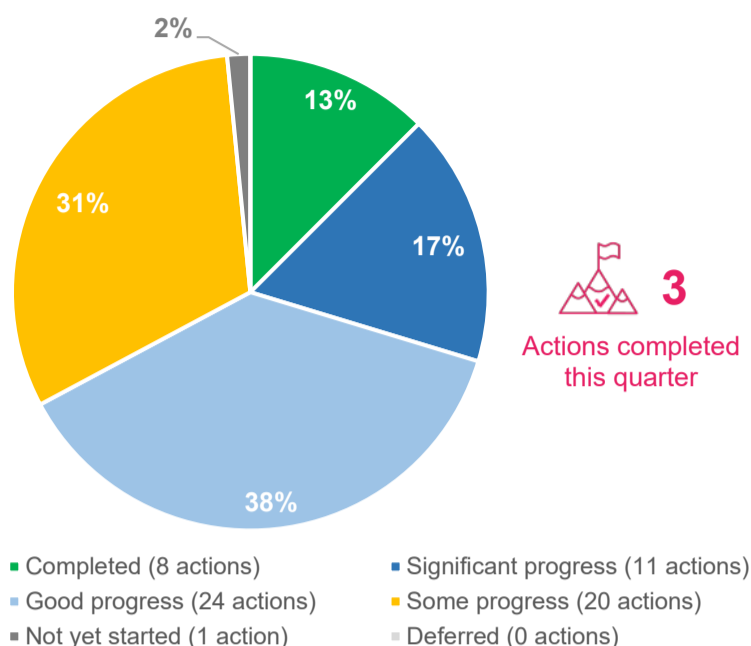


**Our Progress** (1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021)



**Our advocacy highlights**

- Council continues to advocate for social housing renewal in Broadmeadows.
- Continues to advocate to State Government, Melbourne's North Group of Councils and NORTHLink for support of the Visitor Economy in the north.
- Council has continued to advocate for transport and road connections with State and Federal MPs during the quarter.
- Met with Minister for Transport to reiterate the community's concerns over the proposed routes for soil disposal from the West Gate Tunnel project.
- Work is currently underway to develop Hume's Advocacy Strategy that will inform strategic engagement with key stakeholders in the lead up to both the State and Federal Budgets and State and Federal elections due in 2022.
- Continued regular meetings with local members of Parliament to discuss issues of concern for the community and Council.

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

- Volunteering activities including a Volunteer Gateway online Pop-up information stall, Tax Help program supporting more than 150 residents, a performance management workshop facilitated by Volunteering Victoria and completion of a project plan to offer Hume Volunteer Gateway 'Volunteering for All' project in 2022.
- Preparation and planning for the introduction of Three-year-old funded kindergarten in 2022 is underway for commencement in Term 1, 2022.
- New employment pathways program providing 12-week paid placements established.
- Commenced masterplan discussions with key landholders and stakeholders for the renewal and revitalisation of Hume Central/ Broadmeadows Town Centre.
- Delivered a workshop to 13 Hume businesses participating the Social Procurement Employment and Economic Development (SEED) project.
- Delivered variety of targeted programs as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence to raise awareness around the impact of family violence and to support prevention of violence against women campaigns.
- The Social Justice Charter was adopted on 15 November 2021 after an extensive community engagement process.
- Commenced community consultation on the Draft Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025, ahead of final consideration by Council in March 2022.
- Council commenced the Arts and Culture Service and Infrastructure Plan and Feasibility Study, including stakeholder engagement.

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

- Council progressed the background work on Merrifield North Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and Greenvale North PSP.
- Continued to support rural landowners through the delivery of the Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) grants program and Primary Producer Rate Rebate.
- The Live Green Plan 2021-2026 was adopted by Council at the 13 December 2021.
- Council officially launched the Hume's Gardens for Wildlife (G4W) program on 21 November 2021 at the Grasslands Floating event at Hume Global Learning Centre (HGLC) Sunbury.
- As part of initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting, conducted initial discussions with Sunbury Cemetery to supply stormwater from the O'Brien Street retarding basin.
- Completed mapping of the City's open spaces for the Open Space Strategy (OSS) development and commenced community engagement
- Commenced community consultation for the new 10-year waste strategy.
- Commenced site assessment for the Merri Creek Trail extension to improve connections with Hume's walking and cycling network.
- Council is liaising with Melbourne Water in their role as landowner, regarding the development of a new Greenvale to Attwood link and submitted concept designs for the trail.

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

- The Community Vision, Council Plan and Long-term Financial Plan were adopted by Council on 25 October 2021. These documents were informed by a deliberative engagement panel of 46 community members, and the voices of over 8,500 residents, and stakeholders.
- Council's community satisfaction survey was undertaken, and a new interactive dashboard was developed to improve the accessibility of information collected through the survey.
- Commenced consultation on the review of the Community Engagement Policy.
- Advanced the development of an Interim Community Infrastructure Plan and finalised and the draft Youth Facilities Report in November 2021.
- Finalised Council's Workforce Plan and continued engagement and research for Council's Gender Equity Action Plan.
- Commenced development of processes and procedures to support Gender Impact Assessments (GIAs).
- Finalised a service plan for the Valley Park Community Centre.
- The Libraries and Learning Programs Service Plan was adopted by Council on the 25 October, and the Connect & Thrive: A Plan for Young People was adopted on 13 December 2021.