings was well supported by the community.

The draft OSS priority actions for park upgrades generally aligned with the priorities for the community and key stakeholders, namely Lennox Park and Ted Jeffries Memorial Park. However, it is suggested that Ted Jeffries Memorial Park be upgraded from a Medium to Short term priority Action.

Improvements to the foreshore and East Derwent Highway walking trails in Old Beach are proposed to be new actions and it is recommended to make safety and maintenance a higher priority.

## 1. Background

## 1.1. Project Scope

Brighton Council is developing a new Open Space Strategy (OSS) to provide Council with an overarching framework to guide the planning and management of open spaces in Brighton over the next ten years and beyond.

The draft OSS sets out principles and priority actions to guide the development of a high-quality, accessible and sustainable open space network into the future.

Brighton Council are aware that open spaces are important to our community for lots of reasons, including the critical role they play in connecting people and helping our community to stay healthy and active.

## 1.2. Engagement Scope

The community's voice will play a pivotal role in the development of the new OSS. Consultation on the draft OSS was open from 7 April to 27 April 2025.

The objectives were to understand:

- How our communities use Brighton's open spaces;
- What our community values about Brighton's open spaces;
- How accessible are Brighton's open spaces;
- What our community wants to see more of in the future for Brighton's open spaces and what are their priorities.
- Whether the draft OSS reflected the communities views.

## 2. How we communicated

Tool	Reach/Participants	
Have Your Say website	A Have Your Say website was created to host the Project and included links to the draft OSS, a survey and location-based mapping tool.	
	The website had 358 views and 157 unique visitors.	
	The draft OSS summary document was downloaded 45 times.	
	The full draft OSS was downloaded 25 times.	
Survey	29 completed	
Social map	74 contributions	
Email submissions	1	
Corflute Posters	9 Posters with a QR code promoting the online engagement opportunity were erected at key green open spaces across the Brighton Municipality.	
	47 visits to the Have Your Say Page came through the QR code.	
Social Media	3 Facebook posts	
	80 visits to the Have Your Say page were referred from Facebook.	
Key stakeholder letters	Letters were sent to key stakeholders, including:	
	<ul> <li>Department of Education, Children and Young People</li> <li>Jordan River Learning Federation (including East Derwent, HC, Gagebrook, and Bridgewater Senior School);</li> <li>Northern Christian School</li> <li>St Pauls Catholic School</li> <li>Brighton High School</li> <li>Brighton Primary School</li> <li>Department of Natural Resources and Environment</li> <li>New Bridgewater Bridge Project</li> <li>Homes Tasmania</li> <li>Department of State Growth</li> <li>TasRail,</li> <li>TasWater</li> </ul>	

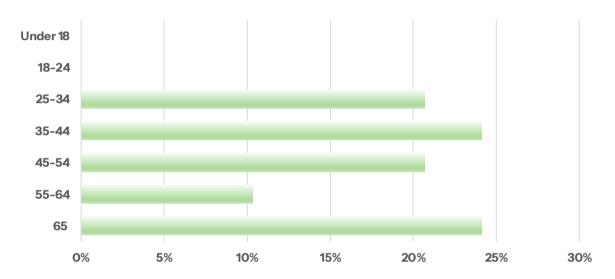
Face-to-face engagement sessions	<ul> <li>Four face-to-face engagement sessions were held as follows:</li> <li>Lennox Park, Old Beach, Thursday 10 April 7:45am – 10.30am</li> <li>Cove Hill Plaza, Bridgewater, Thursday 10 April, 11am – 1.30pm</li> <li>Brighton Town Square, Brighton, Thursday 17 April, 11am – 1.30pm</li> <li>Bond Place, Gagebrook, Thursday 17 April, 2pm – 4.30pm</li> <li>64% of survey and social map contributions were captured on the days of these sessions.</li> </ul>
Brighton Alive	187 respondents on the list, 127 have opened the newsletter, no-
Newsletter	one clicked on the OSS link.

## 3. Who we heard from

## 3.1.Survey

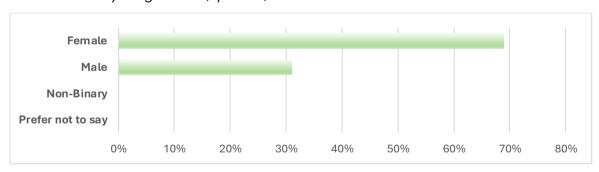
There were 29 surveys completed and 74 interactive map pins.

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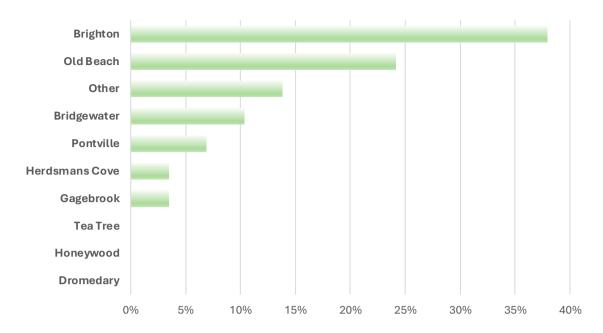
The survey captured responses from individuals across all age groups. However, there were no responses from individuals under 24 years of age.

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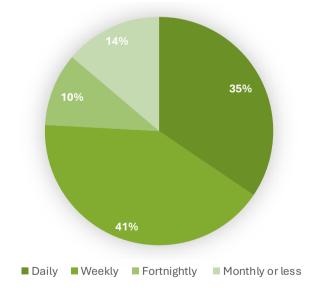
Sixty-nine percent (69%) of survey respondents were female.

## 3. Where do you live?



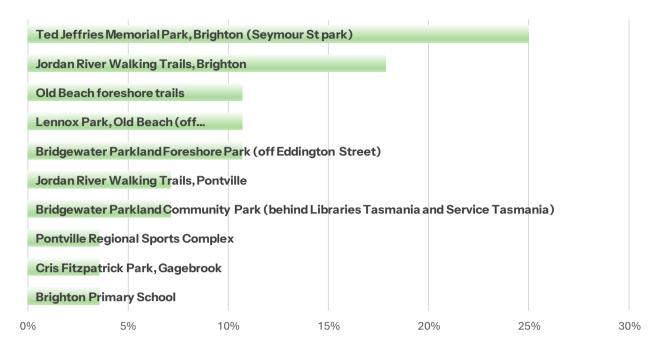
The survey captured responses from residents across all of Brighton's urban suburbs, with the majority of respondents from Brighton (38%) and Old Beach (24%).

4. Generally speaking, how often do you visit an open space (e.g. local playground, park, reserve, walking trail, sportsground, etc) in the Brighton municipality?



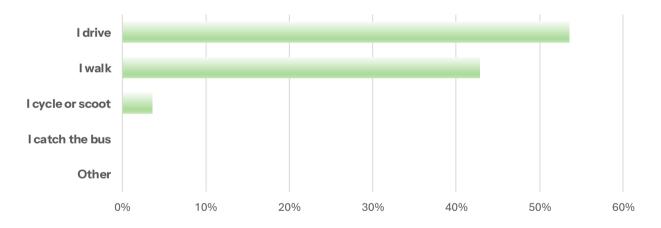
Thirty-five percent (35%) of respondents visit open spaces daily, while 41% visit weekly and 10% fortnightly. Only 14% visit monthly or less.

## 5. What open space area do you visit most frequently?



Respondents most frequently visited Ted Jeffries Memorial Park (25%), closely followed by the Jordan River Walking Trail in Brighton (18%).

### 6. What is the main way you travel to your local open space area?



53% of respondents drove to open space, while 42% walk and 3.5% scoot or ride.

## 3.2. Social Map

74 contributions were provided on the Social Map with "pins" dropped in the locations as follows:

Location	Total Contributions	% Contributions
7017, Old Beach, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	34	45.95%
7030, Bridgewater, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	17	22.97%
7030, Brighton, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	12	16.22%
7030, Gagebrook, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	8	10.81%
7030, Pontville, Tasmania, Australia	2	2.7%
7030, Herdsmans Cove, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia	1	1.35%

In Old Beach, the majority of pins were clustered around Lennox Park and the Old Beach Foreshore trail:

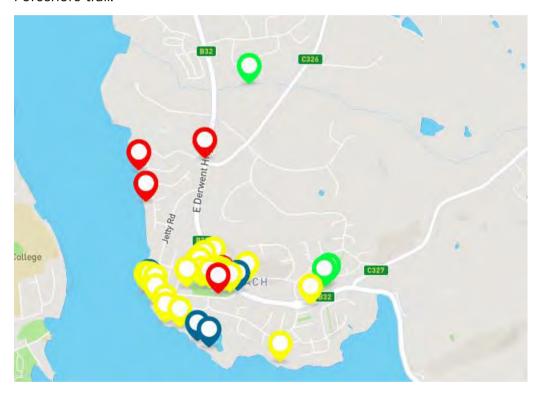


Figure 1: Old Beach Social Map

In Herdsmans Cove the majority of pins were dropped at Cris Fitpatrick Park.

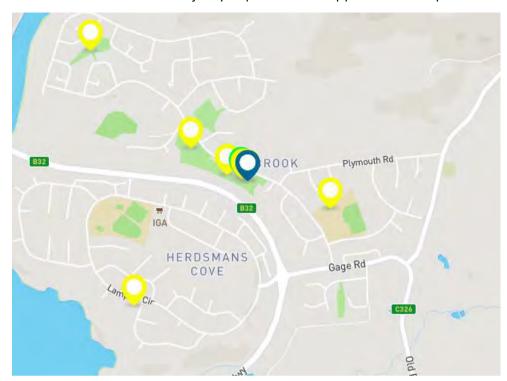


Figure 2: Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove Social Map

In Bridgewater, the majority of pins were dropped at the Bridgewater Parklands.

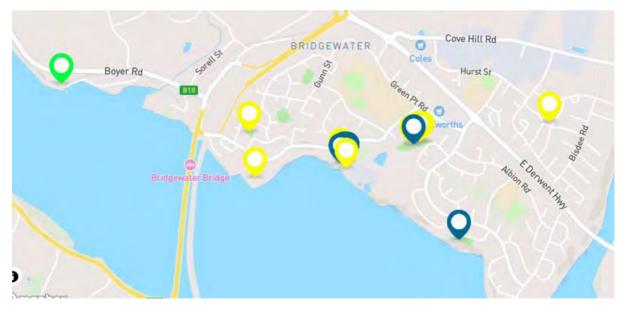


Figure 3: Bridgewater Social Map

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Brighton Racecourse Rd

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In Brighton, the majority of pins were dropped at Ted Jeffries Memorial Park.

Figure 4: Brighton/Pontville Social Map

## 3.3. Key stakeholders

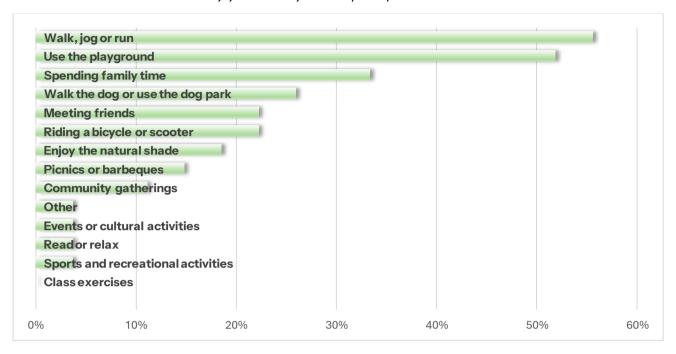
Submissions were received from the following key stakeholders:

- TasRail
- Department of State Growth (DSG)
- Herdsmans Cove Primary School
- Homes Tasmania

## 4. What we heard

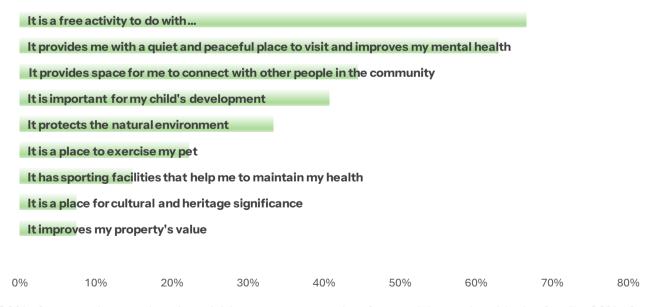
## 4.1.Survey

7. What is the main activity you usually do at open spaces?



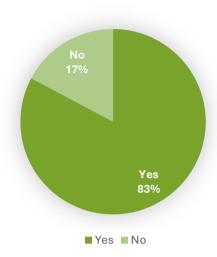
55% of respondents walked, jogged or ran and 51% used the playground. 33% of respondents visited open space to spend time with family and 25% went to walk the dog or use the dog park.

8. Tell us what you value most about your local playground, park, or reserve?



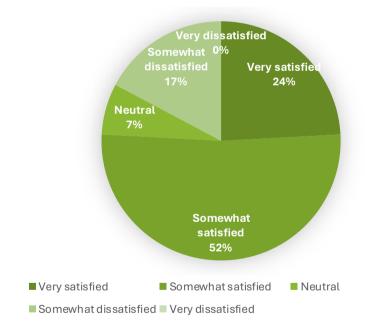
66% of respondents value that visiting open spaces is a free activity to do with the family. 63% of respondents value the peace and quiet that benefits their mental wellbeing.

9. Do you have a playground, park, or reserve within a 5 to 10 minute walk of your home?



The majority of respondents have an open space within a 5 to 10 minute walk from their home.

10. How satisfied are you with the availability of open spaces in your area?



More than three quarters of respondents (76%) are satisfied with the availability of open spaces in their area.

## 11. Please tell us why you think that?



## Feature contributions:

Find river walk relaxing, Also, good to take grandchildren to playgrounds. Grandchildren very much enjoy the water feature outside new IGA.

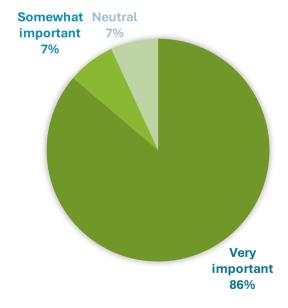
Could be more little parks around the area.

Accessibility clean, walk safely, good facilities

The park is in a great area, but urgently needs upgrades for all ages. Bike tracks are great for the kids, but more nature play, swings and equipment. More BBQ area and adequate shelter as it gets very breezy.

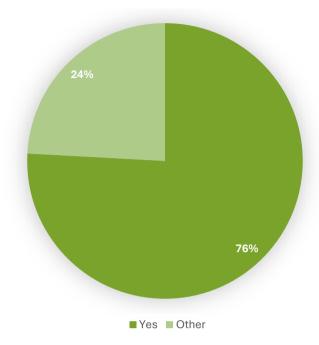
I like that around Brighton you have the pathways along the rivers that you can walk and do a bit loop of Brighton

12. How important do you think it is to protect and expand open spaces in our community?



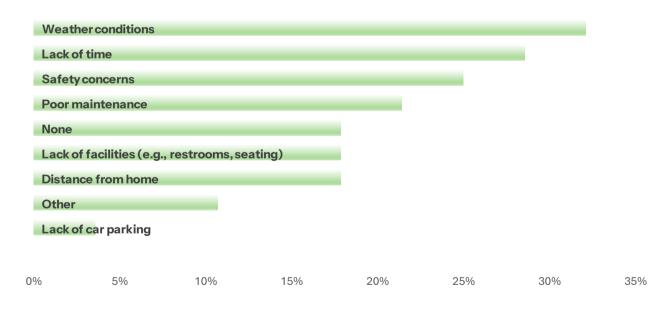
The majority of respondents think it is important to protect and expand open spaces in our community.

13. Do you feel that open spaces in your community are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities, seniors and young children?



Most respondents feel that open spaces are accessible to everyone (76%).

14. What barriers, if any, prevent you from using open spaces more often?

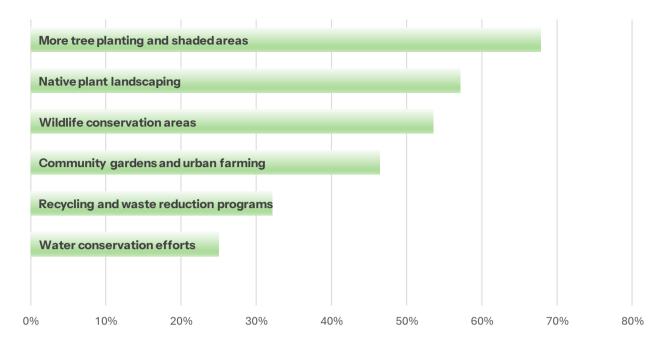


Weather conditions were seen as a the largest barrier to visiting open space (32%), followed by lack of time (29%) and safety concerns (25%). Poor maintenance, Distance from home and lack of facilities were also a barrier.

Lack of car parking was not seen as a barrier.

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15. What sustainability initiatives would you like to see in open spaces?



Respondents would like to see more tree planting (68%), and 57% favoured native planting and 53% were interested in wildlife conservation initiatives. 43% would like to see community gardens and urban faming initiatives.

16. What do you like most about playgrounds, parks or reserves in the Brighton municipality?

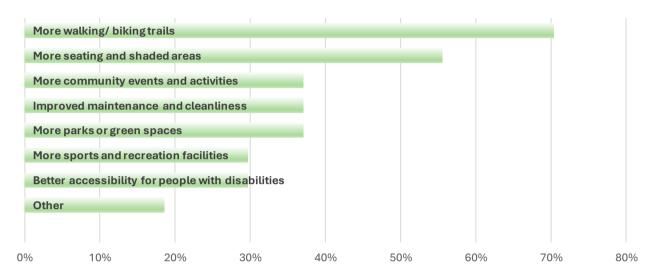


Key themes from what people like about open space in Brighton were good facilities, lots of space, accessibility and people were happy with the improvements and playground equipment.

## Featured contributions:

- The Council is making an effort to present the open spaces in a natural way which I
  appreciate.
- The playgrounds are well maintained, when we find damage, it is quickly repaired. Rubbish, and grass well controlled.
- Bridgewater has some great parks that have been redeveloped, Brighton urgently needs some upgrades with the amount of families with young children.

- The parks in the municipality over the past 5-6 to years have improved out of sight...well done Brighton council.
- That they exist and are expanding! We love them, and the connection to the community they bring.
- 17. What improvements would make open spaces more enjoyable for you? (select all that apply)



Over 70% of respondents would like to see more walking and bicycle trails and 55% would like to see more seating and shaded areas. More parks or green spaces, improved maintenance and cleanliness and more community events all got 37%.

18. What do you think Brighton Council's top priorities should be to improve its open space network?



Respondents suggested that safety should be Brighton's top priority for its open space network. Motorbikes were frequently mentioned as an issue. Walkability, improved maintenance and more equipment were other key themes.

## Featured Contributions

• I think Lennox Park really needs rethinking. Currently underutilised as a park and is poorly planned to encourage utilisation. Very uninviting playground, and accessibility of oval limited.

- Safety in design. Improve maintenance to ensure it is safe to use. We need splash park. We are supporting the idea of selling excess open space and use that fund for more park amenity.
- Fix broken equipment more quickly. Cleaning BBQs and making sure gas is in them. Need to focus on the smaller neighbourhood parks more.
- Glen Lea Road needs a footpath lots of people walk around there. Unsafe with traffic and at night.
- More walking trails, particularly in Old Beach, connecting to Herdsmans cove.
- I think that Brighton Council does open space networks well. I also really enjoy the Riverside Drive walkway. The only thing that would be good is to limit motor bike access to these trails as they are dangerous when walking with kids.
- 19. Let us know if there is anything else you want us to know about the open space in Brighton municipality?

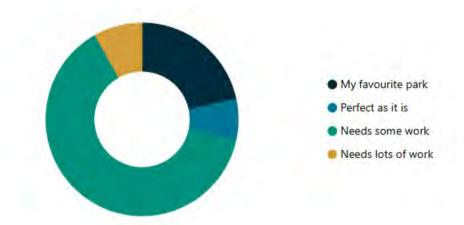


#### Featured contributions

- Be bold and don't be constrained by past approaches or approaches that other Tasmanian Councils take. Look to models overseas.
- More lighting around open space to make them safer.
- More facilities with more sensory equipment, e.g. trampoline with bells, water play, pine bark
- I personally use the basketball facilities at Ted Jeffries quite a bit. It would be nice to see an upgrade to this. I find the dog park was an amazing addition to the local area. Would love to see more climbing fixtures and play equipment around Brighton for toddlers and young children as I feel the variety is lacking.
- I'd love to see the open area at the Old Beach East Derwent Highway roundabout utilised more or the planning for the future of this space made aware to the public. I'd like to connect Lennox Park safely to the East Derwent Highway or to the far end of Jetty Rd to access it from an alternative route, not just Jetty Rd or fence hopping!

## 4.2. Social Map

The majority of contributors to the Social Map indicated that the open space they were commenting on "needs some work" (63.5%), followed by "my favourite park" (22%).



Broadly, residents of the Brighton Council area value their parks and open spaces but see significant opportunities for improvement. The strongest themes are the need for upgraded and inclusive play equipment, better amenities and maintenance, enhanced safety, and more facilities for all age groups. There is also a clear desire for environmental improvements and better connectivity between open spaces.

The most frequently requested improvements to open space across the municipality are summarised below:

Improvement Area	Example Requests
Play Equipment	Climbing frames, zip lines, musical instruments, sandpits
Accessibility	Disability swings, accessible paths, dog parks
Safety & Maintenance	Lighting, repairs, regular cleaning, waste collection
Amenities	Toilets, BBQs, seating, water fountains, shade
Activities for All Ages	Teen spaces, pump tracks, sports courts, dog parks
Environmental Upgrades	Tree maintenance, grass, landscaping
Connectivity	Walking loops, foreshore trails, linking tracks

The key themes that came through from the Social Map contributions for each suburb are outlined below:

### **Old Beach**

- **Foreshore trail:** The majority of comments along the foreshore trail related to the need for improved seating and shelter. Kayak launching facilities were requested.
- **Lennox Park:** Feedback generally mentioned that Lennox Park needed updating with better equipment, seating, family-friendly features, and improvements inspired by recent upgrades to parks in other suburbs. The poor condition of the courts received several mentions.
- East Derwent Highway: Comments included the need to create defined walking trails along the East Derwent Highway and safer pedestrian crossings, notably at the Clives Avenue roundabout.
- **Childs Drive Park:** Comments were positive about Clives Drive Park and appreciated that it was well-maintained.

## **Bridgewater**

- Maintenance and cleanliness: Concerns about the general upkeep of parks, including fixing broken equipment, replacing gas for barbecues, cleaning up rubbish, and maintaining cleanliness.
- **Safety and security:** Requests for improved safety measures such as lighting, security (guard dogs), and addressing antisocial behaviour.
- **Dog parks:** Support for dog parks and facilities for dog owners, as well as requests for dog waste bags.

#### **Brighton & Pontville**

- **Park upgrades:** There was a recurring focus on the need to upgrade existing parks to make them more interactive and engaging, particularly Ted Jeffries Memorial Park. Suggestions include musical instruments, interactive sculptures, sandpits, and climbing nets, indicating a desire for diverse recreational options.
- Older kids: Many comments mention the need for more activities or equipment for children, especially older kids. Suggestions included fenced basketball half-courts, volleyball and pickleball nets.
- **Dog park:** Several comments highlight the value of dog parks and trails for dog walking.
- **Walking Loops and Trails:** The need for walking loops or trails in the area is mentioned multiple times. One comment mentions the need for more walking loops in the south of Brighton.

#### **Gagebrook & Herdsmans Cove**

- **Cris Fitzpatrick Park** Strong support for the recent upgrades to the Park, with some comments suggesting upgrades to toilets and equipment would help.
- More parks -A request for additional parks "up the hill" would improve local accessibility.

## 4.3. Written submission(s)

One detailed written submission was received recommending that a kayak launching facility be established at the eastern end of the Old Beach foreshore trail, including improved access through Council owned land at 29 Eaves Court and provision of a kayak wash down station.

## 4.4. Key stakeholders

The key themes to come out of each of the submissions from key stakeholders was that they're supportive of the draft Brighton OSS and encourage early and ongoing dialogue with Council about actions in the OSS that relate to their assets. More specific comments are outlined below:

- Rail assets: Both DSG and TasRail identified that actions associated with land near, or crossing, the rail corridor, require decisions from the State Government to be able to proceed.
- **Bridgewater Waterfront land ownership:** DSG identified that the area shown in Figure 5 has been removed from the Tasmanian Rail Network and has been transferred to Crown ownership, which is encouraging for the implementation of Action BW01.



Figure 5: Land identified in the blue polygon is no longer part of the Tasmanian Rail Network (Source: DSG).

- **State Highways:** Active transport corridors are supported, but specific measures relating to pedestrian crossings should be discussed further with DSG;
- **Organised Sport:** Suggested there is very little opportunity to engage in organised sport in Bridgewater, Herdsmans Cove and Gagebrook and given the disadvantage experienced in these areas, ways to improve access should be included in the OSS. Herdsmans Cove Primary School would donate land for a project like this.
- **Tasmanian Housing Strategy 2023-2043** Homes Tasmania hope to see this Strategy included in the 'relevant state and regional context'.
- **Rezoning and redevelopment of open space** Homes Tasmania welcomes the opportunity to be actively involved, particularly when they own multiple adjoining parcels.
- **Public open space contributions** Council should engage further with Homes Tasmania regarding public open space contributions in the Brighton LGA.
- Accessibility of OSS document: Homes Tasmania provided feedback that the document could be more accessible if it included more maps referencing assets, particularly in Section 2.0 "Our Achievements, and suggested other minor amendments to improve legibility.

## 5. Alignment with Draft OSS

The feedback from the community consultation will be used to finalise the draft OSS and to ensure that it aligns with priority actions and strategies.

The feedback confirmed that quality open spaces and their ongoing improvement remains an important priority for Brighton residents. Whilst residents generally thought open space in Brighton was accessible, they also thought ongoing expansion and protection of open space was very important. This feedback aligns with the draft OSS goals to address gaps and improve the quality of open space.

The feedback also confirmed that the benefits of open space were being experienced by the community, including improvements to mental wellbeing and social cohesion. Open space is also providing a free activity to do with the family. These open space benefits are important as they support the changing demographics in Brighton, including population with lower median incomes, high percentage of one parent family households and growth in multiple dwellings.

The feedback was also consistent with recent national trends in open space which is seeing a shift away from organised sports to self-directed activities, such as walking & running.

There was general appreciation for Brighton Council's recent open space upgrades with lots of positive feedback about upgrades to Bridgewater Parklands, Cris Fitzpatrick Park and Childs Drive Park. Feedback for these parks were more focused on ongoing maintenance, safety and ongoing improvements.

Favoured sustainability initiatives related to increase in tree planting and shade using native species. This aligns with Brighton's Greening Strategy and a number of site specific actions outlined in the draft OSS.

Utility providers and Government agencies were also supportive of the draft OSS but encouraged Council to engage with them about actions relating to their assets. This broadly aligns with action

"LGA11 Relationships and Partnerships" which recognises the importance of maintaining strong relationships with external stakeholders to implement the Strategy.

Broadly, the community feedback was well aligned with the draft OSS, however, the following changes to the strategy are recommended:

Action	Change	Rationale
BPO4  Continue to deliver the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master plan prioritising the upgrade and extension of the existing playground.	Update from a Medium Priority to a Short to Medium Priority for Brighton	There was clear community feedback that the existing playground heavily used, but looked tired and needs an upgrade.
NEW  Continue to maintain the foreshore walking trail and enhance with landscaping, shelters and seating. Consider kayaking launching locations. Monitor impacts from coastal inundation and erosion.	New Medium Priority action for Old Beach.	The Old Beach Foreshore trails is heavily used and some additional infrastructure would be proportionate to its use.
NEW Formalise walking trails along the East Derwent Highway and investigate suitable locations for safe pedestrian crossings, particularly near Old Beach Road and Clives Avenue	New Medium Priority Action for Old Beach.	The EDH was recognized as a barrier and community feedback included the need to improve trails and crossing along the East Derwent Highway.
BP09  Ensure future open space areas, including walking trails, identified in the South Brighton Development Precinct are acquired and developed commensurate with release of land.	Maintain as an ongoing opportunity for Brighton, but add "including walking trails" to Action.	Walking trails and loops in the South of Brighton were identified as a gap.
LGA 09	Update from Ongoing action to Short term action.	Safety was a key theme from community feedback.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)		
<b>LGA 11</b> Relationships and Partnerships.	Add a reference to "getting the necessary approvals".	A number of key stakeholders identified that some actions required approvals from the Crown, TasRail, etc. to be able to implement actions.
LGA 14 Maintenance Guidelines	Update from a Medium Priority to Short term priority for LGA- Wide Actions	Maintenance and cleanliness were identified as key issues from community feedback.
Document improvement	Include a list of the properties relating to each "open space number" for each suburb.	Allows the reader to easily identify each open space without having to refer to the Appendix.



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# OPEN SPACE STRATEGY



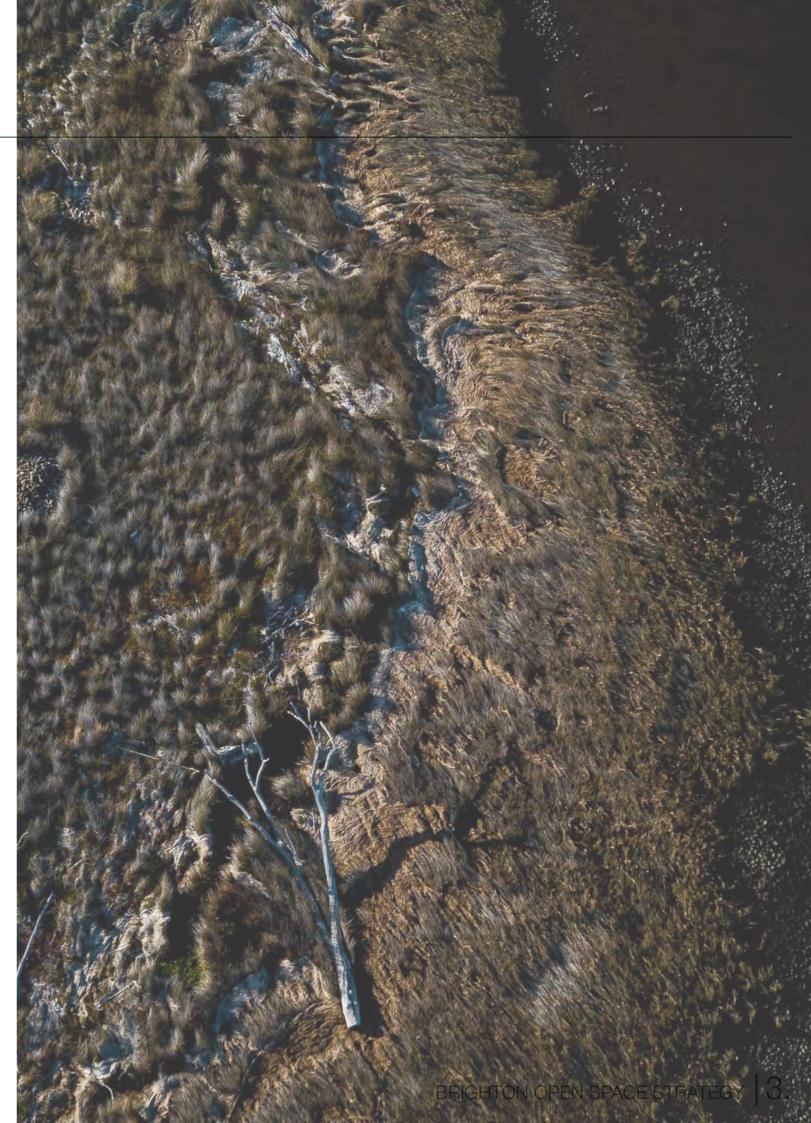
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We acknowledge the traditional owners who once walked this country: the Mumirimina people.

The Mumirimina belonged to the Oyster Bay Tribe. This was the largest tribe in Tasmanian and covered 8000 square kilometres. kutalayna levee in Brighton was a significant meeting place where hundreds of generations of Aboriginal families hunted, gathered, corroboreed, camped and traded.

In the course of colonisation, dispossession of the Mumurimina was early, rapid and extensive.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, today as the continuing custodians of the land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present. Through our words and actions we strive to build a community that reflects and respects the history and hopes for all the people in Brighton.



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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Feedback from Brighton Council's 2050 Vision is that the most important theme for our community is that we have "more parks, footpaths, bikes and walking tracks" in 2050. Brighton Council is committed to providing high-quality, accessible and sustainable open space, working with our community to protect and enhance open space for current and future generations.

Brighton Council's Open Space Strategy 2025 provides the strategic framework to guide the planning and management of open spaces in the Brighton Local Government Areas (LGAs) urban areas over the next ten years and beyond.

The strategy recognises that quality open space provides many benefits to the community and environment. It encourages social connection, improves mental health and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Brighton LGAs urban landscape is unique, featuring a network of trails and parks, the beautiful Derwent and Jordan river foreshores, a regionally significant industrial estate, Pontville Regional sporting complex and rapidly growing residential suburbs.

Brighton LGAs open space includes sportsgrounds, reserves, playgrounds, bushland and conservation, wetlands, foreshore, streetscapes, civic squares and walking and cycling trails.

Brighton LGA has grown rapidly since its 2012 Open Space Strategy (OSS) was developed. The 2012 strategy provided an important strategic framework to deliver an open space network that supported the changing community needs. This new strategy celebrates the numerous improvements to the open space network, including development of various successful concept and master plans, construction of high quality parks across all its urban suburbs, development of underutilised open space for much needed affordable housing and social infrastructure, such as the new Brighton Medical Centre.

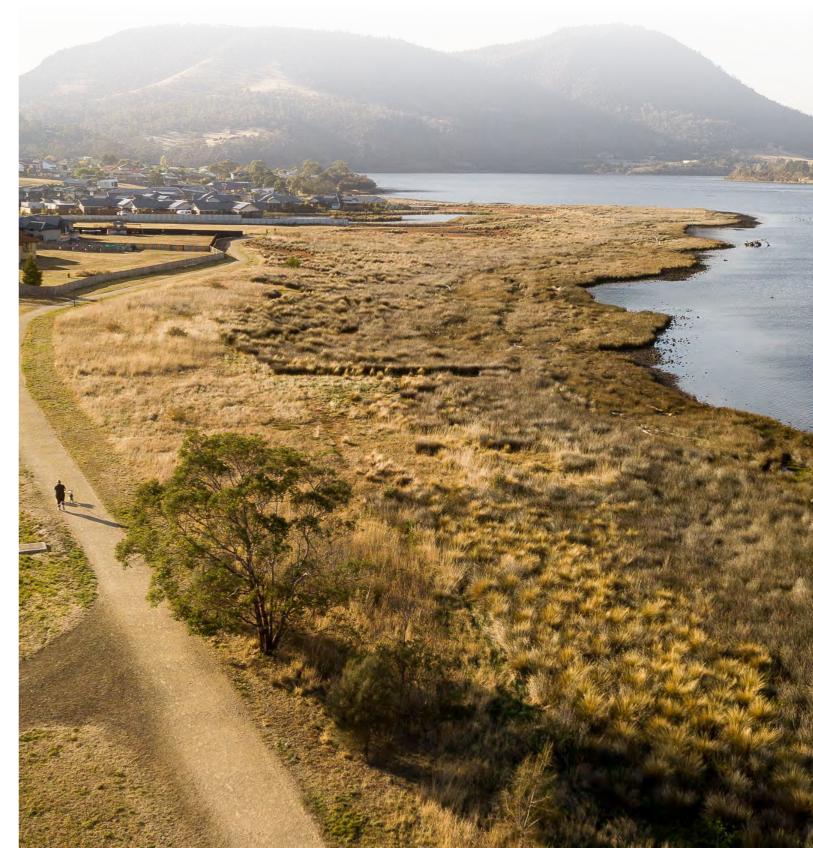
This refreshed 2025 strategy sets new contemporary principles that aim to continuously improve the quality, accessibility, safety and sustainability of Brighton's open space network.

Gap analysis mapping has been utilised for the first time to identify areas of under-provision of open space, and also identify where excess open space exists. The strategy identifies that there is still an under-provision of open space in small pockets of most suburbs. Additionally, there will be a need for planning and investment in additional open space in growth areas as they are developed.

The strategy provides an analysis of the open space network in each urban area, and using the refreshed principles and gap analysis, provides for clear priority actions to guide open space improvements for the next 10 years.

LGA wide actions include the need for improved wayfinding, continuing to develop quality concepts and master plans to attract external funding for open space improvements. Building on existing relationships with key stakeholders will be critical to the success of this strategy.





# INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. BRIGHTON OVERVIEW

Brighton Council Local Government Area (LGA) is located approximately 20 kilometres north-east of Hobart on the eastern side of the Derwent River and forms part of the urban-rural interface of Greater Hobart. Brighton LGA shares a border with Southern Midlands, Clarence, Derwent Valley and Glenorchy LGA's.

Brighton is home to a diverse community with an estimated population of 19,998 which consists of a range of ages and households types and is becoming increasingly multicultural (01). State Treasury population projection estimates that the Brighton population will grow rapidly to 27,062 persons by 2053

Brighton has a median age of 35 years, representing a younger population than Greater Hobart, whose median age is 39.1. Annual median individual income is \$36,410, which is some 10.2 % lower than the median of Greater Hobart (02).

The Brighton LGA is approximately 170 square kilometres and includes 9 suburbs which include the rural bushland and farming lands throughout Tea Tree, Dromedary and Honeywood, and the urban settlements of Old Beach, Gagebrook, Herdsmans Cove, Brighton and Bridgewater. This strategy focuses on the latter urban settlements.

Brighton's relative proximity to Greater Hobart and its comparatively affordable land and house prices have made Brighton an attractive place for home buyers and business investment in recent times. Brighton has a state-significant employment node in the Brighton Industrial Estate (the Hub), serviced by road and rail which has assisted strong growth in jobs in the Brighton LGA.



