MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF BRIGHTON COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH AT 5.32 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026

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PRESENT: Cr Gray; Cr Curran; Cr De La Torre; Cr Geard; Cr Irons; Cr McMaster (5.35 p.m.); Cr Owen & Cr Whelan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Dryburgh (Chief Executive Officer); Mr C Pearce-Rasmussen (Director Asset Services); Ms G Browne (Director Corporate Services); Mr A Woodward (Director Development Services); Ms A Turvey (Manager Community Development & Engagement) & Ms E Lang (Executive Officer, Governance)

1. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Mayor formally acknowledged and thanked Councillors for their service and contributions to Brighton Council over the past four years and reflected on the exemplary way in which the nine Councillors had worked together throughout the term, noting the respectful manner in which they debated issues and engaged with one another, Council staff and the community. Councillors should be proud of the professionalism and respect they have demonstrated during their time in office.

The Mayor also expressed his sincere appreciation for the support provided to him in his role as Chairperson and thanked Councillors for their commitment to serving the Brighton community.

The Chief Executive Officer reiterated the Mayor's comments and on behalf of all staff expressed appreciation for the positive working relationships over the past four years.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Irons moved, Cr McMaster seconded that Cr Murtagh's apology for this meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

4. NOTIFICATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PARENTAL LEAVE

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting -15 September 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th September 2026, be confirmed.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th September 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

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.

Nil.

7.2 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 Chief Executive Officer 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.

Nil.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

9.1 Mayor's Communications

22/09/2026	CEO Performance Review Meeting
23/09/2026 – 25/09/2026	ALGA Board Meeting, Canberra
05/10/2026	Media Event – Waste Management - Brighton Council/Glenorchy City Council
07/10/2026	Meeting with CEO
08/10/2026	Meeting with Old Beach Cricket Club and Senior Staff
13/10/2026	Media Event – 33 Elderslie Road
20/10/2026	Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayors communications be received.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr McMaster seconded that the Mayors communications be received.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

9.2 Reports from Council Representatives

An opportunity for Councillors to report any events or meetings they have attended since the previous council meeting.

- Cr Geard – attended his last State Fire Commission meeting.

- Cr Geard – interviewed for an over 50s magazine regarding his term with Brighton Council and his roles with Emergency Management.
- Cr Owen – attended the last service of the Pontville Anglican Church and attended the first official service of the New Life Anglican Church of the Jordan Valley.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the reports from Council representatives be received.

DECISION:

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

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

10. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3)(c) 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.

Nil.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with Regulation 19(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Councillors may submit Notices of Motion to the Chief Executive Officer at least seven days before a meeting for inclusion on the agenda.*

Nil.

13. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Nil.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil.

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 now act as a Planning Authority in respect to all reports appearing under Item 16 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

Nil.

17. OFFICERS REPORTS

17.1 Draft Youth Policy - Policy 7.17

Attachment: Draft Youth Policy (Policy 7.17)

Author(s): Youth Engagement Officer (J Flack)

Manager, Community Development & Engagement (A Turvey)

Authorised: Chief Executive Officer (J Dryburgh)

Background

A draft Brighton Council Youth Policy (Policy 7.17) is attached for Council's consideration.

Council has an ongoing commitment to supporting children and young people through initiatives including the Brighton Youth Action Group (BYAG), Community Creators, Youth Week activities, youth engagement programs and the proposed Bridgewater Youth Hub.

These initiatives form part of Council's broader commitment to community development, youth participation and child-safe practice. Council's current strategic and operational activities place a significant emphasis on youth voice, leadership, community connection and wellbeing.

The draft Youth Policy has been developed to provide a clear framework for Council's engagement with children and young people and to ensure activities are undertaken in a safe, inclusive and consistent manner.

The draft policy establishes Council's commitment to:

- Supporting meaningful youth participation and leadership.
- Recognising BYAG as Council's primary youth voice mechanism.
- Delivering asset-based community development initiatives through programs such as Community Creators.
- Supporting the development of the Bridgewater Youth Hub and other place-based youth initiatives.
- Ensuring compliance with Tasmania's Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework and associated safeguarding obligations.
- Promoting inclusion, cultural safety, equity and accessibility for all young people.

