ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 2021

7:00PM

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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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HUME CITY COUNCIL

Notice of an
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
to be held on Tuesday, 9 March 2021
at 7:00PM
to be livestreamed via www.hume.vic.gov.au

To:	a: Council	Cr Joseph Haweil	Mayor
		Cr Jack Medcraft	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Chris Hollow	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Naim Kurt	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		Cr Jim Overend	
		Cr Karen Sherry	
	b: Officers	Ms Roslyn Wai	Acting Chief Executive Officer
		Mr Joel Farrell	Acting Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Community Services
		Mr Michael Sharp	Director Planning and Development
		Mr Peter Waite	Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
		Mr Daryl Whitfort	Director Corporate Services

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

"Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality andacknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, which includes the Gunung Willam Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and to Elders past, present and future."

2. 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 Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City, Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Gurdeep Singh Matharoo, HIN member and Sikh representative from the Sri Guru Singh Saba Gurdawa in Craigieburn.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 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.

5. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

6. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at an informal meeting of Councillors are tabled at the next convenient council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that council meeting.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 In keeping with this requirement, this report provides a summary of matters discussed at the following meetings which were conducted under the auspices of Council:

(a) **Monday 1st February** –Strategy and Policy Briefing Session;

(b) **Monday 15th February** –Strategy and Policy Briefing Session.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council notes the summary of matters discussed at meetings conducted under the auspices of Council, being the Strategy and Policy Briefing Sessions which were held on 1st February 2021 and 15th February 2021.

Summary of matters discussed at a **MEETING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF COUNCIL**
MEETING TITLE: STRATEGY AND POLICY BRIEFING SESSION
Date of Meeting: *Monday 1st February 2021* **Time of Meeting**: 6:30pm
Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting

The ground or grounds for any matter discussed at this meeting which was considered to be confidential is recorded in this meeting summary.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT	
Cr Joseph Haweil (Mayor)	Yes
Cr Jack Medcraft	Yes
Cr Jarrod Bell	Yes
Cr Trevor Dance	Yes
Cr Chris Hollow	Yes
Cr Jodi Jackson	Yes
Cr Naim Kurt	Yes
Cr Sam Misho	Yes
Cr Carly Moore	Yes
Cr Jim Overend	Yes
Cr Karen Sherry	Yes

OFFICERS PRESENT	
Mr Domenic Isola	Yes
Ms Roslyn Wai	Yes
Mr Michael Sharp	Yes
Mr Peter Waite	Yes
Mr Daryl Whitfort	Yes
Ms Megan Kruger	Yes
Mr George Osborne	Yes
Mr David Fricke	Yes
Mr Fadi Srour	Yes
Mr Andrew Johnson	Yes
Ms Cathy Marshall	Yes
Ms Kristen Cherry	Yes
Ms Julie Andrews	Yes

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

Order	Description	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflict of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?	Confidential ground of grounds
Items for Discussion by exception:				
1	KUR088 / TAY039 - The Hume Economy and Economic Recovery			
2	KUR068 – Removal of Crushed Rock along Pascoe Vale Road			
3	POR151 / MOR032 – Hume Clean Taskforce Advisory Committee and Hume Clean Taskforce			
4	Quarterly Rates Report – December 2020			

5	Allocation of Councillor Portfolios			
6	Submission to public consultation on Craigieburn West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP)			
7	Dulap Wilim – Sunbury Shared Community Hub			
8	Stolen Generations Marker			
9	Hume Small Business Grants			
10	Quarterly Update to Councillors on the status of outstanding General Business Items			
12	Councillor Code of Conduct			
Other matters dealt with:				
11	Yirrangan Way presentation			
Items not dealt with:				
	Quarterly Budget Update - December 2020			
	Capital Works Report 2020/21 - December 2020			
	Approved Contracts Report 1 October 2020 – 31 December 2020 and CEO's use of temporary increase in delegation – 21 December 2020 – 1 February 2021			
	Submission to DELWP Planning for Green Wedges and Agricultural Land Discussion Paper			
	Status of General Business Items from 21 December 2020 Council Meeting			
	Update on the trial removal of overdue library fines			
	CEO and Divisional Updates			

Assembly Closed at: 9:53 PM

RECORDED BY:
Daryl Whitfort
Director Corporate Services

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Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting
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COUNCILLORS PRESENT	
Cr Joseph Haweil (Mayor)	
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Jarrod Bell	
Cr Trevor Dance	Left at 7.57pm
Cr Chris Hollow	
Cr Jodi Jackson	
Cr Naim Kurt	
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Carly Moore	
Cr Jim Overend	Apology
Cr Karen Sherry	

OFFICERS PRESENT	
Mr Domenic Isola	
Mr Hector Gaston	
Ms Roslyn Wai	
Mr Michael Sharp	
Mr Peter Waite	
Mr Daryl Whitfort	
Mr Jason Summers	
Ms Kristen Cherry	
Ms Francesa Bennett	
Ms Megan Kruger	
Mr Joel Farrell	
Ms Brooke Watson	
Ms Bernadette Thomas	
Mr Yuri Guzman	
Mr George Osborne	
Mr Peter Hiransi	
Ms Dana Burnett	
Mr Graham Dear	

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

Order	Description	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflict of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?	Confidential ground of grounds
Items for Discussion by exception:				
1	POT273 – Acknowledgement of Hume volunteers involved in the Australian Bushfire Crisis			

2	Councillor Code of Conduct			
3	Council Plan 2017-2021			
4	Local Government Performance Reporting Framework – Six Monthly Report 2020/21			
5	Community Engagement Policy			
6	Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021: Review of the Second Action Plan and Adoption of the Third Action Plan			
7	Hume Sustainability Taskforce New Members and Terms of Reference			
8	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament – December 2020 and January 2021			
9	Live Green Plan 2021-2026			
10	Hume Galleries 2021 Program			
11	Gambling Harm Minimisation Advocacy			
12	StartNorth Update			
13	Community Event Sponsorship 2021/22			
14	Events and Festivals 2021/21 and 2021/22			
15	CEO and Divisional Updates		Cr Dance left Briefing at 7.57 pm and did not return	
16	Request for Review of Street Trees in Craigieburn			
17	Update from Acting CEO on COVID 19 matters			
18	Resignation of CEO and recruitment process and interim CEO arrangements. Officers left at 9.40pm Councillor discussion only			(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their

				personal affairs
Other matters dealt with:				
Items not dealt with:				
Deferred	OVE001 – Arts and Culture Centre in Hume City			

Assembly Closed at: 10.05PM

RECORDED BY:

Gavan O'Keefe
Acting Director Corporate Services

7. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 February 2021 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 22 February 2021, including Confidential Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 February 2021 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 22 February 2021, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

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

Nil

9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM410 NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL RESOLUTION NOM409

I, Cr Trevor Dance, hereby request that pursuant to Clause 30 in Chapter 2 of Council's Governance Rules that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Ordinary Council Meeting:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution of Council made on 22 February 2021, being specifically NOM409:

"1. That Council Proposes to change Section 30 of Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules in regards to Rescission or alteration. The proposed changes would see section 30 of Chapter 2 of the Governance Rules replaced with the following:

30.1 A Councillor may propose a notice of rescission provided:

30.1.1 It is in writing;

30.1.2 It is supported, in writing, by at least three Councillors;

30.1.3 The resolution proposed to be rescinded has not been acted on;

and

30.1.4 The notice of rescission is delivered to the Chief Executive Officer within 24 hours of the resolution having been made setting out

(a) the resolution to be rescinded; and

(b) the meeting and date when the resolution was carried.

30.2 Any Councillor proposing a notice of rescission is required to provide written justification that must include one or more of the following:

30.2.1 The vote did not accurately reflect the opinion held by the meeting due to the misunderstanding of the motion or for some other reasons; or

30.2.2 New information has become available which may affect the decision of Council; or

30.2.3 Some vital information was overlooking in Council forming its decision.

30.3 A resolution will be deemed to have been acted on if:

30.3.1 its contents have or substance has been communicated in writing to a person whose interests are materially affected by it; or

30.3.2 a statutory process has been commenced so as to vest enforceable rights in or obligations on Council or any other person.

30.4 The Chief Executive Officer or an appropriate member of Council staff must defer implementing a resolution which:

30.4.1 has not been acted on; and

30.4.2 is the subject of a notice of rescission which has been delivered to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with sub-Rule 30.1.3, unless deferring implementation of the resolution would have the effect of depriving the resolution of efficacy.

30.5 If Lost

If a motion for rescission is lost, a similar motion may not be put before Council for at least three months from the date it was last lost, unless Council resolves that the notice of motion be re-listed at a future meeting.

30.6 If Not Moved

If a motion for rescission is not moved at the meeting at which it is listed, it lapses and a similar motion may not be put before Council for at least three months from the date it lapsed, unless Council resolves that the notice of motion be re-listed at a future meeting.

30.7 May Be Moved By Any Councillor

A motion for rescission listed on an agenda may be moved by any Councillor present but may not be amended.

30.8 When Not Required

30.8.1 Unless sub-Rule 47.2 applies, a motion for rescission is not required where Council wishes to change policy.

30.8.2 The following standards apply if Council wishes to change policy:

30.8.2.1 if the policy has been in force in its original or amended form for less than 12 months, a notice of rescission must be presented to Council; and

30.8.2.2 any intention to change a Council policy, which may result in a significant impact on any person, should be communicated to those affected and this may include publication and consultation, either formally or informally.

2. In accordance with section 60(4) of the Local Government Act 2020, places the proposed change to the Governance Rules on public exhibition for a period of 14 days from Tuesday 23 February to Tuesday 9 March 2021."

be rescinded.

NOM411 NOTICE OF MOTION - Cr Jarrod Bell

I, Cr Jarrod Bell hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Ordinary Council Meeting:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. **Takes its role of Civic and community leadership of our City in the prevention of violence against women sphere seriously and in doing so:**
2. **Notes the alleged rape of Brittany Higgins in her workplace, that being the Commonwealth Parliament House as revealed on Channel 10's 'The Project';**
3. **Extends its support and solidarity to Brittany Higgins and all other survivors of violence against women, whether it be at home, the workplace, or any other setting.**
4. **Understands that:**
   - **(a) according to a 2018 Australian Human Rights Commission survey 23% of women have experienced some form of sexual assault or harassment at work;**
   - **(b) the same survey found that it is extremely rare for survivors to come forward and even less common for formal complaints to be lodged;**
   - **(c) at least one woman a week in Australia is killed at the hands of a man, usually a current or former partner;**
   - **(d) one in three Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15; and**
   - **(e) one in five women has experienced sexual violence;**
5. **Recognises the importance of providing strong leadership in changing men's behaviour towards women to prevent such behaviour by men;**
6. **Acknowledges the social and economic impact that violence against women has on our communities; and**
7. **Encourages all Hume residents to not wait until International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day) in November or the 16 days of activism in December to be active, engage on this issue and take action;**

8. **Recommits itself to fostering a workplace environment that champions equality, accountability and rejects any and all forms of violence against women;**

9. **Instructs Council officers to prepare a report for a strategy and policy briefing outlining;**

   (a) **Councils' current efforts to ensure that the workplace we provide is safe for all who work, volunteer and visit;**

   (b) **Exploring current and previous advocacy and efforts by Council towards the prevention of domestic and family violence, particularly for violence against women;**

   (c) **Recommends any actions that Council may take to further these advocacy and leadership efforts including the reactivation of Council's White Ribbon Action Team.**

10. **Finally, that we as community leaders, as Councillors commit to never commit, condone, or stay silent about violence against women in all its forms.**

NOM412 NOTICE OF MOTION - Cr Jack Medcraft

I, Cr Jack Medcraft hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Ordinary Council Meeting:

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **Notes that:**
   a) **Hume City has experienced an unprecedented level of illegally dumped waste in public places over the last year and that Council continues to actively identify and prosecute offenders. In the 2019/20 financial year, Council spent $2.8 million combating illegally dumped waste and littering.**

   b) **Council's Litter Enforcement Officers use many methods to enforce legislation relating to illegally dumped waste including the use of a pool of covert surveillance cameras. Covert surveillance technology is rapidly improving so that cameras on the market now are now smaller; take clearer pictures; work in the dark and can send images to a smartphone in real time. Many of Council's cameras are more than 3 years old, so do not have this newest technology.**

   c) **Replacing the Litter Enforcement team's covert surveillance cameras with the latest technology would ensure that Council has the best tools available to combat illegal dumped waste in the City.**

2. **Replaces its Litter Enforcement team's covert surveillance cameras with the latest technology at a cost of up to $40,000 funded from Council's 2020/21 Waste and Resource Recovery Operating Budget.**

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

12. 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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18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act* 2020 to consider the following items:

Report No.	Title	Reason for Confidential
COCC042	**Contract - Boardman Reserve Pavilion Upgrades**	**(g(ii)) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage. The specified grounds apply because the report contains commercial in confidence information.**
COSU180	**Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Road Suction Sweepers as per the Specialised Truck Bodies MAV Contract Arrangement, Contract**	**(g(ii)) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage. The specified grounds apply because the report contains commercial in confidence information.**

19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

DARYL WHITFORT
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3/03/2021

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REPORT NO:	HE121
REPORT TITLE:	Aged and Community Care Policy
SOURCE:	Brooke Watson, Manager Health and Community Wellbeing Samuel Ferrier, Health and Community Wellbeing
DIVISION:	Community Services
FILE NO:	HCC15/190
POLICY:	POL/146
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1 Foster a community which is active and healthy.
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Aged and Community Care Policy - Revised*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Aged and Community Care Policy (POL/146) provides broad frameworks for the management, planning, delivery and evaluation of Council's aged and community care services.

1.2 This policy has been reviewed and updated to provide better alignment with:

1.2.1 current service operational arrangements;

1.2.2 changing service arrangements resulting from progressing national aged and community care reforms; and

1.2.3 National Aged Care Quality Standards and internal Standard Operating Procedures.

1.3 Key changes and revisions to the policy are detailed in section 9 of this report. These changes do not intend to change Council's position on services, nor the current scope or objectives of service delivery.

1.4 The revised policy to be considered for Council adoption is included in Attachment 1 of this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the revised Aged and Community Care Policy (Attachment 2).

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act (2008), Councils have a statutory responsibility to create an environment that supports and strengthens the health and wellbeing of the local community (s24).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 There are no environmental sustainability issues associated with this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 There are no climate change adaptation considerations associated with this report.

REPORT NO: HE121 (cont.)

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 The rights protected in The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 were considered and it was determined that Council has acted compatibly with these rights when undertaking this policy review.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 The revisions made to the Aged and Community Care Policy do not intend to change Council's position on services, the scope of services provided or specific objectives. Changes have focused on ensuring policy consistency with current operational arrangements, changing service requirements, current language and terminology.

8.2 Revisions to this policy are not expected to result in any changes to services or supports received by community members. Therefore, no community consultation was undertaken to inform this review.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Key changes to the policy and the rationale for the changes are summarised in the table below:

Aged and Community Care Policy	
Change made:	Rationale:
Section 3: Definitions and Abbreviations	This section of the policy has been amended to update the definition of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). The amended definition is easier to read and describes the service adequately.
Section 4: Policy Principles	The policy principles have been revised and worded clearly to better reflect the current best practice principles commonly used across aged and community care.
Section 6: Hume City Council Aged and Community Care Service Provision	This section has been revised to reflect the current and up to date services that aged and community care services provide. This includes assessments for Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) services only and Home Modifications.
Section 7: Policy Implementation	This section has been revised to reflect the current human resource management, governance, and evaluation processes within the aged and community care services. Key changes include referencing carers and volunteers in policy implementation and highlighting the new Aged Care Quality Standards.
Section 8: Related Documents	The Related Documents section has been updated to reference relevant and newly developed Council strategies, plans, State and Federal program guidelines and manuals. This includes Aged Care Quality Standards, Commonwealth Home Support Programme Manual 2020 – 2022 and Home Care Package Program Manual 2020.

9.2 A Summary of all tracked changes are included in **Attachment 1 –** ***for S&P Briefing Meeting only***.

REPORT NO: HE121 (cont.)

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 Key revisions have been made to the Aged and Community Care Policy to reflect the changes and enhancements to the current operations, service and funding environments.

REPORT NO: HE121 (cont.)

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AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE POLICY

Policy Reference No.	POL/146
File No.	HCC10/422
Strategic Objective	2.1 Foster a community which is active and healthy.
Adopted by Council	6 December 2010
Re-Adopted	9 March 2021
Date for Review	March 2022
Responsible Officer	Manager Health & Community Wellbeing
Department	Health & Community Wellbeing

AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE POLICY

1 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this Policy is to guide Council in relation to the aged and community care system and the planning, delivery, and evaluation of aged and community care services to Hume residents.

1.2 This Policy describes:
- **1.2.1** Underpinning principles.
- **1.2.2** The aged and community care system within Hume, its influences and drivers.
- **1.2.3** Provision of aged and community care services to Hume residents, and
- **1.2.4** Policy implementation.

2 POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 Council provides aged and community care services to eligible clients who are experiencing difficulties in managing daily living and wish to continue living at home. Aged and community care services delivered by Council complement a range of services and supports offered by other agencies (including Community Service Organisations, Non-Government Organisations and Community Health Services) which contribute to broader community outcomes.

3 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

3.1 **The Aged and Community Care System:** The broader system which supports the planning, delivery and evaluation of services and programs that enable frail older people and people with disabilities to remain living in their home and their community.

3.2 **Hume City Council Aged and Community Care Services:** A range of services provided by Council that aim to support frail older people and people with disabilities to maintain independence, remain living at home, while improving physical, social and emotional wellbeing. These services are funded by the State and Federal Government under three distinct program streams including the:

- **Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP):** Provides support for younger people aged under 65, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged under 50, who require assistance with daily activities. Clients may require assistance due to physical and/or psychological impairment (for which they are ineligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)), chronic illness or short-term health needs.

- **Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP):** Provides entry-level support to assist older people aged 65 years or over, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years or over. Supports are aimed to help people live independently in their homes and communities. CHSP also provides respite services for carers.

- **Home Care Packages (HCP) Program:** Provides support for older people aged 65 years or over, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years or over. This program is designed to support older people with complex care needs, beyond the scope of CHSP services. The coordinated mix of individualised services are aimed to support people to maintain their health, independence and community participation. The level of assistance provided is dependent on the HCP level.

4 POLICY PRINCIPLES

4.1 Principles which underpin and guide this Policy include:

- Respect for all clients;
- A strong focus on addressing health inequities by being responsive to needs of the most vulnerable in the community;
- Establishing trust and rapport with all clients;
- Friendly and non-judgmental service;
- Clients are empowered to make their own choices and decisions with the service;
- Positive ageing for all individuals which includes:
  - Creating opportunities and choices for people.
  - Enabling people to maximise independence and control over their own lives.
  - Enhancing quality of life, and
  - Encouraging continued participation in all aspects of community life.

- An effective health service system which includes:
  - Access to information and culturally appropriate services to maintain wellbeing;
  - Sustainable workforce development to provide services across the continuum of care;
  - Supportive and effective agency partnerships in the delivery of care, and;
  - Advocacy to address the challenges of the changing policy, social, workforce and community contexts in Hume City.

