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# Ordinary Meeting Agenda

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**19 May 2026**

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

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Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that the next **Ordinary Council Meeting** of the Brighton Council will be held at **5.30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**, to discuss business as printed below.

### ***Qualified Person Certification***

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

Dated at Old Beach this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *May 2026*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Dryburgh'.

James Dryburgh  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Being the General Manager as appointed by Brighton Council  
pursuant to Section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

# **A G E N D A**

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## **1. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*; the Chairperson is to make a verbal statement at the beginning of the meeting to the effect that:-

- (a) An audio recording is being made of this meeting;
- (b) All persons attending this meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- (c) Language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.

## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

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

## **3. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **4. NOTIFICATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PARENTAL LEAVE**

Nil.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting -21 April 2026**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026, be confirmed.

#### **DECISION:**

## **6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda. In accordance with Section 48(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, it is the responsibility of councillors to then notify the Chief Executive Officer, in writing, the details of any interest(s) that the councillor has declared within 7 days of the declaration.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & DEPUTATIONS**

In accordance with the requirements of Regulations 33, 36, 37 & 38 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

### **7.1 Public Questions on Notice**

Nil.

## **8. COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

### **8.1 Councillor Questions on Notice**

In accordance with Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting.

Nil.

### **8.2 Councillor Questions without Notice**

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice. The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question. The chairperson may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

## **9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

### **9.1 Mayor's Communications**

- 25/4 ANZAC Day Service, Brighton
- 5/5 Council Workshop
- 13/5 Meeting with Tasmania Football Club and CEO
- 13/5 Visit to Brighton Primary School
- 14/5 GMC Meeting
- 14/5 Ministers Local Government Forum
- 19/5 Council Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor's communications be received.

**DECISION:****9.2 Reports from Council Representatives****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the reports from Council representatives be received.

**DECISION:****10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 30 April 2026 regarding Local Government Electoral Legislation.

**11. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

*In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the agenda is to make provision for the date and purpose of any council workshop held since the last meeting.*

Two (2) Council workshops have been held since the previous Ordinary Council meeting.

A workshop was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 4.15pm to discuss the Draft 2026/27 budget and the Draft Brighton & Pontville Local Area Plan.

Attendance: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Murtagh; Cr Owen & Cr Whelan

Apologies: Nil.

A workshop was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 4.00pm to discuss the review of Community Grant Applications; Draft LGBTIQ+ Action Plan; Derwent Catchment Project Update and the Pontville Sensory Park Concept Design.

Attendance: Cr Gray; Cr De La Torre (via Teams); Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster; Cr Owen & Cr Whelan

Apologies: Cr Curran and Cr Murtagh

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

### **13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide to deal with a matter that is not specifically listed on the agenda if:-

- (a) the general manager has reported the reason for which it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) the general manager has reported that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) the general manager has certified under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that the advice has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

#### **DECISION:**

### **14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

There were no Committee meetings held in May.

### **15. PETITIONS**

Nil.

### **16. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to advise the meeting that Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under Item 16 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

Nil.

## 17. OFFICERS REPORTS

### 17.1 Donation Request - Butterflies & Boots Gala Ball for Women

<b>Attachment:</b>	Email & catering quote from 'Her Strength, Her Story'
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Community Development and Engagement (A Turvey)
<b>Authorised:</b>	Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

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#### Background

Community members and volunteers Nicki Kastner and Kira Robertson who founded the not for profit 'Her Strength, Her Story', are planning the second Gala Ball for women who have experienced domestic and family abuse and violence (DFA). This event is held in honour of all the women and children who have experienced domestic and family abuse. It is an uplifting celebration of the resilience and tenacity of women and children. The aim is to nurture women who have experienced abuse and provide a safe, enjoyable space and event for them to feel wonderful, acknowledged and respected. The Gala Ball also aims to banish the shame associated with DFA and raise awareness of the impacts of DFA not just on individuals but on communities as a whole.

