



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025

7:00PM

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

CONFIRMED - 24 MARCH 2025

HUME CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, 11 March 2025
at 7:02pm
at the Council Chambers Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows**

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Naim Kurt Cr Daniel English Cr Steve Gagen Cr John Haddad Cr Kate Hamley Cr Sam Misho Cr Carly Moore Cr Jim Overend Cr Karen Sherry Cr Ally Watson	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Ms Anne Mallia Mr Adam McSwain Mr Hector Gaston Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood Mr Peter Faull Ms Jane Mikaele	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Act. Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Director Customer & Strategy Chief People Officer Acting Manager Governance Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

Gallery Behaviour

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the following:

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

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 Rev. Prashan Bhonsle from the Anglican Parish of Hume, on behalf of the HIN.

Rev. Prashan Bhonsle read the following prayer:

God, our Creator and Sustainer,
We thank you for allowing us to come together.
We thank you for the gift of life.
Help us use our life for your glory and the service of your people.
Loving God, we pray for your blessings on this meeting. Bless the leaders of Hume City Council; and grant them your wisdom and strength as they discuss and plan future programs.
Help us all draw closer to one another and you. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

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.

Cr Carly Moore declared a conflict of Interest in relation to item 8.5 Municipal Association of Victoria and Australian Local Government Association Motions on the basis that she will be running as a candidate in the federal election and any advocacy to other levels of government would be perceived as a conflict of interest.

Cr Carly Moore declared a conflict of Interest in relation to item 9.1 NOM25/11 - Cr Jim Overend - Craigieburn Community Hospital Upgrade on the basis that she has a relationship with a related party.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM88

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - CR KAREN SHERRY

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Ally Watson

Congratulate Cr Sherry who was elected as a Board delegate for the Municipal Association of Victoria for the Northern Metropolitan Region.

CARRIED

CGM89

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - LENT AND RAMADAN**Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr John Haddad****That Council acknowledges and extends its congratulations to the Christian and Muslim communities as they observe Lent and Ramadan this year.****CARRIED**

CGM90

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – HUME HOLI COLOUR FESTIVAL**Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Ally Watson****That Council through the Mayor writes to the Australian Women's Association to congratulate them and acknowledge their efforts in organising the Hume Holi Colour Festival 2025.****CARRIED****6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Steve Gagen**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2025, be confirmed.****CARRIED****7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

PQ1239

PUBLIC QUESTION - ROBERT IRVINE

Will Hume Council now subdivide and sell (excluding multi-storey car park) the premium property 112-106 Evans Street frontage ASAP.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

This site is strategically important for Sunbury and any potential future uses will be considered as part of Council's Draft Strategic Property Framework that was adopted in March 2024. The final strategy will come back to council for finalisation this term.

More broadly council is committed to supporting the primacy of the Sunbury Town Centre that could include further commercial development in and around this site.

PQ1240

PUBLIC QUESTION - ROBERT IRVINE

If Hume Council will not sell and provide retail here what does it see as the long term use for this frontage? If Hume Council will not sell and provide retail here what does it see as the long term use for this frontage?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

Council has made no decisions about the future of this site and as stated previously it will be considered as part of the Draft Strategic Property Framework that will seek finalisation this term.

PQ1241 PUBLIC QUESTION - SAMANTHA BIERO

Is Council aware that the Notice of Motion with respect to the Craigieburn Community Hospital incorrectly refers to the main entrance as being on Lygon Drive when the official web page for this project lists the primary entrance as being from Craigieburn Road?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER AND STRATEGY

Thank you for your question.

The Notice of Motion makes no physical locational reference to the main entrance. The reference around the main entrance being closed off speaks to a lack of information around the project particularly as the Victorian Health Building Authority website states: "The entrance to Craigieburn Community Hospital will be from Craigieburn Road and a new entrance created at Lygon Drive" whilst the Northern Health website makes no reference to the entrance.

PQ1242 PUBLIC QUESTION - SAMANTHA BIERO

Does Council intend to focus on their own service delivery or does Council have an official advocacy policy of advocating for other levels of government to hold ribbon cuttings for their projects that involved no Council funding?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER AND STRATEGY

Council is developing an Advocacy Strategy which will guide Council's strategic advocacy activities with the aim of securing funding for projects that are responsibility of other levels of Government, changes to State or Federal Government policies and funding to assist the delivery of Council projects.