Population: 19,998 **27,062** people by 2053



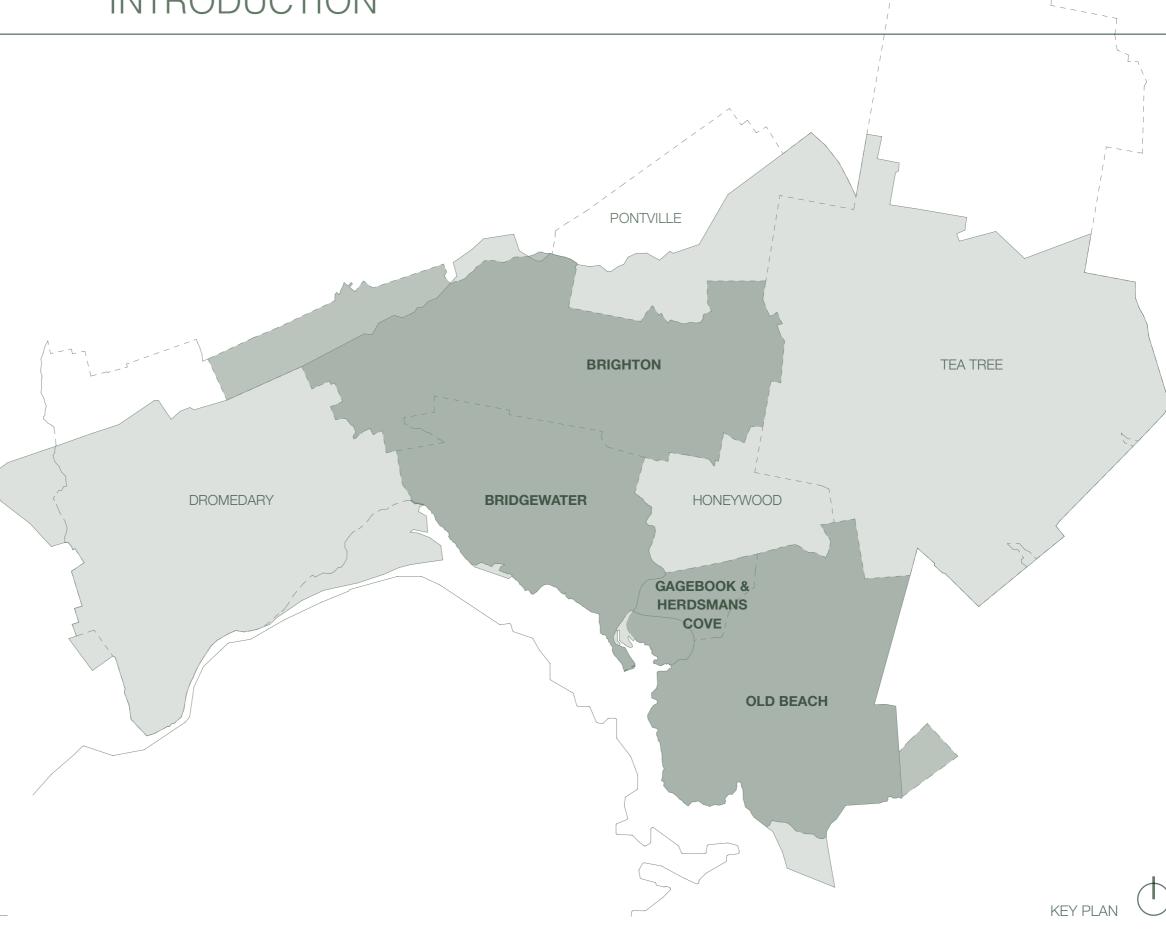
Age: 35 years median age



Income: \$36,410 annual median individual income



02. Department of Treasury and Finance, May 2024, TASPOPP 2024, Tasmanian and Local Government Area Population Projections – 2023



#### 1.2. PURPOSE

Brighton Council last adopted a Brighton Open Space Strategy (OSS) prepared by Inspiring Place in April 2012. The OSS 2012 provided a comprehensive analysis of the supply and demand for public open space in the urban areas of Brighton.

A review of the OSS 2012 is now due, as it is thirteen years old, and during that time Brighton has grown rapidly and many priority actions from the OSS 2012 have been completed.

The purpose of this Strategy is to prepare an updated OSS which provides Council with an overarching framework to guide the planning and management of open spaces in Brighton over the next ten years and beyond.

The development of the OSS provides an opportunity for analysing existing open space within Brighton and to consider the needs and locations for additional open space into the future. It will provide direction for the future provision, planning, design and management of open space in the municipality.

It establishes Council priorities in allocating resources to open spaces by identifying gaps in provision and community needs, both now and forecast.

In summary, the OSS will:

- 1. Reflect on Brighton Council's achievements from the OSS 2012.
- 2. Review plans, policies and strategies at a local, regional and state level that guide open space planning.
- 3. Review trends in demographics and open space planning that will influence open space planning.
- 4. Develop key principles as a basis for decision making about future open space provision and development.

- 5. Provide an audit of existing open spaces across Brighton and present their current condition and classification.
- 6. Identify areas of under-provisions of open space and gaps in the open space network.
- 7. Prioritise actions and provide an updated strategy, mapping and implementation plan for Council

#### 1.3. DEFINING OPEN SPACE

Open space refers to "land and water settings maintained and managed for a range of environmental and social purposes and that are valued and may be used by the community" (03).

This strategy focuses on spaces which are publicly owned, accessible and available primarily for nature conservation, passive outdoor enjoyment, public gatherings, sport and recreation, and visual amenity.

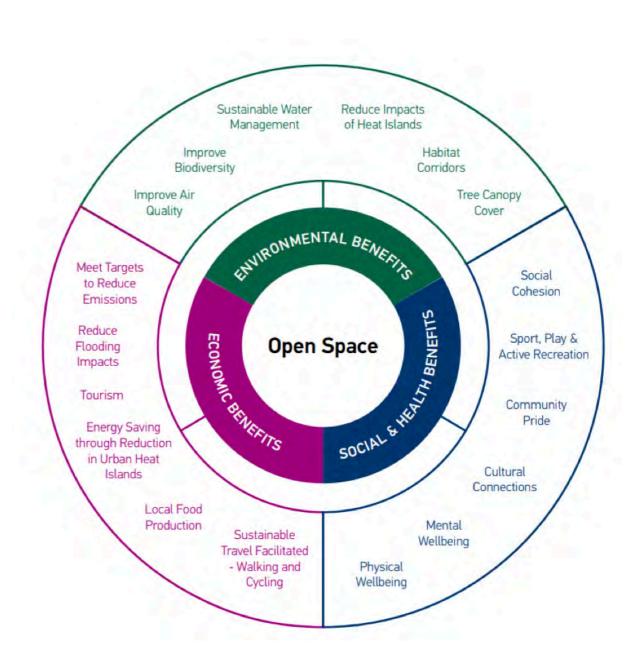
However, some open space may be privately owned or have restricted access such as school grounds. Where possible, the strategy will explore opportunities to utilise their potential.

For example, for areas where gaps in the provision of open space are found, opportunities will be explored to access restricted land, such as schools, for use by the general public.

### 1.4. BENEFITS OF OPEN SPACE

A range of diverse open spaces is required to meet the community's needs now and into the future. Open space provides a wide range of health, social and cultural, environmental, and economic benefits for our community.

Extensive research has shown that quality open spaces that provide shade and a connection to nature are a vital component in improving the mental and physical health of the community.



<sup>03.</sup> Department of Economic Development – Sport and Recreation Tasmania (2010) Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework, page 4.

<sup>04.</sup> Ethos Urban, 2023. Brighton Social Infrastructure Plan.

# 1.5 .EXISTING OPEN SPACE IN BRIGHTON SPACE

Currently, Council manages over 85 open space areas with a total area of approximately 218.65ha. This equates to 10.99ha per 1000 people, which is well above the national average of 2.83ha per 1000 people<sup>4</sup>.

Much of the open space in urban areas is located along the Derwent River and Jordan River foreshore in the form of linear and linage reserves and landscape and amenity reserves. Large amounts of foreshore land is owned by the Crown (i.e. State Government), but Council maintain large amounts of this land through various licence arrangements.

By total land area, more than a third of all public open space is in Brighton township, while a further quarter is in Bridgewater. Together, they account for more than 60% of all public open space provision.

Interestingly, when looking at the total number of individual open space land parcels, Brighton falls to third in all suburbs indicating that there are fewer but larger public open space sites provided.

There are 7 sports fields, with the largest of these being the Pontville Regional Sporting Complex. In addition, there are 12 well developed play spaces including the Bridgewater Parkland, Ted Jeffries Memorial Park (Brighton), Cris Fitzpatrick Park (Gagebrook) and Lennox Park (Old Beach).

Unfortunately, many of the open space parcels in Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove are poorly located internal lots and are not fit for purpose. This layout was a result of the "Radburn" subdivision model which was adopted when these areas were developed as social housing estates. The Radburn urban design experiment is considered a failure and there have been many efforts by Council to 'de-Radburn' these areas through infill housing projects accompanied by improved open space outcomes.

The majority of open space areas are Linear and linkage reserves (28%) landscape and amenity reserves (19%), Parks (18%) or Foreshore and waterways (15%) and Outdoor sport venues/ Active open space (9%).



# **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

Over the past decade, significant progress has been achieved to protect and enhance the quality of Brighton's open space network based on the strategies, actions and site-specific recommendations of the OSS 2012.

We are proud of the actions taken under the OSS 2012, and we want to maintain the momentum and build on the progress made to facilitate social inclusion and community pride.

Council has achieved the following from the OSS 2012 strategies:

#### 2.1. MASTER PLANS

Master plans are an important part of the planning process for open space. Ideally these plans are developed in collaboration with the local community and other key stakeholders to provide a vision and

Brighton has developed the following Master plans many of which have been implemented in full or in part:

- Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan 2016-
- Pontvile Sports Park Master Plan
- Cris Fitzpatrick Park Master Plan
- Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan 4.
- Brighton Town Square Concept Plan
- Brighton Hub Rest Area Concept Plan 6.
- Swan Park Concept Plan



# 2.1. MASTER PLANS







# 2.2. NEW AND UPGRADED FACILITIES

Brighton Council has been working hard to provide the necessary open space and recreation facilities for its rapidly growing population in line with the OSS 2012.

Many of the projects listed below were funded through successful State and Federal grants. Attracting this funding was only possible because of Councils ability to provide its shared vision with the community through its Master Plans and Concept Plans mentioned above.

We are extremely proud of the facilities we have built over the last thirteen years and are thrilled by how well utilised they are by the local community and visitors.

New and upgraded facilities include:

- Brighton Town square
- ° Community Parkland, Bridgewater Parklands
- ° Foreshore Parkland, Bridgewater Parklands
- Swan Park, Herdsmans Cove
- Cris Ftzpatrick Park, Gagebrook
- ° Childs Drive Park, Old Beach
- Palonia Park, Brighton.
- Remembrance Park, Brighton
- Pontville Pavillion, Pontville
- Pump track, Bridgewater
- Perguson Oval upgrades, Brighton
- Oog Park, Lennox Park, Old Beach
- Old Beach Jetty replacement, Old Beach
- Dog Park, Ted Jeffries Memorial Park, Brighton
- East Derwent Highway shared trails,
   Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsmans
   Cove
- ° Stanfield Drive foreshore trail, Old Beach.







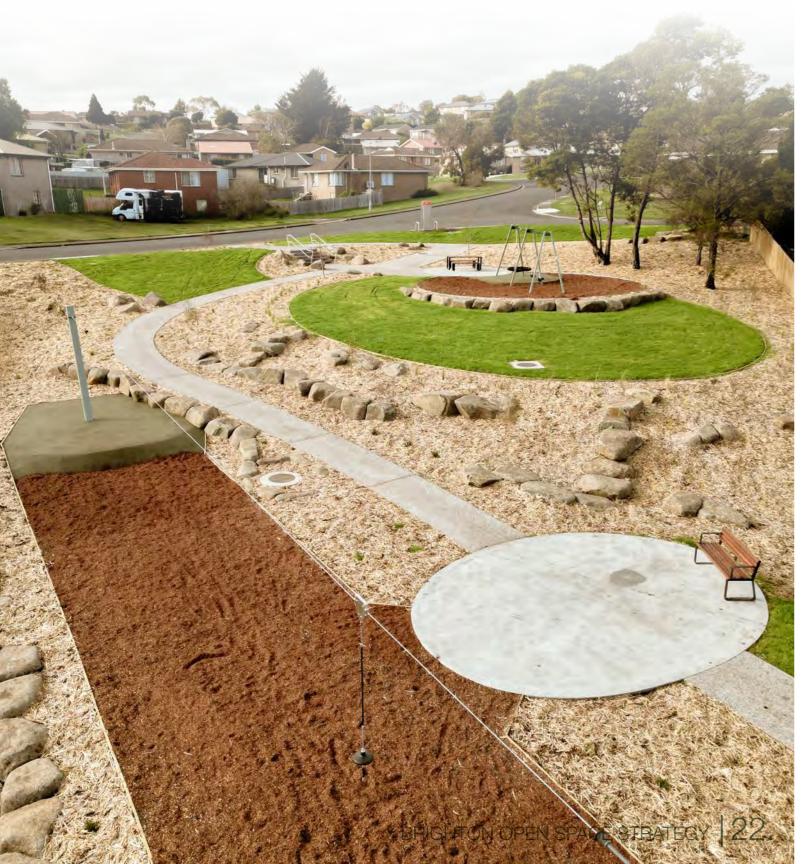












## 2.3. CONSOLIDATING EXCESS **OPEN SPACE**

In the past Council has received open space parcels that are poorly located, underutilised and serve little value as part of the open space network. These parcels were generally created through the development of the social housing estates in Bridgewater, Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove. However, some were also a result of older subdivisions in Brighton and Old Beach.

Brighton Council now has measures in place, such as this open space strategy and its open space policy, to ensure it only receives open space that will add value to its open space network.

Unfortunately some of these poorly located open space parcels lack passive surveillance and are isolated, sometimes encouraging anti-social behaviour and crime. Some of these open space parcels have now been consolidated with infill housing projects with better open space outcomes. Some of these projects are outlined below:

### BETTER OUTCOMES:



1 Doctor's surgery



**26** multiple dwellings



1 local park



96 residential lots



6 new roads



4 pedestrian

# 2.4. CONSOLIDATING EXCESS OPEN SPACE

INFILL DEVELOPMENT	SUBURB	DESCRIPTION
Paice St/Hurst St	Bridgewater	<ul> <li>14 residential lots created</li> <li>02 open space lots retained for connectivity</li> </ul>
Shoobridge Pl/Fergusson Pl (Dinosaur Park)	Bridgewater	<ul> <li>37 residential lots created</li> <li>16 multiple dwellings</li> <li>Connected 5 cul-de-sacs to become through roads</li> <li>Local Park</li> </ul>
Eddington/Thompson St	Bridgewater	02 residential lots created
Eaton Place	Bridgewater	04 multiple dwelling units
Mayfield Cres	Bridgewater	03 residential lots created
Taylor Cres	Bridgewater	27 residential lots created
Blackstone	Old Beach	02 residential lots created
Natlee Cres	Old Beach	01 residential lots created
Collis Court	Brighton	<ul><li>02 residential lots created</li><li>Pedestrian footway retained</li></ul>
209 Brighton Rd	Brighton	Developed by a doctor's surgery
Melissa St	Brighton	06 multiple dwelling units
Roslyn Ct	Brighton	02 residential lots created

# 2.5. COMING SOON

At the time of writing, the following projects have commenced or are planned for the 2024/25 Financial Year:

- Ted Jeffries Memorial Park soccer grounds and club rooms, Brighton
- Truck stop rest area, Brighton Hub
- Spine path, basketball half court and dog park, Bridgewater Parklands
- Extension of foreshore trails, Old Beach
- Brighton Road shared pathway, Brighton
- Lennox Park Master Plan review, Old Beach
- Tivoli Green playground concept, Old Beach





# POLICY CONTEXT

The OSS 2025 has been informed and restructured based on the evaluation of policies and strategies relating to open space and recreation in the following state, regional, and municipal contexts.

A significant amount of analysis on Brighton's open space and recreation was undertaken as part of the Brighton Social Infrastructure Plan 2023. This analysis is a significant input into the development of this strategy and has a separate section to highlight its importance.



# 3.1. STATE AND REGIONAL CONTEXT

DOCUMENT	RELEVANCE TO OSS REVIEW
Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework 2010	The Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework (2010) highlights the significant responsibilities local government's have when it comes to open space planning, development and management and the contribution to quality of life that open space provides.
Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies	<ul> <li>The Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) provide high-level planning policy direction and express the state's interests in land use planning and development that filter through to Regional Land Use Strategies (RLUS) and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS) and Council's Local Provisions Schedules (LPS).</li> <li>Relevant strategies from the draft TPPs relate to the following:</li> <li>Provide for a network of accessible, interlinked and inviting open and green spaces;</li> <li>Encourage active lifestyles, connection with nature and social interaction.</li> <li>Provide connectivity between open space within the urban realm.</li> <li>Mitigate the impacts of climate change and urban heat islands through urban greening on open space.</li> <li>Encourage public places that are designed to promote equal access and opportunity for the various needs and abilities of the community; and</li> <li>Encourage higher density housing near quality open space.</li> <li>Promote subdivision design that provides for well-located public open space that meets the needs of the local community</li> </ul>
Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy	Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) 2010-2035 currently provides policies and strategies to Southern Tasmania's future development and planning, including open space. These will largely be replaced by the TPP's and at the time of writing, STRLUS is being updated to provide new strategies.

# 3.2. BRIGHTON COUNCIL CONTEXT

#### 3.1. BRIGHTON SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The BSIP was developed to guide the Council's future planning for effective delivery of social infrastructure to support community wellbeing based on existing and projected needs.

A significant component of the BSIP was an analysis of open space and recreation needs. This strategy builds on the analysis and recommendations from BSIP, by using it to guide more detailed actions for open space parcels and the open space network.

Key findings from the BSIP open space and recreation analysis include:

- Many of the open space parcels across the Brighton LGA are no longer fit for purpose due to changing needs in the community. This is particularly evident where parcels of open are underutilised and poorly maintained.
- Broadly, there is an adequate level of land provided for recreation and open space in the Brighton LGA, centred around several key sites.
- Significant recreation infrastructure is available at school sites across the municipality including more than a third of all playgrounds, more than half of available outdoor sports courts (i.e. basketball/netball), and half of the available sports fields and cricket nets (albeit many are not regulation size). However, their reliance on open space may be limited due to education authorities policies and procedures.
- Brighton LGA's walkability is limited and trails identified in OSS 2012 should continually be upgraded and a Cycling Strategy prepared.

- Key priorities include:
  - Spaces for informal individualised fitnessbased activities such as outdoor exercise equipment, running tracks and defined walking loops.
  - Diversity of play offerings in which consideration of action/ adventure elements such as parkour, and provision of nature/ water-based play incorporated.
  - 3. Dog friendly spaces including fenced offleash parks.
  - 4. Tennis facilities pending further expressed community demand.
  - 5. Access to indoor recreation centre, including aquatic facilities and indoor courts.
  - 6. Continually upgrade key sites (i.e. those with Master Plans) and fill gaps with investments in lower scale sites.

BSIP also provides Place-based Priority actions which are captured in Section 6 below.

"Nurturing natural places for people and wildlife."

"Supporting opportunities for recreation and leisure for everyone at every stage of life."





# 3.3.OTHER RELEVANT LOCAL

STRATEGIES			
DOCUMENT	RELEVANCE TO OSS REVIEW	Brighton Structure Plan 2018 Continued	<ul> <li>Includes strategies and actions related to open space, movement and connectivity, including:</li> </ul>
Brighton 2050 Vision	The 2050 Vision contains six focus areas which are all relevant to open space planning. In particular, Brighton will be:  More specifically, the following vision Statements are relevant:  "Offering a diverse mix of local places to shop, eat and socialise";  "Supporting opportunities for recreation and leisure for everyone at every stage of life.";		<ul> <li>Review and update Council's Open Space Strategy</li> <li>Investigate locations for a Brighton town square;</li> <li>Investigate establishing hilltop walking tracks and pavilions on Jew Hill, Clives Hill and Pony Hill.</li> <li>Identify a suitable location for a skate park, and construct it.</li> <li>Work with local schools to identify how the public can gain out-of-hours access to school facilities.</li> </ul>
	"Creating child friendly environments including parks and playgrounds.";  "Ensuring an abundance of trees and open spaces in the urban areas."  "Making it easy to get around with good, connected footpaths, trails and cycleways.";  "Nurturing natural places for people and wildlife."	Brighton Industrial Estate - Brand and Place Strategy 2020	<ul> <li>Aims to reposition the Brighton Industrial Estate as an attractive prospect for future investors and support growth.</li> <li>Actions relevant to open space planning include:</li> <li>Achieving walking networks around the estate and along Ashburton Creek;</li> <li>Provision of lunchtime seating nooks;</li> </ul>
Brighton Council Strategy 2023-2033	Council's purpose is to "create a thriving place with opportunities for all".		<ul> <li>Amenity and activity nooks throughout the estate;</li> <li>Rehabilitate biodiversity zones and integrate with recreation trails.</li> </ul>
2020-2000	<ul> <li>Aims to inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age by providing attractive recreational areas.</li> <li>Includes strategies focused on addressing climate change impacts and biodiversity loss, which underlines the integral role public open spaces play.</li> <li>Guides the effective management of open spaces based on the growth and changing needs of the population in Brighton.</li> <li>Includes strategies that ensure the delivery of the efficient and sustainable open space strategy.</li> </ul>	Brighton Annual Plan 2024-2025	<ul> <li>Section 1.3 of the Annual Plan has the following actions relating to open space:</li> <li>Implement Ted Jeffries Memorial Park upgrades, including new soccer pitches and clubrooms, play, car parking and street upgrades.</li> <li>Finalise an update of Council's Open Space Strategy.</li> <li>Construct spine pathway and associated upgrades, including a basketball half-court in the Bridgewater Parkland.</li> <li>Consider community feedback for additional sections of gravel walkway along</li> </ul>
Brighton Open Space Strategy 2012	<ul> <li>Tool for the planning, developing, and managing of open space within the Brighton municipal area, including parks, recreation facilities, conservation reserves and linkages (e.g., paths, cycling routes, tracks and trails).</li> <li>Identifies that there exists sufficient land available for open space within the municipality, but there is a need to improve the facilities, access and amenities within existing areas.</li> <li>Provides clear strategy and actions for how to manage the open space network.</li> </ul>		the Old Beach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive.  Renew master plan for the Lennox Park precinct, Old Beach.  Prepare a concept plan for a new playground in the open space area of Tivoli Green Estate.  Commence construction on new soccer clubrooms for the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park reserve.  Construct a new town square to create a civic heart for Brighton.  Complete the construction of a truck stop rest area and 'pocket park' in the Brighton Hub.
Brighton Structure Plan 2018	<ul> <li>Provides directions for the sustainable management of growth and development of the municipality over 15-years based on the supply and demand analysis of residential, commercial, and industrial land.</li> <li>Highlights the importance of open space required to support the growth areas.</li> </ul>	Bridgewater Bridge Waterfront Master Plan	<ul> <li>The Master Plan seeks to capitalise on opportunities created by the Bridgewater Bridge Major Project.</li> <li>The Master Plan sets out actions to create a diverse open space network, including the creation of a new 30m wide waterfront corridor with improved connectivity and access to the foreshore. The plan includes a concept for a new community play space subject to approvals from TasRail.</li> </ul>

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RELEVANCE TO OSS REVIEW

# 3.3.OTHER RELEVANT LOCAL STRATEGIES

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DOCUMENT	RELEVANCE TO OSS REVIEW
Brighton Public Art Strategy 2021	The strategy emphasises making public spaces and public vistas more engaging and attractive through use of public art.
Climate Change Strategy & Resilience Strategy	The strategy aims to assist the community in reducing emissions by implementing an action to investigate the value and feasibility of providing urban forests (e.g., use of the Miyawaki method) and edible landscapes within parks, open spaces, and streetscapes. (e.g., fruit trees in parks or along pathways).
Greening Brighton Strategy	The strategy emphasises tree plantings to provide improved landscaping, shade, and shelter in parks and along linkages that are identified by the OSS as playing a significant role in the open space network.
	The Strategy identifies a number of underutilised open space parcels that could be landscaped and used for passive recreation.
Brighton Natural Resource Management Strategy	The strategy sets the target to review the OSS to ensure the natural areas are connected with paths and walkways that facilitate community participation and engagement with the natural environment.
Cris Fitzpatrick Park Master Plan	The Master Plan provides guidance on the future planning, development, and management of Cris Fitzpatrick Park to cater for a diversity of activities, activating greater community use and experiences.
Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master Plan	The Master Plan provides guidance on the future planning, development, and management of the Park as Brighton's premier soccer facility and improvements of the parklands and associated infrastructure.
Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan	The Master Plan provides a 10 year vision for the parkland area extending from the Bridgewater commercial area to the foreshore. Much of the plan has already been delivered.
Lennox Park Master Plan	The Masterplan. provides guidance to planning and development of the area and will be updated in the 2024/25 Financial Year.

DOCUMENT	RELEVANCE TO OSS REVIEW
South Brighton Master Plan	The South Brighton Master Plan provides guidance for the provisions of a network of well connected open space in the South Brighton growth area. It identifies where future open space should be provided to Council as the land is developed.
Pontville Park Master Plan	The Master Plan provides guidance for planning and development for recreation facilities and associated infrastructure in the sporting precinct.



# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

#### 4.1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In April 2025 the community were consulted to understand how they used open space and to identify their values, needs and interests in relation to open space

The objectives of the consultation were to understand:

- How our communities use Brighton's open spaces;
- what our community values about Brighton's open spaces
- How accessible are Brighton's open spaces;
- What our community wants to see more of in the future of Brighton's open spaces and what are their priorities.
- Whether the draft OSS reflected the community's views.

Methods of community engagement included:

- Pop-up community events at Lennox Park, Cove Hill Plaza, Brighton Town
- Square and Bond Place.
- Community posters
- Direct emails
- Social media posts

The overall feedback received included the:

Visits to the Brighton Have Your Say page

Online surveys completed;

Contributions to the interactive social map.

Written submission

## 4.2. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

#### QUICK FACTS

Believe its important to expand and protect open space

Have an open space within 5 to 10 minute 83% walk from their home

Are satisfied with the availability of open space in their area

Visit their local park at least once a week

76% Believe our open spaces cater for people of

Walk to their local open space

#### TOP ACTIVITIES TO DO AT OPEN SPACES

55% Walk jog or run

Playground 51%

33% Family time

25% Walk the dog

#### MOST VALUED THING ABOUT OUR OPEN SPACE

Free activity to do with the family 66%

Peace and quiet that benefits mental 63% wellbeing

Connect with other members of the community

Children's development

#### BARRIERS TO USING OPEN SPACE

32% Weather conditions

Lack of time

25% Safety

#### BARRIERS TO USING OPEN SPACE

More tree planting and shaded areas 68%

Native plant landscaping

54% Wildlife Conservation areas

#### IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED TO MAKE OPEN SPACE MORE ENJOYABLE

70% More walking and bike trails

More seating and shaded areas 56%

More community events

37% More parks or green spaces

Improved maintenance and cleanliness 37%

"More walking trails, particularly in Old Beach, connecting to Herdsmans Cove.."

# 4.2. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

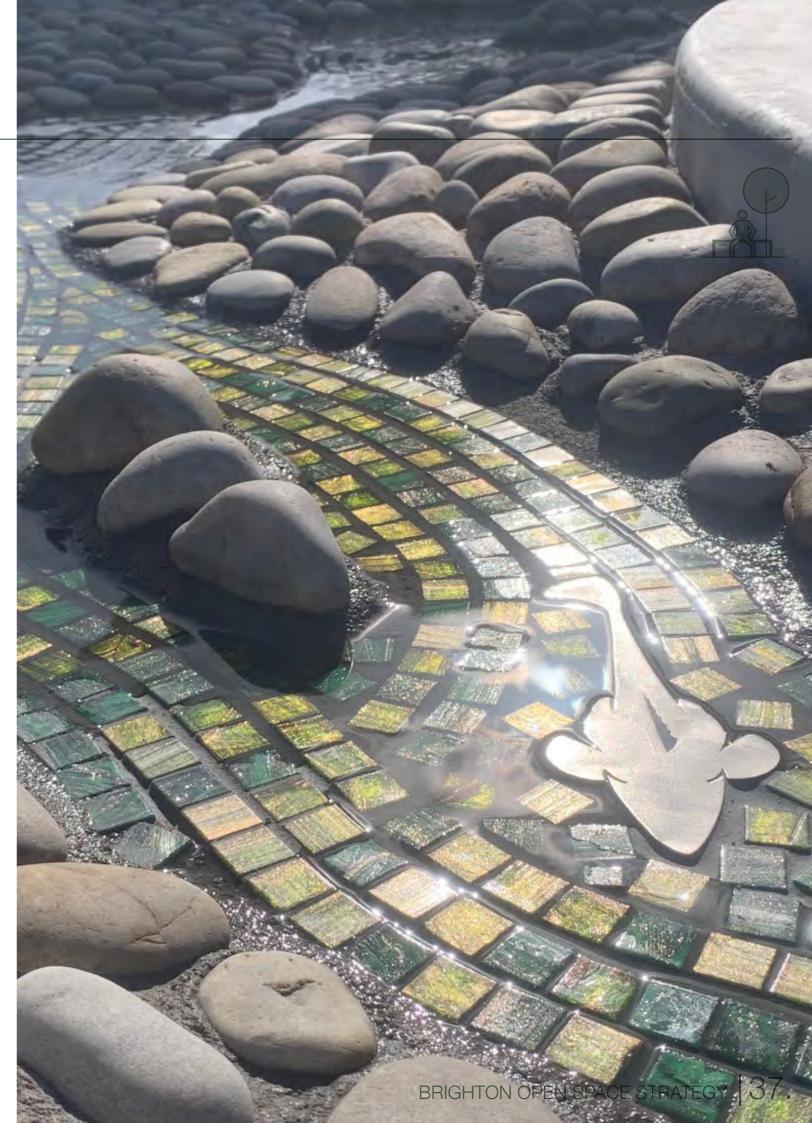
#### KEY STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Government departments and infrastructure providers were generally supportive of the development of an Open Space Strategy and encouraged early and ongoing dialogue with Council about actions that relate to their assets.

#### FREQUENTLY REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS

IMPROVEMENT AREA	EXAMPLE REQUESTS
Play Equipment	Climbing frames, zip lines, musical instruments, sandpits
Accessibility	Disability swings, accessible paths, dog parks
Safety & Maintenance	Lighting, repairs, regular cleaning, waste collection
Amenities	Toilets, BBQs, seating, water fountains, shade
Activities for All Ages	Teen spaces, pump tracks, sports courts, dog parks
Environmental Upgrades	Tree maintenance, grass, landscaping
Connectivity	Walking loops, foreshore trails, linking tracks

"The Council is making an effort to present the open spaces in a natural way which I appreciate."



# **KEY INFLUENCES & CHALLENGES**

#### 5.1. DEMOGRAPHICS

Brighton is a growth area of Greater Hobart and has had a population growth rate of 2.9% since 2016 (ABS).

Since the 2012 OSS was released, Brighton's population has grown by 4,313 people from 15,685 to 19,998 (ABS, 2023). State Treasury population projection estimates that the Brighton population will grow to 26,412 persons by 2052[1]

Brighton has a median age of 35 years, representing a younger population than Greater Hobart, whose median age is 39.1. Annual median individual income is \$36,410, which is some 10.2 % lower than the median of Greater Hobart.

Of total households, 54.4% are occupied by couple families, 19.9% are one parent families and 22.1% are lone persons. In comparison, the share of one parent family households in Greater Hobart is only at 12.1%.

Separate house is the primary dwelling type with 88.9% of Brighton residents living in this kind of dwelling structure. However, there has been a shift away from separate houses and growth in medium density dwellings is stronger than anywhere else in Southern Tasmania as shown in Figure 2 below:



Population growth rate 2.9% since 2016. The population has grown from **15,685** to **19,998** 



Median age 35 years. a younger population than Greater Hobart, where the median age is 39.1 years



Annual median individual income **\$36,410. 10.2%** lower that Greater Hobart



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# 5.2. DEMOGRAPHIC IMPLICATIONS

This section analyses key demographic findings and discusses the high level open space implications.

#### YOUNG POPULATION

Young populations seek active, adventure/risk-based and team pursuits; older residents seek more cultural pursuits and active but non-competitive pursuits.

An important consideration will be balancing the needs of older residents with the younger population to ensure that open space provision is multi-generational and enables equity of access.



#### LOWER MEDIAN INCOME

The wealthier an individual, household, or community, the greater the range of recreation opportunities that can be afforded. Low median income requires careful consideration of free/low-cost opportunities through provision of publicly accessible open space infrastructure.



#### HIGH PERCENTAGE OF ONE PARENT FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS

The more lone parent and single person households, the higher demand for social gathering opportunities to combat isolation and mental health concerns. Considering options for community informal gathering spaces in open space provision will be essential in this context.



#### INCREASE IN MULTIPLE DWELLING HOUSING

The more lone parent and single person households, the higher demand for social gathering opportunities to combat isolation and mental health concerns. Considering options for community informal gathering spaces in open space provision will be essential in this context.



#### POPULATION GROWTH

The projected population growth will lead to an expansion of urban areas into areas that are not currently serviced by open space. Considering options for open space in new residential areas and ensuring that it links to the existing open space network will be critical for these new communities.

# 5.3. OPEN SPACE & RECREATION TRENDS

The BSIP provided a useful analysis of sport and recreation trends based on various studies and published data from ABC, CSIRO and the Australian Sports Commission. Below is a summary of participation, planning, design and management trends that have implications for open space planning and provision.

- Organised sport is generally static but there is growing demand for more social forms of participation
- Preference for "turn up and play" activities with minimal volunteering commitments
- Continuous growing popularity of selfdirected activities like walking/running, fitness, riding, mountain biking, bush walking and outdoor recreation
- Strong emergence of some activities in response to inclusion in the Olympics, changing structures by traditional sports
- The rise of lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports, which are particularly popular amongst younger generations
- The rise of personal trainers and fitness means an increased use of public spaces for organised or led activity
- Increasingly multi-cultural society desiring greater variety of recreation activities reflecting a wide range of interests and new activities
- Shift from predominantly weekend and early evening participation to weeknights, days, work hours and early mornings
- Sport and recreation can help achieve mental and physical health, crime prevention, social development, and international cooperation objectives.

# STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

#### 6.1. VISION

Brighton's open spaces are diverse, equitable, connected, and sustainable. They provide health and

#### 6.2. GOALS

From the Vision and from the analysis of the key influences and trends for the future of open space in Brighton, the following goals have been developed:.



O3.

Increase environmental resilience.



Promote community health and wellbeing

#### 6.3. PRINCIPLES

#### **DESIGN & QUALITY**

Open space designs should be enjoyable, functional, well-planned, and built with appropriate materials and technology that works well for all users. The focus should be on creating desirable spaces that meet current and future demographic needs and ensuring the character of each suburb is reflected in the design of open spaces.

#### ACCESS, CONNECTIVITY & INCLUSIVITY

Residents in urban areas have walkable access to high quality open space within 400m (5-minute walk) or 800m (10-minute walk) to a high quality neighbour and district level park. Areas that fall outside this distance are identified as gaps in open space provision. It is vital to maintain and develop an open space network that is well connected by way of pathways, trails, streetscapes, and natural corridors.

All public open spaces within Brighton should be inclusively or universally designed so that all members of the community can enjoy them.

#### **EQUITY**

Quality open spaces are to be equitably distributed, maintained, and funded across Brighton.

#### VARIETY

Be diverse and include varying types of open space, suitable for both passive and active uses, and incorporate a range of local landscapes. The OSS plans for multipurpose spaces that can deliver a range of benefits.

#### SUPPORTS BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

Open spaces support biodiversity by protecting and improving local ecosystems and habitat for fauna and flora. Rehabilitation, increased canopy cover, revegetation, and enhancement of ecologically viable remnants will occur where appropriate. The OSS will seek to protect and celebrate Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural heritage and contemporary values.

#### **AFFORDABILITY**

The provision and the ongoing maintenance of the open space network must be affordable and sustainable to ensure that it provides the highest economic, social, cultural, and environmental benefits. In some instances, open spaces become redundant when a major upgrade has occurred nearby, or the Council inherits open spaces without forward planning to resource them. The OSS will focus on the efficient use, management, acquisition, and disposal of council-owned and managed open space

#### **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Open spaces are to support a healthy community where people are encouraged to visit and have contact with nature and engage in recreational activities that assist our community's physical, mental, social, and emotional wellness.

#### SAFETY

Open spaces are to be designed to integrate safety features for children and discourage vandalism or crime risks to support community safety.

## 6.4. OPEN SPACE HIERARCHY

The open space hierarchy is based on the catchment of users, the size of the space and the actual facilities provided. The hierarchy includes publicly accessible land managed by Council, but excludes non-Council managed Crown Land, restricted or private open space such as streetscapes, golf courses, or built recreation centres.

The level of hierarchy applied provides an indication of the role the open space is expected to perform and thereby, the size of the site and the scale and quality of the amenities, services and other resources which could be expected to be provided.

The strategy adopts a new hierarchy than what is used in the OSS 2012 and BSIP to better recognise that open space under 1ha (e.g Childs Drive) and open space over 1ha serve different purposes. The new hierarchy aligns with more contemporary open space planning documents such as the Victorian Planning Authority Metropolitan Open Space Network 2017.



## **TABLE**

OPEN SPACE	CATCHMENT	SIZE	CHARACTERISTICS
LOCAL	400m  Serves one to two blocks to one suburb	Up to 1ha	Purpose: Small parks within residential areas for daily use.  Examples: Pocket parks, small reserves, green corridors.  Facilities: Benches, shade trees, small playgrounds, walking paths
NEIGHBOURHOOD	800m  Serves one or more suburbs	1ha - 5ha	Purpose: Medium-sized parks serving local communities.  Examples: Suburban parks, shared green spaces, sports ovals.  Facilities: Playgrounds, seating, small sports fields, picnic areas.
DISTRICT	1200m  Serves more than one suburb or whole LGA.	5-15ha	Purpose: Larger recreational spaces catering to multiple suburbs.  Examples: Large sports reserves, waterfront promenades, major urban parks.  Facilities: Playgrounds, sports fields, skate parks, dog parks, community gardens.
REGIONAL	Up to 15km Multiple LGAs	15ha+	Purpose: Large parks serving entire metropolitan areas or cities.  Facilities: Extensive walking/bike paths, sports fields, large picnic areas, cultural/historical sites

#### 6.5. TYPOLOGY

Typology defines the role and purpose of each POS and provides guidance on infrastructure and facilities required within them. Each type may provide functionality at various levels in the hierarchy.

