



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2018**

**7.00PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE,  
BROADMEADOWS**

**OUR VISION:**

*Hume City Council will be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.*

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to be held on Monday, 8 October 2018  
**at 7.00PM**  
at the Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows

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To: a: Council	Cr Geoff Porter Cr Carly Moore Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Drew Jessop Cr Leigh Johnson Cr Naim Kurt Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Ann Potter Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jana Taylor	Mayor Deputy Mayor
b: Officers	Mr Domenic Isola Mr Peter Waite Mr Daryl Whitfort Mr Hector Gaston Mr Michael Sharp Ms Kylie Ezzy	Chief Executive Officer Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services Director Corporate Services Director Community Services Director Planning and Development Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND**

*"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Gunung-Willam-Balluk land. The Gunung-Willam-Balluk of the Wurundjeri are the first and original people of this land. I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today."*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **1. PRAYER**

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume City Inter Faith Leaders Network. In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City, Council has invited the Inter Faith Leaders Network to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Mr Pradeep Chandra from the Hindu community.

*Oh God, the Protector, the basis of all life, Who is self-existent, Who is free from all pains and Whose contact frees the soul from all troubles, Who pervades the Universe and sustains all, the Creator and Energizer of the whole Universe, the Giver of happiness, Who is worthy of acceptance, the most excellent, Who is Pure and the Purifier of all, let us embrace that very God, so that He may direct our mental faculties in the right direction.*

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Joseph Haweil has advised that he will be an apology for the meeting.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

**4. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS**

**5. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL**

In accordance with section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to report, as soon as practicable, to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

There are no records of assemblies to report on this section of the Agenda.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 10 September 2018, and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 24 September 2018, including Confidential Minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 10 September 2018, and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 24 September 2018, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**7. RECEIPT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL TO BE ADOPTED**

Nil

**8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**8.1 Sports Aid Grants**

Hume City Council's Sports Aid Grants program aims to assist young Hume residents with competition and other event related expenses to encourage high achievements and excellence in their chosen sport.

The following recipients have been awarded a Hume City Council Sports Aid Grant to the value identified below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Travel Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Leann Serna	Tennis	International	\$750.00
Orlando Lopez	Futsal	International	\$750.00
Jani Pari	Softball	International	\$750.00
Devisarn Ene	Rugby League	Interstate	\$400.00
Imila Norm Mataafa	Rugby League	Interstate	\$400.00

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- 8.2 **Residents of the Month – Mr Ivon Tori and Mrs Jeannie Tori**  
(Nominated by Cr Karen Sherry)
- 8.3 **Certificate of Recognition – Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management Retiring Member, Mrs Vera Crossley**
- 8.4 **Certificates of Recognition – Miss Darcy Moloney and Mr David Moloney (participants in the Big Red Run)**

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NOM398 by Cr Drew Jessop**

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Local Law 2013 (including Code of Meeting Procedures and Code of Conduct for Councillors) that the following motion be included on the Agenda of the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

writes to the Senior Magistrate, Broadmeadows Magistrates Court, and Inspector Anthony Brown – Victoria Police Hume District, to:

- a) acknowledge the critical importance of law enforcement and the application of justice in our policing and court systems,
- b) thank the leaders and officers of both our local police force and Magistrates Court in undertaking their role in a fair and impartial manner for all citizens of Hume, and
- c) confirm our appreciation in their efforts in keeping our community safe, whilst facing great personal pressure and where, in many instances, their own personal safety is at risk.

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**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council

- a) Introduce a medallion and ribbon for the Deputy Mayor, similar to that which the Mayor wears at official functions, which not being retrospective, will only be applicable for this current Mayoral year and beyond, and
- b) Investigates and reports to an upcoming Strategy and Policy briefing session on the current Mayor and Deputy Mayor regalia currently in use within Victorian Local Government, in order to establish whether Hume Council is consistent in its use of such insignia of office.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**11. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

The Mayor will ask the Councillors and gallery at the commencement of this section, which reports they wish to speak to. These reports will then be discussed in the order they appear on the notice paper. Reports not called will be dealt with in a block resolution at the end.

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**17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential matters.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) (sub sections as listed), of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider the following items, which are confidential for the reasons indicated:**

<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Reason for Confidential</b>
COGE209	Children's Services aged debtors write-off.	(a) personnel matters  (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person

<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Reason for Confidential</b>
COGE210	Assemblies of Council - September 2018	(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person
COGE211	Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2017/18	(a) personnel matters

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**DOMENIC ISOLA  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**4/10/2018**





<b>REPORT NO:</b>	ED024
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Youth Services Enhancements One year on
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Lisa Letic, Manager Family, Youth and Childrens Services
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Community Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC13/192
<b>POLICY:</b>	Youth Strategy - Insight 2015-2019; Service Planning Framework Policy
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	3.1 Foster socially connected and supported communities.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

In accordance with Council's Service Planning Framework Policy, this report provides update on the implementation of the Service Plan for Youth Services including a summary of the actions undertaken and progress achieved by the Youth Services Team through the implementation of Year One of the Service Plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the progress and achievement of actions as part of the delivery of year one the Youth Services Service Plan.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

A function of Council under the Local Government Act 1989 is to endeavor to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard for the long term cumulative health and wellbeing effect of its decisions. This report demonstrates that the decisions made in the undertaking of Service Planning for Youth Services are consistent with the requirements of that Act and have contributed to a more efficient service and better community outcomes as required in accordance with the Local Government (Best Value Principles) Act 1999.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Youth Services operating budget for 2018/19 is \$1.7 million with 82% relating to salaries and related expenses and the Assertive Outreach Contract. There are no direct budgetary implications associated with this report.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no direct environmental sustainability implications related to this report.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no direct climate change adaption implications related to this report.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The work of Council's Youth Services unit is undertaken in accordance with the Charter of Human Rights and aligns with the actions identified in Council's Social Justice Charter through the provision of inclusive and accessible services to young people.

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**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

- 8.1 In planning for and implementing the Year One Service Plan actions the Youth Services team have been optimising outreach engagements with young people to gather information about what they see as the issues for Young People in Hume, and what programs they think would contribute to addressing these issues. Over 200 young people have been involved in these consultations.
- 8.2 A forum for Youth Services Providers was held on 18 September 2017 to present the service review outcomes. The workshop was well attended with approximately 45 attendees from a diverse range of agencies. Attendees expressed strong satisfaction with the service plan outcomes and future direction of the service.
- 8.3 The changes made by the Youth Services Team in implementing the Service Plan actions have been well received as demonstrated by some of the examples of feedback below received over the past 12 months:
- 8.3.1 “My son has attended the Teenage Holiday Program regularly since he was 12, he is now 18. Initially he was disappointed that he was no longer able to participate in program as he is now 18. Much to his delight with the new structure and age limit increase on particular activities he was able to attend some programs and enjoyed himself thoroughly, Thank you.”
- 8.3.2 An email from a CEO of a local service provider praised youth services for their change in direction and noticeable presence in the community, undertaking place based activities and engagements.
- 8.3.3 An Executive Manager of a local health service “We are particularly proud of the more recent work with the Hume Youth Services team in engaging young people to lead their own projects via a partnership that focuses on gender equity and preventing violence against women”.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

- 9.1 In 2017, Youth Services undertook Service Planning, as part of Council’s Service Planning Framework. The Youth Services Service Plan included a detailed analysis of the factors which influenced the previous service delivery model and considered the future direction of the service to ensure that Council’s Youth Services continue to meet the needs of the Hume community. The Service Planning process addressed the following five scope questions:
- (a) What should Council’s role be in supporting young people to achieve their potential?
  - (b) In considering Council’s role and current service levels, are there any youth cohorts being under or over serviced by HCC?
  - (c) Are there any strategic gaps in service delivery (including those provided by HCC and other Agencies)?
  - (d) How could HCC Youth Services be more effective and efficient?
  - (e) What would be the most effective future service delivery model for HCC Youth Services to apply to support young people?
- 9.2 The recommended future service delivery model for Youth Services was one of enhanced service quality, increased effectiveness and performance and greater alignment between the investment and desired community outcomes.
- 9.3 The following functional areas were identified as the most appropriate for Council to fulfil to support young people to reach their potential with a focus on enhancing education and employment outcomes:
- (a) **Leadership** - Sector leadership, planning, advocacy and partnerships.

