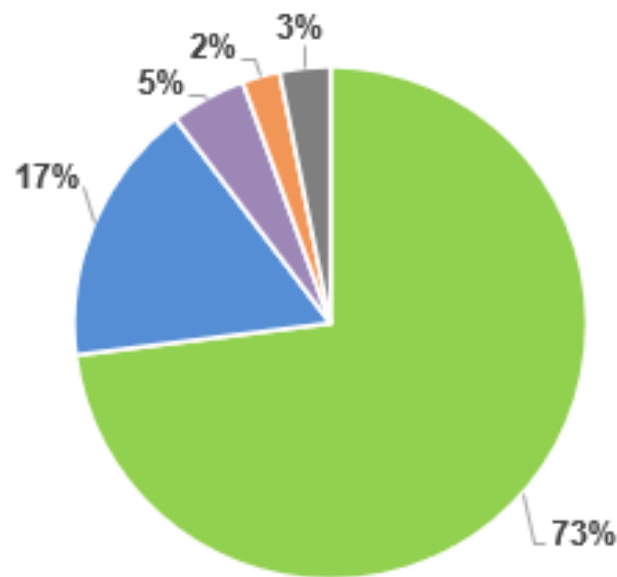


HUME CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL PLAN 2017–2021 (2020/21 ACTIONS) FINAL PROGRESS SUMMARY 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

Summary of progress - 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021



- Completed (73% or 92 actions)
- Significant Progress (17% or 21 actions)
- Good Progress (5% or 6 actions)
- Some Progress (2% or 3 actions)
- Deferred (3% or 4 actions)

THEME 1



A WELL-EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- There are now 10 Tertiary Education providers delivering programs to the Hume Multiversity in accordance with Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) across Hume.
- In preparation for 3-Year-Old Kindergarten in 2022, a detailed analysis of the required operational and planning considerations for Council and the benefits to the community has been undertaken. Recommendations are scheduled to be presented to Council in August.
- Some face-to-face programs have recommenced delivery at libraries, including 357 English language storytime sessions attracting 68,601 online views and 4,778 physical attendees and 204 Bilingual Storytime sessions recorded with 115,104 views and 2,006 physical attendees.
- Hume Libraries Express and the collection service continued with the delivery of 2,824 packages or 28,921 items.
- Council continued to support the National Community Hubs program, including facilitation to link schools with programs and networks and encouraging increased access to health services by linking Hub Leaders and playgroup facilitators to supported programs and services.
- Council received revitalisation grant funding from the Office of Suburban Development (OSD) to grow employment in the Broadmeadows Town Centre. Following stakeholder consultation and engagement the Broadmeadows Town Centre Economic Assessment and Investment Action plan has been developed.
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- More than 4,500 vacancies were listed on Hume Joblink and more than 4,900 jobs were advertised in Melbourne's North Joblink in 2020/21.
- Council adopted the Hume Small Business Grants Program to provide a financial boost to businesses that demonstrate the potential to create employment and contribute to building a stronger local economy. This is an annual program and in 2021/22 it will provide a funding pool of \$500k with a maximum of \$20k per business.

INDICATORS

- 550 library events attracted 194,191 views and 7,909 attendees. At the same time in 2019/20, 3,141 events attracted 582,989 attendees.
- 89.0% is the most recent preschool participation rate (2019), the previous result in 2018 was 94.6%.

ADVOCACY

- Council advocated to state government, Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) and Committee for Melbourne for support of the Visitor Economy including expanding the state's travel voucher system.

THEME 2



A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- To promote the local social marketing campaign to change behaviours and improve physical activity, Council developed a Hume Fit app. The app currently over 11,000 registered users and provides a range of healthy lifestyle opportunities to the community.
- Maternal and Child Health continues to focus on re-prioritising older Key Ages and Stages (KAS) visits. In 2020/21, overall participation rate was 73.7% and participation rate for Aboriginal children was 67.3%.
- A strategic advocacy plan has been developed in partnership with the Alliance for Gambling Reform to capitalise on gambling harm advocacy opportunities.
- A development plan to guide the delivery of Council's 2021-2025 Health and Wellbeing Plan has been endorsed by Council. Community and stakeholder consultation for the plan is now underway.
- Community Garden capital upgrade works were carried out at Craigieburn Community Garden, Westmeadows Indigenous Garden, Roxburgh Park Homestead Garden and Sunbury Community Garden.
- Updates were made to the Municipal Emergency Management Plan, including the Pandemic and Heat Health Plans and a review of the emergency contact list was undertaken.
- The 2020/21 fire season was declared over on 29 March 2021. There were over 9,000 properties inspected during the season with most landowners ensuring that their properties were prepared.
- Child Safe Policy was adopted by Council on 27 July 2020 and Child Safe processes and procedures have been compiled in a comprehensive Managers Toolkit which will be launched to staff in early July. Mandatory online Child Safe training has been rolled out to staff and identified training and development of divisional child safe champions.
- The VicRoads TAC L2P program currently has 55 learner drivers and 35 mentor drivers engaged in the program. The program will enter its 12th year of delivery during 2021/22 financial year.
- In partnership with supporting organisations Council facilitated initiatives and events to raise awareness around the impact of family violence.

INDICATORS

- 88.8% of the community are satisfied with their health an increase from 78.2% in 2018/19.
- 96.1% is the immunisation coverage for 1 January – 31 December 2020. The same result was recorded at the same time in 2019/20.

ADVOCACY

- Council was successful in securing a grant of \$120k over three years. The grant will enable Council to engage a new Health Promotion Officer with a focus on delivering programs and activities for young people.