PQ1243 PUBLIC QUESTION - KRISTINA LARSON

Could the community please have an update on the status of where councillors are at with considering the ban on outdoor cats? I'm constantly seeing run over kittens, and it is very well evidenced the horrific impact that cats have on our biodiversity. Isn't it time for us to decide as a community that we want to protect our native wildlife and commit to responsible pet ownership?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Investigations into the feasibility and potential benefits of such a curfew are underway, with findings and recommendations to be presented to Councillors in late 2025.

Council acknowledges the concerns raised about feral, wandering, and unwanted cats and their impact on local wildlife and animal welfare. Council recognises the need to explore additional measures or controls to help manage these issues effectively.

While Council has yet to formally consider a cat curfew, our Animal Management team continues to implement a range of programs and services to address feral, wandering, and unwanted cats, including:

- **Low-cost desexing and free registration programs** – helping to reduce unwanted litters and ensure cats can be identified.

- **Cat trapping services** – assisting in the humane capture of wandering and stray cats.
- **Enforcement activities** – while a cat curfew has not been introduced, it is an offence for a cat to enter private property without the owner's permission, and Council officers can take enforcement action in these cases.

Further information on these programs is available on the 'Pets and Animal's section of Council's website: www.hume.vic.gov.au/residents/pet-and-animals

We also encourage residents to report cat-related concerns:

- **Online:** by using the 'report an issue' button on Council's website at www.hume.vic.gov.au
- **By phone:** 9205 2200
- **Email:** contactus@hume.vic.gov.au
- **In person:** by visiting one of our customer service counters

These reports are essential not only for our officers to respond effectively, but also for gathering insights and data to inform future strategies and management measures.

PQ1244 PUBLIC QUESTION - KRISTINA LARSON

Have council considered increasing incentives for community consultations? They are quite low compared to surrounding councils and this may potentially impact the number and diversity of applications you receive, and the catering budget at consults is poor. Please feed the people when they give you their free time.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER AND STRATEGY

Council undertakes a wide range of community engagement and consultation activities with varying levels of incentives provided dependant on time and level of input required. Most engagement activities provide the community an opportunity to have input into projects they care about, are in their area or may affect them, and do not include incentives which is common practice. In terms of catering, where community members are giving up extended periods of time to contribute to our engagements or consultations, we provide catering, and balance this with the need to utilise Council's funds responsibly.

PQ1245 PUBLIC QUESTION - ADRIAN MERLINO

We are noticing an increased number of kangaroos loitering on the side of Mickleham Rd at night and the large number of dead & decomposing kangaroos in the area. What plan do you have to keep the roads safe for both kangaroos and residents?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Thank you for your question.

Hume City Council is aware of the increasing number of kangaroo road collisions, especially in areas of urban development. Mickleham Road is managed by the Victorian government's Department of Transport and Planning and VicRoads, who are responsible for signage, road treatments, and removal of deceased animals.

Council Officers are in discussions with DTP and VicRoads to review signage, road treatments and incident response time, particularly on roads surrounding Woodlands Historic Park (including Mickleham Road) where kangaroo collisions are increasing. As part of these discussions, your concerns will be raised with DTP and VicRoads.

Council Officers are working with key land managers, including DTP, VicRoads, DEECA, and Parks Victoria, to explore solutions across both Council and state managed roads and

land. Council Officers are collaborating with Wildlife Victoria and local rescue groups to support volunteers responding to injured and deceased wildlife.

Council is planning an upcoming community campaign is being planned to increase public awareness of kangaroos, including driving safely, pouch check training, and what to do in the case of a collision.

PQ1246 PUBLIC QUESTION - ADRIAN MERLINO

What is the current process for rubbish removal (for example Somerton Rd) and dead kangaroos? The council has allowed increased living density in Greenvale, translating to an increase in these issues, without adjusting for them.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

Council responds to reports of deceased animals and illegally dumped waste; however, the process differs depending on the material for collection, the responsible land manager, and the location.