5 AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE SYSTEM WITHIN HUME

5.1 The aged and community care system within Hume is characterized, influenced, and driven by:

- A growing and ageing population.
- Expansion of the municipality's population within Council boundaries.
- High rate of disadvantage and the relationship between increased level of disadvantage and poorer health outcomes.
- Level of people with a disability.
- Increasing prevalence of chronic diseases and complexity of care needs.
- Expectations of people seeking and receiving aged and community care services.
- The policy positions of Federal and State government in relation to the provision and delivery of aged and community care services, and the ability of funding received from these bodies to meet the direct and indirect costs of providing each type of service, and
- The need to support and effectively manage the diverse range of interfaces, relationships, networks, alliances, and partnerships Council has with public, not-for- profit and private service systems.

5.2 Council recognises it is not responsible for the provision and delivery of the entire range of aged and community services to the Hume community. However, it will endeavour to provide leadership and foster innovation within the broader aged and community care system, utilising its organisational resources, comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the local community, experience, expertise, and skills.

5.3 Council's objectives in relation to the aged and community care system within Hume are to:

- Provide aged and community care services designed and configured in ways that respond to the needs and preferences of the community, within the finite resources available.
- Ensure effective management and governance in relation to the planning, delivery and evaluation of all activities related to Council's aged and community care services.
- Engage with policy and funding agencies to advocate for adequate resources to support the provision of aged and community care services that meet community needs and expectations.
- Maintain a current and comprehensive knowledge of the aged and community care system and use this knowledge to support service innovation and demonstrate leadership within the sector.
- Maintain a current and comprehensive knowledge of demographic trends within the municipality to support effective service planning and responsible management of Council's aged and community care resources.
- Seek and utilise feedback from clients of services, their carers and the community including service providers and other agencies, to understand expectations and identify opportunities to improve service provision and delivery.
- Seek and respond to opportunities to consult, collaborate, and partner with other service providers and agencies to enhance and augment aged and community care service access and service options.
- Provide relevant data and information to other agencies and services providers to assist their planning and resource management in relation to aged and community care services, and
- Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of aged and community care services to ensure effective management and support continuous improvement.

6 HUME CITY COUNCIL AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE PROVISION

6.1 Council will provide aged and community care services that:

- Are client centred, focussed on promoting client capacity, wellness and reablement, independence and positive ageing whilst contributing to improved physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of clients, carers and communities.
- Recognise, embrace, and respond to diversity and are accessible and easy to navigate for the wide diversity of clients.
- Are equity based and assessed on client-centred needs and individual circumstances. Services are only provided to people within the eligible group, subject to assessment and in accordance with program rules. Eligibility does not confer entitlement to service provision.
- Facilitate and support efficient transition of clients into other aged and community care services within the municipality, where required, with particular attention to supporting continuity of care.
- Effectively utilise the expertise, knowledge and skills of staff who deliver aged and community care services.

6.2 Council provides the following service types:

- Assessment for HACC PYP services only
- Care coordination
- Case management
- Community transport
- Delivered and centre-based meals
- Home care
- Home maintenance
- Home modifications
- Personal care
- Policy and planning
- Respite care, and
- Social recreation programs.

7 POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 Service Planning

7.1.1 Regular and ongoing aged and community care service planning will be undertaken to ensure Council has a current and comprehensive knowledge of:

- The Hume municipality which includes:
  - Demographics
  - Population growth and projected growth
  - Spread of the population within Council boundaries
  - The cultural mix and changing diversity of the community
  - Prevalence of chronic diseases, disability, and carers within our municipality, and
  - Numbers and demographic of people within the municipality who are socio-economically disadvantaged.
- Service utilisation and projected demand in relation to aged and community care services.
- Community expectations of aged and community care service offering and provision.
- Current and future plans of other service providers and agencies, including other Local Government Authorities.
- Service innovations in the aged and community care environment, and

- Federal, State and Local government policy context and funding in relation to aged and community care.

7.1.2 Council will evaluate the aged and community care service planning process to determine the effectiveness of the research methodology and approach and to inform changes to future service planning processes.

7.2 Service Options and Provision

7.2.1 The range of aged and community care services provided by Council will be reviewed and evaluated regularly as part of the service planning process to determine how effectively the range and provision of services are meeting the needs of the community and making best use of finite resources.

7.2.2 A formal business case, including service demand, establishment and operational budgets will be prepared for all proposals for new and/or alternative service options.

7.2.3 Opportunities to collaborate and/or partner with other agencies to develop service options not currently available will be actively sought.

7.3 Service Innovation

7.3.1 Council will actively explore and investigate opportunities for service innovation within the aged and community care system. Opportunities for innovation may be initiated and driven internally or may be part of alliances, collaborations or partnerships with other agencies or services providers

7.4 Advocacy

7.4.1 Council will utilise its knowledge and breadth of expertise and resources to advocate on behalf of its community and, where agreed, other agencies and services providers external to Council. Advocacy activities may include, but not be limited to:

- Seeking additional funds and resources
- Seeking access to programs
- Service innovation and service development
- Contributing to government policy review and/or development, and
- Advocating on behalf of community groups agencies and / or other service providers.

AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE POLICY

7.5 Financial Management

7.5.1 Council receives funding for aged and community care services from Federal and State governments. Council acknowledges funds received may not cover the full cost of providing and delivering each type of aged and community care service provided by Council. Council will ensure effective and responsible financial management in relation to the provision and delivery of aged and community care services by quantifying the fully reflective cost (direct and indirect) of providing each aged and community care service.

7.5.2 Cost considerations may include but not be limited to:

- Indirect client hours
- Staff induction
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staff supervision, training and support
- Meetings to support service provision
- Consumables
- Client administration
- Physical infrastructure
- Case conferencing, and
- Unplanned leave.

7.5. 3 Undertaking a comprehensive costing exercise for any aged and community care service provided, or is proposed Council may provide, will ensure Council has a complete understanding of the financial and human resource implications of service provision and the extent to which government funding does not cover the cost of services. This information will allow Council to make informed decisions regarding service provision and internal funding requirements of existing and proposed aged and community care services.

7.6 Human Resources Management

7.6.1 Council will engage a workforce suitably qualified and skilled to deliver safe and appropriate aged and community care services.

7.6.2 All staff will have a current and detailed position description.

7.6.3 Council will support the workforce to access targeted education and training opportunities to ensure services are respectful, safe and appropriate for frail older people, people with disabilities, people from diverse backgrounds and carers within the municipality.

7.7 Collaboration and Partnering

7.7.1 Council will seek to collaborate and partner with other service providers and agencies where there are opportunities to enhance services or ensure they are more responsive to community needs.

7.8 Governance and Management

7.8.1 Council will implement mechanisms to support robust governance and effective management of aged and community care services. This will include:

- Reporting and accountability systems;
- Procedures and guidelines to support safe and appropriate practice in relation to provision and delivery of aged and community care services;
- Information management and record keeping that is accurate, timely and secure;
- Utilisation of outcomes focused indicators to monitor activity, achievements, and performance, and;
- Responsive feedback systems for consumers of aged and community care services, staff, agencies and other services providers.

7.9 Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

7.9.1 To inform Council planning and budgeting, Council will monitor and evaluate the provision and delivery of aged and community care services using agreed outcomes and performance indicators as benchmarks which include, but may not be limited to:

- Activity targets
- Client feedback and satisfaction
- Adverse events
- Budget performance
- Workforce engagement
- Occupational Health and Safety outcomes
- Feedback from other service providers and agencies
- Satisfactory achievement of accreditation processes, and
- Aged Care Quality Standards

7.9.2 A range of strategies will be employed to assess Council's performance against agreed outcomes, targets, and performance indicators. Ongoing monitoring of performance will be undertaken and reported on an annual basis. Implementation of continuous improvement strategies and initiatives will be actioned where required.

AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE POLICY

7.10 Communication of this Policy

7.10.1 This policy will be communicated to all staff within Aged and Disability Services at orientation and following changes to the policy.

7.10.2 Interested parties / agencies / partners can access this policy through the Council website or by directly contacting Aged and Disability Services.

7.11 Policy Review

7.11.1 This policy will be reviewed six months following initial ratification and every two years thereafter, or as required.

8 RELATED DOCUMENTS

8.1 Aged and Disability Services Operational Guidelines
8.2 Hume Positive Ageing Strategy 2014-2024
8.3 Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021
8.4 Home Care Common Standards
8.5 Hume City Council Social Justice Charter
8.6 Aged Care Quality Standards
8.7 Commonwealth Home Support Programme Manual 2020 – 2022
8.8 Home Care Package Program Manual 2020

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REPORT NO:	CC126
REPORT TITLE:	Social Justice Charter Annual Report
SOURCE:	Julie Andrews, Community Capacity Building Coordinator
DIVISION:	Community Services
FILE NO:	HCC07/47
POLICY:	Social Justice Charter 2014
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.1 Foster socially connected and supported communities.
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2020*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 This report provides an annual update (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020) of the progress, achievements, and outcomes of Council's three Social Justice Charter Action Plans:

1.1.1 Safe in Hume Plan (Previously the Community Safety Action Plan);

1.1.2 The Multicultural Framework; and

1.1.3 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

1.2 This report also advises Council of the proposed process to review Council's Social Justice Charter.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 notes the Social Justice Charter Annual Report 2020, highlighting 2019/20 actions and achievements.

2.2 notes the review of the Social Justice Charter (2014), scheduled for completion in late 2021.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 The *Local Government Act (2020)* identifies that "priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations".

3.2 Furthermore, "services should be provided in an equitable manner and responsive to the diverse needs of the municipal community".

3.3 Hume City Council's Social Justice Charter 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:

4.1 There are no additional financial implications of this report.

4.1.1 All activities undertaken to implement Social Justice Charter actions in 2019/20 were funded through existing operational budgets and / or successful grant applications.

4.1.2 The review of the Social Justice Charter will be funded through staff time and existing operational budget allocations.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 There are no environmental sustainability considerations arising from this report.

5.2 The review of the Social Justice Charter will ensure environmental sustainability is considered in all project stages.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 The Social Justice Charter Action Plans, developed within the Social Justice framework, ensures that Council delivers services and activities that aim to redress disadvantage and increase participation in community life. It is well documented that communities that are more engaged, connected, and resilient in general are also more resilient to climate change impacts.

6.2 Activities outlined in the Social Justice Charter Action Plans and Frameworks 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:

7.1 The Social Justice Charter provides a framework for the organisation to ensure the human rights of the Hume community are upheld. This framework meets the obligations of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act Vic (2006*) and strengthens the City's commitment to Social Justice by providing a policy platform from which Council can deliberatively work to address and reduce disadvantage.

7.2 The Social Justice Charter Action Plans (Safe in Hume Plan, Multicultural Framework, and the Reconciliation Action Plan) demonstrate how Council's commitment to the application of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act Vic (2006*) is put into action.

7.3 Human Rights that have been taken into consideration in the design and delivery of the Social Justice Charter Action Plans include:

7.3.1 The right to recognition and equality before the law (section 8);

7.3.2 The right to freedom of movement (section 12);

7.3.3 The right to privacy and reputation (section 13);

7.3.4 The right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief (section 14);

7.3.5 The right to freedom of expression (section 15);

7.3.6 The right to protection of families and children (section 17);

7.3.7 The right to take part in public life (section 18);

7.3.8 Cultural rights, including Aboriginal cultural rights (section 19); and

7.3.9 The right to liberty and security of person (section 21).

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 Safe in Hume Plan (Community Safety Action Plan). The Hume Community Safety Advisory Committee 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.

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8.2 The Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) play an advisory role to inform Council about needs and issues in the sector, as well as guide Council regarding the implementation of the Multicultural Framework. The MAG is attended by:

- Victoria Police;
- Migrant Resource Centre North West;
- Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre;
- AMES Australia;
- BSL Craigieburn;
- Family Relationship Centre;
- School based Community Hubs Officer;
- Neighbourhood House Network;
- Hume Interfaith Network;
- Fire Service Australia (formerly MFB);
- Department of Home Affairs;
- Department of Social Services;
- VicSEG;
- DPV Health;
- Sunbury Community Health Centre;
- Foundation House;
- Banksia Gardens Community Services;
- Uniting Care;
- Arabic Welfare; and
- Centre for Multicultural Youth.

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8.3 The RAP Working Group (RAPWG) provides an avenue for community led oversight and implementation of RAP actions. During the past 12 months the RAPWG has attracted 2 new community members through an expression of interest / selection process. The RAPWG reviewed the RAP and contributed to the development of the RAP Implementation Plan 2020 -2022.

8.4 As a 'living' document the 2021 Social Justice Charter review will be informed by internal and external stakeholder feedback. This will commence as part of the Council Plan and Community Plan consultation (February – March 2021).

8.5 The review will be further informed through a range of community forums scheduled to commence in March 2021 as part of Harmony Week.

8.6 Feedback from all community engagement activities will shape the updated Charter, which will be presented to Council for consideration in late 2021.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Community Safety Action Plan 2015 – 2019

9.1.1 This is the final year of implementation; the report highlights the achievements of the Community Safety Action Plan and informed the process to develop the Safe in Hume Plan (2020 – 2022). Highlights and outcomes of the final year of plan are provided in the Community Safety Action Plan 2020 Annual Update (**Attachment 1**).

9.2 Multicultural Framework 2019

9.2.1 In its first year of implementation, key outcomes have been achieved working together with various services in partnership.

9.2.2 Highlights achieved are included in the Multicultural Framework 2019 Annual Update (**Attachment 2**).

9.3 Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2022

9.3.1 In its second year of implementation, outcomes have been guided and reviewed by the RAPWG. the review of progressed actions and outcomes lead to the

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development of the RAP implementation plan (adopted by Council September 2020).

9.3.2 Highlights achieved are included in the Reconciliation Action Plan 2020 Annual Update (**Attachment 3**).

9.4 The above outcomes highlight Council's continued commitment to Social Justice, which was established with the adoption the first Charter in 2001. The Social Justice Charter is a living document and has been regularly reviewed since its inception. The most recent review of the Charter was completed in 2014.

9.5 Social Justice Charter Review

9.5.1 To ensure the Social Justice Charter continues to meet community need and advance the human rights of the Hume community, a review of the 2014 Charter has commenced.

9.5.2 In addition to the community engagement and consultation scheduled, this review will include a desktop review of current research and policy related to human rights and social justice in the context of local government. The insights collected through these processes will inform the review and provide the basis to update the Charter and the Citizens Bill of Rights.

9.5.3 The revised Social Justice Charter will be presented to Council for consideration in late 2021.

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 Hume City Council remains committed to the principles of Social Justice, which recognises that every citizen is free and equal in dignity and in rights, and is entitled to aspire to the quality of life that allows them to freely realise their potential.

10.2 The principles of Social Justice have underpinned the development and implementation of the Community Safety Action Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan and Multicultural Framework. Significant activities were undertaken in implementing the Social Justice Charter Action Plans in 2019-2020.

10.3 Council Officers will continue to work in partnership with service providers and the Hume community to advance social justice outcomes in Hume City.

10.4 The Social Justice Charter review will build on Council's long-standing commitment to promoting a fair and just society that addresses the social, cultural, and economic inequalities.

10.5 The revised charter will renew Council's commitment to advancing social justice to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Attachment 1

HUME CITY COUNCIL 2020 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. Implementation of the CSAP has continued while a review was undertaken, and a new community safety plan was developed. The new Safe in Hume Plan 2020-2022 will be implemented from late August 2020.

The six Key Strategic Directions for community safety were informed by community consultation and have been identified in the CSAP:

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

2019/20 Key Projects:

Community Safety Engagement

An online Community Safety Survey and three stakeholder workshops were undertaken for the development of the Safe in Hume Plan, to inform the way Council addresses community safety issues between 2020-2022. The Plan was also informed by extensive research undertaken for the Hume Community Safety Profile 2019.

Community Safety Month

Community groups, organisations and departments from across Council ran a variety of events during Community Safety Month to spread community safety messages throughout Hume. Some of the external participants included Attwood House Community Centre, Dallas Neighbourhood House and Roxburgh Village Shopping Centre.

Hume City Council was successfully re-designated as an **International Safe Community** in December 2019. To receive this accreditation, Council was required to submit a report demonstrating how it meets seven key indicators in addressing community safety. Hume City Council is the fourth longest serving member of the International Safe Communities Network, and the longest serving member outside Sweden where the network was founded in 1989.

2019/20 Key Projects: *Continued*

Transport safety

Promote safe driver behaviour actions

✓ The **TAC L2P Learner Driver 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 2019/20 period:

- 5 program learners obtained their probationary licence.
- 121 active learners have participated.
- 1,452 hours of supervised driving was provided by volunteer mentors.
- Council was successful in receiving funding from VicRoads to deliver the TAC L2P program for 2020-2021.

✓ The **Fit2Drive** workshop (F2D) is a half-day session conducted in schools with all students at Year 11 level. Each year nearly all Hume secondary schools are involved. The F2D workshop supports students to make good decisions when faced with risky driving situations, both passengers, and in future driving practice. F2D focuses on changing attitudes and behaviours - not driving skills.

In the 2019/20 period:

- 11 Hume secondary schools participated in the program
- with 2,671 students receiving the information.

✓ A successful **Operation Bounce Back initiative** was implemented in the months of December 2019 and January 2020 to coincide with Term Four School Holidays, Christmas and New Year period. The project focused on a targeted campaign to provide information and education to the Hume community on how to reduce opportunities for theft of and theft from motor vehicles. A thirty second advertisement aired 2,860 times across the three main cinemas in Hume (Broadmeadows Hoyts Cinema, Craigieburn United Cinema and Sunbury Reading Cinema), seen by approximately 89,000 patrons. This was accompanied by a sponsored Facebook promotion.

✓ Local Laws ran **Safety at school crossings** with preschool children at Aitken Hill and Newbury Community Centres in October 2019. Staff talked to the children about the importance of being aware and alert around pedestrian crossings and practiced crossing the road safely.

✓ **Child Restraint Checking Days** delivered at Newbury Child and Community Centre and Broadmeadows Community Hub.

✓ **The Wiser Driver road safety program** was delivered to 78 people at the Sunbury Football Social Club in February 2019 as part of the VicRoads Road Safety Grant program.

Family Violence and Women's Safety

Initiatives that reduce and raise awareness of family violence have included:

✓ A representative from the **Family Violence Unit** at Victoria Police met with members of the community to provide information and support on dealing with threatening situations. The sessions took place at Broadmeadows Community Hub and Homestead Community and Learning Centre.

✓ Women's Health in the North delivered **Active Bystander Training** to community leaders and Council staff.

✓ The **Week Without Violence** was celebrated at community centres, marking the 20th Anniversary of the campaign.

- People from 15 community groups, as well as Council staff participated in the **One Million Stars Project** by making a paper star and hanging it on the tree created especially by Hume Men's Sheds.
- The campaign was also celebrated through the **Clothesline Project** where community members drew pictures and wrote messages on t-shirts that were then worn or displayed in centre foyers.

✓ **DVRCV Wallet Cards** were delivered to eight local shopping centres across Hume City during the coronavirus pandemic.

✓ Berry Street attends supported playgroups every term to raise awareness of their services to **support healthy relationships** and provide referrals where needed. Last year 180 families were connected with Berry Street as a result of this partnership.

2019/20 Key Projects: *Continued*

Safety in the Public Realm

Initiatives that improve safety the public realm have included:

- ✓ Ongoing operation and regular audits of the **Sunbury Town Centre CCTV** system.
- ✓ Assessments on the **community safety (CPTED Audits) of public places** across Hume were undertaken including the Broadmeadows Train Station underpass.
- ✓ Quarterly meetings of the **Hume Community Safety Advisory Committee** to discuss broad and place-based responses to community safety issues. Members include representatives from Council, Victoria Police, local shopping centres and community organisations.