The Tasmanian Open Space Policy and Planning Framework (2010) system provides a framework that is practical and was proposed in Council's existing OSS 2012 and BSIP. The proposed classification of open space types are:

space types are:				
TYPE	DESCRIPTION			
PARKS				
<ul> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Bridgewater Parkland, Bridgewater</li> <li>Cris Fitzpatrick Park, Gagebrook</li> <li>Childs Drive Park, Old Beach</li> <li>Swan Park, Herdsmans Cove</li> </ul>	Consist of facilities such as playgrounds, halls, gardens, BBQs, and toilets that encourage informal recreation. They usually support activities such as play, walking, cycling, ball games, picnics, dog exercise, sightseeing, social and cultural events, artistic activities, and relaxation.			
OUTDOOR SPORTS VENUE				
<ul> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Pontville Regional Sporting Complex, Pontville</li> <li>Weily Park, Bridgewater</li> <li>Lennox Park, Old Beach</li> <li>Ted Jefferies Memorial Park, Brighton</li> </ul>	Open spaces designated for active, competitive sports and recreation. They include sports grounds, outdoor courts, and pools. These venues may have additional amenities like community halls, club rooms, management buildings, toilet/change facilities, informal gardens, and trails and pathways. Connectivity to residential and community services is integral to facilitating active transportation.			
LANDSCAPE & AMENITY				
<ul><li>Examples:</li><li>Green Point Peninsula, Bridgewater</li><li>Lot 628 Lamprill Circle, Herdsmans Cove</li></ul>	These spaces include areas that warrant reservation and protection ahead of use for other purposes. They may also have natural or cultural significance and provide unstructured recreation opportunities.			
LINEAR & LINKAGE				
<ul><li>Examples:</li><li>East Derwent Highway shared paths</li><li>McShane Road, Bridgewater</li></ul>	Linear open spaces include cycling, pedestrian pathways, and trails that the public and wildlife can access. They can link to other open spaces or places of activity, such as shops and schools. These spaces consist of small pathways linking to public venues, mainly designed for active transport connections.			

#### TYPE **DESCRIPTION** FORESHORE & WATERFRONT Examples: Foreshore and waterway open spaces consist of estuaries, Derwent River foreshore foreshores, beaches, creeks, and rivers. They serve diverse Jordan River purposes, including recreation, transport, water quality management, and habitat protection. They play a crucial role in climate change adaptation, such as buffering rising sea levels from residential areas and mitigating storm surge impacts. **CONSERVATION & HERITAGE** Conservation and Heritage spaces, like National Parks and State Examples: Army Camp/Remembrance Park Forests, prioritise preserving natural and cultural values. They allow - Brighton Road, Brighton informal, nature-based recreation and require management plans for 362 Brighton Road, Pontville. sustainable use and monitoring. UTILITIES AND SERVICES Examples: These spaces include road reserves, flood management areas, Lot 2 Melinda Court, Brighton water catchments, road development, utilities easements (power, Transmission Line easement, water, gas), and environmental nuisance abatement zones. Gage Road to Plymouth Road, Gagebrook POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE Examples: Potential open spaces are the sites reserved to meet the Morrisby Road foreshore, community's future needs. They may progress into one of the above Old Beach open space types or be considered for sale or development in the Gage Brook, Old Beach long term. Burrows Avenue, Brighton

## 6.6. GAP ANALYSIS

One of the hallmarks of a good neighbourhood is its walkability, including walkable access to open space. The strategy maps entry points of open space, with good walkability considered as access to a local-level park within a 400m (5-minute walk) radius and an 800m (10-minute walk) radius to a high-quality Neighbourhood, District or Regional-level park. Areas that fall outside this distance are identified as gaps in open space provision.

The gap analysis considers all open spaces typologies excluding "Linear and Linkage" and "Utilities and Services".

The OSS also considers the quality of the available open space and whether it has the necessary infrastructure and amenities for it to be considered fit for purpose. The quality of the open space has been considered using a traffic light system as per below:

- Low quality Generally has no infrastructure, landscaping and/or natural values or needs major upgrades. Fails to meet the OSS principles.
- Medium quality Has some infrastructure, landscaping and/or natural values, but may be getting outdated and tired. Meets some of the OSS principles.
- High quality Has well-maintained and contemporary landscaping and/or natural values, playground facilities and associated infrastructure. Meets all or most of the OSS Principles.

The Strategy provides actions for addressing identified gaps in both access to and quality of open space. Actions are prioritised having consideration of other open spaces available in the area. For example, an area that has no access to open space will be prioritised over an area that has access to high quality open space within 800m.



# SUBURB ANALYSIS



# 7.2 BRIDGEWATER

#### AT A GLANCE...



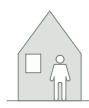
**4,142** estimated residential population, **31.6 years** median age & **19.1%** Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population



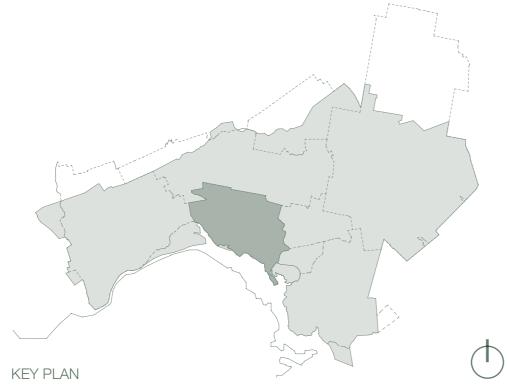
\$45,900 annual median household income, -43.5% variation from greater Hobart average & 33% low to no income household



**34.9%** couple families, **31.2%** one parent families & **28.6%** lone person



**18.9%** owned outright, **19.9%** owned with a mortgage & **60.3%** rented



#### **OVERVIEW**

Bridgewater has a population of 4,142 and is the major activity centre for the Brighton LGA. Bridgewater is located on the Derwent River foreshore and a network of gravel foreshore walking trails. In recent years, a large amount of work has been done on developing the Bridgewater Parklands and this District Level park provides good open space access to residents in the western part of Bridgewater.

The gap analysis shows that access to quality open space in the residential area in the north of Bridgewater is poor. However, a park on Shoobridge Road is under construction and will provide a much needed quality open space area. Residents in the south-east of Bridgewater have excellent access to foreshore walking trails and Green Point peninsula, but the area lacks playground infrastructure.

Accessibility to open space for residents in northern Bridgewater is made worse by the East Derwent Highway acting as a barrier. Similarly, Weily Park, which is the major sporting facility in Bridgewater, is difficult to access as the Midland Highway acts as a barrier. Further, there is potentially an oversupply of open space in the area adjoining the east of the Midland Highway.

The majority of growth within Bridgewater is planned to occur west of the Midland Highway along Boyer Road. Open space provision in the planning of this growth precinct will be an important consideration. There will be opportunities to connect the growth precinct to the foreshore which has been opened up by the Bridgewater Bridge Project.

Provision of open space in the rapidly growing Brighton Hub is also an important consideration so that workers and visitors to the area have opportunities for passive recreation.

The BSIP provides the following analysis for open space and recreation in the area:

- There is likely to be an increased demand for 'health and fitness' related activities for this community, paying particular reference to its age profile and high single-parent/ lone-person households. Days of playing sport are over but wanting to keep fit for life and general health and wellbeing is on trend for this demographic.
- Adding to this is considerations of comparative disadvantage amongst the community, driving demand for freely accessible public infrastructure to support health and wellbeing.
- Provision of outdoor exercise equipment, running loops (with distance markers etc.) and path/ trail networks will be valued by the community. Consideration of aquatic/gym-based provision for this community will also be important.

### **OPEN SPACE STATISTICS**



**52.3 ha** open space



27 open space parcels



1 sports reserve



**5** Playgrounds





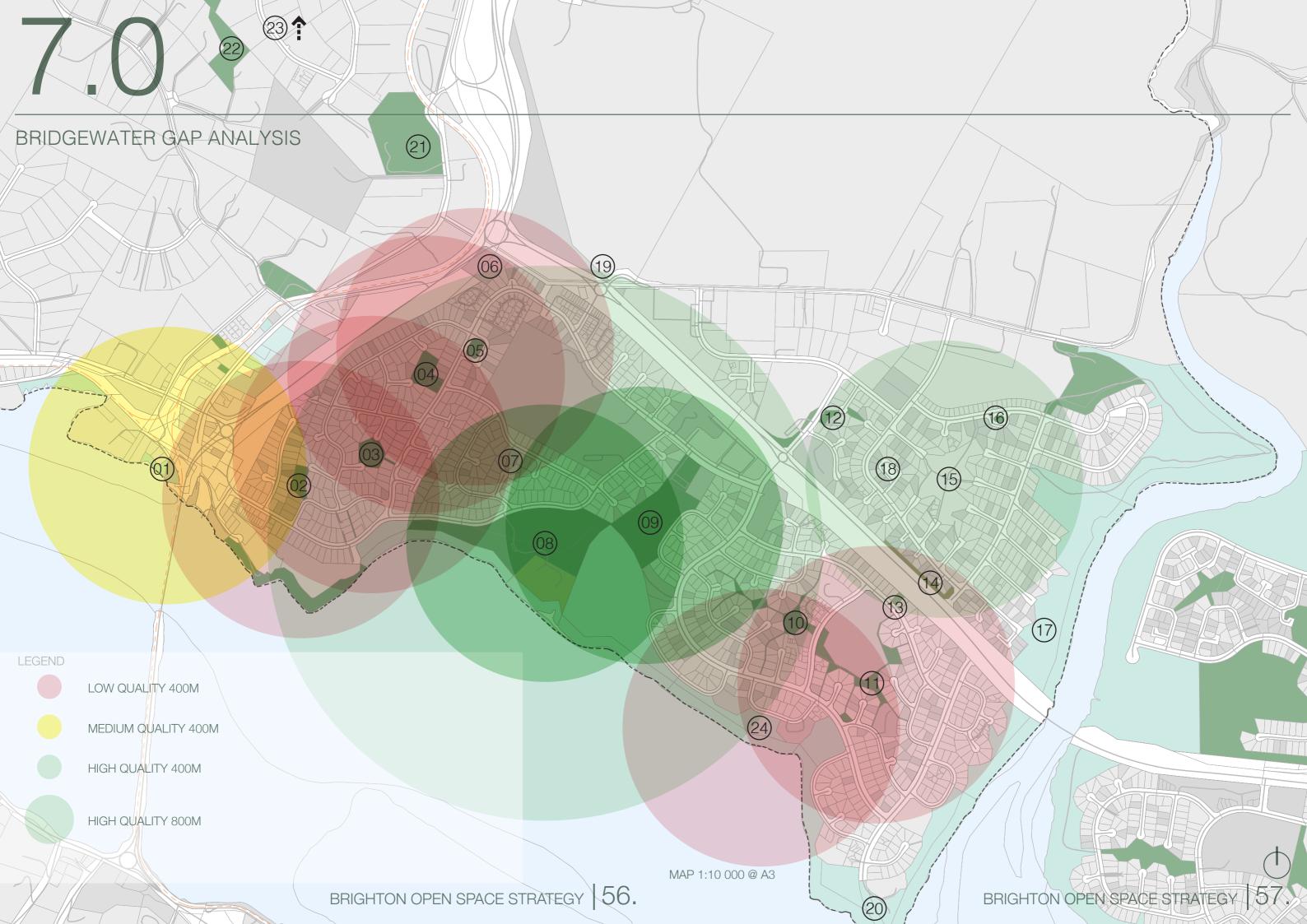
#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

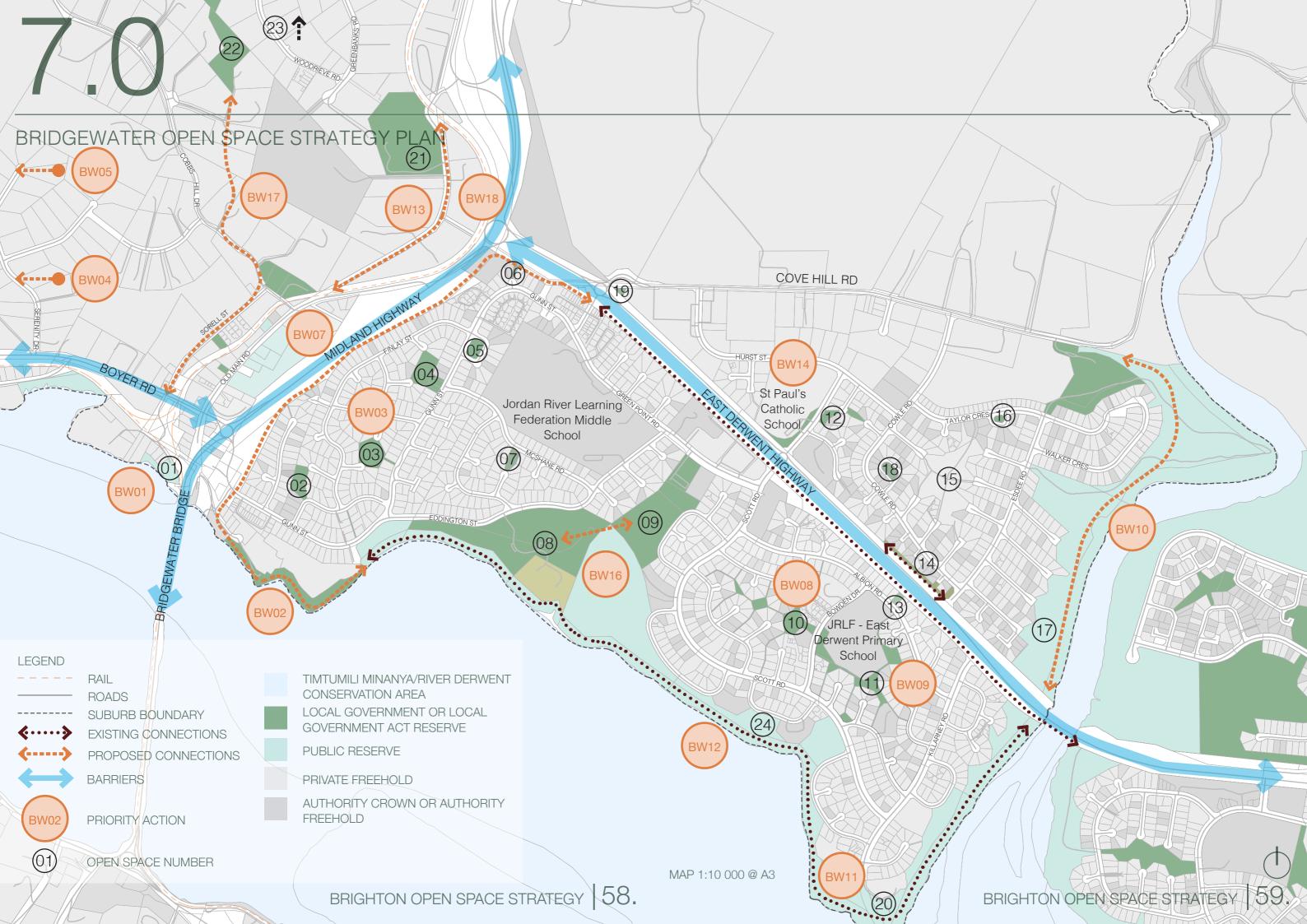
- Improve connectivity between the Bridgewater commercial area and the foreshore by installing the spine pathway as part of the Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan.
- The Bridgewater Bridge development will open additional foreshore land that could improve access to foreshore trails and parklands if developed in accordance with the Bridgewater Waterfront Master Plan.
- Providing connectivity between the Bridgewater Parklands and Bridgewater Waterfront will improve the quality of movement and enable greater variety in open space experiences.
- Planning and development of the growth area along Boyer Road will provide opportunity for strategic open space acquisition and development. This could include bushland on Cove Hill to allow people to immerse themselves in nature and encourage bush play.
- Establishing a pathway connecting west and north Bridgewater to the open spaces in the south can improve public accessibility and increase recreation opportunities.

### CHALLENGES

- Supply and access to playgrounds in the north-east and south-east of Bridgewater is poor and opportunities to address this issue should be pursued.
- Poor access to Weily Park (Site 21) which is the only outdoor sports ground in the suburb.
- There are no civic open space areas in the Cove Hill activity centre.
- Anti-social issues associated with internal pathways and poorly located open space at sites 10 & 11.
- Shortfall of open spaces in the growth area along Boyer Road.

- If land is rezoned for urban densities and subdivided along Cobbs Hill Road, connectivity to the Brighton Hub along Ashburton Creek could be provided to improve walkability, access and encourage passive recreation opportunities.
- An oversupply of small, low quality open space areas in West Bridgewater could provide for one or more of the spaces to be rezoned and developed and one of the spaces enhanced.
- There is an opportunity to collaborate with local community and Aboriginal groups, to restore larger open space areas, such as Greenpoint Peninsula, to pre-colonial ecosystems and become a place to connect people to land and celebrate the Traditional Owners and cultural heritage.
- There is underutilised open space at the Jordan River Learning Federation Complex that could be enhanced for community use.
- Extensive tree planting and landscaping for cooling, nature connection, water sensitive urban design, and the provision of habitat and biodiversity.
- Midland and East Derwent Highways create a barrier to pedestrian connectivity between public open spaces.
- The Brighton Hub requires amenity improvement to support high quality growth.
- Low tree canopy cover across the suburb.
- Foreshore trails are underutilised, and some are in poor condition.
- Consistent incidence of tree vandalism resulting in the destruction of public trees that impact on Council's time and resources and public safety.





# BRIDGEWATER

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	
01.	Bridgewater Waterfront Park	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low	
02.	Warruga Park	Local	Park Potential Infill	Low	
03.	Finlay Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium	
04.	Gunn Street	Local	Park	Low	
05.	Gunn Circle	Local	Park Potential Infill	Low	
06.	Gunn Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	
07.	McShane Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium	
08.	Bridgewater Foreshore Park	District	Park Foreshore & Waterway Linear & Linkage	High	
09.	Bridgewater Community Parkland	District	Park	High	
10.	Bowden Park	Local	Park Linear & Linkage	Low	
11.	Ringwood Drive	Local	Linear & Linkage Potential Infill	Low	
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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
12.	O'Loughlin Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium
13.	Albion Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium
14.	Hebe Link	Local	Linear & Linage	Medium
15.	Shoobridge Park	Local	Open Space	High
16.	Taylor Circle	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium
17.	Jordan River Foreshore Trail	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low
18.	Oakwood Court	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium
19.	Cove Hill Gateway	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low
20.	Green Point Peninsula	District	Foreshore & Waterway  Landscape & Amenity  Conservation & Heritage	Medium
21.	Weily Park	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports venue	Medium
22.	Ashburton Creek Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage Potential Open Space	Low
23.	Brighton Hub Rest Stop	Local	Potential Open Space	Low
24.	Barton Crescent	Local	Park Waterway & Forehore	Medium

#### PRIORITY ACTIONS

SHORT TERM (1-2 YEARS)

**BW01.** Advocate for high quality open space and amenity and biodiversity landscaping to be delivered as per the Bridgewater Waterfront Master Plan 2023 as part of the Bridgewater Bridge Project. (Site 1).

**BW02.** Provide a foreshore trail connecting Bridgewater Parkland to the Bridgewater Bridge. (Site 1).

BW03. Rezone Warruga St Park (Site 2) and Gunn St (Site 4) to General Residential and sell or develop the land for infill housing, but maintaining any key linkages. Using the proceeds of the development upgrade and enhance Finlay St (Site 3) with landscaping and seating and shelter and Gunn St (Site 5) as a local park.

**BW04.** Ensure the Boyer Road growth area is serviced by open spaces that meet the Open Space Principles, and preferably with a Neighbourhood level park (at least 1ha).

MEDIUM TERM (3-5 YEARS)

**BW08.** Retain and upgrade the land in the open space zone as per the recommendation in BSIP. Rationalise pathways and investigate opportunities for infill development to improve safety for the rest of the site (Site 10).

**BW09.** Rationalise pathways and investigate opportunities for infill development and/ or transferring land to JRLF – East Derwent Primary School (Site 11).

**BW05.** Investigate the opportunity to acquire bushland to the north of the Boyer Road growth area as open space to improve public access to bushland recreation options.

**BW06.** Enhance landscaping and amenity at Site 10 (along Bowen Road frontage only), 12-14, 16, 18 & 19 in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.

**BW07.** Connect the shared pedestrian footpath on the East Derwent Highway along the Midland Highway through to the Bridgewater Bridge.

**BW10.** Develop a foreshore track along the western side of the Jordan River to provide connections to the residential area (Site 17).

LONG TERM (5+ YEARS)

**BW11.** Consider providing a local park at the end of Killarney Road near the existing car park or at the open area near Scott Rd to service the south-east of the suburb and provide an attractive entry point to the Greenpoint Peninsula (Site 20).

**BW12.** Consider removing the play equipment and providing a small shelter with picnic table at (Site 24).

**BW13.** Provide shared paths along Weily Park Road connecting to Old Main Road to improve connectivity and access to Weily Park sports oval (Site 21).

**BW14.** Identify opportunities for obtaining the land for a civic open space along Hurst St and Letitia Grove.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**BW15.** Enhance the foreshore trails with tree planting, wayfinding signage and sealing of sections that are subject to erosion.

**BW16.** Continue developing Bridgewater Parkland in accordance with the Master Plan and release excess open space land for residential infill. (Site 8).

**BW17.** Investigate opportunities to obtain land along Ashburton Creek to connect the Brighton Hub and Derwent River foreshore as land if land is rezoned and developed (Site 22).

**BW18.** Improve pedestrian and cycling access to Weily Park with consideration of an underpass, particularly if upgrades to the East Derwent Highway and Midland Highway are proposed.

# 7.3 GAGEBROOK & HERDSMANS COVE

#### AT A GLANCE...



**2,776** estimated residential population, 28.1 years median age & 25% Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population



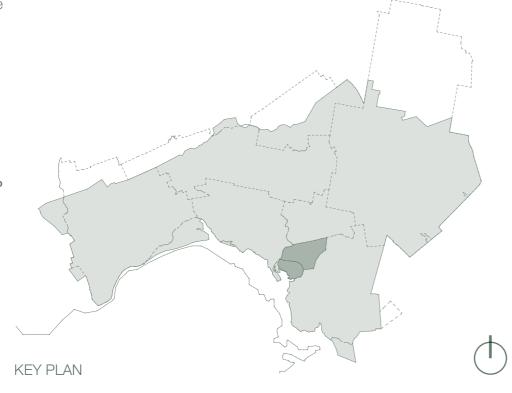
**\$46,360** annual median household income, -42.9% variation from greater Hobart average & 32.5% low to no income household



**33.1%** couple families, **36.8%** one parent families & 24.6% lone person



9.2% owned outright, 18.2% owned with a mortgage & 72.2% rented



#### **OVERVIEW**

Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove has 2,776 residents and has the youngest population in the Brighton LGA with a median age of about 28 years. The two suburbs have a median household income that is 42.9% lower than the Greater Hobart average, indicating that the area is characterised by disadvantage.

The majority of the open space areas in Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove were acquired through residential subdivisions when the social housing estates were first developed. The majority of these are poorly located and with minimal street frontage to allow for passive surveillance.

Public open space is well dispersed throughout these suburbs, but are spatially disconnected by the East Derwent Highway, which offers only a few pedestrian and vehicle crossing points. This spatial disconnection greatly impacts the access between Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove.

Recent upgrades to Swan Park, Herdsmans Cove and Cris Fitzpatrick Park, Gagebrook have provided much needed high quality open space in both suburbs. Recent upgrades to shared trails along the East Derwent Highway and connections to Cris Fitzpatrick Park have assisted in improving access and connectivity between the two suburbs and to Bridgewater. The foreshore trails, along the Derwent and Jordan Rivers, provide recreation opportunities for Herdsmans Cove residents.

Cove Creek Oval is located in Gagebrook and provides the only sporting facility outside of the small ovals in the two primary schools. Cove Hill Oval has minimal infrastructure and is poorly utilised.

### **OPEN SPACE STATISTICS**

34ha open space

The gap analysis indicated that these suburbs consist of the highest number of low-quality open spaces that are underutilised and unattractive. Also, an oversupply of three open spaces is identified in Gagebrook North (Sites 3, 4 & 6), which are all within the radius of a Neighbourhood level park and are of low quality, providing low community value.

Cris Fitzpatrick Park services the majority of Gagebrook with quality open space except for the residential area near the Council offices and in the north-west. Herdsmans Cove has poor access to quality open space except in the south of the suburb.

The BSIP provides the following analysis for open space and recreation in the area:

- Celebrating its status as the youngest population in Brighton, those under 35 are a key sport playing demographic, so formal sporting facilities will likely be in demand locally.
- Adding to this is considerations of comparative disadvantage amongst the community, driving demand for freely accessible public infrastructure to support health and wellbeing.
- It should be considered that the provision of assets to support more active youth focused pursuits, such as outdoor ball courts, skate/bmx facilities and similar will be in demand, while consideration of alternative public access facilities, such as tennis courts not aligned to club use, could be advocated to support this community.



20 open space parcels



1 sports reserve



**5** Playgrounds





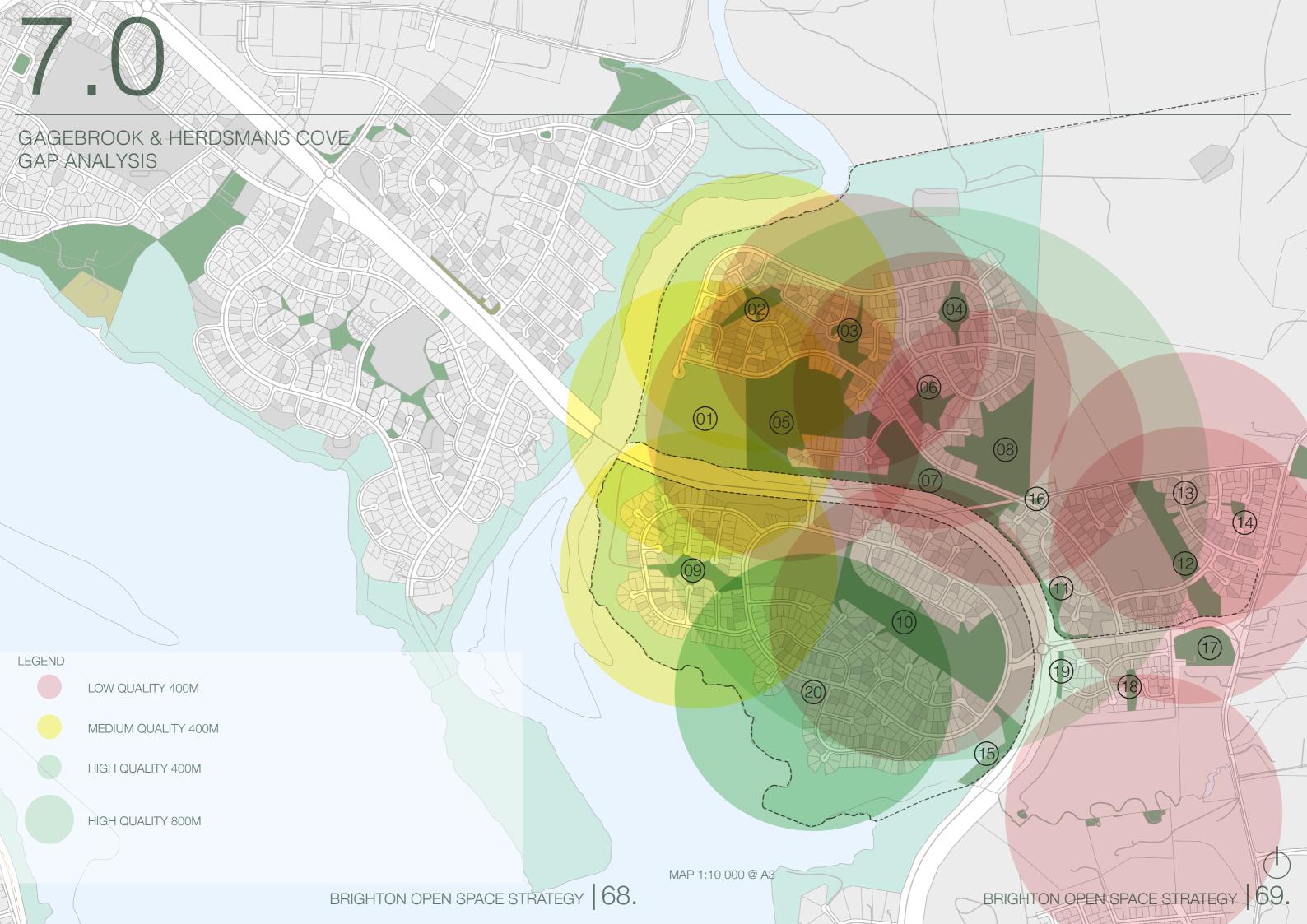
#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- There are opportunities to improve access into residential areas from the East Derwent Highway shared paths, such as providing path connections to Guilford Crescent and Tivoli Green Estate.
- Provision of a pathway to connect the foreshore trail from Herdsmans Cove to Old Beach will improve the recreational offering.
- The State Government are undertaking a review of the East Derwent Highway corridor. There is an opportunity to advocate for:
  - The creation of an improved pedestrian connection between Laurence Place, East Derwent Highway and Lamprill Circle to improve accessibility; and
  - Improved pedestrian crossings at the Gage Road/Lamprill Circle/East Derwent Highway roundabout.
- The JRLF Herdsmans Cove Primary School has recently received a grant for improved naturebased play facilities and there may be opportunities

- to allow use outside of school hours. Enhancing the sporting facilities at Cove Creek Sports Ground and improving connections will provide improved access to sport and recreation facilities.
- An excess of low quality open space provides an opportunity for some infill development.
- Increase vegetation cover in order to reduce urban heat vulnerability and reinstate endemic species and encourage rehabilitation.

# CHALLENGES

- There is an oversupply of low-quality open space areas in north Gagebrook around Deak Street.
- There are a significant number of low-quality open spaces that offer limited play experience and do not meet open space principles.
- The East Derwent Highway creates barriers to public open spaces, particularly from Herdsmans Cove to the high-quality Cris Fitzpatrick Park
- Limited opportunities for sport and recreation.
- Low tree canopy cover across the suburb.





# GAGEBROOK & HERDSMANS COVE

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
01.	Cove Creek Wetland	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low
02.	Veronica Park	Local	Park	Low
03.	Viola Crescent Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity Potential Infill	Low- Medium
04.	Sattler Street Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low- Medium
05.	Cove Creek Oval	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports Venue	Low
06.	Briar Crescent Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity Potential Infill	Low
07.	Cris Fitzpatrick Park	Neighbour- hood	Park	Medium - High
08.	Tottenham urban forest	Local	Landscape & Amenity Linear & Linkage	Medium
09.	Fisher Drive	Local	Linear & Linkage Park	Low
10.	Lamprill Circle Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low
11.	Guilford Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium
12.	Ashburton Corridor	Local	Utilities & Services	Medium
13.	Lockhart Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low TRATEGY 172

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
14.	Wiltshire Place	Local	Linear & Linage	Low
15.	Gage Brook wetland	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low
16.	N/A Road Reserve	Local	Utilities & Services	Low
17.	Brighton Council Offices	Neighbour- hood	Utilities & Services	Medium - High
18.	Barrob Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium
19.	EDH Trail	Local	Utilities & Service Linear & Linkage	Low
20.	Swan Park	Local	Park	High

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#### PRIORITY ACTIONS

SHORT TERM (1-2 YEARS)

**GH01.** Investigate residential infill of Site 9, including connecting cul-de-sacs as through roads and retaining an east-west pedestrian connection and provision of a small local park.

**GH02.** Work with JRLF Herdsmans Cove Primary School to develop a new naturebased playground and to allow use outside of school hours.

MEDIUM TERM (3-5 YEARS)

**GH03.** Improve the pedestrian crossings of the East Derwent Highway at Lamprill Circle and Gage Road.

**GH04.** Improve amenity of Council Chambers (Site 17) with seating and landscaping to create a passive open space area in accordance with Council Chambers Master Plan 2022.

GH05. Undertake community consultation for potential residential infill of Sites 3 & 6.

**GH06.** Investigate residential infill development at Site 10, including the provision of a local level park and retain and enhance existing urban forest with seating areas at the steep part of the land on the east.

**GH07.** Investigate residential infill at Site 11, between 21 & 23 Guilford Crescent and retain an area for a pathway connection to the existing East Derwent Highway shared paths.

**GH08.** Enhance landscaping and amenity at Sites 2 &14 in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.

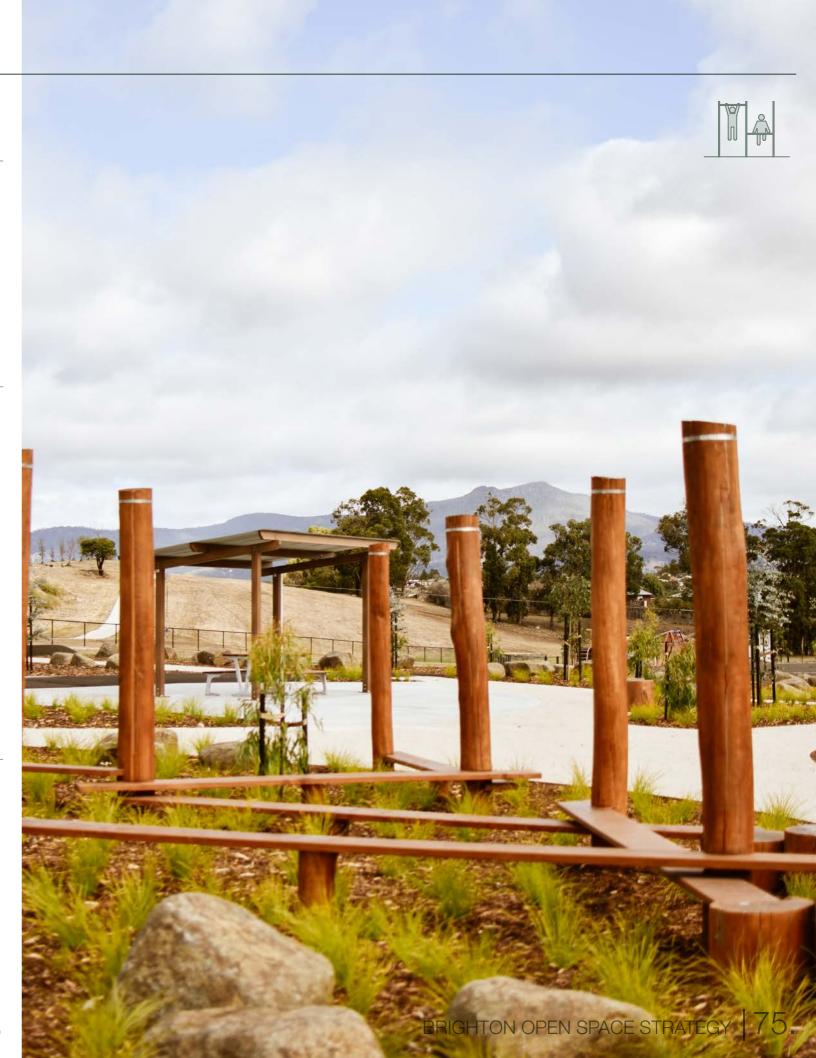
**GH09.** Continue to develop in accordance with Cris Fitzpatrick Park Master Plan and incorporate off-leash dog areas into Cris Fitzpatrick Park (Site 7).

LONG TERM (5+ YEARS)

**GH10.** Extend pedestrian link through Site 12 to Plymouth Road and improve landscaping through the area.

**GH11.** Upgrade Site 14 with paths, and improve amenity with seating and landscaping, and a small play facility to cater for local families living on the eastern side of the highway.

**GH12.** Improve facilities at Cove Creek Sports Oval (Site 5) in accordance with BSIP recommendation and investigate options to improve usage.



# 7.4 OLD BEACH

#### AT A GLANCE...



**3,620** estimated residential population, 40.9 years median age & 4.4% Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population



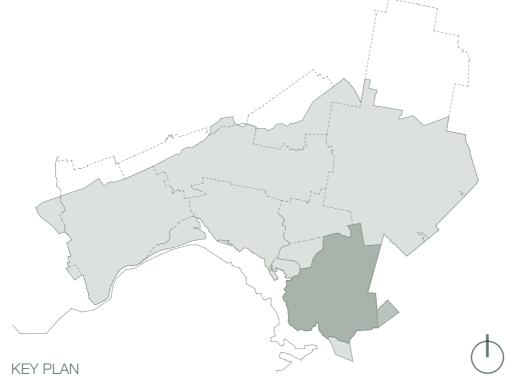
\$94,300 annual median household income, +16.1% variation from greater Hobart average & 9.9% low to no income household



**68.4%** couple families, **9.7%** one parent families & 20.0% lone person



**36.7%** owned outright, **50.2%** owned with a mortgage & 12.1% rented



#### **OVERVIEW**

Old Beach has a population of 3,620 and has a markedly older age profile than other suburbs in Brighton LGA. It also is socio-economically advantaged and the annual median individual income is 16% higher than the median income for Greater Hobart.

The Old Beach residential area was initially established along the Derwent River foreshore and generally provides larger homes with views to the Derwent River. The suburb now also includes the Tivoli Green development area in the north which encompasses a large greenfield site with the potential of more than 400 new lots, centred around a new open space area at the Gage Brook wetland which is yet to be completed.

Council has also recently rezoned a large area of rural living zoned land around Old Beach Road, Myna Park Road and Shelmore Drive for urban consolidation which will require open space provision.

The East Derwent Highway is a major barrier to pedestrian movement and access to open spaces.

The main open space facility in Old Beach is Lennox Park which includes a cricket oval, tennis courts, playground, skate park and dog park. The Old Beach foreshore track along the south of the suburb is one of Brighton LGA's most popular trails and includes threatened saltmarsh communities. Council are currently investigating expanding the foreshore trail further north.

The gap analysis shows two large gaps in open space provision for Old Beach, including the area around Blackstone Drive, and the Tivoli Green Estate.

Another gap has been revealed in South Old Beach near the foreshore. However, it is not considered as much of a priority given the proximity to the high-quality foreshore trail, Lennox Park, and jetty.

The BSIP provides the following analysis for open space and recreation in the area:

- The age profile indicates a strong demand for individualised, health focused activities that support wellbeing into the later stages of life. For example, tennis courts, path/ trail networks, outdoor exercise equipment, and high quality supporting park amenities (such as toilets, shade, and seating).
- Little to no public parks are available throughout the residential catchment.
- Emerging urban release area will have limited access to public open space and recreation assets.

