COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025

7:00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE BROADMEADOWS

OUR VISION:

Hume City Council will be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.

An audio and video recording of this meeting of the Hume City Council will be published to Council's website within two (2) working days.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Notice of a
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
to be held on Monday, 24 February 2025
at 7:00pm
at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Jarrod Bell	Mayor
		Cr Naim Kurt	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Daniel English	
		Cr Steve Gagen	
		Cr John Haddad	
		Cr Kate Hamley	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		Cr Jim Overend	
		Cr Karen Sherry	
		Cr Ally Watson	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Anne Mallia	Act. Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		MsAnn-Michel Greenwood	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Helen Patsikatheodorou OAM, from the Greek Orthodox Church, on behalf of the HIN.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025, including Confidential Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

The Mayor will ask the Councillors and gallery at the commencement of this section, which reports they wish to speak to. These reports will then be discussed in the order they appear on the notice paper.

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The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential items.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act* 2020 to consider the following items:

8.4 Monthly Capital Works Update

Confidential Attachment - Monthly Capital Works Reports - December 2024 and January 2025

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

SHEENA FROST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

20/02/2025

REPORT NO:	8.1
REPORT TITLE:	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 - Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions
SOURCE:	Karen Curson, Senior Lead Integrated Planning & Reporting Andrea Taylor, Manager Organisational Performance & Strategy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC24/1278
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Second Quarter Council Plan Report 2024-25*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The *Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and* Actions (**Attachment 1**) is one of three reports, which combined, provides an update on the progress made towards the delivery of Council's Strategic Objectives, for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024. As of 31 December 2024, the delivery of Council Plan Actions has progressed well, with 98% Council Plan actions either on track or completed.

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions (Attachment 1).

2. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

Local Government Act 2020 (the **Act**):

- *Section 90 – Council Plan*
- *Section 94 – The budget*.

3. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

4.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

No human rights are being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

4.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020

REPORT NO: 8.1 (cont.)

This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications resulting from the reporting of the *Council Plan Strategic Objectives and* Actions.

6. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

There are no opportunities or risks resulting from the reporting of the Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The Council Plan and Budget was developed through extensive community consultation.

8. DISCUSSION:

8.1 On 24 June 2024, Council adopted the Council Plan 2021-2025 (24/25 Update) and 2024/25 Budget, which included the recurrent and capital budget (for the capital works program).

8.2 The Council Plan sets out Council's 11 Strategic Objectives (under three Themes) which identifies what it will achieve over the 4-year term in response to the Hume Community Vision. The Plan also outlines Strategies and Actions to achieve these objectives (the outcomes). Achievement of the objectives is measured by Strategic Indicators.

8.3 The *Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and* Actions (**Attachment 1**) is one of three reports, which combined, provides an update on the progress made towards the delivery of Council's Strategic Objectives, for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

8.4 The updated Council Plan includes 41 Strategies/Actions to be delivered over the year 2024/25 to achieve the Strategic Objectives. A progress summary of the delivery of these Strategies/Actions are outlined below:

Progress	Description	Number	Percentage
Completed	Action has been completed	1	2%
On Track	Action is proceeding to plan	39	95%
Monitor	Action requires attention to ensure it is completed by 30 June 2025	1	2%
At Risk	Action is at risk of not being completed by 30 June 2025	-	-
Not Started or deferred	Action has not been started or is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances	-	-

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The Second Quarter Report 2024/25 (comprising a progress updated on Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions, capital works program and Council's annual budget) seeks to provide transparency in the reporting of the delivery of Council's commitments to the community, as set out in the Council Plan.

9.2 As of 31 December 2024, 98% Council Plan actions either on track or completed.

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HUME CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

2024/25 UPDATE

INCORPORATING THE:

- DISABILITY ACTION PLAN
- COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN
- PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY



Second Quarter Report 2024/25

Progress Report on Strategic Objectives and Actions

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INTRODUCTION

Context

The *Council Plan 2021-2025* (**Council Plan**) sets out 11 Strategic Objectives (under three Themes) which articulate the outcomes that Council wants to achieve over its 4-year term in response to the Hume Community Vision. Achievement of the objectives is measured by Strategic Indicators.

The Council Plan also outlines 41 Major Strategies and Actions it will undertake to achieve the Strategic Objectives over the 2024/25 year.

The Council Plan incorporates the Disability Action Plan, the Community Safety Action Plan and the Pathways to Sustainability. The following symbols are used to specify the corresponding plans:

Disability Action Plan

Community Safety Action Plan

Pathways to Sustainability

Council's role

Council plays several roles in delivering the Major Strategies and Actions outlined in the Council Plan, including:

- **Statutory Authority** – Council has a legislated responsibility under Victorian law to deliver the service and ensure compliance.
- **Service Provider** – Council provides the service.
- **Facilitator** – Council works with other stakeholders and service providers.
- **Advocate** – Council advocates on behalf of the community to State and Federal government.

Advocacy Highlights

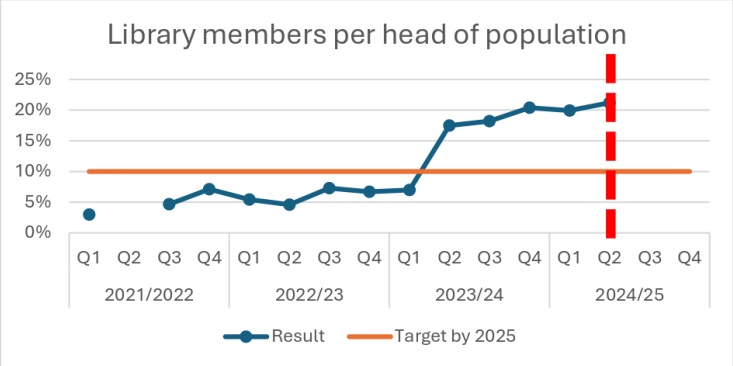
Key advocacy activities for the second quarter include:

- Engagement with Liberal and Labor candidates for the Federal seats of McEwen and Calwell on projects that Council is seeking funding.
- Advocating for a university and more social housing in Hume.
- Federal Government approval for a Regional Study Hub (La Trobe University) in Broadmeadows - due to open in the second half of 2025.

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

Strategic Objective 1.1: Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential, through all stages of life.

Indicators:



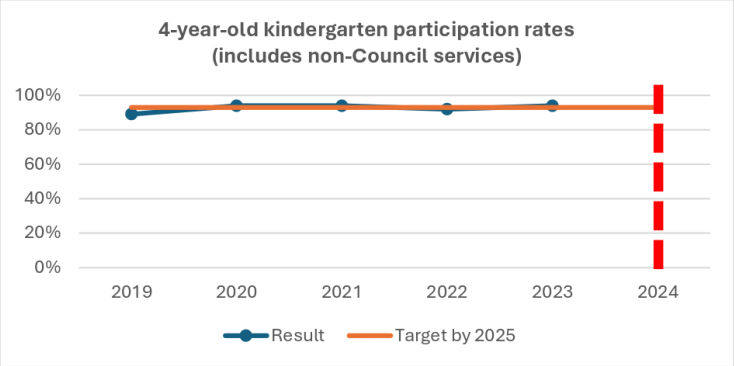
Meeting

Library Membership

Q2 2021/22 data was not able to be reported due to a system upgrade

Changes to LGPRF in Q2 2023/24 lead to inclusion of a broader use of library membership usage.

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



Meeting

Kindergarten Participation

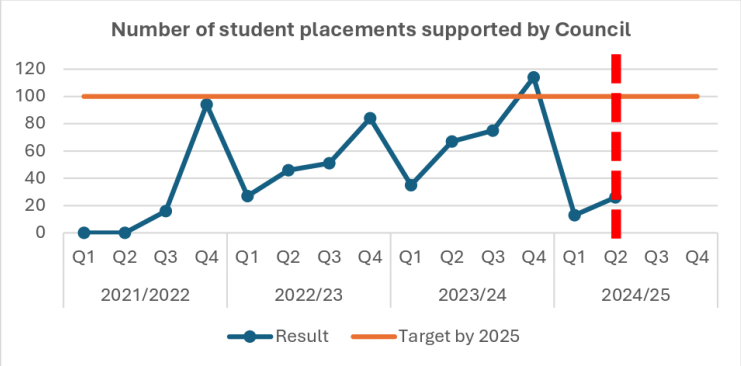
Work continues with the Department of Education and local service providers to increase kindergarten participation including through a range of State Government funding, Council lead programs, such as: Best Start, Access to Early Learning and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Outreach Support.

(Source: Department of Education)

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Strategic Objective 1.2: Provide opportunities, and support business growth and visitor economy to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community.

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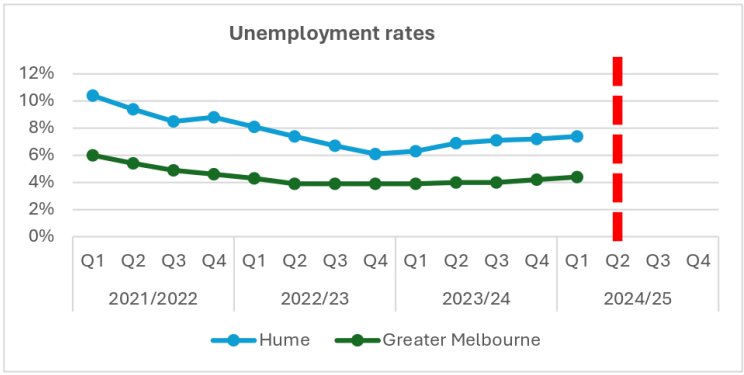
Monitor

Student Placements

No placements occurred in Q1 & Q2 2021/2022 due to COVID restrictions.

Data are cumulative each financial year, therefore figures will be lowest in Q1 and highest in Q4.

(Source: Hume City Council, CHRIS21)



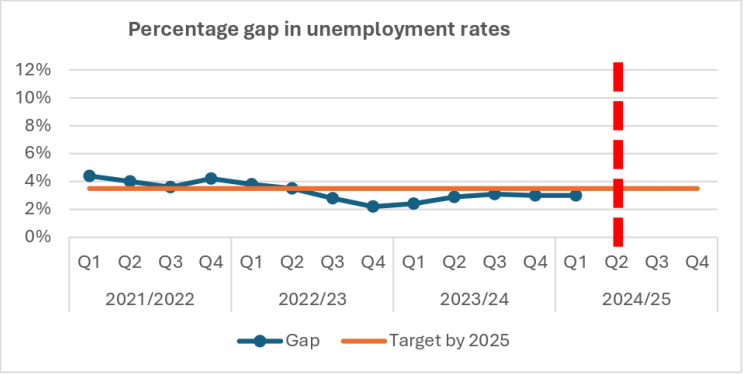
On track

Unemployment rates

First graph shows the tracking of Hume's unemployment rates compared to Greater Melbourne. Second graph shows this gap is tracking against the strategic indicator.

There is a lag in available data and will always appear for the quarter prior to the reporting period.

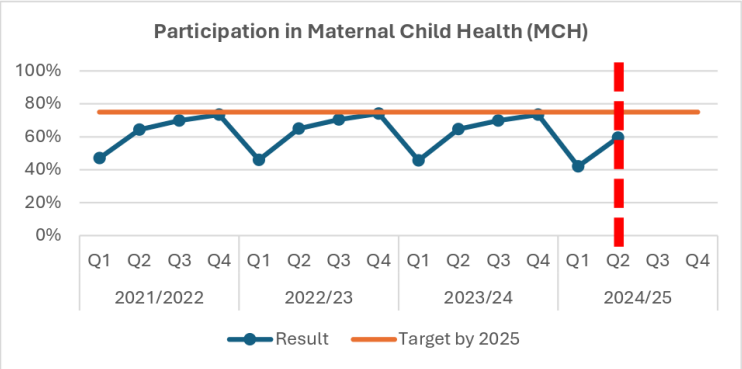
(Source: Department of Employment Small Area Labour Markets)



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Strategic Objective 1.3 Promote a healthy, inclusive, and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety.

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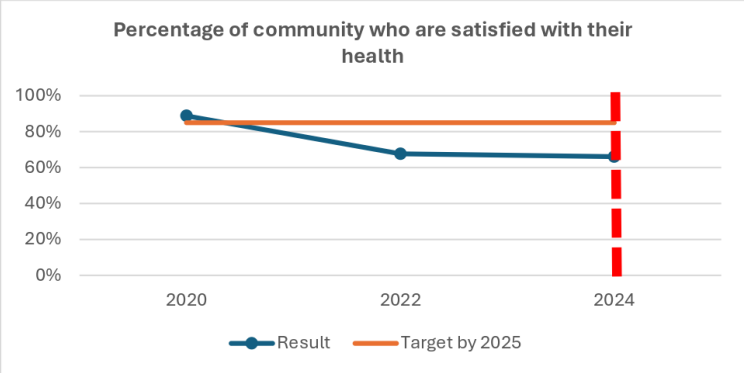


On track

Participation (MCH)

Data are cumulative each financial year, therefore figures will be lowest in Q1 and highest in Q4.

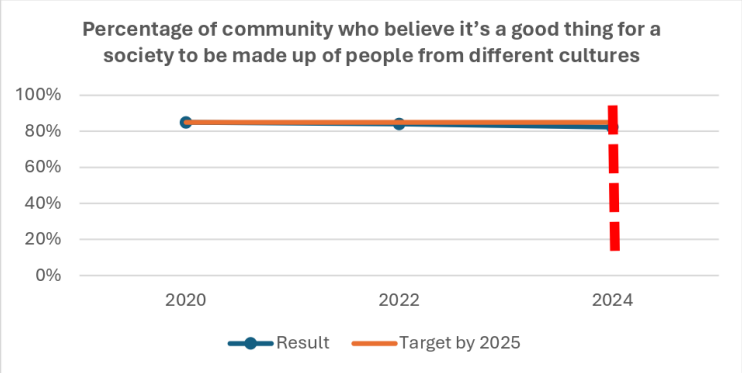
(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



Monitor

Community satisfaction with health

(Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators)



On track

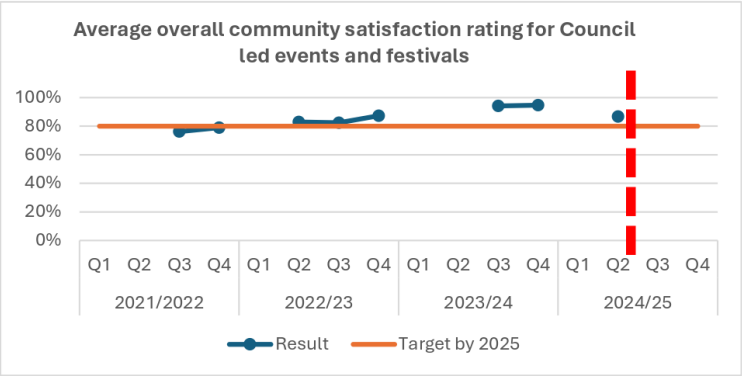
Community satisfaction with a society of different cultures

(Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators)

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

Strategic Objective 1.4: Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts.

Indicators:



Meeting

Satisfaction with Council led events

Data is collected cumulatively for each financial year, therefore data is only provided after the first event.

(Source: Hume City Council, Event Evaluations)

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

Theme 1: Major Strategies and Actions

Monitor

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
1.3.13	Develop and commence implementation of an Active Living Service and Infrastructure Plan that responds to the changing needs of the community to increase access and participation in sport, recreation and leisure activities, including the Sunbury Aquatic Master Plan.	15%	**Quarter 1** Confirmation of project scope and preparation of briefs for tender are complete. **Quarter 2** External consultants have been appointed and project initiation is underway for Vol 1 (Outdoor Sport & Soccer Strategy) and Vol 2 (Indoor Sport & Leisure including Sunbury Aquatic Master Plan).

On track

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
1.1.1	Strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connections.	80%	**Quarter 1** Five accredited volunteers contributed to the Tax Help program providing support to over 400 community members. **Quarter 2** Hosted a "Community High Tea Meet Up Forum" with more than 40 attendees including volunteers and community organisations.
1.1.2	Continue to review Council's early years services and explore future infrastructure requirements to support continued service growth and changing government policy direction.	75%	**Quarter 1** To support the roll out of kindergarten reform. extensions for four early years services are underway, and the extension of Craigieburn Child & Family Centre is complete. **Quarter 2** Extensions are completed and licensed for operation at Bluebird Way Kindergarten, Aitken Hill Community Centre and Craigieburn Child and Family Centre. Work continues on extensions at Mickleham South Community Centre and Kalkallo North Community Centre. Fifteen hours of 3-year-old kindergarten is available to families access all Hume Kindergarten services in 2025.
1.1.3	Provide the community early access to library services through multiple initiatives, including library outreach.	50%	**Quarter 1** Over 180 outreach programs were delivered with 2,200 participants. More than 2000 items were loaned through kiosks. **Quarter 2** A further 162 outreach programs were delivered with around 2,300 participants and an additional 2,200 items were loaned through kiosks. The outreach library vans have been fitted out and with a community launch planned for January 2025.
1.2.1	Provide a range of Council-led initiatives and work experiences.	50%	**Quarter 1** Twenty-three placements have occurred for students in high school, TAFE and university, including internships and practical placements. **Quarter 2** A further 12 placements have occurred in quarter 2.