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- (b) **Service Provider** - Provision of education, information and referral for young people and their families through partnerships with schools, sporting clubs, groups and programs, centre based engagement activities and assertive outreach.
  - (c) **Facility Activation** - Provision of spaces to attract youth service providers and ensuring that community spaces are youth friendly.
- 9.4 Substantial work has been undertaken by the Youth Services Team in implementing these findings as outlined in the examples below:
- 9.4.1 **Leadership** – Actions and progress included:
- (a) The creation of a Youth Trainee position for a young person who has been long term unemployed. The first trainee has successfully transitioned to full-time employment. The second trainee commences in September 2018, after completing 12 weeks of placement and mentoring. The placement and mentoring phase have been a successful partnership between Economic Development, Youth Services and a local Employment Services Provider (Max Employment).
  - (b) As leaders in the Youth Services Industry in Hume, Council partnered with the Rainbow Network to present Safe in Sunbury - Supporting the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ young people. Guest Speakers included the Hon Martin Foley MP, Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Equality and Rowena Allen, Gender and Sexuality Commissioner. Over 80 people participated in the event.
  - (c) Contribution to advocacy has occurred through the Northern Metropolitan Partnership – “Mapping mental health service delivery for young people in the Outer North” and a workshop on the “Youth mental health services and the consumer experience in the Outer Northern Suburbs”
  - (d) Council Officers provide leadership and advocacy as active members of the:
    - (i) Northern Melbourne Navigator Steering Committee
    - (ii) Hume Youth Commitment
    - (iii) Community Safety Network
    - (iv) Sunbury Youth Network
    - (v) Tangible Connections
    - (vi) Sunbury Mental Health Action group
    - (vii) Disability / Social Inclusion committee
    - (viii) Q North; and
    - (ix) Northern Careers Teachers Network
  - (e) Advocacy has also included application for a number of grants:
    - (i) Engage Funding 2018 -2020 – successful
    - (ii) HEY Grant 2018 – unsuccessful
    - (iii) Australian Communities Foundation – CALD Homework Club – successful
    - (iv) FReeZA 2019 – 2021 – successful
    - (v) HEY Grant 2019 – not yet announced
    - (vi) Youth Week 2019 – not yet announced

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9.4.2 Service Provider - Action and progress includes:

- (a) In comparison to 2017/18, Youth Services have improved their engagement of young people by over 100% from 3,545 to over 8,800, including over 400 young people that have engaged with Youth Services for the first time.
- (b) The team have tripled their weekly program provision, with the following programs now being delivered each week;
  - (i) Eight sessions across five locations and the Broadmeadows GLC
  - (ii) 30 Structured Programs (highlights have been FReeZA, GLITTER, Generation Foodie, Keys 2 Learners, Stand Up Speak Out, Buddy Program for young people transitioning from primary to secondary education and Table Top Gamers)
- (c) The teenage holiday program has been discontinued and replaced with Youth Adventures. In the last twelve months 40+ Youth Adventures activities have taken place including; Accredited Courses / Employability Skills (First Aid, Responsible Service of Food, Resume writing and grooming workshops), Fun Activities (NEON - Glow in the dark dance party – Sunbury, Funfields, Luna Park, Trip to the Dandenong’s, trampolining, skating) and Life Skills (Pasta Making, Street Art, Manga drawing, yoga, poetry and singer songwriter workshops & High ropes).
- (d) Youth Services have also introduced a range of new initiatives during the year including the Victorian Bar Foundation Student Achievement Awards, Youth Mayor & Youth Deputy Mayor Work Experience Program, Hume Youth Action Committee, Youth Services Trainee position, Settlement Hub Club – Homework Group and the Assertive Outreach Service.
- (e) Workforce reform was undertaken to increase the number of Youth Engagement Workers, enabling the team to increase programs and the creation of a Youth & Community Relations Officer to build relationships with schools, sporting clubs and other organisations and develop partnerships in the delivery of programs and increase referrals.
- (f) A performance framework has been developed to track the team’s performance and outcomes achieved. This framework has assisted the team to stay focused on the Service Plan and Council Plan actions.

9.4.3 **Facility Activation** – action and progress includes:

- (a) In June 2017, there were three youth organisations utilising four spaces across Sunbury and Broadmeadows Youth Centres. Since this time these have been maintained and an additional four youth organisations have been attracted, now utilising a total ten spaces between the four centres.
- (b) Casual User groups have also increased by 72% from 27 (16/17 financial year) to 37 (17/18 financial year).
- (c) With the increase in programs offered by the youth team and increased occupancy, all four youth centres are operating with extended hours. There are also a range of programs now being delivered in schools reaching young people that have not traditionally engaged with Youth Services, including boys and girls programs, gender equality programs, pop-up lunch time activities and physical activities for young people.

9.5 The three key outcomes of the service determined through the Service Plan are:

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Outcome	<b>Young people feel valued by and connected with their community and can access the services they require</b>
Indicator	Satisfaction with feeling part of the community
Outcome	<b>Young people in our community are supported to develop their aspirations and reach their potential</b>
Indicator	Satisfaction with their life as a whole
Outcome	<b>Young people are healthy and safe</b>
Indicator	Personal wellbeing index

These outcomes will be measured through the 2018 Community Indicators Survey with results available in February 2019.

- 9.6 The key actions planned for the second year of the Service Plan implementation will build on the success of the first year and include:
- 9.6.1 Continuing to increase the quality and quantity of programs and activities designed to support young people to develop life skills whilst having fun and building social networks.
- 9.6.2 Monitoring the Assertive Outreach contract to ensure it meets expected program deliverables and specifically that the service is engaging with young people not otherwise engaged in mainstream services, education and employment.
- 9.6.3 Increasing focus on engagement with families through the implementation of forums/workshops on topics such as adolescent development, mental health and cyber safety. A recent survey of families indicated that eighty two per cent (82%) of respondents (n=61) were interested in attending Council run forums/workshops. A partnership with Anglicare Parentzone will see the delivery of information sessions in November 2018 and March 2019 on Cyber safety, Raising Resilient Teens and Wishing Worries Away.
- 9.6.4 Continuing to provide training and support to the Youth Services team to ensure they have the necessary skills to support young people to achieve outcomes related to employment and education.
- 9.6.5 Implementing a range of approved capital enhancements to the Youth Centres to increase capacity to accommodate more users or to enhance the environment. This will include the renegotiation of spaces within shared facilities.
- 9.6.6 Continuing to enhance and establish new partnerships with other organisations with a view to maximising impact with shared expertise, leveraging resources and avoiding duplication of effort.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

- 10.1 The Year One actions of the Youth Services – Service Plan have been successfully implemented and in doing so, the team have achieved substantial program efficiencies and increased service provision as outlined in this report. The increased number of young people engaging with the service and positive feedback from families and service providers further demonstrates this success.
- 10.2 The Team are well placed to continue to build on the momentum of this change and are looking forward to further enhancing their work through the implementation of the Year Two actions.



<b>REPORT NO:</b>	ED025
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	FReeZA Program 2016-2018 Review
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Lisa Letic, Manager Family, Youth and Childrens Services
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Community Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC13/192
<b>POLICY:</b>	Youth Strategy Insight 2015-2019
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	1.1 Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life.
<b>ATTACHMENT:</b>	1. <i>Summary of FReeZA Activities 2016-2018</i>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

This report provides a summary of the successful outcomes of the Victorian Government funded Hume FReeZA program 2016-2018 and reports on further funding received to implement the program in 2019-2022.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes this report.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

The delivery of the FReeZA program is consistent with the function of Council as specified in the *Local Government Act (1989)*.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

4.1 The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has funded, and will continue to fund, Council \$72,000 for each three year period of funding. Most FReeZA activities are fully funded through this grant however in-kind contributions from Council occur through staff time, venue hire and in instances where the event contributes to a wider program such as the stage at Craigieburn Festival. These additional costs are contained within the Youth Services or other relevant Council Department's operating budget.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

All events and activities are planned and delivered in an environmental sustainably conscientious way and seek to minimize negative environmental impacts, if any.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no climate change adaption considerations in relation to this report.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The delivery of the FReeZA program is undertaken in accordance with the Charter of Human Rights and aligns with Council's Social Justice Charter in particular in that it is modelled on a Youth participation approach and empowers young people to create, plan and deliver events for their peers.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

The FReeZA program is delivered by a volunteer committee made up of 12 young people and supported by a Youth Engagement Officer. The committee liaises with peers in their local community through schools and youth programs to understand community interests and to help in the design of appropriate events. Post event evaluations and debrief sessions are undertaken to understand what worked well and what could be improved for future events.