### **OPEN SPACE STATISTICS**



34.1ha open space



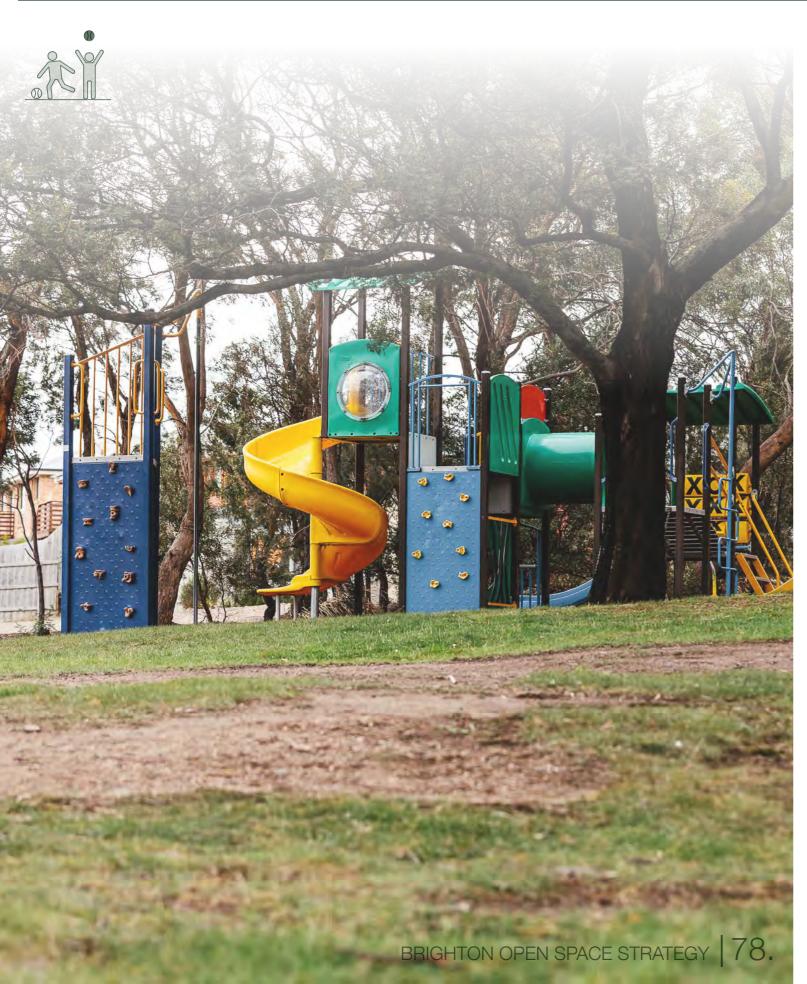
17 open space parcels



1 sports reserve



2 Playgrounds



### **OPPORTUNITIES**

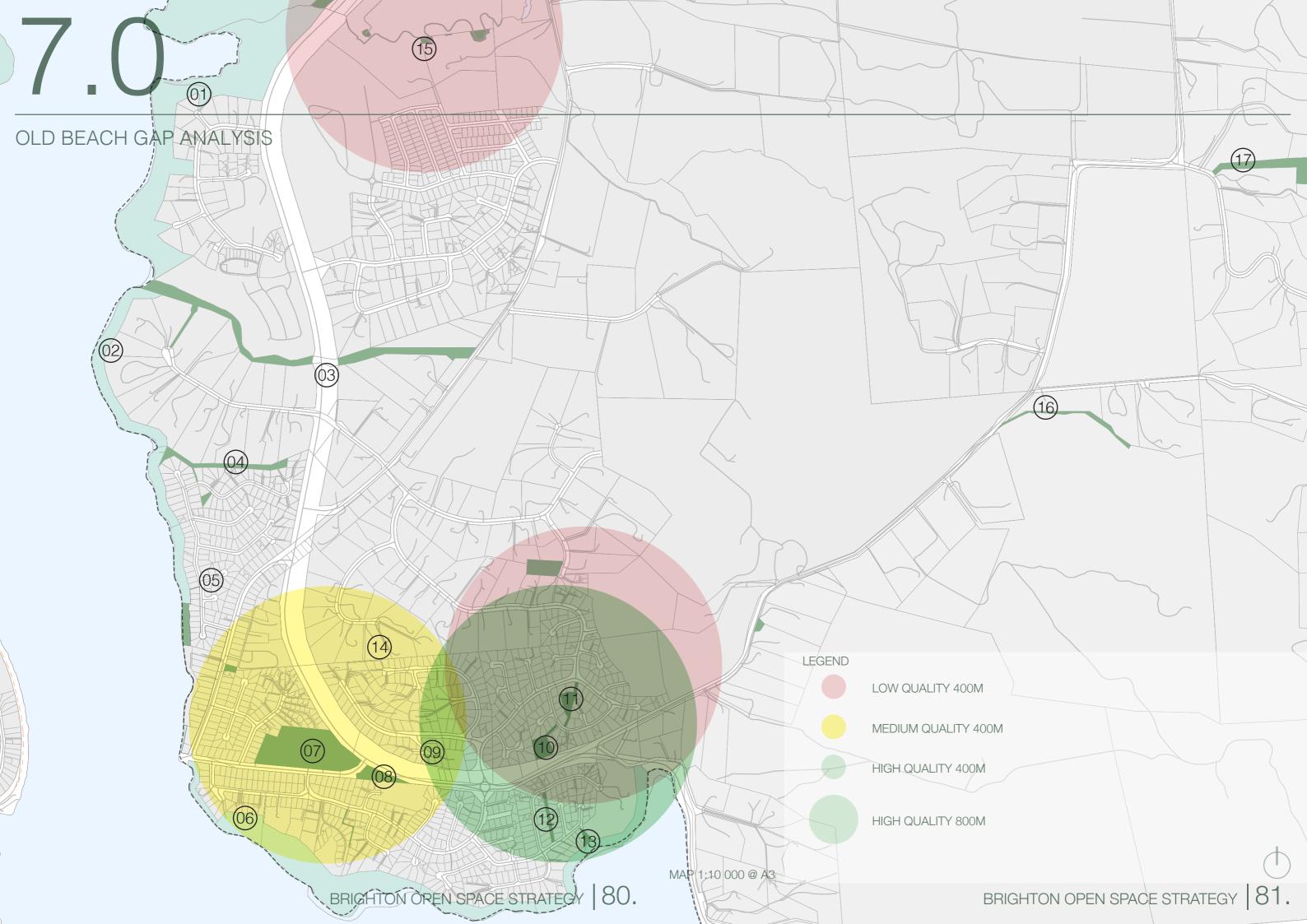
- Extending the foreshore trail from Old Beach to connect with the existing trail at Herdsmans Cove will provide a continuous foreshore walking track through all urban areas.
- Council will be provided with a significant open space area as Tivoli Green is developed and there is an opportunity to provide a high-quality Neighbourhood to District level park.
- As the remainder of Future Urban Zoned land is developed in Tivoli Green there is an opportunity to continue a trail along Gage Brook to Old Beach Road.
- There is an opportunity to provide a new hilltop park if the Clives Hill Quarry is developed.
- The State Government are preparing the EDH corridor study and there is an opportunity to improve the accessibility issues created by the East Derwent Highway. This includes;
  - continuing the pedestrian link along the East Derwent Highway from Gage Road though to Old Beach; and
  - o improve pedestrian crossings at the Clives Ave roundabout and Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway intersection to improve the accessibility issues created by the East Derwent Highway.

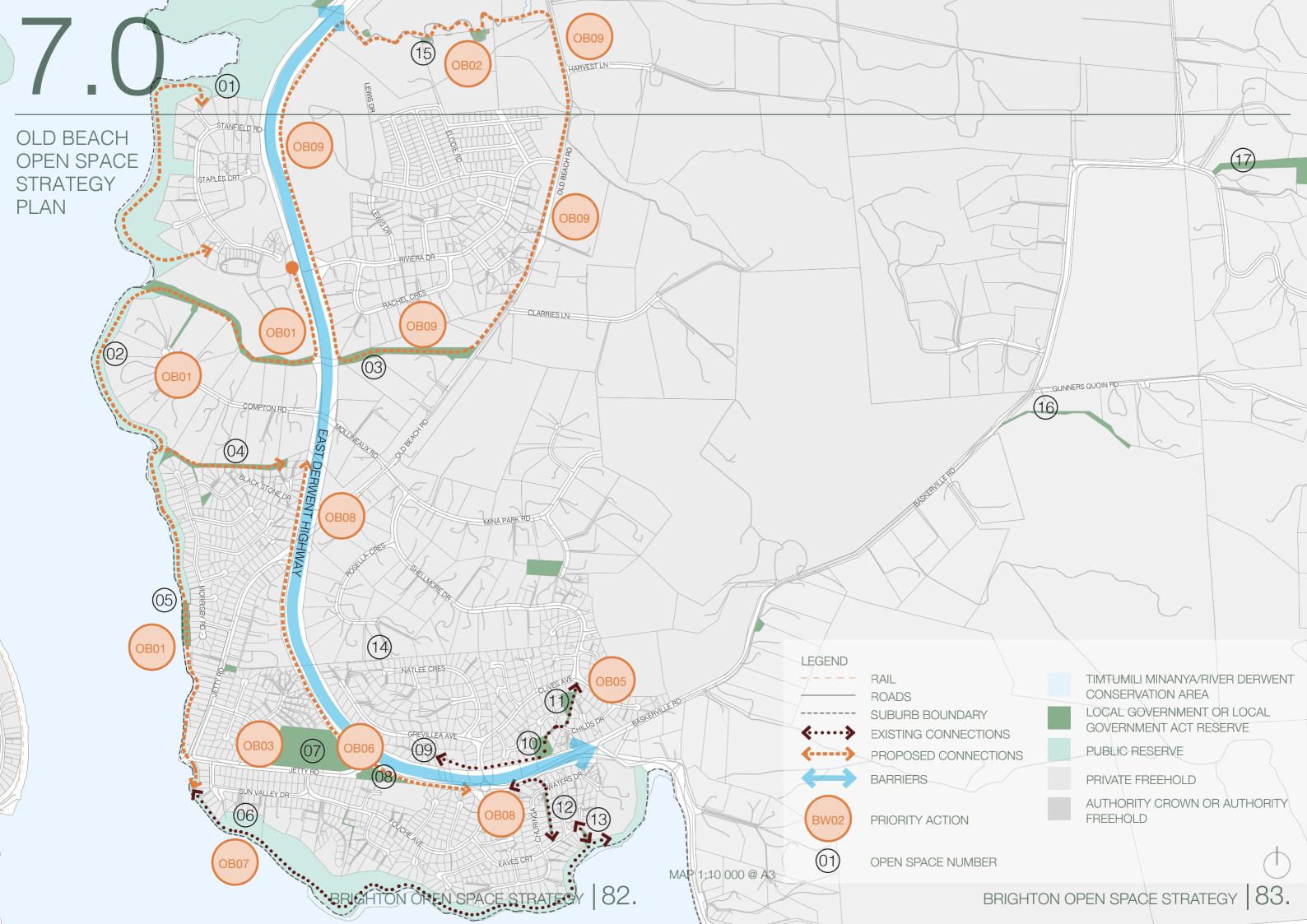
- The Lennox Park Master Plan could be updated to accommodate the changing needs of the park users.
- Improve tree canopy coverage to improve pedestrian amenity and comfort.

### **CHALLENGES**

- The shortfall of local level parks in the south of Tivoli Green Estate and the southwest area in the vicinity of Morrisby Avenue and the foreshore.
- East Derwent Highway is creating a barrier to Lennox Park and the foreshore trail.
- Lennox Park oval is not a full-size oval which limits the number and level of cricket matches it can host.
- Increased impermeable surfaces and reduction in tree canopy due to the increase in housing.

- The disconnect between Tivoli Green and the remainder of Old Beach.
- Forecast coastal inundation and erosion of the public foreshore in southern Old Beach.





# OLD BEACH

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
01.	Stanfield Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Medium
02.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low
03.	Clarries Creek Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage Foreshore & Waterway	Low
04.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
05.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low
06.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	High
07.	Lennox Park	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports Venue Park	Medium
08.	EDH Trail	Local	Utilities & Services Linear & Linkage	Medium
09.	Sandstone Pocket	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low
10.	Childs Drive Park	Local	Park	High
11.	Clives Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
12.	Eaves Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
13.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
14.	Rosella Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
15.	Tivoli Green	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Medium

### PRIORITY ACTIONS

SHORT TERM (1-2 YEARS)

**OB01.** Develop the foreshore trail from the existing foreshore track in the south to Riviera Drive/ East Derwent Highway intersection and undertake community consultation prior to decision-making. (Sites 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).

**OB02.** Prepare a concept plan for a playground in the north of Tivoli Green with the aim to develop a District Level Park and work with the developer to ensure timely delivery. (Site 15).

**OB03.** Update the Lennox Park Master Plan with consideration of relevant recommendations of BSIP. (Site 7).

MEDIUM TERM (3-5 YEARS)

**OB04.** Ensure that Master planning for growth areas along Old Beach Road and Clives Hill provide a network of well-connected public open spaces in accordance with the principles of this strategy. This should include improving connectivity to the established residential area and utilising the Clarries Creek corridor.

**OB05.** Enhance landscaping and amenity at sites 11 & 12 in accordance with the principles of the Greening Brighton Strategy.

**OB06.** Upgrade Lennox Park in accordance with the new Master Plan (Site 7).

**OB07.** Continue to maintain the foreshore walking trail and enhance with landscaping, shelters and seating. Consider kayaking launching locations. Monitor impacts from coastal inundation and erosion.

**OB08.** Formalise walking trails along the East Derwent Highway and investigate suitable locations for safe pedestrian crossings, particularly near Old Beach Road and Clives Avenue

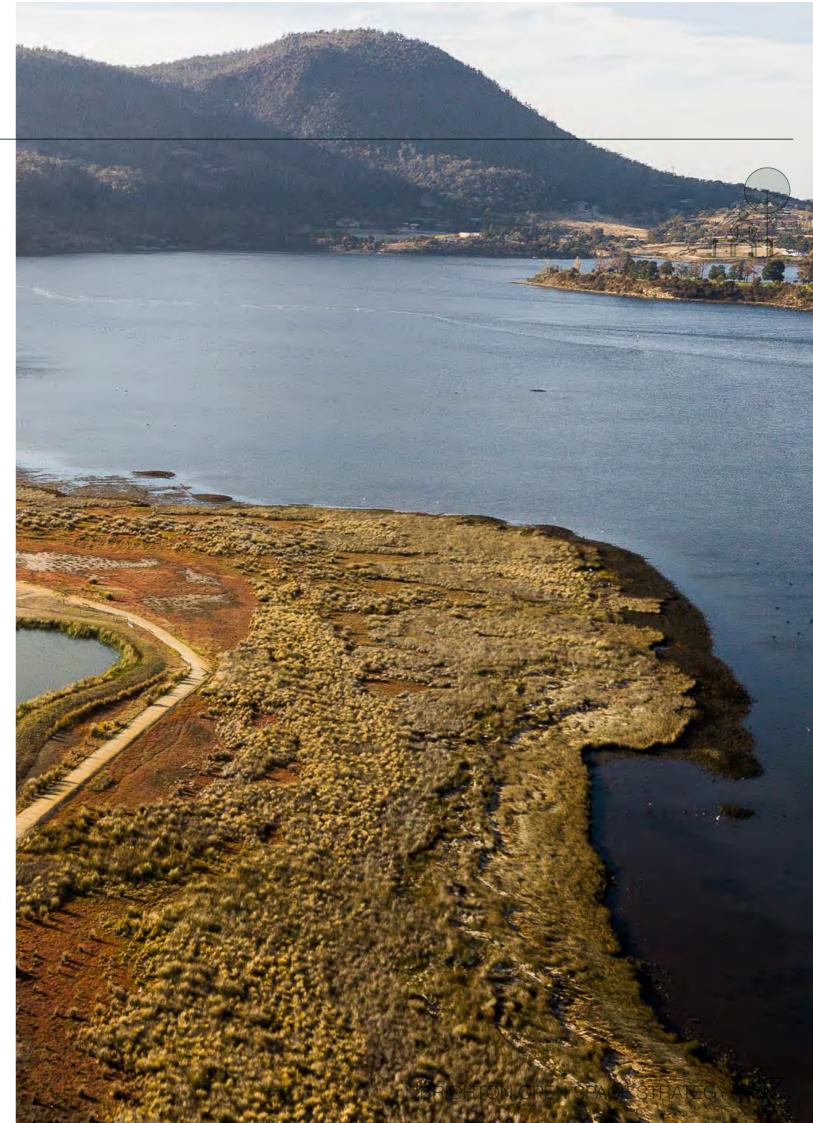
LONG TERM (5+ YEARS)

**OB09.** Investigate opportunities for providing a walking loop around Tivoli Green (e.g. Gage Rd> East Derwent Highway>Clarries Creek>Old Beach Road)

### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**OB10.** Investigate a suitable location for a full-sized oval.

**OB11.** Continue a trail along Gage Brook to Old Beach Road as future urban zoned land is developed.



# 7.5 BRIGHTON & PONTVILLE

### AT A GLANCE...



**4,467** estimated residential population, 32.7 years median age & 8.3% Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population



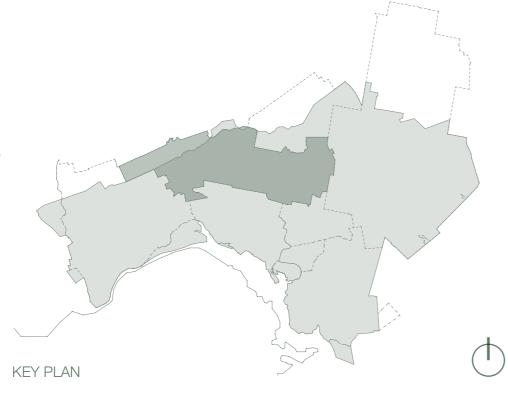
\$77,760 annual median household income, -4.2% variation from greater Hobart average & 15.5% low to no income household



**57.6%** couple families, **17.2%** one parent families & 22.2% lone person



**24.6%** owned outright, **50.5%** owned with a mortgage & 24.1% rented



### **OVERVIEW**

Brighton and Pontville has the highest population of the study areas, with 4,467 residents. The population is relatively young, with a median age of 32.7 years and has an average socio-economic character.

Brighton township has recently experienced rapid population growth and the development of a GP clinic, Brighton High School and shopping complex are expected to drive more demand for the housing supply as well as the open space network. A new park is currently under construction at the entrance to the shopping complex to provide Brighton with a civic heart.

Ted Jeffries Memorial Park is the main open space facility in Brighton township and consists of a playground, skate facility, soccer grounds and dog park. The soccer facilities and parking is currently being upgraded. Remembrance Park is Brighton LGA's main conservation and heritage open space with some smaller heritage parks located in the Pontville heritage village.

Other than the heritage village, Pontville is generally made up of larger rural living lots. Provision of open space for these properties is a lower priority than properties within the higher density general residential zoned areas of Brighton. However, Pontville contains important recreation assets including the Pontville Regional Sporting Complex which is Brighton LGA's only Regional level open space.

The Jordan River trail is just over 4km long and well utilised by the local community and connects the two suburbs, although there is a gap in the riverside trail along Ford Road.

### **OPEN SPACE STATISTICS**

The gap analysis shows that Brighton Township is generally well supplied with quality open spaces except for the southeastern side where it contains undeveloped open space parcels that provide poor accessibility. Implementation of the South Brighton Master Plan should assist in addressing open space provision gaps to the south of the township.

The residential area at the northern end of Jubilee Avenue also has poor access to public open space but is well located to Brighton Primary School.

The BSIP provides the following analysis for open space and recreation in the area:

- It should be considered that the provision of assets to support more active youth focused pursuits, such as outdoor ball courts, skate/bmx facilities and similar will be in demand, while consideration of alternative public access facilities, such as tennis courts not aligned to club use, could be advocated to support this community.
- Residents in flats and apartments rely heavily on public open space as 'breakout' areas away from home. This intensifies the demand on both the quantity of provision, but also importantly the quality of recreation and open space assets, their maintenance, and ability to withstand intensified use. This particularly extends to dog walking and dog park provision considerations.
- Sport and recreation is well provided for in Pontville Park/ Brighton Regional Sports Complex, Seymour St/Ted Jeffries Memorial Park, Bowls Club, Tea Tree Golf Club and Brighton Racecourse offerings.



97.6ha open space



25 open space parcels



2 sports reserve



4 Playgrounds





### **OPPORTUNITIES**

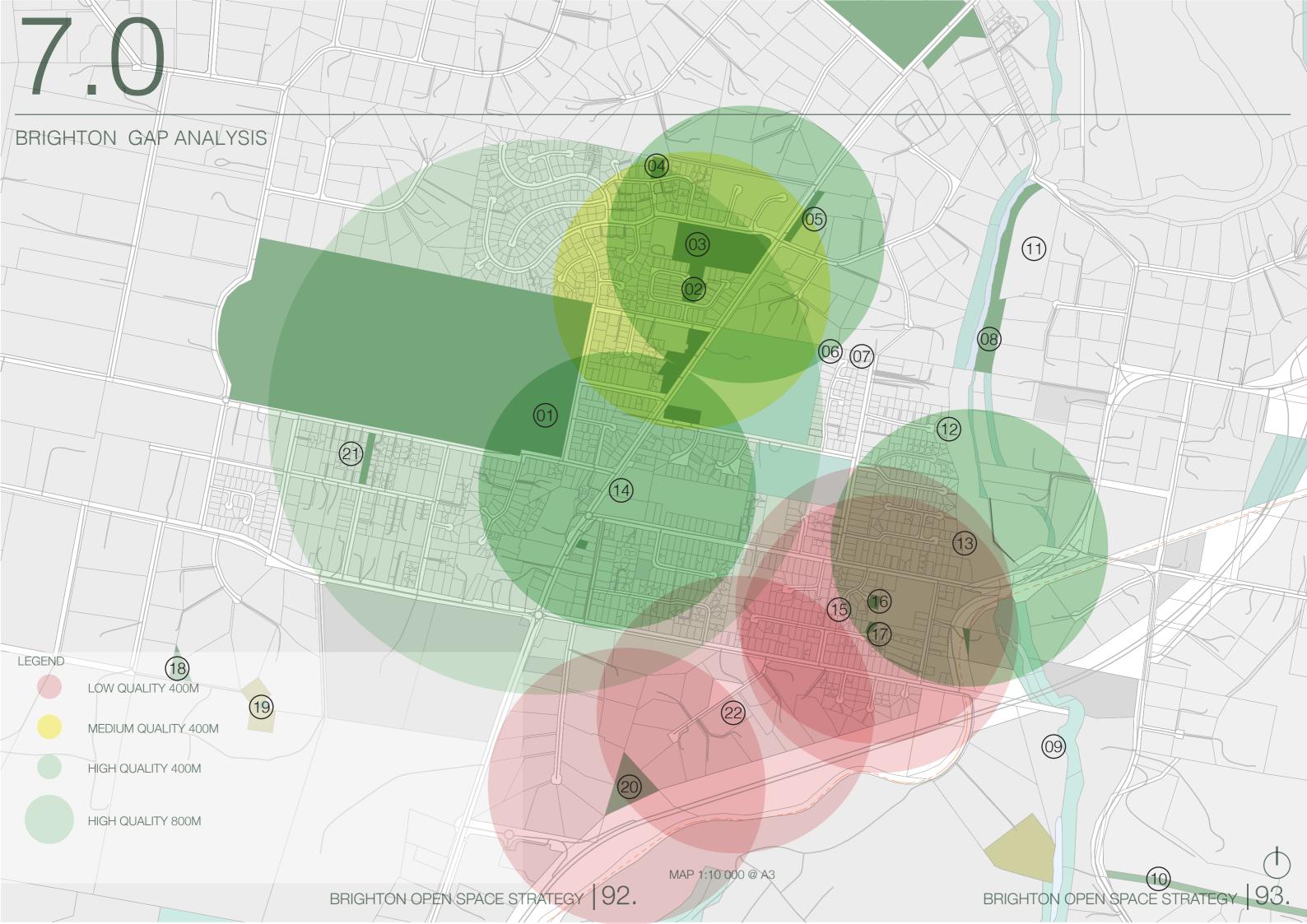
- The development of the South Brighton precinct provides opportunity for strategic open space acquisition and development.
- Explore opportunities to drive better utilisation of the Remembrance Park.
- Improving road and pedestrian network connectivity and landscaping between Ted Jeffries Memorial Park and the new Brighton High School. through the implementation of the Burrows Avenue Specific Area Plan.
- Opportunity to work with Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) to improve access to facilities at Brighton Primary, the School Farm and new Brighton High School to improve open space access, including sport and recreation.
- Increased tree canopy cover across the suburb, particularly through the implementation of the South Brighton &

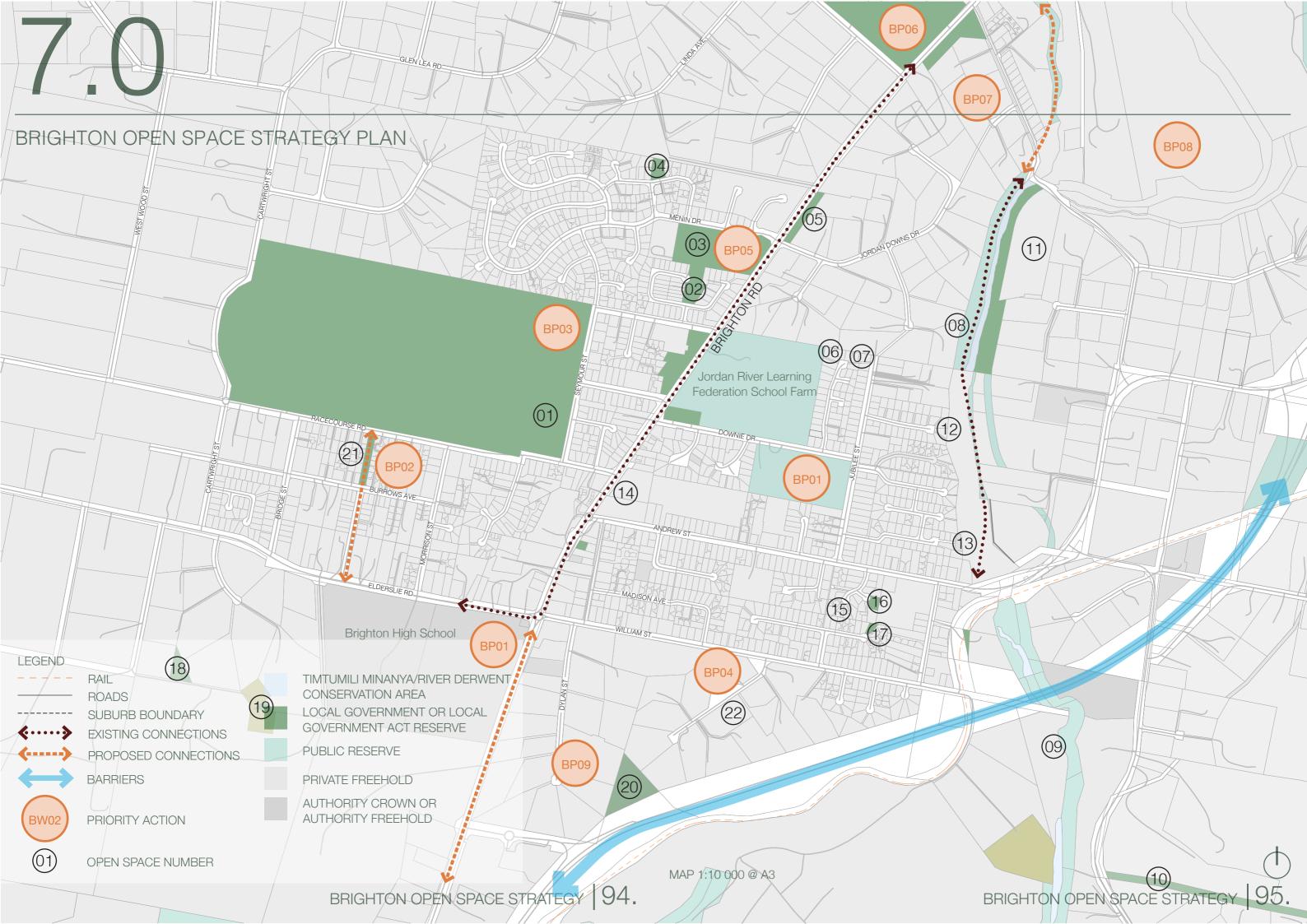
- Burrows Avenue Specific Area Plans. Connecting the gap in the Jordan River walking trail between Ford Road and Brighton Road would provide a continuous attractive trail for Brighton and Pontville residents
- There are opportunities to provide a Pontville trail network as a tourist attraction and for local recreation, including the old Apsley rail line.

# **CHALLENGES**

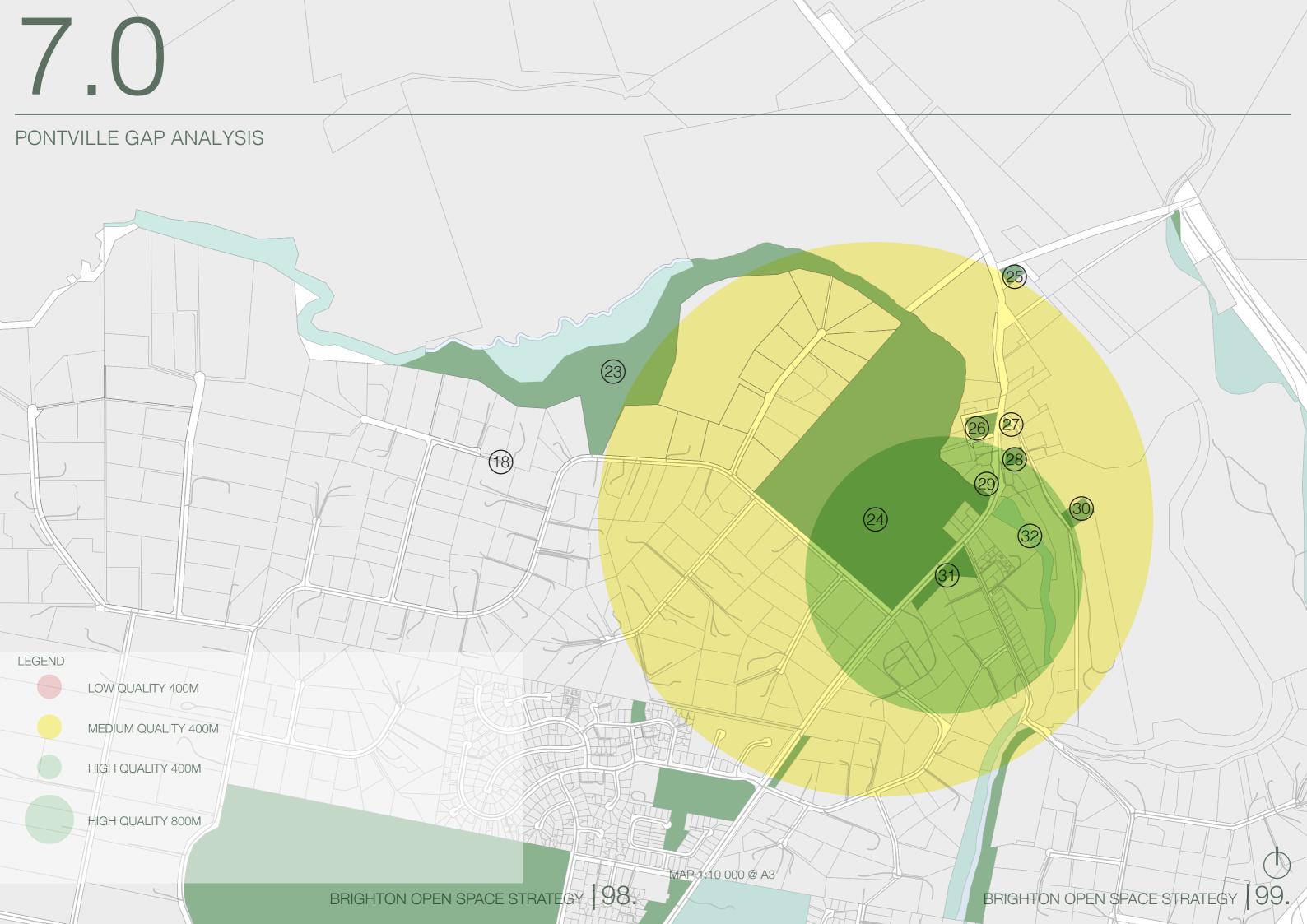
- Lack of local-level parks and other varieties of quality open space provision on the eastern side of the township.
- High usage at Ted Jeffries Memorial Park playground putting pressure on playground facilities.
- Increase in the safety and maintenance issues due to the increased pressure on open space provision and quality.
- Limited opportunities for the youth to hang out and be engaged in young adult activities.
- Improve the pedestrian accessibility and movement around the village for all abilities and seating.

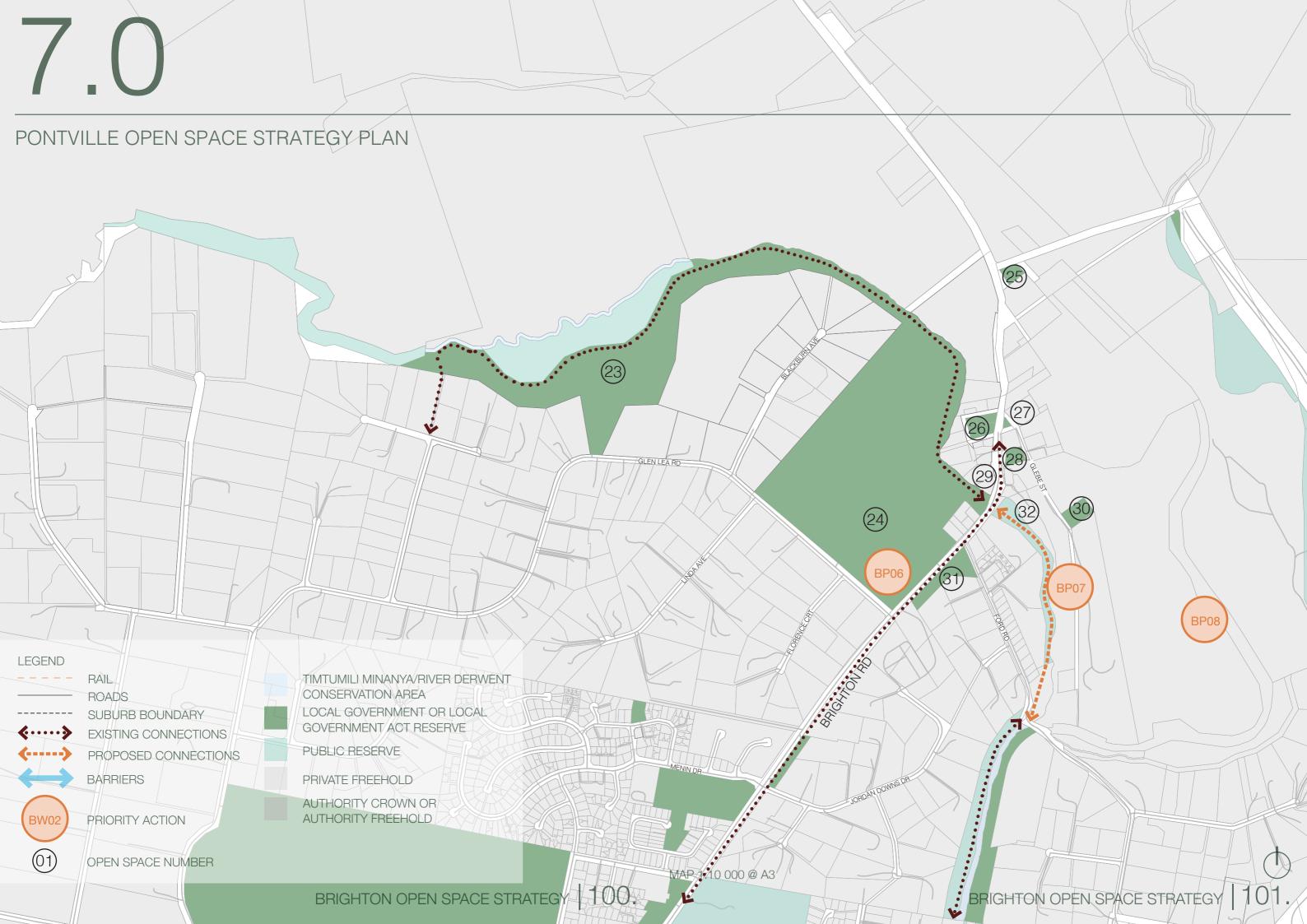
- Increase in urban heat island effects due to the increase in urban density and unit/ flat type developments.
- Low tree canopy cover across the suburb.











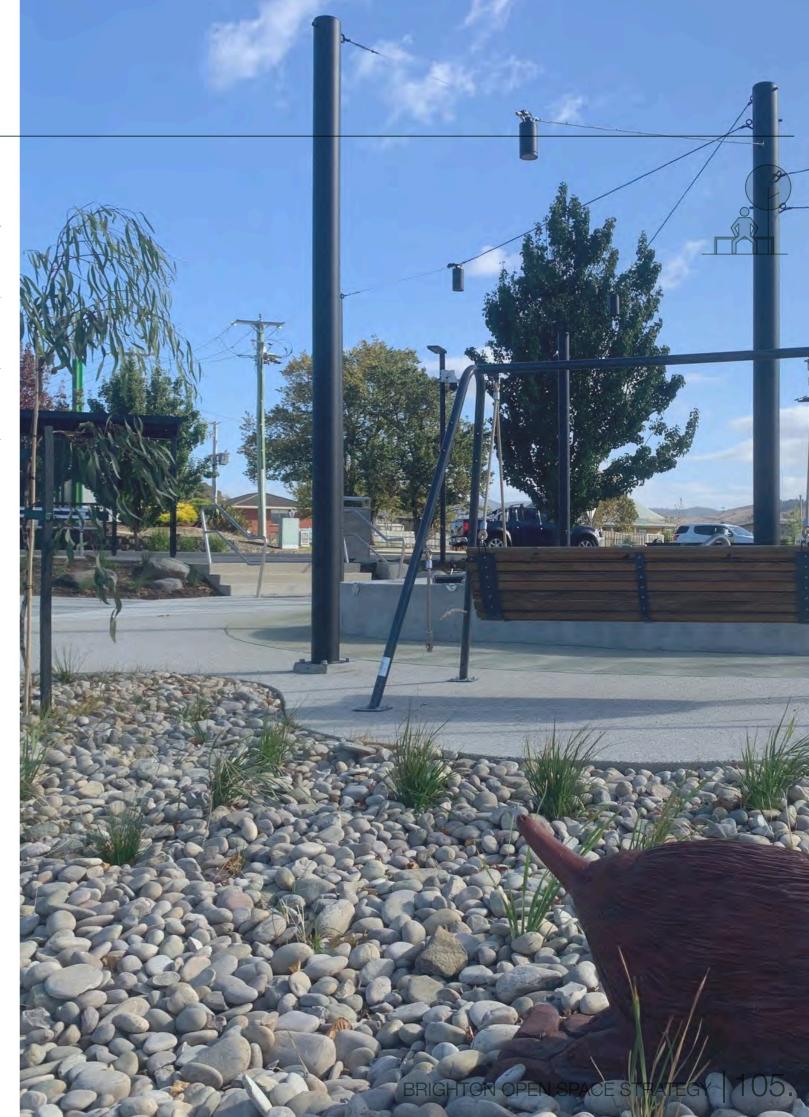
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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	MAP
01.	Ted Jeffries Meomorial Park	District	Outdoor Sports venue	Medium - High	15.
			Park		16.
02.	Dollery Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium - High	17.
03.	Remembrance Park	Neighbour- hood	Conservation & Heritage	High	18.
04.	Lille Street Park	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	19.
05.	Brighton Road weighbridge	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	20.
06.	Fredrick Drive Link	Local	Potential Open Space	Low	21.
07.	Fredrick Drive Link	Local	Potential Open Space	Low	22.
08.	Jordan River Foreshore Trail	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Medium	23.
09.	Nil	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low	24.
10.	Nil	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low	25.
11.	Ford Road Nature Reserve (Crown)	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Low - Medium	26.
12.	Creed Link	Local	Landscape & Amenity	-	
13.	Palonia Park	Local	Park	High	27.
14.	Brighton Town Square	Local	Park	High	28.
			Linear & Linkage ON OPEN SPACE STR	.==01100	

MAP #	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
15.	Andrew St Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium
16.	Phemie Court Link	Local	Utilities & Services	Low
17.	Melissa Street Park	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
18.	Lot 100 Una Ct	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Low
19.	Lot 101 Elderslie	Local	Utilities & Services	Low
20.	South Brighton detention	Local	Utilities & Services	Low
21.	Burrrows Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low
22.	Melinda Court Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium
23.	Glen Lea Flood Plain	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low
24.	Pontville Regional Sports Complex	Regional	Outdoor Sports venue	High
25.	Rifle Range Picnic Area	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High
26.	Old Council Chambers	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium
27.	Victoria Street Park	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High
28.	Pontville Police Office Park	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium
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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY
29.	Pontville Bridge	Local	Potential Open Space	Low
30.	Glebe St Cemetery	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium
32.	Pontville War Memorial Reserve	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High
31.	Jordan River	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low



### PRIORITY ACTIONS

SHORT TERM (1-2 YEARS)

**BP01.** Explore opportunities to collaborate with DECYP to:

 a. improve access to facilities at Brighton Primary School and/or the School Farm to address the public open space gap on the northeastern side of Brighton township; and

a. allow grounds and halls at the new Brighton High School to be accessed by the community outside of school hours.