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

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
1.2.2	In partnership with the Victorian Government and business, progress the revitalisation of Broadmeadows and Hume Central to facilitate a vibrant town centre, places for people to work, learn, live and enjoy and advocacy for renewal of the Broadmeadows Train Station.	50%	**Quarter 1** Council Chambers and community spaces were officially opened. Broadmeadows Train Station Taskforce sub-committee established. **Quarter 2** Federal Government Urban Precincts and Partnership Grant application submitted to develop the Broadmeadows Precinct Roadmap for the revitalisation of Broadmeadows. Submission made to State Government's draft Broadmeadows Activity Centre Plan for increased housing within Broadmeadows.
1.2.3	Strengthen tertiary education opportunities in Hume City through the Multiversity Program and advocate for a university and TAFE opportunities to be established in Hume's growth areas.	50%	**Quarter 1** A successful Illuminate nextgen Challenge was delivered in August 2024 in partnership with Kangan's Tech School. **Quarter 2** The 2024/2025 Hume Multiversity Tertiary Education scholarship program was launched. Thirty-two scholarships are available to Hume residents at Victoria University, Deakin University and La Trobe University.
1.2.4	In partnership with stakeholders, advocate for, and strengthen Hume City's economy by building business capability, promoting the visitor economy and attracting innovative business, support and facilitate business growth and local employment outcomes.	50%	**Quarter 1** Council has approved one 'Business Establishment Financial Incentive'. Social media continues to be used to promote Hume as a place to invest. Delivered one 'Jobs' which focused on the health and community service area with 240 residents attending. **Quarter 2** A Navigating the Australian Job Market event was held bringing together, businesses, service providers and jobseekers with 100 people in attendance StartNorth delivered a 12-week Masterclass Series Almost $150,000 has been awarded to 13 businesses through the small business grants program.
1.3.1	In partnership with Victoria Police, continue to identify and deliver initiatives to improve driver/road safety, including reducing hoon driving and illegal dirt bikes.	50%	**Quarter 1** Two Coffee with a Cop sessions were delivered in partnership with Victoria Police Transit Division. A Road Safety course was delivered in collaboration with Melba Villa Country Living. **Quarter 2** Provided 150 cars with anti-theft number plate screws in partnership with Victoria Police, Neighbourhood Watch Fawkner and Dallas Neighbourhood House. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) reviews undertaken with Victoria Police at a number of Council Sites including the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre and Broadmeadows Community Hub. A Multicultural Community information session was held in Greenvale.

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	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
1.3.2	Facilitate initiatives and partnerships to raise awareness around the impact of family violence, and support prevention of violence against women campaigns.	50%	**Quarter 1** The first of three training sessions on preventing family violence has been delivered to local faith leaders. The Gender Equity in Early Years program has been launched in partnership with Women's Health in the North. **Quarter 2** Early Years staff at Council have had the opportunity to attend two Gender Equity in Early Years program sessions and an ongoing 'Community of Practice'.
1.3.4	Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation.	75%	**Quarter 1** The Education Scholarships program awarded $1,000 each to 58 year six students to support the costs of transitioning to secondary school. 140 guests (including 99 First Nations peoples) attended the NAIDOC Week celebration at Town Hall Broadmeadows. **Quarter 2** The Annual Community Grant Program awarded almost $450,000 to community organisations/groups. The Expression of Interest for LGBTIQA+ Community Working Group generated 12 nominations.
1.3.7	Finalise and commence implementation of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to support responsible animal management and safety.	50%	**Quarter 1** A $25,000 state government grant has been secured to run a cat desexing program in partnership with local rescue organisations. The feasibility study on establishing a Council-operated animal management facility is nearing completion. **Quarter 2** The Animal Shelter Feasibility Study has been completed and will be presented to Council for consideration by mid-2025.
1.3.9	Continue to undertake initiatives and advocacy to reduce gambling related harm and gambling reform, including reviewing Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy.	50%	**Quarter 1** Review and update of Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy is currently underway. **Quarter 2** A media campaign to highlighting the impact of gambling harm was undertaken to mark Gambling Harm Awareness Week in November 2024. The review of Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy continues.
1.3.10	Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.	50%	**Quarter 1** The "Park It" active travel initiative has been launched in partnership with the Roxburgh Park Primary School community. The vaping prevention program continues in partnership with community health providers. **Quarter 2** Impacts of existing Council programs and initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation is being explored. Progressed for Priority 2 has included delivery of capacity building in schools and early childhood centres around respectful relationships. Progress for Priority 4 has included the roll-out of energy upgrades across council buildings.

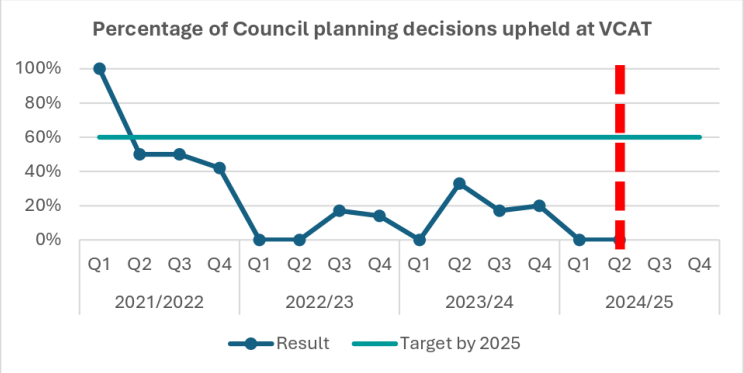
Theme 1: A community that is resilient, inclusive, and thriving

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
1.3.11	In partnership with local agencies, provide assistance and support to people sleeping rough within Hume City, including adopting a rough sleeping response protocol.	70%	**Quarter 1** In partnership with local agencies, assistance and support measures for individuals sleeping rough have been implemented. **Quarter 2** The work undertaken in quarter 1 has continued.
1.3.12	Continue undertaking accessibility works at Council facilities, and other public-realm improvements to support people with disabilities.	40%	**Quarter 1** Upgrade at Lynda Blundell Community Centre is underway. **Quarter 2** The work undertaken in quarter 1 has continued. Development of a process to audit the accessibility of Council facilities has commenced.
1.4.1	Undertake initiatives to strengthen local arts, including the adoption and implementation of the Creative Places Arts Infrastructure Plan.	50%	**Quarter 1** Heritage display case has been installed for Hume Global Learning Centre Sunbury. Design and Operational Planning is progressing for Sunbury Community Arts and Culture Precinct. Dance infrastructure at the Craigieburn Community Centre is progressing. **Quarter 2** Six exhibitions of works by residents Hume artists have been launched at Hume's Galleries.
1.4.3	Commence design and delivery of improvements to develop a Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct at Jacksons Hill.	50%	**Quarter 1** An architect has been awarded the contract for design and construction documentation. The Initial workshops for design development complete. **Quarter 2** Submission of Heritage Victoria permit to complete works on a heritage registered site completed and publicly advertised.

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

Strategic Objective 2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

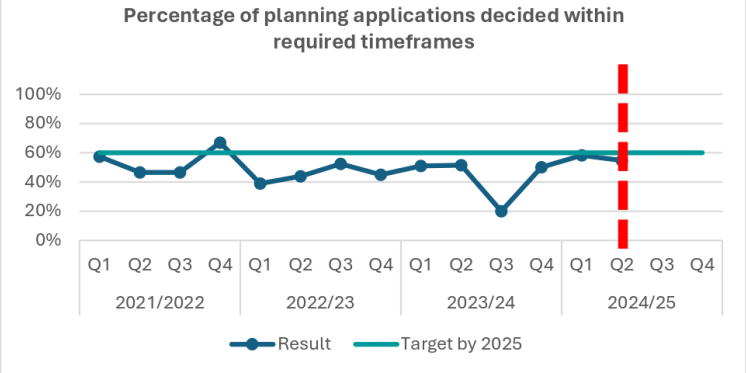
Indicators:



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Planning decisions upheld at VCAT

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



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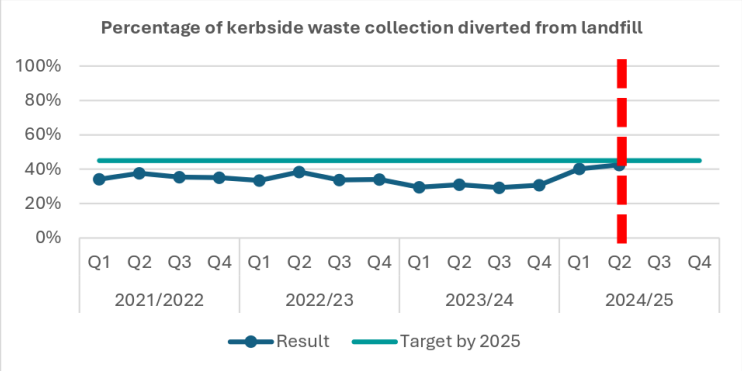
Planning applications decided in statutory timeframes

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)

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

Strategic Objective 2.2: Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

Indicators:



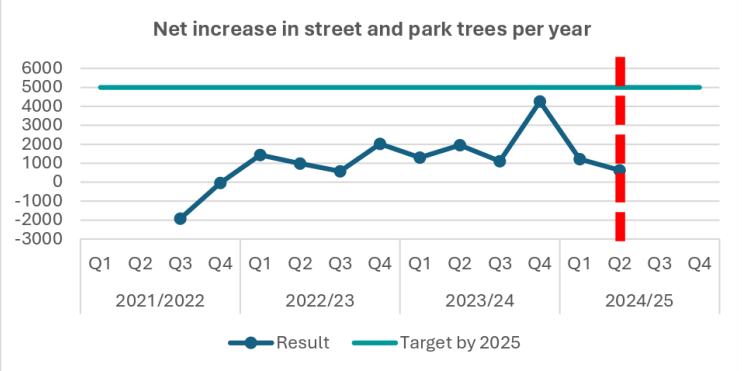
Monitor

Kerbside waste diverted from landfill

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)

Strategic Objective 2.3: Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Indicators:



Monitor

Increase in street and park trees

In Q2 & Q3 2022/23. A significant storm event impacted this indicator.

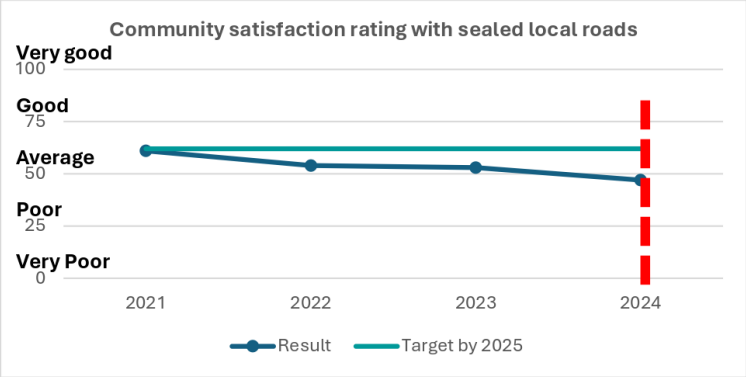
Data are calculated each financial year, therefore figures will be lowest in Q1 and highest in Q4.

(Source: Hume City Council)

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

Strategic Objective 2.4 Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks.

Indicators:



Monitor

Community satisfaction with sealed local roads

(Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey, Community Indicators Survey)

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

Theme 2: Major Strategies and Actions

On track

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
2.1.1	Review and implement improvements to further enhance the delivery of services within the Planning and Development Department.	95%	**Quarter 1** Technology upgrades built in Q1 will go live in Q2. All upgrades will be finalised in Q2. **Quarter 2** Technology upgrades building systems completed and went live. Delays occurred in gaining access to complete the final component of linking two systems together, this is now in the final testing stage.
2.1.2	Undertake planning to improve housing diversity (including housing design guidelines), and advocate for improvements to social housing.	30%	**Quarter 1** Housing diversity amendment C263 underway. Advocacy plan for improvements to social housing has been prepared. **Quarter 2** The need for investment in social housing has been raised with Federal Election candidates.
2.1.3	Progress Stage Three of the youth crisis accommodation with the support of an external partner, and identify potential site locations for a facility which can accommodate crisis accommodation, with wrap-around services and 24/7 onsite support.	50%	**Quarter 1** Detailed site investigations have concluded with the identification of a preferred site. Market-sounding has been undertaken and provided key insights on the draft parameters with youth housing and ancillary service providers. **Quarter 2** Revised timelines, actions and a market process for identifying delivery partners will be presented to Council for consideration by mid-2025.
2.1.4	In partnership with Mitchell and Whittlesea councils, and State Government, continue to advance planning for the City consistent with the vision and directions of Council's integrated growth area plans, including the planning for new town centres in Cloverton (Kalkallo) and Merrifield (Mickleham).	70%	**Quarter 1** The design and planning for the Metropolitan Activity Centre in Cloverton continues to progress. An application to the Federal Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program is underway to seek funding for the next stage. **Quarter 2** The Federal Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program application has been submitted under a new Partnership Agreement which has been expanded to include Stockland and the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Corporation.
2.1.5	Support rural landowners to manage land sustainably and protect environmental assets by implementing the new Rural Engagement Program, including the Conserving our Rural Environment Grant, Primary Producer Rate Rebate, Rural Land Management Grant, and capacity building activities.	50%	**Quarter 1** Conserving Our Rural Environment (CoRE) grants have been endorsed for 42 projects. Primary Producer Rate Rebates have been distributed to 107 Green Wedge properties. Rural Land Management Grants have been distributed to 125 recipients. **Quarter 2** A further 39 Rural Land Management Grants have been distributed, taking the yearly total to 164.

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2.1.6	Update the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Framework.	50%	**Quarter 1** Completed initial review of the Framework. Updated the 2024-25 schedule for delivery of CMPs is on track. **Quarter 2** Draft Framework in final review.
2.2.1	Implement programs to support environmentally sustainable leadership including Enviro Champions, Gardens for Wildlife, and Environmental Scholarship programs.	50%	**Quarter 1** The Enviro Champions program has been reviewed and changes will be implemented in the 2025 program. Ten Gardens for Wildlife reports have been completed and 24 applications received. **Quarter 2** Two additional Gardens for Wildlife reports have been completed taking the total for the year to twelve.
2.2.3	Enhance Council's response to climate change including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 and support Hume's community and businesses adapt to climate change.	20%	**Quarter 1** The design process for street lighting upgrades has been progressed. Ongoing advocacy to Jemena regarding Council-led upgrades. Solar and electrification program is ongoing. **Quarter 2** Street lighting design process to inform the upgrade of major road streetlighting to energy efficient alternatives has been further progressed. In response to advocacy work, Jemena have developed a proposal that lead upgrades. Identification of remaining solar potential on Council building completed and a capital budget bid submitted to complete the program.
2.2.4	Undertake investigations and progress initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting, including at Cloverton and, subject to funding, Jack Roper Reserve Broadmeadows and/or John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Broadmeadows, and/or O'Brien Street retarding basin Sunbury.	20%	**Quarter 1** Council has received grant funding of $786,000 to progress the Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting Scheme construction. Tenders have been issued. A project plan for the Cloverton stormwater harvesting has been completed. Consultancy services have been engaged to progress the John Ilhan stormwater harvesting and O'Brien St stormwater harvesting **Quarter 2** Contractor appointed for Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting Scheme construction.
2.2.5	Support the transition of the Hume economy to a Circular Economy.	50%	**Quarter 1** Circular principles have been included in Council's Asset Disposal Policy, and Circular Design Principles are incorporated in Council's Capital Works Programs for projects up to $5m. **Quarter 2** Engaged consultants to deliver a webinar series promoting circular economy principles and actions for local business. Engaged consultants to undertake material flow analysis to identify options for waste reduction at Kalkallo Shopping Centre.

