# A thriving (3) community with a strong sense of Obelonging.



## **About the Community Vision**

The Hume Community Vision 2045 has been developed by our community, for our community.

The Community Vision helps shape the future of Hume City by describing our shared aspirations and what they will look like when achieved over the next 20 years.

Every four years, Victorian councils must undertake deliberative engagement with their community to review their Community Vision and develop a new Council Plan that addresses the Community Vision (Local Government Act 2020).

The Community Vision is an important long-term strategic document that will help to guide Hume City Council's strategic direction and decision making by maintaining focus on what's important to our community.

Working closely with our community, Council is well placed to drive the achievement of the Community Vision – noting that no one area of Council, community group or other level of government can meet our community's aspirations alone – we all have a part to play in creating the future we want.

## How was the Community Vision developed?

In 2021, our community told us they wanted Hume City to be 'a sustainable and thriving community with great health, education, employment, infrastructure, and a strong sense of belonging'. Since then, our community has continued to grow, and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, how we live and what we value has changed.

In October 2024, a Community Panel was formed to undertake a review of the Vision. Over three sessions, the Panel was provided updated information on Hume and tasked with refreshing the Vision to ensure it continues to reflect community aspirations as well as provide greater detail on the outcomes that are sought when these aspirations are achieved.

The Panel was made up of 47 community members representative of our whole community, reflecting the diversity of locations, ages and backgrounds in Hume City.
The Panel presented the refreshed Community Vision to Council in February 2025 where it was adopted.

## A thriving community with a strong sense of belonging.

Our Community Vision themes are:



#### Equality, equity and inclusion and connection

Everyone in Hume has equal opportunities and resources to fulfil their potential. Hume recognises that people have different needs and provides different levels of support to achieve fairness. Hume is a welcoming, inclusive community, centred around empowerment, resilience, and respect of diversity, creating an environment where everyone feels valued, safe and has a sense of belonging.



#### Well connected and well serviced city

Residents and visitors have easy access, in a timely and efficient manner, to amenities, services and transportation options.



#### **Environmentally centred**

Our decisions are grounded by all aspects of our environmental impact, through the protection, conservation and expansion of our native flora, fauna, parklands and waterways.



#### Responsible and well governed city

Council continues to be transparent, well governed and accessible. It responsibly engages with community, and strategically advocates to meet the future needs of Hume.

## **Our Community**

#### 2025

Population: 262,800

Households: 91,500

Our community come from 170 different countries, with 40% born overseas

Our community speak over 155 languages, with 49% speaking a language other than English at home

1 in 9 people are 65 years or older

More than 1 in 4 people are aged under 18 years

We have 46,000 students, attending more than 65 primary and secondary schools

We have 26,000 businesses, employing 134,000 people

1 in 2 people are involved in community or sporting groups

### 2045 (forecast)

Population: 411,700

Households: 145,646