**BP02.** Construct a pedestrian connection and enhance landscaping in Site 21.

**BP03.** Continue to deliver the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master plan prioritising the upgrade and extension of the existing playground.

MEDIUM TERM (3-5 YEARS)

**BP04.** Upgrade to a "park". Enhance landscaping and provide playground facilities at Melinda Ct Road reserve (Site 22) to address open space gap in the south-east of the Brighton township.

**BP05.** Provide some playground facilities at Remembrance Park to improve the offering for young families in the "Army Camp" estate (Site 3).

**BP06.** Review and update the Pontville Park Masterplan – Brighton Regional Sports Centre Facility (Site 24).

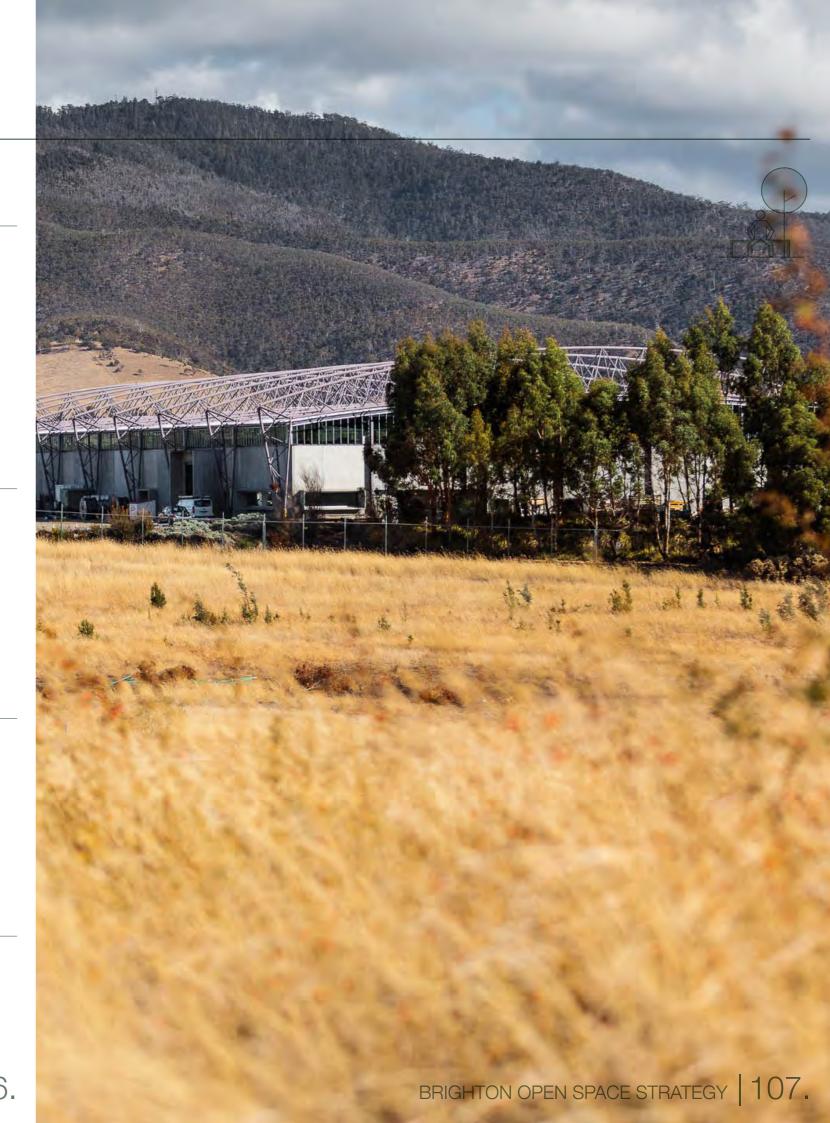
LONG TERM (5+ YEARS)

**BP07.** Develop the missing walking trail along the Jordan River between Ford Road and Brighton Road to connect the existing trail from Pontville to Brighton (Site 10).

**BP08.** Consider acquisition of "Pony Hill" to provide a bushland recreation asset and connect to trails in Pontville.

# ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

BP09. Ensure future open space areas, including walking trails, identified in the South Brighton Development Precinct are acquired and developed commensurate with release of land.



# LGA WIDE ACTIONS

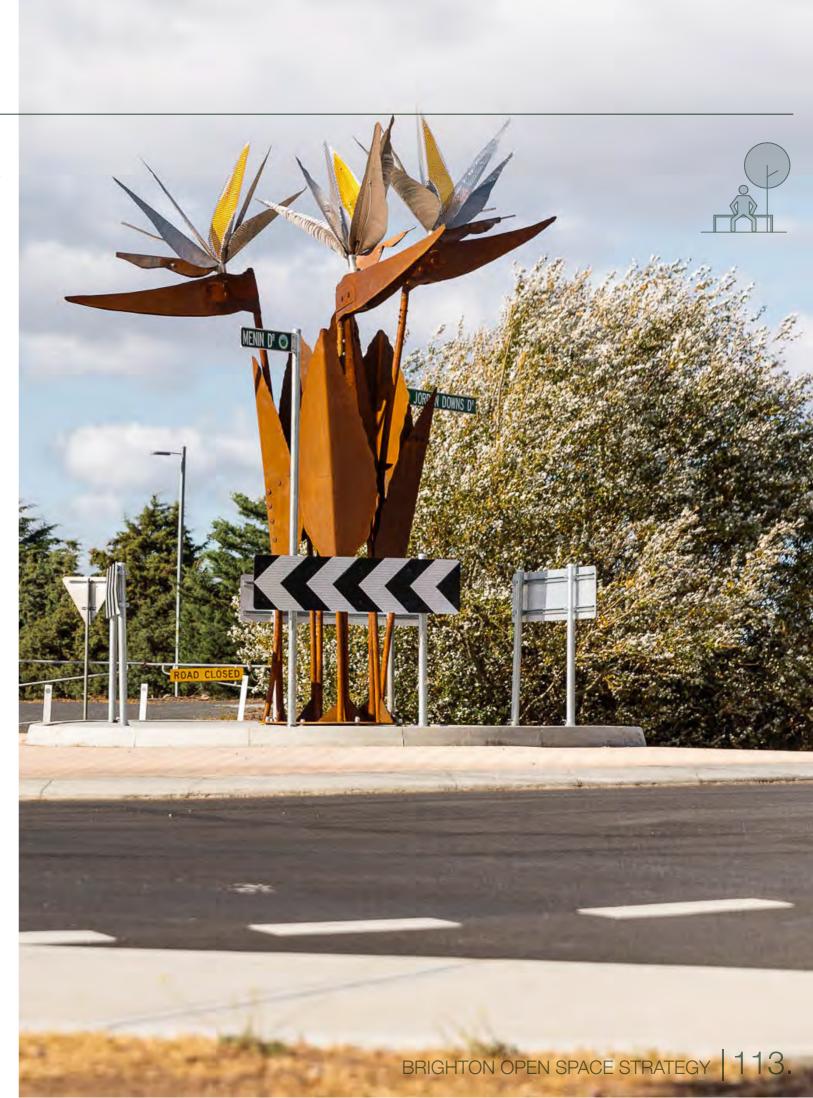
The following actions and strategies represent LGA-
wide actions that have been discussed through the
development of this document.

These open space and public realm actions need to be delivered in multiple localities, working hand in hand with the suburb actions and strategies.		
ACTION	OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLE	PRIORITY
LGA01 WAYFINDING  Develop a wayfinding strategy throughout the LGA with clear and consistent signage and information boards that guide users through the open space network.	<ul> <li>Access, Connectivity</li> <li>&amp; Inclusivity</li> <li>Health &amp; Wellbeing</li> </ul>	Short-term
Allocate a name to each open space parcel, including trails, that is to be retained as part of the open space network. The names should be used in the wayfinding strategy from Action 1 and recorded on Council's GIS system and possibly registered with Placenames Tasmania.	Access, Connectivity     & Inclusivity	Short-term
LGA03 PLANNING PRIORITIES  Develop a range of fully costed master and reserve improvement plans for the various parks and open spaces identified as priorities in the Suburbs Analysis (e.g BP01, BP03, BP04, etc.)  Master and reserve improvement plans will form part of the capital works budget for open space in the LGA. Implementation of plans will likely need to be staged to manage disruption to open space along with budget considerations.  The Master Plans will also be a useful tool to attract external funding.	<ul> <li>Design &amp; Quality</li> <li>Affordability</li> </ul>	Short to medium term
LGA04 INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION  There are a number of LGA-wide strategies which interface with the Open Space Strategy (e.g. Social Infrastructure Plan, Greening Brighton Strategy, Draft Active Transport	<ul><li>Design &amp; Quality</li><li>Variety</li><li>Health &amp; Wellbeing</li></ul>	Ongoing

ACTION	OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLE	PRIORITY
Many of the actions within these strategies from an integral part of the Open Space Strategy. When actions within this strategy are undertaken it is important that these other strategies are considered. Where appropriate, this may involve formation of a project working group for the delivery of the action (e.g. development of master plans).		
LGA05 INFILL DEVELOPMENT  There are still a number of underutilised open space parcels that are excess to Council's needs that are recommended for infill development.  Council should prepare a detailed options analysis of the most cost effective way to deliver infill projects which achieve optimal financial and social benefits.  Any revenue from infill development projects of open space should be reinvested into the open space network.	<ul><li>Affordability</li><li>Safety</li></ul>	Short to Medium
LGA06 OPEN SPACE PLANNING/PROJECT OFFICER  Council should consider employing an open space planning/project officer to help deliver this strategy. The officer could be responsible for preparing master plans, managing in-fill development sites, project managing open space upgrades and in-fill development, coordination of internal working groups, etc.	Design & Quality	Medium term
LGA07 STRUCTURE PLAN AND MASTER PLANS  Brighton Council is growing rapidly, and it has identified a number of growth areas. Its activity centres are changing too.  When preparing structure plans and/or master plans for these areas it is important that provision of open space is consistent with the principles of this strategy and meets the needs of the local community.  This is particularly important for structure planning for activity centres where identifying potential land acquisition may be required to satisfy open space needs.	• All	Ongoing

ACTION	OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLE	PRIORITY	ACTION	OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLE	PRIORITY
LGA08 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	<ul><li>Equity</li><li>Design &amp; Quality</li></ul>	Ongoing	LGA11 RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS	<ul><li>Design &amp; Quality</li><li>Affordability</li></ul>	Ongoing
Communities should be involved in co-design of parks and other open space areas as it will give a valuable insight into community needs at a neighbourhood sale. Not only will this provide valuable information for open space planning, it is also an opportunity to connect communities and provide them with a sense of ownership over outcomes for their local open spaces.  Communities should also be continually informed about	- Dosigit a Quality		Maintain strong working relationships between Council staff and key agencies and organisations involved in open space planning, use and management in the municipality (E.g. DECYP, TasWater, NRE, Homes Tasmania, etc.)  Partnerships with external stakeholders will assist in the delivery of actions within this strategy. This will assist in generating funding opportunities, securing linkages,	- Attordationary	
planned works in open spaces in their neighbourhood.			acquiring land and getting the necessary approvals.		
LGA09 CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)	Safety	Short term	Additionally, access to restricted and/or private open spaces can assist in increasing open space access in areas where accessibility gaps have been identified		
It is critical that open spaces are safe spaces for the community. Safety can be improved through CPTED interventions, including passive surveillance, lighting, landscaping detail to improve line of sight, locations of toilets and change rooms, signage and graffiti management.  A CPTED audit should be prepared for all open spaces and identified improvements prioritised.			LGA12 CLIMATE CHANGE  Incorporate climate change research and 'best practice' into open space planning, including strategies and actions that are intended to mitigate the predicted impacts of climate change and those that are aimed at impact adaptation.	<ul> <li>Design &amp; Quality</li> <li>Supports Biodiversity</li> <li>&amp; Conservation</li> </ul>	Ongoing
CPTED should also be considered in the design of new and upgrades to open space.			LGA13 ZONING	• Equity	Medium term
LGA10 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY  Council's Public Open Space Policy establishes the framework for how open space contributions are provided	<ul><li>Equity</li><li>Affordability</li><li>Variety</li></ul>	Short term	Ensure that open spaces that are identified to be retained and enhanced in this strategy are zoned to open space to provide greater certainty that the broader values of open space will be protected.		
under the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous) Act 1993.			Conversely, land identified for infill development should be rezoned to an appropriate zone (e.g. General Residential, etc.) so that opportunities can be realised in		
Council should consider updating the policy to collect cash contributions on the improved value of land (rather than unimproved) to increase funding for open space. This would bring the policy in line with other Councils in Tasmania.			a timely manner.  LGA14 MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES	Affordability	Short term
The policy should also refer to the principles in this strategy for how Council determines the most appropriate location for land contributions.			Establish clear guidelines for maintenance of Council's open space areas to ensure that it is consistent with the open space hierarchy, classification and intended use.		

ACTION	OPEN SPACE PRINCIPLE	PRIORITY
Engage with suitably qualified experts to investigate the possibility of providing one or more sensory spaces for children with special learning needs. These could be spaces within existing open spaces or a dedicated open space.	<ul> <li>Design &amp; Quality</li> <li>Access, Connectivity</li> <li>&amp; Inclusivity</li> <li>Variety</li> <li>Safety</li> </ul>	Ongoing







# BRIDGEWATER

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT	MAP #	SUGGE
01.	Bridgewater Waterfront Park	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	low	BW02	Advocate for high quality open space and amenity and biodiversity landscaping to be delivered as per the Bridgewater Waterfront Master Plan 2023 as part of the Bridgewater Bridge Project.	08.	Bridgew Foresho Park
					BW03	Provide a foreshore trail connecting Bridgewater Parkland to the Bridgewater Bridge.	09.	Bridgew Commu Parkland
02.	Warruga Park	Local	Park Potential Infill	low	BW04	Rezone to General Residential and sell or develop the land for infill housing, but maintaining any key linkages.	10.	Bowder
03.	Finlay Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium	BW04	Upgrade and enhance with landscaping and seating and shelter.	11.	Ringwo
04.	Gunn Street	Local	Park Potential Infill	Low	BW04	Rezone to General Residential and sell or develop the land for infill housing, but maintaining		Drive Tra
05.	Gunn Circle	Local	Park	Low	BW04	any key linkages.  Upgrade and enhance with facilities suitable for a local park	12.	O'Lougl Link
06.	Gunn Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	-	Retain link and install pathway and landscaping.	13.	Albion L
07.	McShane Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium	_	Retain link and enhance with landscaping.		

MAP#	SUGGESTED	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION	COMMENT
08.	Bridgewater Foreshore Park	District	Park Foreshore & Waterway Linear & Linkage	High	BW17	Continue developing Bridgewater Parkland in accordance with the Master Plan and release excess open space land for residential infill
09.	Bridgewater Community Parkland	District	Park	High	-	
10.	Bowden Park	Local	Park Linear & Linkage	Low	BW09	Retain and upgrade the land in the open space zone as per the recommendation in SIP 2023. Rationalise pathways and investigate opportunities for infill development to improve safety for the rest of the site
11.	Ringwood Drive Trails	Local	Linear & Linkage Potential Infill	Low	BW10	Rationalise pathways and investigate opportunities for infill development and/ or transferring land to JRLF – East Derwent Primary School
12.	O'Loughlin Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.
13.	Albion Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.

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# BRIDGEWATER

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT	MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
14.	Hebe Link	Local	Linear & Linage	Medium	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.	20.	Green Point Peninsula	District	Foreshore & Waterway  Landscape & Amenity	Medium	BW12	Consider providing a local park at the end of Killarney Road near the existing car park or at the open area near Scott Rd to
15.	Shoobridge Park	Local	Potential Open Space	High	BW01	Ensure the new park in northeast Bridgewater is constructed in a timely manner as required by				Conservation & Heritage			service the south-east of the suburb and provide an attractive entry point to the Greenpoint Peninsula
16.	Taylor Circle	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.	21.	Weily Park	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports venue	Medium	BW14	Provide shared paths along Weily Park Road connecting to Old Main Road to improve connectivity and access to Weily Park sports oval
17.	Jordan River Foreshore trail	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low	BW11	Develop a foreshore track along the western side of the Jordan River to provide connections to the residential area	22.	Ashburton Creek Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage  Potential Open	Low	BW18	Investigate opportunities to obtain land along Ashburtor Creek to connect the Brighton Hub and Derwent River foreshore as land
18.	Oakwood Court	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance				Space			if land is rezoned and developed
						with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.	23.	Brighton Hub Rest Stop	Local	Potential Open Space	Low	_	Construct in accordance with Concept Plan and grant funding.
19.	Cove Hill Gateway	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low	BW07	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.	24.	Barton Crescent	Local	Park Waterway & Forehore	Medium	BW13	Consider removing the play equipment and providing a small shelter with picnic table



# GAGEBROOK & HERDSMANS COVE

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
01.	Cove Creek Wetland	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low	-	Retain as wetland. Improve understanding of natural values. Rehabilitate and improve access with interpretive signage.
02.	Veronica Park	Local	Park	Low	GH08	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.
03.	Viola Crescent Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity Potential Infill	Low- Medium	GH05	Undertake community consultation for potential residential infill
04.	Sattler Street Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low- Medium	_	Retain as urban forest.
05.	Cove Creek Oval	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports Venue	Low	GH12	Improve facilities at Cove Creek Sports Oval (Site 5) in accordance with BSIP 2023 recommendation and investigate options to improve usage
06.	Briar Crescent Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity Potential Infill	Low	GH05	Undertake community consultation for potential residential infill
07.	Cris Fitzpatrick Park	Neighbour- hood	Park	Medium - High	GH09	Continue to develop in accordance with Cris Fitzpatrick Park Master Plan and incorporate off- leash dog areas into Cris Fitzpatrick Park

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08.	Tottenham urban forest	Local	Landscape & Amenity Linear & Linkage	Medium	-	Retain and enhance as urban forest and formalise trail to Briar Crescent.
09.	Fisher Drive	Local	Linear & Linkage Park	Low	GH01	Investigate residential infill, including connecting culde-sacs as through roads and retaining an east-west pedestrian connection and provision of a small local park.
10.	Lamprill Circle Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low	GH06	Investigate residential infill development, including the provision of a local level park and retain and enhance existing urban forest with seating areas at the steep part of the land on the east.
11.	Guilford Link	Local	Linear & Linkage Potential Infill	Medium	GH07	Investigate residential infill at Site 11, between 21 & 23 Guilford Crescent and retain an area for a pathway connection to the existing East Derwent Hlghway shared paths.
12.	Ashburton Corridor	Local	Utilities & Services	Medium	GH10	Extend pedestrian link through Site 12 to Plymouth Road and improve landscaping through the area.
13.	Lockhart Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	GH08	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.

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MAP # SUGGESTED NAME  14. Wiltshire Place  Local Linear & Low GH11  15. Gage Brook wetland  16. Plymouth Corner  17. Brighton Council Offices  18. Barrob Link  Barrob Link  Local Linear & Linear & Linear & Linear & Low GH11  Local Utilities & Services  Medium - GH04  High GH04  Linear & Linear & Local Services  Medium - GH04  Linear &	GAG	EBROOK &	& HERDSI	MANS CC	VE		
Place  Linage  Low  Load amail play facility to cater for local families living on the eastern side of the highway.  Local Linage  Low  Low  - Consider continuing foreshore trail along East Derwent Highway to Gage Road. Maintain roadside vegetation.  Local Linage  Low  - Retain as a potential development site for community use or local shop.  Local Linage  Linage  Medium  - High  Local Linear & Linkage  Linage  Linage  Low  - Retain as link and enhance landscaping, Ensure It links through to Tivoli Green Development Precinct.  Linage  Linear & Linkage	MAP#		HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY		COMMENT
wetland  Foreshore  Fo	14.		Local		Low	GH11	and improve amenity with seating and landscaping, and a small play facility to cater for local families living on the eastern side of the
Corner   Services   Gevelopment site for community use or local shop.	15.	_	Local		Low	-	foreshore trail along East Derwent Highway to Gage Road. Maintain roadside
Council Offices hood Services High Chambers with seating and landscaping to create a passive open space area in accordance with Council Chambers Master Plan 2022.  18. Barrob Link Local Linear & Linkage Medium - Retain as link and enhance landscaping. Ensure it links through to Tivoli Green Development Precinct.  19. EDH Trail Local Utilities & Service Linear &	16.		Local		Low	-	development site for community use or local
Linkage  Linkage  Linkage  Linkage  Low  - Require developer to link EDH trail from Gage Road to Tivoli Green when land is subdivided.	17.	Council				GH04	Chambers with seating and landscaping to create a passive open space area in accordance with Council Chambers Master Plan
Service  Linear & Linkage  EDH trail from Gage Road to Tivoli Green when land is subdivided.	18.	Barrob Link	Local		Medium	-	landscaping. Ensure it links through to Tivoli Green
20. Swan Park Local Park High - Maintain as quality local	19.	EDH Trail	Local	Service Linear &	Low	-	EDH trail from Gage Road to Tivoli Green when land is
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SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
Stanfield Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Medium	OB01	Develop the foreshore trail from the existing foreshore track in the south to Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway intersection and undertake community consultation prior to decision-making.
Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	Low	OB01	Develop the foreshore trail from the existing foreshore track in the south to Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway intersection and undertake community consultation prior to decision-making.
Clarries Creek Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage Foreshore & Waterway	Low	OB09	Investigate opportunities for providing a walking loop around Tivoli Green (e.g. Gage Rd> East Derwent Highway>Clarries Creek>Old Beach Road)
Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	OB01	Develop the foreshore trail from the existing foreshore track in the south to Riviera Drive/East Derwent Highway intersection and undertake community consultation prior to decision-making.
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# OLD BEACH

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
06.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Foreshore & Waterway	High	ОВ07	Continue to maintain the foreshore walking trail and enhance with landscaping, shelters and seating. Consider kayaking launching locations. Monitor impacts from coastal inundation and erosion.
07.	Lennox Park	Neighbour- hood	Outdoor Sports Venue Park	Medium	OB03	Update the Lennox Park Master Plan with consideration of relevant recommendations of SIP 2023
					OB06	Update the Lennox Park Master in accordance with the new Master Plan
08.	EDH Trail	Local	Utilities & Services Linear & Linkage	Medium	-	Retain as link.
09.	Sandstone Pocket	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Low	_	Retain as pocket park. Monitor health of large eucalypt
10.	Childs Drive Park	Local	Park	High	-	Maintain as a high quality park.
11.	Clives Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	OB05	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.
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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
12.	Eaves Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	OB05	Enhance landscaping and amenity in accordance with the Greening Brighton Strategy 2024-2033.
13.	Old Beach Foreshore Trail	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	-	Retain as an access point to Old Beach Foreshore track. Consider car park improvements.
14.	Rosella Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	-	Retain link. Consider formalising trail and linking through to Grevillea Drive.
15.	Tivoli Green	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Medium	OB02	Prepare a concept plan for a playground in the north of Tivoli Green with the aim to develop a District Level Park and work with the developer to ensure timely delivery
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# BRIGHTON & PONTVILLE

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT	MAP #	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
01.	Ted Jeffries Meomorial Park	District	Outdoor Sports venue	Medium - High	BP03	Continue to deliver the Ted Jeffries Memorial Park Master plan prioritising the upgrade and extension of	09.	Nil	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low	-	Consider as an extension to the Jordan River Foreshore trail.
			Park			the existing playground.	10.	Nil	Local	Landscape	Low	_	Serves little value as open
02.	Dollery Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium - High	_	Continue to maintain at a high level.				& Amenity			space, but provides a buffer between Bonorong Park and adjoining residential properties.
03.	Remembrance Park	Neighbour- hood	Conservation & Heritage	High	BP05	Provide some playground facilities at Remembrance Park to improve the offering for young families in the "Army Camp" estate.	11.	Ford Road Nature Reserve (Crown)	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Low - Medium	_	Crown Reserve protecting native grasslands. Consider enhancing and promoting in partnership with relevant Government agency.
04.	Lille Street Park	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	-	Predominantly used as a detention basin. Enhance with appropriate landscaping.	12.	Creed Link	Local	Landscape & Amenity	-	-	-
05.	Brighton Road	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	-	Has little value as open space. Enhance with	13.	Palonia Park	Local	Park	High	-	Retain as high quality local park
	weighbridge		Corvioco			landscaping.	14.	Brighton	Local	Potential	High		Retain as a high quality
06.	Fredrick Drive Link	Local	Potential Open Space	Low	-	Retain. Serves as valuable link to school farm if it is ever opened for public access or developed.		Town Square		Park	3		meeting place for the community. Consider hosting small events.
07.	Fredrick Drive Link	Local	Potential Open Space	Low	-	Retain. Serves as valuable link to school farm if it is ever opened for public access or developed.	15.	Andrew St Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Medium	-	Retain as link and identify with wayfinding signage. Consider low level lighting to improve safety.
08.	Jordan River Foreshore Trail	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Medium	-	Continue to improve trails, and enhance with landscaping and weed removal.	16.	Phemie Court Link	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	-	Set aside for overland flow path. Enhance with landscaping and keep as future connection for when



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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT	MAP #	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOL
17.	Melissa Street Park	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	-	Consider enhancing landscaping, creating urban forest, and seating areas. Consider for future connection to adjoining potential residential infill	23.	Glen Lea Flood Plain	Local	Waterw
18.	Lot 100 Una Ct	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Low	-	Serves little value as open space and has no public access. Consider selling to	24.	Pontville Regional Sports Complex	Regional	Outdoo Sports venue
						adjoining landowners with consideration of natural values.	25.	Rifle Range Picnic Area	Local	Conser & Herita
19.	Lot 101 Elderslie	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	-	Serves little value as open space and has no public access. Consider selling to adjoining landowners with consideration of natural values.				
20.	South Brighton detention	Local	Utilities & Services	Low	_	Develop in accordance with South Brighton Master plan.	26.	Old Council Chambers	Local	Conser & Herita
21.	Burrrows Link	Local	Linear & Linkage	Low	BP02	Construct a pedestrian connection and enhance landscaping.				
22	Melinda Court Park	Local	Landscape & Amenity	Medium	BP04	Upgrade to a "park". Enhance landscaping and	27.	Victoria Street Park	Local	Conser & Herita
			S. v. a. v. G. a. v.			provide playground facilities at Melinda Ct Road reserve (Site 22) to address open space gap in the south-east of the Brighton township.	28.	Pontville Police Office Park	Local	Conser & Herita

MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
23.	Glen Lea Flood Plain	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low	-	Area subject to flooding. Investigate natural values on the site and rehabilitate. Consider adding connection through to Jordan River trail.
24.	Pontville Regional Sports Complex	Regional	Outdoor Sports venue	High	BP06	Review and update the Pontville Park Masterplan  – Brighton Regional Sports Centre Facility (Site 2).
25.	Rifle Range Picnic Area	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High	-	Well maintained picnic area at the entrance to Brighton LGA. The park provides heritage values to the community given it is located within the historic church grounds, viewed from the Midlands Highway.
26.	Old Council Chambers	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium	-	Heritage listed property associated with the Old Council Chambers which is currently used as the "Jobs Hub" for the Southcentral Workforce Network
27.	Victoria Street Park	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High	-	Maintain as a heritage garden which reflects the character of the area.
28.	Pontville Police Office Park	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium	-	Maintain the interpretative signage to keep celebrating the cultural heritage of the police station.
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MAP#	SUGGESTED NAME	HIERARCHY	TYPOLOGY	QUALITY	ACTION REFERENCE	COMMENT
29.	Pontville Bridge	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Low	-	Land retained adjacent to the Pontville Bridge. Consider opportunities to promote the heritage character of the town.
30.	Glebe St Cemetery	Local	Conservation & Heritage	Medium	-	Historic cemetery with bushland setting. Maintain as is.
31.	Pontville War Memorial Reserve	Local	Conservation & Heritage	High	-	Retain. Attractive park with hedge plantings, landscaping, picnic facilities, play equipment and toilets.
32.	Jordan River	Local	Waterway & Foreshore	Low	BP07	Develop the missing walking trail along the Jordan River between Ford Road and Brighton Road to connect the existing trail from Pontville to Brighton.



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POLICY NAME: PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY No: AP136.6

### PURPOSE OF POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a. Ensure that adequate provision is made for quality public open space in the municipality. Such open space should aim to increase public access, encourage healthy lifestyle practices, create linkages between different activity nodes and conserve important cultural and natural environments.
- b. Establish clear guidelines to assist Council in determining when provision of public open space will be sought and when the payment of a cash in lieu contribution required will be sought, from subdivision applications.
- c. Establish a consistent method of determining the value of cash in lieu contributions when they are required; and
- d. Provide a framework to determine how monies derived from cash in lieu contributions should be held and disposed of within the Municipality.

### SCOPE:

This policy applies to all applications to subdivide land that will result in increased development potential in the Brighton Council Area.

### BACKGROUND:

This policy gives recognition to the Council's powers and responsibilities in relation to public open space under the provisions of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* and associated regulations. These provisions enable the Council to:-

- a) Require a subdivider of land <u>(irrespective of land-use zoning)</u> to provide to Council up to 5% of the land being subdivided;
- b) Require public open space in excess of the 5% contribution as a part of any subdivision proposal subject to appropriate compensation; or
- c) Require a subdivider to make a contribution of cash in lieu of the provision of land, either in part or whole.

The legislation further provides that Council must keep cash in lieu contributions in trust to be used for the acquisition or improvement of land for public open space for the benefit of inhabitants of the municipal area.

### POLICY:

### 1.0 General Principles

1.1 Either a land contribution or cash in lieu contribution must be taken for the purposes of providing public open space where lots are created that may result in increased development potential, thereby increasing the demand for public open space.

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- 1.2 A proposal for subdivision for the purposes of a boundary adjustment or consolidation of land in any Zone where no additional lots are being created shall not be subject to the Policy.
- 1.3 Recommendations for public open space and/or cash in lieu contributions will be supported by:
  - a) an assessment of open space facilities in the locality
  - b) an indication as to how the open space or cash contribution will enhance open space facilities
  - c) appropriate consultation with the subdivider and any other interested parties, and
  - d) consultation with the Crown is compulsory in the case of proposed littoral or riparian reserves

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### 2.0 Assessment for the provision of a land contribution

- 2.1 Areas proposed to be set aside for public open space will be assessed in terms of:
  - a) whether they are conveniently located for use by surrounding residents
  - b) whether they are of a size, shape and gradient suited to their proposed use
  - c) whether they allow for a reasonable level of safety and security for users and adjoining residents
  - d) whether they can be developed and maintained within Council's resources
  - e) whether they complement existing open space facilities
  - f) their ability to support a diversity of recreational activities
  - g) protection of environmental and/or visual values, and
  - h) potential connection to other open spaces and contribution to the recreational trails system throughout the municipality.
- 2.4 5% of the titled area of land to be subdivided is to be allocated for Public Open Space Contribution dedicated to the Council where there is land suitable for quality public open space as assessed by Council.
- 2.2 A land contribution in any Zone may be requested on a merits based assessment by the Council to obtain land that is consistent with the purpose of this policy.
- 2.423 In cases where a contribution has previously been taken by Council on a site, a contribution will still be required if the number of lots is increasing.
- 2.543 Land used for the following purposes is not to be transferred to Council for public open space;
  - a. Stormwater drainage swales and natural water courses that would otherwise form part of the drainage within the subdivision
  - b. Above or below ground infrastructure that would limit the use of the land or landscaping treatments, and
  - c. Pedestrian footways or other kinds of ways
- 2.654 Council will work with the subdivider to identify the most appropriate location for the public open space land contribution with Council responsible for the final

determination of the location and boundaries of the public open space in the subdivision.

- a. The developer must bear the costs of defining the boundaries of the public open space on the plans.
- b. Council retains the discretion to acquire less than five percent.
- c. Consideration of acquiring less than five percent may be supported where the subdivider provides on the public open space capital improvements that increase the utility or quality of the land as public open space.
- 2.756 POS to be transferred to Council through the subdivision process is to be developed to an appropriate standard prior to transfer. In order to achieve this principle, applicable subdivision Permits may include conditions relating, but not limited to, landscaping, weed management, fencing, vehicular accesses and/or installation of vehicle barriers and construction of multiuser paths.
- 2.867 In cases where a land contribution falls deficient of the required 5% land contribution, the difference shall be requested as a cash-in-lieu contribution.

### 3.0 Assessment for the provision of cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space

- 3.1 As provided by Section 117(2) of the Act, a 5% cash-in-lieu contribution is to be accepted for subdivisions where no land can be provided that provides a strategic benefit to Council's open space network within the following zones:
  - <u>a)</u> (a) —Inner Residential, General Residential, Low Density Residential, Rural Living, Village, Urban Mixed Use and Rural Living, Local Business, General Business, Light Industrial and General Industrial.
- 3.2 A contribution of cash in lieu of open space will be required where:
  - a) public open space exists within 400 metres walking distance of any lot and there is an opportunity to improve that open space as identified in the Open Space Strategy.
  - b) If the subdivided land is not able to provide a public open space component of substantial community benefit as considered against clause 2.1, or
  - c) it is impracticable to provide public open space as part of the subdivision.

#### 4.0 Procedure

- 4.1 The applicable public open space cash in lieu contribution equates to 5% of the unimproved land value of the additional lots created, where no provision is made for a land contribution.
- 4.2 Where no provision has been made for a land contribution, the subdivider must submit a valuation report at their cost and be undertaken by an independent registered valuer for the purposes of determining the cash in lieu of public open space contribution.
- 4.3 The valuation is to relate to the unimproved value of the land not more than 63 months prior to the date of lodgement of the proposal plan final plan of survey for sealing.
- 4.4 The cash-in-lieu of public open space must be in the form of a direct payment made before the sealing of the final plan of survey.
- 4.5 Where land is to be dedicated, this public open space must be transferred to the Brighton Council by Memorandum of Transfer submitted with the Final Plan of Survey and at no cost to Council.

### 5.0 Utilisation of Public Open Space funds

- 5.1 All monies received will be reconciled at year end against Capital New or Upgrades and distributed accordingly.
- 5.2 The expenditure of cash in lieu funds will be in accordance with any adopted Council strategy or plan that has public open space objectives, or in order to meet any local public open space or recreational needs.
- 5.3 The funds will be used for strategic land acquisition of public open space or capital improvement of public open space facilities or to augment or upgrade active recreation facilities, rather than for operational maintenance of existing infrastructure Council must allocate the cash-in-lieu funds to a Public Open Space reserve fund to be used to further the strategic purchase or improvement of land(s) dedicated as public open space in the Municipality in accordance with Section 117(5) of the Act.

### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

**Planning:** Ensure that the requirements of this Policy are applied to all relevant subdivisions.

Finance: Ensure compliance with 5.1.

### REFERENCES:

Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Brighton Council Strategic Plan 2019-20292023-2033

Brighton Municipal Area Recreation Plan 2010

Brighton Structure Plan 2018

Brighton Town Centre Local Area Plan 2012

Bridgewater Parkland Master Plan 2016-2026

Brighton Industrial Estate Brand and Place Strategy 2020

Cris Fitzpatrick Park Master Plan 2021

Lennox Park and Cloak Oval Master Plan 2012
Old Beach Neighbourhood Park Landscape Concept Plan
Open Space Strategy 201225

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

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Review date: October 2023 May 2029

Responsibility: Manager Development Services

GENERAL MANAGERCHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



POLICY NAME: PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY No: 6.6

### PURPOSE OF POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a. Ensure that adequate provision is made for quality public open space in the municipality. Such open space should aim to increase public access, encourage healthy lifestyle practices, create linkages between different activity nodes and conserve important cultural and natural environments.
- b. Establish clear guidelines to assist Council in determining when provision of public open space will be sought and when the payment of a cash in lieu contribution required will be sought, from subdivision applications.
- c. Establish a consistent method of determining the value of cash in lieu contributions when they are required; and
- d. Provide a framework to determine how monies derived from cash in lieu contributions should be held and disposed of within the Municipality.

### SCOPE:

This policy applies to all applications to subdivide land that will result in increased development potential in the Brighton Council Area.

### BACKGROUND:

This policy gives recognition to the Council's powers and responsibilities in relation to public open space under the provisions of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993* and associated regulations. These provisions enable the Council to:

- a) Require a subdivider of land (irrespective of land-use zoning) to provide to Council up to 5% of the land being subdivided;
- b) Require public open space in excess of the 5% contribution as a part of any subdivision proposal subject to appropriate compensation; or
- c) Require a subdivider to make a contribution of cash in lieu of the provision of land, either in part or whole.

The legislation further provides that Council must keep cash in lieu contributions in trust to be used for the acquisition or improvement of land for public open space for the benefit of inhabitants of the municipal area.