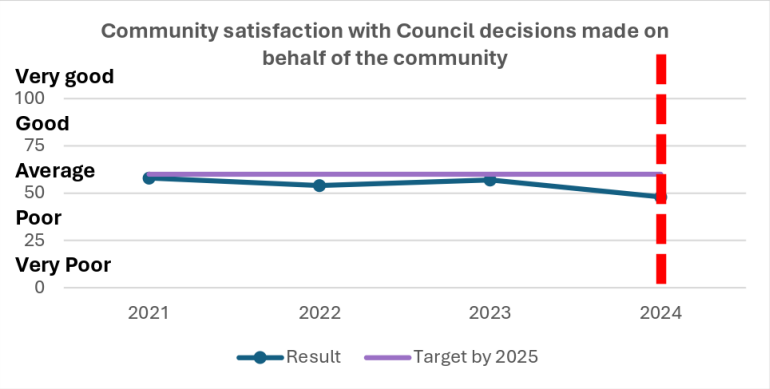
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2.3.2	Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces.	95%	**Quarter 1** Finalisation of the Open Space Strategy will occur early in 2025. Improvements to local parks and playspaces are ongoing. **Quarter 2** The Open Space Strategy has been updated in response to community consultation and will be presented to Council for consideration by mid-2025.
2.3.4	Develop open space masterplans for Merlynston Creek and Aitken Creek.	60%	**Quarter 1** Finalisation of the Aitken Creek Masterplan will occur early in 2025. Preparation of Merlynston Creek is ongoing. **Quarter 2** Aitken Creek Masterplan has been updated in response to community consultation and will be presented to Council for consideration by mid-2025. Preparation of Merlynston Creek is ongoing.
2.3.5	Continue the implementation of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, including the introduction of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bins to all residents and support increased diversion of food and garden organic waste from landfill.	50%	**Quarter 1** A litter action plan is under development and the Keep Hume Clean community education campaign is ongoing. Food Organics Garden Organics bins have been rolled out to all residents, officers will monitor diversion rates on an ongoing basis. **Quarter 2** The work undertaken in quarter 1 has continued.
2.4.2	Develop and commence implementation of a Transport Strategy to improve transport networks, and continue to undertake initiatives to enhance walking and cycling.	50%	**Quarter 1** The Transport Strategy was endorsed in July 2024. Project planning for implementation has commenced. **Quarter 2** Project planning for implementation is well advanced. Governance structures to oversee ongoing implementation have been developed.

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Strategic Objective 3.1: Empower and engage our community through advocacy and community engagement.

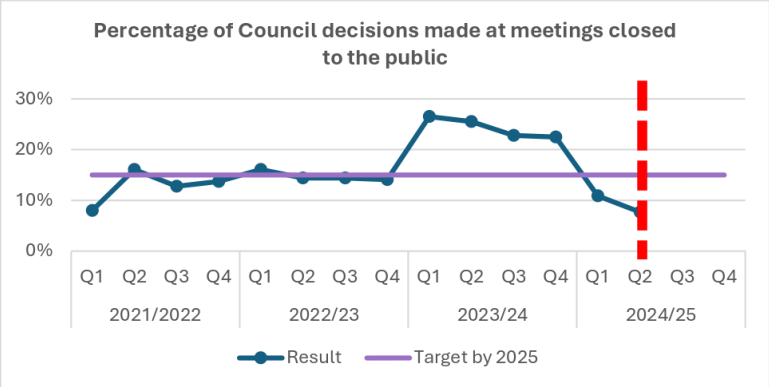
Indicators:



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Satisfaction with Council decisions made on behalf of the community

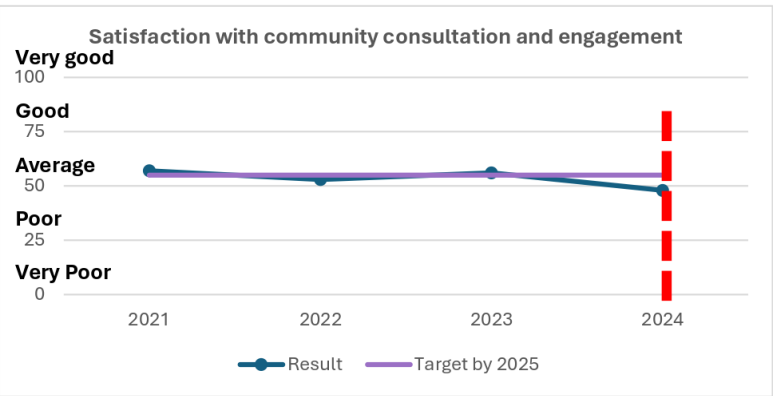
(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



On track

Decisions made at closed meetings

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



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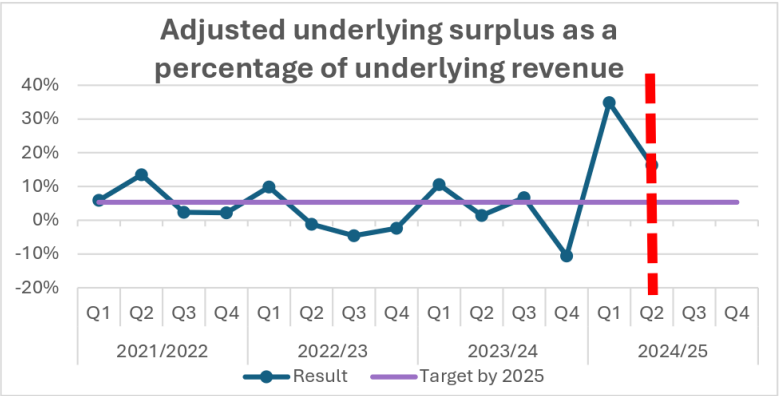
Satisfaction with consultation and engagement

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)

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Strategic Objective 3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

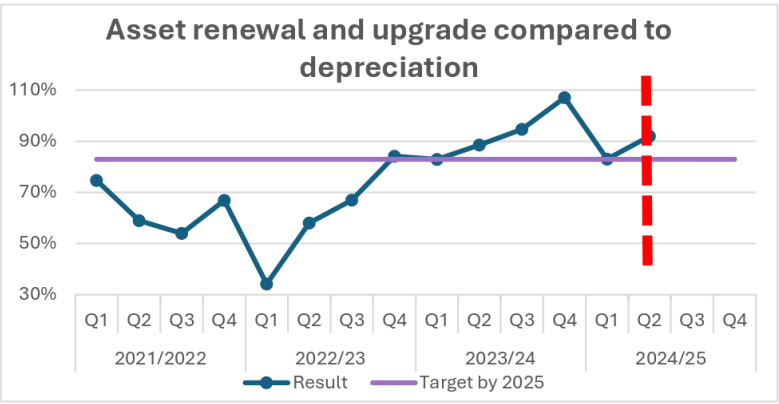
Indicators:



Monitor

Adjusted underlying surplus as a percentage of underlying revenue

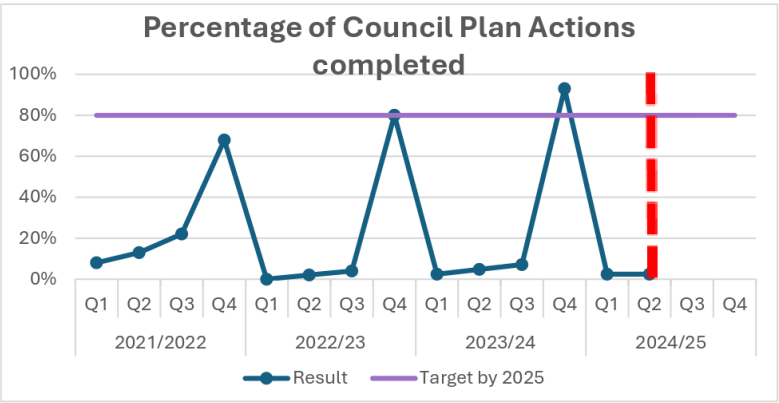
(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



On track

Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



On track

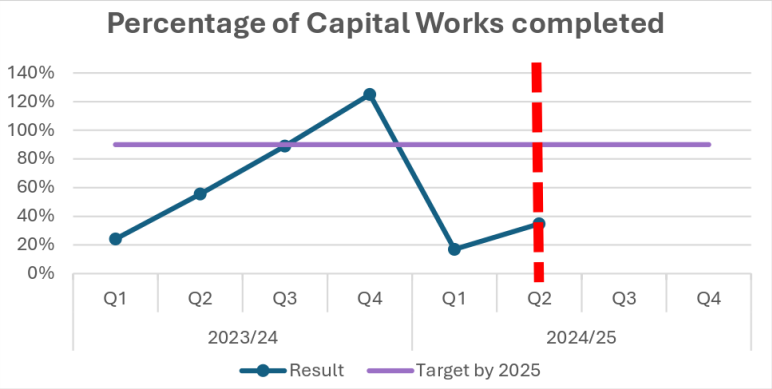
Council Plan Actions completed

Data are cumulative each financial year, therefore figures will be lowest in Q1 and highest in Q4.

(Source: Hume City Council, Council Plan Quarterly Reports)

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Strategic Objective 3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs. - Continued



On track

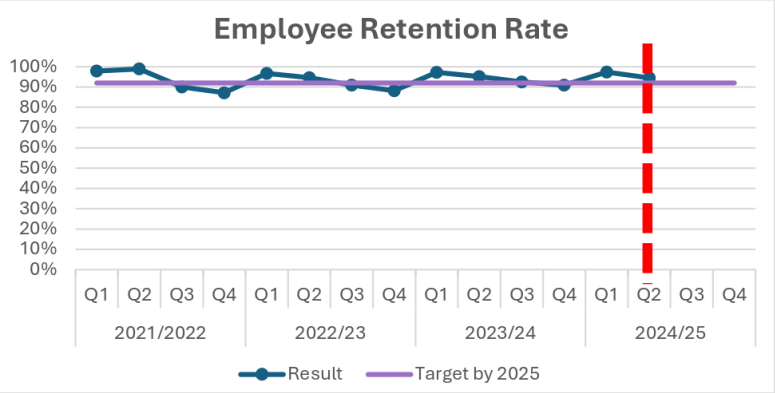
Capital Works completed

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(Source: Hume City Council, Project Management Office)

Strategic Objective 3.3: Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

Indicators:

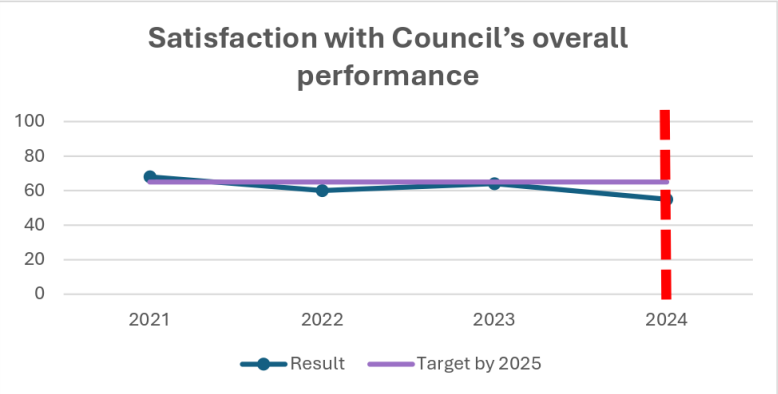


On track

Employee Retention Rate

Data are cumulative each financial year, therefore figures will be lowest in Q1 and highest in Q4.

(Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)



Monitor

Satisfaction with Council's overall performance

(Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey, Community Indicators Survey)

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Theme 3: Major Strategies and Actions

On track

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
3.1.3	Undertake initiatives to enhance Council's consultation and engagement practices, including strengthening engagement and communication with our multicultural communities.	50%	**Quarter 1** Review and update of Council's Community Engagement Guidelines is currently underway and due to be completed early 2025. **Quarter 2** The work undertaken in quarter 1 has continued.
3.1.6	Undertake deliberative engagement with Hume's community on the Community Vision, new Council Plan 2025-2029, Financial Plan and Asset Plan.	50%	**Quarter 1** A consultant has been engaged and a project plan developed to establish a demographically representative community panel to undertake deliberative engagement. **Quarter 2** The community panel has been appointment and the deliberative engagement process to update the Community Vision has commenced.
3.2.2	Commence implementation of the organisation's transformation reform program to enhance service efficiencies and improve transparency and performance accountability.	50%	**Quarter 1** Delivery of the project is progressing on track. Key Program staff are currently engaged in training and are gaining system knowledge to support user training to commence early 2025. **Quarter 2** The design and build of the new software solution is progressing as planned, on time and in budget.
3.2.3	Plan for, deliver, and undertake initiatives to improve utilisation of community infrastructure and facilities; including finalising and implementing the Community Infrastructure Plan, Community Facilities Strategic Review and Youth Facilities.	50%	**Quarter 1** Community consultation to assess whether Council's local community venues are fit for purpose in their layout and equipment provisions has been completed. The business case to upgrade Bluebird Way Community Centre is underway. **Quarter 2** The development of a business case for Bluebird Way continues. At Homestead Community and Learning Centre works to upgrade of kitchen have been completed and new promotional material developed. A design review to address safety issues at the Broadmeadows Community Hub has commenced.
3.3.1	Undertake a range of initiatives and programs to enhance and uplift the skills, capabilities and workplace safety of Council's workforce.	50%	**Quarter 1** Completion of an Internal Audit of workforce planning. Draft Occupational Health and Safety strategy finalised. Council's Progress Audit and Progress Report 2021-2023 has been assessed as compliant by the Commission of Gender Equality. **Quarter 2** Training delivered to support education and awareness of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Launch of a Wellbeing Space providing staff with a multi-purpose space for first aid, nursing, prayer, quiet and reflection.

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3.3.2	Undertake service reviews, business process improvements and initiatives to improve the Customer Experience provided across Council services, programs and activities.	45%	**Quarter 1** The business planning project, including a business planning app, is underway. The customer experience process has been updated for footpath trading permits, waste tip vouchers, removal of trees, playground maintenance, duplicate customer request management. **Quarter 2** The business planning project is scheduled for launched in March 2025. The proof-of-concept business planning app is in the testing phase. Planning has also been completed for an extensive program of Customer Experience Research to be conducted with our community.
3.3.3	Facilitate regional outcomes for the benefit of Hume City's community through innovative partnerships, shared procurement and actively contributing to strategic networks and alliances.	60%	**Quarter 1** Internal promotion of the Partnership Framework and Guidelines has commenced. **Quarter 2** Internal promotion of the Partnership Framework and Guidelines is ongoing.

Complete

	Major Strategy or Action	Progress	Comment
3.1.5	Work with the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) for the preparation of the 2024 Council Elections, including supporting VEC in their electoral boundary review for Hume City.	100%	**Quarter 1** Work with the VEC to prepare for the 2024 Council Elections included the delivery of the voter's roll, candidate information sessions, establishment of the Election Office in Sunbury and coordination of electoral communications including voting awareness and declaration of result events.

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REPORT TITLE:	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 - Budget
SOURCE:	Robert Costa, Manager Finance
DIVISION:	Finance & Governance
FILE NO:	HCC24/1278
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Second Quarter - Quarterly Budget Report 2024-25*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Second Quarter Report 2024/25 provides information to the community and stakeholders on the financial performance of Council compared to the budget, as required on a quarterly basis under section 97 – Quarterly budget report, of the *Local Government Act* 2020 (**Attachment 1**).

1.3 As of 31 December 2024, Council's financial performance is favorable to budget primarily due to additional grants and contributions received. Council's cash position is favorable, and the financial ratios remain strong.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Quarterly Budget Report (Attachment1).

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 Local Government Act 2020 (the Act):

3.1.1 Section 94 – The budget;

3.1.2 Section 97 – Quarterly budget report.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

4.1.1 the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

4.1.2 the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006
The Council Plan was developed within the policy context of the Hume City Council Social Justice Charter (2021) and the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020
This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The financial results against the Budget are provided at **Attachment 1**. No adjustments are required to the Budget.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 This report responds to Strategic Risk 6 in that officers consider the ongoing financial sustainability of Council.

7.1.1 The rate cap for 2024/25 was set at 2.75%, affecting council's main revenue source for funding services and capital projects. However, expenses such as contractors, construction, materials, Workcover, insurance, and utilities are rising faster than the rate cap, which is beyond the council's control.

7.1.2 Rate arrears are at an all-time high, affecting Council's cash flow. However, more rate arrears are now in payment arrangements due to the Rates Financial Hardship Policy, which is a positive outcome.

7.1.3 Grant funding from the State Government has decreased, leading to more competition for Commonwealth Government funding. This reduces the chances of securing grants, increasing reliance on Rates and user fees to fund council services and capital projects.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The Budget was developed through extensive community consultation.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 On 24 June 2024, Council adopted the Council Plan 2021-2025 (24/25 Update) and 2024/25 Budget, which included the recurrent and capital budget (for the capital works program).

9.2 The Council Plan sets out Council's 11 Strategic Objectives (under three Themes) which identifies what it will achieve over the 4-year term in response to the Hume Community Vision. The budget outlines how Council will fund the projects, services and operations required to deliver on the Council Plan.

9.3 Key information regarding the Budget is also noted below.

9.3.1 Income Statement (Section 1):

(a) This includes explanation of material variances and identifies that Council has generated $321.82m in revenue and $202.57 m in expenses. This has resulted in a surplus of $119.24m which is $22.07m above budget for the six months ended 31 December 2024.

(b) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, rates revenue was $130.94m which equates to 40.7% of total revenue. Council continues to be reliant on its rates revenue as a major source of income.

(c) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, the major items of revenue earned by Council include:

Rates and charges	$ 130.94m
Contributions – non-monetary	$ 68.12m
Grants – operating	$ 48.47m

(d) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, employee benefits were $80.00m which equates to 39.5% of total expenditure.

(e) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, the major items of expenditure incurred by Council include:

Employee costs	$ 80.00m
Materials and services	$ 72.52m
Depreciation and amortisation	$ 39.76m

9.3.2 Balance Sheet (Section 2)

(a) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, fixed assets made up 94.0% of Council's total asset base ($6.32b of total assets of $ 6.72b). The major item on the Balance Sheet consists of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment. These fixed assets made up 93.5% of Council's total asset base in 2023/24 ($6.2b of total assets of $6.6b).