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9. DISCUSSION:

- 9.1 The Victorian Government FReeZA program is an innovative youth development program that provides opportunities for young people aged 12-25 across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria to enjoy live band gigs, dance parties and other cultural, recreational and artistic events that are drug, alcohol and smoke-free in supervised and safe venues.
- 9.2 A key youth initiative under the Victorian Government’s ‘Turning the Tide’ drug and alcohol strategy, FReeZA was established in 1997 and Council has been in receipt of this funding since this time. The current round of funding is for the period 2016-2018.
- 9.3 The aims of the Hume FReeZA program 2016-2018 are:
- 9.3.1 to provide safe youth cultural events locally that develop and showcase the talents of local young artists and young people
  - 9.3.2 to develop skills in young people
  - 9.3.3 to encourage youth involvement and participation on in all aspects of the program delivery
  - 9.3.4 to create opportunities to include and promote young people
  - 9.3.5 to celebrate the achievements of young people
- 9.4 The annual funding targets for 2016-2018 period have all been met or exceeded as follows:

10. 2016-2018	ANNUAL TARGET	3 YEAR TARGET	ACHIEVED
No. events	5	15	15
Attendance	2200	6,600	6,504**
No. committee members	12*	36	38

\*can be the same 12 young people for three years)

\*\*There are four events planned up to the end of the reporting period which will see the 3 year target exceeded.

Events planned Sept. to December 2018	Date	Event Venue
Live Music Event (Breathe in Breathe Out) linked to mental health and R U OK Day themes.	Sept 24th 2018	Broadmeadows
Live Music @ Daisy Day (Youth led Community event supporting mental health)	Oct 2018	Sunbury
DJ / Rap event	TBA 2018	Craigieburn
Dance Party	Nov 24th 2018	Sunbury

- 9.5 The FReeZA program involves the creation of a committee of young people who gain valuable hands-on music industry experience and learn about planning, developing and managing events. The committee is supported by a Youth Engagement Worker to undertake all aspects of the event management including artist liaison, stage management and technical production of the events.
- 9.6 A summary of the activities undertaken in accordance with the FReeZA program guidelines and program highlights is provided as Attachment 1.
- 9.7 Council has been successful in securing the next round of FReeZA funding for the period 2019-2021 and will deliver a further 15 events across the Municipality during this period.



**REPORT NO: ED025 (cont.)**

**11. CONCLUSION:**

Hume FReeZA is a platform for young people to express ideas and learn transferable skills associated with event management through the planning and staging of events. The talents of local young people are showcased, opening opportunities for artistic expression and exposure through diverse entertainment options. FReeZA provides pathways into further education and employment through the development of practical industry and employability skills. Council will continue to deliver this program through to December 2021 in line with the most recent funding announcement.



**ATTACHMENT 1**

**HUME FReeZA 2016-2018**

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

Type of Event	Average Attendance	Event Location
3 Community Festivals	1866	Craigieburn
7 Art & Culture events (theatre performance, poetry and spoken word)	44	6x Craigieburn 1x Broadmeadows
4 Live Music Events	134	2 X Craigieburn 2X Broadmeadows
1 Dance Party	88	Sunbury

**FReeZA COMMITTEE PROFILE**

Over the three year period there have been 38 young people engaged in the FReeZA committee. The profiles of these young people include;

Gender/Age							
	Female	Male	Gender Diverse	Total	12-15 Yrs	16-19 yrs	20-25
<b>2016</b>	3	5		8	1	6	1
<b>2017</b>	5	7	3	15	4	10	1
<b>2018</b>	3	10	2	15	6	9	

Education/Employment				
	Studying		Employment	
	Secondary school	University/TAFE	Full Time	Part Time/Casual
<b>2016</b>	3	3		4
<b>2017</b>	10	2		6
<b>2018</b>	12			5

Diversity						
	Disability	Indigenou s	CALD/ Recently Arrived/R efugee	LGBTI	Low socio Economic	Rurally Isolated
<b>2016</b>			4	2	8	
<b>2017</b>	4	1	6	4	11	
<b>2018</b>	4		6	4	7	

## **FReeZA EVENT CASE STUDIES**

### **2016- Turned Up- (Community Festival)**

Turned Up was held at the Craigieburn Festival early in 2016 and involved the FReeZA committee programming the main stage on the evening of Day 1 of this 2 day festival.

Programming was designed by the committee to appeal to young people from diverse backgrounds and interests and included various music genres including rock, metal, hip hop, dj's and acoustic performers, as well as a variety of activities such as a silent disco, chill-out bean bag area and inflatables activities. On the stage local young people had the opportunity to perform and showcase their work to the community.

Some committee members had been involved in the 2015 Craigieburn Festival and had used their experience to plan significant changes and improvements for the 2016 event. Changes included the Freeza committee meeting with Council's Events team to plan the layout and concept of the festival. Working closely with the Events team provided the young people the opportunity to gain experience in event and festival design. Very high levels of engagement with up to 500 people watching live acts perform on stage at any one time, was the result of this work.

### **2017- Pyjama Poetry (Arts & Culture)**

Pyjama Poetry was a spoken word, poetry and open mic night held at Craigieburn Youth Centre. The event provided local young people with an opportunity to perform their own literary works including short stories, poetry, speeches, lyrics or acoustic music performances.

The Freeza committee had brainstormed the concept building on past successful Poetry nights and wanting to develop the concept further. The committee members were involved with all aspects of planning the event - designing the concept and name, creating promotional materials, organising readers, technical equipment and venue booking.

The event attracted 25 young people with 9 young people reading.

### **2018 Neon (Dance Party)**

'Neon' was a Glow in the Dark themed DJ dance party held in Sunbury targeted at young people aged 12-19 years old and aimed to provide an opportunity for local young people to showcase their talents to their peers and have a positive safe space to socialise and have fun. 88 young people attended and 4 local young people performed as DJ's.

This was the first event for the Sunbury FReeZA crew and it's success was a positive experience for these young people boosting their self-esteem and giving them very real hands on experience across a variety of event management skills including event planning, leading promotion and flyer design, engaging performers and other contractors (first aid, security) and negotiating costs, bookings and contracts, venue design including setup and pack down of event.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

Through FReeZA, young people have the opportunity to become a part of a FReeZA committee to make decisions and lead in the staging of events. Being a part of a FReeZA committee also builds self-confidence, creates and develops professional relationships and provides opportunities to explore various education and employment pathways in the music industry.

Hume FReeZA members have been successful in securing opportunities in:

- Retail Employment,
- Tertiary Education,
- Freelance work,
- The Push New Slang Committee

Hume FReeZA participants have also been acknowledged, through the Hume Arts Awards and for song writing, through the APRA AMCOS Song writing Award.

## **Case Studies**

### **FReeZA Committee Member –Jay**

The Push - an independent statewide youth music and event management organisation provides support to Committee members and FReeZA workers through their networks and associations with bands, DJs, managers, booking agencies, security firms, sound and lighting companies, street press, record companies, publicists, graphic artists and recording studios.

Hume FReeZA participants attend the annual Push Summit and are encouraged to apply for the Push Mentoring Program to explore further education pathways in the music industry. One of the Craigieburn FReeZA members, Jay has developed their keen interest in event management by progressing from Hume FReeZA, to be invited to join the 'New Slang' committee, which is a committee administered by The Push which focusses on creating monthly all ages music events at the Victorian Arts Centre.

Jay has also established herself as an independent booking and promotions agent for local artists by organising monthly all ages music events called 'Aligned Entertainment'. Jay has committed countless hours contributing to Hume's music and arts scene over many years of involvement with Hume FReeZA while also attending Mt Ridley College in Craigieburn. She completed her VCE in 2016 and now studies a Bachelor in Creative Technology at JMC Academy. Jay still returns to the FReeZA program to offer support and mentoring to other young people.

### **FReeZA Local Performer- SarahJ**

Playing an instrumental role in the development of local musicians and artists, Hume FReeZA offers performance opportunities that have spring boarded local young artists careers.

Sarahj is a female fronted band who entered the Hume Push Start Battle of the Musicians in 2017. Winning this Battle, Sarahj then performed at and won the North-West Metropolitan Regional Push Start Final landing them a place in the Grand Final of this event held as part of the St Kilda Festival.