### POLICY:

### 1.0 General Principles

1.1 Either a land contribution or cash in lieu contribution must be taken for the purposes of providing public open space where lots are created that may result in increased development potential, thereby increasing the demand for public open space.

- 1.2 A proposal for subdivision for the purposes of a boundary adjustment or consolidation of land in any Zone where no additional lots are being created shall not be subject to the Policy.
- 1.3 Recommendations for public open space and/or cash in lieu contributions will be supported by:
  - a) an assessment of open space facilities in the locality
  - b) an indication as to how the open space or cash contribution will enhance open space facilities
  - c) appropriate consultation with the subdivider and any other interested parties, and
  - d) consultation with the Crown is compulsory in the case of proposed littoral or riparian reserves

### 2.0 Assessment for the provision of a land contribution

- 2.1 Areas proposed to be set aside for public open space will be assessed in terms of:
  - a) whether they are conveniently located for use by surrounding residents
  - b) whether they are of a size, shape and gradient suited to their proposed use
  - c) whether they allow for a reasonable level of safety and security for users and adjoining residents
  - d) whether they can be developed and maintained within Council's resources
  - e) whether they complement existing open space facilities
  - f) their ability to support a diversity of recreational activities
  - g) protection of environmental and/or visual values, and
  - h) potential connection to other open spaces and contribution to the recreational trails system throughout the municipality.
- 2.2 In cases where a contribution has previously been taken by Council on a site, a contribution will still be required if the number of lots is increasing.
- 2.3 Land used for the following purposes is not to be transferred to Council for public open space;
  - a. Stormwater drainage swales and natural water courses that would otherwise form part of the drainage within the subdivision
  - b. Above or below ground infrastructure that would limit the use of the land or landscaping treatments, and
  - c. Pedestrian footways or other kinds of ways
- 2.4 Council will work with the subdivider to identify the most appropriate location for the public open space land contribution with Council responsible for the final determination of the location and boundaries of the public open space in the subdivision.
  - a. The developer must bear the costs of defining the boundaries of the public open space on the plans.
  - b. Council retains the discretion to acquire less than five percent.
  - c. Consideration of acquiring less than five percent may be supported where the subdivider provides on the public open space capital improvements that increase the utility or quality of the land as public open space.
- 2.5 POS to be transferred to Council through the subdivision process is to be developed to an appropriate standard prior to transfer. In order to achieve this principle, applicable subdivision Permits may include conditions relating, but not

- limited to, landscaping, weed management, fencing, vehicular accesses and/or installation of vehicle barriers and construction of multiuser paths.
- 2.6 In cases where a land contribution falls deficient of the required 5% land contribution, the difference shall be requested as a cash-in-lieu contribution.

### 3.0 Assessment for the provision of cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space

- 3.1 As provided by Section 117(2) of the Act, a 5% cash-in-lieu contribution is to be accepted for subdivisions where no land can be provided that provides a strategic benefit to Council's open space network within the following zones:
  - a) Inner Residential, General Residential, Low Density Residential, Rural Living, Village, Urban Mixed Use and Rural Living, Local Business, General Business, Light Industrial and General Industrial.
- 3.2 A contribution of cash in lieu of open space will be required where:
  - a) public open space exists within 400 metres walking distance of any lot and there is an opportunity to improve that open space as identified in the Open Space Strategy.
  - b) If the subdivided land is not able to provide a public open space component of substantial community benefit as considered against clause 2.1, or
  - c) it is impracticable to provide public open space as part of the subdivision.

#### 4.0 Procedure

- 4.1 The applicable public open space cash in lieu contribution equates to 5% of the improved land value of the additional lots created, where no provision is made for a land contribution.
- 4.2 Where no provision has been made for a land contribution, the subdivider must submit a valuation report at their cost and be undertaken by an independent registered valuer for the purposes of determining the cash in lieu of public open space contribution.
- 4.3 The valuation is to relate to the improved value of the land not more than 3 months prior to the date of lodgement of the final plan of survey for sealing.
- 4.4 The cash-in-lieu of public open space must be in the form of a direct payment made before the sealing of the final plan of survey.
- 4.5 Where land is to be dedicated, this public open space must be transferred to the Brighton Council by Memorandum of Transfer submitted with the Final Plan of Survey and at no cost to Council.

### 5.0 Utilisation of Public Open Space funds

- 5.1 All monies received will be reconciled at year end against Capital New or Upgrades and distributed accordingly.
- 5.2 The expenditure of cash in lieu funds will be in accordance with any adopted Council strategy or plan that has public open space objectives, or in order to meet any local public open space or recreational needs.
- 5.3 The funds will be used for strategic land acquisition of public open space or capital improvement of public open space facilities or to augment or upgrade active recreation facilities, rather than for operational maintenance of existing infrastructure.

#### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

**Planning:** Ensure that the requirements of this Policy are applied to all relevant subdivisions.

**Finance:** Ensure compliance with 5.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993

Brighton Council Strategic Plan 2023-2033

Brighton Municipal Area Recreation Plan 2010

Brighton Structure Plan 2018

Brighton Town Centre Local Area Plan 2012

Open Space Strategy 2025

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

Policy compiled: October 2012
Policy Adopted: November 2012

Reviewed: October 2016, April 2017, October 2021; May 2025

Review date: May 2029

Responsibility: Director Development Services

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



POLICY NAME: ENFORCEMENT POLICY POLICY No: 7.2

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the policy is to assist Council staff to act promptly, consistently, and effectively in response to regulatory matters including allegations of unlawful activity and to ensure:

- consistency in enforcement action in matters of non-compliance;
- transparency, procedural fairness, and natural justice principles are applied; and
- that enforcement action is proportionate to the alleged offence in each case.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

In this policy:

Authorised Officer means a person appointed by the Chief Executive Officer,

Minister, or the Council for the purposes of administering

and enforcing legislation.

Council means the Brighton Council.

Enforcement means to make people obey something, or to compel

obedience to a law, regulation, or command.

#### SCOPE:

This policy provides guidance and applies to all compliance and enforcement activities undertaken by Council.

#### POLICY:

#### BACKGROUND

Local Government is charged with legislative responsibilities which protect individuals and the community as a whole. Council's customers include both those on whom the law places a duty and those whom the law protects. While it is ultimately the responsibility of individuals and other bodies to comply with the law, Council staff are required to carry out activities which enforce compliance.

This policy is an "umbrella" policy which outlines Council's approach to enforcement matters and provides staff with direction about the way enforcement activities are to be undertaken.

In addition to enforcement, Council conducts a range of activities to ensure compliance such as community education programs to encourage conformance.

#### Enforcement activities include:

- patrolling streets and public places;
- inspecting premises either on a routine programmed basis or on a random basis;
   and
- responding to enquiries and complaints.

#### 2. DEFINING ENFORCEMENT

Council adopts a broad definition of "enforcement" which combines the provision of advice and assisting compliance with formal action where necessary. This is intended to encourage higher levels of voluntary compliance with legal requirements by individuals, businesses, and other bodies.

Notwithstanding the above, Council will take immediate action when required (for example to ensure public health and safety or to protect the environment) and take firm action against those who act unlawfully when circumstances warrant.

#### 3. PRINCIPLES OF GOOD ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement actions are taken within the context of both a legal and policy framework. Council staff will carry out their enforcement related work with due regard to the following principles.

#### **Proportionality**

A proportionate response means that Council's actions will be scaled to the seriousness of the breach.

Council recognises that most individuals want to comply with the law and will assist compliance by being open and helpful, offering informal advice and providing the chance to discuss compliance problems.

Attention will be focussed on those whose activities give rise to the most serious risks, or where potential hazards are least well controlled. Depending on the seriousness and persistence of the infringement, Council will minimise the costs to the person or body infringing the law by enforcing the minimum action necessary to secure future compliance.

Prosecution will generally be used as a last resort, or for continuous serious offences.

#### Consistency

Council will take a similar approach in similar cases to achieve similar outcomes. While decisions on enforcement require the use of professional judgement and discretion to assess varying circumstances, Authorised Officers will:

- follow standard operating procedures wherever possible;
- ensure fair, equitable and non-discriminatory treatment; and
- record any deviation from standard operating procedures and the reasons.

#### **Transparency**

Council will be open and transparent about the way it undertakes enforcement activities and the laws it enforces. It will consult on and provide ready access to published standards and levels of service and performance that can be expected and be clear and open about what is expected from those on whom the law places a duty (duty holders).

In educating the community at large and dealing with duty holders, Council will make a clear distinction between what is legally required and what is desirable but not compulsory.

Staff will be open to discussing potential and actual compliance failures, before, during and after formal action has been taken.

When remedial action is needed Council will explain clearly and in plain language why the action is necessary. Where practicable, it will give notice of its intent to commence formal action. It will point out what action is required to achieve compliance and the timeframe for undertaking that action. Advice will be provided on the process for seeking a review of, or how to appeal against that decision.

Where it is not practical to give notice, the reasons why will be recorded in accordance with Council's Records Management protocols.

Complainants will be advised of what action has been taken and why that action has been taken.

#### 4. AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS

Only officers who are competent by training, qualification and/or experience will be authorised to take enforcement action. Authorised Officers will also have sufficient training and understanding of Council's policies and procedures to ensure a consistent approach to their duties. Any decision to act other than in accordance with this policy must have approval from the relevant Director and the reasons for action recorded in accordance with Council's Records Management protocols. Officers are required to show their authorisations on demand.

#### 5. DECISION MAKING

Where non-compliance is discovered because of enforcement activities, options available to the Council to seek or promote compliance include:

- explaining legal requirements and, where appropriate, the means to achieve compliance;
- providing an opportunity to discuss points of issue where appropriate;
- allowing reasonable timeframes to achieve compliance
- facilitating mediation between affected parties;
- issuing a verbal or written warning; or
- enforcement actions such as issuing an infringement, issuing an order/direction or prosecution.

Enforcement decisions must be fair, consistent, balanced and relate to common standards that ensure the public is adequately protected. Where a decision is made not

to investigate a complaint, the decision, and reasons, will be recorded in accordance with Council's Records Management protocols and the complainant will be advised in writing.

In coming to a decision on the most appropriate means of enforcement, the Authorised Officer shall consider, amongst other relevant factors:

- the seriousness of the offence:
- the degree of wilfulness involved;
- past history;
- the consequences of non-compliance;
- the likely effectiveness of the various enforcement options;
- deterrence:
- the effect on the community and other people; and
- consistency of approach to similar breaches/offences.

The following factors are to be ignored when choosing an enforcement strategy:

- any element of discrimination or bias against the person such as ethnicity, nationality, political association, religion, gender, sexuality, or beliefs; and
- possible political advantage or disadvantage to a government, person holding (or a candidate for) public office, or any political group or party.

Where a personal association or relationship with the alleged offender or any other person involved exists:

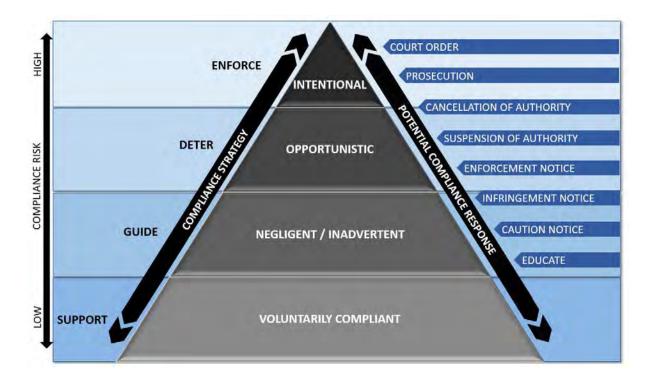
- an alternative person will make decisions where possible; and
- the facts about any conflict/relationship will be recorded in accordance with Council's Records Management protocols.

#### Written documentation will:

- include all the information necessary to make clear what needs to be done to comply with legal requirements, the required time frame and if necessary, the reasons for these actions and potential penalties for failing to comply with the request;
- include the legislation contravened, measures necessary to ensure compliance and the consequences of non-compliance; and
- clearly differentiate between legal requirements and recommendations of good practice.

#### 6. ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

The following graphic demonstrates Brighton's approach to the nature of non-compliance. Compliance risk is addressed through a graduated enforcement response that matches the seriousness of the offence.



Source: Queensland Government

#### No Action

No action will be taken when, after investigation, no breaches of the legislation are discovered.

It may also be appropriate to take no action when:

- the complaint is frivolous, vexatious, or trivial in nature;
- the alleged offence is outside Council's area of authority; or
- taking action may prejudice other major investigations.

#### Informal Action

Informal action to achieve compliance with legislation may include:

- offering verbal or written advice;
- verbal warnings and requests for action; or
- written warnings.

Advice from Authorised Officers will be put clearly and simply and will be confirmed in writing. The circumstances in which informal action may be appropriate include:

- the act or omission is not serious enough to warrant formal action;
- the duty holder's past history reasonably suggests that informal action will secure compliance;
- confidence in the individual/other body is high;
- the consequences of non-compliance will not pose a significant risk; or
- where informal action may prove more effective than a formal approach.

#### Mediation

Where practical, Council will make mediation available. Mediation is a viable alternative where, after investigation, an Authorised Officer determines that the problems being complained of are incapable of resolution through other formal or informal means. The use of mediation services may also be appropriate where an aggrieved individual has no wish to pursue action to resolve a complaint by legal means.

#### Formal Action

Service of Notices, Orders and Directions

Various pieces of legislation require a Notice, Order or Direction to be issued to remedy a breach. When legally required, Council will provide an opportunity to make representations concerning a Notice, Order or Direction.

Penalty Infringement Notices

Infringement Notices will be served in accordance with this policy for any contravention of Council's By-laws or any Legislation that Council is authorised to enforce, in instances where prosecution has not commenced.

#### Prosecution

A prosecution will only proceed where there is a reasonable prospect that an offence can be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

The following circumstances are likely to warrant a prosecution:

- a flagrant breach of the law such that public health, safety and welfare have been put at risk;
- the alleged breach is too serious or the risks too great to be dealt with by means of an infringement;
- a failure to correct an identified serious problem after having been given reasonable opportunity to do so;
- a failure to comply with the requirements of an Order;
- an established and recorded history of similar offences;
- an unwillingness, on the part of the individual or other body, to prevent a recurrence of the problem; or
- the recovery of the costs of the investigation or remedial work or financial compensation that are required by Council or an aggrieved party.

Where circumstances warrant a prosecution all relevant evidence and information will be considered to enable a consistent, fair, and objective decision to be made.

Before a prosecution is recommended there must be substantial, reliable, and admissible evidence that an identifiable person or organisation has committed the offence.

A decision to prosecute must be in the public interest. In considering whether prosecution is in the public interest, the following additional factors will be considered:

- whether the offence was premeditated;
- the need to influence the offender's future behaviour;
- the effect on the offender's or witness's physical or mental health, balanced against the seriousness of the offence;

- the availability and efficacy of any alternatives to prosecution;
- the prevalence of the alleged offence and the need for deterrence, both personal and general; and
- the likely length, expense, and outcome of a trial.

The final decision to prosecute will be made by the Chief Executive Officer.

#### 7. DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Details of Council's enforcement action will remain confidential in accordance with the provisions of Council's Privacy Policy, the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004,* and the *Right to Information Act 2009.* However, Council reserves the right to disclose enforcement information when it is in the public interest to do so and will provide disclosure in accordance with common legal practices.

#### REFERENCES:

Local Government Act 1993

Building Act 2016 and associated regulations

Dog Control Act 2000 and associated regulations

Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 and associated regulations

Food Act 2003 and associated regulations and guidelines

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Public Health Act 1997

Litter Act 2007

Weed Management Act 1999

Traffic Act 1925

Road Rules 2019

Council By-laws

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



POLICY NAME: FRAUD CONTROL & CORRUPTION POLICY No.: 1.8

#### POLICY:

#### 1. POLICY STATEMENT:

Council aims to act in the best interests of the community by aligning with its core value of integrity. Council is committed to the prevention, deterrence and detection of fraud and corruption by raising awareness and having effective processes and procedures in place to report and investigate incidents that may arise. By putting in place measures that protect those who report the suspected fraud, fraud can be uncovered early with help from others.

#### 2. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all employees, Councillors, Committee members, Contractors, Consultants and Volunteers who perform functions on behalf of Council.

#### 3. PURPOSE:

This policy covers guidelines and responsibilities regarding appropriate actions that must be followed to increase the awareness of, and, for the investigation of fraud. Management of the risk of exposure is an important area to monitor and the Council needs to be assured that appropriate and transparent procedures are in place.

#### 4. **DEFINITIONS**:

"Fraud" is defined as 'dishonest activity causing actual or potential gain or loss to any person or organisation including theft of moneys or other property by persons internal and/or external to the Council and/or where deception is used at the time immediately before or immediately following the activity'.

"Corruption" is defined as 'dishonest activity in which a person associated with Council act contrary to the interests of Council and abuses their position of trust in order to achieve personal advantage or advantage for another person or organisation'. This can also involve corrupt conduct by Council or a person purporting to act on behalf of and in the interest of the Council, in order to secure some form of improper advantage for Council either directly or indirectly.

#### 5. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### 5.1 Councillors / Committee Members

Collectively as the decision making body, Councillors are responsible for ensuring that Council:

- Acknowledges fraud and corruption as a serious risk and has an awareness of Council's fraud and corruption exposures;
- Provides adequate security for the prevention of fraud and corruption. This
  includes the provision of secure facilities for storage of assets, and procedures to
  deter fraudulent or corrupt activity from occurring;

- Provides mechanisms for receiving allegations of fraud or corruption and ensures that where appropriate, proper investigations are conducted;
- Ensures that all employees are aware of their responsibilities in relation to fraud and corruption through the provision of regular training;
- Have a responsibility to abide by its Code of Conduct especially when considering reports, making decisions and scrutinising Council's activities.
- Promotes a culture and environment in which fraud and corruption is actively discouraged and is readily reported should it occur and support all policies and measures taken to prevent, deter, detect and resolve suspected instances of fraud.

#### 5.2 Senior Management Team

The Senior Management Team and any other person supervising employees or contractors have a shared responsibility and accountability to actively support and implement this policy by:

- Understanding and supporting the Fraud Control Policy, and providing employees within their department the necessary information to implement this plan;
- Identify and understand the risks of fraud and corruption within their departments;
- Undertake a fraud risk assessment on a regular basis;
- Implement and maintain appropriate internal controls to reduce the risks to an acceptable level that will provide for the security and accountability of the resources under their control:
- Promote the importance of ethical conduct and compliance and set and enforce acceptable standards of behaviour;
- Support individuals who have made reports in accordance with this policy. Protect and maintain confidentiality of the individual and ensure they are protected from detrimental action:
- Formally consider ongoing commercial relationships with contractors or third
  parties when it is deemed that there is a heightened risk of fraud or corruption in
  continuing to deal with that party;
- Ensuring that new employees for whom they are responsible for are aware of their responsibilities in relation to fraud and corruption;
- Providing leadership in setting the appropriate tone of intolerance for fraudulent and corrupt acts by displaying the proper attitude toward compliance with laws, rules, regulations and policies.

#### 5.3 Employees, Volunteers and Contractors

Employees and others engaged to work for Council are expected to act in a professional and ethical manner, and practice fairness, integrity and sound professionalism at all times.

Employees and volunteers have a responsibility to understand, observe and comply with Council's Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures which reflect expected standards of ethical behaviour, including the obligations to identify and report unethical or improper behaviour and any suspected fraud or corruption.

#### Employees should:

- be vigilant in their work to detect any suspected fraudulent activity.
- promote an ethical culture and a work environment where fraudulent behaviours, or other forms of corrupt conduct are not allowed.
- Assist in any investigations of fraud and corruption as required.
- Protect and maintain strict confidentiality of a person they know or suspect to have made a disclosure of the fraud incidents or investigations they have knowledge of.
- Refrain from any activity that is, or could be perceived to be, victimisation of harassment of a person who makes a disclosure of reportable conduct.

#### 5.4 Audit Panel

The role of the audit panel is to assist Council in providing a transparent and independent process in its financial and risk management practices to ensure accountability to the community in the governance, management and allocation of resources.

The Audit Panel will review the risk management framework and ensure that procedures exist for the effective identification and management of Councils financial, governance, business and environmental risks, including fraud and corruption.

#### **6.** FRAUD PREVENTION STRATEGIES:

The most effective form of fraud prevention is to develop and maintain a sound ethical culture which is fully demonstrated by management and has strong internal control mechanisms that have been fully implemented.

#### 6.1 Management's commitment to controlling the risk of fraud and corruption

- Management who adheres to, promotes and maintains an ethical culture and actively develops this culture.
- Communication of Council's policies to employees on a regular basis and to new employees through the induction process which relate to behaviour and ethical standards that are required, and the possible consequences if they engage in fraudulent or corrupt conduct
- Ongoing training in the use of codes of behaviour and ethical standards and clear standards and procedures to minimise opportunities for fraudulent and corrupt behaviour and enhance detection mechanisms.
- Employees being made aware of the ways they can report allegations or concerns regarding alleged fraud or unethical conduct and a mechanism for reporting outside the normal channels of communication.
- Communication with the community regarding the importance of exposing fraudulent and corrupt behaviour by publishing the code of conduct on Council's website. Having reporting mechanisms in place which make it easy for the community to expose alleged fraudulent or corrupt activities and feedback given for this exposure.
- Ongoing reviews of existing policies and procedures.

#### 6.2 Internal Controls

Robust internal controls are integral to the mitigation of fraud and corruption. Council will maintain a strong internal control system to ensure systems of control are appropriate to promote compliance with legislation and policies, employee safety, well-being and safeguarding of assets.

Council will endeavour to do the following in order to mitigate the risk of fraud and corruption;

- Segregation of duties
- Delegations of Authorisations
- Reconciliations
- Physical access controls
- System access controls
- Hard coded IT system controls
- Mandatory leave

#### 6.3 Pre-employment Screening

Depending on the nature of the role, Council undertakes pre-employment screening for new employees prior to appointment of positions being considered.

The types of enquiries which may be carried out as part of the employment screening process include but are not limited to:

- Verification of identity
- National police check
- Pre-employment medical screening
- Reference checks with previous employers
- Verification of formal qualifications or licences.

#### 6.4 Managing conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when a decision an employee may be required to make, either directly or indirectly affects themselves, family or associates. Timely disclosure of an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest is the first step to ensure that it can be managed effectively and to avoid perceptions of fraudulent, corrupt or improper behaviour arising.

#### 6.5 Policies dealing with Annual & Long Service Leave

Reluctance to take regular leave may increase the risk of occupational injury or disease due to exhaustion or fatigue. It is also possible that a person may be concealing evidence of fraud or corruption. Where possible employees will be instructed to address any accrued leave in excess of Council leave policies.

#### 6.6 Supplier Vetting

Managers and other appropriate employees who are responsible for purchasing goods and services on behalf of Council are to undertake all transactions in accordance with Council's approved Purchasing Guidelines whereby effective vetting of suppliers is required.

These processes have been established to ensure transactions are undertaken in an open, honest and ethical manner, promotes fair and open competition, and seek value for money for Council, whilst supporting measures aimed at controlling the risks of fraud or corruption.

#### 7. Detection and Reporting

Council recognises that, despite strategies to combat fraud or corruption, it is possible that it may occur. Council is committed to a framework aimed at detecting fraud and corruption as soon as possible after it has occurred. Council has established systems that enable post transaction review and monitoring to identify suspicious transactions and/or instances of fraud or corruption by analysing and matching data extracted from computer systems and through review and analysis of management accounting reports.

Examples of detection strategies include, but are not limited to:

- Regular review of supplier master file;
- Regular review of capital programs' significant contractors;
- Financial accounts quarterly-end reconciliation and reporting process;
- External Audit;
- Biannual review of delegations register and authority;
- Post transaction review;
- Identification of early warning signs identified in Appendix A.

#### 7.1 Reporting suspected fraud and corruption incidents

Any employee, volunteer, contractor, or councillor who has knowledge of fraudulent activity or incident or has reason to suspect that fraud or corruption has occurred, has an obligation to immediately report the matter through the following alternative channels:

- Their immediate Manager or Director
- The Public Interest Disclosures Officer
- Chief Executive Officer
- Councillors
- In accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- Should the incident relate to the Chief Executive Officer, the matter should be reported directly to the Mayor.

A report of apparent fraudulent or corrupt behaviour may be made in person, by telephone or in writing.

#### 7.2 Implementing a disclosure protection program

Council has implemented a Public Interest Disclosure Policy. This policy sets out Council's approach to the protection of disclosers and witnesses and is based on the requirements of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002* and has been implemented in order to encourage prompt reporting of concerns and suspicions.

Management must ensure that all employees are made aware of this policy through training and communication programs and will promote and support Council's commitment to the policy content.

#### 8. RESPONDING

All allegations of suspicions of internal or external fraud or corruption raised must be reported by the notified person to the CEO or their delegates immediately. No attempt should be made by any other employee to conduct any formal investigations, or attempt should be made by any other employee to conduct any formal investigations or interviews in order to determine if fraudulent and /or corrupt behaviour has occurred or is suspected.

An investigation into apparent or suspected fraud and corruption shall be conducted by the CEO and if necessary, they may appoint an investigator for preliminary review of the incident.

The CEO will notify the Audit Panel Chair

The responsible investigator will arrange discussions with appropriate persons relating to all facets of the alleged fraud or corruption and any other matters that may assist the preliminary review.

All communication and documentation related to the investigation will be kept confidential and in a secure location.

There will be an expectation that preliminary investigation will be given the highest importance and is finalised as soon as practicable. If there is an early expectation that there will be Tasmania Police involvement, then it is imperative the preliminary investigation is progressed expediently. Tasmania Police need to immediately begin any alleged fraud or corruption investigation and any delay can severely impact their efforts and final report, and in turn, can adversely affect subsequent actions and resolutions.

Based on results from the preliminary review or given the nature of the alleged fraud one or more of the following actions may occur:

- The CEO may determine to undertake an investigation regarding a breach of Councils Code of Conduct by an employee.
- The CEO may report the matter to Tasmania Police for investigation where the fraud or corruption may involve an illegal activity.
- Disciplinary action may be made following the Disciplinary Procedures Policy.
- No further action is warranted in respect of the alleged fraudulent or corrupt behaviour.
- An internal systems control review is undertaken.

#### 8.1 Internal reporting and escalation of issues

Council's Public Interest Disclosures Officer will maintain a fraud and corruption incident register which will include information in relation to all incidents.

A regular report will be provided to the management team and audit panel committee outlining any recent fraud and corruption events and the actions undertaken in respect to these events.

The CEO will report fraud and corruption events to Council.

#### 8.2 Disciplinary Procedures

Where there is proven evidence of fraud, appropriate measures will be taken following the Disciplinary Procedures policy.

#### 8.3 External Reporting

Where fraudulent activity has been identified as criminal, the CEO will determine the appropriate process for notifying the police and any other relevant authorities.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, fraud or corruption that involves the committing of a crime will be reported to the police or relevant authority. If the activity is not reported, the CEO will notify the Council regarding the decision made and the reasons supporting the decision.

Council will take all reasonable steps to assist the authorities in their investigation into alleged fraudulent and/or corrupt conduct.

#### 8.4 Recovery of fraud or corruption proceeds

Recovery of money or property will be vigorously pursued should fraud, corruption or breaches of the Code of Conduct occur. The approach to be taken will be determined by the CEO on a case-by-case basis. As necessary, advice from Tasmania Police and/or the Director of Public Prosecutions will be obtained to inform the appropriate course of action.

#### 8.5 Review of Internal Controls

In each instance where fraud or corruption is detected, Directors of the relevant area are required to reassess the adequacy of the internal environment and consider whether improvements are required.

#### 8.6 Maintaining and monitoring adequacy of insurance

Insurance will be obtained and maintained to safeguard against damage and ensure continuation of business processes appropriate to Council's risk appetite. Adequacy of insurance policies is to be assessed by management at least annually.

#### REFERENCES:

Local Government Act 1993

Code of Conduct Policy HR14

Disciplinary Procedures Policy HR28

Public Interest Disclosure Policy HR24

#### ANNEXURE:

Investigation of Early Warnings Signs - Red Flags & Examples of Fraud & Corruption

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

The Fraud Control Policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ANNEXURE A

# IDENTIFICATION OF EARLY WARNINGS SIGNS RED FLAGS & EXAMPLES OF FRAUD & CORRUPTION

The following represents some signals, particularly if evident in combination that may indicate a need for further investigation to determine if fraud or corruption is occurring.

- Bragging about exploits.
- Changes to documents, e.g invoices, log books, time sheets.
- Constant association with, and entertainment by, a member of a supplier's, contractor's or consultant's staff.
- Evidence of living beyond their means (for example, buying or otherwise acquiring expensive personal items and extravagant household furnishings).
- Excessive number of duties residing with one person.
- Excessive alcohol, drug and gambling problems.
- Getting annoyed at reasonable questioning (undue secrecy, or excluding people from information).
- Inclination toward covering up inefficiencies.
- Lack of authorisation on documentation.
- Misplacement of documentation.
- Pronounced criticism of others, endeavouring to divert suspicion.
- Refusing to leave records during the day; working overtime regularly.
- Replying to questions with unreasonable explanations.
- Rewriting records under the guise of neatness in presentation.
- Unexplained employee behavioural or lifestyle changes.
- Unofficial and/or unusual changes to an individual's work practices.

#### **Examples of Fraud and Corruption**

The following list whilst not exhaustive provides examples of the types of conduct that might amount to fraud:

- Theft of assets such as inventory, cash and equipment;
- Illicit use of assets, information or services for private purposes such as:
- Unauthorised use of motor vehicles, equipment, photocopiers, ICT resources;
- Dishonest use of intellectual property;
- Releasing confidential information for other than a proper business purpose;
- Serious conflicts of interest where the action is for their own self-interest rather than the interests of the Council (e.g failing to declare an interest in an assessment or regulatory process or investigation);
- Receiving or giving kickbacks or secret commissions for preferential treatment and/or favours to or from third parties;
- Receiving payment, hospitality or gratuitous favours for influencing future decisions e.g. procurement, research activities and licence approvals;

- Misuse of entitlements such as:
  - o Falsifying travel claims
  - o Not submitting leave forms for periods of leave taken
  - o Knowingly submitting inaccurate payroll information for payment
  - o Charges to Council credit card whilst claiming reimbursement or for personal use
- Payment for goods and services not required, not received or at excessive prices

The following list whilst not exhaustive provides examples of the types of conduct that might amount to corruption:

- Bribery.
- Ransomware.
- Finance Fraud (e.g loan or credit card application in a false name).
- Acceptance of gifts, benefits or hospitality that are intended to achieve a specific or generic commercial outcome in the short or long term.
- Serious nepotism or cronyism where the appointee is inadequately qualified to perform the role they are appointed in.
- Dishonest use of computer equipment, Council vehicles or mobile phones.
- Release or use of misleading or inaccurate information for the purpose of deceiving, misleading or to hide wrongdoing.
- Dishonest use of purchase orders, corporate credit card or private fuel purchases.



POLICY NAME: COUNCILLOR EXPENSES, ENTITLEMENTS & PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

POLICY No: 2.2

#### PURPOSE:

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 this Policy seeks to:-

- Identify Councillor entitlements;
- Clarify the approval process for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their duties; and
- Determine a Councillor's eligibility for reimbursement or payment of expenses incurred in their role on Council.

The following policy framework identifies the allowable expenses, support and resources available to Councillors:-

#### Resources/Facilities

- Administrative Support
- iPad

#### Reimbursement

- Child Care
- Travel including reimbursement of public transport costs
- Professional development
- Telephone reimbursement of relevant call costs
- Internet

#### 1. EXPENSES

#### 1.1 Child Care

Council will reimburse the cost of child care expenses incurred by Councillors to attend:-

- Attendance at Council, Committee and Special Council Meetings.
- Council Workshops.
- To attend meetings resulting from a Councillor's appointment by Council to an internal or external body or committee, except where the body or committee reimburses the Councillor for relevant child care expenses incurred.
- During inspections or business activities within the Council area, provided these inspections or business are conducted in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

- During inspections or business activities as organised by the Chief Executive Officer or Departmental Directors.
- To attend to business of the Council, outside the Council area, in accordance with a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at a seminar/conference that aligns with a resolution or policy of Council.

Reimbursement is subject to the following conditions:-

- Claims will require a receipt from a licensed child care provider and proof of entitlement or non-entitlement to the Commonwealth Government Child Care Benefit Scheme. Any entitlement will be deducted from the hourly rate charged by the registered Child Care provider.
- At the Chief Executive Officer's discretion, child care may be approved at an hourly rate of (for example \$20/hour) when no licensed provider is available (evenings for example).
- Childcare expenses are not eligible for reimbursement if the caregiver is someone who normally or regularly resides with the councillor or is a member of the Councillor's immediate family.
- Child Care expense claims must be submitted within 3 months of the incurred date.
- For the purposes of this policy, a child is defined as an individual who is below the age of 16.

#### 1.2 Travel

Council will reimburse Councillors, upon request, for travel expenses incurred while representing Council as an official delegate or representative as follows:-

- For travel by car, an expense allowance will be paid, based on the rate set by the Australian Tax Office for reimbursement of vehicle expenses.
- For travel by Public Transport or taxi/rideshare, the fare will be reimbursed upon production of a receipt/ticket.
- Travel must be undertaken by the shortest route possible.
- Claims for reimbursement of travel expenses must be submitted within 3 months of the incurred date.

#### Claims are payable for:

- During inspections or business activities within the Council area, provided these inspections or business are conducted in accordance with a resolution of the Council.
- To attend to business of the Council, outside the Council area, in accordance with a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at a professional development event that aligns with a resolution or policy of Council.
- During inspections or business activities as organised by the Chief Executive Officer or Departmental Directors.

#### 1.3 Legal Expenses

In accordance with Section 341 of the Act, no legal action can be taken against a Councillor who acts in good faith while exercising their powers or performing their duties under the Act.

Council is responsible for covering legal liability, costs and expenses, including legal advice relating to Council's liability and the personal liability of a Councillor. This includes situations where the Councillor acts in accordance with the functions and powers of the office under the relevant Act(s). It does not cover liability for criminal acts or omissions.

Council will not reimburse legal expenses incurred by a Councillor in defending a Code of Conduct complaint. In accordance with Section 28ZN of the Act, costs relating to the investigation and determination of a complaint are to be paid by the Councillor.

Council is neither obligated nor authorised to cover legal fees for any advice or proceedings undertaken by a Councillor in their personal capacity against another individual.

#### 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This policy encourages Councillors to pursue professional development opportunities, such as conferences, seminars, workshops and training sessions that may benefit the individual Councillor and Council as a whole.

This meets the obligations of the 'Oath of Office' taken by Councillors following their election to Council. This Oath requires Councillors to engage in ongoing professional development in order to maintain and improve their skills and effectiveness.

Councillors undertaking professional development will have expenses for travel, accommodation, registration fees and meals relating to their attendance paid by Council within the parameters of the Council budget.

Council will not pay for partners and spouses to accompany Councillors on Council business, other than for attendance at an official conference dinner. Partners and spouses may accompany Councillors at other events at their own expense.

#### 2.1 Approval (Intra and Inter State Travel)

Attendance for professional development purposes within Australia are encouraged and supported, <u>provided that</u> the cost is within the annual budget allocated for each Councillor. Approval should be sought from the Chief Executive Officer to ensure compliance with this policy and the budget prior to confirming attendance.

#### 2.2 Council Approval (Overseas Travel)

Attendance at any professional development events held outside of Australia, are subject to Council approval, at an Ordinary Meeting of Council, based on the following:-

• The Councillor must submit a business case to Council detailing the benefits, total costs and required funds to attend the event.

#### 2.3 Reporting Requirements

Attendance at any professional development event held outside of Tasmania will require a report to Council. The report can be written or verbal and tabled at a Council meeting, Committee meeting or workshop within three (3) months of the professional development event, and may be combined if multiple Councillors attended.

This report should include:-

- Course topic, content, location, date and duration;
- Relevance of the event to Council business and Councillor professional development requirements;
- Total costs including course materials, travel, accommodation and any other expenses incurred; and
- Benefits to Council from the attendance.

#### 2.4 Accommodation/Meals

- Accommodation will be organised at the Conference/ Workshop/Training Session Hotel or where a package of Hotels is provided, at any one of those Hotels having regard to cost and standard or if both of the above are not applicable or available at a Hotel/Motel close to the Conference venue at a similar rate and standard.
- Expenses for meals and reasonable refreshments will be reimbursed for attending Professional Development events that require overnight accommodation, upon production of receipts.

#### 3. FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT

This Policy acknowledges that the demands made upon a Councillor's time can be significant and Council business can therefore be conducted more efficiently if access is provided to necessary facilities. In regard to the facilities/equipment provided:-

- Councillors must ensure the integrity and configuration of equipment is maintained at all times.
- Limited non-Council use of equipment is permitted as long as it incurs no direct cost to the Council.
- Councillors are responsible for ensuring the protection and safe keeping of all equipment issued and all equipment will remain the property of Brighton Council.

#### 3.1 Communication

Councillors will be provided with an iPad.

- All connection fees will be met by Council.
- Councillors must meet all costs of electricity.

#### 3.2 Stationery

Councillors will be provided with:-

- Business Cards.
- Other stationery requirements will be met from the Councillor's Allowance.

#### 4. OTHER EXPENDITURE

#### 4.1 Expenditure General

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



POLICY NAME: COUNCILLOR EXPENSES, ENTITLEMENTS & PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

POLICY No: 2.2

#### PURPOSE:

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 this Policy seeks to:-

- Identify Councillor entitlements;
- Clarify the approval process for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their duties; and
- Determine a Councillor's eligibility for reimbursement or payment of expenses incurred in their role on Council.

The following policy framework identifies the allowable expenses, support and resources available to Councillors:-

#### Resources/Facilities

- Administrative Support
- iPad

#### Reimbursement

- Child Care
- Travel including reimbursement of public transport costs
- Professional development
- Telephone reimbursement of relevant call costs
- Internet

#### 1. EXPENSES

#### 1.1 Child Care

Council will reimburse the cost of child care expenses incurred by Councillors to attend:-

- Attendance at Council, Committee and Special Council Meetings.
- Council Workshops.
- To attend meetings resulting from a Councillor's appointment by Council to an internal or external body or committee, except where the body or committee reimburses the Councillor for relevant child care expenses incurred.
- During inspections or business activities within the Council area, provided these inspections or business are conducted in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

- During inspections or business activities as organised by the Chief Executive Officer or Departmental Directors.
- To attend to business of the Council, outside the Council area, in accordance with a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at a seminar/conference that aligns with a resolution or policy of Council.

