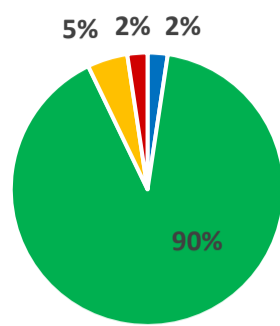


Our Progress (1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023)



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 Action completed this quarter.

■ Completed (2% or 1 action) ■ On track (90% or 38 actions)
 ■ Monitor (5% or 2 actions) ■ At risk (2% or 1 action)

Our advocacy highlights

- On 16 July 2023, the State Government announced it would be introducing sweeping new reforms to the use of Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) and venue operating hours to protect Victorians from gambling harm. In 2022/23 Hume City residents lost more than \$139 million to EGMs, these changes will help to protect the financial and emotional well-being of our community. Gambling Harm Minimisation has been one of Council's long term advocacy priorities.
- During this quarter, we maintained our ongoing, strategic program of meetings with State Government. This included:
 - Seven meetings with local State MPs
 - Three Ministerial meetings.

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

- Thirty-five placements occurred during Quarter One 2023/24: 15 high school work experience placements and 20 tertiary education placements in Children's Services.
- A successful Illuminate nextgen Challenge was delivered in August 2023. Seven Hume secondary schools participated, consisting of 54 students.
- Discussions continue with a tertiary education provider regarding establishing a facility in the Cloverton MAC.
- A series of Small Business Mentoring Clinics were delivered.
- The Melbourne's North Manufacturing Jobs Expo was delivered in partnership with Hume City Council and NORTHLink, over 300 Hume residents attended.
- Holmesglen partnered with Hume City Council to deliver a Small Business Festival as part of the Self Employment Assistance program, approximately 250 people attended.
- A community information and education session was delivered at the Newbury Child and Community Centre focused on crime and incident reporting.
- Delivered Human Rights Ambassador training to three cohorts.
- In partnership with the Australian Tax Office, Council delivered Tax Help which provides supports with simple tax affairs from mid-July to end October. Tax Help received almost 300 calls and over 100 sessions. This year's program is supported by 4 volunteers.
- A Family Violence Practitioners Forum was delivered for practitioners and staff operating across the Hume and Merri-bek municipalities. This session was supported by the Northern Legal Community Centre.
- The [Hume General Purpose Local Law 2023](#) and [Hume Domestic Animal Management Plan](#) were adopted by Council.
- A submission was presented to the State Department of Justice and Community Safety outlining actions that should occur for gambling reforms. The recommended actions were informed by community consultation and evidence into gambling harm.
- Work continues at the Sunbury Community Arts and Culture Precinct at Jacksons Hill completed work includes: grounds maintenance, garden bed, tree works and grass resurface dressing.

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

- Work progressed this quarter to improve digital planning services to the community, this will allow online lodgement of planning permit applications, with the aim of improving processing times.
- Council endorsed 43 projects for 2023 Conserving Our Rural Environment (CoRE) grants.
- Three community capacity building workshops were held to assist rural landholders develop skills for managing the land sustainably. Including Rural Hume Rural Home bus tour with 40 participants.
- Five draft Conservation Management Plans have been developed.
- Gardens for Wildlife Evaluation report of rounds 1 and 2 were completed, results showed a strong increase in social connections and health and wellbeing as a result of participating in the program.
- Approvals have been received from VicRoads, Secretary to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Jemena and Melbourne Water for Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows, the project is ready to go to tender.
- Hume's [Climate Action Plan](#) was adopted by Council.
- Council endorsed Draft Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 for public exhibition.
- Consultants have been engaged to provide Passive House input into the Jackson's Creek Community Centre and specifications for Design Team have been developed.
- Council engaged a partner to deliver a training program for key Council engineering and project staff on Circular Design and Circular Construction.
- As part of the annual Open Space Upgrade Program works have been completed at Cimberwood Drive Reserve, Craigieburn and works are underway at Andlon Court Reserve, Tullamarine.
- Work continues to progress on the development of a Transport Strategy with consultant engaged to assist with community engagement, including focus on disability access and community safety. Data gathering from existing sources undertaken, including sustainability.
- As part of the annual Walking & Cycling Program, path, signage and line marking for the Greenvale to Attwood Shared Path have been completed.

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

- The Hume Interfaith Dinner was held in September, attended by approximately 160 faith and community leaders to promote diversity, inclusion, modelling and advocating for community strengthening.
- Youth Action Committee (YAC) has 12 members and meet once a week. YAC delivered the Mind Matters Summit in September with 30 young people attending.
- Sustainability Taskforce held two meeting and provided input to Land & Biodiversity Plan and the Transport Strategy.
- Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) held one meeting and provided input the planned Housing Diversity Strategy. The MAG partnered with the Victoria University to support the delivery of the "Understanding reporting barriers and support needs of people experiencing racism" project.
- The digital transformation program (DTP) has commenced with a Request for Tender issued for an implementation partner to assist council with the implementation of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution.
- Community Centres have finalised the tender for facility booking to implement an online, integrated booking system. An internal project working groups have been convened to oversee progress.
- Progression of Council's commitment to gender equality for staff and community, through communications and participation in Wear it Purple Day, Women's Health Week, Men's Health Week and RU OK? Day.
- Introduction of [multilingual service 'Speak to us in your language'](#), allowing customers to book time with a Council Officer who speaks their preferred language. From July to September the service received more than 30 booking via the online booking system, and each week receives more than 30 requests in person or over the phone.