Sarahj went on to win the APRA songwriter's award at the Push Start Grand Final at St Kilda Festival this year (2018) and was excited to perform at the Craigieburn Festival in March 2018, stating "this has been our dream to perform at Craigieburn- the crowds are massive".

This band now performs gigs in Melbourne's inner city venues regularly.



<b>REPORT NO:</b>	ED026
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	2019 Hume Education Scholarship Program
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Julie Andrews, Community Capacity Building Coordinator
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Community Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC18/73
<b>POLICY:</b>	-Social Justice Charter 2014
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	1.1 Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life.
<b>ATTACHMENT:</b>	1. <i>2019 Education Scholarship Nominations</i>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

This report details the proposed recipients of the 2019 Education Scholarships as nominated by each Primary School in Hume City. This year Council welcomed the newly established Newbury Primary School, in Aitken Ward, to submit a nomination.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council awards a \$1,000 Education Scholarship to each of the 48 students named in Attachment 1, in recognition of their demonstration of good citizenship and high scholastic achievements throughout their primary education.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

Provision for the scholarships is within Council's powers under the Local Government Act 1989.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The financial implication of the scholarship program is \$48,000 (\$1,000 x 48 students). This amount has been allocated in the 2018/2019 budget for this purpose.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental sustainability considerations relevant to this report.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no climate change considerations relevant to this report.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

Hume City's Education Scholarship Program typifies Council's commitment to Social Justice supporting the principles of equitable access and inclusion to learning opportunities and participation in education.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Hume City Primary Schools were consulted regarding the scheduling of the presentation ceremony. The proposed ceremony date of 28 November 2018 has unanimous approval from the local representative sample of both State and Independent Primary Schools.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

- 9.1 Since its establishment in 1999, the year six student Education Scholarship Program has become a feature of the Council calendar. Over a period of 19 years, Council has awarded a total of 864 scholarships equating to \$521,000. The scholarships highlight Council's commitment to improving learning outcomes and education completion rates, as outlined in Council's Learning Together 2030 Strategy. The education scholarships are designed to assist local families with expenses associated in the transition from primary to secondary education.

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- 9.2 Primary schools are requested to nominate a recipient of a scholarship with consideration of the following criteria:
- a) Demonstration of good qualities of citizenship
  - b) Requires financial support in the transition from primary to secondary education
  - c) Has a record of progress in all areas of the school curriculum
  - d) Is a current resident of Hume City.
- 9.3 48 schools including primary and special development schools across Hume City were invited to nominate a candidate for the 2019 Education Scholarship Program. Students who best satisfied the selection criteria were nominated by their respective schools and are detailed in **Attachment 1**.
- 9.4 All of the 48 primary schools within Hume City have nominated one student to receive a scholarship. Scholarship funds will be paid to the secondary school nominated by the recipient as the school they will attend in 2019. The secondary school will administer the scholarship on Council's behalf.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

Hume City Council's Education Scholarships for year six students are an example of Council's continued effort to advance social, environmental and economic outcomes. By enhancing learning opportunities within Hume City, Council's Hume Education Program not only embraces Hume City's responsibilities as part of the global community but significantly benefit our local Hume Communities.



**2019 Hume Education Scholarship Program**

	<b>Nominating Primary School</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Aitken College	Thomas Johnson	\$1,000.00
2	Aitken Creek Primary School	Tien Close	\$1,000.00
3	Bethal Primary School	Fadi Al-Shorji	\$1,000.00
4	Broadmeadows Primary School	Jack McNally	\$1,000.00
5	Broadmeadows Special Development School	Kristian Saburido	\$1,000.00
6	Broadmeadows Valley Primary School	Zainab Ali Radi	\$1,000.00
7	Campbellfield Heights Primary School	Matthew Khwaja	\$1,000.00
8	Coolaroo South Primary School	Elena Khoshaba	\$1,000.00
9	Craigieburn Primary School	Selin Baykan	\$1,000.00
10	Craigieburn South Primary School	Gese Latu	\$1,000.00
11	Dallas Brooks Community Primary School	Aamin Vhora	\$1,000.00
12	Gladstone Park Primary School	Safiallah Al Tamimi	\$1,000.00
13	Gladstone Views Primary School	Atiana Sefo	\$1,000.00
14	Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School	John Yako	\$1,000.00
15	Goonawarra Primary School	Annesley Kapeli	\$1,000.00
16	Greenvale Primary School	Amenna Mitwally	\$1,000.00
17	Holy Child Primary School	Chrestina Alqas-Eshaq	\$1,000.00
18	Hume Anglican Grammar	Jade Garraway	\$1,000.00
19	Hume Valley School	Martina Yousef	\$1,000.00
20	Ilim College	Assyah Terbah	\$1,000.00
21	Jacana School for Autism	Ruben Nunez	\$1,000.00
22	Killara Primary School	Felix Ostanin	\$1,000.00
23	Kismet Park Primary School	Haley Fisher	\$1,000.00
24	Meadow Heights Primary School	Dedem Karadeniz	\$1,000.00
25	Meadows Primary School	Nour Al Houda Merhi	\$1,000.00
26	Mickleham Primary School	Isabelle Granvillani	\$1,000.00
27	Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School	Isabella Calthorpe	\$1,000.00
28	Mount Ridley College P-12	Pranav Devineni	\$1,000.00
29	Newbury Primary School	Inci Yener	\$1,000.00
30	Our Lady Of Mount Carmel	Katie Warburton	\$1,000.00
31	Our Lady's Primary School, Craigieburn	Meron Nona	\$1,000.00
32	Red Rock Christian College	Mia Calfapietra	\$1,000.00
33	Roxburgh Homestead Primary School	Jasmine Roeschmann	\$1,000.00
34	Roxburgh Park Primary School	Khalid Raji	\$1,000.00
35	Roxburgh Rise Primary School	Zainab Ali Tamimi	\$1,000.00
36	School of the Good Shepherd, Gladstone Park	Shyla Knight	\$1,000.00
37	Sirius College	Kemal Kurucu	\$1,000.00
38	St Anne's Primary School	Al Cafari	\$1,000.00
39	St Carlo Borromeo	Siena Mirabella	\$1,000.00
40	St Mary's Coptic Orthodox College	Matthew Elias	\$1,000.00
41	St Dominic's Primary School	Nephi Uili	\$1,000.00
42	Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School	Kim Deeble	\$1,000.00
43	Sunbury Heights Primary School	Corey Greenwood-Davis	\$1,000.00
44	Sunbury Primary School	Holly Robinson	\$1,000.00
45	Sunbury West Primary School	Jake Conduit	\$1,000.00
46	Tullamarine Primary School	Jack Sleeth	\$1,000.00
47	Westmeadows Primary School	Shannon Duncan	\$1,000.00
48	Willmott Park Primary School	Chelsea Rees	\$1,000.00

Total \$48,000.00



<b>REPORT NO:</b>	ED027
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Council Support for Education Initiatives in Aileu
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Chris Adams, Friends of Aileu Project Officer
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Community Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC05/29-06
<b>POLICY:</b>	-
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	1.1 Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 This report submits for Council's consideration a proposal to redirect the \$5,140, previously allocated in Council's 2018/19 operational budget for the Hume Education Scholarship Program (HESP), to other education related initiatives offered in Aileu, Timor-Leste.
- 1.2 This proposal reinforces Hume City Council's commitment to the Friendship Relationship with the Aileu Municipal Administration, and allows for the proactive implementation of initiatives that respond to local needs and priorities.
- 1.3 This proposal follows the introduction of fee-free secondary education, and responds to a request from the Aileu Municipal Administrator to support alternative education sector priorities, which will assist in improving the quality of education offer in Aileu.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**2.1 That Council:**

- 2.1.1 **ceases offering the Hume Education Scholarship Program, in recognition of the changes to secondary school funding in Aileu.**
- 2.1.2 **redirects the funds previously designated for the Hume Education Scholarship Program (\$5,140 annually) to education initiatives in Aileu, as identified by the Aileu Municipal Administrator and the Friends of Aileu Community Committee.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

Provision of the funding is within Council's powers under the Local Government Act 1989.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

\$5,140 has been allocated within Council's 2018/19 budget to support the delivery of the HESP program in Aileu, Timor-Leste. This report seeks approval to redirect the expenditure of budgeted funds to other education initiatives in Aileu.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not relevant for this report.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not relevant for this report.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

This report typifies Council's commitment to Social Justice, supporting the principles of equitable access and inclusion to learning opportunities and participation in education.

