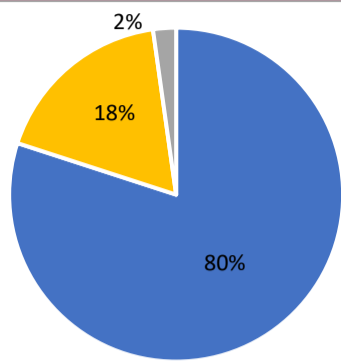


Our Progress (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)



36
 Action completed
 this quarter

- Completed (80% or 36 actions)
- Not Completed (18% or 8 actions)
- Deferred (2% or 1 action)

Our advocacy highlights

- Council continued to advocate for the redevelopment of Banksia Gardens housing estate and policy changes to minimise gambling harm.
- The Build a Better Hume State Election advocacy campaign was delivered throughout August to November 2022. During the campaign, 13 events were held at venues throughout the municipality. Members of the public were invited to vote on the projects that they thought were the highest priority for funding. During the campaign we received over 5,700 votes (2,200 in-person and over 3,500 online).
- Residents were encouraged to get involved in the RACV road safety survey, to highlight road issues in Hume.
- Council was recognised at the National Growth Areas Alliance Awards, winning in the Advocacy category. This award was the result of a collaborative effort with our neighbours, City of Whittlesea, and Mitchell Shire Council, to ensure support for the delivery of the Beveridge Intermodal Freight Terminal.

Theme 1: A community that is resilient, inclusive, and thriving

- The Stolen Generations Marker was completed, over 150 people attended the launch. A Sorry Day event at the Stolen Generations Marker was led by the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.
- To mark National Volunteers Week in May, a Volunteer Civic Reception was held, approximately 300 volunteers were recognised.
- Work placements commenced as part of the Industry Practical Placement (IPP) program in partnership with Kangan Institute for Hume residents with a mild intellectual disability.
- Four hundred people attended the Refugee Week event in June 2023. The event was organised by five local young people with lived refugee experience in partnership with Council.
- Sixteen art exhibitions were presented across Council's three galleries. 300 people participated in public programs supporting exhibitions.
- A new Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy adopted in July 2022, providing clear links to the Child Safe Toolkit, and processes and procedures in line with new 11 Child Safe Standards.
- The 2022/23 Hume Multiversity Tertiary Education Scholarship Program awarded 99 scholarships to Hume residents enrolling in study with La Trobe University, Victoria University and Deakin University, Kangan Institute and Melbourne Polytechnic.
- Delivered two Jobs Expo's in partnership with: Melbourne Airport Corporation, NORTH Link. A third, Women in Construction and STEM Careers and Jobs Expo, was delivered in partnership with the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, SheForce, Kangan Institute and the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN).
- 'Change Starts with You' youth resource in partnership with DPV Health, Good People Act Now and Man Cave, were some of the initiatives delivered as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
- Council, Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation and Sunbury Cobaw Community Health worked in partnership to deliver a rainbow flag raising event on IDAHOBIT Day that celebrated our LGBTIQ+ community.
- Council signed a long-term lease agreement with State Government to facilitate improved community infrastructure outcomes for the Sunbury arts community and residents (Jacksons Hill, Sunbury).
- The Kindergarten Infrastructure Building Blocks Pipeline partnerships agreement with the Victorian Government has been approved. The agreement has identified expansion work at five locations that will increase licensed Kindergarten places by 198 by 2026.
- Over 100 work placements have been offered with 84 work experience placements being undertaken within the financial year.

Theme 2: A City that cares about our planet, is appealing and connected

- A feasibility process to determine the best service and infrastructure delivery option for a youth crisis facility in Hume City was completed.
- Work continues with Stockland and neighbouring Councils to advance the planning of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre, including the preparation of a Regional Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment.
- To support rural landowners to manage land sustainability and protect environmental assets grants and rebates of over \$600 thousand were distributed to the community.
- Progress Reserve, Coolaroo Stage One active and passive open spaces upgrade has been completed, and officially opened in April 2023. Further improvements are underway at: Hamilton Hume Reserve, Greenfield Reserve and Cimperwood Drive Reserve.
- Hume's Draft Climate Action Plan was endorsed by Council for public exhibition in June 2023.
- Forty sustainability themed community workshops were held, including Let's Grow Hume food growing workshops at community centres, libraries, kindergartens, and community gardens.
- Residents participated in a Citizen Science program by undertaking a Latham's Snipe bird surveys across Craigieburn/Mickleham. This threatened wetland bird migrates between Japan and Australia each year and one population has made Hume its Spring/Summer home.
- Initiatives to enhance walking and cycling included work on Moonee Ponds Creek Trail and Greenvale to Attwood shared path.
- The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2022. The Strategy focuses on increasing the diversion of material from landfill, reducing litter and dumped rubbish to decrease pollution and impacts on human health and wildlife.

Theme 3: A council that inspires leadership, is accountable and puts the community first

- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) – regular fortnightly meetings held between July 2022 to June 2023. Rolling recruitment to the YAC has been delivered this year, with twelve members regularly attending and inputting into the direction of YAC projects.
- The Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) hosted a Harmony Sports Day in April 2023 and supported faith leaders to provide a blessing of the seedlings at the Interfaith Planting Day in June 2023.
- The organisation launched a new set of Corporate Values and guiding behaviours to enhance organisational performance in the way we deliver services to our community.
- Gender Impact Assessments (GIA) for the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, Craigieburn and Valley Park Community Centres General Local Law, Craigieburn Community Garden Upgrade, and Community Grants Program have been undertaken.
- The Sustainability Taskforce has provided input to the Community Design Guidelines, made recommendations for inclusion in the Land and Biodiversity Plan, and the implementation of the Hume's Waste Strategy.
- More than 84 consultation, engagement and evaluation projects were completed. Almost 25,000 unique visitors accessed Council's community engagement platform in the last 12 months. The number of visitors to Council's participate.hume site increased by 53% compared to 2021/22.
- The Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) was adopted by Council in May 2023.
- Work continues to progress on the upgrade/replacement of Council's Enterprise Resource Planning Solution. Council will be considering implementation costs and potential benefits as part of the 2023/24 budget process.
- Implementation of Council Request Management Process, designed to streamline the handling of Councillor enquiries and ensuring timely resolution.