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THEME 3

A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Council received funding from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) to deliver the Community Health Champions program. The program provides community access to COVID-safe messaging and supported Council services.
- 22 Community Change Makers completed their program in May and June 2021.
- Construction of a new men's shed and car park area were completed for the Hume Men's Shed Craigieburn. Upgrade works to Goonawarra Neighbourhood House were also completed and upgrade works Selwyn Neighbourhood House commenced in Quarter four.
- In conjunction with National Sorry Day (26 May) exhibition of art works by Victorian Stolen Generations artists was launched. The launch was well attended with the gallery at capacity at 28 attendees under the Covid-19 restrictions.
- Hume's Harmony Week event was held at Town Hall Broadmeadows on 19 March 2021 with approximately 100 participants.
- International Women's Day Mayoral Morning Tea was held at Town Hall Broadmeadows on 8 March 2021 with approximately 160 attendees.
- The Women of the Sun film series, which portrays the lives of four Aboriginal women from the 1820s to the 1980s, screened at HGLC-Broadmeadows in March 2021 with 36 participants.
- As part of implementation of the Hume Multicultural Framework Council purchased the Grants Guru software to facilitate groups access to grant opportunities. This includes a language translation software package.
- The Ranger Trainee Agreement has been signed with funding provided to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Narrap Ranger Team. Since July 2020 the Team have been managing several Council reserves that hold cultural and natural heritage significance.
- As part of Summer Sessions Movies & Music, seven events were held across the municipality in February and March 2021.
- Artwork for the Cultural Commissions Project was completed and installed at HGLC-Sunbury.

INDICATORS

- 85.0% of people believe it is a good thing for a society to be made up of people from different cultures. 81.8% was the previous result in 2018/19.
- 46.2% of the community are involved in sporting and/or community groups. The previous result was 41.5% (2018/19).

ADVOCACY

- A funding submission has been submitted to State Government to support the continuation of the Supporting Diverse Communities project, which was scheduled to cease by the 31 March 2021.

THEME 4

A SUSTAINABLY BUILT AND WELL-MAINTAINED CITY WITH AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITY

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- A draft needs analysis for a youth crisis facility has been prepared. The report includes a series of recommendations expected to be presented to Council in August 2021.
- The 10-week training phase of the 2021 Hume Enviro Champions (HEC) program was completed.
- In preparation for an amendment to the Planning Scheme a draft Neighbourhood Character Assessment incorporating built form testing has been completed. This will inform a future planning scheme amendment.
- Statutory Planning achieved an almost 100% paper free environment and adapted processes and procedures to maximise the use of technology. The change to electronic processing is estimated to have saved over 5,000 hours of processing time per annum across the Unit.
- The Landscape Connectivity Plan was finalised and presented to Council in February 2021. The objectives and subsequent actions will be incorporated into the Land and Biodiversity Plan.
- A domestic kerbside waste audit was completed with a sample of 250 houses across the municipality. The audit will assist Council to understand utilisation of the service, contamination and resource recovery rates.
- Council appointed the solar suppliers for installation of solar on 17 Council buildings, which are currently underway.
- Concept designs, geotechnical testing and site surveys for stormwater harvesting schemes at Jack Roper Reserve, John Ilhan Memorial Reserve and O'Brien Street retarding basin have been completed.
- A major dumped waste campaign was launched in April 2021 to assist residents understand the impact of illegal dumping.
- Construction of playspace and amenity upgrade works at Renfrew Court Reserve, Sheffield Park, Kirwan Park, Roxburgh Park and Coopers Hill Drive have been completed.

INDICATORS

- 51.3% of planning applications were decided within required timeframes. At the same time in 2019/20 the result was 44.2%.
- The 2020/21 waste diversion rate is 34.9%. The result for 2019/20 was 35.1%.

ADVOCACY

- Council is working with Rail Projects Victoria and Rail Infrastructure Alliance to represent Council's needs in relation to the Gap Road level crossing removal project.

THEME 5

A WELL-GOVERNED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Council implemented the online Accessible Parking Permit (APP) replacing the Disability Parking Permit scheme in March 2021.
- The Community Indicators Survey 2020 was completed.
- Consultation for the development of the Community Vision commenced in February 2021. The Community Vision Panel received 362 Expressions of Interest with 46 panel members being offered places to represent the broad demographics of Hume City. The panel has met three times to prepare a draft Community Vision for community feedback.
- The Aged Care Service and Support Plan was adopted by Council in December 2020. The plan outlines Council's commitment to continue the delivery of Commonwealth and State funded aged care services alongside actions to improve service access, continuity, quality, and sustainability.
- Delivery of the Leadership Development Program (LDP) concluded in June 2021. Planning continued for the delivery of the Learn2Lead Leadership Development program.
- The preschool at Mickleham North Community Centre (formerly Merrifield North) commenced operation in February 2021. Staged construction of the facility continues.
- The new Hume City Council website was fully launched in November 2020. A new Hume Libraries website was launched in June 2021.
- The 2021/22 Budget was adopted by Council on 28 June 2021. Several efficiencies have been included in the budget to ensure that all indicators of financial sustainability are at an acceptable level.
- A report for public consultation on the setting of Mayoral and Councillor allowances was presented to Council in March 2021.
- Requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 have been implemented by the 31 March 2021 including adoption of the Community Engagement Policy and the Councillor code of conduct.

INDICATORS

- \$17,014,829 has been received in non-recurrent grants in 2020/21, in 2019/20 it was \$14,750,149.
- Adjusted underlying surplus is 5.3% for 2020/21, in 2019/20 the result was 9.8%.

ADVOCACY

- Council advocated on issues of local significance including the proposal to store contaminated waste from the Westgate Tunnel Project and the selection of Mickleham as the location for a new dedicated Coronavirus Quarantine Centre.