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**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

The Aileu Municipal Administration requested all program partners to redirect funds previously provided through the HESP. This request has also been considered and supported by the Friends of Aileu Community Committee.

The Aileu Municipal Administration and the Friends of Aileu Community Committee has expressed its appreciation of Hume City Council's financial support of the scholarship program and requested a positive consideration of the proposal to re-direct funds to agreed school education related initiatives in Aileu.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

- 9.1 From its inception in 2004 until 2016 the Aileu Secondary Scholarship Program has disbursed over \$45,000, which included funds from HESP and donations raised by Friends of Aileu, the Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship (based in Campaspe Shire) and the Kangaroo Valley Remexio Partnership (based in Shoalhaven Shire, NSW) fund raising events.
- 9.2 To date, scholarship funds have been distributed to 125 students, which has assisted families to support the students completion of senior secondary school (Years 10, 11 and 12).
- 9.3 At least 21 of the 125 scholarship recipients continued on to further study, including 15 who were selected to receive assistance under the Aileu University Scholarship Program. Noting that university scholarships are fully funded by Friends of Aileu and partner organisations including Coburg Rotary, Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship and the Kangaroo Valley Remexio Partnership.
- 9.4 The HESP funds were last distributed for individual scholarships in 2016. Mr. Mario Soares, Secretary of the Aileu Relationship Commission, who had taken a key role in organising the nominations for the program passed away in November 2016. As a result, and due also to the appointment of a new Municipal Administrator and Deputy Administrator in 2016, and a hiatus in the regular schedule of meetings of the Aileu Relationship Commission, no nominations were made for the 2017 calendar year.
- 9.5 During meetings with the Municipal Administrator and members of the Aileu Relationship Commission in 2017 and 2018 it was identified that:
  - 9.5.1 Fee-free secondary education is now available to all
  - 9.5.2 The development of the local economy and the existence of government social support programs meant that very few families were financially inhibited from accessing secondary education for their children
  - 9.5.3 The education system is still suffering from a shortage of funding for specialist educational aids and facilities (e.g. libraries and science laboratories)
  - 9.5.4 There is a need for additional resources to be devoted to supplementing existing teacher training programs.
- 9.6 Recognising these changes, it was identified that it would be more beneficial to target funds to initiatives that support advancing the quality of education offered in Aileu. Examples include the development and enhancement of libraries, science laboratories and teacher training.
- 9.7 At the Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting June 2018, it was proposed that the following initiatives are supported for 2018/19:
  - a) A contribution of \$6,428 to the Aileu Resource and Training Centre towards the total project budget of \$19,284 for 2018 for the Science and Reading Contest, which is conducted annually across all 70 plus primary and secondary schools in Aileu.

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- b) Contribute \$1,000 to the Aileu Maryknoll Sisters, towards the total project budget of \$9,116, to establish an extra-curriculum biology and healthy living education program for Year 12 students including equipping a new science laboratory and conducting teacher training in conjunction with the Aileu Reference School.
  - c) \$330 for printing of multi-lingual (Portuguese/Tetun/English) reading booklets for use in schools.
- 9.7.1 These initiatives total \$7,758 and would be funded using Hume City funds previously designated for the education scholarship program (\$5,140) and funds raised from partner organisations and the Friends of Aileu Community Committee.
- 9.8 The identified initiatives provide access to education and address locally identified needs to ensure the funds are being utilised to provide the best possible outcomes for students in Aileu. Financial support of these initiatives also contributes to a more proactive approach, building the capacity of the education sector to provide quality education.
- 9.9 Accountability for the funds would be provided by implementing partners, including evaluations of project outcomes, following the completion of activities.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

- 10.1 The proposed redistribution of funds maintains the integrity of the intention of the education scholarship program, which is to reduce the barriers to quality education in Aileu.
- 10.2 The proposal supports the intention of the Friendship Relationship between Hume City Council and the Aileu Municipal Administration, which is to build the capacity of the Aileu Municipal Administration and other Aileu partners to take a more proactive role in developing and implementing activities that respond to local needs and priorities.



<b>REPORT NO:</b>	CC075
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2018
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Julie Andrews, Community Capacity Building Coordinator
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Community Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC07/47
<b>POLICY:</b>	Social Justice Charter 2014
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	3.1 Foster socially connected and supported communities.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2018 CSAP</i></li><li>2. <i>Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2018 MAP</i></li><li>3. <i>Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2018 RAP</i></li></ol>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 This report is to inform Council of the progress, achievements and outcomes of the current three Social Justice Charter (SJC) Action Plans which are at various stages of implementation:
- 1.1.1 Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP)
  - 1.1.2 Multicultural Action Plan (MAP)
  - 1.1.3 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- 1.2 The report covers the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the Social Justice Charter actions that occurred during 2017/18, and adopts the Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2018.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

- 3.1 The *Local Government Act (1989)* stipulates that the “primary objective of a Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions”. Furthermore Councils must give regard to the objective “to improve the overall quality of life of people in the local community”.
- 3.2 The Hume City Council SJC aims to advance a fair and just society and to promote respect for every citizen, encourage community participation, strengthen community wellbeing and reduce the causes of disadvantage. Within the Charter, the definition of Social Justice includes: “...that every effort should be made to reduce economic and social inequality. All people should be guaranteed equal human rights and all people should be enabled to participate fully in society”.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

All activities undertaken to implement Social Justice Charter actions were funded through existing operational budgets. There are no additional financial implications of this report.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental sustainability considerations arising from this report.

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**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Social Justice Action Plans, developed within the Social Justice framework, ensure that the organisation delivers services and activities that aim to redress disadvantage and increase participation in community life by building community resilience. It is well documented that communities that are more engaged, connected and resilient in general are also more resilient to climate change impacts. Activities outlined in the SJC Action Plans include services and programs that engage and educate community members about actions to reduce the incidence of inefficient and costly home energy use, encouraging improved thermal comfort despite increased impacts of heatwaves and rising energy costs.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The SJC provides a framework for the organisation to ensure the rights of the Hume community are upheld. This framework not only meets the obligations of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act Vic (2006) but strengthens the City's commitment to Social Justice by providing a policy platform from which Council can deliberatively work to redress disadvantage. The SJC Action Plans the: RAP, MAP and the CSAP demonstrate how Council's commitment to the application of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act Vic (2006) is put into action.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

- 8.1 The Hume Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) continues to inform Hume City Council regarding priorities and actions in relation to community safety initiatives within the framework of the CSAP. The CSAC is attended by a variety of representatives from across the community including Victoria Police, Whittlesea Hume Local Learning and Employment Network (WHLLEN) for the L2P Program, Community Health, Department of Health and Housing (Public Housing), Women's Health in the North and local retail and traders, residents associations and neighbourhood houses
- 8.2 The MAP implementation is supported by advice from the Multicultural Action Plan Working Group (MAPWG). Representation on this group consists of service providers who support a range of programs to Hume City's diverse community, including new arrivals, refugees and asylum seekers.
- 8.3 The Aboriginal Partnership Group (APG) consists of a membership of Aboriginal service providers and community members who have provided ongoing support and advice on the implementation of the RAP
- 8.4 Oversight and implementation of the RAP and MAP are managed internally by the respective Social Inclusion Committees which are chaired by the Director of Community Services with cross departmental representation. These groups are responsible for tracking progress of the implementation of the Action Plans, identifying professional and service development opportunities to build the organisation's capacity to provide equitable access to services and programs for the population groups identified in the SJC Action Plans.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

**9.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2015 - 2019**

- 9.1.1 This is the third annual report on the progress and achievements of the CSAP. Highlights are included in the CSAP 2018 Annual Update (**Attachment 1**).

**9.2 MULTICULTURAL ACTION PLAN 2014 – 2018**

- 9.2.1 In its final year of implementation, key outcomes have been achieved working together with various services in partnership.
- 9.2.2 Highlights achieved are included in the MAP 2018 Annual Update (**Attachment 2**).



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- 9.2.3 The Multicultural Action Plan Working Group (MAPWG) continues to provide support and advice on the implementation of the MAP. Established in 2014 the MAPWG membership remains strong and diverse in representation and continues to advocate on behalf of Hume City's multicultural community to all tiers of government as well as link community to Council's services, activities and projects. This year the MAPWG led the Refugee Week Expo held at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows.
- 9.2.4 In response to Council Plan Action 3.1.3 in April 2018, a review of the MAP was initiated to determine the future strategic directions for the plan beyond 2018. Diverse Werks consultancy group was engaged to undertake the review. Community stakeholders and all units of Council were consulted in August 2018 to inform the review process. Once completed, the outcomes of this review will be presented to Council for consideration.