(b) Ratepayer equity is $6.6b, which reflects the strong financial position of Council.

(c) Liquidity is strong as demonstrated by the favourable cash balance.

(d) Council's assets are increasing, which is largely due to developer contributed assets and a substantial capital works program. All these factors have led to favourable key ratios as identified in this report.

9.3.3 Statement of Cash Flows (Section 3)

(a) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, Council's cash position was $241.35m. Council also has other Financial Assets (Term Deposits) of $105.41m. Therefore, Council's total cash and investments were $346.75m which is $ 76.92m favorable to budget.

(b) The difference between the surplus figure reported in the Income Statement and the Cash Flow Statement can be partially attributed to the Depreciation and Amortisation recorded as expense, $39.76m at 31 December 2024, (in the Income Statement) with no resulting cash payments.

9.3.4 Buying local (Section 4):

(a) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, Council made payments to local suppliers totaling $18.72m. Significantly, the level of local expenditure as a proportion of Council's total expenditure (including capital works) was 13.69% as at 31 December 2024.

9.3.5 Employees Residing within Hume (Section 5):

(a) For the Second quarter, there were 1,225 employees residing within Hume representing 57.24% of total employees.

(b) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, Council paid salaries to employees residing within Hume totaling $31.52m, representing 39.4% of total employee benefits.

9.3.6 Contributions – monetary (Section 6):

(a) For the six months ended 31 December 2024, Contributions monetary was $27.21m, of which, $25.75m related to developer contributions. This contribution income gives rise to future infrastructure obligations that Council must deliver.

9.3.7 Financial Ratios (Section 7):

(a) Refer to Attachment 1.

9.3.8 Outstanding Rates Report (Section 8):

(a) The current economic conditions have impacted on the collection of rates compared to previous rating periods due to higher inflation and interest rates influencing the cost of living.

(b) As of 31 December 2024, the total value of rates outstanding was $46.59m and is comprised of $27.46m (58.94% of rates raised in previous years (rate arrears) and $19.12m (41.06%) of rates raised in 2024/25 (new debt).

(c) There were 26,620 properties that were in arrears with their rates. Of this, 8,733 or 33% properties were in a payment arrangement.

(d) Regular contact has been made with ratepayers in arrears to support them into a manageable payment arrangement and to ensure that arrangements are kept up to date. Assistance is also available under the provisions of the Rates Financial Hardship Policy including the option to enter into payment arrangements and the deferral of rates for residential properties where it is their principal place of residence.

(e) Council continues to take proactive steps to assist ratepayers in managing their payments by promoting interest-free payment arrangements. This is achieved through multiple communication channels, including phone calls, letters, emails, and SMS reminders sent before and after instalment due dates. Additionally, clear messaging is included on both rates instalment notices and overdue reminders. In addition, key payment dates are reinforced through timely social media updates.

(f) Between the end of October 2024 and the end of January 2025, these efforts have contributed to a reduction of over 5,000 properties in rates arrears.

(g) As of the end of January 2025, the total value of rates outstanding was $43.15m.

9.3.9 Approved Contracts Report (Section 9):

(a) Refer to Attachment 1.

9.3.10 Grants Report (Section 10):

(a) Refer to Attachment 1.

9.4 Revised budget statement

9.4.1 As required under Section 97(3) of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer is required to include a statement in the second Quarterly Report of a financial year as to whether a revised budget is, or maybe, required.

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9.4.2 As of 31 December 2024 the Chief Executive Officer is of the opinion that no revision to the budget is required.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The quarterly budget report has been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with accounting practices, including an Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Flows.

10.2 As of 31 December 2024, Council's financial performance is above budget primarily due to additional grants and contributions received. Council's cash position is favorable, and the financial ratios remain strong.

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Section 1 - Income Statement

The Income Statement measures how well Council has performed from an operating or recurrent nature. It reports revenue and expenditure from the activities and functions undertaken with the net effect being the resulting surplus figure.

The majority of Council's revenue is derived from rates and charges. During the financial year ended 30 June 2024, rates income was $239.5m. This equated to 39.8% of Council's total revenue of $601.72m. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, rates revenue was $130.94m which equates to 40.7% of total revenue. Therefore, Council continues to be reliant on its rates revenue as a major source of income.

The majority of Council's expenses relates to employee benefits. During the financial year ended 30 June 2024, employee benefits were $152.9m. This equated to 35.3% of Council's total expenses of $433.17m. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, employee benefits were $80m which equates to 39.5% of total expenditure.

INCOME STATEMENT — For the six months ended 31 December 2024

	Ref	ACTUAL $'000	BUDGET $'000	VARIANCE $'000	VARIANCE %	ANNUAL BUDGET $'000	ANNUAL FORECAST $'000	Twelve months to 30/06/2024 ACTUAL $'000
Income								
Rates and charges	1	130,940	129,913	1,027	0.8%	258,102	258,394	239,496
Statutory fees and fines	2	10,012	9,755	257	2.6%	18,522	19,024	19,441
User fees	3	14,914	14,247	667	5%	28,369	28,227	26,818
Grants - operating	4	48,474	48,608	(134)	(0%)	80,295	79,061	57,973
Property rental		2,134	2,131	3	0.1%	3,737	4,007	3,695
Interest and other income		8,168	8,106	62	1%	13,793	14,191	21,417
Total income		**214,642**	**212,760**	**1,882**	**1%**	**402,818**	**402,904**	**368,840**
Expenses								
Employee costs	5	80,003	87,370	7,367	8%	176,127	172,802	152,904
Materials and services	6	72,522	66,824	(5,698)	(9%)	139,931	147,175	147,743
Utility costs	7	3,853	3,725	(128)	(3%)	8,999	9,460	7,796
Bad and doubtful debts	8	646	-	(646)	(100%)	-	595	1,558
Depreciation and amortisation	9	39,758	35,194	(4,564)	(13.0%)	70,389	54,889	86,827
Finance costs	10	359	136	(223)	(164%)	1,771	1,779	2,045
Other expenses		2,702	2,728	26	1%	6,203	7,184	15,637
Total expenses		**199,843**	**195,977**	**(3,866)**	**(2%)**	**403,420**	**393,884**	**414,510**
Underlying (deficit)/surplus		**14,799**	**16,783**	**(1,984)**	**(12%)**	**(602)**	**9,020**	**(45,670)**
Less								
Capital works expensed		-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,470
Assets renewed	11	2,729	-	(2,729)	(100%)	-	2,240	8,159
Reimbursements to developers for WIK/LIK		-	-	-	-	4,155	4,155	35
Payment to ICP developer for land equalization		-	-	-	-	5,080	5,080	-
Add								
Net gain on disposal of property, plant, equipment and infrastructure		140	-	140	(100%)	-	-	255
Fair value adjustments for investment property		-	-	-	-	622	622	2,356
Contributions - non-monetary	12	68,116	51,828	16,288	31.4%	103,655	103,655	173,334
Contributions - monetary	13	27,206	19,885	7,321	37%	29,643	36,438	19,263
Grants - capital	14	11,712	8,677	3,035	35%	19,880	19,880	37,671
Surplus for the year		**119,244**	**97,173**	**22,071**	**23%**	**133,963**	**122,266**	**168,545**

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INCOME STATEMENT **For the six months ended 31 December 2024**

Explanation of material variations (YTD Actual versus YTD Budget)

Item	Ref	Explanation
Rates and charges	1	• $1M Favourable: Predominantly attributed to increased service rates and charges resulting from household growth during the financial year.
Statutory fees and fines	2	• $257K Favourable: Primarily due to a higher number of applications in Planning and Building application fees ($285K) and Legal Point of Discharge ($113K), offset by an unfavourable $155K due to fewer infringements for road management assets protection.
User fees	3	• $667K Favourable: • Unbudgeted income of $566K from the Container Deposit Scheme Refund. • $454K higher income from leisure centres due to increased participation in swimming classes and the gym. • Offset by $394K unfavourable in Home Care Packages due to a lower-than-expected number of clients.
Grants - operating	4	• $134K Unfavourable: • Attributed to lower-than-expected delivery of Home Care Packages ($503K). • Offset by: • $253K favourable variance in Maternal Child Health due to higher targeted hours. • Unbudgeted grant received for cleaning/rectifying Metrolink Circuit Reserve Wetlands.
Employee costs	5	• $7.4M Favourable: Due to staff vacancies, partially offset by: • $5.4 in agency staff costs to backfill sick leave and vacant positions. • Net impact on labour cost: $2M Favourable.
Materials and services	6	• $5.7M Unfavourable: • $5.4M for agency staff expenses covering sick leave and vacancies (partially offset by savings in employee costs). • $0.6M for legal fees across the organisation.
Utility costs	7	• $128K Unfavourable: Related to gas bills for leisure centres carried over from 2023/24.
Bad and doubtful debts	8	• $0.6M Unfavourable: Reflects no budget allocation for bad debts, assuming all attempts would be made to recover user fees, statutory fees, and fines.
Depreciation and amortisation	9	• $4.6M Unfavourable: Resulting from: • Increased value of infrastructure assets due to the 2023/24 revaluation. • More contributed assets received during 2023/24, compared to budget.
Finance costs	10	• $0.2m unfavourable variance is due to an accounting entry relating to the recognition of future employee benefits at their present value.
Assets renewed	11	• $2.7M Unfavourable: Reflecting the write-off of infrastructure assets renewed through the Capital Works program, which is not budgeted.
Contributions - non-monetary	12	• $16.3M Favourable: Attributable to: • A higher-than-expected number of contributed assets handed over in the first half of 2025/26. • Higher asset values due to increased unit rates from the 2023/24 revaluation.
Contributions - monetary	13	• $7.3M Favourable: Developer contributions received in 2023/24 but recognized in 2024/25 due to timing issues (Statement of Compliance issued in 2024/25).
Grants - capital	14	• $3.0M Favourable: Largely due to unbudgeted grant funding, including: • Local Road Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phases 1-4. • 3-Year Kinder Program Infrastructure Expansion funding. • Jack Roper Stormwater Scheme (Melbourne Water). • Partially offset by lower-than-anticipated income from the Evans Street Multi-Deck Carpark and Sunbury Aquatic Leisure Centre Water Play Area projects due to timing differences.

Section 2 - Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet is a statement at a point in time which shows all the resources controlled by Council and the obligations of Council. The aim of the Balance Sheet is to summarise the information contained in the accounting records relating to assets, liabilities, and equity in a clear and intelligible form.

BALANCE SHEET **As at 31 December 2024**

	As at 31/12/2024 ACTUAL $'000	As at 31/12/2023 ACTUAL $'000	Twelve months to 30/06/2024 ACTUAL $'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	241,345	110,586	216,180
Other financial assets	105,406	235,557	115,406
Trade and other receivables	51,733	50,439	63,585
Prepayments	2	-	1,726
Accrued income	1,562	-	2,005
Other assets	56	3,416	56
Total current assets	**400,104**	**399,998**	**398,958**
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	159	1,411	161
Property, plant, equipment and infrastructure	6,283,218	5,557,836	6,202,890
Right-of-use assets	3,654	1,348	3,857
Investment property	34,253	31,111	34,253
Intangible assets	-	25,676	-
Total non-current assets	**6,321,284**	**5,617,382**	**6,241,161**
Total assets	**6,721,388**	**6,017,380**	**6,640,119**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	17,784	21,262	52,464
Trust funds and deposits	2,365	1,272	3,096
Provisions	38,778	33,080	38,258
Lease liabilities	378	384	369
Total current liabilities	**59,306**	**55,998**	**94,187**
Non-current liabilities			
Trust funds and deposits	17,384	19,168	19,870
Provisions	77,660	70,784	78,110
Lease liabilities	3,393	1,017	3,557
Total non-current liabilities	**98,437**	**90,969**	**101,537**
Total liabilities	**157,742**	**146,967**	**195,724**
Net assets	**6,563,646**	**5,870,413**	**6,444,395**
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	2,784,849	2,521,837	2,665,597
Asset revaluation reserve	3,582,969	3,169,392	3,582,970
Other reserves	195,828	179,184	195,828
Total equity	**6,563,646**	**5,870,413**	**6,444,395**

Section 3 - Statement of Cash Flow

The Statement of Cash Flows shows what was actually received and paid by Council, not what was owed or what was recorded. This is largely why it is different to the Income Statement which shows what income was raised and payments incurred during the same period.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS **For the six months ended 31 December 2024**

	ACTUAL $'000	BUDGET $'000	Twelve months to 30/06/2024 ACTUAL $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates and charges	137,156	136,130	233,357
Statutory fees and fines	9,299	9,755	17,516
User fees	13,488	12,837	31,290
Grants - operating	48,491	49,971	59,149
Grants - capital	13,639	8,677	28,128
Contributions - monetary	20,306	19,870	21,216
Contributions - developer	231	15	-
Interest received	7,820	6,500	18,907
Property rental	2,312	2,050	3,637
Other receipts	691	3,562	3,562
Net trust movement	(3,218)	-	3,642
Net GST refund	2,433	-	26,404
Employee costs	(82,713)	(89,859)	(151,435)
Materials and services	(84,170)	(80,707)	(194,047)
Short-term, low value and variable lease payment	(345)	(215)	(557)
Grants, contributions and donations	(1,574)	(1,656)	(3,104)
Utilities	(3,853)	(3,725)	(7,796)
Other payments	(783)	(857)	(1,689)
Land equalisation payment to developer	-	-	-
Reimbursements to developer for LIK/WIK projects	-	-	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	**79,210**	**72,348**	**88,180**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant, equipment	(64,230)	(72,395)	(150,862)
Payments for investments	-	-	(115,406)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant, equipment and infrastructure	487	400	720
Proceeds from investments	10,000	-	325,557
Net cash used in investing activities	**(53,743)**	**(71,995)**	**60,009**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid	(118)	(122)	(142)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(175)	(177)	(374)
Net cash used in financing activities	**(301)**	**(299)**	**(516)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**25,166**	**54**	**147,673**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	216,179	269,776	68,506
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	**241,345**	**269,830**	**216,179**

Section 4

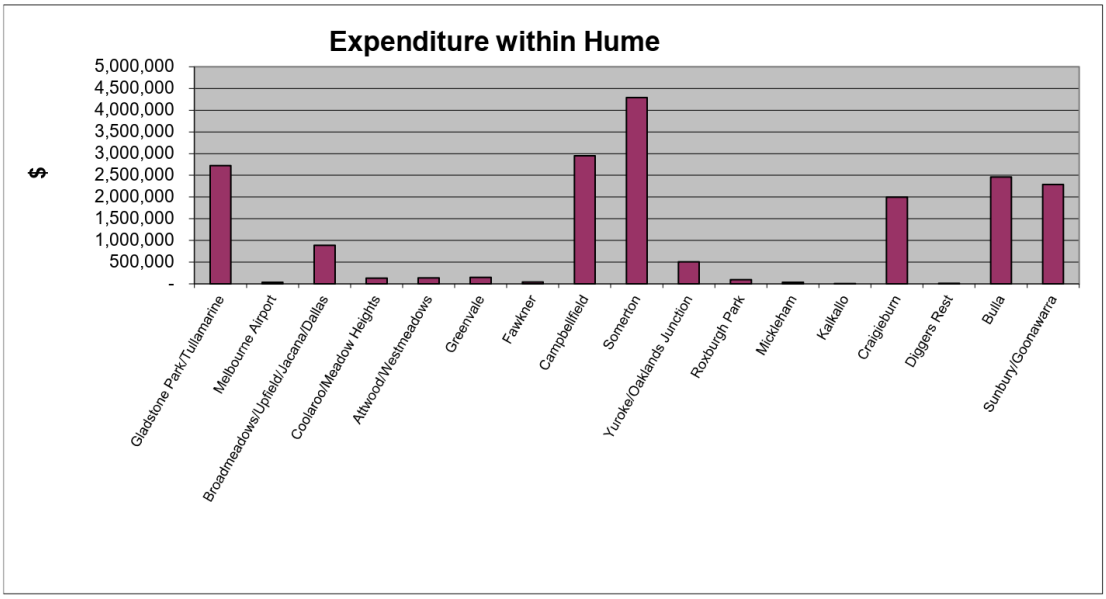
Buying Local
Expenditure by Locality

The Buying Local report highlights the level of payments made by Council to businesses, community groups and individuals within the municipality. The report includes payments for grants and contributions, materials, and services, building and utility costs and contractor and other services.

It should be noted that the report only includes payments to suppliers whose mailing address is listed within Hume. Therefore, there is the possibility that the level of payments made to local suppliers is in fact, higher.