Somerton road is an arterial road and is managed by the Department of Transport and Planning. As such, they are responsible for the management and maintenance of this road, excluding service lanes, footpaths, and roadside areas in urban areas.

When Council receives a request for action outside of our responsibility, we refer the request on to the appropriate authority to request action.

Where a request is within Council's area of responsibility, we arrange investigation in the case of illegally dumped waste or removal in the case of deceased animals.

In 2024, Council received 14,988 requests to attend to litter and illegally dumped waste in Hume, with a further 1420 requests relating to hazardous waste, deceased animals, discarded syringes/medical waste, and make safe damaged underground pits. Some requests are prioritised due to safety considerations, with the remaining requests generally responded to in the order they are received.

Typically, the average response time for a prioritised request is 24 hours, with the remaining requests being completed in an average of 2-6 weeks. In some instances, traffic management is required to ensure the safety of Council staff and contractors.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Community Ideas for 2025/26 Council Plan and Budget	4

The Mayor invited speakers in attendance to address Council regarding their submission. The following people spoke in support of their written submission contained within the report:

- Justine Maher
- Ayna Mohamed
- Laurelle Besse and Glenn Ogston
- Donna Stoddart
- Ersan Gulum and committee member
- Canan Baloglu
- Colin Marsh
- Natalie Harrison
- Ron Chapel
- Biinne Tam
- Dean Burgess

- Anita John

Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

That Council considers community ideas submitted to the 2025/26 Council Plan and Budget process and notes the information provided by submitters in support of their idea at this Council meeting, on 11 March 2025.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	86-88 Riddell Road, Sunbury - Development of land for a medical centre The Chief Executive Officer read public comments received from Aliesha Jane Anchen and Jason Sumner to the gallery.	691

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That council, having considered the application on its merit and the objections received, resolves to issue a notice of decision to grant a planning permit for the development of land for a medical centre at 86-88 Riddell Road, Sunbury subject to the conditions in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Hume's Solar Program for Council Facilities Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Ally Watson	719

2.1 That Council refers a total of \$2,479,070 for the completion of the solar program over two financial years to the capital works budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) Fund - Submissions Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Carly Moore	724

2.1 That Council:

2.1.1 Approves the submission of applications to the 2025 *Growth Area Infrastructure Contribution Fund* for the following project, and is seeking the listed 'estimated' funding required based on current projections:

- (a) *Completing shared path connection along Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury seeking \$200,000*
- 2.1.2 Write to the Minister for Planning to request a review of the guidelines for the Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) Fund, particularly around the need for works to commence within 18 months.
- 2.1.3 Requests officers to review Council's Capital Works Program in preparation for the 2026 GAIC funding round to identify:
 - (a) *Local Government projects eligible for funding under this stream*
 - (b) *Additional project proposals which would be the responsibility of other agencies, including health, education, public transport, and transport infrastructure, for submission to government.*
 - (c) *A list of eligible projects is to be presented to Council for discussion within six months.*

Councillor Kate Hamley left the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) Fund - Submissions, the time being 8:45pm, and did return to vote on the item.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Municipal Association of Victoria and Australian Local Government Association Motions	731

Cr Moore declared a conflict of Interest for item 8.5 Municipal Association of Victoria and Australian Local Government Association Motions on the basis that she will be running as a candidate in the federal election and any advocacy to other levels of government would be perceived as a conflict of interest, and left the meeting at 8:43pm and did not vote on the item.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Sam Misho

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 submit the following motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV):
 - (a) "That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to implement all recommendations from the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Local government funding and services Inquiry plus:
 - (i) The Victorian Government should conduct a review of developer contributions to grow the use of in-kind agreements to assist councils

with the timely delivery of infrastructure.”

- (ii) That the Victorian Government conduct a review of prescribed local government fees and fines to ensure they reflect the actual costs to individual councils.
- (iii) That the Victorian Government, in consultation with the local government sector, reinvest more funding from the Sustainability Fund in circular economy initiatives.
- (iv) That the Victorian Government, in consultation with the local government sector, establish a local government climate resilience fund.

(b) That the MAV advocate to the Premier and Minister for Local Government to express concerns regarding the collection of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund. It is proposed that the collection of this fund be managed directly by the state government, rather than local governments, to ensure a more streamlined and efficient process for all parties involved.