9.3 **RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2018-2022**

- 9.3.1 The Reconciliation Action Plan 2018 -2022 (RAP) was adopted by Council in March 2018 following a four month community consultation period, led by the Aboriginal Social Enterprise. The consultations were jointly promoted by Hume City Council and Aboriginal community networks. The sessions were held in informal local spaces, familiar to Aboriginal residents. Engaging Aboriginal Social Enterprise to conduct the engagement sessions leveraged existing trust relationships within the community and greatly contributed to participants feeling that their views and opinions were valued. The draft RAP was submitted to *Reconciliation Australia* for consideration and comment.
- 9.3.2 Highlights achieved are included in the RAP 2018 Annual Update (**Attachment 3**).

**10. CONCLUSION:**

- 10.1 Hume City Council remains committed to the principles of Social Justice which have underpinned the development and implementation of the CSAP, MAP and RAP. Significant activities were undertaken in implementing the Social Justice Action Plans in 2017-2018, as shown in the attached updates. Council Officers will continue to work in partnership with service providers and the Hume community to advance social justice outcomes in Hume City.



Attachment 1

# HUME CITY COUNCIL 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2015 – 2019



The Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) was adopted by Council in July 2015 for the period 2015 - 2019. This is the third year of progress and achievements of the CSAP and covers the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

As a result of community consultation, six key strategic directions for community safety have been identified in the CSAP:

1. Community Safety
2. Safety in the Home
3. Transport Safety
4. Family Violence and Women's Safety
5. Community Capacity Building
6. Partnerships, Lobbying and Advocacy

## 2017/18 Key Projects: Hume Road Safety Forum for the Arabic Community

The aim of the forum was to educate, inform and provide resources to Hume's newly arrived and refugee community who are Arabic speaking. Topics discussed included:

- Licence and registration requirements
- Obligations and responsibilities of drivers and passengers
- Consequences of breaking road rules
- How to obtain legal aid if required

## Leading Change for Community Safety Conference

On Wednesday 28 June 2018, Council hosted the Leading Change for Community Safety Conference at the Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn. The conference provided attendees with the latest theories, principles and processes of community safety and place-making. Key note speakers included Place Manager from Brimbank City Council, Victoria Police and Council's own Manager of Urban and Open Space Planning. Attendees also participated in an interactive workshop showing initiatives to progress community safety. The conference was attended by approximately 75 staff members from various local government areas, not-for-profit organisations and Melbourne businesses.

In 2016/17



Crime Statistics Agency, Victorian Police Family incidences by Local Government Area, published December 2017



## 2017/18 Key Projects: *Continues*

### Transport safety

#### Promote safe driver behaviour actions

- ✓ Hume City Council delivered 13 **Fit to Drive (F2D)** workshops in 2017/18 to all year 11 and year 12 students attending secondary schools in the municipality. The workshop encourages students to make good decisions when faced with risky driving situations, both as passengers, and in terms of their future driving safety.
- ✓ The **L2P Program** aims to assist learner drivers, between the ages of 16-20 years of age, who have been identified as facing significant barriers which may prohibit them from obtaining their 120 hours driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence.

#### In the 2017/18 period:

- Seven young people have successfully gained their licence through the L2P Program.
- 77 young people have participated in the program.
- 19 mentor supervisor drivers have actively volunteered in the program.
- Due to high demand for the program an additional car was added to the fleet this year, enabling more bookings and in turn assisting more young people to gain their 120 hours of driving experience.

In **2016**   
**494**   
cars impounded for  
dangerous driving  
(Highest rate in Victoria) 

Leader News (data provided by VicPol) May 2017

- ✓ **The Learn and Prepare – English and Emergencies Package** has been developed to deliver information to English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes. The program is an adult learning package that can be utilised across EAL classes, ensuring students have a better understanding of:
  - Risks and emergencies both in and out of the home
  - Planning and preparation prior to an emergency
  - What needs to be undertaken during an emergency
  - Who and how to call for help and assistance
  - Services that will help in emergency situations



### Safety Month Activities

#### Activities that aim to improve the safety of families in the home have included:

- ✓ **Home Safety Information sessions** in partnership with Kidsafe.
- ✓ **Community Safety Child Restraint Fitting Day** in partnership with MFB and Baby Restraint Fitters.
- ✓ **Olsen Place Community Cafe** coffee with a cop event, in partnership with local Victoria Police, at Olsen Place.
- ✓ **Fire Safety at home workshop** in partnership with MFB and CFA.
- ✓ The **ThinkUKnow Cyber safety session** run in conjunction with the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft.
- ✓ **Week Without Violence** campaign activities were held at various centres across Hume.

Children aged **0-4**

**8.3%**  
presented to hospital  
emergency for injuries

ABS Census data 2013/14





Attachment 2

# HUME CITY COUNCIL 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE MULTICULTURAL ACTION PLAN 2014 – 2018

The Multicultural Action Plan (MAP) was adopted by Council in April 2014 for the period 2014 – 2018. This summary report presents some of the highlights and achievements of the MAP and covers the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The MAP has been developed within Hume City Council’s Social Justice Policy Framework. Three themes are actioned in the MAP:

1. Information
2. Access and Participation
3. Advocacy

Hume residents come from



Hume residents speak



### Events and Festivals 2017/18

Council held a number of public events that have aimed to enhance community pride and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community, including:

- **Hume Carols by Candlelight** 2017 attracting approximately 10,000 people.
- **Christmas in the Plaza** 2017 attracting approximately 1,000 people.
- **Craigieburn Festival** 2018, attracting close to 20,000 people
- **Broadmeadows Street Festival** 2018, attracting approximately 4,500.
- Council ran five local **movie events** throughout Hume in the past year, which helped engage more than 1,500 local residents and build relationships.
- Council also sponsored a number of **community events**: Sunbury SunFest, StreetLife, Christmas on the Green, Twilight Movie on the Green, Sunbury Agricultural Show.

75  
new migrants  
per week



Percentage of total migration and humanitarian intake for metropolitan Melbourne



5.9%  
Total migration intake



34.4%  
Humanitarian intake stream

Settlement data gathered from Council data reports 2017





## 2017/18 Key Projects:



*They Cannot Take the Sky* exhibition and community conversations. Council was proud to partner with oral history organisation Behind the Wire, to present *They Cannot Take the Sky* at Gee Lee-Wik Doleen gallery from 31 May to 5 August 2018.

This exhibition allowed visitors to hear first-hand from people who have sought asylum in Australia and were (or are) detained by the Australian Government under its mandatory detention policy.

The exhibition encouraged reflection from community members, students and Council staff through its comments wall and a series of well attended community conversations led by narrators from the exhibition.

Participation program **Count Me In** linked recently arrived migrants and refugees aged 5-18 years into local sports clubs and improved their knowledge of the Australian Sport System. This program is offered in partnership with Melbourne University, DPV Health and Merri Health.

Weekly Drop in soccer sessions **Kangan Kick Around** targeted recently arrived migrants and refugees aged 18-25 and engaged them in sport, established pathways into formal clubs or FFV programs. The cohort in the classes are predominately Refugees. This program is offered in partnership with Centre for Multicultural Youth and Kangan Institute.

**Reclink Drop in Volleyball** sessions targeted recently arrived migrants and refugees aged 18-25 and is a social drop in program that builds engagement rather than linking to formal sport. This program is offered in partnership with Reclink, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Melbourne Polytechnic and Volleyball Victoria.

During 2017, Hume City Council received funding from the State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to deliver a pilot **Refugee Immunisation Program**. The pilot will continue to operate with and alongside existing immunisation services provided by Hume City. The pilot will develop systems and processes to:

- Develop translated material to inform target groups of the need and process to get immunised.
- Develop referral systems with partner agencies, including AMES Australia, who are key settlement service providers.
- Weekly immunisation sessions specific to the target audience.