As at 31 December 2024

Postcode	Suburb	Amount $
3043	Gladstone Park/Tullamarine	2,723,425
3045	Melbourne Airport	33,000
3047	Broadmeadows/Upfield/Jacana/Dallas	883,226
3048	Coolaroo/Meadow Heights	128,675
3049	Attwood/Westmeadows	132,741
3059	Greenvale	148,763
3060	Fawkner	41,031
3061	Campbellfield	2,951,290
3062	Somerton	4,292,329
3063	Yuroke/Oaklands Junction	504,915
3064	Roxburgh Park	92,455
3064	Mickleham	33,829
3064	Kalkallo	1,263
3064	Craigieburn	1,998,165
3427	Diggers Rest	7,643
3428	Bulla	2,463,695
3429	Sunbury/Goonawarra	2,287,978
	Total	**18,724,424**



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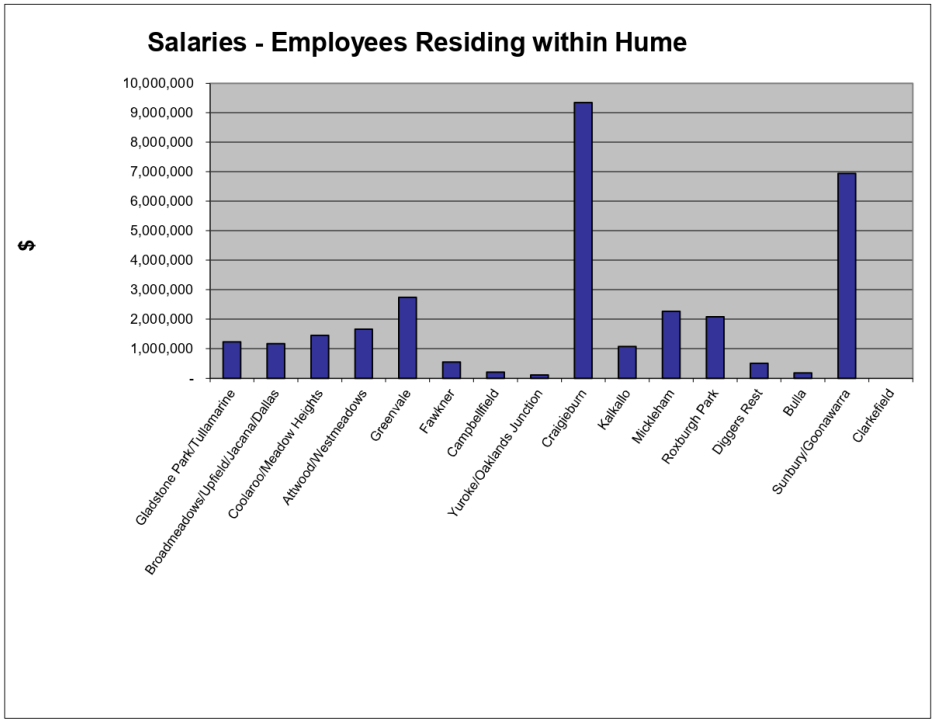
Employees Residing within Hume

The Employees Residing within Hume report highlights the level of salaries paid to employees who reside within Hume as well as the number of employees who reside within Hume.

As at 31 December 2024

Postcode	Suburb	Gross Salaries $
3043	Gladstone Park/Tullamarine	1,234,123
3047	Broadmeadows/Upfield/Jacana/Dallas	1,173,905
3048	Coolaroo/Meadow Heights	1,447,973
3049	Attwood/Westmeadows	1,658,924
3059	Greenvale	2,744,478
3060	Fawkner	543,579
3061	Campbellfield	204,538
3063	Yuroke/Oaklands Junction	113,393
3064	Craigieburn	9,346,135
3064	Kalkallo	1,077,955
3064	Mickleham	2,266,792
3064	Roxburgh Park	2,084,256
3427	Diggers Rest	501,268
3428	Bulla	179,695
3429	Sunbury/Goonawarra	6,945,781
3430	Clarkefield	-
	Total	**31,522,796**

Total number of employees paid that reside within Hume was 1,214.



Section 6

Contributions - Monetary

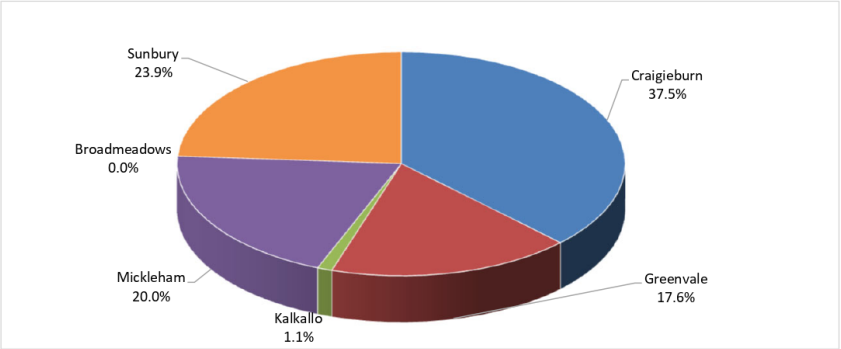
The Contributions – monetary report highlights contributions received from developers and also includes contributions received for capital works and open space levies.

As at 31 December 2024

Location	Ytd Act $'000	Ytd Bud $'000	Ytd Var %	Annual Bud $'000
Craigieburn R2 CIL	-	19	(100.0%)	74
Craigieburn R2 DIL	-	306	(100.0%)	1,225
Merrifield West DIL	2,447	3,962	(38.2%)	7,924
Greenvale Central South DIL	1,922	1,047	83.7%	1,047
Merrifield West CIL	282	164	72.1%	455
Greenvale West PSP	-	-	-	-
Craigieburn R2 PSP	236	114	107.6%	454
Greenvale Central PSP	1,343	1,169	14.9%	1,397
Merrifield West PSP	-	7	(100.0%)	14
Greenvale North R1 Mickleham Rd CIL	-	-	-	-
Greenvale Central North DIL	1,119	898	24.6%	898
Lockerbie CIL	275	185	49.2%	378
Greenvale Central CIL	135	115	17.1%	230
GNorth R1 Mt Aitken CIL	-	13	(100.0%)	51
Merrifield City Centre173 contribution	-	142	(100.0%)	569
Lindum Vale ICP Com/Rec	1,147	347	230.6%	347
Lindum Vale ICP Land Equalisation	352	111	217.7%	111
Sunbury ICP Community and Recreation Levy	1,732	1,883	(8.0%)	3,767
Sunbury ICP Transport Levy	1,027	1,962	(47.7%)	2,744
Sunbury ICP SuppTransport Levy	803	1,073	(25.2%)	2,145
Sunbury ICP Land Equalisation Levy	2,600	4,153	(37.4%)	4,207
Merrifield South Precinct (S173 contribution)	921	1,323	(30.4%)	1,646
Craigieburn West Transport Levy	3,000	-	-	-
Craigieburn West Community and Recreation Levy	2,218	193	1051.1%	771
Craigieburn West Land Equalisation Levy	4,192	-	-	-
Other - Non Development Contribution*	1,455	701	107.7%	1,055
Total	**27,206**	**19,885**	**37%**	**31,509**

**Other - Non Development Contribution includes contributions received for capital works, open space levies and other related projects.*

Contributions by Suburb (excluding other non-development contributions)



Section 7

Financial Ratios

The following financial ratios are required to be included in Council's financial report at year-end. Although their value may be limited as key financial indicators, they do provide information on trends.

Ratios	Six months to 31-Dec-24 2024/25	Six months to 31-Dec-23 2023/24	Twelve months to 30-Jun-24 2023/24
Debt Servicing Ratio (Target < 3%) This ratio measures the extent to which long-term debt is impacting on the annual total income of Council and identifies the capacity of Council to service outstanding debt. The ratio expresses the amount of interest paid as a percentage of Council's total revenue. (The lower the ratio the better).	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Debt Commitment Ratio (Target < 15%) This ratio identifies Council's debt redemption strategy and expresses the percentage of rate revenue utilised to pay interest and redeem debt principal. (The lower the ratio the better).	0.23%	0.17%	0.22%
Revenue Ratio (Target 65% - 70%) This ratio identifies Council's reliance on rates as a source of income. (The lower the ratio the better).	40.69%	47.37%	39.80%
Debt Exposure Ratio This ratio identifies Council's exposure to debt and expresses the total indebtedness to total realisable assets. (The lower the ratio the better).	5.69%	5.89%	6.07%
Working Capital Ratio (Target 100% - 150%) This ratio identifies Council's ability to meet current liabilities and enables an assessment of Council's liquidity and solvency. The ratio compares the current assets to current liabilities. (The higher the ratio the better).	674.65%	714.31%	423.58%
Hume adjusted underlying result (Target > 0%) This ratio identifies Council's underlying result as a percentage or underlying income. This ratio is an indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet is objectives. (The higher the ratio the better). The negative result is largely due to the expenditure associated with grants carried forward from previous years.	17.37%	6.39%	(10.58%)

Section 8 – Outstanding Rates

Chart 1 – Outstanding Rates Comparison

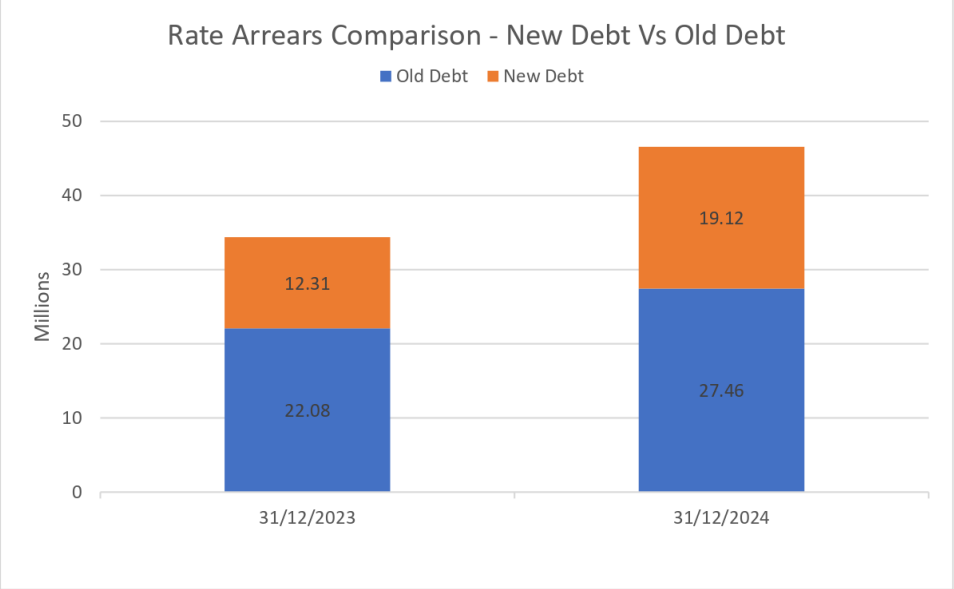
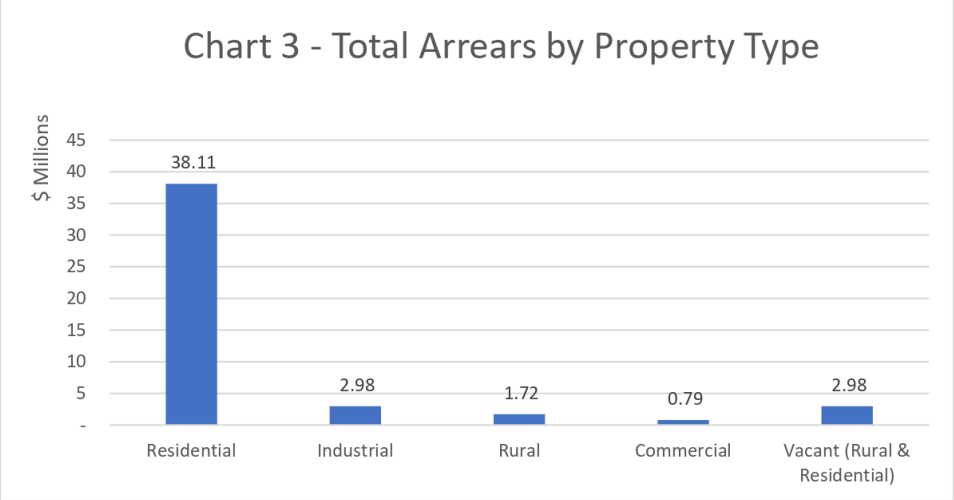


Chart 2

Analysis of the rates arrears (current rates raised and previous year) by property type. This illustrates the value of rates by outstanding property type.



Section 8 – Outstanding Rates (cont.)

Table 3 – Total Outstanding Rates compared to Rates Raised

Locality	Number of Rateable Properties	Total Rates Raised 2024/25 $	Number of Properties in Arrears	Total Arrears at 31/12/2024 $	Arrears as a % of Total Raised	Number of Arrears properties on Arrangements	Arrears on Arrangements $
ATTWOOD	1,131	$ 2,915,040	249	$ 461,818	15.84%	110	$178,941
BROADMEADOWS	5,473	$ 11,819,079	1,073	$ 2,135,850	18.07%	299	$447,545
BULLA	303	$ 1,161,965	78	$ 275,525	23.71%	23	$127,733
CAMPBELLFIELD	4,743	$ 15,980,473	942	$ 2,238,619	14.01%	206	$677,744
CLARKEFIELD	16	$ 58,391	4	$ 14,656	25.10%	1	$3,750
COOLAROO	1,523	$ 3,509,207	381	$ 805,929	22.97%	92	$188,233
CRAIGIEBURN	23,459	$ 49,169,527	6,401	$ 10,781,099	21.93%	2,251	$3,570,772
DALLAS	2,371	$ 3,957,876	598	$ 1,081,625	27.33%	191	$352,421
DIGGERS REST	180	$ 727,177	46	$ 222,353	30.58%	11	$74,793
FAWKNER	127	$ 314,544	24	$ 50,478	16.05%	7	$10,179
GLADSTONE PARK	3,428	$ 7,038,959	590	$ 1,081,600	15.37%	221	$395,927
GREENVALE	8,927	$ 22,756,008	2,345	$ 5,021,516	22.07%	834	$1,665,457
JACANA	950	$ 1,653,627	191	$ 277,710	16.79%	59	$72,689
KALKALLO	4,388	$ 7,998,150	1,520	$ 1,700,886	21.27%	444	$429,373
KEILOR	33	$ 110,539	6	$ 23,136	20.93%	0	$0
MEADOW HEIGHTS	4,886	$ 8,516,435	1,168	$ 2,006,526	23.56%	344	$666,850
MELBOURNE AIRPORT	3	$ 11,407	0	$ -	0.00%	0	$0
MICKLEHAM	9,683	$ 22,251,549	2,962	$ 4,783,752	21.50%	1,027	$1,354,168
OAKLANDS JUNCTION	155	$ 718,179	35	$ 169,495	23.60%	10	$43,441
ROXBURGH PARK	7,164	$ 14,331,964	1,989	$ 3,865,194	26.97%	664	$1,506,839
SOMERTON	554	$ 5,692,620	144	$ 705,709	12.40%	17	$144,944
SUNBURY	19,603	$ 42,358,746	4,509	$ 6,455,468	15.24%	1,501	$2,195,087
TULLAMARINE	4,313	$ 10,414,158	718	$ 1,072,286	10.30%	201	$285,580
WESTMEADOWS	2,998	$ 6,611,310	605	$ 1,205,939	18.24%	209	$346,921
WILDWOOD	107	$ 525,434	36	$ 148,727	28.31%	9	$23,002
YUROKE	66	$ 320,900	6	$ 4,706	1.47%	1	$1,017
	106,584	**$ 240,923,263**	**26,620**	**$ 46,590,601**	**19.34%**	**8,733**	**$14,763,407**

The table above indicates that:

- Total arrears are 19.34% of the rates raised.
- The highest arrears, amounting to $30.90m or 66% of the total debt, are in Craigieburn, Greenvale, Mickleham, Sunbury, and Roxburgh Park.
- These same arrears also have $14.76m under arrangements, representing 31.68% of total arrangement arrears.

Section 9 – Approved Contracts Report

Table 1 – Contracts approved under delegated authority by the CEO

For the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024, the CEO approved the contracts in the below table.

Contract No.	Description	Awarded Supplier	Date Approved	Project Name	Location
30 24 3563	Netball Courts Upgrade - Eric Boardman Reserve, Sunbury	Turf One Pty Ltd	21/10/2024	Netball Courts Upgrade - Eric Boardman Reserve, Sunbury	Sunbury
30 24 3545	Jack Roper Reserve Broadmeadows - Paths Upgrade	Vine Civil Pty Ltd	26/11/2024	Jack Roper Reserve Paths Upgrade	Broadmeadows
30 24 3538	Provision of security services for the Hume Global Learning Centre, Town Hall Broadmeadows, Community Centres and Community Facilities	City Patrol and Security Services Pty Ltd	17/12/2024	N/A	Council-Wide
30 24 3588	Discover Hume Social Media Management	Kreate Australia Pty Ltd	24/12/2024	N/A	Broadmeadows
30 24 3586	Active Living Strategy - Outdoor Sports Plan and Hume Football (Soccer) Plan	Solucio Pty Ltd	20/12/2024	N/A	-
30 24 3587	Active Living Strategy - Leisure and Indoor Sport Plan and Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre Master Plan	Otium Planning Group Pty Ltd	20/12/2024	N/A	-

Section 9 – Approved Contracts Report (cont.)