The Butterflies and Boots Gala Ball will be held on Saturday 30 May 2026. To make the event accessible tickets are \$30 each or free depending on an individual's circumstances and available on Humanitix: [Butterflies & Boots Gala Ball Tickets](#)

Earlier this year, Council has provided a fee waiver for hire of the Brighton Civic Centre for the Butterflies and Boots Gala Ball for the next three (3) years, commencing with the 2026 event.

This report relates to a request from Butterflies and Boots volunteer Ondine Adey, for a donation of \$3,000 to assist with catering for the event: *"We are asking for support of \$3,000 from Brighton Council to help ensure we can put together an enjoyable event for the expected more than 100 ladies who deserve to be treated and feel special at the Gala Ball."*

#### Consultation

CEO, SMT, Facilities Management Officer, Community Development Officer.

#### Risk Implications

Any donations towards catering must be stipulated as for food purchase/catering only and not for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

#### Financial Implications

Funds to be disbursed from the remaining grants and donations budget for 2025/26.

A total of \$63,029.37 has been disbursed from the \$75,000 2025/26 budget for grants and donations.

## Strategic Plan

The recommendations further the following strategies from Council's strategic plan:

1.1: Engage with and enable our community.

1.2: Build resilience and opportunity.

4.2: Be well-governed.

4.4: Ensure strong engagements and relationships to shape the agenda and advocate for our community.

## Social Implications

The event aims to raise awareness of domestic violence and family abuse (DFA) in our community, whilst assisting with banishing the shame associated with DFA. It is positioned as an uplifting and affirming event that provides women the opportunity to enjoy themselves in a safe place.

## Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

## Economic Implications

Nil.

## Other Issues

Nil

## Assessment

This is an inaugural event initiated by two women with lived experience of DFA who established the not for profit 'Her Strength, Her Story'. There are clear objectives of what the volunteers want to achieve with the organisation and the annual Butterflies & Boots Gala Ball ([see Facebook page here](#)).

## Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Other.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves a donation of \$1,000 to the registered not for profit 'Her Strength, Her Story' for the purpose of catering services for the 2026 Butterflies and Boots Gala Ball to be held on Saturday 30 May 2026. Funds to be paid from Council's grants and donations budget.

## **DECISION:**

## 17.2 Community Grants 2026/2027

<b>Attachment:</b>	2026/27 Community Grants - Applicant Summary Spreadsheet
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)
<b>Authorised:</b>	Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

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### Background

The annual grants program for 2026/27 can be summarised as follows:

- The Quick Response grants exclude adults and is for individuals – this grant is for full-time students under the age of 18 years, who have been selected to represent Tasmania or Australia in a sport, the arts or another chosen field of expertise. The amounts are \$100 if representing Tasmania and \$200 if representing Australia.
- The Small Community Development Grants (\$500-\$5,000).
- The Medium Community Development Grant (Over \$5,000-\$15,000).
- The Small and Medium Community Development Grants are offered as just **one round** that opens at the beginning of March each year for approximately a four (4) week period.
- Should Council be approached to consider funding a community initiative outside of the grant period, this can be taken to Council for decision on its merits, outside of the official grant program period.
- Recommendations have been made for Council's consideration in the attached applicant summary spreadsheet, which contains a 'Recommendation' column.

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

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

The Small and Medium Grant applications opened on 25 February and closed 25 March 2026. A total of 8 small grant applications and 16 medium grant applications were received (24 applications in total).

Council received the grant submissions for review at a workshop on 5 May 2026 and were able to provide feedback prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 May 2026.

**Consultation**

Chief Executive Officer, SMT, Community Development Team.

**Risk Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

A total budget of \$80,000 has been allocated to Grants and Donations for 2026/27. This needs to allow for the Quick Response grants and any additional incidental grants or donations that Council may be asked to consider during the year. In 2025/26 a total amount of \$66,842 was awarded for the Small and Medium Grants.