Consultation

Community Development Officer; Youth Engagement Officer; BYAG

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

This policy strengthens Council's governance framework by providing clear guidance regarding safeguarding, supervision, risk management, privacy, professional boundaries and reporting obligations when working with children and young people.

Strategic Plan Implications

- S1.1 Engage with and enable our community
- S1.2 Build resilience and opportunities
- S1.3 Ensure attractive local areas that provide social, recreational and economic opportunities
- S1.4 Encourage pride, local sense of identity and engaging activities

Options:

1. Adopt the recommendation.
2. Adopt the recommendation with amendments.
3. Other.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt Brighton Council Youth Policy (Policy 7.17).

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council adopt Brighton Council Youth Policy (Policy 7.17).

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

17.2 Proposed Naming of Bridgewater Foreshore Area in honour of Sir Allan Knight

Author: Project Engineer (K Tongue)

Authorised: Director Asset Services (C Pearce-Rasmussen)

Background

The Bridgewater Bridge Project (Building Tasmania) is seeking feedback on a proposal to name a section of the Bridgewater foreshore in honour of Sir Allan Knight. The proposed name, Allan Knight Memorial Park, is being used for stakeholder consultation by the Project team at Building Tasmania. Any final name would be subject to the Tasmanian place-naming process.

This report outlines Sir Allan's association with the site, his engineering and public-service career, relevant aspects of his tenure at the Hydro-Electric Commission, and Council's memorial-recognition policy.

The area under consideration surrounds the site of the original Bridgewater Bridge and is identified in the image below:



Sir Allan Knight (1910–1998) was a Tasmanian engineer and public administrator. His work included bridge engineering, hydro-electric development and public-sector administration. He designed and supervised construction of the fourth Bridgewater Bridge, completed in 1942, and developed the Hobart Floating Bridge.

Sir Allan attended Hobart Technical College, where he obtained a diploma in electrical and mechanical engineering in 1929. He graduated from the University of Tasmania with degrees in science and engineering in 1932, completed a Master of Engineering in 1935 and a Bachelor of Commerce in 1946, and received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering in 1990.

Sir Allan joined the Public Works Department in 1932. His work included:

- Design and supervision of the original Bridgewater Bridge.
- Design and supervision of the Derwent Floating Bridge.
- Development and application of modern bridge engineering techniques.
- Contributions to composite beam theory and bridge construction methods.

Sir Allan was appointed Chief Engineer in 1937. Following a study tour of North America, he introduced bridge-engineering methods that were subsequently applied in Australia. During the Second World War, he served with the Royal Australian Engineers and continued to assist with infrastructure projects in Tasmania.

Sir Allan was appointed chief commissioner of the Hydro-Electric Commission (HEC) in 1946 and remained in the position until 1977. During this period, the HEC constructed dams, power stations, tunnels and transmission infrastructure. The expansion increased electricity supply, supported industrial activity and employment, and affected natural environments. During his tenure:

- Installed generating capacity increased from 172 MW to 1,515 MW.
- The workforce grew from approximately 1,000 to over 5,000 employees.
- Major hydro-electric developments were constructed throughout the State.
- Generations of migrants contributed to Tasmania's development through HEC projects.

Lake Pedder and HEC development

During Sir Allan's tenure, the HEC proceeded with the Middle Gordon hydro-electric development. The development inundated the original Lake Pedder in 1972. Opponents cited the lake's landscape and ecological values. The HEC stated that the development was required to meet forecast electricity demand and industrial objectives.

The Lake Pedder proposal was the subject of public and political debate and contributed to the development of environmental advocacy in Tasmania. It remains relevant to assessments of Sir Allan's public record. In considering memorial recognition, Council may take into account both his engineering and administrative work and the environmental effects of HEC projects undertaken during his tenure.