Table 2 – Contracts approved under delegated authority by Directors.

The CEO has via an Instrument of Sub-Delegation by the Chief Executive Officer to Members of Council Staff effective 19 December 2022, delegated to the officers in the Directors position of:

(a) DIA or CFO, the power to enter into contracts up to the value of $500,000 (including GST); and

(b) DCUS, DCSL or DCPP, the power to enter into contracts up to the value of $300,000 (including GST).

(c) CPO, the power to enter into contracts up to the value of $200,000 (including GST).

For the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024, Directors approved the contracts up to the value of $500,000 detailed in the below table.

Contract No.	Description	Awarded Supplier	Date Approved	Project Name	Location
30 24 3559	Demolition of Sunbury Citizen Seniors Centre	Express Demolition & Excavation Pty Ltd	30 24 3559	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre	Sunbury
30 24 3573	Probity Advisory Services	Aster Advisory Pty Ltd ATF Aster Advisory Trust	30 24 3573	N/A	Broadmeadows
30 24 3577	Merrifield West AOS - Sewer Extension	Metro Civil Vic Pty Ltd	30 24 3577	Merrifield West Active Open Space	Merrifield West
30 24 3556	Empowering Women to Economic Inclusion	Brotherhood of St Laurence	30 24 3556	N/A	Broadmeadows
30 24 3554	Work Cover Consultancy Services	Insurance House t/as Safescope	30 24 3554	N/A	Broadmeadows

DIA – Director Infrastructure and Assets
CFO – Chief Financial Officer
DCUS – Director Customer and Strategy
DCSL – Director City Services and Living
DCPP – Director City Planning and Places
CPO – Chief People Officer

Section 9 – Approved Contracts Report (cont.)

Table 3 – Contracts approved under delegated authority by Managers.

For the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024, the following contracts were approved by Managers under delegated authority.

Contract No.	Description	Awarded Supplier	Date Approved	Project Name	Location
30 24 3514	Supply and Install Temporary Road Barriers on Barry Road, Campbellfield	Vcrete Contractors Pty Ltd	11/10/2024		Campbellfield
30 24 3565	Condition Audit for Buildings	Macutex Pty Ltd ATF Macutex Unit Trust	31/10/2024	N/A	Council-Wide

Section 9 – Approved Contracts Report (cont.)

Table 4 – Contracts extensions approved by Council or under delegated authority by Directors.

For the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024, the following contract extensions were approved by Council or by Directors under delegated authority.

Contract No.	Description	Awarded Supplier	Date Extension Approved
30 18 2892	Supply, Installation and Support of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) System	Bibliotheca Australia Pty Ltd	11/10/2024
30 20 3139	Provision of Minor Civil Works	Vcrete Contractors Pty Ltd	24/10/2024
30 20 3139	Provision of Minor Civil Works	Presta & Sons Pty Ltd	24/10/2024
30 20 3139	Provision of Minor Civil Works	Viscaria Pty Ltd	24/10/2024
30 20 3139	Provision of Minor Civil Works	Petrolo Construction Pty Ltd	24/10/2024
30 20 3139	Provision of Minor Civil Works	MJ Construction Group Pty Ltd	24/10/2024
30 22 3361	Provision of Sanitary and Hygiene Services for Hume City Council	IKON Service Australia Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3128	Provision for the Construction of Concrete Indented Parking Bays and Kerb and Channel Rehabilitation.	Amico Concrete & Paving Pty Ltd	28/10/2024
30 20 3128	Provision for the Construction of Concrete Indented Parking Bays and Kerb and Channel Rehabilitation.	MJ Construction Group Pty Ltd	28/10/2024
30 20 3128	Provision for the Construction of Concrete Indented Parking Bays and Kerb and Channel Rehabilitation.	Consolidated Construction Services Pty Ltd	28/10/2024
30 20 3128	Provision for the Construction of Concrete Indented Parking Bays and Kerb and Channel Rehabilitation.	Presta & Sons Pty Ltd	28/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Alfco Investments t/as Independent Turf Services	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Amgrow Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Classic Turf Services	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Evans Turf Services	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Evergreen Turf	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Grass Up Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Green Options Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Green Turf Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	Hume Turf and Machinery Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 20 3056	Provision of Turf Management Works and Services	The Art of Grass	25/10/2024
30 22 3407	Provision of Timber Floor Maintenance	Nellakir Pty Ltd	25/10/2024
30 22 3368	Provision of Fire Equipment and Inspection Services	Fire Equipment Services Pty Ltd	20/12/2024
30 19 2996	Provision of Parking and Enforcement Services	Orikan Pty Ltd	20/12/2024
30 19 3015	Landscape Construction Panel	UMS	20/12/2024
30 19 3015	Landscape Construction Panel	Excell Gray Bruni Pty Ltd	20/12/2024
30 19 3015	Landscape Construction Panel	ULS Group Pty Ltd	20/12/2024
30 19 3015	Landscape Construction Panel	Yellowstone Landscaping Pty Ltd	20/12/2024

Section 9 – Approved Contracts Report (cont.)

Table 5 – Contracts approved by Council

For the period 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024, the following contracts were approved by Council.

Contract No.	Description	Awarded Supplier	Date Approved	Project Name	Location
30 24 3581	Provision of Hard Waste Collection Services	WM Waste Management Services Pty Ltd	9/12/2024	N/A	Council-Wide
30 24 3575	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre - Redevelopment	Constructive Group Pty Ltd	9/12/2024	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre	Sunbury
30 24 3543	Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting	Multipro Civil Pty Ltd	16/12/2024	Jack Roper Reserve	Broadmeadows

Section 10 - Grants

Snapshot of competitive grants *applied for/received* between 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

FUNDING APPLIED FOR IN 2023/24 Q3 & Q4 – STILL AWAITING OUTCOMES			
Major Road Street Lighting Upgraded to LED	*Community Energy Upgrades Fund*	*$995,000*	*Awaiting Outcome*
FUNDING APPLIED FOR IN 2023/24 Q3 & Q4 – OUTCOMES ANNOUNCED			
John Ilhan Stormwater Harvesting Scheme	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023	$800,000	*Unsuccessful*
Spavin Lake Water Quality Improvement	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023	$400,000	*Unsuccessful*
Obrien Street Stormwater Harvesting Scheme	Urban Rivers and Catchments Program 2023	$710,000	*Unsuccessful*
Project	**Grant Program**	**Funding Sought**	**Funding Received**
Progress Reserve Upgrade Stages 2 & 3	Thriving Suburbs Program	$10,000,000	*Unsuccessful*
Dwyer Street Reserve Community Pavilion	Thriving Suburbs Program	$3,806,763	*Unsuccessful*
Hume Winter Lights Festival 2025	Revive Live	$100,000	*Unsuccessful*
Women of the Hill	Victorian Women's Public Art Program	$150,000	*Unsuccessful*
Level Up Program	Engage! Program 2025-2027	$180,000	*$180,000*
Hume Youth Productions and Events (HYPE) 2025-2027	FReeZA 202 – 2027 Program	$120,000	*$120,000*
Craigieburn Tennis Club Lighting	Community Sport and Recreation Projects (SRV)	$90,000	*$90,000*
Railway Crescent Pedestrian Crossing	TAC Local Government Grant Program	$100,000	*Awaiting Outcome*
Mitchell Street Road Upgrade	Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream	$6,000,000	*Awaiting Outcome*
Seabrook Reserve Residential Development	Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream	$4,383,295	*Awaiting Outcome*
Broadmeadows Precinct Roadmap	Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program - Stream One: Precinct development and planning	$3,332,500	*Awaiting Outcome*
Cloverton MAC	Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program - Stream One: Precinct development and planning	$2,622,500	*Awaiting Outcome*
Hume Victorian Collections Online	Local History Grant – Round 23	$15,000	*Awaiting Outcome*
TOTAL for Q2.		**$30,900,058**	**$390,000**

REPORT NO:	8.3
REPORT TITLE:	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 - Capital Works Program
SOURCE:	Rodney Cann, Manager Project Management Office
DIVISION:	Infrastructure & Assets
FILE NO:	HCC24/1278
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Second Quarter Capital Works Program Report 2024-25* 2. *Response to NOM24/59*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This second quarter report for the 24/25 Capital Works Program provides an update on progress against the budgeted capital program as at 31 December 2024.

Some of the key highlights of the first half of the capital works program are:

1.1 Of 259 projects, 36 are complete, 9 are in operating, 85 are in construction, 14 at the procurement stage, 90 at the plan stage, 9 at the design stage, 12 are in the initiate stage and 4 are not commenced.

1.2 The total revised available funds to be spent in 2024/25 are $151.112m. Of this, a total of $52.569m was spent during the first half of the financial year.

1.3 The available funding and actual capital works expenditure in this report excludes the salaries capitalised from the operating budget.

1.4 As of 31 December 2024, the delivery of the capital works program has progressed well, with over 35% of the capital works program expended.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program (Attachment 1) and the response to NOM24/95 (Attachment 2).

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

Not applicable.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

4.1.1 the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;

4.1.2 the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured

4.1.3 the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

The Council Plan was developed within the policy context of the Hume City Council Social Justice Charter (2021) and the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020

This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The approved new capital works funding for 2024/25 was $181.40m. In addition, a negative amount of $31.369m was carried forward from 2023/24 to 2024/25 for expenditure on projects that were spent in advance than scheduled and therefore the total available funds became $150.031m.

6.2 In addition, an increase of $1.081m has been made to the approved budget (refer to Attachment 1 for details) bringing the total revised capital works funds to $151.112m.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 The following two opportunities were identified in the development of the Council Plan:

7.1.1 The Council Plan 2021-2025 (Council Plan) incorporates Council's Pathways to Sustainability Framework. Strategic Objective 2.2 seeks to minimise Council's environmental impact and environmental sustainability is considered in the delivery of each project on Council's capital works program as appropriate.

7.1.2 The Council Plan 2021-2025 (Council Plan) seeks to mitigate and plan for climate change risks through Action 2.2.3 – Enhance Council's response to climate change including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 and support Hume's community and businesses to adapt to climate change.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 Community consultation is undertaken on individual capital works projects as appropriate, and project updates are provided on Council's website.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 On 24 June 2024, Council adopted the Council Plan 2021-2025 (24/25 Update) and 2024/25 Budget, which included the recurrent and capital budget (for the capital works program).

9.2 The capital works program identifies the renewal and delivery of assets and infrastructure required to achieve Council's Strategic Objectives.

9.3 The *Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program* (**Attachment 1**) provides an update on the progress made towards the delivery of Council's capital works program for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024. Key information on the capital works program is provided below.

9.3.1 Revised available Capital Works Program funding:

(a) As outlined in the table below, the revised available funds for 2024/25 is $151.112m (refer Section 1, **Attachment 1** for further detail).

2024/25 Available Capital funding	**Amount ($'000)**
2024/25 capital works budget	181,400
Add: Actual carry forward funding from 2023/24	(31,369)
Capital works available funding – 2024/25	**150,031**
Adjustments (refer to **Attachment 1**)	**1,081**
Revised capital works funds – 2024/25	**151,112**

(b) The second quarter saw an expenditure of $52.569m in the delivery of the program.

9.3.2 Capital Works Income:

The following table provides details of the income for the 2024/25 capital works program. The approved capital works income budget is $20.694m (including $800k from plant and equipment sales). Of the $20.694m, $3.217m relates to grants raised/received in prior years but will be recognised in 2024/25 in accordance with the AASB revenue accounting standards. Therefore, the budgeted new capital works income is $17.477m in 2024/25 ($20.694m - $3.217m).

(a) As outlined in the table below, the revised income for 2024/25 is $18.595m (refer Section 2, **Attachment 1** for further detail).

2024/25 Capital income	**Amount ($'000)**
2024/25 capital works budget new income	17,477
Forecast adjustments (refer to **Attachment 1**)	1,118
2024/25 capital works new income	**18,595**

9.3.3 Project Changes:

Since the commencement of the 24/25 financial year there have been a number of changes to projects that will impact on what is able to be delivered in the 24/25 year. A summary of these projects and the impacts are listed below:

Project	2024/25 Budget	Impact	Modified Timing
605106 – Mahoneys Road Streetscape Upgrade	$1,763,128	Project delayed pending Hume Places' Review	Timing being reconsidered and managed through budget process.
605041 – Barry Road Shopping Centre Streetscape Design and Upgrade	$437,459	Project delayed due to VicRoads approval and contractor issues with Phase 1 due for completion Feb/Mar-25	Future streetscape upgrade to be reprofiled for 2027/28 following the Hume Places Review Activity Centre Study
604617 – Kalkallo Grasslands Restoration	$254,562	Reduce budget to $40,000	Landowner consent is delaying project. Project budget to be pushed out to 2026/27
601780 – Fairways Lake – Fairways Blvd Drainage Works	$87,377	Reduce budget to $0	Project cost is prohibitive and not required. Residents have been notified. Project to cease.
605007 – LED Streetlighting upgrade	$2,494,376	Project on hold due to waiting outcome of Federal funding application	Project likely to be carried forward into 25/26
604614 – Hume Hockey Centre, Second Pitch	$1,598,000	Project delayed on hold due to application for Sport and Recreation Victoria funding	Project likely to be carried forward into 25/26

9.4 Notice of Motion (NOM 24/59) Response Play Renewal and Upgrade Program

a. A Notice of Motion was raised on 16 December 2024 ordinary meeting of Council seeking options to enhance transparency and greater Councillor involvement in the playspace upgrade program.

b. The following recommendations were made:

   1. *Requests a full and detailed list of all playspaces identified for potential upgrades over the next four years, including those prioritised from the most recent audit process and those anticipated for future audits, and the results of the upgrade program from the previous council term.*

   2. *Requests officers to provide options for how playspace upgrades can be reported to Council, prior to the finalisation of the annual budget process that outlines:*

      a. *The results of the annual playspace audit.*

      b. *A draft priority list of playspaces recommended for upgrade, along with the rationale for their selection.*

      c. *Estimated costs and funding options for the proposed upgrades.*

   3. *Investigates options for how future playspace upgrade contracts and designs can be presented to Council for discussion and endorsement prior to their approval and commencement.*

   4. *Requests officers to provide a briefing note/presentation to a future briefing session regarding playspace renewal timelines, and the financial implications of renewing playground infrastructure sooner for consideration as part of the current budget process.*

   5. *Requests information on how themed, shaded, fenced playspaces and water activities can be considered in the upgrade program, including considerations for accessibility, safety, community needs, and potential funding sources.*

c. Attachment 2 lists the playspaces that were upgraded during the previous Council term (Recommendation 1). Attachment 3 lists the playspaces currently identified for upgrade over the next four years (Recommendation 1) as well as the estimated capital cost of the upgrades (Recommendation 2b & c).

d. The remaining Recommendations (3-5) will be responded to through the Open Space Strategy and the associated briefing to Councillors.

e. Below provides a high level overview of how the playspace program currently operates.

The Park Renewal and Upgrade Program

f. As set out in the revised Open Space Strategy, Council has approximately 260 playspaces across the municipality with more added every year in the growth areas.

g. The Park Renewal and Upgrade Program is a rolling program that seeks to ensure that playspaces located in parks remain fit for purpose and meet safety and community expectations.

h. While it can vary, on average, upgrading a playspace is a three year / phase process.

   i. Year one involves undertaking investigations such as Flora and Fauna due diligence assessment, cultural heritage letters of advice and statutory planning requirements that inform the next stage.

   ii. Year two site analysis, concept and detailed design, and community consultation are undertaken.

   iii. Year three construction is completed.

i. Generally, the program has 6 playspaces in each of the phases (for a total of 18 actively being part of the program in any one year). At the moment this means every playspace in Hume is upgraded around once every 40 years. To meet safety expectations of replacing playspaces every 20 years, the Draft Open Space Strategy has set a target of increasing to 16 projects per year by 2034

Delivery of the Park Renewal and Upgrade Program

j. Between 2021 and 2024, 32 playspaces were upgraded across Hume, for the full list please refer to Attachment 2.

k. The prioritising of playspaces for upgrade depends on a number of factors including age, the results of an annual independent safety audit and assessments conducted by the Parks and Open Space Team on a 12 week cycle. Safety audits assess the condition, age, play value and risk of play equipment.

l. The current program for the next four years is located in Attachment 3. Timing and delivery of the program is subject to budget approval and all costs listed are estimates only. In addition, because the results of safety audits may require a change in priorities, any playspace listed for delivery for 2027/28 or later should be considered tentative and may change.

Budget process and funding sources

m. The future program reflects a staged increase in the number of playspaces being renewed in line with the Open Space Strategy target. This increase, and the associated increase in costs is subject to future approval through Councils annual budget process.

n. Currently, the playspace program is mostly funded through rates with some grant funding supplementing the program.

o. The data collected through the Open Space Strategy and the implementation framework to support it are likely to put Council in a better position to seek grant funding in the future.

p. In addition, as noted in the report on the Open Space Strategy, Council may seek to increase open space contributions through the Hume Planning Scheme. If this proceeds, increased contributions would also be available to support the delivery of open space across Hume.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Second Quarter Capital Works Program Report 2024/25 seeks to update Council and the community on progress in delivering the capital works program.