**Strategic Plan**

Goal 1:

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

Goal 4:

- 4.4 Ensure financial and risk sustainability

**Social Implications**

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

**Environmental or Climate Change Implications**

Nil.

**Economic Implications**

N/A

**Other Issues**

Any other issues to be discussed at the meeting.

**Assessment**

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

**Options**

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

That Council allocates the grants and donations requests for the Small and Medium Grants for the 2026/27 financial year as per the recommendations provided in the grants summary to a total amount of \$70, 880.

**DECISION:**

## 17.3 Draft Brighton Council LGBTIQA+ Action Plan

<b>Attachment:</b>	Draft Brighton Council LGBTIQA+ Action Plan- May 2026
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)
<b>Authorised:</b>	Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

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### Background

In 2023 Council was approached by community members, including individuals with lived experience of discrimination in our community, asking Council to consider being more visible and proactive in its support and inclusivity of members of the LGBTIQA+ community.

Subsequently, Mr Rodney Croome from Equality Tasmania was invited to brief Council in December 2023 on suggested approaches that Council could take in responding to these requests and possibly taking a broader approach to understanding the needs of our LGBTIQA+ community and their experiences of living in the Brighton area, plus promoting an inclusive community as a Council.

During this briefing it was highlighted that local government plays a key role in promoting inclusion because it is close to the community and provides key community services.

This is why a number of Tasmanian municipalities have taken action to ensure their community, services and workplaces are inclusive. Examples included:

- Kingborough Council: consulting with the community, developed an Action Plan, flying pride flags, conducting LGBTIQA+ inclusion workshops for staff and community groups.
- City of Hobart: consulting with the LGBTIQA+ community, developing an LGBTIQA+ commitment, flying pride flags, conducting workshops.
- City of Launceston: have developed an LGBTIQA+ community consultation process, action plan and flag-flying policy.
- Derwent, Huon and Meander Valley Councils: flying pride flags.

Between October 2024 and February 2025, Brighton Council 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 recommendations and findings from the community consultation have been used to develop the draft Brighton Council LGBTIQA+ Action Plan.

### Consultation

CEO, Senior Management Team, Councillors, Mr Rodney Croome, Dr Ruby Grant, LGBTIQA+ community living, working or visiting the LGA.

The full community consultation report is available on Brighton Council's website as follows: [LGBTIQA+ Community Consultation Report](#)

### Risk Implications

Nil.

### Financial Implications

Minimal.

### Strategic Plan

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

1.1 Engage with and enable our community.

1.2 Build resilience and opportunity.

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive, efficient and caring Council.

4.3 Ensure strong relationships and engagements to shape the agenda and advocate for our community.

### Social Implications

The draft Brighton Council LGBTIQ+ Action Plan provides a path for Council's role in assisting the LGBTIQ+ community in feeling safe, being heard and represented in all areas of life in Brighton and in particular that the LGBTIQ+ community feel seen and valued.

### Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil.

### Economic Implications

N/A

### Other Issues

Nil.

### Assessment

The draft LGBTIQ+ Action Plan can be considered moderate in its scope and tone. It is framed primarily around social inclusion and community wellbeing and is a direct response to community requests and the recommendations from the community consultation phase.

### Options

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

That Council endorses the draft Brighton Council LGBTIQ+ Action Plan (May 2026) and commences implementation of the plan, with updates to Council and community to be provided quarterly up until Quarter 2, 2029.

### **DECISION:**

## 17.4 March 2026 - Finance Quarterly Report

**Attachment:** March Quarterly Finance Report

**Author:** Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

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### Background

The attached Quarterly report is attached for consideration. It contains the year-to-date Comprehensive Income Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

### Consultation

Nil

### Risk Implications

Nil

### Financial Implications

Not Applicable

### Strategic Plan

Goal 4 – S4.4 – Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

### Social Implications

Not Applicable

### Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Not Applicable

### Economic Implications

Not Applicable

### Other Issues

Nil

### Assessment

Not Applicable

### Options

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

That Council receive the March 2026 Finance Quarterly Report.