## 2017/18 Highlights:

- ✓ In this reporting period, there have been 127 employment placements through the **Local Jobs for Local People Program**. The LJP team have facilitated employer led information sessions as well as targeted workshops, with over 700 residents from diverse backgrounds attending.
- ✓ **Youth Transition Support Program** assisted 83 local young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds, by facilitating site visits with local businesses, resulting in showcasing job seeker talent to local business.
- ✓ On Wednesday 21 March 2018, the **Hume Interfaith Network Multifaith Service** was held on World Harmony Day. This evening celebrated the different faiths that represent Hume City and our strength in diversity. There were prayers from Hume's faith leaders and performances from local cultural groups.
- ✓ **Aussie Job Culture** Together with Brotherhood of St Laurence (Given the Chance Program), 10 residents from refugee and migrant backgrounds had the opportunity to network with and understand services available in Hume City such as Gateway Volunteer Program and settlement services.
- ✓ From 1 July to 31 October 2017, the **Hume Volunteer Program** collaborated with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to run a free tax return service for our residents, called Tax Help. The ATO provided accreditation training to seven Tax Help volunteers, who are bilingual, to assist more than 610 Hume residents to complete their 2016/17 tax returns.
- ✓ **Gardening activity at Bilingual Storytime** in Hume Libraries. Approximately 40 Assyrian, Arabic, Turkish and Sinhalese speaking families took part in gardening and environmentally themed Bilingual Storytime across our Libraries. Children and parents explored ways of caring for the environment, growing vegetables and being part of the Hume Enviro Champions program.
- ✓ Through a partnership between Foundation House, Uniting and Council, **energy saving information sessions** were delivered with around 40 women attending from the Assyrian-Chaldean Women's Friendship group. A video called "Energy Saving in the Home" was also produced and can be viewed online in Arabic and Assyrian.

Attachment 3

# HUME CITY COUNCIL 2018 ANNUAL UPDATE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2018 – 2022



The revised Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was adopted by Council in March 2018 for the period 2018 – 2022. This annual report summary covers actions delivered during the period from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018.

As a result of community consultation, three themes have been identified in the RAP. These themes are as follows:

### 1. Respect / Inform

Promoting respect and recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through enhanced two-way communication between Council and community.

### 2. Relationships / Access and Participation

Building stronger relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community, to strengthen community connection through shared learning.

### 3. Opportunities / Advocacy

Advocate for and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on Social Justice Issues.



1,461 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in Hume

0.74%

Proportion of total population in Hume

ABS Census data 2016

Hume currently has the fourth largest Indigenous population in Greater Melbourne



### 2017/18 Key Projects:

**Bush Tucker Walk and Talk** held in March 2018 provided an opportunity for 16 Hume Enviro Champion Trainees and their families to gain an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal culture. The program was facilitated by local Aboriginal community members and included a traditional Welcome and Smoking Ceremony followed by bush tucker information walk at "The Nook" Jacksons Creek, Sunbury.



**Possum Skin Drum Workshops** - In consultation with the local Aboriginal community, Council engaged Aboriginal woman, Annette Sax (Yarn Strong Sista) to facilitate a series of cultural workshops, where families involved in the Craigieburn Boorai's Group (Aboriginal Parent Program) could design and create their own possum skin drums.

In the first workshop, the group learnt about the significance of the possum skins in Aboriginal culture and began working on their designs and researching their own stories to display on the possum skins.

Families enthusiastically shared their stories and symbols and the significance of their designs. In the second workshop the designs were etched on to the possum skins with wood burners and ochre was used to colour and complete the skins.

Many of the participants reported that the workshops provided the opportunity to open up further conversations with other family members about their specific cultural identity and as a result felt more connected to their heritage.

### 2017/18 Highlights:

#### 2017 NAIDOC Week and 2018 Reconciliation Week activities included:

- ✓ To celebrate 2017 NAIDOC Week Council hosted an exhibition by **Gunditjmara Aboriginal artist Sharyn Lovett** at Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows from 27 June to 25 July. The exhibition displayed work Sharyn developed as part of her Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts at Kangan Institute Indigenous Education Centre, Broadmeadows.
- ✓ **2017 NAIDOC Week** included a flag raising and lunch held at Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn on 6 July, which was organised by the Aboriginal Partnership Group. Welcome to Country by Kellie Hunter commenced the ceremony and 120 people celebrated NAIDOC week, participating in the many activities offered on the day.
- ✓ An **Elder's and Boorai's Reconciliation Week** event was held on 31 May 2018, where a display of the Elder's artwork was celebrated. Over 50 Boorai's, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elder's and children from the Gowrie Victoria Children's Centre, came together to share some lunch and were involved in creative art activities and games. The children participated in cultural dancing, with some children trying their skills with the didgeridoo.
- ✓ Council supported the annual **Indigenous Education Centre Kangan Institute Ningulabul Reconciliation Morning Tea**. The event was held at the Gunung-Willam-Balluk Learning Centre. The event provided guests with

the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of reconciliation by sharing lunch and listening to stories of inspiration.

- ✓ **Aboriginal Elders Art Exhibition** To celebrate Reconciliation Week 2018, Council worked with the artist Annie Cohen and the Elders on the Move planned activity group to present aboriginal artworks in the Gallery Space at Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows from 25 May to 10 June 2018.

The works depicted the traditional practices of a small group of local Aboriginal artists who meet each week at the Lynda Blundell Community Centre in Dallas. Representing both solo and shared works, the exhibition demonstrates the strength of connection the artists maintain to their culture.

On 31 May, during Reconciliation Week, Council hosted a lunch and tour of the artworks with artists from the group, the Boorai and Beyond Aboriginal child care group, and guests from the Brotherhood of St Lawrence and Victoria Police.





<b>REPORT NO:</b>	GE295
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Proposal to Name Unnamed Reserve in Sunbury the Carmel Edmends Reserve
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Peter Faull, Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support; Matthew Wilton, Governance Support Officer
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Corporate Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC18/439
<b>POLICY:</b>	Place Names Policy
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Aerial Image - Proposed 'Carmel Edmends Reserve'</i></li><li>2. <i>Image of Commemorative Plaque Already Located in Reserve</i></li></ol>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 A proposal has been received to name an unnamed reserve, located at 14 Stewarts Lane Sunbury, the 'Carmel Edmends Reserve', after the late Carmel Edmends. Mrs Edmends was the inaugural Principal of St Anne's Primary School, which is located next to the reserve.
- 1.2 An aerial image of this reserve is provided as Attachment 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council approves progression to the public consultation stage the application to name an unnamed reserve located at 14 Stewarts Lane, Sunbury, the Carmel Edmends Reserve.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

*Geographic Place Names Act 1998*

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Expenditure associated with the naming proposal will include administration costs and signage (if the proposal is approved). This expenditure will be funded from Council's operational budget.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Environmental Sustainability has been considered and the recommendations of this report give no rise to any matters.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

Climate Change adaptation has been considered and the recommendations of this report give no rise to any matters.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The rights protected in The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 were considered and it was determined that no rights are engaged in this naming proposal.

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**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

**External Consultation**

- 8.1 In accordance with the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – Statutory Requirements for Naming Roads, Features and Localities – 2016 (the Naming Rules), and Hume City Council’s Place Names Policy, Council is required to consult with the community when considering applications received under the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998*. The method and extent of consultation is dependent on the significance of the feature to be named.
- 8.2 It is recommended that Council consults with both directly and indirectly affected residents of the community by placing public notices in local papers and on Council’s website, and by writing to the properties that directly border this reserve.
- 8.3 The period of public consultation would be 30 days.
- 8.4 When Council has made a final decision on whether to endorse this naming proposal, the Naming Rules require that it informs the community of its decision, in the same manner in which the proposal was advertised to both directly and indirectly affected community members.

**Internal Consultation**

- 8.5 Internal consultation was undertaken to seek advice from relevant Hume officers and there were no issues raised that would prevent the progression of this naming proposal to the community consultation stage.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

**Background**

- 9.1 Council has received a proposal from Graeme Edmends, husband of the late Carmel Edmends, requesting that Council name the officially unnamed reserve located at 14 Stewarts Lane in Sunbury the ‘Carmel Edmends Reserve’, after his late wife.
- 9.2 Carmel Edmends started teaching at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Sunbury, in January 1972. She opened St Anne’s Primary School as Principal in October 1978, and resigned in 1985 to raise her and Graeme’s son, Ryan, who was born in January 1986. Carmel resumed at St Anne’s School as a teacher in 1989 until leaving for health reasons in 2006. She passed away on 22 January 2007.
- 9.3 Carmel was heavily involved in the Bulla Village Netball Club and Sunbury Ladies Netball Association, and was a scorer and life member of the Bulla Village Cricket Club (which is now the Bulla – Diggers Rest Cricket Club). Carmel was also involved with various youth groups within the Sunbury community and the Parish of Sunbury.
- 9.4 This Council-owned reserve that is proposed to be named is adjoined to St Anne’s Catholic Primary School. A commemorative plaque was placed in the reserve by St Anne’s School, with the support of the Edmends family and Hume City Council, following the passing of Carmel Edmends. An image of this plaque is provided as Attachment 2.