10.2 As of 31 December 2024, 35% of the capital works program has been expended.

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Attachment 1

Capital Works Report
For the Period Ended 31st December 2024

Project Information			Expenditure($)			Status
Number	Project Name	Project Locality	YTDActual	Annual Available Funding	Remaining to spend	On going / Complete
165330	Broadmeadows Valley Park Management Plan Implementation	B/MEADOW	0	60,000	60,000	Identify
165450	Jack Roper Reserve Master Plan Implementation	B/MEADOW	5,050	507,603	502,553	Procurement
170280	Integrated Water Management Plan 2020-2025 adopted 22 Mar 2020 Works Program	CITYWIDE	180	2,307,325	2,307,145	Construction
500010	Local Roads Spray Resealing Program	CITYWIDE	24,637	1,649,077	1,624,440	Construction
500020	Local Roads Asphalt Resurfacing Program	CITYWIDE	2,082,742	6,790,893	4,708,151	Construction
500030	Carpark Resurfacing Program	CITYWIDE	7,860	166,948	159,088	Construction
500040	Kerb and Channel Rehabilitation Program	CITYWIDE	491,621	493,799	2,178	Construction
500050	Kerb & Channel Rehabilitation Associated with Road Asphalt Resurfacing Program	CITYWIDE	779,521	950,189	170,668	Construction
500060	Traffic Management Facilities Program	CITYWIDE	215,735	631,471	415,736	Construction
500070	Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Facilities Program	CITYWIDE	270,553	405,487	134,934	Construction
500080	Footpath Rehabilitation Program	CITYWIDE	3,924,125	4,567,622	643,497	Construction
500090	Walking & Cycling Program	CITYWIDE	76,308	518,461	442,153	Construction
500100	Drainage Rehabilitation Works Program	CITYWIDE	208,426	569,431	361,005	Construction
500110	Drainage Infrastructure Upgrade Program	CITYWIDE	157,642	576,566	418,924	Construction
500130	Sports Ground Lighting Audit and Upgrade Program 18/19-23/24	CITYWIDE	93,087	2,005,310	1,912,223	Construction
500150	Park Renewal and Upgrade Program	CITYWIDE	1,468,313	2,706,618	1,238,305	Construction
500210	Public Toilet Program	CITYWIDE	1,580	728,960	727,380	Construction
500220	Disability Action Plan Implementation Program 2019-2023	CITYWIDE	192,726	195,632	2,906	Construction
500240	Kerbside Bins - New and Maintenance	CITYWIDE	660,629	1,397,832	737,203	Construction
500250	Litter Bin Infrastructure Replacement	CITYWIDE	61,414	181,339	119,925	Construction
500280	Hume's Places Program -Local Shopping Centre Upgrades & Urban Renewal	CITYWIDE	12,314	80,039	67,725	Construction
500290	Library Stock Replacement Program	CITYWIDE	405,047	1,063,363	658,316	Construction
500300	Public Art Program	CITYWIDE	45,040	171,269	126,229	Construction
500310	ICT Infrastructure projects	CITYWIDE	1,177,651	1,654,412	476,761	Construction
500330	Fleet Capital Replacement Program	CITYWIDE	2,337,564	7,030,476	4,692,912	Construction
500350	Sportsground surfaces - sub-surface drainage program	CITYWIDE	10,335	584,475	574,140	Construction
500360	Sports Pavilion Bin Cage program	CITYWIDE	0	31,079	31,079	Construction
500380	Basketball Stadium Asset Renewal Program	CITYWIDE	49,835	63,176	13,341	Construction
500390	Premier's Reading Challenge Program	CITYWIDE	19,609	30,000	10,391	Construction
500400	Indented Parking on Narrow Streets Program	CITYWIDE	212,120	773,377	561,257	Construction
500410	Children's Services Yard Refurbishment and Redevelopment Program	CITYWIDE	68,351	177,303	108,952	Construction
500431	Tennis Facility Surface Replacement Program	CITYWIDE	143,653	764,670	621,017	Construction
500432	Disability Action Plan Implementation Program - outside current adopted plan	CITYWIDE	0	327,000	327,000	Construction
500433	Sports Ground Lighting Audit and Upgrade Program Outside current program 2020-2024	CITYWIDE	474,949	554,226	79,277	Construction
500434	Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 adopted 25 Sept 2023	CITYWIDE	120,175	181,700	61,525	Construction
500435	Annual Sportsground Fence Upgrade Program	CITYWIDE	157	327,986	327,829	Construction
500436	IS Device Replacement Annual Program	CITYWIDE	1,113,503	2,113,154	999,651	Construction
500437	Annual Road Humps Replacement Program	CITYWIDE	229,786	390,059	160,273	Construction
500438	Annual new footpath construction Program	CITYWIDE	85,478	475,914	390,436	Construction
500439	Parks Open Space Drainage	CITYWIDE	0	120,562	120,562	Construction
500440	Road Management Plan Rehabilitation Program	CITYWIDE	924,741	1,250,000	325,259	Construction
600080	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Master Plan	GREENVAL	0	82,506	82,506	Plan
600110	Hume Central Public Realm Works	B/MEADOW	23,470	980,020	956,550	Plan
600130	Leisure Centre Pool Plant and Capital Projects Upgrade Program	CITYWIDE	20,880	348,730	327,850	Construction
600220	Bolinda Road Resource Recovery Centre Master Plan	[/FIELD	0	288,432	288,432	Procurement
600250	Buchan Street Reserve Master Plan Implementation	M/HEIGHT	0	18,260	18,260	Initiate
600590	Broadmeadows Town Centre - Carpark Construction	B/MEADOW	11,240	638,183	626,943	Plan
600680	Mt Aitken District Recreation Reserve ACOI(LSP) - Highlands LSP	C/BURN	19,137	100,000	80,863	Complete
600710	Bulla Parklands Master Plan	BULLA	8,375	26,700	18,325	Identify
600900	Gladstone Park Bowling Club - 2nd green construction	GLADS/PA	4,500	10,000	5,500	Procurement
600980	Aitken Boulevard Duplication -between Marathon Blvd & Grand Blvd	C/BURN	1,415,437	2,523,356	1,107,919	Operate
600990	Yirrangan Road, Jacksons Hill to Watsons Road - Road Construction	SUNBURY	5,770	987,297	981,527	Plan
601240	Belfast Street Road Reconstruction	DALLAS	0	30,000	30,000	Plan
601260	Bradford Avenue Sports Ground Upgrade-Greenvale Central ARDS	GREENVAL	0	181,246	181,246	Plan
601270	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Pavilion Oval 4 -Greenvale Central AR02	GREENVAL	27,666	888,266	860,601	Operate
601350	Craigieburn Community Centre - Craigieburn R2 - [102 141Highlander Dr	[/BURN	2,194,241	(396,540	(2,590,781)	Construction
601360	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playing Field - Greenvale Central AR0l	GREENVAL	527,056	856,435	329,379	Construction
601370	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Tennis Courts - Greenvale Central AR04	GREENVAL	0	594,52	594,528	Plan
601400	Construct 4 Rugby Pitches at Bridges Recreation Reserve (C'burn R2 AR03)	C/BURN	32,169	100,000	67,831	Complete

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Project Information			Expenditure ($)			Status
Number	Project Name	Project Locality	YTDActual	Annual **Available** Funding	**Remaining to spend**	**On going / Complete**
601570	Riddell Road Landfill Resource Recovery Centre master plan and implementation	SUNBURY	44,42B	250,000	205,572	Procurement
601590	Construct a pavilion at Bridges Recreation Reserve (Craigieburn R2 AR04)	C/BURN	488,790	581,002	92,212	Complete
601740	Mt Holden Masterplan Implementation	SUNBURY	75,115	815,233	740,118	Construction
601780	Fairways Lake -Fairways Boulevard Drainage work	C/BURN	0	0	0	Plan
601850	Progress Reserve Master Plan Implementation	COOLAROO	55,002	285,827	230,825	Plan
601860	Derby Street Reserve Site Development Plan	TULLA	397,497	1,601,072	1,203,575	Construction
601930	Spavin Drive Lake-Stabilize Lake Bank Embankment and Renew Spillway	SUNBURY	0	74,805	74,805	Plan
602060	Craigieburn Youth Centre Upgrade	C/BURN	7,145	5,218	(1,927)	Complete
602190	Cloverton Southern Active Open Space Pavilion 1&2 - Lockerbie ARDS & AR09	KALKALLO	0	54,972	54,972	Complete
602210	Eric Boardman Reserve Pavilion 3 & Social Room Upgrade	SUNBURY	0	3,922	3,922	Construction
602230	Progress Reserve Sports and Community Centre Upgrade	COOLAROO	0	197,050	197,050	Initiate
602300	Ellscott Blvd Recreation Reserve - Construct Pavilion 1&2 on Active Playing Field 2 Merrifield West 0505&06	MICK/HAM	170,567	19,622	(150,945)	Plan
602330	Ellscott Blvd Recreation Reserve - Construction of Playing Field 2 in South-Western Area Merrifield West 0504	MICK/HAM	115,460	664,789	549,329	Plan
602350	Drummond Street Reserve - Upgrade Sport Ground Surface, Lighting and Single Toilet Cubicle	GREENVAL	3,686	7,134	3,448	Complete
602360	Victor Ian Foster Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	C/BURN	42,537	573,537	531,000	Construction
602580	Langama Park Reserve - Shade and Seating	SUNBURY	8,420	12,436	4,016	Construction
602700	Ginifer Reserve Pavilion	GLADS/PA	722,442	747,679	25,237	Complete
602710	Gladstone Park Tennis Club Pavilion	GLADS/PA	33,328	139,401	106,073	Construction
602720	Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilions and social room	TULLA	1,927,601	2,333,017	405,416	Complete
602750	Greenvale tennis club pavilion	GREENVAL	8,100	2,455,429	2,447,329	Plan
602780	Bradford Avenue Reserve Pavilion (Secondary)	GREENVAL	0	15,750	15,750	Plan
602830	Roxburgh Park Drive road duplication	ROX/PARK	8,003	500,000	491,998	Complete
602840	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Oval 4 carpark and landscape - Greenvale West R3 & Greenvale nth RI 0504	GREENVAL	293,369	294,369	1,000	Complete
602910	Grand Boulevard Recreation Reserve - Construction of Fields Craigieburn R2 AROI	C/BURN	38,223	0	(38,223)	Complete
602920	Grand Boulevard Recreation Reserve - Construction of Pavilion Craigieburn R2 AR02	C/BURN	0	417,203	417,203	Construction
602940	Somerton Rd & Section Rd Greenvale Central IT03 - Intersection construction	GREENVAL	10,650	187,618	176,968	Plan
603000	Mickleham Rd Greenvale Central RDOS Construct pedestrian signals	GREENVAL	8,250	252,362	244,112	Plan
603120	Antares Pde Recreation Reserve - Construct Pavilion 1&2 Central AOS Lockerbie ARDS & AR06	KALKALLO	34,550	781,772	747,222	Plan
603150	Kalkallo North community hub-Lockerbie CI04	KALKALLO	296,298	500,000	203,702	Operate
603380	Mickleham South Community Centre -Merrifield West CI04	MICK/HAM	55,172	55,000	(172)	Operate
603400	Construct Pavilion 1&2 on northern sports ground - Merrifield West 0502&0503	MICK/HAM	0	24,920	24,920	Operate
603760	Belinda Rd Resource Recovery Facility - Leachate Management Upgrade	C/FIELD	0	700,000	700,000	Initiate
603810	Jacksons Hill Arts and Cultural Precinct	SUNBURY	427,281	934,201	506,920	Plan
603970	Rosedale Cr - Road Rehabilitation	DALLAS	3,500	0	(3,500)	Complete
603980	Cobram St btw Nathalia St & Pascoe Vale Service Rd - Road Rehabilitation	B/MEADOW	0	0	0	Complete
604000	Cuthbert St btw Joffre St & Beulah St - Road Rehabilitation	B/MEADOW	3,518	494,314	490,796	Plan
604010	Mason St btw Waratah St & Salvato, Dr - Road Reconstruction	C/FIELD	1,200	666,320	665,120	Procurement
604230	Hothlyn Dr btw Stockton St & Walters St - Road Reconstruction	C/BURN	1,097,191	1,506,289	409,098	Operate
604300	Waranga Cres btw Blair St & Gosford Cr - Road Rehabilitation	B/MEADOW	27,840	0	(27,840)	Design
604340	Hanson Rd reconstruction & roundabout at Creekwood Dr & Malcolm Creek Prd	C/BURN	36,097	836,944	800,847	Plan
604450	Riddell Road Landfill Leachate Management Upgrade	SUNBURY	53,158	1,828,989	1,775,831	Plan
604460	Riddell Road Landfill Gas Management	SUNBURY	690	813,682	812,992	Initiate
604470	Riddell Road Landfill Capping	SUNBURY	13,680	0	(13,680)	Complete
604500	Road Design Program for future capital works	CITYWIDE	84,843	0	(84,843)	Construction
604510	Macedon Street Office Upgrade	SUNBURY	359,75	543,665	183,914	Plan
604611	Sports Reserves Car Park Lighting Program	CITYWIDE	0	499,835	499,835	Construction
604612	Hume Tennis & Community Centre - Stage 2 additional courts	C/BURN	0	20,000	20,000	Plan
604614	Hume Newbury Hockey and Lacrosse Reserve - second pitch construction	C/BURN	7,500	1,598,002	1,590,502	Plan
604615	Hume Newbury Hockey and Lacrosse Reserve - pavilion extension construction	C/BURN	45,020	661,268	616,248	Plan
604617	Kalkallo Grassland Restoration Project	KALKALLO	0	261,562	261,562	Plan
604623	SALC Water Play Area	SUNBURY	994,687	3,666,193	2,671,506	Construction
604626	Leisure Centre Fitness Upgrade Program	CITYWIDE	20,345	731,388	711,043	Construction
604633	Ligar Street btw Gap Rd & Cornish St - Road Upgrade	SUNBURY	1,843,233	1,314,943	(528,290)	Operate
604636	Dallas Dr btw Belfast St & Riggall St - Road Reconstruction	B/MEADOW	0	30,000	30,000	Plan