- ✓ Hume City Council has adopted a **Housing Diversity Strategy** to both fulfil the community aspirations to age in place and direct new housing development to accessible locations, notably around train stations and activity centres. This will inform future changes to the planning scheme amendment and be supported by new guidance for good housing design.
- ✓ Hume City Council are engaging with Hume Valley School to provide **work experience** for their VCAL students, working towards Council's aspiration to deliver 'a well-educated and employed community' and improve access and opportunity for students to engage with the community and work.

  Hume Valley School caters for the needs of students with mild intellectual disabilities. The VCAL students of Hume Valley School, attend the Broadmeadows Hume Central Senior Secondary Campus, accommodating year 11 and 12 students aged 17 to 18.

  During the 2019/2020 financial year had 6 students completed work experience at the Library – Broadmeadows and with Venues and Functions at the Hume Global Learning Centre - Broadmeadows.

83.8%

Four out of five residents (83.8%) indicated that they felt 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking alone in their local area during the day.

Safety in the Home

Initiatives that improve safety in and around the home have included:

- ✓ **Community Safety and Emergency Management Day** was held on 29 October 2019 at Broadmeadows Community Hub. The event was attended by approximately 250 people, and involved exhibitions from MFB, SES Victoria and Ambulance services and many other community safety agencies.
- ✓ Youth Services delivered **Cyber Safety Information** sessions for parents to create a safer online environment for young people.
- ✓ A **Safe Handling of Tools workshop** was held at the Tullamarine Men's Shed on 30 October 2019, to show members how to safely inspect a work area and use equipment safely.
- ✓ The Hume-wide **'Dads of Hume'** group was established in Hume City during the coronavirus pandemic. Dads of Hume is operating as an online group, ran by fathers who establish a safe, enjoyable and fun peer to peer learning environment for new and expecting fathers or father figures. The group of 185 members (and growing) will continue to meet regularly through video calls until it is safe to meet up in person.
- ✓ 1,350 families attended events to celebrate **Universal Children's Day** and **National Playgroups Day**. These events provided access to a wide range of community organisations including family support, multicultural and early learning services. 26 families also had their cars safety checked and fitted for car seats to ensure their children are properly restrained and kept safe.

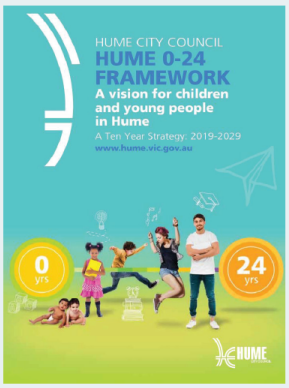
- ✓ A revised **Snake Catcher Program** was implemented in 2019/20 (October to April) in accordance with Council's resolution to continue the service under a new delivery model. Council received 56 requests for the service on both private and public land. From that, 18 call outs were conducted, and six snakes were relocated from private residence and one from a nature strip.

2019/20 Key Projects: *Continued*

Safety in the Home

Initiatives that improve safety in and around the home have included:

✓ Over 1,300 children, young people and families and 30 community organisations were consulted in the development of the **Hume 0 – 24 Framework 2019 - 2029**. The Framework is the community's vision for the future of children and young people in Hume City. This ten-year strategic vision was launched in September 2019 and will continue to guide Council's work to create a good life for children and young people.



✓ During **eSmart Week** in September 2019 there were several cyber safety initiatives facilitated at different Hume Libraries branches. Participants completed a cyber safety quiz and were told about how to be safe when online. There were also displays of posters and brochures and a collection of books about cyber safety and technology. eSmart Week is an annual event which focuses on activities that use technology, mainly iPads.

The statistics for eSmart activities are as follows:

19 attendees
Science Lab
Broadmeadows Library

29 attendees
Coding
Broadmeadows Library

39 attendees
Minecraft
Broadmeadows & Sunbury Libraries

11 attendees
Explore with OSMO
Craigieburn Library

17 attendees
Lego Robotics
Craigieburn Library

14 attendees
Home School Meetup
Sunbury Library

48 attendees
Homework club
Broadmeadows & Craigieburn Libraries

Attachment 2

HUME CITY COUNCIL 2020 ANNUAL UPDATE MULTICULTURAL FRAMEWORK 2019

Through the Multicultural Framework, Council will continue to take a leadership role in how cultural diversity is celebrated in all aspects of life in Hume City. This summary report presents some of the highlights and achievements of the Multicultural Framework and covers the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Four Framework Goals outlined in the document will guide Council to deliver stronger outcomes for Hume's multicultural community.

The four framework goals are:

1. A harmonious community
Council will provide leadership in actively supporting and promoting social cohesion and relationship building among its community.

2. An informed organisation
Council will ensure that its programs and activities are informed by relevant data, and that it applies a cultural lens to its work to deliver the best practice for the whole community.

3. A culturally responsive organisation
Council will listen to culturally diverse communities and develop approaches that are responsive to changing community needs and norms.

4. An accessible organisation
Council will develop and deliver local government services that are easily accessed by the whole of the Hume community.

Hume residents come from

156 Countries

Hume residents speak

153 Languages

44.8%
Hume residents speak a language other than English

Permanent Settlers 2018

4.7%
Proportion of all Melbourne Metro permanent settlers residing in Hume in 2018

24.7%
Proportion of all Melbourne Metro Humanitarian settlers residing in Hume in 2018

Australian Government, Department of Social Services Settlement Database

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2019/20 Key Projects:

On the 18 October 2019 Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) held a **Refugee Welcome BBQ**. This free community event held in Civic Square, Broadmeadows, attracted around 70 people including families and local community members to demonstrate Hume's support for refugees. Speakers included a person with a refugee background and Bwe Thay representing the Refugee Council of Victoria. There were stalls from HIN Youth, Welcoming Cities and Back Your Neighbour. The Lions Club of Glenroy supported the event by cooking a halal BBQ for attendees, with sausages donated by Craigieburn Quality Halal Meats. Performances including the EKOL School of Arts, The Assyrian Folkloric Dancers, Choir for Humanity and Hmong Australia Society of Victoria. Children's activities were provided by the Bilingual Engagement Officer from Hume Libraries.

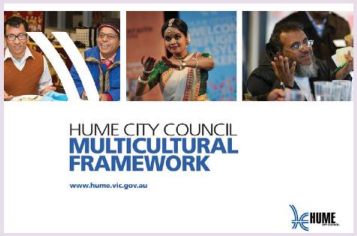
Young people from diverse cultural and faith backgrounds gathered in Craigieburn on Saturday 16 November 2019 to take part in the **HIN Youth Leadership Forum**. They heard from inspiring Youth Leaders from the Centre for Multicultural Youth (panel pictured below right) about overcoming adversity, as well as meeting and connecting with other young people for shared understanding.

Since the **Multicultural Framework** was adopted by Council in June 2019, the Community Development team have been delivering workshops with teams across the organisation to support them to apply the Framework practices in their work. These include:

- Health and Community Wellbeing
- Customer Service
- Family, Youth and Children's Services
- Human Resources
- Communications and Events
- Organisational Performance and Engagement
- Leisure Centres and Sport
- Sustainable Environment

A Lunchbox Session was held in December 2019 which was attended by staff from a broad range of departments, and featured a guest MC, Abdi Aden and a speaker from the Centre for Multicultural Youth who had lived refugee and migrant experiences.

The **Multicultural Framework** is on HQ as a shared site with links to an audio recording of the Lunchbox Presentation as well as links to resources such as working with interpreters.



2019/20 Highlights:

- Hume Interfaith Network members contributed to a video produced as part of the **"Hume together"** online series promoting harmony and sharing positive sentiments during the early stages of the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

- On the 16 June 2020 Hume hosted a **Energy Saving in the Home webinar**. This workshop brought together the experience and support of Uniting, Jemena and Hume City Council to help community members work towards reducing electricity and gas bills. Simple, step by step instructions were provided on how to get more information on the free programs and services offered that may assist in helping save energy and money. It included advice on interpreter services available for those in the community whose first language spoken at home is not English.

- On the 19 September 2019, **Talking Faith**, a meetup style event which created a safe space for people from different faiths or no faith, to ask questions and provide an opportunity for interfaith learning and understanding. Attended by over twenty people including Sunbury local residents from different faiths, HIN members, HIN Youth members and Council staff.

  This inter generational event featured tables with representatives of different faith traditions including Buddhist (Sri Lankan) and Buddhist (Tibetan), Hindu, Muslim, Quaker and Sikh.

- **Community Greening program** commenced as planned in 2019 with more than 5,000 seedlings planted by 323 community participants from a variety of faith and cultural groups in several conservation reserves.

- Commemorated on 21 February 2020 to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. Hume City Council recognised **Mother Language Day** with an event partnering with Hume Libraries. Staff from the Bilingual Storytime program shared stories and songs in their mother language, and families also enjoyed a performance by the Assyrian Folkloric dancers and delicious food. Council's Community Development Officer, Tahseen Qadar, shared the history of the day from his home country of Bangladesh.

2019/20 Highlights:

- **Refugee Week 2020** - This year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions there was a week-long series of online events organised internally by Council from Libraries, Families Youth and Children, Sustainable Environment and Community Strengthening Departments. These included performances from local artists, a storytelling workshop, Refugee themed story time sessions, a speaker with lived experience of seeking asylum and the launch of a community cookbook. The theme for 2020 was "The year of Welcome".

  Hume Libraries Facebook page hosted **two multilingual storytimes**:

  - Trilingual Storytime 1.3 k views
  - Arabic bilingual Storytime 1.2k views

  During Refugee and Asylum Seeker Week library staff created **special storytimes** focussing on picture books reflecting welcome, journeys, and acceptance. Staff from Broadmeadows Library shared a picture book for older readers and told their personal stories of seeking refuge and finding welcome.

- The **Hume Hubs Cook Book** was produced for Refugee Week, containing a collection of family recipes that have been shared by women in the Hubs. The recipes were collected during the COVID-19 pandemic by the Hub Leaders and their facilitators, who were using the recipes to continue to strengthen connections, relationships and learnings. The cookbook contains recipes from over 13 different ethnic groups represented in the Hubs.

- While in COVID-19 restrictions, the **Hume Community Hubs have continued to engage families** and supported schools working remotely. Some highlights have been: 202 English Classes, 133 Playgroups Sessions, 67 training classes, 42 Womens Engagement Sessions and 10 Mens Sessions. The Hubs have also provided 818 Activity packs and 637 Food Packs for Hub participants.

- The Hume Community Hubs produced a **welcome video** in over 10 different languages. As many of the Hub Leaders speak languages other than English they were able to say hello in their home language. The video was uploaded to the Council website for Refugee Week.

On 19 September 2019 a **Bring Your Bills Day** was held at the Dallas Neighbourhood House with strong participation from Arabic speaking residents, and interpretation assistance provided by Hume library services. 40 community members vulnerable to bill stress were supported to find the best billing options to achieve energy and water cost savings, access to dispute resolution, ask questions of retailers and learn new ways to save water and energy around the home.

Diwali the festival of lights is one of the most celebrated Hindu festivals of India and people celebrate the great happiness and joy this festival brings. Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness. Newbury celebrated this by hosting a Pop-Up Diwali event on Tuesday 22nd October in the café area. We had over 60 people enjoying the music, dance, food and festivity of this event. The highlight was the celebrations of the Assyrian/Iraq young women dancing together hand in hand with the Indian community. Lots of smiles and laughter echoed through the centre along with clapping to the music by the older members of the community.

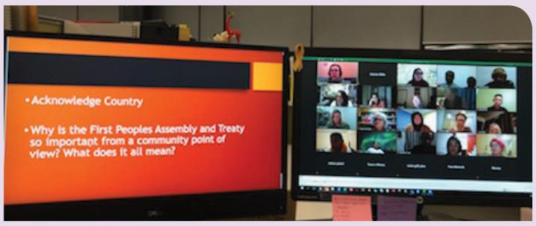
During 2019/20, an additional 19 new organisations and diverse cultural community groups registered with the **Hume Volunteer Gateway (HVG) program**. As a result, HVG at the time of this report has 110 active organisations and community groups seeking volunteers to support their work. The ongoing demand highlights the vital role of the HVG in responding to the needs of the community and connecting individuals to the many different volunteering opportunities. HVG continues community outreach activities such as participating in events and expos such as the La Trobe Career Ready Volunteering Expo, Assyrian Parenting program group, Council festivals and two Pop-up volunteering information sessions as part of the Library after dark program.

As part of **National Volunteers Week 2020** approximately 25 participants attended the 'Governing a Community Organisation' live webinar hosted by Justice Connect lawyers.

From 1 July to 31 October 2019, 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 nine Tax Help volunteers helping more than 551 residents to access free advice and assistance in lodging their tax returns. More than 640 calls were received during this period. As some of the Volunteers of the Tax Help program speak additional languages this also helps cater to the diverse needs of the Hume community.

Council's **internal volunteer program** continues to encourage active participation in the community, with more than 350 volunteers from diverse backgrounds helping various departments to deliver a range of programs and services within Hume such as Net.help, english conversation, deliver meals and provide tourism information.

The **Hume Community Change Makers Program** was a six week program that aimed to build the capacity of community members to develop community led initiatives, and to increase participation in community life. With the impact of COVID-19 being experienced across the Hume community, the importance of continuing with the program amidst the pandemic was recognised. To address this, Officers pivoted the program to an online format with 24 diverse community members participating each week. The adaption of the program to an online delivery model was well received and increased accessibility.



Delivery of a two year performing arts program, **Hume Studios**, from mid-2018 to late 2019. The project responded to a need for more opportunities to participate in performing arts in Hume City, evidenced by an increasing interest in music, dance, and spoken word, particularly among young people. A total of 61 young people registered for the program many of whom experienced one of fourteen taster sessions run by Outer Urban Projects that were held in locations where a large number of young people were present. Registered participants over the life of the program identified with 29 diverse cultures.

- The annual **Passport to Work program** has been running successfully at Council for several years, working towards our aspiration to deliver 'a well-educated and employed community'.

  The program allocates a Hume City Council staff member to mentor a Hume City community member (protégé) to develop job ready skills and assist them into employment.

  Although some Hume residents experience disadvantage or hardship, programs like Passport to Work provide the protégés opportunities to discover and experience a range of options available to them, learn to self-motivate, engage further with the community, and to reach their fullest potential.

  The 2019 program included 21 mentors (12 from Hume City Council) and 20 protégés from diverse backgrounds including:

  - Ages ranging from 20s – 50s.
  - Predominantly Assyrian background (3 Refugees), as well as Croatian, Scottish, Irish, Greek, Indian, Serbian, Sri Lankan, Ugandan and English.
  - Predominantly unemployed between 2 – 10 years. The program was a great success, with 12 protégés employed, 1 pursuing further education, 1 self-employed and many 'pending employment' at completion of the program.
  - Our mentors played a key role in supporting their protégés either into employment or in to a better position to secure employment.

  Another program is scheduled for 2020.

- The **Hume Together** campaign was launched during the COVID-19 restrictions to engage with our diverse community which saw collaboration between the Communications, Engagement & Advocacy and Community Strengthening teams to produce the **HIN Message of Support video** and formatting online content for a week of **Refugee Week events** that were promoted through Council's social networks.

- In response to the impacts COVID-19 has had on the Hume Community, Council launched a **$450,000 Community Grants package** on 15 April 2020 to support diverse community groups and organisations to adapt and support their community during the pandemic. Included in this was a Technology Access and Support grant for individuals, designed to help people access education, community connections or employment while restrictions are in place. The Technology access grant has had a particularly strong response, with over 500 applications received in this category alone. A further **$250,000 Community Support Fund** was distributed amongst 14 community welfare providers to provide food and essential items to Hume residents in need.

Attachment 3

HUME CITY COUNCIL 2020 ANNUAL UPDATE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2018 – 2022

The 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 2019 – 30 June 2020.

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.

6.1%

Melbourne's Indigenous population living in Hume

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

HUME CITY COUNCIL

2019/20 Key Projects:

Hume's **Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG)** is an advisory group consisting of representatives of Hume's First Nations community to guide the ongoing implementation and progress of the RAP. The RAPWG formed in June 2019 and 13 meetings were subsequently held in 2019/20.

This included two meetings focussed solely on the RAP Implementation plan and one focussed on the feasibility of a gathering place.

- An EOI process to attract new community members was conducted in early 2020 and Council has added two additional members which brings the total of the group to six.
- Meetings were held face-to-face and were successfully transitioned in March 2020 to be delivered online due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The RAPWG has been successful in guiding Council's work practises and has increased community capacity in engaging with Council decision making processes.
- The RAPWG has been involved in the development of the draft RAP Implementation Plan 2020-2022, and the revised Recognition Policy with both to be finalised in 2020/21.

Hume City Council worked in partnership with Moreland City Council to host two **Treaty Conversations** in Brunswick on the 15th August and Broadmeadows on the 22nd August 2019. Council were supported by a grant from Reconciliation Victoria. The Broadmeadows event was facilitated by Charles Pakana from 3KND Radio and the panel members included:

- Aislinn Martin, Board Member of Reconciliation Victoria
- Marcus Stewart, CEO of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations
- Tracey Evans, RAPWG Member and candidate for the First People's Assembly.

40 people attended the Broadmeadows event hosted by Hume City Council.

✓ **Welcome Baby to Country** was held on 14 November 2019 at the Hume Global Learning Centre in Craigieburn. Welcome Baby to Country celebrates the birth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children born in Hume on the lands of Wurundjeri people. Welcoming a new baby into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is a cultural practice that involves the whole community – men, women, children and extended families. For thousands of years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have held Welcome Baby to Country ceremonies to acknowledge an infant's connection to the lands on which they are born. These practices are diverse and unique to each community across Australia. These ceremonies are held to 'reimagine' the ceremony into a modern-day setting. Aunty Di Kerr from Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation provided a Welcome to Country and the Djirri Djirri Dancers delivered a cultural dance performance. The event was attended by 155 people.

✓ **The Reconciliation Mosaic Trail** maps the location of several colourful public artworks, produced by local artists and members of the Hume community during a series of creative masterclasses. The classes were lead by Gunditjmara artist Karen Lovett, with support from professional mosaicist Libby McKinnon, who provided important technical advice on materials and design interpretation. Each mosaic was inspired by an original black and white print by Karen, who generously shared her stories and insights with community members during the construction process.

✓ The Population Health and Social Policy team has undertaken a comprehensive review of **Council's immunisation services** which has included consideration of how the service can better meet the need of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other under immunised community groups. The service plan identifies a range of strategies to improve access and uptake of immunisation of Aboriginal and Torres Islander including health promotion efforts, the introduction of new immunisation session, improved follow-up systems and outreach services. A final plan is expected to be presented for EMT endorsement by 24 August 2020. Council's immunisation service will shortly be introducing a free meningococcal B vaccine for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander infants and children. This delivery of this vaccine is part of a State-wide initiative to respond to the high prevalence of meningococcal B infection amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

- Hume Libraries hosted a special screening of Warwick Thornton's **We Don't Need a Map** via their Facebook page on Wednesday 24th June 2020. An introduction was provided by Diana David the CEO of Reconciliation Victoria. The event was a success and Hume City Council received positive feedback from the community.