Sir Allan held roles with the University of Tasmania, CSIRO, the Churchill Trust, the Scenery Preservation Board, the Water Research Foundation and the Institution of Engineers Australia. Following the 1975 Tasman Bridge collapse, he participated in the bridge reconstruction. The University of Tasmania awards the Sir Allan Knight Prize.

Sir Allan received the following awards and honours:

- Warren Memorial Prize – 1934
- Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) – 1960
- Kernot Memorial Medal and Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal – 1963
- Knight Bachelor – 1970
- Wilfred Chapman Award – 1974
- Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal – 1977
- Honorary Fellow, Institution of Engineers Australia – 1982
- Honorary Doctor of Engineering, University of Tasmania – 1990

His published and professional work included composite concrete slab and welded steel beam construction.

The proposal is based on Sir Allan's role in the design and construction supervision of the fourth Bridgewater Bridge, which operated for more than 80 years. This establishes an association between Sir Allan and the proposed site.

Policy considerations

Council's Requests for Memorial Recognition Policy states that Council's preferred position is not to name buildings, parks or facilities after individuals and that asset naming will generally not be supported. The policy identifies governance, operational, reputational, future-use, precedent and equity considerations.

The proposal addresses several eligibility criteria in the policy: Sir Allan is deceased, his contribution exceeded normal professional expectations, and his work on the fourth Bridgewater Bridge has a direct association with the proposed site. Meeting these criteria does not guarantee approval. The policy identifies memorial trees, plaques and recognition within an existing memorial garden or landscaped area as preferred forms of recognition.

A written proposal is required to identify the individual's contribution to the Brighton community, the proposed form and location of recognition, and evidence of community support. Assessment must also consider duplication with existing memorials, operational and maintenance implications, planning and building requirements, environmental effects, public safety and costs.

Consultation

The Bridgewater Bridge Project is undertaking consultation on the proposed name. Sir Allan Knight's family has provided support. Council's policy requires evidence of community support. Consultation may include the local community, Tasmanian Aboriginal representatives, environmental and heritage organisations.

Risk Implications

Formal naming would differ from Council's preferred policy position. The policy identifies governance, operational and reputational considerations, reduced flexibility in future asset use or redevelopment, precedent and equity. Sir Allan's HEC tenure and the flooding of the original Lake Pedder may generate differing community views. A plaque, memorial tree or landscaped memorial would retain greater flexibility than formal naming. The policy permits Council to review, amend or remove memorial recognition if it is no longer appropriate or in the public interest, or if new information affects its suitability.

Financial Implications

The policy provides that the applicant is responsible for costs associated with memorial recognition, including the supply and installation of a plaque or the purchase of memorial trees. Ongoing maintenance would form part of Council's asset maintenance program. Council may approve in-kind support at its discretion.

Strategic Plan

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

Environmental or Climate Change Implications

N/A

Other Issues

The proposal must be determined by Council resolution and comply with applicable planning and building requirements. It must not duplicate or conflict with existing memorials. Any plaque must comply with the dimensions and materials specified in the policy.

Options

1. As per the recommendation.
2. Support formal naming as an exception to Council's preferred policy position, subject to the Tasmanian place-naming process.
3. Do not support memorial recognition at the proposed site.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council do not support formal naming and invite a revised proposal for a plaque, memorial tree or landscaped memorial in accordance with Council policy.

DECISION:

Cr De La Torre moved, Cr Irons seconded that Council defer this item to a future council meeting after public consultation has been completed.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

18. CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is to declare the meeting closed to the public in order to discuss the following matter:

Item 18.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation
As per the provisions of regulation 40(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

DECISION:

Cr Geard moved, Cr Curran seconded that Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

18.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Agenda item	Matter	Outcome
18.1	Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation	to remain confidential.

DECISION:

Cr Owen moved, Cr Geard seconded that Council moves out of Closed Session and resolves to report that it has determined the following:

Item 18.1 – Closed Council Minutes Confirmation – to remain confidential.

CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

MEETING CLOSED:

6.14 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

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(Mayor)

17th November 2026