### **DECISION:**

## 17.5 Dog Registration & Kennel Licence Fees 2026/2027

**Author:** Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

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### Background

Under Brighton’s Dog Control Policy, Council is required to set the fees for dog registration and kennel licences each year in the various categories specified in the Brighton Dog Management Policy.

### Consultation

Director Governance and Regulatory Services

### Risk Implications

None foreseen

### Financial Implications

As provided.

### Strategic Plan

Goal 4: Ensure a progressive efficient and caring Council.

4.4 Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

4.2 Be well-governed, providing quality service and accountability to our community.

### Social Implications

Nil

### Environmental or Climate Change Implications

Nil

### Economic Implications

Nil

### Other Issues

Nil

### Assessment

A comparison between the current (2025-2026) and proposed dog registration and kennel licence fees for the 2026/2027 financial year are as follows: -

Description	Current 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027
Domestic Dog (desexed)	\$45.00	\$47.00
Domestic Dog (not desexed)	\$105.00	\$110.00

Working dog – kept for working farm stock	\$60.00	\$63.00
T.G.R.B. registered Greyhound	\$60.00	\$63.00
Pure bred – Owner is holder of KCC of Tas	\$60.00	\$63.00
Assist Dog	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dangerous Dog	\$600.00	\$631.00

The following concession rates can apply to **ONE** dog only per owner and a Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card must be sighted at the time of payment.

Concession Rates	Current	Proposed
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Pensioners Domestic Dog (desexed)	\$40.00	\$42.00
Pensioners Domestic Dog (not desexed)	\$65.00	\$68.00

Renewal of kennel licences and other related dog/animal fees are as follows: -

Kennel Licence & Fees	Current	Proposed
	2025-2026	2026-2027
Kennel Licence – Renewal & Existing	\$190.00	\$190.00
Dog Complaint fee	\$100	\$50.00
Replacement Tag	\$5.00	\$5.25
Animal Agistment – per day	\$50.00	\$53.00
Reclaim fee from the Dogs Home	\$80.00	\$80.00

**Options**

1. As per the recommendation.
2. That Council does not adopt the Animal Control Fees for the 2026-2027 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopts the proposed Animal Control Fees for the 2026-2027 year as listed in the report.

**DECISION**

## **17.6 Draft Budget 2026/2027**

**Attachment:** Draft Budget 2026-2027

**Author:** Director Corporate Services (G Browne)

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### **Background**

The draft 2026-2027 Budget and Fees & Charges Register has been provided to all Councillors. The budget workshop has been undertaken and the draft budget has been completed in accordance with the Councillors' demands and it is now ready to be adopted in principle.

### **Consultation**

Councillors & Senior Management

### **Risk Implications**

Nil.

### **Financial Implications**

As per the budget.

### **Strategic Plan**

Goal 3 : Manage Infrastructure and growth effectively

Goal 4.4: Ensure Financial & Risk Sustainability

### **Social Implications**

Considered within the budget.

### **Environmental or Climate Change Implications**

Considered within the budget.

### **Economic Implications**

Considered within the budget.

### **Other Issues**

Nil.

### **Assessment**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the budget may not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year. It is intended that the budget be adopted in principle only.

### **Options**

1. As per the recommendation.
  2. Review the budget and make further changes prior to adoption in principle.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the 2026-2027 budget and fees & charges in principle.

**DECISION:**

## 18. Closed Meeting

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public to deal with the following item:

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Closed under:</b>
18.1 –2026 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations	17(2)(h)

### **DECISION:**

## **18.1 2026 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations**



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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Matter</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
18.1	2026 Brighton Council Community Volunteer Awards - Nominations	

### **DECISION:**