- Council in collaboration with the RAPWG hosted an event to acknowledge the **Anniversary of the National Apology** on 13 February 2020. This event was attended by approximately 60 people, who heard firsthand accounts of the impact of the Stolen Generation policies on families.

  Mutti Mutti man Kutcha Edwards, accompanied by Daniel Jauregui on guitar and backing vocals shared stories and songs stemming from his personal experiences and those of his family and community.

  Tracey Evans a Gundjitmara/Bundjalung woman and a member of the Hume RAPWG also shared her family's personal story and hopes ahead for a better future for her people.

- Council endeavoured to **build stronger connections with local organisations** and regularly engaged with Wandarra, the Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation, the Indigenous Education Centre at Kangan Tafe and the Local Aboriginal Network (LAN). Building connections with other Local Councils was strengthened through attendance at the January 26 Council Network meetings and Hume hosted one of these meetings via Zoom in May 2020. Council engaged in the process to review and develop the new Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Action Plan (VALGAP).

- The Koorie Heritage Trust delivered three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **Cultural Competency Training** sessions to Hume staff in December 2019, March 2020 and June 2020. A total of 73 Council Officers attended these sessions.

2019/20 Highlights:

NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week activities included:

- Council celebrated **NAIDOC Week** in July 2019. Events included a flag raising and smoking ceremony in the Broadmeadows Civic Plaza followed by lunch and live entertainment. Approximately 130 people attended the event.

- To coincide with NAIDOC Week, the exhibition: **'Bold Visions: NAIDOC Week Posters 1972–2019'** was launched with an insightful talk by Charles Pakana, the Treaty Correspondent at Aboriginal radio station 3KND. 21 attendees participated in the discussion to learn more about NAIDOC Week the Victorian treaty process. This exhibition showcases the powerful graphics of NAIDOC week posters from 1972. Drawing on a rich archive of designs spanning the many themes explored across 47 years, the exhibition offered an opportunity to reflect on how images and language change and contribute to the ongoing dialogue around Voice, Treaty and Truth.

- 20 people attended the **Libraries After Dark** session on 11 July 2019. The Urban Biodiversity Officer co-presented with Joanne Russell, a Wiradjuri woman and local resident, on the indigenous use of natural resources and plants as an integral part of their culture, contributing to the NAIDOC week celebration events.

- **Virtual tour of the Sunbury Rings** - Reconciliation Week 2020 (live streamed online) on 2 June 2020. Over 400 free tickets purchased. Hume's Sustainable Environment Team presented a very special live streamed tour of the Sunbury Rings Cultural Landscape by cultural educator and Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Bill Nicholson Jr.

- **Reconciliation Week** was delivered online between 27 May and 3 June 2020 to promote awareness and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The program included:
  - A launch event
  - Musical performances by Dave Arden, Uncle Bryan Morley and Allara
  - Wayapa workshops
  - A virtual tour of the Sunbury Rings
  - Storytime activities from Cultural Infusion.

  The celebrations were a great success receiving unprecedented positive feedback from the community and stakeholders including neighbouring Councils and Reconciliation Victoria.

- **The Stolen Generations Marker Project** began in August 2019. Following an EOI and quotation process, Indigenous Employment Partners (IEP) were appointed as the contractors to facilitate stage 1 of the community consultation process and to seek feedback on the design and location/s preferences for the Stolen Generation Marker.
  - IEP delivered this consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community from August 2019 until February 2020.
  - Project partner Connecting Home facilitated a workshop with 12 Hume City Council staff that provided an overview of the Stolen Generations and the impacts on community members. This workshop was held on the 17th October 2019 and assisted staff to understand the sensitivity of the subject and to communicate effectively when discussing and promoting the project.
  - The consultation report was delivered in February 2020.
  - An EOI process was undertaken to form a Working Group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to guide the project. Six community members were successful in the process and the Working Group was appointed in March 2020.
  - The Stolen Generations Marker Working Group had their first meeting on the 30th April 2020 and 3 meetings were held in 19/20.
  - The Working Group have provided guidance on a project plan, revised the consultation report and advised on future communications and engagement.

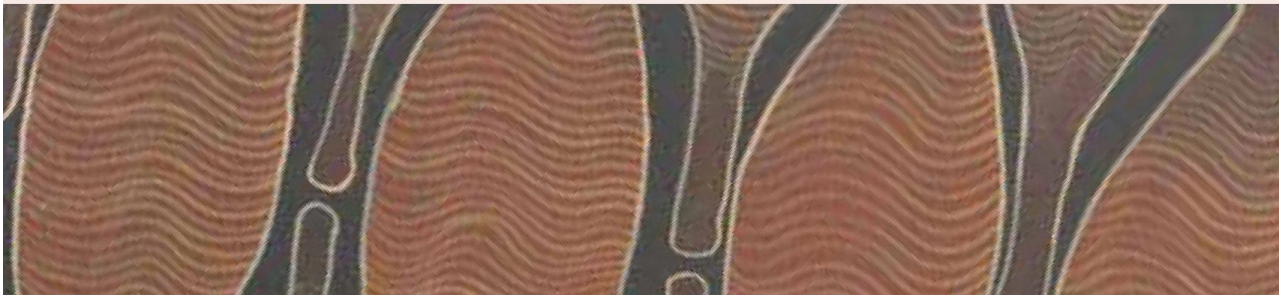
- On Wednesday 17 July, an incursion was held for 33 children from Sunningdale Children's Centre at The Nook, Sunbury. The session was a **bush tucker walk and talk** and children were able to sample wattle seed damper and lemon myrtle cordial.

- Through the **2020 COVID-19** and **2021 Community Grants program** five individuals and four organisations have been funded, equating to just over $24,000 of support for the Hume Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

- Council is formalising its **land management partnership with the Narrap team**. This formal partnership aims to build upon past collaboration and improve the land management practices in Hume City's conservation reserves. It will also enrich the knowledge of Council staff and provide opportunities for community education. This initiative is guided by the Victorian Traditional Owners Cultural Fire Strategy, which aims to 'reinvigorate cultural fire through Traditional Owner led practices across all types of Country and land tenure'. The Strategy is led by Traditional Owner groups and supported by the Victorian Government and the CFA.

- 12 families attended the **Boorai's Playgroup**. Boorai's provides culturally appropriate early learning activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. 8 families participated in possum skin drum making workshops last year.

- **Building a stronger connection to Traditional Owners** and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation was identified as a priority. Hume City Council undertook regular meetings with Wurundjeri through 9 cultural consultations and sought guidance across various actions including:
  - Events
  - Cultural advice for community engagement
  - Place naming
  - The RAP Implementation Plan 2020-22
  - Review of the Recognition Policy
  - The Suburb Boundary Review



REPORT NO:	SU539
REPORT TITLE:	Hume Planning Scheme Amendment C252 - 1059 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows - Authorisation
SOURCE:	Noel Gately, Coordinator Urban Development
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	HCC19/639
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *C252 Locality Map* 2. *C252 Current Zoning Map* 3. *C252 Proposed Zoning Map* 4. *Northern Leader Article - 12 November 2019*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1. It is proposed to rezone the land at 1059 Pascoe Vale Road Broadmeadows from Road Zone 1 to Commercial 1 Zone. The Subject site is currently owned by the Roads Corporation (Department of Transport) and is in the process of being transferred to Council. The loop road that formerly occupied this site has been removed following closure on 11 November 2020 by Department of Transport at the conclusion of a statutory engagement process under Section 12 of the *Roads Management Act 2004*.

1.2. As the site is no longer a road it is required to be rezoned. Rezoning this land to Commercial 1 will better reflect its status as commercial land on the edge of the Broadmeadows Town Centre and enable its redevelopment in a manner that will support economic activity in the Town Centre. It is recommended that upon completion of the land sale transaction, Council requests the Minister for Planning prepare and approve the Amendment pursuant to Section 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 requests the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Amendment C252 to the Hume Planning Scheme, pursuant to Section 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* following the transfer of the Amendment Land to Council.

2.2 notes that the future development of the land for a car park will require a planning permit under the Commercial 1 Zone and will be subject to formal notice consistent with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

2.3 notes that the Planning Scheme amendment to rezone the land to Commercial 1 will not preclude events, services during off peak periods or commuter parking, consistent with Notice of Motion 405 on the 21 December 2020.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Planning and Environment Act 1987.

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4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

4.1. Officers are recommending Council pursue an amendment under Section 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* gives the Minister for Planning power to amend a planning scheme, with exemption from notice requirements.

4.2. Over the past decade community consultation has occurred on the proposal to consolidate parking on the fringe of the Town Centre to unlock the development potential of underutilised land and facilitate economic growth in the Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre. This consultation has included input to the following strategic framework documents, concluding most recently with statutory consultation on the road closure.

4.3. In summary these activities are:

4.3.1. Broadmeadows Activities Area Structure Plan 2012 – The Plan was available for review and feedback in November to December 2009, August 2010 and September 2010. The plan was adopted by Council 26 March 2012. It contains the recommendation to *Investigate the consolidation of car parking at the southern end of the (Town Centre) precinct with easy access to the arterial road network (Action 4).*

4.3.2. Hume Central: The Vision was available for review and public comment from 20 October to 17 November 2014, following which it was adopted by Council 8 December 2014.

4.3.3. The planning permit application for the refurbished Town Hall was placed on statutory exhibition for community review and comment between 7 and 23 December 2016. In addition to plans and reports, documentation included a Traffic Engineering Assessment which referenced the use of the loop road for carparking purposes.

4.3.4. Dimboola Road Precinct – Development Plan Investigations 2017 involved consultation with the adjoining landowners about constructing a car park on the Subject site. This included one on one meetings with the surrounding landowners to get their views on the proposed plan.

4.3.5. *Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan 2017* was released for public comment between 19 April 2017 and 26 May 2017. Council adopted the plan 13 November 2017 and in February 2018, the Minister for Planning noted the completion of the Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan and endorsed its release to Hume City Council for approval and implementation.

4.3.6. In the period October to November 2019 Council undertook a communications campaign to inform the community of the potential benefits for Broadmeadows of the proposal to redevelop the Subject site. This campaign comprised web information, social media, media releases and local newspaper articles (see Attachment 4 for example of coverage received) with results that include:

4.3.6.1. Website views - Hume Central page = 164 page views, Plans to revitalise Broadmeadows = 187 page views.

4.3.6.2. Social Media (Facebook) - 16 October post = 2,884 people reached and 31 reactions. 25 October post = 2,921 people reached and 23 reactions.

4.3.6.3. Newspaper articles as follows – Northern Leader 8 October, 6 and 12 November. Star Weekly 21 October. Northern Weekly 22 October.

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4.3.7. Statutory road closure under the Road Management Act 2004 comprising:

4.3.7.1. VicRoads undertook a statutory engagement process under Section 12 of the *Roads Management Act 2004* with a statutory Notice published on 17 December 2019. (Hume Leader Pg 5.) and information placed on Council's website.

4.3.7.2. Three submissions were made on the road closure and assessed in accordance with Section 12 of the *Roads Management Act 2004* and deemed not to impact on the discontinuance process.

4.3.7.3. There was a variable road sign placed on the site that identified that the Subject site would permanently close to traffic on 11 November 2020.

4.3.7.4. The Minister for Transport formally approved the road closure under the *Roads Management Act 2004* – and this was published in the Government Gazette on 12 November 2020 (Attachment 1).

4.3.8. In light of the extensive community consultation that has already occurred the additional notice associated with the standard amendment process is not considered warranted. It is important to note the amendment only addresses the change to the land use zone. The loop road itself is now closed and road infrastructure removed.

4.4. Moreover, the community will have further opportunity to input and comment on the development of the site through any subsequent planning permit process.

5. BACKGROUND:

5.1. The Broadmeadows Activities Area Structure Plan (2012) is a 20-year plan for the development and renewal of Broadmeadows Activities Area. The plan sets out a vision for the future of Broadmeadows, and the strategies and measures necessary to realise that vision. The plan has been prepared by the Victorian Government and Hume City Council, in collaboration with the community, businesses and other stakeholders.

5.2. The plan seeks to deliver a Town Centre that is the heart of Broadmeadows. It has the potential to transform from an area dominated by roads and car parks and take on the qualities of a mature city centre - characterised by welcoming and vibrant public places and great architecture.

5.3. Hume Central - the Vision (2014) identifies opportunities for Council to facilitate these outcomes through the development of three hectares of Council owned land. This is dependent on existing at grade car parking being relocated to the fringe of the Town Centre. Hume Central is the land bound by Pascoe Vale Road to the east, Tanderrum Way to the north, Pearcedale Parade to the west and Dimboola Road to the south.

5.4. More recently the Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan (2017), sought to reinforce these documents and aims to establish the strategic frameworks to transform Broadmeadows into a vibrant city centre and a hub for jobs, services, education and housing choice in the northern metropolitan region. Specifically, Strategic Priority Action A2 seeks to Consolidate existing at-grade car parking in the Town Centre to unlock the development potential of underutilised public and private land.

5.5. The Subject site was identified as a strategic location to cater for parking requirements to facilitate the further development of Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre in accordance with the strategic documents outlined above.

5.6. In October 2017, Council formally expressed to VicRoads its interest in purchasing the Amendment Land for use as a car park, following the site being listed for sale through the Surplus Government Land First Right of Refusal process.

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5.7. In August 2018, the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Board presented its recommendations to the Minister for Suburban Development. Council was represented on this Board by Cr. Naim Kurt. The Board's report references the Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan and emphasises the link between growing economic activity in the Town Centre being dependent on existing at grade car parking being relocated to the Amendment Land on the fringe of the Town Centre.

5.8. On 17 December 2018, Council formally resolved to purchase the Amendment Land for a proposed car park to support the development of Hume Central and deliver a car parking facility to service the Broadmeadows Town Centre.

The Subject Land

5.9. The Subject land comprises an irregular shaped allotment due to its former use as a loop road ramp providing access to Camp Road from north bound traffic on Pascoe Vale Road (Attachment 2). The land is in Road Zone 1 and comprises a frontage of 58 metres to Pascoe Vale Road with a depth of 129 metres, yielding a total area of approximately 9,000 square metres.

5.10. The site is currently identified as Lot 1 on TP920730S, Volume 09307 / Folio 034.

5.11. The site is bounded by the Caltex service station and Council's parking depot to the north (within the Commercial 1 Zone), Broadmeadows Police Station and VicRoads facility to the west (within the Commercial 1 Zone), Pascoe Vale Road and Craigieburn train line to the east and the Camp Road overpass to the south.

5.12. Further north of the subject land is the Broadmeadows Town Centre, incorporating the Hume Central precinct – predominately Council owned land that currently contains Town Hall Broadmeadows, Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre library and Hume City Council offices with associated car parking areas (all within the Commercial 1 Zone), with frontages to Dimboola Road, Pascoe Vale Road and Tanderrum Way. A map depicting the current zoning pattern is provided in Attachment 3.

5.13. The Town Centre extends around Hume Central and includes the hospital, government services such as the police, courts and VicRoads office, as well as the Broadmeadows Shopping Centre, Kangan TAFE and Town Park.

5.14. VicRoads declared the Subject land surplus in October 2017.

5.15. The Subject land was listed on the First Right of Refusal (FROR) register in line with the Victorian Government Land Transaction Policy. Council responded under the FROR process formally expressing interest in purchasing the Subject site on 8 November 2017.

6. PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT:

6.1. Following the decision by Department of Transport to close the road it is inappropriate for the road to retain the Road Zone. The process to rezone the land will remove a now anomalous provision (i.e. the Road Zone).

6.2. Consistent with the adopted strategic policy of Council and the State Government, zoning of the surrounding land and planning convention to rezone land in an activity centre to Commercial 1 Zone, it is appropriate to amend the Hume Planning Scheme to rezone the site to Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z). A map depicting the proposed zoning is provided (Attachment 4).

6.3. Acknowledging the strategic importance of the rezoning of this site to facilitate critical new development in the State Significant Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre, officers of the Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) have advised that a request for an amendment under Section 20(4) could be lodged for further consideration.

6.4. Planning Practice Note 29 sets out the circumstances in which the Minister will consider exercising his powers of intervention under Section 20(4) and the principles that will

apply in considering a request for intervention so that the use of intervention powers is both transparent and accountable. Assessment against each principle is provided below:

6.4.1. *The matter will be one of genuine State or regional significance:*

The Subject site is part of the Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC), a priority of the Victorian Government's blueprint for Melbourne's *Plan Melbourne.*

Metropolitan Activity Centres (MAC) play a strategically important role for their subregional catchments by providing the community with good access to a range of major retail, community, government, entertainment, cultural and transport services.

Hume City Council sees an opportunity to unlock the potential of Hume Central Precinct, by allowing higher order uses on Hume Central land, close to public transport and placing car parking in a consolidated facility on the edge of the precinct. This shift is critical to realising the ultimate vision for the Broadmeadows MAC.

6.4.2. *The matter will give effect to an outcome where the issues have been reasonably considered and the views of affected parties are known.*

The development of the Broadmeadows MAC, including Hume Central Precinct and the Subject land has been the subject of long-term land use planning, starting in 2009 with the development of the Broadmeadows Activities Area Structure Plan.

The future plans for the subject land have been highlighted through a series of consultation processes and the community has had opportunities to become aware of these plans and provide views over an extended period of time. A summary of specific engagement activities was detailed earlier in this report.

The key strategic planning issue is whether the Subject land is required for a road. This has been determined through the road closure process which was subject to community engagement and the views of parties were considered in confirming the road closure.

Through these processes all issues have been reasonably considered by Council and the views of directly affected parties (in particular, neighbouring properties) are known via one on one engagement. A summary of these meetings and their concerns will be provided with the submission to the Minister.

6.4.3. *The matter will be the introduction of an interim provision or requirement and substantially the same provision or requirement is also subject to a separate process of review (such as the introduction of permanent controls in a planning scheme).*

Not applicable to this amendment.

6.4.4. *The matter will raise issues of fairness or public interest, where:*

6.4.4.1. The mechanisms of the planning process have created a situation that is unjust, unreasonably causes hardship or is clearly in error;

6.4.4.2. (b) anomalous provisions apply and the valid intent is clearly evident or simple inconsequential correction is required;

6.4.4.3. (c) there is a need for urgency and the public interest would be served by immediate action;

6.4.4.4. (d) the matter is unlikely to be reasonably resolved by the processes normally available.

The process to rezone the land will remove a now anomalous provision (i.e. the Road Zone) now that the road has been closed. Council now seeks to rezone this land to its underlying zoning (Commercial 1).

The time saving offered by the Minister for Planning preparing and approving the amendment will help facilitate the development of Hume Central Precinct which is in the public interest.

6.4.5. *The matter requires co-ordination to facilitate decision-making by more than one agency.*

Not relevant to this amendment.

7. OTHER COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Notice of Motion 405

That Council:

7.1. *Notes the MoU to acquire the Loop Rd for the development of a multi-level carpark, to achieve the Hume Central Vision:*

7.1.1. Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Transport (DoT) on 8 October 2019. Key components of the MoU have significantly progressed including Council undertaking all non-statutory communication. Additionally, DoT has undertaken its statutory obligations to close the road, gazette of the road closure, and has significantly progressed removal of redundant road infrastructure prior to sale. Once these works are completed, Council will enter the contractual stage of the sale.