(c) That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government and the Federal Government to request that funding for Pools and Libraries be funded equally by the Federal Government, Victorian Government, and the relevant local council.

(d) That the MAV advocate to the Victorian and Federal Government to each provide an immediate investment of \$20 million of investment to assist councils across outer Melbourne to progress planning and early works on the current backlog in required projects.

(e) That the MAV advocate to the Victorian and Federal Government to pilot coordinated Local/State/Federal infrastructure delivery in one of the 12 designated Metropolitan Activity Centres in Victoria.

(f) That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government for a review of the Municipal Industrial and Landfill Levy which includes consideration of an intermediary rate for growth Councils.

(g) That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government to undertake a comprehensive review of Victoria’s bail laws.”

2.1.2 submit the following motions to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA):

- (a) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (i) Recognise outer metropolitan growth areas as regions requiring specific attention in Commonwealth funding programs across portfolios
 - (ii) Prioritise funding from existing programs to fix the infrastructure deficits in growth areas
 - (iii) Resource equitably through a national infrastructure investment framework for growth areas.
- (b) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to request that funding for Pools and Libraries be funded equally by the Federal Government, Victorian Government, and the relevant local council.
- (c) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide an immediate investment of \$20 million of investment to assist councils across outer Melbourne to progress planning and early works on the current backlog in required projects.
- (d) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to implement all 31 recommendations from the You win some, you lose more report into gambling harm.
- (e) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to pilot coordinated infrastructure delivery in one of the 12 designated Metropolitan Activity Centres in Victoria.
- (f) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reduce the fuel excise to better support the community that is suffering due to increased cost of living expenses.

2.1.3 authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor administrative changes to these motions should the need arise.

Councillor Kate Hamley returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.5 Municipal Association of Victoria and Australian Local Government Association Motions and, the time being 8:48pm.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/28) - Councillor Jim Overend - Real Estate Forum	

Cr Moore returned to the meeting at 8:57pm prior to item 8.6 Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/28) - Councillor Jim Overend - Real Estate Forum being moved.

Moved Cr Jim Overend, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes Officer's attempt to host a forum for Real Estate Agents across Hume to discuss waste services.**
- 2.2 Note Officer's revised plan to engage directly with individual real estate agencies and that this include confirming a date for a new forum**

Councillor Daniel English left the meeting during discussion on item 8.6 Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/28) - Councillor Jim Overend - Real Estate Forum, the time being 8:57pm.

Councillor Daniel English returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.6 Response to Notice of Motion (NOM24/28) - Councillor Jim Overend - Real Estate Forum, the time being 8:59pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Contract No. 30 24 3578 – Design and Construction of Pavilion at Willowbrook Reserve	1300

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Daniel English

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Resolves to award Contract No. 30 24 3578 to Modular Spaces Pty Ltd.**
- 2.1.2 Awards the Contract for the lump sum tendered price of Four Million, two hundred and forty-eight thousand, six hundred and forty dollars and forty cents (\$4,248,644.40) GST inclusive.**
- 2.1.3 Approves a contingency sum and additional allowance to the value (excl. GST) contained within the confidential attachment**
- 2.1.4 Authorises the Director Infrastructure and Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.**
- 2.1.5 Authorises that variations will be managed in accordance with the Contract Variation Policy.**

CARRIED

MINUTES

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM25/11 - Cr Jim Overend - Craigieburn Community Hospital Upgrade	1315

Cr Moore declared a conflict of Interest for item 9.1 NOM25/11 - Cr Jim Overend - Craigieburn Community Hospital Upgrade on the basis that she has a relationship with a related party and left the meeting at 9:09pm and did not vote on the item.

Moved Cr Jim Overend, Seconded Cr Daniel English

THAT Council:

- 1. Write to the State Minister for Health to ascertain when our upgraded Hospital will be officially opened, as construction has been completed for some time.**
- 2. Write to the CEO of Northern Health to get an understanding of the timelines for the planned rollout of the delivery of all the services outlined on the VHBA website.**

CARRIED

Cr Moore returned to the meeting at 9:13pm prior to item 10 – Items to be Tabled discussion.

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:16pm.