



*'Brighton Alive' is an open collective of organisations and community members that supports, connects and enhances the lives of the people of the Brighton Municipality through sharing information, facilitating the coordination of services, developing partnerships and pursuing opportunities.*

## **Brighton Alive Network Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Venue:** Brighton Civic Centre

**Date:** 17/9/2024

**Time:** 10.00

**Attendance:** Sonya, Brian, Joselle, Moira, Sam, Amy, John, Temika, Matea, Madi, Andrea, Gemma, Phil, Gillian, Geordie, Sonya, Liana

**Apologies:** Kylie

**Chair:** Matea

**Minutes:** Maddi

**Acknowledgement to Country:** Joselle

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Council Grant</b>	Inviting signatures for support letter for grant

**Presentation from - Gemma Davie, Child Safe Education Officer from the Office of the Independent Regulator (OIR)**

\*The Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 Information sheet was provided\*

- *Who is the OIR?*

Office of the Independent Regulator oversees Tasmanian organisations to comply with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework.

- *Why is a Child and youth safety framework needed?*

-Studies of Child Safety show that child safety is historical and contemporary and solutions are needed to ensure children and young people are kept safe and responses are appropriate

-Royal commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.

-Tasmanian Commission of Inquiry

What was learnt

-need to change approach, create child safe organisations, understand risk factors- institutional culture, operational, environmental

- *What is the framework?*

1. Child and youth safe standards -prevention

2. The reportable Conduct scheme- response (leaders of organisations to report concerns to the OIR about conduct related to child abuse involving a worker, and investigate the concerns)

3. Independent Regulator- Oversight

4. Information Sharing- Information

- *Sectors identified by the Act:*

Categories Clubs and associations, coaching and tuition services, education services, faith-based organisations, disability services, childcare and commercial babysitting, health services etc

Neighborhood house, commercial services, transport services

- *10 Standards and Universal Principle*

\*Booklet available online- Interim compliance guidance for organisations

Standards are focused on outcomes that are to be worked towards compliance

- *Where to start?*

1. Look at what you are already doing

2. Where are the gaps?

3. Commitment of leadership team

- *What's next?*

-Start with a 'Commitment to Child safety' statement

-Child safety Code of conduct

-Involve children and young people and their families in developing/updating policies

- *Support for organisations to build capacity*

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<b>Nomination for chair and minute taker next meeting</b>	Chair – Kellyanne Minute Taker – Joselle Acknowledgement to Country - Michael
<b>Next Meeting</b>	15/10/24 at 10am at the Brighton Civic Centre.