7.1.2. The MoU outlines that Council is responsible for seeking the rezoning of the land.

7.2. *That additional parking should be for the benefit of the entire community, including council staff, other services and the general public:*

7.2.1. In resolving to endorse the Loop Road as the preferred location for new car parking facilities at its meeting of 28 September 2015, Council noted purchasing this site for car parking would unlock the development potential in Hume Central. Since then, Council has committed to a range of capital projects in Hume Central, that are complete or underway, delivering community benefit but requiring car parking that cannot be met by the existing at grade car parking.

7.2.2. These projects are:

7.2.2.1. Town Hall Broadmeadows which operates with daytime car parking restrictions under its planning permission for large events. The completion of car parking on the loop road site will enable the removal of these restrictions.

7.2.2.2. Two Level Extension of the Broadmeadows GLC that will require additional car parking and the loop road site will meet this need.

7.2.2.3. Construction of Urban Way which will create road frontage to land parcels thereby supporting the development of Hume Central and improving public realm amenity. However, construction of this road will require the removal of existing staff and public car parking. These spaces can be replaced on the loop road site.

7.2.3. Upon construction, some parking bays in the loop road site could be allocated to uses such as Victoria Police and other agencies in the precinct. In addition, the general public will have access to unallocated parking within the car park as

well as parking after business hours for attendance at events and activities in the Town Centre.

7.3. *Potential to provide commuter parking within the multi-level carpark:*

7.3.1. Council has endorsed a budget of $16.5 million to deliver a minimum of 500 car parks on the Amendment Land.

7.3.2. Council made a submission to the Government's Commuter Car Park Fund (CCF) in December 2018 for $5.5 million to include 150 spaces in the Loop Road site and contribute to upgrades to the road network, principally Dimboola Road. This proposal was considered as part of business case investigations for Broadmeadows Railway Station; however, Commuter Car Park funds were not allocated to Broadmeadows in either the 2019 or 2020 budgets.

7.3.3. In June 2020 Department of Transport again confirmed that there was no funding for commuter parking at Broadmeadows. However, they wanted to identify what could potentially be available in the future and at what cost. Commuter car parking could be considered on the site if and when demand is identified by DoT, subject to height limits by virtue of Essendon Airport flight path and road network capacity and network. Any commuter parking would be under a lease agreement with Council.

7.4. *Investigation of innovative options to make the undercover space adaptable to host events or services during off peak periods:*

7.4.1. Council's ownership gives certainty and control over the use of the land. This provides opportunities to deliver community benefits in innovative ways for example:

7.4.1.1. The car park will be designed to accommodate flexibility for additional uses outside of car parking, such as markets or other events in off peak periods.

7.4.1.2. The car park will be designed with a ground floor deck height to accommodate a mix of uses should this be required in the future.

7.4.2. Detailed design of the multi deck car park will be presented to Council in 2021.

7.5. *Options to retain the existing Loop Rd in the final design:*

7.5.1. Council is not the responsible authority for the arterial road network and associated traffic movements. In investigating the impacts of closing the loop road connection to Camp Road, VicRoads determined that the 4,250 vehicles per day using the loop road, there was sufficient capacity on the existing arterial network, that is Pascoe Vale Road, Dimboola Road, Pearcedale Pde and Johnstone St/Camp Road, to safely and efficiently accommodate traffic.

7.5.2. Removal of the loop road infrastructure (including the road) by the Department of Transport as required by the MoU is substantially complete.

7.5.3. Any proposal for a new road would be solely at Council's cost, would reduce the developable area and make a multi deck car park unviable, and is very unlikely to be supported by VicRoads.

7.6. *That to enable commuter parking to occur, Council advocates to the highest levels in State Government for funding from the Commuter Carpark Fund to be released to enable this to be a genuine partnership between Local Government and the State Government:*

7.6.1. Council can apply again to Commuter Carpark Fund, but as noted earlier, DoT has not identified demand for parking at Broadmeadows Station at this time. In the meantime, the Mayor has written to Frank McGuire MP requesting support in securing commuter car park grant funds.

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8. CONCLUSION:

8.1. It is proposed to rezone land at 1059 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows from Road Zone to Commercial 1 Zone now that the road has been closed, and removal of road infrastructure is substantially complete.

8.2. The transfer of land is expected once the site has been made good and all road infrastructure is removed from the site.

8.3. Once the land is transferred, it is recommended that Council requests that Minister for Planning prepare and approve Amendment C252 to rezone the Amendment land in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

8.4. It should be noted that the proposed amendment does not preclude the use of the site for additional activities, including commuter parking. These opportunities will be considered during the design phase of the project and involve public consultation during the planning permit stage of the project.

8.5. Should the Minister for Planning not support the amendment request for pursuant to Section 20(4), Council officers will prepare Amendment C252 to the Hume Planning Scheme, pursuant to Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

Locality Plan – 1059 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows

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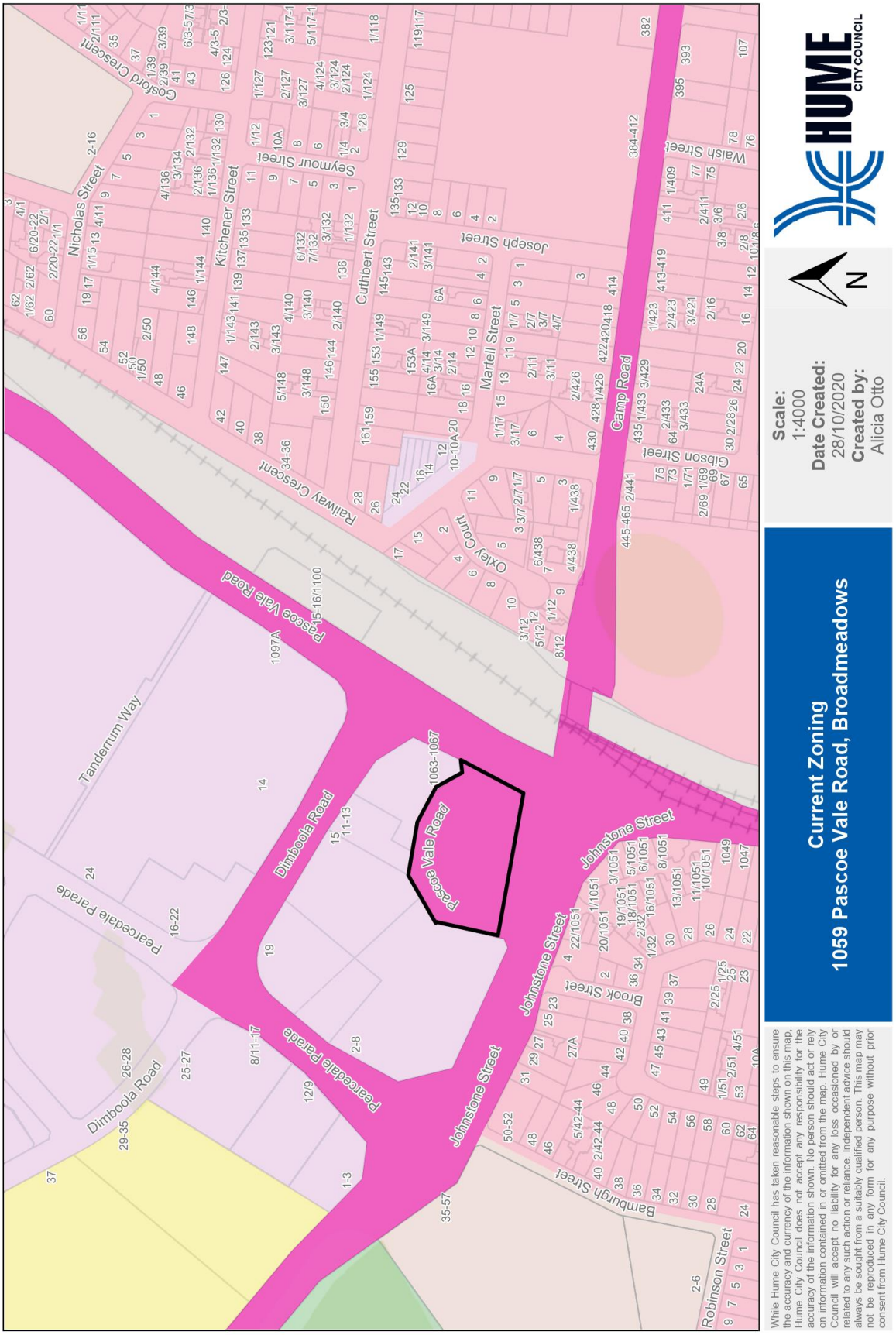
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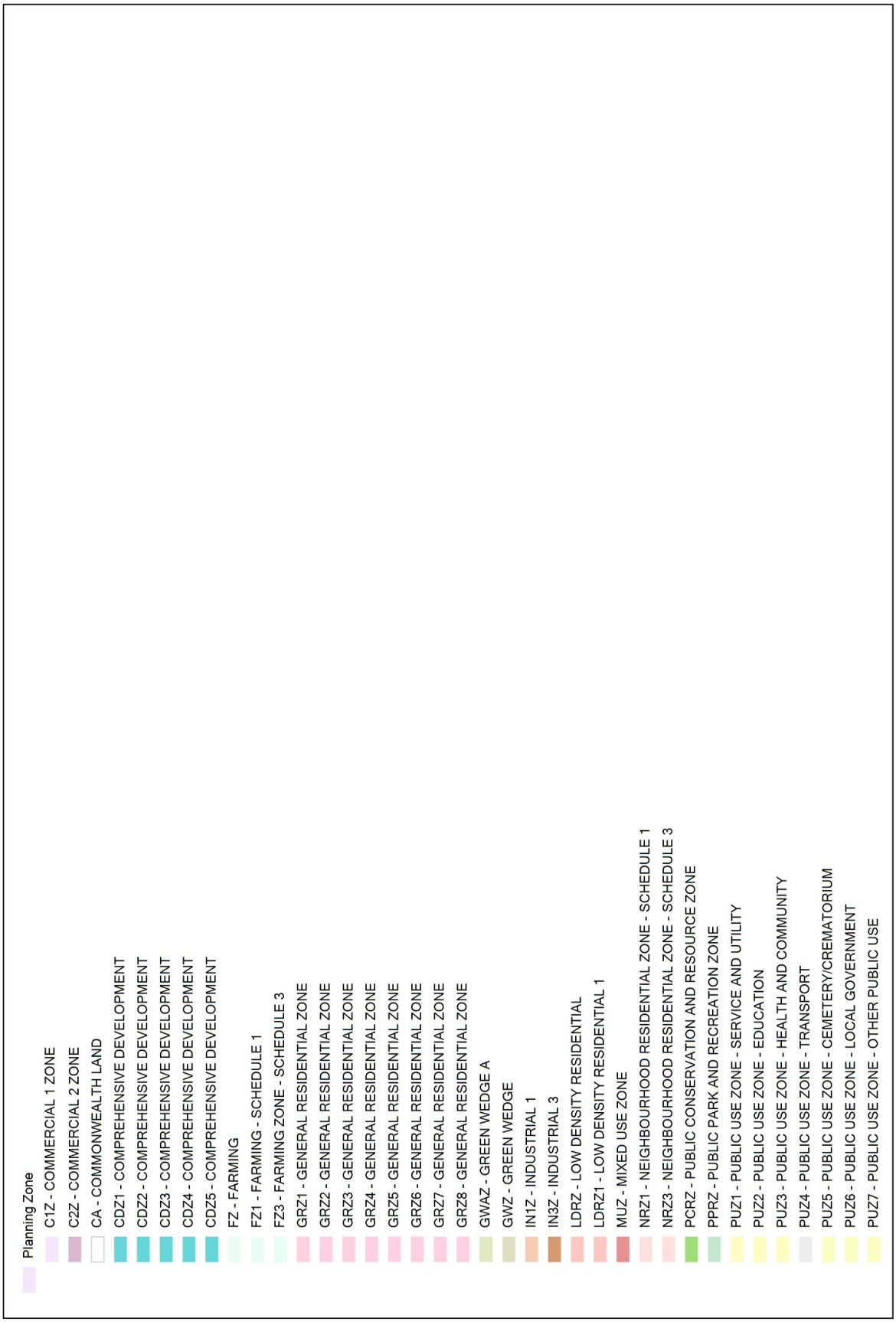
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MUZ - MIXED USE ZONE
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PCRZ - PUBLIC CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE ZONE
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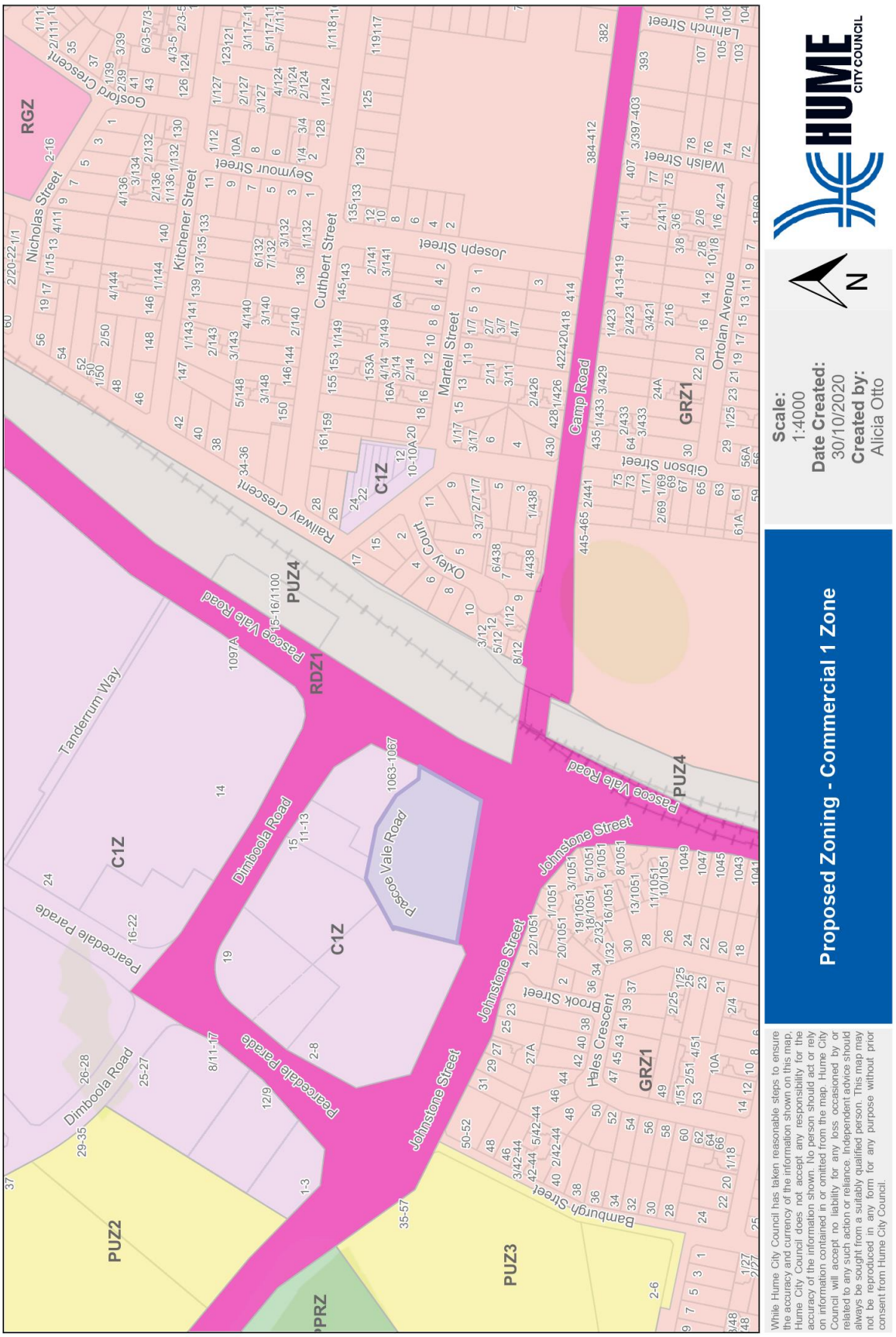
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Plan to ease parking pain

Agreement reached to turn loop road into major carpark

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Parking in Broadmeadows is about to get a little easier, with a major road one step closer to becoming a multi-level carpark.

Hume Council has signed a memorandum of understanding with VicRoads to buy the loop road site, which is an extension of Pascoe Vale Rd and runs into the elevated Camp Rd, and transform it into hundreds of parking spaces.

Council's corporate services director Daryl Whitfort said preliminary concept planning had started but he couldn't say how many parking spots would be built.

The memorandum confirms the commitment of both the council and VicRoads to close the loop road, and the proposed transfer of ownership of the site.

Mayor Carly Moore said the "innovative solution" would support the redevelopment of the CBD in line with the Hume Central – The Vision project.

"The removal of the loop road should result in minimal changes for motorists and pedestrians," she said. The Vision would see existing council carparking near the town hall, Global Learning Centre and council offices transformed into offices, and residential, retail and mixed-use spaces.

"We want to increase opportunities for local employment and take advantage of the town centre's proximity to Melbourne, road network connections and public transport," Cr Moore said. Broadmeadows state Labor MP Frank McGuire said the memorandum would allow the council to complete its plan for hundreds of parking spaces next to the train station.

"We're building a bigger Broadmeadows … it's the opportunity to build a much better future," he said.

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Hume Mayor Carly Moore and Broadmeadows MP Frank McGuire at the loop road site in Broadmeadows. Inset below: A map of the proposed carpark site. *Picture: Josie Hayden*

REPORT NO:	SU540
REPORT TITLE:	Climate Change Pledge
SOURCE:	Michelle Bennett, Coordinator Sustainable Environment
DIVISION:	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
FILE NO:	HCC18/460
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Draft Hume City Council's Voluntary Council Pledge Letter*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 Council has been invited by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio to consider making a voluntary Council Pledge regarding Hume's climate change action, as per the *Climate Change Act 2017.* This report provides an overview of what a pledge involves, and recommended actions Hume City Council is taking to include in a pledge.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 resolves to make a voluntary Council Pledge under the *Climate Change Act 2017*

2.2 writes to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change outlining Hume City Council's climate change action pledge activities as outlined in this report.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 The Climate Change Act 2017

3.1.1 The *Climate Change Act 2017* (the Act) legislates a target of net zero emissions for Victoria by 2050 and sends a clear signal to all sectors of the Victorian economy for sustained and significant actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

3.1.2 The Act sets five yearly targets with the first period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025. The Act also requires pledges to reduce emissions in line with interim targets:

a) **Sector pledges:** relate to pledges that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from specific economic sectors across Victoria: energy; transport; agriculture; land-use, land-use change and forestry; industrial processes and product use; and waste

b) **Whole of Government pledge:** relates to actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the operations of the Victorian Government

c) **Voluntary Council pledges:** are associated with actions that will reduce emissions associated with a Council's powers and duties under the *Local Government Act 2020.*

3.1.3 Voluntary Council pledges have been incorporated into the Act to acknowledge the substantial efforts of Local Government on climate change action.

3.1.4 A Council pledge should include Council actions over the next five years (from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025) that are reasonably expected to reduce emissions and a reasonable estimate of emission reductions expected from these actions.