Reimbursement is subject to the following conditions:-

- Claims will require a receipt from a licensed child care provider and proof of entitlement or non-entitlement to the Commonwealth Government Child Care Benefit Scheme. Any entitlement will be deducted from the hourly rate charged by the registered Child Care provider.
- At the Chief Executive Officer's discretion, child care may be approved at an hourly rate of (for example \$20/hour) when no licensed provider is available (evenings for example).
- Childcare expenses are not eligible for reimbursement if the caregiver is someone who normally or regularly resides with the councillor or is a member of the Councillor's immediate family.
- Child Care expense claims must be submitted within 3 months of the incurred date.
- For the purposes of this policy, a child is defined as an individual who is below the age of 16.

#### 1.2 Travel

Council will reimburse Councillors, upon request, for travel expenses incurred while representing Council as an official delegate or representative as follows:-

- For travel by car, an expense allowance will be paid, based on the rate set by the Australian Tax Office for reimbursement of vehicle expenses.
- For travel by Public Transport or taxi/rideshare, the fare will be reimbursed upon production of a receipt/ticket.
- Travel must be undertaken by the shortest route possible.
- Claims for reimbursement of travel expenses must be submitted within 3 months of the incurred date.

#### Claims are payable for:

- During inspections or business activities within the Council area, provided these inspections or business are conducted in accordance with a resolution of the Council.
- To attend to business of the Council, outside the Council area, in accordance with a resolution of Council.
- Attendance at a professional development event that aligns with a resolution or policy of Council.
- During inspections or business activities as organised by the Chief Executive Officer or Departmental Directors.

#### 1.3 Legal Expenses

In accordance with Section 341 of the Act, no legal action can be taken against a Councillor who acts in good faith while exercising their powers or performing their duties under the Act.

Council is responsible for covering legal liability, costs and expenses, including legal advice relating to Council's liability and the personal liability of a Councillor. This includes situations where the Councillor acts in accordance with the functions and powers of the office under the relevant Act(s). It does not cover liability for criminal acts or omissions.

Council will not reimburse legal expenses incurred by a Councillor in defending a Code of Conduct complaint. In accordance with Section 28ZN of the Act, costs relating to the investigation and determination of a complaint are to be paid by the Councillor.

Council is neither obligated nor authorised to cover legal fees for any advice or proceedings undertaken by a Councillor in their personal capacity against another individual.

#### 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This policy encourages Councillors to pursue professional development opportunities, such as conferences, seminars, workshops and training sessions that may benefit the individual Councillor and Council as a whole.

This meets the obligations of the 'Oath of Office' taken by Councillors following their election to Council. This Oath requires Councillors to engage in ongoing professional development in order to maintain and improve their skills and effectiveness.

Councillors undertaking professional development will have expenses for travel, accommodation, registration fees and meals relating to their attendance paid by Council within the parameters of the Council budget.

Council will not pay for partners and spouses to accompany Councillors on Council business, other than for attendance at an official conference dinner. Partners and spouses may accompany Councillors at other events at their own expense.

#### 2.1 Approval (Intra and Inter State Travel)

Attendance for professional development purposes within Australia are encouraged and supported, <u>provided that</u> the cost is within the annual budget allocated for each Councillor. Approval should be sought from the Chief Executive Officer to ensure compliance with this policy and the budget prior to confirming attendance.

#### 2.2 Council Approval (Overseas Travel)

Attendance at any professional development events held outside of Australia, are subject to Council approval, at an Ordinary Meeting of Council, based on the following:-

• The Councillor must submit a business case to Council detailing the benefits, total costs and required funds to attend the event.

#### 2.3 Reporting Requirements

Attendance at any professional development event held outside of Tasmania will require a report to Council. The report can be written or verbal and tabled at a Council meeting, Committee meeting or workshop within three (3) months of the professional development event, and may be combined if multiple Councillors attended.

This report should include:-

Course topic, content, location, date and duration;

- Relevance of the event to Council business and Councillor professional development requirements;
- Total costs including course materials, travel, accommodation and any other expenses incurred; and
- Benefits to Council from the attendance.

#### 2.4 Accommodation/Meals

- Accommodation will be organised at the Conference/ Workshop/Training Session Hotel <u>or</u> where a package of Hotels is provided, at any one of those Hotels having regard to cost and standard <u>or</u> if both of the above are not applicable or available at a Hotel/Motel close to the Conference venue at a similar rate and standard.
- Expenses for meals and reasonable refreshments will be reimbursed for attending Professional Development events that require overnight accommodation, upon production of receipts.

#### 3. FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT

This Policy acknowledges that the demands made upon a Councillor's time can be significant and Council business can therefore be conducted more efficiently if access is provided to necessary facilities. In regard to the facilities/equipment provided:-

- Councillors must ensure the integrity and configuration of equipment is maintained at all times.
- Limited non-Council use of equipment is permitted as long as it incurs no direct cost to the Council.
- Councillors are responsible for ensuring the protection and safe keeping of all equipment issued and all equipment will remain the property of Brighton Council.

#### 3.1 Communication

Councillors will be provided with an iPad.

- All connection fees will be met by Council.
- Councillors must meet all costs of electricity.

#### 3.2 Stationery

Councillors will be provided with:-

- Business Cards.
- Other stationery requirements will be met from the Councillor's Allowance.

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Being the General Manager as appointed by Brighton Council pursuant to Section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* 



# Brighton Council Budget 2025/2026

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## **Brighton Council Budget Summary 2025/26**

	Budget 25/26	Budget 25/26
Department Net Results	P/L	Cash
Rates & Grants	(24,104,259)	(24,045,123)
Corporate Services	1,552,618	1,189,227
General Management	2,795,726	2,795,726
Governance	393,447	393,447
Asset Services	11,557,673	7,815,736
Development Services	1,221,918	1,221,918
Plant Surplus	(165,000)	(165,000)
Total Operating (Profit)/Loss	(6,747,876)	(10,794,068)

Capital Expenditure/Revenue	Budget 25/26 Cash
Capital Improvements	4,717,247
Capital Renewal	5,420,000
Capital Works Carried Forward	525,009
Capital Grant income accrued	0
Property Purchases/Sales	0
Plant & Vehicles Purchase/Sales	296,000
Furniture & Equip. Purchase/Sales	289,500

Total Capital Expenditure/Revenue	11,247,756
Total cash (surplus)/deficit	453,688
Cash movements from reserves	(525,009)
Total cash (surplus)/deficit including reserve movements	(71,321)

Rate Variation Summary	24/25 \$	25/26 \$
General Rate	11,261,297	12,597,202
FOGO	503,562	515,616
Solid Waste Management (Fixed)	2,211,444	2,530,395
Waste Levy	156,780	240,810
Total Rates	14,133,083	15,884,023

Fire Levy Variation Summary	24/25 Levy	25/26 Levy
Total Fire Levy	1,112,860	1,160,838

Rate changes	24/25		25/26 \$
Non residential Properties			
Residential non-vacant Bwater / Gbrook / Hcove	\$ 1,046.00	\$	1,145.00
Residential non-vacant Other	\$ 1,161.00	\$	1,260.00
Residential vacant	\$ 530.00	\$	580.00
Garbage	\$ 282.00	\$	315.00
Waste Levy	\$ 20.00	\$	30.00
FOGO	\$ 82.00	\$	82.00
Total Rate Variation			8.50%

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/2
	Description	P/L	Cash	Cash
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	Rates & Grants			
	Nates & Grants			
	Rates & Grants Revenue			
	Rates Income			
621001	Rates General	(12,597,202)	(12,597,202)	(11,261,2
621003	Rates Garbage	(2,530,395)	(2,530,395)	(2,211,4
621007	Waste Levy	(240,810)	(240,810)	(156,7
621002	Rates Fire Service Levy	(1,197,509)	(1,197,509)	(1,160,8
621006	FOGO	(515,616)	(515,616)	(503,5
629101	Tas Water Dividend	(798,336)	(739,200)	(739,2
626102	Rates Penalties	(26,000)		
	Total Rates Income	(17,905,868)	,	
		(11,000,000)	(,0.0,.02)	(10,000,1
	Grant Income			
624104	Financial Assistance Grant	(2,131,583)	(2,131,583)	(2,131,5
	Road to Recovery Grant	(399,308)		
	Capital Grant			
	Operational Grant	(3,617,500)	,	· ,
024101	Total Grant Income	(50,000)	, ,	
	Total Grant Income	(6,198,391)	(6,198,391)	(3,070,1
	Total Batas & Consta Bassassa	(04.404.050)	(04.045.400)	(40.405.0
	Total Rates & Grants Revenue	(24,104,259)	(24,045,123)	(19,125,2
	Rates & Grants Expenditure			
726121	Other Grants	0	0	
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		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
	Description	P/L o	Cash	Cash
	Office Expenses			
	Printing & Stationery	30,000	30,000	35,000
722191	Postage	30,000	30,000	30,000
722216	Telephones	65,000	65,000	65,000
	Total Office Expenses	125,000	125,000	130,000
	Computer Expenses			
722121	Software	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Hardware	20,000	20,000	50,000
	WAN/LAN/Wifi	5.000	5,000	5,000
	Consumables	3,000	3.000	3.000
122101	Software Support & Licence Fees	36,000	0,000	0,000
722170	Maintenance Agreements	220.910	220,910	236.887
722181		5,000	5,000	5,000
	Security	3,500	3,500	3,500
122110	Total Computer Expenses	298,410	262,410	308,387
	Other Expenses			
722126	Insurance Premiums	350,000	350,000	306,542
	Advertising	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Journals & Publications	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Legal Expenses	20,000	20,000	20.000
	Depreciation	327,391	20,000	20,000
	Audit Fees	45.000	45.000	45.000
	Bank Charges	35,000	35,000	35,000
	Cash collections	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Debtor Collections		17,000	17,000
		17,000	,	
	Equipment maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Valuations	200,000	200,000	40,000
	Land Tax	70,000	70,000	75,000
	Uniforms	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Risk Management	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Rounding's Account	20	20	20
	Bad Debts	13,000	13,000	13,000
	Payment Agency Fees	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Insurance Premiums Excess	5,000	5,000	5,000
727101	Profit/Loss on Sale		0	C
	Total Other expenses	1,140,411	813,020	614,562
	Total Corporate Services Expenditure	2,697,118	2,333,727	2,159,721
	Net Result Corporate Services	1,552,618	1,189,227	1,096,921

	Description	Budget 25/26 P/L	Cash	Adopted 24/25 Cash
	General Management			
	General Management			
629109	Microwise commission	0	0	(85,000
	Total General Management Revenue	0	0	(85,000
	Community Development & Engagement			
623120	Newspaper advertising	(15,000)	(15,000)	
623133	Community events revenue	(200)	(200)	(200
	Total Community Development & Engagement Revenue	(15,200)	(15,200)	(15,200
	Workforce Development			
62410	Reg WP income (Anthony McConnon)	(710,000)	(710,000)	(668,850
	Total Workforce Development Revenue	(710,000)	(710,000)	(668,850
	Total General Management Revenue	(725,200)	(725,200)	(769,050
	Total General Management Revenue	(123,200)	(123,200)	(709,030
	General Management Expenditure			
	Staff Costs			
72100	Salaries	573,082	573,082	545,815
	Transport	24,000	24,000	24,000
	Superannuation	68,862	68,862	63,966
	Training / Conferences	9,453	9,453	9,444
	Payroll Tax	25,737	25,737	24,290
	Workers Comp	6,970	6,970	10,182
72100	Long Service Leave	0	0	077.007
	Total Staff Costs	708,104	708,104	677,697
	Other Expenses			
	Advertising	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Journals & Publications	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Legal Expenses	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Child & Youth Safe Framework Investigations	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Child & Youth Safe Framework Training	5,000	5,000	5,000
	GM Meetings & LGAT	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Business Culture Improvement & Planning	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Promotion of Municipality	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Long Term Planning	40,000	40,000	40,000
	Corporate Communications	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Health & Well Being	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Cycling South	3,000	3,000	3,000
722176		10,000	10,000	10,000
722152	Annual Report Total Other expenses	3,000 <b>176,000</b>	3,000 <b>176,000</b>	3,000 <b>176,000</b>
	Total Cilio Oxpolicac	1.10,000	17 0,000	170,000
70044	Members Expenses	200 700	000 700	000 100
	Members Allowances	233,792	233,792	230,463
	Members Conferences & Professional Development	12,000	12,000	10,000
	Members Elections	10,000	10,000	20,000
	General Meeting Expenses	15,000	15,000	11,000
	Members Civic Functions	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Members Reimbursements	2,000	2,000	2,000
72011	Members Payroll Tax Total Members Expenses	10,521 <b>288,313</b>	10,521 <b>288,313</b>	10,371 <b>288,834</b>
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70015	Subscriptions & Levies	05.00	05.00	6= 6=
	Greater Hobart Committee & Southern Regions	35,000	35,000	35,000
	LGAT Subscription	55,000	55,000	50,000
	State Fire Commission	1,197,509	1,197,509	1,160,838
723103	Derwent Estuary Contribution	17,000	17,000	16,602
700	STRULS	10,000	10,000	
723110	Committee for Greater Hobart  Total Subscriptions & Levies	5,000	5,000	5,000
		1,319,509	1,319,509	1,267,440

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
No.	Description	P/L	Cash	Cash
	Community Development & Engagement			
722141	Community Newspaper	82,000	82,000	75,000
	Civic Decorations & Event	50,000	50,000	
722192	Public Art Strategy	25,000	25,000	25,000
722156	Community Development Engagement & Events	45,000	45,000	50,000
726122	Community Grants & Transportation	75,000	75,000	71,000
722236	Major Impact Grant	0	0	0
722237	Youth Engagement Activities	25,000	25,000	30,000
722240	School Programs - Community Creators	17,000	17,000	6,000
	Total Community Development & Engagement Expenses	319,000	319,000	257,000
	Workforce Development	XX		
722145	Workforce Development	710,000	710,000	668,850
	Total Workforce Development Expenditure	710,000	710,000	668,850
	Total General Management Expenditure	3,520,926	3,520,926	3,335,821
	Net Result General Management	2,795,726	2,795,726	2,566,771

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
	Description	P/L ̈	Cash	Cash
	Governance			
	Oovernance			
	Cavarnanaa Bayanya			
	Governance Revenue			
000000	Plumbing Revenue	(200,000)	(000,000)	(000.00
022302	Plumbing Fees	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,00
	Total Environmental Health Revenue	(200,000)	(200,000)	/200.00
	Total Environmental Health Revenue	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,00
	Animal Control Revenue			
622203	Infringements Dogs	(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,00
	Dog Licenses	, ,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Kennel Licenses	(220,000)		
	Other Animal Income	(10,000)		
623109		(200)		
	Total Animal Control Revenue	(310,200)	(310,200)	(312,20
	Duilding Davanua			
622201	Building Revenue	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,00
	Building Fees			
	BCITB Levy Building training board	(500) (5,000)	(500)	
023132	building training board	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,00
	Total Building Revenue	(00 500)	(00 E00)	/00 E0
	Total Building Revenue	(90,500)	(90,500)	(90,50
	Total Governance Revenue	(600,700)	(600,700)	(602,70
	Total Governance Revenue	(000,700)	(000,100)	(002,70
	Governance Expenditure			
	Staff Costs			
721005	Salaries	673,466	673,466	645,84
121000	Transport	34,000	34,000	34,00
721006	Superannuation	89,199	89,199	95,15
	Training / Conferences	13,331	13,331	14,31
	Payroll Tax	31,266	31,266	33,34
	Workers Comp	8,385	8,385	13,82
	Long Service Leave	0,363	0,363	
721007	Total Staff Costs	849,647	849,647	836,48
	Total Stall Costs	049,047	049,041	636,46
	Other Expenses			
722146	Advertising	3,000	3,000	3,00
	Journals & Publications	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		1,000	1,000	1,00 5,00
	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	
	Legal Expenses	15,000	15,000	15,00
122119	Warren Lee Scholarship	5,500	5,500	5,50
	Total Other expenses	29,500	29,500	29,50
	Animal Control			
		20,000	20,000	00.00
	Dog Control Costs	20,000	20,000	22,00
723101	Dogs Home Operations	85,000	85,000	82,00
723111	Cat Contribution - Ten Lives	10,000	10,000	10,00
	Total Animal Control	115,000	115,000	114,00
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	Total Governance Expenditure	994,147	994,147	979,98
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	Net Result Governance	393,447	393,447	377,28

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
	Description	P/L	Cash	Cash
	Asset Services			
	Asset Services Revenue			
623152	WTS Steel	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,00
	Road Permit Fees	(5,000)	(5,000)	
	Engineering Fees	(30,000)	(30,000)	<del> </del>
	Waste Management Bins	(4,000)	(4,000)	
	Tip entrance fees	(350,000)	(350,000)	
	State Govt Verge contract	(71,500)	(71,500)	
	Hire Flocon / Plant	(71,500)	(71,500)	(30,00
	Heavy vehicle motor tax		(30,000)	· · · · ·
	Private Works Revenue	(30,000)		(20,00
		0	0	(5,50
	Interim WSUD Contribution	(100,000)	0	(40,00
	Subdivision Donation	(100,000)	0	
	Professional Services	(5,000)	(5,000)	
	Ground Hire	(30,000)	(30,000)	(25,00
	Hall Hire	(30,000)	(30,000)	
	Brighton Football Club Lights	0	0	(4,00
623140	RV Rest Stop Fees	0	0	(2,50
	Total Asset Services Revenue	(665,500)	(565,500)	(622,50
	Acces Compiles Supposeditions			
	Asset Services Expenditure			
704005	Staff Costs	4 000 700	4 000 700	4 000 00
721005	Salaries	1,386,702	1,386,702	1,363,96
	Transport	52,000	52,000	52,00
	Superannuation	201,839	201,839	196,90
	Training / Conferences	26,883	26,883	26,61
	Payroll Tax	66,824	66,824	65,61
	Workers Comp	36,134	36,134	45,44
721007	Long Service Leave	0	0	
	Total Staff Costs	1,770,382	1,770,382	1,750,54
	Other Expenses			
722146	Advertising/Notices	15,000	15,000	4,00
	Journals & Publications	1,000	1,000	1,00
	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,00
	Legal Expenses	6,000	6,000	3,00
	Private Works expense	0,000	0,000	5,00
	Total Other expenses	27,000	27,000	18,00
		,	,	,
	Overheads			50,00
722122	CAD & Other Software	56,000	56 000	
	CAD & Other Software	56,000	56,000	
722123	Geographic Inform System	4,000	4,000	30,00
722123 722153	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment	4,000 17,000	4,000 17,000	30,00 17,00
722123 722153 722116	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer	4,000 17,000 19,000	4,000 17,000 19,000	30,00 17,00 14,00
722123 722153 722116	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00
722123 722153 722116 722221	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 0 206,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104 728110	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 0 206,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104 728110	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing Depreciation	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00 10 <b>206,10</b>
722123 722153 722116 722221 725104 728110	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 0 206,000	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00 10 <b>206,10</b>
722123 722153 722116 72221 725104 728110 724101	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing Depreciation Total Roads  Bridges	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000 1,023,863 2,537,758 3,561,621	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000 1,023,863 0	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00 206,10 979,73
722123 722153 722116 72221 725104 728110 724101	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing Depreciation Total Roads  Bridges Maintenance Job Costing	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000 1,023,863 2,537,758 3,561,621	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00 10 <b>206,10</b> 979,73 <b>979,7</b> 3
722123 722153 722116 72221 725104 728110 724101	Geographic Inform System Asset condition assessment Fire Abatement Officer NRM Works & Weed Control Management Weight Testing - Plant & Trailer compliance Flocon Hire Interest on Bonds Total Overheads  Roads Maintenance Job Costing Depreciation Total Roads  Bridges	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000 1,023,863 2,537,758 3,561,621	4,000 17,000 19,000 80,000 30,000 0 206,000 1,023,863 0	30,00 17,00 14,00 80,00 15,00 206,10 979,73

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
	Description	P/L	Cash	Cash
	Reserves			
	Maintenance Job Costing	1,304,876	1,304,876	1,248,63
728106	Fixed Overheads	140,000	140,000	120,00
	Total Reserves	1,444,876	1,444,876	1,368,63
	Stormwater			
	Maintenance Job Costing			
724101	Depreciation	397,036	0	
	Total Stormwater	397,036	0	
	Buildings			
	Maintenance Job Costing	392,062	392.062	375.16
72/101	Depreciation	694,216		070,10
	Fixed Overheads	200,000		143,00
720101	Total Buildings	1,286,278	592,062	518,16
	Street Lighting	1 1 .		
729114	Fixed Overheads	140,000	140,000	140,00
	Depreciation	25,000		140,00
724101	Total Street Lighting	165,000	140,000	140,00
	Total Street Lighting	103,000	140,000	140,00
	Solid Waste Management	<i>D</i>		
	Recycling Kerbside Collection Contract	342,000	342,000	281,00
	Waste Levy	248,000	248,000	225,00
	FOGO Kerbside Collection Contract	212,000	212,000	168,85
	FOGO Gatefee Disposal Costs	104,000	104,000	94,26
	WTS Maintenance	10,000	10,000	10,00
	Waste Bin Deliveries	35,000	35,000	35,00
722213	Waste Education	27,000	27,000	27,00
	Waste Authority Contribution	5,000	5,000	5,00
	Refuse Disposal Gatefee Costs	825,000	825,000	620,00
	Waste Bin Replacements	0	0	64,00
	Refuse Kerbside Collection Contract	350,000	350,000	208,00
722202	Recycling Gatefee Disposal Costs	272,000	272,000	218,00
	WTS Operation	269,000	269,000	235,00
722229	Tyre Recycling	30,000	30,000	15,00
722230	Hard/Green Waste Collection	170,000	170,000	100,00
722231	WTS Cartage	209,000	209,000	154,00
	Total Solid Waste Management	3,108,000	3,108,000	2,460,12
	Total Asset Services Expenditure	12,223,173	8,381,236	7,507,36
	Net Result Asset Services	11,557,673	7,815,736	6,884,86
	Net Result Asset Services	11,007,073	7,010,736	0,004,00

		Budget 25/26		Adopted 24/25
	Description	P/L	Cash	Cash
	D			
	Development Services			
	Development Services Revenue			
622401	Planning Fees	(300,000)	(300,000)	(260,00
	Total Planning Revenue	(300,000)	(300,000)	(260,00
	Environmental Health Revenue			
623101	Caravans	(300)	(300)	(30
	Health Infringements	(3,000)		
623108	Licenses Health / Food Premises / Public Entertainment	(20,000)		
	Immunisation Notifications	(1,000)		
	Total Environmental Health Revenue	(24,300)		
	Total Development Services Revenue	(324,300)	(324,300)	(279,50
	Development Comitoes Evenenditure			
	Development Services Expenditure Staff Costs			
721005	Salaries	904,439	904.439	827,38
	Transport	38,000	38,000	34,00
721006	Superannuation	130,411	130,411	118,93
	Training / Conferences	18,758	18,758	17,74
	Payroll Tax	46,568	46,568	42,58
	Workers Comp	12,542	12,542	17,73
	Long Service Leave	0	0	,
	Total Staff Costs	1,150,718	1,150,718	1,058,37
	Office Expenditure			
722166	Journals & Publications	500	500	50
	Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	5.00
	Advertising	40,000	40,000	40,00
	Total Other expenses	45,500	45,500	45,50
-	Other Expenses			
722186	Planning Scheme	5,000	5,000	12,00
	Planning Legal Expenses	40,000	40,000	40,00
	Climate Change Resilience	12,000	12,000	5,00
	Strategic Projects unplanned	40,000	40,000	40,00
	Strategic Projects & Plans	230,000	230,000	235,00
	Total Other expenses	327,000	327,000	332,00
	Environmental Health			
722165	Immunisation Costs	12,000	12,000	12,00
	Legal Expenses	10,000	10,000	10,00
	Testing Fees	1,000	1,000	1,00
	Total Environmental Health	23,000	23,000	23,00
	Tatal Davidson and Samilage Former differen	4.540.040	4 540 040	4 450 0
	Total Development Services Expenditure	1,546,218	1,546,218	1,458,87
	Net Result Development Services	1,221,918	1,221,918	1,179,37

### **Infrastructure Maintenance Budget 25/26**

Account Number	Description	Budget 25-26 Maintenance
Summ	ary - Maintenance	
	Total Roads	1,023,863.11
	Total Bridges	69,052.19
	Total Buildings	392,062.31
	Total Reserves	1,304,876.47
TOTAL	. MAINTENANCE	2,789,854.07

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Item not in Description Renewal 25/26 New 25/26 budget

#### Roads

Digouts Chip Reseals Asphalt Reseals

Reconstruction

**Briggs Road** Fouche Avenue Munday Street/William St intersection Back Tea Tree Road

Baskerville Road Fergusson Road Seal Ravensbourne Place Intersection

South Brighton Works Sign & Sign Replacement

#### **Footpaths**

Concrete path repairs Asphalt path repairs **Gravel Path Repairs** Roads Rural Sealed Shouldering/Hotmix Edging Disabled Access Kerb Ramps Pontville Park to Jordan River with SW Works Rural walking tracks Downie Street Northside Survey & Design **Brighton Active Transport Project** 

#### **K&C** and Drainage

K&C repair/replace Open drains Pollutant traps & Stormwater Stormwater management plans Demountable litter trap rollout Potential contribution to Cove Hill Stormwater Network

#### **Grading and Resheeting**

Gravel Road Resheet **Gravel Road Grading** 

#### Street lighting

Replacement of lighting poles New light poles

#### Sustainability & Environment

Greening Brighton Strategy implementation

Total of Roads	\$ 5,201,000 \$	4,103,813	\$ 1,149,408
Bridges			

Guard Rail Improvement Program Bridge and Culvert Repairs

**Total of Bridges** 55,000 \$

#### **Buildings**

Grandstand - Repair of decking Council Offices General Refurbishment Asbestos Removal **Building Internal Fitout Replacements Energy Efficiency Works Building Upgrades** 

Description	Renewal 2	25/26	Nev	w 25/26	em not in budget
Upgrade EV Charge New WTS facility					
Total of Buildings	\$	80,000	\$	110,000	\$ 825,000

#### Reserves/Playgrounds/Ovals

Concrete paths within Reserves
Gravel paths within Reserves
Soft fall Replacement
Oval Refurbishment
New Equipment
Sensory Park
Rubbish Bin Improvements
Old Beach Foreshore Track
Walking tracks - Ongoing funds for concreting
Shelters and seats on foreshore walkways
Oval irrigation upgrades

Total of Reserves	\$ 84,000	\$	503,434	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL CAPITAL RENEWAL WORKS	\$ 5,420,000	\$	4,717,247	\$	1,974,408
Summary	Renewal	lm	nprovements	No	ot in budget
Total Roads	\$ 5,201,000	\$	4,103,813	\$	1,149,408
Total Bridges	\$ 55,000	\$	-	\$	-
Total Buildings	\$ 80,000	\$	110,000	\$	825,000
Total Reserves	\$ 84,000	\$	503,434	\$	-
Total Capital	\$ 5,420,000	\$	4,717,247	\$	1,974,408

Plant	& Vehicles Purchases	& Sales	2025/26		
Plant No.	Description	Department		Estimated Sale Price	Purchase Price
Sales					
F01	Toyota Hilux	Asset			
F18	Toyota Rav 4	Development			
F25	Mitsubishi Triton	Asset			
F29	Mitsubishi Triton	Asset			
F38	Toto Reelmaster Mower	Asset			
F65	Mitsubishi Triton	Asset			
Total Brigh	nton Plant & Vehicle Sales			\$128,0	000
Purch					
F01	1 14:11:4.	Asset			
	Utility	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			
F18	Sedan	Development			
F25	Utility	Asset			
F29	Utility	Asset			
F38	Oval Mower - Hybrid	Asset			
F50	Flocon	Asset			
F58	Outfront Mower	Asset			
F65	Utility	Asset			
Total Brigh	nton Plant & Vehicle Purchases				\$424,000
Plant & Ve	hicle Cash Flow (Surplus) / Deficit	\$296,000			

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Furnitu	ıre & Equipme	nt Purchases & Sales	s 2025/26		
Asset No.	Responsible Officer	Description	Department	Transaction Date	Purchase Cost
Sales					
Total Brighte	on Furniture & Equipmen	t Sales			\$0
Purcha	ISes				
Wheelie Bin I	Replacement				
		for Garden, Reserve & Road Crew			
Unit 17 Toolb					
	amount required for J4 cod				
	ng repairs of plant & trailers	3			
	Monitor Replacement				
	eplacement program				
	ion Assessment Equip				
		each year on Council owned facilities			
	ley Pontville Hall				
Civic Centre	Projector & touch screen u	ogrades			
Total Bright	on Council Purchases				\$289,500
Furniture &	Equipment Cash Flow (Su	urplus) / Deficit	\$289,500		

Work in Progress & Carried Forward Reserves 2025/2026				
Description	Responsible Officer	Department	Cfwd Year	
Work in Progress Carried Forward				
Expenditure				
Energy Efficiency B/Fwd - Pontville Pavilion				
Industrial Hub HVRA				
EDH Shared Pathway				
Tivoli Green & Lennox Park Plans				
Council Office upgrades Spine Pathway				
Spirie Patriway Braeview Road & Drainage works				
Old Beach Foreshore Walkway				
Baskerville Road				
Seymour Street Masterplan				
Road off Baskerville				
Elderslie Road Replacement Design				
Grand Total Brighton Council Work in Progress Carried Forward				525,00
Incomo / ovnonco Carriod Forward				
Income / expense Carried Forward				
Grants carried fwd				\$0
Total Other Reserves		Corporate Services		
Grand Total Brighton Council Reserves Carried Forward			\$	525,009

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<b>Brighton Council Fees &amp; Charges</b>	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
COUNCIL RATES			
Non-Vacant Residential - Bridgewater or Gagebrook & Herdsmans Cove	\$1,046.00	\$1,145.00	\$99.00
Non-Vacant Residential Brighton, Dromedary, Honeywood, Old Beach, Pontville and Tea Tree	\$1.161.00	\$1,260.00	\$99.00
Vacant Residential	\$530.00	\$580.00	
General rate (cents in the dollar of assessed annual value)			
Used - Commercial Purposes - Minimum \$1260	7.150881	7.758971	\$0.61
Used - Public Purposes - Minimum \$818	9.417983	10.219041	\$0.80
Used - Industrial - Minimum \$1260	5.706162	6.191451	\$0.49
Used - Primary Production Purposes - Minimum \$1260	3.794115	4.116701	\$0.32
Used - Sporting or Recreation Purposes	22.253977	22.253977	\$0.00
Not Used - Community Purpose - Minimum \$580	19.92671	19.92671	\$0.00
Not Used - Environmental Management	19.92671	21.621818	\$1.70
Not Used - Agriculture - Minimum \$580	9.395113	9.395113	\$0.00
Not Used - Business - Minimum \$580	13.851199	15.029261	\$1.18
Not Used - General Industrial - Minimum \$580	5.708664	6.193691	\$0.49
Not Used - Light Industrial - Minimum \$580	9.290777	10.080971	\$0.79
Not Used - Open Space	19.501699	21.160285	\$1.66
Not Used - Rural	26.00	26.00	No change
Not Used - Rural Living Minimum \$580	9.395058	9.395058	No change
Not Used - Urban Mixed	11.649448	12.640208	\$0.99
Not Used - Utilities	26.00	26.00	No change
Not Used - Residential Minimum \$580	26.00	26.00	No change
Service Charges			
Garbage Charge	\$282.00	\$315.00	\$33.00
FOGO	\$82.00	\$82.00	No change
Waste Levy	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
Fire Levy (cents in the dollar of assessed annual value)			
Urban Fire Rate - Minimum \$50	1.130842	1.33034	
Brighton Rural Fire Rate - Minimum \$50	0.305872	0.301895	
Rural Fire Rate - Minimum \$50	0.283147	0.284049	

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
HALLS & GROUNDS		·	
GROUNDS			
All charges per hour unless specified otherwise - For lighting only ground hire to be charged or	n top of lighting cost.		
Thompson Oval - 200 lux for 4 towers	\$86.00	\$87.00	\$1.00
Ferguson Oval - 200 lux for 4 towers	\$64.00	\$65.00	\$1.00
Weily Park	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
All charges per hour unless specified otherwise			
Equestrian Area Pontville Park	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Kennel Area Pontville Park	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$1.00
Thompson Oval	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Fergusson Oval & Gunn Oval - Summer Sports (Oct to March) Seniors	\$79.00	\$80.00	\$1.00
Fergusson Oval & Gunn Oval - Summer Sports (Oct to March) Juniors	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Fergusson Oval & Gunn Oval - Winter Sports (Apr to Sep)	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Bob Scott Pavilion	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Weily Park Oval	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Cloak Oval - Old Beach	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Seymour Street Oval	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Day Rate for all Grounds	\$299.00	\$303.00	\$4.00
Day Rate for Kennel Area	\$350.00	\$355.00	\$5.00
Show Pavilion	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Key Deposit	\$50.00	\$51.00	\$1.00
Security Bond	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Turf Wicket Use (Cricket)			
Championships (Senior) (ground staff required on day) per day	\$792.00	\$803.00	\$11.00
Championships (underage) (ground staff required on day) per day	\$566.00	\$574.00	\$8.00
Brighton Turf Nets	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
The Brighton Agricultural Society has free access to the whole of Pontville Park as per policy. Power is charged for this period. Meter's required to be read before and after the show.			