**Assessment against the Guidelines**

- 9.5 An analysis of the naming proposal was conducted by Council officers against the Guidelines.
- 9.6 In particular, Council officers assessed the naming proposal against the following key principles:

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<p><b>Principle (B)</b> <b>Recognising the public interest</b></p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> As the reserve is currently unnamed and the proposal does not affect any boundaries it is not envisaged that the naming of this reserve will negatively affect the local community either now or in the future. Naming the reserve after a locally significant figure will enhance the local community.</p>
<p><b>Principle (C)</b> <b>Linking the name to place</b></p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> Carmel Edmonds was the inaugural Principal of St Anne’s Catholic Primary school in 1978, and continued as Principal until 1985. Mrs Edmonds continued with the school for twenty seven years as a teacher from 1989 to 2006 while also maintaining a connection in the local community of Sunbury with the Church, and the Netball Association. The reserve is adjoined to St Anne’s Primary School, which a commemorative plaque has been placed in recognition of this connection.</p>
<p><b>Principle (D)</b> <b>Ensuring names are not duplicated</b></p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> There are no duplications of this name with any reserves located in the Hume municipality.</p>
<p><b>Principle (E)</b> <b>Names must not be discriminatory</b></p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> The proposed named is not deemed to be discriminatory.</p>
<p><b>Principle (H)</b> <b>Using commemorative names</b></p>	<p><b>Comment:</b> It is proposed to use both a first name and surname to name this reserve, which is a practice accepted by the Office of Geographic Names.</p>

**10. CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council approve the progression of this proposal to the public consultation stage, to seek the community’s views on naming the officially unnamed reserve located at 14 Stewarts Lane, Sunbury, the Carmel Edmonds Reserve.





Location of the Proposed Carmel Edmends Reserve, Sunbury





**Commemorative Plaque in the reserve, commonly known as Stewarts Lane Reserve**







<b>REPORT NO:</b>	GE296
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Brad Mathieson, Senior Governance Officer
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Corporate Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC14/405
<b>POLICY:</b>	-
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
<b>ATTACHMENT:</b>	1. <i>Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation</i>

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 This report requests that Council uses its authority under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) to authorise the nominated Council officer under that Act.
- 1.2 It is further requested that Council signs and seals the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the nominated officer (Attachment 1).

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

- 2.1 THAT under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises Russell Colquhoun to be an authorised officer under that Act.**
- 2.2 THAT Council signs and seals an Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for Russell Colquhoun.**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

- 3.1 *Local Government Act 1989*
- 3.2 *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Nil

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION CONSIDERATIONS:**

Nil

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

The rights protected in the charter were considered and it was determined that no rights were engaged in this report.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Not applicable

**9. DISCUSSION:**

- 9.1 In accordance with section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council may appoint any person other than a Councillor to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of any Act, regulations or local laws which relate to the functions and powers of the Council.

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- 9.2 Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* gives the responsible authority, being Council, the power to authorise an employee in writing to be an authorised officer under that Act.
- 9.3 The common practice at Hume City Council is that the Chief Executive Officer, under his general delegation, appoints authorised officers.
- 9.4 In order to avoid any ambiguity in the authorisation process for the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, it is recommended that under section 147(4) of that Act, Council directly authorises the nominated officer from the Statutory Planning and Building Control Services department to be an authorised officer, and that Council signs and seals the instrument of appointment and authorisation to that effect.
- 9.5 Officers authorised under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* will have powers of entry under section 133 of that Act. Under this power, authorised officers can enter any land at any reasonable time to carry out and enforce this Act, the regulations, a planning scheme, a permit condition, an enforcement order or an agreement under section 173 of the same Act, or, if the officer has a reasonable suspicion, to find out whether any obligation has been or is being contravened.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

Council is requested to use its authority under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to authorise the nominated Council officer under that Act, and to sign and seal an instrument of appointment and authorisation to that effect.

**HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation**

**(Planning and Environment Act 1987 only)**

In this instrument "officer" means -

**Russell Colquhoun**

**By this instrument of appointment and authorisation** Hume City Council -

- 1. under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* - appoints the officer to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the regulations made under that Act; and
- 2. under section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989* authorises the officer generally to institute proceedings for offences against the Acts and regulations described in this instrument.

**It is declared that** this instrument -

- (a) comes into force immediately upon its execution;
- (b) remains in force until varied or revoked.

This instrument is authorised by a resolution of the Hume City Council on 8 October 2018.

**THE COMMON SEAL of HUME CITY COUNCIL**

was hereto affixed on the.....

in the presence of

**COUNCILLOR**.....

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**.....



<b>REPORT NO:</b>	GE297
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Extension to Council's Energy Supply Agreement for Large Sites - Electricity
<b>SOURCE:</b>	Bernadette Thomas, Manager Environment
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
<b>FILE NO:</b>	HCC12/908
<b>POLICY:</b>	-
<b>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:</b>	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil

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**1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 Hume City Council's current contracts to purchase electricity for large Council facilities expires on 30 June 2020. Procurement Australia (PA), acting as the purchasing agent and represents a group of around 60 energy buyers has indicated that councils should take up the offer of a contract extension. The short timeframes for taking up the extension requires a delegation of authority to the CEO to sign the contract documents.

**2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council:**

- 2.1 approves the extension of the Progressive Procurement Contract (PPC) for large electricity sites with Procurement Australia by one year for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**
- 2.2 delegates to the CEO authority to sign Energy Supply Agreements and all other documents associated with the PPC for large electricity sites**
- 2.3 delegates to the CEO the authority to approve any further extensions required under the current contract**

**3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:**

- 3.1 Legislative powers to enter into contracts are contained in *Section 186 of the Local Government Act 1989*
- 3.2 Councils can directly enter into contracts made available by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Procurement and Procurement Australia (PA), without undertaking a public tender or expression of interest process.
- 3.3 The Minister for Local Government granted this approval in 2014 under section 186(5) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The approval was granted on the basis that these contracts are selected following a competitive process and represent best value for money.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 4.1 Based on Procurement Australia's projections the benefit to Hume of the Progressive Procurement Contract will be \$48,000 over the two year period, compared to benchmark wholesale prices.

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**5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

5.1 Council continues to source 10% of its overall electricity consumption for both large and small buildings through accredited GreenPower projects.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:**

6.1 Climate change impacts (hotter weather and more severe weather events) and responses (the need to move away from greenhouse intensive coal-fired power stations) are contributing to the price increases of energy but are not the sole causes.

6.2 Peak demand for electricity particularly during the afternoons of hot summer days, driven by the high use of air-conditioning, is a key driver of the need for additional electricity generation and contributes to high costs. New renewable energy however is now cost effective compared to coal-fired generation.

**7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:**

There are no Charter of Human Rights issues to be considered in regard to this report.

**8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Community consultation is not required for entering into energy contracts.

**9. DISCUSSION:**

9.1 Council currently has a Progressive Procurement Electricity contract for large electricity sites (refer to the resolution in Council Report GE249 on 12 February 2018). Procurement Australia has acted as the procurement agent for this contract which allows for an extension option of two x one year extensions at PA's discretion.

9.2 PA is the purchasing agent under the contract and represents a group of around 60 energy buyers. Having PA act as the procurement agent has ensured that Hume has good access to expert advice and the benefits of group procurement.

9.3 The first term of the contract expires on 30 June 2020. While this is still a couple of years away, PA recommends extending the contract now to 30 June 2021. This will allow Council to take advantage of the expected favourable wholesale spot prices over the next three years.

9.4 To allow a quick turnaround next time around, it is recommended the CEO be delegated the authority to also extend the Contract for the final year should PA recommend this at a later time.

**10. CONCLUSION:**

10.1 Increases in the cost of electricity supply for large sites has impacted on Council's energy budgets over the past few years. Having Procurement Australia acting as procurement agents has ensured that Hume has good access to expert advice and the benefits of group procurement. Due to the short turn-around time required by the industry for the take up of this extension, a delegation of authority to the CEO to sign required documentation is required.