3.1.5 While the Act specifies that Council pledges be submitted by 1 August 2020 for the initial five-year period, in light of the pandemic a more flexible approach has been adopted that allows for ongoing submission of Council pledges with no deadline.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 The actions included in the proposed pledge for Council's consideration are accommodated within existing budgets. In some cases, for example 'consider the development and endorsement of a new Greenhouse Action Plan' will be presented to Council for consideration in the future.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 Climate change is the most significant and urgent threat facing the Earth. The IPCC report '*The Heat is On: Taking Stock of Global Climate Ambition'* indicates that while holding average temperature increases to 1.5°C is not impossible, it will require *an unprecedented transformation* in all aspects of society. The next 10 – 15 years are considered critical in terms of achieving this.

5.2 To meet this challenge, action to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions requires concerted effort from all levels of government as well as business, industry, agriculture and communities. *The Climate Change Act 2017* acknowledges the need for action from all sectors and seeks to acknowledge the substantial efforts of Victorian local governments in addressing climate change.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 The *Climate Change Act* 2017 and voluntary Council Pledges may include actions to adapt to climate change impacts in addition to emission reductions.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 Climate change impacts are projected to impact hundreds of millions of people across the world this century through: sea inundation of low lying areas; water stress; loss of livelihood; loss of staple foods; spread of disease vectors; and increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters including bushfires.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 No community consultation has occurred in relation to making a voluntary Council pledge. Consultation has occurred in the development of the current Greenhouse Action Plan and the Hume Sustainability Taskforce are updated on significant actions, for example the Power Purchase Agreement.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 What a Pledge involves

9.1.1 In addition to the removal of a deadline for pledge submissions, further flexibility encourages Councils to include actions without identified emission reductions and collective pledges that reflect actions being taken with multiple Councils for example through greenhouse alliances.

9.1.2 There is no set template for a voluntary Council pledge and Councils are encouraged to submit a brief statement of commitment including:

(a) a list of actions that will be implemented from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025 which can include relevant strategies or plans

(b) whether the actions are focussed on Council operations or a broader community focus

(c) and an estimate of emission reductions where possible for Council operations. The guidelines indicate it is not necessary to include emission reductions for community emissions.

9.1.3 Submitted pledges are published on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website: (ttps://www.climatechange.vic.gov.au/local-government/council- pledges/submitted-council-pledges).

9.1.4 At the time of writing, pledges from Melbourne City Council, the City of Brimbank, City of Moreland, City of Ballarat and Greater Shepparton City Council were included on this page. Most of the listed Councils link to strategies for example Melbourne's *Climate Mitigation Strategy to 2050* or Brimbank's *Climate Emergency Plan 2020-2025*. The City of Greater Shepparton links to the Council website summarising climate change action.

9.1.5 There are no reporting or verification requirements indicated in the Act nor the guidance information around voluntary Council pledges.

9.2 Hume's Climate Change Action

9.2.1 Hume's *Greenhouse Action Plan 2018-2022* (GAP) outlines Council's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Council operations and with the community. The Plan itself could be submitted as a pledge, but the GAP ends in 2022 and the pledge period continues until 2025. A more tailored approach to a pledge is recommended. Actions listed below are recommended to form Hume's Climate Change Pledge.

9.2.2 Key quantifiable emission reductions for Council operations are as follows:

Action	**Estimated Total Emissions Savings in 2021-2025 period**
Transition to 100 per cent GreenPower for all electricity use in Council buildings and streetlighting.	81,000+ tonnes

9.2.3 Other significant actions that are not quantifiable or are less easily quantified include:

a) install a further 1.4MW of solar photovoltaic systems on Council owned buildings bringing Council's total solar capacity to more than 2.9MW

b) consider the development and endorsement of a new Greenhouse Action Plan

c) investigate the capture and reuse or flaring of methane at the Sunbury landfill and implement if viable.

9.2.4 Significant actions to work with others and support the Hume community to reduce emissions include:

a) continue to develop a trial and the phased roll-out of a municipal-wide organics service

b) support the uptake of solar systems in Hume households, particularly for residents vulnerable to bill stress via the implementation of the Hume Solar Roll-out program

c) implement the Hume Household energy program including extended support for households vulnerable to bill stress to undertake Energy Savvy upgrades to their homes

d) supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in new developments through the trial of the Sustainable Subdivisions tool with a view to incorporating in the planning scheme if successful and implementation of Council's ESD Policy in the Planning Scheme for new planning permit applications

e) continue to support and work with the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action.

9.2.5 A draft letter from the Mayor to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change outlining Hume City Council's Climate Change Pledge is attached (see Attachment 1).

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 Hume City Council is taking a range of actions to address climate change. In addition to reducing greenhouse emissions many of these actions have other community benefits including social, financial and economic. Climate change action requires urgent commitment and action from all levels of government, business, industry and community. In making a voluntary climate pledge under the *Climate Change Act 2017* Hume City Council is demonstrating its contribution to greenhouse gas emission reductions.

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Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Solar Homes

Dear Minister,

RE: HUME CITY COUNCIL'S VOLUNTARY COUNCIL PLEDGE UNDER THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2017

Thank-you for the opportunity to make a voluntary pledge under the *Climate Change Act 2017.* I am pleased to advise that at the Council meeting of {date} 2021, Hume City Council endorsed the following climate change pledge.

Hume City Council is committed to tackling climate change through placing a high priority on reducing emissions in our own operations, supporting and encouraging the growing Hume community to reduce emissions and by adapting to the impacts of climate change and supporting community climate change adaptation.

In the period 1 January 2021 until the 31 December 2025 Hume City Council will undertake the following key actions in Council operations:

- transitioning to 100 per cent GreenPower via a combination of a ten-year power purchase agreement and other procurement arrangements. Emission reductions over the 2021- 2025 time-period from this action are projected to exceed 81,000 tonnes[1]
- installing a further 1.4 MW of solar panels on Council owned facilities, bringing Hume City Council's total solar capacity to over 2.9 MW
- continuing implementation of the current *Greenhouse Action Plan 2018- 2022* (attached) and considering the development and endorsement of a new Greenhouse Action Plan
- investigating the capture and reuse or flaring of methane at the Sunbury landfill and implementation if viable.

Hume will support and encourage the Hume community to reduce emissions by:

- continuing to develop a trial and the phased roll-out of a municipal-wide organics service supporting the uptake of solar systems in Hume households, particularly for residents vulnerable to bill stress via the implementation of the Hume Solar Roll-out program
- implementing the Hume Household energy program including extended support for households vulnerable to bill stress to undertake Energy Savvy Upgrades to their homes

[1] Based on the 2020 Victorian greenhouse coefficient and assuming no overall change in energy use at Council facilities (in reality energy use may change at some facilities and new facilities will be built and commissioned in this time).

- supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in new developments through the trial of the Sustainable Subdivisions tool with a view to incorporating in the planning scheme if successful and implementation of Council's ESD Policy in the Planning Scheme for new planning permit applications
- Continuing to support and work with the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action

We look forward to working with the Victorian Government on climate change action.

Yours sincerely

CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
MAYOR

REPORT NO:	GE501
REPORT TITLE:	Council Meeting Schedule - July 2021 to June 2022
SOURCE:	Megan Kruger, Manager Governance Peter Faull, Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC04/13
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 As per section 52 of Chapter 2 of Council's Governance Rules, this report proposes a Council meeting schedule for the period July 2021 to June 2022.

1.2 The proposed schedule:

1.2.1 continues Council's current format of scheduling an Ordinary Council Meeting on the second Monday of each month and an Ordinary (Town Planning) Council Meeting on the fourth Monday of each month, with all meetings to start at 7pm, and with no meetings scheduled for January 2022;

1.2.2 provides for the holding of an Ordinary Council meeting on the second Monday of each month on a rotational basis in each of the three major centres in Hume being Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Sunbury.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 THAT Council adopts the following meeting schedule for the period July 2021 to June 2022:

DATE	MEETING TYPE	VENUE
Monday 12 July 2021	**Ordinary**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 26 July 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 9 August 2021	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Sunbury**
Monday, 23 August 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 13 September 2021	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn**
Monday, 27 September 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 11 October 2021	**Ordinary**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 25 October 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
***Wednesday,* 3 November 2021**	**Statutory Meeting**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 15 November 2021	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn**
Monday, 29 November 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**

Monday, 13 December 2021	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury**
Monday, 20 December 2021	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 14 February 2022	**Ordinary**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 28 February 2022	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
***Tuesday,* 15 March 2022**	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn**
Monday, 28 March 2022	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 11 April 2022	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Sunbury**
***Tuesday,* 26 April 2022**	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 9 May 2022	**Ordinary**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
Monday, 23 May 2022	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**
***Tuesday,* 14 June 2022**	**Ordinary**	**Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn**
Monday, 27 June 2022	**Ordinary (Town Planning)**	**Town Hall Broadmeadows**

2.2 THAT Council resolves that all meetings in the adopted July 2021 to June 2022 meeting schedule will commence at 7pm.

2.3 THAT Council gives public notice of the adopted meeting schedule, as per the requirements of section 52 of Chapter 2 of Council's Governance Rules.

2.4 **THAT Council authorise the CEO to alter the venue to another location, including virtual, as required, following consultation with the Mayor.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Council has the power to adopt a meeting schedule under its Governance Rules, which are made under the *Local Government Act* 2020.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

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

5. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

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

6. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibility has been considered and in accordance with Council's Social Justice Charter, the recommendations of this report promote Participatory Rights of residents (Clause 4.2 Hume Social Justice Charter 2014) by the holding of open and accessible Council Meetings, that are well advertised and at times/places that are accessible.

7. DISCUSSION:

Council Meeting Venues

7.1 As part of Council's commitment to open and accessible government, Council's standard practice is that Ordinary Council Meetings are held at three locations across the municipality, the objective being to provide accessibility to Council Meetings for the whole community. The three locations currently used and recommended for continued use are:

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(a) Town Hall Broadmeadows;

(b) Hume Global Learning Centre - Craigieburn;

(c) Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury.

7.2 If a meeting is due to fall on a second or fourth Monday in the period July 2021 to June 2022 and that day is a public holiday, the proposed meeting schedule has instead scheduled that meeting for the next working day, which is a Tuesday.

7.3 The one exception to meetings being scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of each month is the proposed meeting schedule for November 2021. For this month, it is proposed that:

7.3.1 Council's annual Statutory Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3 November 2021 and that no meetings are scheduled for Monday 1 November 2021, which is the last working day before the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 2 November 2021;

7.3.2 Council's first Ordinary Meeting for this month is scheduled for Monday 15 November 2021 (which is the third Monday of the month); and

7.3.3 Council's Ordinary (Town Planning) Meeting for this month is scheduled for Monday 29 November 2021 (which is the fifth Monday of the month).

7.4 These meeting dates are proposed so that a Councillor briefing session can be scheduled for Monday 8 November 2021, which is the first Monday following Council's Statutory Meeting proposed for Wednesday 3 November 2021.

7.5 It is proposed that the venue for the first Ordinary Meeting of each month is continued to be rotated between venues at the major municipal centres of Broadmeadows, Sunbury and Craigieburn in keeping with the objective of maximising community accessibility.

7.6 The venue for Council meetings in Broadmeadows will be the Town Hall, Broadmeadows, as the Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows is unavailable during the proposed meeting schedule period due to renovation works.

7.7 The venues included in the proposed meeting schedule would apply for when Council meetings are held in person. If COVID-19 restrictions are in place at any time during the period covered by the proposed meeting schedule that would require meetings to be livestreamed, with neither Councillors, Council officers or members of the public present in person at meetings because of restrictions, then the nominated venue for the applicable date or dates in the proposed schedule would not apply.

8. CONCLUSION:

Setting an annual meeting schedule for Council meetings will allow for adequate preparation time, public notice and forward planning to occur.

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REPORT TITLE:	Naming Proposal - Pinnacle Park
SOURCE:	Megan Kruger, Manager Governance Peter Faull, Coordinator Governance & Corporate Support
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC19/434
POLICY:	Places Names Policy
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Pinnacle Park Naming Proposal* 2. *Aerial and Map View Image* 3. *Examples of References to Pinnacle Park*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 In June 2020, Council received a proposal from MAB Corporation to officially name a park, located at the corner of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham, Pinnacle Park.

1.2 At its meeting held on 12 October 2020, Council resolved to approve the progression of this naming proposal to the community consultation stage to seek the community's views on the proposed name. This proposal was presented to Council at that meeting as report number GE470.

1.3 This report provides a summary of the results of the community consultation process to Council and recommends that Council endorses the proposed name of Pinnacle Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 **THAT Council:**

2.1.1 **notes the results of the community consultation process on the proposal to officially name a park located at the corner of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham, Pinnacle Park;**

2.1.2 **endorses the proposal to officially name the park located at the corner of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham, Pinnacle Park;**

2.1.3 **submits the name Pinnacle Park to Geographic Names Victoria for consideration and approval;**

2.1.4 **notes that if it endorses this naming proposal, any individual who lodged an objection to the proposal during the community consultation period, and who have provided Council with their contact details, will be advised of their right to appeal Council's decision directly to Geographic Names Victoria;**

2.1.5 **notes that the community will be advised of Council's decision on whether to endorse this naming proposal, which will consist of sending correspondence directly to the same 275 directly affected property owners and residents who originally received a consultation pack on this proposal, and by placing a notice on Council's website.**

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LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – Statutory Requirements for Naming Road, Features and Localities 2016*, which are given effect under that Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 Expenditure associated with the naming proposal will include administration costs and costs for signage (if the proposal is approved).

4.2 Both the costs for administration and signage, if required, will be funded from Council's operational budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental sustainability implications in respect to this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no climate change adaptation implications in respect to this report.

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.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 When consulting with the community, Council officers coordinating the naming proposal followed the applicable procedures as outlined in the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – Statutory Requirements for Naming Road, Features and Localities 2016* (the Naming Rules).

8.2 The consultation period for this naming proposal commenced on Monday 2 November and concluded on Friday 11 December 2020. The activities undertaken during this consultation period were as follows:

8.2.1 consultation packs were sent to 275 directly affected property owners and residents in the vicinity of the unnamed reserve (referred to as the immediate community in the Naming Rules). The consultation packs contained a covering letter with background information, a community survey and a reply-paid envelope;

8.2.2 the naming proposal was also promoted on Participate page of Council's website, inviting residents from the extended community, as defined by the Naming Rules, to also provide their feedback on the naming proposal.

Consultation Results

8.3 Nine responses were received in total, with seven responses being received from the 275 consultation packs that were sent to the immediate community, and two responses being received via Council's online submission form.

8.4 Seven of the nine submissions received supported the naming proposal, and two objected to it.

8.5 A summary of the responses received from the consultation packs is:

Directly affected residents/ratepayers (275 properties)	275	100%
Respondents who expressed consent	7	2.5%
Respondents who objected	0	0%
Residents/ratepayers who did not respond	268	97.5%

8.6 As per the Naming Rules, it is assumed that all non-returned survey recipients have no objections to the naming proposal.

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Views Expressed in Support of the Naming Proposal

8.7 Seven submissions were received via a survey response or online submission in support of the naming proposal, which included the following comments of support:

(a) 'We support to 'Pinnacle Park' and it's development to good facility in it so people can the home around the facility and relaxing. Their child will enjoy the different activity';

(b) 'It is good to build our community and give this park a name because it doesn't have a formal name so I agree';

(c) 'As the definition of pinnacle means 'most successful point' and 'a high pointed piece of rock' I find this the perfect name for the location of this park. It just makes sense to go ahead with this name';

(d) 'When we purchased the land and subsequent house the developed had already named the park 'Pinnacle Park'. We think it suits it well';

(e) 'It would be good to name something different rather than street name as park because then, it would become a landmark too'.

Views Expressed to Not Support the Naming Proposal

8.8 Two submissions were received via am online submission that objected to the naming proposal, one of which included the following comment:

(a) 'Neighbourhood/local parks should be named for their street address for ease of locating for maintenance purposes. The proposed name has no meaning at the site'.

Assessment of Objections Received During Consultation Period

8.9 Under the Naming Rules Council is required to consider any objections that are received during a consultation period, however Council does not have to consider any objections that don't explain the reason for the objector opposing the name, or objections that are not relevant to the naming rules. An objection that is not relevant to the Naming Rules is one that is not based on an assertion that Council is not compliant with the General Principles contained within the Naming Rules.

8.10 The General Principles contained within the Naming Rules are as follows:

- Principle (A) Ensuring public safety;
- Principle (B) Recognising the public interest;
- Principle (C) Linking the name to place;
- Principle (D) Ensuring names are not duplicated;
- Principle (E) Names must not be discriminatory;
- Principle (F) Recognition and use of Aboriginal languages in naming;
- Principle (G) Dual names;
- Principle (H) Using commemorative names;
- Principle (I) Using commercial and business names;
- Principle (J) Language;
- Principle (K) Directional names to be avoided;
- Principle (L) Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality.

8.11 Of the two objections received, one did not provide an explanation for its opposition to the proposed name so Council is not required to consider this objection.

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8.12 The second objection, which included the comment provided earlier in this report, has been assessed as follows:

(a) *'Neighbourhood/local parks should be named for their street address for ease of locating for maintenance purposes'* – this comment is not viewed as an assertion that Council's consideration of this naming proposal is non-compliant with any of the General Principles contained within the Naming Rules, because none of the General Principles limit Council to only naming neighborhood or local parks after the street that they are located in;

(b) *'The proposed name has no meaning at the site'* – this is viewed as a comment relating to Principle (C) Linking the name to place. The linking of the proposed name to the park was addressed in the original report to Council (report GE470) with the following comment:

MAB Corporation has advised that the name proposed, Pinnacle Park, was the name given by the developer during the design and delivery phase and is well known and recognisable by the community, and it has already been promoted within the local community.

8.13 Based on the assessment of the two objections received, the naming proposal has not been amended following the community consultation period prior to it being presented to Council in this report for its consideration, and it is recommended that Council endorses the proposed name of Pinnacle Park.

Follow Up Actions if Council Endorses the Naming Proposal

8.14 If Council endorses this naming proposal for submitting to Geographic Names Victoria (GNV), the Naming Rules require that any objectors who have provided Council with their contact details will be advised in writing of Council's decision, and of their right to appeal Council's endorsement of the proposed name directly with GNV. Only those individuals who objected to the naming proposal during the community consultation period have a right to appeal a decision by Council to endorse a proposed name.

8.15 The Naming Rules also require that both the immediate and extended communities are advised of Council's decision on whether to endorse this naming proposal. This will be done by sending correspondence directly to the same 275 directly affected property owners and residents who received the original consultation pack, and by placing a notice on Council's website.

DISCUSSION:

9.1 Report GE470, which was presented to Council at its meeting held on 12 October 2020, included the original naming proposal submitted by MAB Corporation, an aerial and map view image of the park located at the corner of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham, and examples of references to the name Pinnacle Park that were provided by the applicant. Those attachments are also included with this report.

9.2 Report GE470 also included an analysis of the naming proposal that was conducted by Council officers against the General Principles contained in the Naming Rules, and against several key principles in particular. That same assessment is included in this report in the table below:

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Principle (A) **Ensuring public safety**	**Comment** The proposed name does not pose any risk to public safety, and it is already partially established within the local community.
Principle (B) **Recognising the public interest**	**Comment** The park is currently unofficially named, however if officially named it will not negatively impact the community. The name is considered to have long-term benefits and it is not being considered because of any short-time benefits that it might provide. The proposal does not affect any locality boundaries.
Principle (C) **Linking the name to place**	**Comment** MAB Corporation has advised that the name proposed, Pinnacle Park, was the name given by the developer during the design and delivery phase and is well known and recognisable by the community, and it has already been promoted within the local community.
Principle (D) **Ensuring names are not duplicated**	**Comment** There are no duplications of this name within the municipality of Hume.
Principle (E) **Names must not be discriminatory**	**Comment** The proposed name is not considered to be discriminatory in any way

9.3 Based on the information provided in the original application from MAB Corporation, the assessments conducted by Council officers and the results of the community consultation process, it is recommended that Council endorses the proposed name of Pinnacle Park, and that it approves submitting this name to GNV for their consideration and approval.