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
HALLS & ROOMS			
All charges per hour unless specified otherwise			
Minimum charge of 3 hours applies to all hall & ground bookings			
Hall Bond - (Includes Key & Card Deposit)	\$722.00	No Change	No change
Casual Users Insurance Fee	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$1.00
Pontville Hall (Whole Centre)	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Gunn Oval Kiosk	\$28.00	\$28.00	No change
Old Beach Community Centre	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Hire of Council Chambers - Includes Kitchen	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Conference Room	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Meeting Room	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Committee Room (Includes Kitchenette)	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Day Rate for Halls and Buildings (excludes Civic Centre)	\$299.00	\$303.00	\$4.00
Lease Fees - Community Leasing Policy	\$500.00	\$507.00	\$7.00
Chair Hire Bond - (Applies to every 50 chairs hired)		\$100.00	New
Chair Hire		\$100.00	New
CIVIC CENTRE			
Theatrette - Per hour minimum \$100.00	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$1.00
Main Hall A - No Windows - per hour minimum \$100	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$1.00
Main Hall B - Window - per hour minimum \$100	\$74.00	\$75.00	\$1.00
Whole Centre - per hour minimum \$350	\$148.00	\$150.00	\$2.00
Bond for all bookings	\$722.00	\$732.00	\$10.00
Cleaning - per hour or part thereof	\$67.00	\$68.00	\$1.00
Set up of rooms - per hour or part thereof	\$67.00	\$68.00	\$1.00
Day Rate for Civic Centre	\$481.00	\$488.00	\$7.00
Kitchen - per hour minimum 3 hours	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$1.00
Charitable & Fundraising events/activities min 4 hour usage		·	

<b>Brighton Council Fees &amp; Charges</b>	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
DOCUMENT FEES			
Brighton News Advertising - Cost per Column - Pre-paid	As per Advertising rates	As per Advertising rates	No change
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PHOTOCOPYING/SCANNING			
	Not exceeding 1 fee unit for every 5	Not exceeding 1 fee unit for every 5	
Copy of full Council Agenda or minutes	pages	pages	No change
Copy of proposed By-Law (per item)	\$5 plus postage if applicable	\$5 plus postage if applicable	No change
Copy of existing By-Law (per item)	\$5 plus postage if applicable	\$5 plus postage if applicable	No change
Single A4 copy - Black	0.3	No Change	No change
Double A4 Copy - Black	\$0.60	_	No change
Single A3 Copy- Black	\$0.60		No change
Double A3 Copy - Black	\$1.00		No change
Colour copy Single A4	\$0.60		No change
Colour copy Double A4 Copy	\$1.00		No change
Colour copy A3 Copy	\$1.00	- 3	No change
Colour copy Double A3 Copy	\$2.00		No change
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PLOTTING SERVICE			
AO - Black & White	\$22.00	\$22.00	No change
AO - Black & White/Gloss	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$1.00
AO - Colour	\$38.00	·	\$1.00
AO - Colour/Gloss	\$61.00	·	\$1.00
A1 - Black & White	\$17.00	*	No change
A1 - Black & White/Gloss	\$28.00		No change
A1 - Colour	\$28.00		
A1 - Colour/Gloss	\$38.00	*	\$1.00
A2 - Black & White	\$11.00		
A2 - Black & White/Gloss	\$17.00		No change
A2 - Colour	\$17.00	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	No change
A2 - Colour/Gloss	\$28.00	\$28.00	No change
Copy of Plans Building & Plumbing - Residential	\$44.00	\$45.00	\$1.00
Copy of Plans Building & Plumbing - Commercial	\$87.00	,	\$1.00
Copy of Plans Building & Plumbing - Drainage	\$22.00	-	No change

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
Right to Information Act 2009 - Application fee - Section 16 of Act	25 fee units	No Change	No change
DISPUTE RESOLUTION & CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT			
Dispute resolution Policy		25 fee units	New
Making a Complaint	50 fee units	No Change	No change
Information/Document request from Southern Regional Water and Sewerage Authority	As Advised RWSA	No Change	No change
FINANCIAL			
Dishonour Fee	As per bank charges	No Change	No change
EFT rejection	As per bank charges	No Change	No change
Stop Payment Fee	As per bank charges	No Change	No change
Reissue of rate notices that are older than current financial year	\$5 per page up to a maximum of \$25	No Change	No change
132 Certificate - Given by Department of Premier	\$56.10	TBC	_
337 Certificate - Given by Department of Premier	\$247.78	TBC	

<b>Brighton Council Fees &amp; Charges</b>	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
PLANNING FEES		-	
PLANNING			
No Permit Required	\$128.00	\$157.00	\$29.00
Assessment - Subdivision			440 404
	\$604 + \$109 per lot	\$650 + \$130 per lot	\$46 + \$21
Development Application Assessment Fee (works up to \$20,000 if permit required)	\$128.00	\$157.00 \$150 per lot	•
Development Application Assessment Fee (works \$20,000 to \$300,000 if permit required)	\$128 Min + \$2.11 per \$1000 Value of	\$157.00 \$155 + \$2.11 per \$1000 value of	7-0.00
Development Application Assessment Fee (works \$20,000 to \$500,000 ii permit required)	works	works	
Development Application Assessment Fee (works > \$300,001 if permit required)	\$128 min + \$2.38 per \$1000 value of	\$155 + \$2.38 per \$1000 value of	
	works	works	\$27.00
Minor Amendments to Permits (s56 or 43K LUPA)	\$138 or 25% of original fee	\$155 + the 25% of original fee	
	(whichever is greater) & not more	(whichever is greater) & not more	
Channe of the (Militan Accommodation)	than \$500	than \$500	· ·
Change of use (Visitor Accomodation)		\$250.00	
Change of use (Permitted and no development required)	\$256.00	\$260.00	•
Change of use (Discretionary and no development required)	\$458.00	\$464.00	
Statutory Advertising	\$444.00	No Change	
Development Advertising - Level 2 Activity	\$2,193.00	\$2,224.00	
Extension of time to all Planning Approvals	\$165.00	\$167.00	\$2.00
Sealed Plans & one inspection	\$305 + \$55 per lot	\$309 + \$56 per lot	l + \$1 per lot
Stratum Plans Certification & one inspection	\$412 + \$57 per unit	\$418 + \$58 per unit	+ \$1 per lot
Planning Scheme Amendments/Assessments (TPC Fee Included)	\$7,474	\$7,579.00	\$105.00
Planning Scheme Amendment Advertising	\$1,672	\$1,695.00	\$23.00
Section 103 LGBMA Amendment to Sealed Plan	\$441 + \$1,031 per hearing	\$447 + \$1045 per hearing	l per hearing
Application for Adhesion Order	\$448 + Sealing Fee	\$454 + Sealing Fee	\$6.00
Inspection Fee (per inspection, if re-inspections required)	\$197.00	\$200.00	\$3.00
Retrospective approvals	Applicable fee + 100% of that fee	No Change	No change
Preparation of basic Part V Agreement using Council template	\$305		REMOVE
Sealing Fee	\$305	\$309.00	\$4.00
Withdrawl of Application			
- Refund prior to commencement of public exhibition	50% of Fees less application fee	50% of Fees less application fee	No change
- After public exhibition commences	\$0.00		No change
Mobile Food Vendor Charges - Annual	\$707.00	\$717.00	
Mobile Food Vendor Charges - 3 Month	\$236.00	\$239.00	-

<b>Brighton Council Fees &amp; Charges</b>	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
BUILDING & PLUMBING FEES			
BUILDING			
Permit Authority Assessment Class 1	\$361.00	\$366.00	\$5.00
Permit Authority Assessment Class 10	\$258.00	\$262.00	\$4.00
Permit Authority Assessment Multiple Dwellings			\$7 for 2 dwellings plus \$3 for each
	\$423 for 2 dwellings plus \$186 for each additional dwelling	\$430 for 2 dwellings plus \$189 for each additional dwelling	
Staged Permits - Per stage in addition to PA Fees	\$258.00	\$262.00	\$4.00
Building Certificates	\$567 & \$155 per hour if > 4 hours required	\$575 & \$157 per hour if > 4 hours required	\$2 per hour
Certificate of Completion	\$258.00	\$262.00	
Building without a permit	Scheduled Permit Fee Doubled	No Change	No change
Extension of time	\$221 for 1st year, \$353 for subsequent years	\$224 for 1st year, \$358 for subsequent years	year, \$5 for
Amendments to Permits	\$258.00	\$262.00	-
Additional Inspections for BA's Assessed by Council - Per inspection	Market rates of independent building surveyor	<b>,</b>	No change
Building Infringement Notice	Building Act 2016	No Change	
Express Postage - Approved permit posted	\$33.00	\$33.00	
Notifiable Building Work	\$289.00	\$293.00	\$4.00
Notifiable Demolition Work	\$289.00	\$293.00	\$4.00
Demolition Permit - Class 1 and 10	\$361.00	\$366.00	\$5.00
Temporary Occupancy Permit - Admin Fee	\$155.00	\$157.00	\$2.00
Commercial Class 2-9 (Building and Demolition Permits)			
Under \$100,000	\$516.00	\$523.00	\$7.00
Under \$200,000	\$619.00	\$628.00	\$9.00
Under \$500,000	\$722.00	\$732.00	\$10.00
Under \$1,000,000	\$825.00	\$837.00	\$12.00
Under \$5,000,000	\$928.00	\$941.00	\$13.00
Under \$10,000,000	\$1,031.00	\$1,045.00	\$14.00
Over \$10,000,000	\$1,134.00	\$1,150.00	

<b>Brighton Council Fees &amp; Charges</b>	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
PLUMBING			\$0.00
All inspections including SPP (average of x 4 dwelling x 1 Class 10A)	\$180.00	\$183.00	\$3.00
Permit Authority Assessment/Self Certified Plumbing Applications Class 1	\$361.00	\$366.00	\$5.00
Permit Authority Assessment/Self Certified Plumbing Applications - Multiple Dwellings			\$6 for 2 dwellings+\$ 3 for each
	\$423 for 2 dwellings+\$186 for each additional dwelling	\$429 for 2 dwellings+\$189 for each additional dwelling	
Permit Authority Assessment/Self Certified Plumbing Applications Class 10	\$258.00	\$262.00	\$4.00
Compliance Inspections - per inspection	\$227.00	\$230.00	\$3.00
Variation to a Permit	\$258.00	\$262.00	\$4.00
Certificate of Completion	\$258.00	\$262.00	\$4.00
Plumbing without a permit	Scheduled Permit Fee Doubled	No Change	No change
Express Postage - approved permit posted	\$33.00	\$33.00	No change
Notifiable Plumbing Work	\$289.00	\$294.00	\$5.00
Plumbing Certificate of Likely Compliance	\$289.00	\$294.00	\$5.00
Demolition Plumbing Permit - Class 1 and 10	\$361.00	\$366.00	\$5.00
Plumbing Authority Assessment with on-site waste water	\$455.00	\$461.00	\$6.00
Plumbing Assessment with Pool/ Arrestors/ Backflow	\$392.00	\$397.00	\$5.00
Low Risk Plumbing			

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH			
IMMUNISATION			
Hepatitis A (Adult) - Resident Price	\$79.00	\$80.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis A (Adult) - Non- Resident	\$112.00	\$114.00	\$2.00
Hepatitis A (Junior) - Resident	\$78.00	\$79.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis A (Junior) - Non-Resident	\$93.00	\$94.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis B (Adult) - Resident	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis B (Adult) - Non-Resident	\$59.00	\$60.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis B (Paediatric) - Resident	\$42.00	\$43.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis B (Paediatric) - Non-Resident	\$54.00	\$55.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis A/B (Twinrix) (Adult) - Resident	\$132.00	\$134.00	\$2.00
Hepatitis A/B (Twinrix) (Adult) - Non-Resident	\$144.00	\$146.00	\$2.00
Hepatitis A/B (Twinrix) (Junior) - Resident	\$93.00	\$94.00	\$1.00
Hepatitis A/B (Twinrix) (Junior) - Non-Resident	\$107.00	\$109.00	\$2.00
Chicken Pox - Resident	\$100.00	\$101.00	\$1.00
Chicken Pox - Non-Resident	\$113.00	\$115.00	
Influenza - Resident	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$1.00
Influenza - Non-Resident	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$1.00
Pneumococcal - Resident	\$71.00	\$72.00	\$1.00
Pneumococcal - Non-Resident	\$87.00	\$88.00	\$1.00
Adacel - Resident	\$66.00	\$67.00	\$1.00
Adacel - Non-Resident	\$78.00	\$79.00	\$1.00
FOOD & HEALTH LICENCES			
Caravan Licence for Temporary Accommodations - per week	\$15.00	\$15.00	No Change
Registration & Inspection - Food Premises P1	\$330.00	\$335.00	
Registration & Inspection - Food Premises P2	\$254.00	\$258.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Registration & Inspection - Food Premises P3	\$167.00	\$169.00	· ·
Additional Food Premises Inspection Non-compliance	\$85.00	\$86.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Assessment of Plans - New/Altered Food Premises	,,,,,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	\$2 + \$1 per hour after
	\$169 + \$82 per hour after 1st hour	\$171 + \$83 per hour after 1st hour	
Transfer of Food Business Licence	\$87.00	\$88.00	
Food/Trade Waste Analysis Fee	\$85.00	\$86.00	
Registration of User/Supplier of Private Water supply	\$233.00	\$236.00	
Public Health risk activity - Skin penetration/Tattooing	\$224.00	\$227.00	
Place of Assembly Licence & Inspection	\$161.00	\$163.00	
Regulated System Licensing & Analysis (cooling towers)	\$85.00	\$86.00	· ·

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
ANIMAL CONTROL			
DOG REGISTRATION			
Payment by July 31			
Domestic Dog (desexed)	\$41.00	\$45.00	\$4.00
Domestic Dog (not desexed)	\$99.00	\$105.00	\$6.00
Pensioners Domestic Dog (desexed)	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$5.00
Pensioners Domestic Dog (not desexed)	\$64.00	\$65.00	\$1.00
Working dog which is kept for the purpose of working farm stock	\$59.00	\$60.00	\$1.00
T.G.R.B. registered Greyhound	\$59.00	\$60.00	\$1.00
Pure-bred dog - Owner is holder of a current prefix recognised by the K.C.C. of Tasmania	\$59.00	\$60.00	\$1.00
Assist Dog	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Change
Dangerous Dog	\$570.00	\$600.00	\$30.00
Re-registration late fee after July 31 in addition to registration fee	\$15.00	\$0.00	-\$15.00
Farm Animals not confined to the owners property (Brighton Council Environmental Health By-Law No.1 of 2017 - Section 24)	Up to \$400	No Change	No Change
KENNEL LICENCE			
Kennel Licence	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$10.00
Renewal of existing Kennel Licence	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$10.00
Renewal of existing Kennel Licence paid after 31st July	\$180.00	\$190.00	\$10.00
Dog Complaint Fee	\$100.00	No Change	No Change
Replacement Tags	\$5.00	No Change	No Change
Animal Agistment Fee per day	\$50.00	No Change	No Change
Animal Veterinary expenses incurred by Council	At Cost		No Change
RECLAIM FEE FROM THE DOGS HOME			
Reclaim impoundment fee - per dog	\$80.00	No Change	No Change

Brighton Council Fees & Charges	2025/2026		
Description	Current Fees 2024/25	Proposed Fees 2025/26	
ENGINEERING FEES			
ENGINEERING			
Engineering Plan Assessment & Inspection	1% value of works GST inclusive		
	(min \$300)		No Change
Additional Inspections per hour or part per hour	\$244.00	\$247.00	\$3.00
STORMWATER			
Stormwater Upgrade	Quote & Payment up-front	Quote & Payment up-front	No Change
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	No Change
Road Permit			
Permit A - works in road reservation only			
Permit B - Works affecting driveway or footpath	\$103.00	\$104.00	\$1.00
Permit B - Reinspection fee	\$243.00	\$246.00	\$3.00
Permit C - Works affecting Road, Kerb and Channel	\$103.00	\$104.00	\$1.00
Permit C - Reinspection fee	\$243.00	\$246.00	\$3.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
WORKS DEPARTMENT			
Replacement of MGB - Inclusive of GST per bin	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Driver Assist	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
WASTE TRANSFER STATION			
Boot Load	\$9.00	\$9.00	No Change
0-1.0 M3 - Other than a boot load	\$20.00	\$20.00	No Change
1.0-2.0 M3	\$33.00	\$33.00	No Change
2.0-3.0 M3	\$50.00		No Change
3.0-5.0 m3	\$85.00		No Change
Passenger tyres	\$8.00		No Change
Light Truck & 4WD tyres	\$20.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	No Change
Truck & Tractor tyres	\$31.00	·	No Change
Fridges	\$17.00		No Change
Mattresses	\$23.00		No Change
BULK WATER SALES	Ψ20.00	Ψ20.00	Oriango
Bulk Water Sales per kilolitre	\$2.16	\$2.19	\$0.03
PLANT HIRE - Inclusive of GST	Ψ2.10	Ψ2.13	ψ0.00
Backhoe - 7.30am to 4.00pm per hour (& until 4.30pm Oct to March)	\$169.00	\$171.00	\$2.00
Backhoe - 4.00pm to 7.30am per hour (& from 4.30pm Oct to March)	\$241.00	\$244.00	



# **Brighton Council**

**Annual Plan** 2025–2026

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We acknowledge the traditional owners who once walked this country: the Mumirimina people.

The Mumirimina belonged to the Oyster Bay tribe.
This was the largest tribe in Tasmanian and covered 8000 square kilometres. Kutalayna levee in Brighton was a significant meeting place where hundreds of generations of Aboriginal families hunted, gathered, corroboreed, camped and traded.

In the course of colonisation, dispossession of the Mumirimina was early, rapid and extensive.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community today as the continuing custodians of this land, pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Through our words and actions we strive to build a community that reflects and respects the history and hopes for all the people of Brighton.



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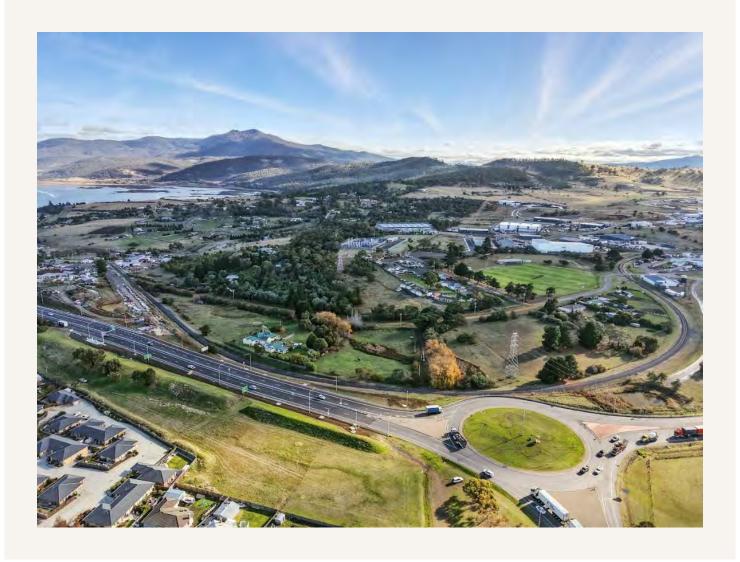
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# Introduction from the Mayor and CEO

### We are pleased to present Brighton Council's Annual Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year.

This plan has been prepared and adopted by Council in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It aligns with our strategic plan and outlines how we will achieve the stated goals and objectives.

In the upcoming year, we are committed to enhancing our community's wellbeing through several key initiatives. Some of these include:

- Developing plans for a Youth Hub in Bridgewater in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS).
- Constructing a range of new and upgraded social infrastructure across the municipality.
- Investing in key road improvements and reconstructions.
- Advocating for greater State and Federal investment in Brighton and collaboration on strategic opportunities, such as the planned growth of West Bridgewater.
- Supplementing key long-term strategies, such as a Local Area Plan for Brighton, master plans for key precincts and a way-finding strategy.

Additionally, we will continue our efforts in environmental stewardship, waste education programs and fostering strategic partnerships with local organisations.

We look forward to working inclusively with community members during 2025/2026 to achieve these goals and build a stronger, more connected community.





Cr Leigh Gray **Mayor** 

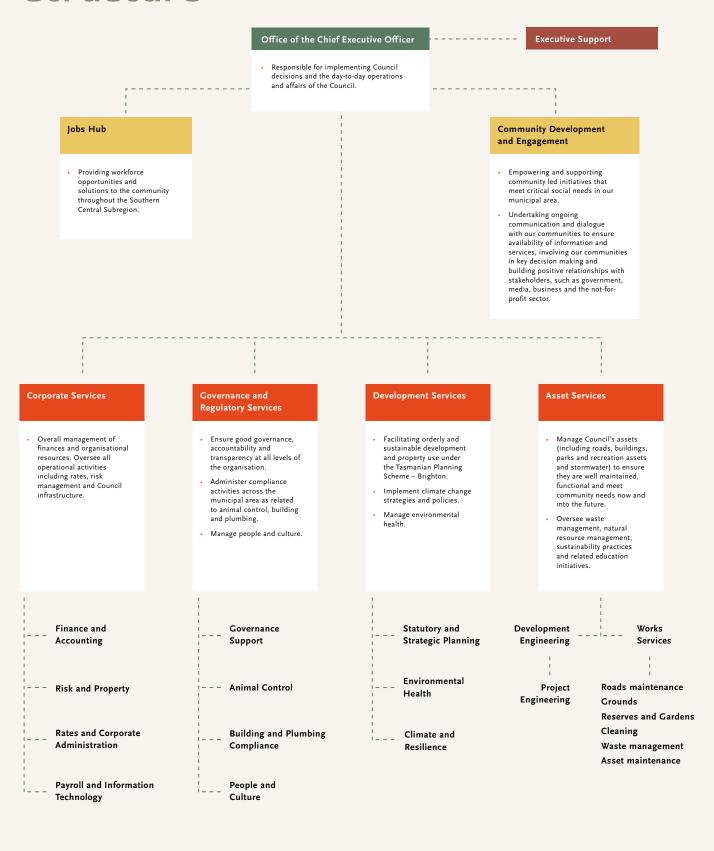


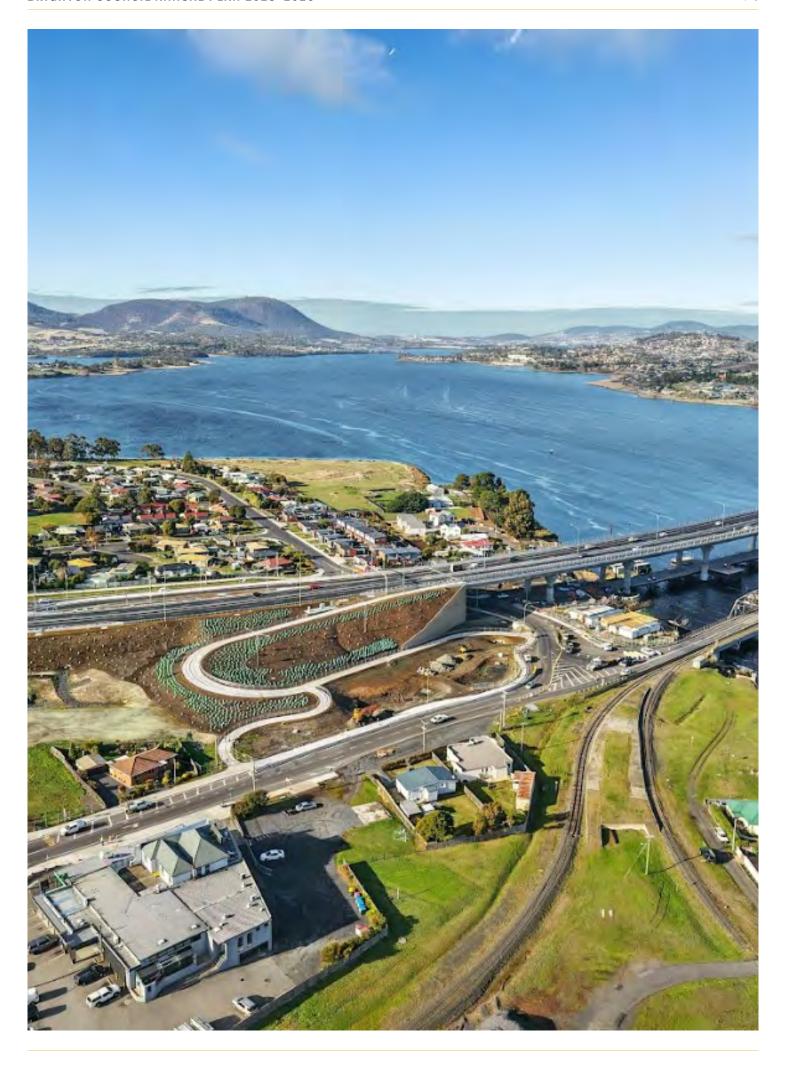
James Dryburgh

Chief Executive Officer



# Organisational structure





# Councillors as at 1 July 2025

- Cr Leigh Gray Mayor
- Cr Barbara Curran Deputy Mayor
- Cr Aaron De La Torre
- Cr Peter Geard
- Cr Greg Irons
- Cr John McMaster
- Cr Tennille Murtagh
- Cr Philip Owen
- Cr Michael Whelan

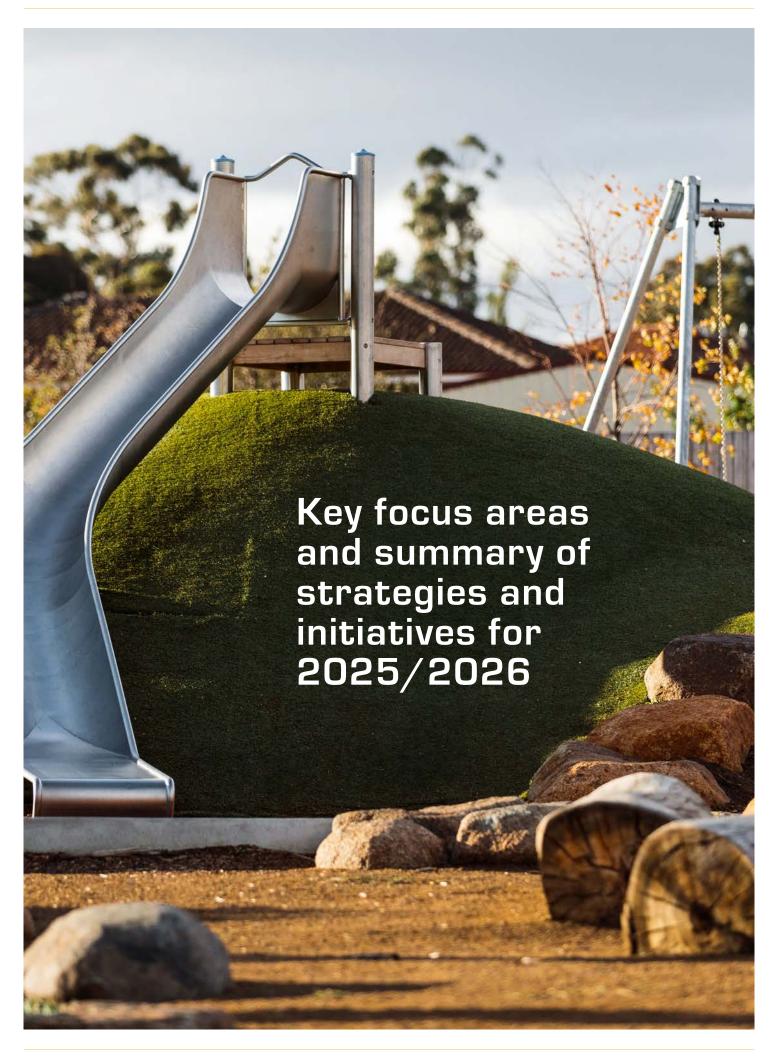




## Summary of estimates

for the 2025/26 Financial Year





### Goal 1

# Inspire a proud community that enjoys a comfortable life at every age

## 1.1 Engage with and enable our community

- Establish an overarching Community
   Development Action Plan, that incorporates
   a Youth Engagement Action Plan, that
   embeds place-based and Asset Based
   Community Development approaches into
   how we work alongside community.
- Implement and embed a new Community Engagement Strategy.
- Continue to support Brighton Alive administration and coordination, including the Brighton Alive Youth Network, with a focus on education, training and personal/ professional development.
- Support Council's Youth Engagement
  Officer to build relationships with and
  empower our young people to be change
  makers now and into the future.
- Continue to support and grow the Brighton Youth Action Group (BYAG).
- Continue to work with the Youth Justice Reform Taskforce in the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) to support place-based community initiatives that assist with implementing the Youth Justice Blueprint 2024-2034 and prioritise the rights of young people, rehabilitation and breaking the cycle of offending.
- Continue the publication of the Brighton Community News (BCN) and provision of information via Council's website and social media platforms.
- Continue to work with the Department for Education, Children & Young People (DECYP) and schools, including to seek opportunities for young people and to share social capital and infrastructure, including the development of the Community Creators Program in primary and secondary schools within our Brighton Council area.

#### 1.2 Build resilience and opportunity

- Continue to progress Council's reconciliation work with our local Aboriginal communities.
- Continue to roll-out our collaborative anti-racism campaign and foster strong and supportive relationships with our multicultural communities.
- Consider community consultation conducted with the LGBTIQA+ community in order to develop an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan for Brighton.
- In partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service (TALS) progress support for the establishment of a Community Youth Hub in Bridgewater for young people aged between 12-25, to deliver much needed justice diversion services and other wrap around services to be available for all young people in our communities.
- Continue to advocate for and facilitate greater investment in local health services and long-term community health well-being solutions, including supporting the Federal Government to deliver on its commitment to a Mental Health Clinic in Brighton.
- Continue implementing recommendations from Council's Social Infrastructure Plan.
- Continue ongoing roll out of new access kerb ramps and continue improving accesses and aged appropriate community infrastructure more generally.
- Engage with Government and sporting bodies to support the ongoing and increasing presence of sporting opportunities and infrastructure across the region.
- Conduct immunisation clinics, annual school immunisations and promote the need for immunisation.

# 1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities

- Complete Stage One and commence Stage 2 of the Seymour Street Precinct, which includes new soccer pitches and clubrooms, upgraded park and recreation spaces, car parking and street upgrades.
- Begin implementing the key priorities within Council's recently updated Open Space Strategy.
- Complete the construction of the spine pathway and associated upgrades, including a basketball half-court in the Bridgewater Parkland.
- Consider community feedback for additional sections of gravel walkway along the Old Beach Foreshore from Morrisby Road to Blackstone Drive, finalise design and begin construction.
- Renew the master plan for the Lennox Park precinct, Old Beach.
- Prepare a master plan for a new playground in the open space area of Tivoli Green Estate, Old Beach.
- Complete the construction of a truck stop rest area and 'pocket park' in the Brighton Hub.
- Renew the master plan for Pontville Park, Pontville.

## 1.4 Encourage a sense of pride, local identity and engaging activities

- Continue implementing actions from Council's Public Art Strategy.
- Continue to support the Material Institute's community development work and community events, including at Bond Place, Gagebrook and Botanical, Eddington Street, Bridgewater.
- Foster cultural, social, environmental and educative partnerships, activities and events.







### Goal 2

### Ensure a sustainable environment

# 2.1 Acknowledge and respond to the climate change and biodiversity emergency

- Continue to implement the Climate
  Resilience Strategy, including by
  completing the installation of solar and
  battery at Pontville Park and reducing the
  reliance on gas.
- Continue progress towards Council's Climate Change targets:
  - corporate emission reduction target of 85% below 2021 levels by 2030 on the pathway to zero emissions by 2035; and
  - 100% corporate renewable electricity generation by 2030.
- Continue transitioning Council's vehicle fleet and plant to low emissions options, hybrid and electric.
- Continue implementing Council's Weed Management Strategy, Natural Resource Management, Strategy and the Brighton Council Foreshore Management Plan.
- Commence implementing key actions of the Brighton Council Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2024.

### 2.2 Encourage respect and enjoyment of the natural environment

- Foster strategic partnerships with environmental and social organisations to enhance environmental management outcomes and build greater community engagement in local environmental and social activities.
- Begin implementing the renewed Greening Brighton Strategy including through opportunities to empower community to take action on private land.
- Seek opportunities to educate the community about the region's significant natural values, such as interpretive signage, the BCN, online publications and other means.

# 2.3 Demonstrate strong environmental stewardship and leadership

- Continue Council's waste and sustainability education program and collaborate regionally and sector-wide when possible.
- Continue Council's ongoing greening program in accordance with the updated Greening Brighton Strategy.
- Respond to, and make publicly available, the findings of the Brighton Derwent River Foreshore Coastal Hazards Project.
- Commence implementation of the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy and Dromedary Bushfire Management Plan.
- Continue to support schools through collaboration and engagement, including with Council's waste, community development and sustainability education programs.

# 2.4 Ensure strategic planning and management of assets has a long-term sustainability and evidence-based approach

- Finalise options for the long-term upgrading of council's waste management system and transfer station, with a focus on improving sustainability and reducing emissions, benefits to the community and financial outcomes.
- Promote opportunities for private and public investments within the region that align with our 2050 Vision and key strategies.
- Continue targeted growth planning projects and align funding requests and investments from other tiers of government and utilities providers towards these strategies.

### Goal 3

### Manage infrastructure and growth effectively

# 3.1 Implement strategic long-term asset management plan aligned to long-term financial plan.

- Embed new Long-term Financial Plan and 10 Year Asset Plans into council decision making and keep budget processes and general rate increases consistent with these.
- Pursue grant opportunities that clearly align with Council's 10 Year Infrastructure Plans and endorsed strategies.
- Build strong relationships and shared understandings with key utilities providers and other tiers of government to encourage a strong pipeline of strategic and coordinated infrastructure investment in our region.
- Reconstruct sections of Briggs Road,
   Fouche Avenue, Seymour Street,
   Baskerville Road, Back Tea Tree Road,
   Munday Street/William Street intersection
   and Ravensbourne Place intersection.
- Seal section of Fergusson Road.
- Construct infrastructure associated with the South Brighton Growth Precinct grant, including Dylan Street and the shared pathway linking Brighton High School through to the Brighton Hub.
- Construct shared pathways connecting the East Derwent Highway with the Bridgewater Bridge precinct.
- Commence upgrades to Council Offices to accommodate our growing workforce.
- Undertake strategic renewals across our infrastructure network, including kerb and channel, footpath and accessibility improvements, dig outs, drainage, guard rail and street lighting works.

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

- Continue implementing the priority actions from our key strategies.
- Continue optimising use of council land for community benefit and long-term council sustainability, including exploring potential sales and purchases.
- Prepare a Local Area Plan for the Brighton township.
- Collaborate with the other five Councils of Greater Hobart to prepare a Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Strategy for the region.
- Integrate the master planning work for the Bridgewater Bridge Precinct, the Sorell Street and Samuel Street area and the Boyer Road master plan into a broader vision for the combined area.
- Continue implementing the recommendations of the Old Beach Zoning Review.
- Represent Brighton's interests at the regional level, including in the Regional Land Use Strategy process, within the Greater Hobart group and within government and the sector more widely.
- Prepare a Structure Plan for Brighton Industrial Hub.



# 3.3 Community facilities are safe, accessible and meet contemporary needs

- Continue footpath network improvements, with specific attention to access improvements for the elderly and people with a disability.
- Continue upgrades and service levels of community parks, sporting and facilities.
- Implement upgrades to the Pontville Memorial Park to convert it to a sensory park.



## 3.4 Advocate and facilitate investment in our region

- Lobby and build relationships for a more holistic approach to public and affordable housing projects that have greater consideration and investment in design, quality, integration with surrounding infrastructure, community building and harmony and with a clear eye on the long-term legacy of single and collective projects.
- Lobby for State, Federal and utilities providers to support the creation and implementation of a Master Plan for the growth precinct to the west of the new Bridgewater Bridge.
- Lobby for State, Federal and utilities providers for investment in the infrastructure and services required to support the Brighton community and its continued growth.
- Lobby for and prepare grant applications for external funding for projects within Council's 10 Year Infrastructure Plans and key strategies.
- Investigate mechanisms to minimise negative social and infrastructure impacts created by large numbers of multiple dwelling developments in close proximity, including lobbying for more equitable infrastructure and open space charging mechanisms.
- Advocate for improved public and active transport, including bus, park and ride, active transport and ferry infrastructure and services.
- Continue to advocate for the significant freight route between Brighton and Cambridge to be taken over as a State Road and upgraded accordingly to meet current and future needs for the State's economic growth.

### Goal 4

# Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council

### 4.1 Be big picture, long-term and evidenced based in our thinking.

- Continue implementing Brighton's 2050
   Vision and Strategy 2023 2033.
- Continue to participate actively in regional and sectoral activities, including via the STCA, SCS, Committee for Greater Hobart, City Deal/Greater Hobart Committee activities, LGAT and the Office of Local Government.

# 4.2 Be well governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

- Continue to embed Council's endorsed values, strategies and policies at all levels throughout the organisation.
- Continue the smooth and successful running of the 'Regional Jobs Hub' (Southcentral Workforce Network) on behalf of the region and support its ongoing expansion of services and programs.
- Continue to improve processes and efficiency to carry out Council's statutory obligations such as planning, building, plumbing, animal control, environmental health and an increasing focus on improving compliance levels.
- Improve access to current information via Council's website and broaden opportunities for community feedback and involvement.

## 4.3 Ensure strong engagements and relationships to shape the agenda and advocate for our community

- Expand opportunities for community consultation and input into council activities, projects and strategies.
- Seek to collaborate with Government to ensure best possible outcomes for our community.
- Continue to build relationships with critical infrastructure authorities such as TasWater, TasNetworks, TasGas, Metro Tas, etc. to deliver community outcomes.

### 4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

- Closely monitor the local economic, environmental and social impacts of external circumstances and events.
- Ensure integrated and active risk management.
- Integrate climate change risks into key strategic documentation.

# 4.5 Ensure Council is a desirable place to work with exceptional workplace culture, attracting and retaining high performing, committed and fulfilled staff.

- Continue exploring options for potential Council Chambers and Depot renovation and expansion.
- Ensure Brighton remains a desirable place to work with a reputation for being a progressive, caring, fulfilling place to work with a strong culture.
- Provide relevant support, training and professional development to all staff.



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Local Government Association Tasmania

**PRESIDENTIAL FORUM 2025** 

**Candidate Statements** 

#### **BACKGROUND**

As per the Rules of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), the President shall hold office for a two-year term. The current term is concluding in 2025 and as such, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission was requested to appoint a Returning Officer for the election.

Nominations for the role of President closed by 12 noon on 7 May 2025.

As more than one nomination was received, a poll will be conducted by postal ballot. The ballot will be posted by registered mail to each Member within 10 working days of the close of nominations.

Each Member is entitled to one vote, and the Mayor shall complete the ballot paper according to the policy or practice of his or her council.

The ballot will close at 10:00am on 14 June 2025, and the result will be announced shortly thereafter by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.

The purpose of this Presidential Forum is to give candidates an opportunity to engage with Members before ballots close.

Each candidate was asked to provide a 500 word statement, which is included in this document.

During the forum, candidates will be given an opportunity to make a five minute presentation and a further five minutes will be dedicated to answering questions from the audience.



### **CHERYL FULLER**

#### Central Coast Council



My experience in local government and the trust that my region places in me for regional leadership is evidenced by the roles I currently hold. I believe I can provide leadership for LGAT in a collaborative and contemporary way, as we are challenged by the complexities of slow reform measures, code of conduct and Councillor behavioural issues.

I interact with people in an assured, diplomatic and poised manner. I have a positive approach to people and problems, facilitating meetings and discussions which focus on what we have in common rather than our differences.

I am honoured to have been elected unopposed to my GMC role this year. This, along with my regional leadership roles, are testament to my ability to represent a range of groups as their advocate and champion – a role I know is key as the President of our Association.

As President, my commitment is to visit all councils within the two-year term to hear directly from all elected members.

Being from a large regional council, sitting in a dynamic region between two cities, I am connected on a daily basis with all the issues that councils with growing populations face.

I am proud to lead a council that has been a leader in the completion of the Councillor Learning Framework modules and am committed to ensuring that future 'compulsory' learning and development is relevant and accessible.

As a longtime member of the Local Government Women's Association, I have held a number of state and national roles and am the author of MentorNet, ALGWA's mentoring program. I am committed to the reinstatement of LGAT's mentoring program.

I hold a Graduate Certificate of Business and Public Policy, am a Graduate of the Tasmanian Leaders Program, and have completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Local Governance Essentials. A sound mix of formal and accredited training, with community group membership and local government experience equips me well to expand on my regional leadership to a state role.

Residing in Braddon, I have existing relationships with the Premier and the Minister for Planning and Emergency Services.

This is a complex time in local government in Tasmania, with reform incomplete, a council election in 18 months which will bring new councillors and expectations and a state government potentially on the cusp of their election. A leadership voice for the sector that is inclusive, collaborative and approachable is key.

Below is a snapshot of my local government experience to date.

Thank you for considering my nomination and I thank President Tucker for his leadership over the past two years.

- Central Coast Council:
  - 2007 2013 Councillor and Deputy Mayor
  - 2018 2022 Councillor
  - 2022 Current Mayor.
- Mersey Leven Emergency Management Committee – Chair.
- Mersey Leven Strategic Alliance Chair.
- Cradle Coast Authority Board member and previous Chair.
- Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy Steering Group – Chair.
- LGAT General Management Committee 2023 – 2025.

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#### **TIM MARKS**

#### Glenorchy City Council



I am running for the position of President because I feel I can bring a fresh new face to the role with over 20 years' experience in local government.

I have over 40 years of experience volunteering in Tasmania, originally from the north-west coast, now residing in Glenorchy. Although I have a disability, I don't let that stop me. I'm always looking to myself and feel this would help other people across Tasmania. I have the time to dedicate myself to the role.

I was brought up by my grandparents with the values to always help others before helping yourself. Thank you for taking the time to consider me for the position.

#### My experience is:

- Qualified mental health councillor.
- Alderman of Glenorchy City Council.
- Disability access consultant.
- Qualified carer by trade.
- President Tasmania Amputee Society
- Former director at Physical Disability Australia for Tasmania.

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#### **MICK TUCKER**

#### Break O'Day Council



I am seeking re-election as President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, a role proudly held for the past two years, which is both an honour and a continuation of long-standing service to the sector. As the longest-serving elected member of the General Management Committee (GMC), with continuous service since 2017, and having been a councillor at Break O'Day since 2011 and Mayor since 2014, I bring both experience and deep commitment to local government.

It has been a privilege to work alongside an outstanding GMC team, focused on achieving outcomes in the best interests of councils and communities across Tasmania. Over the past two years as President, my goal has been to provide strong, steady leadership during a time of significant reform and challenge.

A key focus has been the Future of Local Government Review, where I worked to ensure the voices of all 29 councils were clearly heard and reflected in the reform agenda. This advocacy helped achieve State Government agreement to long-sought reforms, including changes to infrastructure contributions and the heavy vehicle motor tax.

Leadership was also provided during the sector's united response to the proposed Development Assessment Panels, strongly defending local democracy and councils' critical role in planning decisions.

Important reform was also delivered in 2023 with the overhaul of the Code of Conduct framework — an issue I championed to ensure councillors are better supported and that frivolous or vexatious complaints are reduced. Ongoing advocacy has continued around fairer fire levy arrangements, alongside efforts to improve governance, accountability, and the operating environment for councils across the state.

With a background as a small business owner, I understand the pressures on small operators and the importance of reducing red tape. This experience brings a practical, community-grounded perspective to my leadership, ensuring the impacts of decisions are always considered beyond policy and process.

At Break O'Day, I have seen firsthand how a small council can punch above its weight — delivering bold projects, strengthening community identity, and earning a reputation for innovation and determination. It's a source of great pride, and it reinforces my belief in the strength and capability of local government when supported and respected.

Looking ahead, my vision for LGAT is to leave the organisation stronger, more unified, and better positioned to stand up to the increasing pressure being placed on local government by the State. Councils must have the tools, support, and respect required to serve their communities effectively — and LGAT must be the voice that ensures this happens.

With a deep understanding of the sector, a proven record of leadership, and a commitment to working collaboratively, I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving as your President.

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