9.4 If Council endorses the naming proposal and it is subsequently approved by GNV, the name will be gazetted and registered in VICNAMES, which holds approximately 200,000 road names and 45,000 place and feature names.

CONCLUSION:

10.1 A community consultation process on a proposal to name an officially unnamed park located at the corner of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Road Mickleham is now complete.

10.2 It is recommended that Council endorses the proposed name of Pinnacle Park for this location, and that it submits this name to GNV for their consideration and approval.

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Naming Proposal – Submission to Hume City Council

Your name and contact details:	
[redacted]	
Is your naming proposal related to a:	
☐	Road
☐	Feature
☒	Locality
Is your naming proposal for a:	
☒	New name for an unnamed road, feature or locality
☐	Renaming of a road, feature or locality

Complete the following details:	
Proposed name	Pinnacle Park
Location of the road or feature (please include a map with your proposal)	Cnr of Errol Boulevard and Balmain Rd Mickleham
Background information on why Council should consider naming or changing the name or boundary, e.g. why the proposed name is considered appropriate (include any history or local relevance)	The park does not yet have a formal name. Pinnacle Park was the name given by the developer during the design and delivery phase and is well known and recognisable by the community.
If the proposal is a commemorative name, please include information on the person such as: • Full name, date of birth, date of death, parent's names • Occupation and/or education • Civil and community achievements or contributions • Honours and awards received • Other relevant material of historical interest	N/A
Reason for the proposal (why the current name is not considered appropriate or any other relevant information)	N/A

General Questions			
	Yes	**No**	**Not applicable**
Have you checked that your proposed name conforms to the principles in Section 2?			
Principle (A) Recognising the public interest	☒	○	○
Principle (B) Ensuring public safety	☒	○	○
Principle (C) Linking the name to the place	☒	○	○
Principle (D) Ensuring names are not duplicated	☒	○	○
Principle (E) Names must not be discriminatory	☒	○	○
Principle (F) Recognition and use of Aboriginal languages in naming	☒	○	○
Principle (G) Dual names	☒	○	○
Principle (H) Using commemorative names	☒	○	○
Principle (I) Using commercial and business names	☒	○	○
Principle (J) Language	☒	○	○
Principle (K) Directional names to be avoided	☒	○	○
Principle (L) Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality	☒	○	○

Is there any existing signage at the road or feature?	**Yes**	**No** *
Is an Aboriginal name being proposed?	**Yes**	**No** *

If yes, what type of proposal is being considered:	
☐	Addition of an Aboriginal name as Registered or Dual?
☐	Addition of an Aboriginal name as Traditional or Historical?

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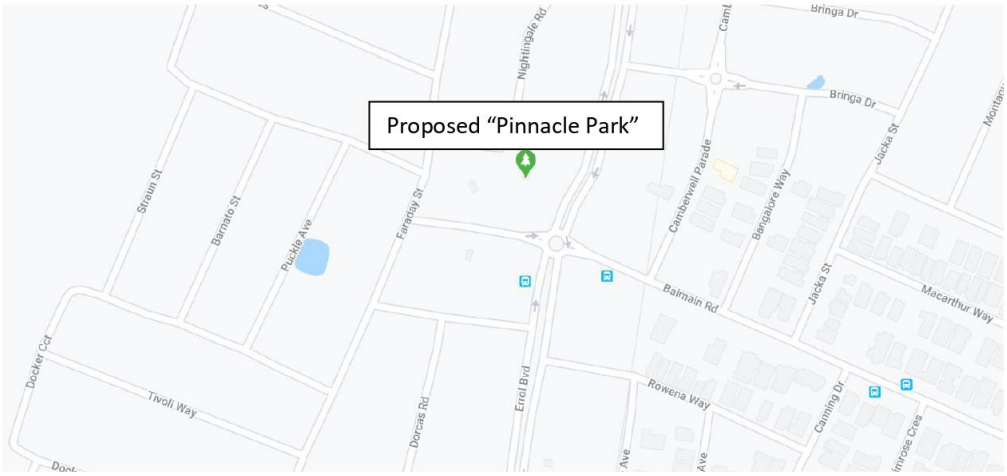
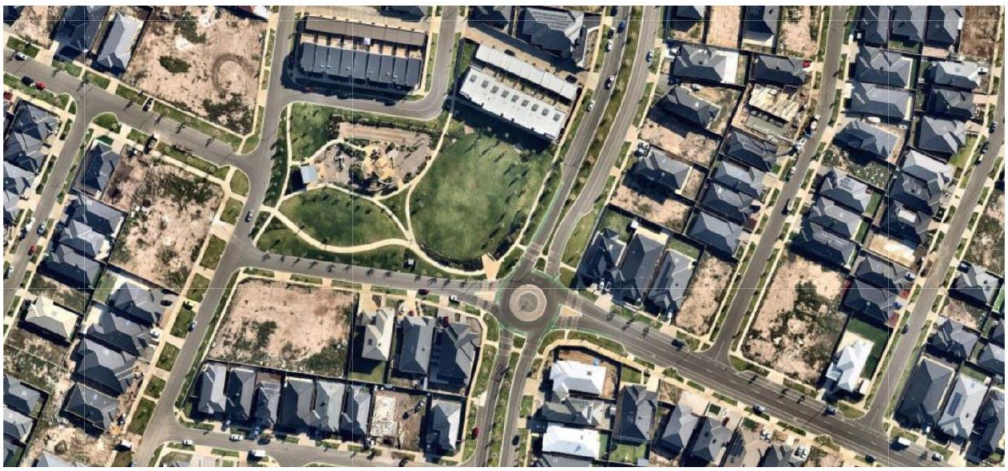
Location Map – Stage 24 Park Merrifield

Park Naming Application





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Merrifield
October 1, 2018 ·

Join us this Saturday for the exciting launch of our Pinnacle Park in Merrifield at this special FREE event!

Kids will go wild for the amazing new playground – equipped with a humongous slide, flying fox and a tower looking over all of Merrifield! They'll also experience life-like dinosaurs roaming throughout the afternoon!

While the kids explore, you'll be able to kick back with the grown-ups at the "Adult Chill Out Zone" and enjoy a bite to eat from the food stalls (for purchase) and wine tasting, compliments of Marnong Estate.

PLUS, to celebrate the launch of our new Instagram account @merrifieldmelbourne, we are giving away a $200 Visa Gift Card, and the first 50 entries will WIN a limited edition Merrifield picnic rug! Visit us at the Instagram stall to find out more!

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

SAT, OCT 6, 2018
Picnic in Pinnacle!
Merrifield · Mickleham
★ Interested
Kobe and Mel went

Merrifield
June 14, 2018 ·

Development works are almost complete for Merrifield's newest park, Pinnacle Park! Designed to cater for all ages and includes a flying fox, look-out tower, slide and open spaces, the park is an idyllic setting for family and friends to relax and play.

Kool Kidz Merrifield
March 3 ·

Today we took the opportunity to inspire our littlest students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment. Today we ventured out into the local community taking the opportunity to work together to clean up an area which is special to us. Pinnacle Park in Merrifeld.

Before we began our adventure out into our local community we discussed the importance of wearing our high visy vests, staying together, using our walking feet, and holding our educators or helpers hands.

We walked following our leader to the park. We explained to children how our environment can be filled with rubbish and flow into the water way, as we have been exploring this topic within the classroom.

That is when the children set off picking up rubbish with their tongs. The children looked in the garden beds, grass and more to discover where they could find, they were so excited when they found a piece to put it in the rubbish bags to make a difference. At the end we had a much deserved play on the equipment the Children had a blast and we cant wait to do it again.

A BIG Thank you to our parent helpers for all you did today!

Sal Sharma
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Sunset over Pinnacle .... thought id share this shot😊
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REPORT NO:	GE503
REPORT TITLE:	Current Grant Opportunities
SOURCE:	Joel Kimber, Coordinator Grants and Projects
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC10/315
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Victorian and Australian Government currently has significant funding available for Councils to access funds towards the delivery of community infrastructure and community development activities.

1.2 The *2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund* supports the development of high-quality, accessible community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

1.3 The *2020/2021 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)* will fund new, expanded, or upgraded infrastructure projects within Melbourne's interface and peri-urban Councils. As an Interface Council, Hume City Council can compete for funding towards the construction of prioritised community infrastructure.

1.4 The *Building Blocks Grant Program* provides funding for projects that create additional kindergarten places for three and four-year-old's by building new, or expanding existing, infrastructure.

1.5 The *Building Safer Communities Program* provides grants to empower and invest in communities to implement local, evidence-informed solutions to crime prevention issues, and build the knowledge base of effective crime prevention practice by testing and evaluating innovative community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

1.6 The *Suburban Parks Program* fulfills the 2018 election commitment of the Victorian Labor Party by providing funding for over 6,500 hectares of upgraded parks and trails.

1.7 The *Building Better Regions Fund* supports investment ready projects for new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure, that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

1.8 Between February and March 2021 these grant programs are accepting applications and this report outlines the proposed projects for submission by Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council:

2.1.1 Approves the submission of applications to the *2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for* the following projects:

(a) *Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment*, seeking $500,000.

(b) *John McMahon Recreation Reserve Softball Lighting* project, seeking $200,000.

(c) *Forrest Street Reserve Seniors Exercise Equipment* seeking $60,000.

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2.1.2 Approves the submission of applications to the *2020/21 Growing Suburbs Fund* for the following projects:

(a) Seabrook Reserve Community Centre, seeking $1,500,000.

(b) Merrifield West Southern Community Centre, seeking $2,000,000.

(c) Forrest Street Reserve Upgrade (includes Seniors Exercise Equipment) - Forrest Street Reserve, Sunbury, seeking $400,000.

(d) Mt Holden Master Plan Implementation Stage 1 Project, seeking $500,000.

(e) Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade, seeking $400,000.

2.1.3 Approves the submission of applications to the *Building Blocks Program* for the following projects:

(a) *Tarcoola Avenue Preschool Upgrade, seeking $170,000*

(b) *Bank Street Preschool Upgrade, seeking $143,000*

(c) *Barrymore Rd Preschool Minor Upgrades, seeking $45,000*

(d) *Campbellfield Preschool Upgrades, seeking $58,000*

(e) *Barrymore Rd Preschool Inclusion Equipment, seeking $10,000*

(f) *Homestead Child and Family Centre Inclusion buildings/ playgrounds project seeking $20,000*

(g) *Aitken Hill Community Centre Inclusion Equipment project seeking $10,000*

(h) *Dawson Street Preschool Inclusion Equipment project seeking $10,000*

(i) *Dulap Wilim Hub Inclusion Equipment project, seeking $10,000*

2.1.4 Approves the submission of an application to the *Building Safer Communities Program* for the *Security and Safety Project at major recreation reserves* project, seeking $100,000.

2.1.5 Approves the submission of an application to the *Suburban Parks Program* for the *Jacksons Creek Regional Park Path* seeking $1,000,000.

2.1.6 Notes the submission of an application to the *Building Better Regions Fund* for the *Merrifield West Southern Community Hub* project seeking $500,000.

2.1.7 Commits a financial contribution to the 2021/22 Council budget for the following projects, subject to a successful grant outcome:

(a) $1,212,920 for the *Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilion Development*

(b) $1,000,000 for the *Seabrook Reserve Community Centre*

(c) $1,967,281 for the *Merrifield West Southern Community Centre*

(d) $60,000 for the *Forrest Street Reserve Upgrade*

(e) $56,000 for the *Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade*

(f) $30,000 for the *Security and Safety Project at major recreation reserves* project

(g) $463,712 for the *Jacksons Creek Regional Path*

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2.1.8 Commits a financial contribution to the 2022/23 Council budget for the following projects, subject to a successful grant outcome:

(a) $3,005,830 for the *Merrifield West Southern Community Centre*

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

The provision of community facilities and community activities are a function specified in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989.*

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 For most grant programs there is an expectation that Council provide funding towards the grants that are being sought. Some have specific funding ratios which dictate the level of investment required towards each grant.

4.2 The majority of grants outlined in this report require some funding from Council. As a result, it is proposed that the projects be funded through the following sources:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION						
PROJECT	CURRENT COUNCIL ALLOCATION (CURRENT, COMMITTED OR PROPOSED)	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	PROPOSED 2020/21 COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GRANT	FUTURE PROPOSED OR COMMITTED FUNDING TOWARDS GRANT	GRANT/S SOUGHT	OTHER FUNDING
Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilion	$1,867,368	$1,930,000	$217,080	$1,212,920 (2021/22 budget)	$500,000	$400,000 (Growing Suburbs Fund)
***McMahon Recreation Reserve Softball Lighting* project**	$350,000	$350,000	$150,000		$200,000	
Forrest Street Reserve Upgrade (includes Seniors Exercise Equipment) - Forrest Street Reserve, Sunbury	$510,000	$510,000		$60,000 (2021/22 Budget)	$450,000	
Seabrook Reserve Community Centre	-	$2,500,000	-	$1,000,000 (2021/22 budget)	$1,500,000	
Merrifield West Southern Community Centre	$7,415,597	$7,415,597	$442,846	$4,472,751 (2021/22 and 2022/23 Budgets)	$2,500,000	
Mt Holden Master Plan Implementation Stage 1	$1,286,045	$700,000 (Stage 1)	$200,000		$500,000	

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION						
PROJECT	**CURRENT COUNCIL ALLOCATION (CURRENT, COMMITTED OR PROPOSED)**	**ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST**	**PROPOSED 2020/21 COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GRANT**	**FUTURE PROPOSED OR COMMITTED FUNDING TOWARDS GRANT**	**GRANT/S SOUGHT**	**OTHER FUNDING**
Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade	$456,000	$456,000		$56,000 (2021/22 Budget)	$400,000	
Tarcoola Avenue Preschool Upgrade	$175,000	$175,000			$175,000	
Bank Street Preschool Upgrade	$143,000	$143,000			$143,000	
Barrymore Rd Preschool Minor Upgrade	$45,000	$45,000			$45,000	
Campbellfield Preschool Upgrade	$58,000	$58,000			$58,000	
Barrymore Rd Preschool Inclusion Equipment		$10,000			$10,000	
Homestead Child and Family Centre Inclusion buildings/ playgrounds project		$20,000			$20,000	
Aitken Hill Community Centre Inclusion Equipment project		$10,000			$10,000	
Dawson Street Preschool Inclusion Equipment project		$10,000			$10,000	
Dulap Wilam Hub Inclusion Equipment project		$10,000			$10,000	
Security and Safety Project at major recreation reserves	-	$130,000		$30,000 (2021/22 budget)	$100,000	

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION						
PROJECT	CURRENT COUNCIL ALLOCATION (CURRENT, COMMITTED OR PROPOSED)	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	PROPOSED 2020/21 COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GRANT	FUTURE PROPOSED OR COMMITTED FUNDING TOWARDS GRANT	GRANT/S SOUGHT	OTHER FUNDING
Jacksons Creek Regional Park Path	$1,531,712	$1,531,712	$68,000	$463,712 (2021/22 Budget)	$1,000,000	

4.2.1 The amounts shown in the Current Council Allocation column above represent Councils committed funds from the 2020/21 Council budget and/or future budgets. As part of the 2020/21 Annual Budget, an estimate of an additional $2m in capital works grants funding has been included.

4.2.2 Any external funding secured would reduce Council's expenditure in each respective project by the amount funded.

(a) This does not include the Barrymore Rd Preschool Inclusion Equipment, Homestead Preschool Inclusion buildings/ playgrounds, Aitken Hill Preschool Inclusion Equipment, Dawson Street Preschool Inclusion Equipment and Dulap Wilim Hub Inclusion Equipment projects as these do not currently have any Council funding commitment.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The capital projects are being developed with environmental sustainability as a strong theme in the planning, design and implementation phases.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The design and construction of the capital projects will be cognisant of the implications of climate change in order to minimise the impacts of ongoing operations.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

Hume's diverse population is driving the need for a greater range of responsive, affordable, accessible and equitable community facilities and activities. Through the development of these projects, a strong commitment is being made to achieve social justice outcomes.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Many of these projects have been developed in consultation with local residents, local community groups and sporting clubs. This is recognised through these projects being prioritised in the following strategic documents:

- Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021
- Outdoor Sports Lighting Policy and Plan
- Sports Pavilion Plan
- Hume 0-24 Framework
- Safe in Hume - Our Community Safety Plan 2020 - 2022

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9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund

9.1.1 The 2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) is a state-wide competitive Victorian Government investment program that funds the development of high-quality, accessible community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

9.1.2 The fund will invest in proposals that can demonstrate commitment to the following outcomes:

(a) Develop new or maintain existing participation opportunities where there is a risk to participation decline. Improve diversity and inclusion by increasing participation by under-represented groups identified in Active Victoria.

(b) Develop local economic activity through the planning, building, maintenance, management and activation of new or redeveloped infrastructure.

(c) Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing in traditionally disadvantaged communities such as low socio-economic areas, growth areas, and communities experiencing long-term disadvantage.

(d) Support gender equity in participation, coaching, administration, officiating and volunteeringoutdoor multi-sport playing surfaces – new and/or improved surfaces that increase use or safety

9.1.3 Successful projects will need to commence construction within six (6) months of an executed funding agreement with the Victorian Government (in June 2021).

9.1.4 Funding is available across five streams:

(a) Better Indoor Stadiums

(b) Female Friendly Facilities

(c) Community Sports Lighting

(d) Facilities for Active Seniors

(e) Scoreboards and Fixed Equipment

9.1.5 Applications for this grant closed 22 March 2021.

9.1.6 Projects for consideration

(a) The following recommended projects most closely align with the funding guidelines and are therefore considered to present the highest possibility for funding.

STREAM 1	Better Indoor Stadiums
OBJECTIVES	This stream supports new and/or redevelopment of multi-sport indoor stadiums and courts
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	The types of projects that are eligible include: • New and/or redevelopment of multi-sport indoor courts at a new or existing indoor stadium. • Spaces for gymnastics, calisthenics and dance are only eligible as part of a larger project that includes new or redevelopment of multi-sport indoor courts.
PRIORITIES	Priority will be given to applications that support community sport and active recreation programming, high performance pathways and regional events within the facility.

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	Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate economic uplift in the form of job creation during construction and operations, non-government investment in the facility and participant/event attraction. Projects that include lighting elements are encouraged to include LED lighting solutions to support sustainability and reduced operational costs and will be prioritised accordingly.
AMOUNT THAT CAN BE SOUGHT	One application can be submitted by each eligible organisation requesting up to $2,000,000
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	Craigieburn Sports Stadium Redevelopment
RECOMMENDED PROJECT	Nil
RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION	Council has been invited to re-submit an application for this project under the Victorian Government's *Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program*

STREAM 2	Female Friendly Facilities
OBJECTIVES	This stream supports the development of new and/or redevelopment of existing infrastructure that enables more women and girls to participate in sport and active recreation.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	The types of projects that are eligible include: • Building new or redeveloping/ refurbishing existing changerooms. • Building new or redeveloping existing sportsfields. • Building new or redeveloping existing multi-sport courts. • Installing new or redeveloping existing sports lighting.
PRIORITIES	Priority will be given to applications where initiatives, policies and practices are in place that demonstrate a sustained commitment to gender equity.
AMOUNT THAT CAN BE SOUGHT	Applicants may submit one or unlimited number of applicants up to a maximum total request amount of $500,000 per applicant.
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	• Gladstone Park Reserve Pavilion • Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment
RECOMMENDED PROJECT	Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment
RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION	Works on the Gladstone Park Reserve Pavilion will commence before a decision is made by the Victorian Government – hence making the project ineligible.

STREAM 3	Community Sports Lighting
OBJECTIVES	The stream supports the installation of new or redevelopment of existing sports lighting infrastructure that is sustainable and results in increased facility capacity and participation opportunities
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	Funding can only be sought for LED lighting infrastructure through this stream. Applications seeking funding for metal halide lighting are not eligible. The types of projects that are eligible include: • LED sports lighting that improves facility capacity. • LED sports lighting that provides access to existing infrastructure during non-sport use that provides communities with new active recreation opportunities. • Bundled LED lighting projects across multiple sites.
PRIORITIES	Priority will be given to applications covering multiple sites or 'bundled' projects. Priority will be given to applications that clearly demonstrate a commitment to lighting that supports existing sport usage and future active recreation usage. Priority will also be given to projects on school land with confirmed community use.

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AMOUNT THAT CAN BE SOUGHT	Applicants may submit one application up to a maximum total request amount of $250,000
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	Seabrook Reserve Oval 1 Hothlyn Drive Reserve Oval Gibb Reserve Oval Laura Douglas Reserve Soccer Pitch 2 John McMahon Reserve Diamond 2
RECOMMENDED PROJECT	John McMahon Reserve Diamond 2
RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION	• Seabrook Reserve has already had significant funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria • Both the cricket and rugby clubs at Hothlyn Drive are in their infancy. • Lighting at other pitches at Gibb Reserve and Laura Douglas Reserve have been funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria in previous years

STREAM 4	Facilities for Active Seniors
OBJECTIVES	The stream supports the development of new or redevelopment of existing infrastructure to become inclusive and age-friendly to encourage more Senior Victorians to participate in sport and active recreation.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	The types of projects that are eligible include, but are not limited to: • Building new and/or redeveloping existing infrastructure, including playing areas for sport and where more than 50 per cent of participants are 60 years and older. • Accessibility improvements for facilities where Senior Victorians participate such as ramps, changerooms and lighting for sport and active recreation opportunities. • Active recreation infrastructure including outdoor fitness/exercise facilities, or indoor spaces such as appropriate flooring for fitness classes. • Upgrades to indoor and outdoor aquatic leisure centres that improves accessibility to dry and waterbased activities (i.e hydrotherapy) including ramps and handrails. • Combined infrastructure at a single site or bundled infrastructure of the same project type across multiple sites.
PRIORITIES	Priority will be given to applications covering multiple sites. Priority will be given to applications where policies, strategies and initiatives are in place that demonstrate a sustained commitment to the physical activity of Senior Victorians. Projects that include lighting elements are encouraged to include LED lighting solutions and will be prioritised accordingly.
AMOUNT THAT CAN BE SOUGHT	Applicants may submit one application up to a maximum total request amount of $200,000
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	Forrest Street Reserve Senior Exercise Equipment
RECOMMENDED PROJECT	Forrest Street Reserve Senior Exercise Equipment
RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION	This project meets the guidelines.

STREAM 5	Scoreboards and Fixed Equipment
OBJECTIVES	The stream supports the installation of new scoreboards and fixed equipment to support volunteer efforts, participant safety, participant or visitor experience
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	The types of projects that are eligible, but are not limited to: • LED electronic scoreboards. • Fixed equipment or supporting infrastructure including but not limited to sports field behind goal safety netting, coaches boxes and cricket sight screens Items supported must support volunteer efforts, participant safety, participant or visitor experience
PRIORITIES	Priority will be given to applications covering multiple sites or bundled projects at the same site. Funding may be prioritised for areas with higher levels of socio-economic disadvantage, projects with high existing participation levels or that benefit multiple sports
AMOUNT THAT CAN BE SOUGHT	Applicants may submit one application up to a maximum total request amount of $25,000.
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	McMahon Recreation Reserve Electronic Scoreboard
RECOMMENDED PROJECT	Nil
RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION	Funding is being sought for the Lighting of the second softball diamond at John McMahon Recreation Reserve making it unlikely that two separate grants would be received for the same facility.

9.2 2020/21 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)

9.2.1 The Victorian Government is investing an additional $50 million through the second round of the 2020- 21 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) to continue the timely delivery of critical infrastructure in interface and peri-urban communities.

(a) This second round of the GSF will contribute to meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in our changing and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface and peri-urban communities by accelerating infrastructure projects that will make a big difference to the liveability and resilience of these areas.

(b) Grants will be targeted towards high priority community infrastructure projects that contribute to:

(i) the social and economic recovery of communities and groups impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19)

(ii) the needs of rapidly growing communities

(iii) local employment creation in both the construction phase and the ongoing operation

(iv) improved local economic conditions in interface and peri-urban communities

(v) improved capacity for councils to respond to changing community needs and demands

(vi) the delivery of innovative models of integrated/shared community infrastructure.

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9.2.2 The 2020/21 GSF will support projects that have a direct benefit to communities and surrounding catchment areas across the following broad infrastructure categories:

(a) community health and well-being

(b) early education, libraries, learning and training

(c) sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that have dedicated community space and support multiuse purposes

(d) environmental and climate change resilience

(e) placemaking, civic amenity, and community connecting.

9.2.3 As part of their applications, councils will need to submit a Project Plan that outlines the timelines for the project(s) they plan to undertake and demonstrate that projects can commence construction within 18 months of the grant being announced.

9.2.4 Funded projects must be completed with 24 months of the commencement of construction.

9.2.5 Applications for this grant program close 10 March 2021.

9.2.6 Projects for consideration of the GSF

(a) Following an assessment of the GSF guidelines and Council's Capital Works Program, a number of potential projects were identified:

2020/21 GROWING SUBURBS FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
Seabrook Reserve Community Centre	Second story extension to the Rugby League Centre of Excellence which includes dedicated community meeting spaces, offices, storage and kitchen amenities.	Apply	Project strongly meets the grant guidelines and presents an opportunity to provide new community facilities for the Broadmeadows, Dallas and Jacana communities.
Buchan Street Master Plan Implementation	Implementation of the master plan	Not apply	Master Plan has not commenced.
Westmeadows Shopping Precinct Upgrade	Streetscape upgrades to the Westmeadows Shopping Precinct to improve the amenity and accessibility of the area, connecting the local community with the shopping strip.	Not apply	Extensive consultation has not commenced with the community on this project.
Merrifield West Southern Community Centre	Development of a Community Centre, providing preschool services and flexible multipurpose community spaces to create an inclusive and connected Merrifield West community.	Apply	This project provides critical community infrastructure and supports community health and well-being.
Forrest Street Reserve Upgrade (includes Seniors Exercise	Park and playspace upgrade and seniors exercise equipment	Apply	This project supports community health and well-being.

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2020/21 GROWING SUBURBS FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
Equipment) - Forrest Street Reserve, Sunbury			
Mt Holden Master Plan Implementation Stage 1	Implementation of stage 1 of the Mt Holden Master Plan including trails, landscaping, tree planting, events and performance space.	Apply	This project supports community health and well-being.
Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Upgrade	Park and playspace upgrade	Apply	This project supports community health and well-being.
Bicentennial Park Upgrade, Craigieburn	Park and playspace upgrade	Not apply	Project may not be ready to commence within 18 months.

(b) As a result of this analysis, the following projects were prioritised according to their alignment to the objectives of the GSF:

(i) Seabrook Reserve Community Centre

(ii) Westmeadows Shopping Precinct Upgrade

(iii) Merrifield West Southern Community Centre

(iv) Forrest Street Reserve Upgrade (includes Seniors Exercise Equipment) - Forrest Street Reserve, Sunbury

(v) Mt Holden Master Plan Implementation

(vi) Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Upgrade

9.2.7 This list presents a diverse range of projects right across Hume City for consideration of the Victorian Government that will deliver strong benefits for the Hume City community.

9.3 Building Blocks

9.3.1 Building Blocks offers grants to co-contribute to kindergarten buildings and facilities which will be critical to ensure the success of the rollout of funded universal Three-Year-Old Kindergarten across Victoria. It will also support the sector to meet ongoing growth in demand for Four-Year-Old Kindergarten.

9.3.2 The Building Blocks program consists of the following streams:

STREAM	CATEGORIES	WHAT IT WILL FUND	MAXIMUM FUNDING AVAILABLE
Capacity Building Grants Stream	Expansions	Expansion grants increase the number of licensed places of existing facilities that are already approved to provide a funded kindergarten program for three and four-year-old children.	$600,000
	New Early Learning Facilities	Must provide or intend to provide: • a funded kindergarten program for three and four-year-old children. This can be sessional and/or integrated with long day care;	$1,500,000

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STREAM	CATEGORIES	WHAT IT WILL FUND	MAXIMUM FUNDING AVAILABLE
		• must be a new building and cannot be an extension or refurbishment of an existing facility; and • proposals may also support the delivery of other services, including long day care, Maternal and Child Health Services, or playgroups.	
	Modular kindergarten facilities	Modular kindergarten buildings, which are relocatable, can be used to rapidly deliver high-quality kindergarten facilities in partnership with local governments or other providers.	$1,500,000
	Integrated Children's Centres	A Centre must provide or intend to provide: • a funded kindergarten program for three and four-year-old children. This can be sessional and/or integrated with long day care; • a new building and cannot be an extension or refurbishment of an existing facility; • long day care (unless there is no projected demand in the local area); • Maternal and Child Health services; • allied health services for early years (e.g. early childhood intervention services); • family services; • flexible, multi-purpose spaces and other services that meet the needs of the local community	$2,000,000
Improvement Grants Stream	Minor improvement	For smaller-scale renovations or refurbishments of existing early years facilities	$50,000
	Early Learning facility upgrades	For renovating or refurbishing existing facilities	$300,000
	IT	Support the purchase of desktop, laptop or tablet computers and televisions for use in the delivery of educational programs or service administration	$1,500
Inclusion Grants Stream	Buildings and playgrounds	To help improve early childhood buildings and facilities to allow kindergartens to provide safe and more inclusive environments for children with disabilities and additional needs.	$200,000
	Equipment	Towards the purchase of improved moveable (non-fixed to buildings) inclusive education equipment for kindergarten programs.	$10,000

9.3.3 Projects for consideration of the *Building Blocks Program*

(a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council's current and proposed future Capital Works Program. Nine projects are recommended for applying:

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CENTRE	AMOUNT SOUGHT	CATEGORY	SCOPE OF WORKS
Tarcoola Preschool,	$250,000	Early Learning Facility Upgrades	• Improve yard accessibility in the raised yard, e.g. ramps, • Refurbish to modernise the colour scheme and finishes, • Painting works, • Air conditioning • Cabinetry, • Painting brickwork,
Bank Street Preschool	$143,000	Early Learning Facility Upgrades	• Cracked concrete, veranda posts etc (maintenance issues), • Upgrade all service fencing, • Install a capture space for safety, • Air con, • Painting works, • DDA compliant bathroom installation
Barrymore Rd Preschool	$45,000	Minor Improvement	• Repairing fascia, painting works, • Air con installation, • Conversion of foyer to a sensory space e.g. removing cabinetry or changing it? Add a sensory swing?
Campbellfield Preschool	$58,000	Early Learning Facility Upgrades	• Maintenance issues such as leaking roof, damaged cupboards, • Painting works, • Air con, • Fencing works,
Barrymore Rd Preschool	$10,000	Equipment	Set up a sensory space in the foyer
Homestead Child and Family Centre	$20,000	Buildings and playgrounds	Revamp the sheltered space to a sensory safe space
Aitken Hill Community Centre	$10,000	Equipment	Sensory equipment
Dawson street	$10,000	Equipment	Indoor and outdoor equipment
Dulap Wilam	$10,000	Equipment	Sensory and calming equipment
Total	**$556,000**		

9.4 Suburban Parks Program

9.4.1 The Victorian Government is investing in over 6,500 hectares of new and upgraded parks across Melbourne.

9.4.2 This includes designation of the Jacksons Creek Regional Park in Sunbury.

9.4.3 The Jacksons Creek Regional Park is planned from Sunbury to Diggers Rest. The Victorian Government is working with Council and other landowners across an area of 1000 hectares to protect new areas for biodiversity and connect trails and open spaces.

9.4.4 Through the Government's investment an opportunity has presented Council to apply for funding of up to $1,000,000 to construct new pathways in the park.

9.4.5 An application is recommended for submission of a pathway on Western Water buffer land (as Western Water cannot be the applicant) along Jacksons Creek subject to an agreement between Council and Western Water.

9.5 Building Safer Communities Grant Program

9.5.1 The *Building Safer Communities Program* provides grants to empower and invest in communities to implement local, evidence-informed solutions to crime prevention issues, and build the knowledge base of effective crime prevention practice by testing and evaluating innovative community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

9.5.2 The program offers funding through two competitive streams:

(a) Stream 1 – Creating Safer Places – grants of between $25,000 and $300,000 for councils to undertake urban design projects that apply an inclusive environmental design approach to deter crime, increase safety and activate public places.

(i) Creating Safer Places funding aims to:

(i) help prevent crime and improve safety and community perceptions of safety.

(ii) encourage the legitimate use of public places by increasing amenity and encouraging a positive sense of ownership of the space.

(iii) assist a diverse range of community members to feel safer and become more engaged in their community.

(iv) encourage the development of local partnerships to understand and address local crime prevention issues.

(ii) The types of projects that could be funded include:

(i) Inclusive urban design principles to enhance the safety and amenity of public spaces for a diversity of community members, which could include graffiti prevention measures.

(ii) Place-making initiatives that increase community ownership and use of a location.

(iii) Consultation with a diverse range of community members in the design and implementation of the project, noting reasonable consultation costs can be covered by the grant.

(iv) Education or awareness initiatives that address reasons for poor perceptions of safety in an area, such as graffiti.

(b) Stream 2 – Crime Prevention Innovation Fund – grants of between $25,000 and $300,000 for councils and not for profit organisations that are a legal entity and other specialist organisations for partnership projects that deliver and evaluate innovative community safety and crime prevention initiatives. Research bodies and commercial entities (such as consultancies or social enterprises) can apply but must partner with a council or community organisation on their application.

(i) The Crime Prevention Innovation Fund aims to support projects that:

(i) test new approaches to addressing crime and community safety issues that are evidence based and reflect promising practice.

(ii) actively build capability within the community to understand and address crime and community safety issues.

(iii) contribute to the evidence base of effective crime prevention practice.

(ii) Funding is available for a range of innovative projects that address the above objectives. This includes but is not limited to:

(i) demonstration projects to test and evaluate new approaches to preventing crime that consider how benefits may be sustained beyond the funding period.

(ii) the development of practical tools and resources to improve the understanding and/or management of crime and community safety related issues.

(iii) initiatives that work with and engage diverse communities or groups (such as cultural or religious groups, women, young people or members of the LGBTQI community) to identify, test and document practical strategies that build resilience and improve safety and perceptions of safety.

(iv) initiatives that establish or strengthen partnerships across community, business, sport, government services and other sectors to address the causes of offending and crime and build community cohesion and safety.

9.5.3 Applications close 15 March 2021

(a) Following an assessment of the guidelines the following projects have been considered for funding:

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION				
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**STREAM**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
Proud Place Youth Murals	The project outcomes include: • aesthetic changes to public spaces, encouraging pro-social behaviour and positive sense of place and connection to community. • skill development and social inclusion for young people at risk of engaging with the justice system. • a deeper sense of general community pride for extended families associated with the project.	Stream 1	Not apply	Whilst the project does meet the requirements of the funding it might present a challenge to demonstrate the current crime and anti-social problems at each site.
Lighting in Activity Centres	Lighting in the Melrose Drive, Fawkner St Westmeadows and O'Shanassy Street Sunbury activity centres.	Stream 1	Not apply	Whilst the project does meet the requirements of the funding it might present a challenge to demonstrate the current crime and anti-social problems at each site.
Security and Safety project at major	The scope of the project would include undertaking a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment to	Stream 2	Apply	There is strong evidence of crime and anti-social behaviour

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION				
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**STREAM**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
recreation reserves	identify options to address the ongoing challenges with theft, damage, safety and security issues at the following reserves: • Greenvale Recreation Reserve • Arena District Recreation Reserve • Aston District Recreation Reserve • Willowbrook Reserve • Jacana Reserve • Highgate Reserve • Lakeside Drive Recreation Reserve • McMahon Reserve			at each of these reserves. The development of CPTED assessments will identify the best way to address the issues.

(b) It is therefore recommended that an application be submitted for the *Security and Safety Project at major recreation reserves* project.

9.6 Building Better Regions

9.6.1 The Australian Government has committed a total of $1.04 billion over seven years from 2017-18 to 2023-24 for the Building Better Regions Fund (the program).

9.6.2 $200 million is available for this program in 2020/21, with $100 million of this dedicated to tourism-related infrastructure projects for projects located outside the major capital cities across Australia[1]. The objectives of the program are to:

(a) drive economic growth.

(b) build stronger regional communities into the future.

9.6.3 The intended outcomes of the program are to:

(a) create jobs.

(b) have a positive impact on economic activity, including Indigenous economic participation through employment and supplier-use outcomes.

(c) enhance community facilities.

(d) enhance leadership capacity.

(e) encourage community cohesion and a sense of identity.

9.6.4 To be eligible a project must:

(a) be aimed at the construction, upgrade or extension of infrastructure that provides economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

(b) comprise one of the following activities:

(i) the construction of new infrastructure.

(ii) the upgrade to existing infrastructure.

(iii) the extension of existing infrastructure.

[1] Whilst Hume City is in located in greater Melbourne, parts of our municipality are eligible for funding.

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(iv) the replacement of infrastructure where there is a significant increase in benefit.

(v) not have started construction.

(c) Be ready to commence within 12 weeks of executing a grant agreement with the Australian Government.

9.6.5 Projects for consideration of the *Building Better Regions Fund*

(a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council's current and proposed future Capital Works Program. Two projects were considered:

BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
Saleyard Lane, Sunbury Town Centre - Laneway Streetscape	Streetscape upgrade	Not apply	This project is not ready to commence within 12 weeks of executing the grant agreement.
Merrifield West Southern Community Centre	Development of a Community Centre, providing preschool services and flexible multipurpose community spaces to create an inclusive and connected Merrifield West community.	Apply	This project would deliver strong economic impacts to the wider region.

9.6.6 As a result of this analysis, it is recommended that an application be prepared for the Merrifield West Southern Community Centre.

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 The Victorian and Australian Government currently has several grant programs available for Councils to compete to access funds for capital works or community development activities.

10.2 A list of projects has been presented which meet the funding criteria and provide opportunities for Council to potentially off-set committed capital funding in current and future proposed budgets.

10.3 All these projects to be submitted meet key objectives within the Hume City Council Plan 2017 – 2021 as evidence of their importance to the local community.

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