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604656	Knox Court Blind Creek Parklands - New pedestrian bridge construction	SUNBURY	0	229,419	229,419	Plan
604658	Mitchell St and Malcolm St Bridge over Kalkallo creek - Road Reconstruction	KALKALLO	10,941	101,168	90,227	Plan
604665	Elizabeth Dr - New Service Road Construction	SUNBURY	(773)	285,340	286,113	Plan
604666	Craigieburn HGLC Front Entrance Airlock	C/BURN	0	80,079	80,079	Complete
604672	Seabrook Reserve Access and Carparking	B/MEADOW	31,231	9,763	(21,468)	Complete
604674	Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Implementation	SUNBURY	59,516	259,504	199,988	Plan
604675	marram baba Merri Creek Future Directions Plan Implementation	CITYWIDE	93,831	132,258	38,427	Plan
604693	Sunbury Depot Renewal Works	SUNBURY	467,017	516,639	49,622	Operate
604696	John McMahon Reserve - Car Park Upgrade for 2nd Oval	SUNBURY	5,600	438,839	433,239	Plan
604697	Evans Street, Sunbury- Multi-Deck Carpark	SUNBURY	2,753,147	9,043,318	6,290,171	Construction
604698	Tulsa Reserve Sunbury (OSP)- Public toilet, shade shelter & drinking fountain	SUNBURY	675	2,000	1,325	Complete
604699	Jack Roper Reserve - Public toilet, shade shelter & drinking fountain	B/MEADOW	2,369	10,000	7,631	Complete
604700	Skate, Scooter, BMX Strategy Implementation Program (outside current adopted plan)	CITYWIDE	37,690	255,041	217,351	Construction
604702	Jacksons Creek Vilana Dr community centre construction - Capitol SS-CI-02	SUNBURY	10,489	1,785,667	1,775,179	Plan
604709	Jacksons Creek Recreation Reserve - construction of sports fields (Capitol)SS-SR-02-F	SUNBURY	0	460,000	460,000	Initiate
604710	Jacksons Creek Recreation Reserve - construction of pavilion SS-SR-02-P	SUNBURY	0	166,400	166,400	Plan
604725	Emu Bottom Wetlands - Car park extension	SUNBURY	0	9,450	9,450	Plan
604730	Craigieburn Sports Stadium	C/BURN	658,893	826,242	167,349	Complete
604735	Broadmeadows GLC Redevelopment	B/MEADOW	227,900	665,383	437,483	Plan
604747	Aitken Creek Master Plan	C/BURN	11,775	183,995	172,220	Plan
604748	Malcolm Creek Trail Enhancement Program	C/BURN	0	66,000	66,000	Initiate
604750	Johnstone Street Reserve Site Redevelopment	**JACANA**	5,593	378,781	373,188	Plan
604751	Centennial Park Drive Reserve Site Redevelopment	C/BURN	0	111,946	111,946	Plan
604753	Valley Park Community Centre	W/MEADOW	101,571	152,621	51,050	Complete
604754	Merlynston Creek Masterplan	DALLAS	0	75,783	75,783	Plan
604759	Greenvale Recreation Reserve - Indoor Cricket Centre	GREENVAL	1,790,154	933,201	(856,953)	Construction
604760	Craigieburn Golf Course -Drainage System	C/BURN	660,319	667,551	7,232	Construction
604762	Sports Reserves - External Open Space Drainage around pavilions	CITYWIDE	0	62,310	62,310	Complete
604768	Splash - Replacement of Aquaplay Polysoft Flooring	C/BURN	0	101,130	101,130	Plan
604777	Geach Street btw King Street & No. 33 - Road Reconstruction	DALLAS	1,588,136	2,407,377	819,241	Construction
604779	Mitchells Lane btw Horne Street & Wilsons Lane - Road Reconstruction	SUNBURY	5,200	(58,745)	(63,945)	Plan
604790	Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre Ligar Street - Car Park construction	SUNBURY	7,821	638,856	631,035	Procurement
604792	Vaughan St Pedestrian Bridge over Jacksons Creek & footpath - Construct New Abutments PBOOI	SUNBURY	0	31,440	31,440	Plan
604795	Riggall Rd Bridge - Repair Footpath Retaining Wall HL031	DALLAS	2,500	217,000	214,500	Plan
604796	Banksia Grove & Birch Avenue - Drainage Upgrade	TULLA	182,593	291,793	109,200	Construction
604797	Parks Landscape Enhancements Program	CITYWIDE	98,528	207,814	109,286	Construction
604798	Mahoneys Rd Closed Landfill Rehabilitation - EPA requirement	C/FIELD	30,932	34,094	3,162	Construction
604799	Belinda Rd Closed Landfill Rehabilitation - EPA requirement	C/FIELD	390,015	108,009	(282,006)	Plan
604800	Craigieburn Blvd Closed Landfill Rehabilitation - EPA requirement	C/BURN	22,980	690,353	667,374	Plan
604802	Water Meter Removals	CITYWIDE	3,670	48,474	44,804	Identify
604803	Mt Ridley Nature Reserve - Conservation Fencing	MICK/HAM	107,270	160,704	53,434	Construction
604830	Saleyard Lane - Laneways Streetscape	SUNBURY	269	44,105	43,836	Plan
604831	Town Hall Broadmeadows - ODA Toilets	B/MEADOW	23,102	89,669	66,567	Complete
604846	Solar array installation on Council buildings where Council pays electricity accounts	CITYWIDE	223,142	15,933	(207,209)	Construction
604849	HGLC Sunbury- Customer Service Contact Centre Improvement	SUNBURY	12,026	60,000	47,974	Procurement
604863	Boardman Reserve Athletics Track - lighting and associated amenities	SUNBURY	189,035	381,265	192,230	Complete
604864	Art Installations Sculptures & Mural Program	CITYWIDE	5,318	87,559	82,241	Construction
604866	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre Redevelopment	SUNBURY	18,540	1,006,581	988,041	Plan
604869	Craigieburn Sports Stadium - car park & access road	C/BURN	14,800	2,663,141	2,648,341	Initiate
604874	Oliver Ct, Kathryn St, Janice Ct & Riviera Ct - Drainage Network Servicing	**FAWKNER**	0	48,160	48,160	Plan
604875	Reservoir Rd, adjacent to Calder Fwy- major repairs	SUNBURY	12,495	279,298	266,803	Plan
604879	Oaklands Rd btw No. 365 & No. 395 vehicle crossings - Road Reconstruction	**OAKLANDS**	32,219	381,772	349,557	Plan
605007	LED streetlighting upgrade for major roads and T5s	CITYWIDE	0	2,494,376	2,494,376	Construction
605008	Cues to care - Conservation Reserve Fencing Program-Stage 1	CITYWIDE	11,547	82,199	70,652	Construction
605009	Aquila Nature Reserve maintenance track	SUNBURY	0	49,996	49,996	Plan
605010	Conservation restoration program-Stage 1	CITYWIDE	2,402	75,802	73,400	Construction
605014	Mickleham North Community Centre - Self-service library equipment	MICK/HAM	10,705	38,028	27,323	Complete

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605016	Sunbury Town Centre - CCTV System Upgrade	SUNBURY	68,906	81,100	12,194	Complete
605017	Community Centre Furniture Renewal Program	CITYWIDE	3,574	15,061	11,487	Construction
605018	Homestead Community & Learning Centre Upgrade	ROX/PARK	170,909	196,601	25,692	Complete
605019	Kalkallo Regional Library Planning	KALKALLO	112,400	162,240	49,840	Initiate
605024	Willowbrook Recreation Reserve Pavilion Expansion	W/MEAOOW	12,924	880,489	867,565	Procurement
605026	Tullamarine Tennis Club Court Renewal	TULLA	806,103	2,089,045	1,282,942	Construction
605027	Sports Reserve Community Safety Action Plan	CITYWIDE	0	187,989	187,989	Construction
605030	SPLASH - Pool Tile Replacement & Balance Tank Painting	C/BURN	54,234	58,306	4,072	Complete
605031	SALC - Outdoor Pool Repairs	SUNBURY	0	48,099	48,099	Plan
605034	Aston Reserve Cricket Nets	C/BURN	25,096	12,273	(12,823)	Complete
605035	Melrose Dve Reserve Masterplan	TULLA	0	80,000	80,000	Complete
605036	Leisure Centre 24 Hour Gym & Access Gates	CITYWIDE	67,699	721,187	653,488	Plan
605039	Maffra Street Depot expansion	COOLAROO	678,762	951,686	272,924	Construction
605041	Barry Road Shopping Centre streetscape design and upgrade	DALLAS	0	437,459	437,459	Construction
605046	Westmeadows Public Space Plan	W/MEADOW	13,473	894,056	880,583	Plan
605047	Broadmeadows Town Square	B/MEADOW	7,000	844,265	837,265	Plan
605048	Aitken Blvd btw Craigieburn Rd and Somerton Rd - Road Duplication	C/BURN	0	118,976	118,976	Plan
605052	Scoping study for CW actions of the endorsed Libraries and Learning Service Plan	CITYWIDE	15,300	16,191	891	Initiate
605053	Section Road Greenvale Central RD04 - Road Upgrade	GREENVAL	85,225	225,000	139,775	Plan
605056	Recycling Victoria - Universal FOGO bin rollout	CITYWIDE	64,454	100,000	35,546	Construction
605060	Seabrook Reserve residential development(site preparation)	B/MEADOW	21,010	51,538	30,528	Plan
605061	Gibb Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	DALLAS	0	225,925	225,925	Plan
605063	65 Carroll Lane - shared path construction	GREENVAL	0	11,249	11,249	Initiate
605064	120 Section Road - shared path construction	GREENVAL	0	5,742	5,742	Initiate
605068	Somerton Rd & Section Rd -Signalised T-intersection IT03 - Land purchase 0.02ha Property 1 to accommodate intersection	GREENVAL	0	113,925	113,925	Plan
605083	Craigieburn Rd, btw Mickleham Rd & Oaklands Rd - Road Reconstruction	YUROKE	13,473	78,638	65,165	Initiate
605084	Gibb Reserve Development	DALLAS	0	158,900	158,900	Plan
605085	Merlynston Creek Road Crossing - land purchase & due diligence	B/MEADOW	46,569	1,459,006	1,412,437	Plan
605086	Digital Transformation Program	CITYWIDE	3,208,107	5,647,424	2,439,317	Construction
605103	Broadmeadows Deviation Rd, north side btw Campbell St & Pascoe St - construct pedestrian path	W/MEADOW	0	193,027	193,027	Plan
605106	Mahoneys Road Streetscape Upgrade	C/FIELD	0	1,763,128	1,763,128	Plan
605110	Greenvale Recreation Reserve - New Sight Screens on Main Oval	GREENVAL	8,090	165,000	156,910	Plan
605111	Seabrook Reserve - Curator Maintenance Shed	B/MEADOW	5,013	157,629	152,616	Procurement
605112	Greenvale Recreation Reserve - Oval 3 Utilities services investigation and design	GREENVAL	28,175	35,130	6,955	Complete
605116	John Coutts Reserve Open Space Development	GLADS/PA	30,844	219,672	188,828	Plan
605118	Roxburgh Park Lakeside Drive Recreation Reserve - Changeroom Upgrade - Election Commitment Project	ROX/PARK	57,114	428,759	371,645	Procurement
605119	Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve - Outdoor Netball Court Project -Election Commitment	SUNBURY	(100,418)	1,318,321	1,418,739	Construction
605120	Seabrook Reserve Community Centre Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	B/MEADOW	39,556	39,748	192	Construction
605122	Craigieburn Child & Family Centre - 3Y Kinder program expansion	C/BURN	479,901	1,447,545	967,644	Construction
605123	Bluebird Way Child & Community Centre - 3Y Kinder program Stage 1 of expansion and upgrade	ROX/PARK	476,659	1,754,430	1,277,771	Construction
605124	Aitken Hill Community Centre - 3Y Kinder program Double modular building additional works	C/BURN	0	1,116,639	1,116,639	Construction
605125	Kalkallo Central community hub-Lockerbie CI04 - 3Y Kinder program **expansion**	MICK/HAM	1,153,009	1,557,589	404,580	Construction
605126	Mickleham South community Centre - 3Y Kinder program expansion	MICK/HAM	1,274,403	1,289,773	15,370	Construction
605127	Civic Way Council Office seating and balustrading	B/MEADOW	86,849	104,253	17,404	Construction
605128	Electronic timesheet system	CITYWIDE	189,085	350,000	160,916	Plan
605130	HGLC Craigieburn -Arts Centre Upgrade	C/BURN	0	200,001	200,001	Plan
605132	HGLC Sunbury Heritage Storage Upgrade	SUNBURY	37,116	0	(37,116)	Complete
605135	Boardman Stadium Works	SUNBURY	0	84,800	84,800	Identify
605136	Stadiums - Basketball Backboard Rolling Replacement Program	CITYWIDE	0	85,376	85,376	Construction
605138	Pool Inflatables	CITYWIDE	0	4,110	4,110	Complete
605139	Group Fitness Area Flooring Upgrades	CITYWIDE	15,217	18,452	3,235	Construction
605145	SALC - Outdoor Functional training area	SUNBURY	0	102,400	102,400	Design
605149	Hume Outdoor Signage Audit & Review	CITYWIDE	9,460	50,000	40,540	Construction
605151	All Terrain Mower	CITYWIDE	0	135,000	135,000	Complete
605155	Community Infrastructure Plan Actions - planning & investigations for future CW	CITYWIDE	63,087	835,699	772,612	Plan
605156	Planning and Development Digital Transformation Project	CITYWIDE	131,741	70,408	(61,333)	Operate
605157	Broadmeadows Town Park path network upgrade	B/MEADOW	186,676	600,144	413,469	Plan
605158	Craigieburn Sports Stadium - Stage 2	C/BURN	0	260,000	260,000	Plan
605159	Planning permit digitisation	CITYWIDE	0	7,618	7,618	Complete

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605160	Gladstone Park Community Centre court facility upgrade - Council contribution portion only	GLADS/PA	73,700	270,622	196,922	Plan
605161	Arena Recreation Reserve - Additional seating under shelter	ROX/PARK	0	10,000	10,000	Plan
605164	Silvester Pde & McPherson Blvd intersection - Install raised safety platform 2024 Blackspot	ROX/PARK	116,395	295,570	179,175	Complete
605165	Widford St btw Freda St & Jacana Ave - Install raised safety platform 2024 Blackspot	B/MEADOW	417,696	523,546	105,850	Complete
605166	Grand Blvd & Hanson Rd east-west approach to roundabout - Install raised safety platform 2024 Blackspot	C/BURN	0	159,982	159,982	Complete
605169	Cyber, Information Governance, Risk and Compliance	CITYWIDE	3,750	1,810,000	1,806,250	Plan
605173	Business initiatives - Innovation	CITYWIDE	53,985	500,000	446,015	Design
605174	BALC - construct a new cycle room	B/MEADOW	7,620	30,000	22,380	Design
605175	Leisure Centres - supply, installation and commissioning of a sodium bi-carbonate & calcium chloride automatic dosing system at each LC	CITYWIDE	0	70,000	70,000	Plan
605178	Broadmeadows Community Hub bathroom conversion project	B/MEADOW	0	50,000	50,000	Plan
605182	Hume Leisure Pool Balance Tank upgrades	CITYWIDE	0	100,000	100,000	Plan
605184	Bolinda Rd & Mahoneys Rd Closed Landfill Gas Management	C/FIELD	0	200,000	200,000	Procurement
605185	SPRINT Grandstand Windbreak and Lighting Upgrade assessment	C/BURN	0	50,000	50,000	Design
605186	Leisure Centres Locker Replacements	CITYWIDE	0	150,000	150,000	Plan
605187	SALC Masterplan	SUNBURY	0	80,000	80,000	Plan
605188	SALC Outdoor pool plant upgrade investigation	SUNBURY	0	80,000	80,000	Initiate
605189	SALC outdoor pool tank painting	SUNBURY	12,625	275,000	262,375	Procurement
605190	Arena Ave - Property Access Remediation	ROX/PARK	0	350,000	350,000	Procurement
605191	John McMahon Recreation Reserve Oval 2 - Installation of a new sports oval lighting system	SUNBURY	0	15,000	15,000	Plan
605192	Blossom Drive Greenvale playground - water fountain	GREENVAL	0	15,000	15,000	Initiate
605193	Mt Ridley Hilltop Reserve Hume & Hovell Playground - construct picnic and seating and table area	C/BURN	0	15,000	15,000	Initiate
605195	Broadmeadows Community Hub - Upgrade for the safety of staff and community	B/MEADOW	0	21,000	21,000	Initiate
605196	Sunbury Skate and BMX Park - Co-contribution to the replacement of the weather shelter on the starters hill	SUNBURY	0	25,000	25,000	Design
605197	Heysen Dr Park Sunbury - install water connection and construct a new drinking fountain with dog bowl	SUNBURY	0	35,000	35,000	Design
605198	John McMahon Reserve - Install a fixed shade shelter to the two softball diamonds	SUNBURY	0	80,000	80,000	Design
605199	Sunbury Neighbourhood House - Upgrade playground, lighting and security	SUNBURY	0	25,000	25,000	Procurement
605200	Craigieburn local parks - investigate and install soccer goal(s)	C/BURN	0	80,000	80,000	Design
605201	John Ilhan Reserve Meadow Heights - Dog park upgrade	M/HEIGHT	6,200	26,500	20,300	Plan
605202	Broadmeadows Town Centre - Wayfinding Signage	B/MEADOW	0	5,000	5,000	Initiate
605203	Scoreboard upgrade at Highgate Reserve Craigieburn Oval 2	C/BURN	0	35,000	35,000	Plan

Attachment 1 - Section 2

Income and Expenditure Adjustments

The following table outlines the adjustments to the income budget and any corresponding adjustments to the capital expenditure budget if applicable.

The budgeted capital works income budget was $20.694 million of which $3.217 million relates to grants raised/received in prior years but will be recognised in 2024/25 in accordance with the accounting standards. Therefore, the budgeted new capital works income was $17.477 million ($20.694m - $3.217m).

An increase of $1.118 million has been made to the income bringing the total revised new capital works income to $18.595 million. The main reasons for the income variance are:

a) Timing: the grants coming earlier or later than originally budgeted
b) Unbudgeted grants received in 2024/25
c) Project PJ604697 - Evans Street Car Park in Sunbury is anticipated to be completed under budget. As a result, the grant from the Department of Transportation, which covers 73.5% of the total construction cost, will be reduced proportionately.

An increase of $1.081 million has been made to the 2024/25 available funding which includes:

a) An additional $0.22 million of contribution received from the Community Centre has been added to Gladstone Park Community Centre court facility upgrade project.
b) An additional $0.095 million in funding from an unbudgeted grant has been added to PJ601350 - Craigieburn Community Centre to cover the cost of the new dance floor installation.
c) An additional $0.65 million in funding from three grants has been added to PJ170280 - Integrated Water Management Plan Actions (2020-2025). Of which, $0.25 million to fund the Cloverton Stormwater Harvesting project and $0.4 million to Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting project in line with Council's grant commitments, as the project budget only included the Council contribution.
d) An additional $0.01 million has been allocated to PJ604672 - Seabrook Reserve Access and Carparking for cost escalations.
e) An additional $0.081 million has been added to PJ605016 - Sunbury Town Centre CCTV upgrade for cost escalations.
f) An additional $0.012 million has been allocated to PJ605034 - Aston Reserve Cricket Nets for cost escalations.

Project No	Project Description	Income Adjustment ('000)	CW Available Funds Adjustment ('000)	Comments
605160	Gladstone Park Community Centre court facility upgrade	220	220	Unbudgeted contribution received from the community centre and equivalent amount has been added to the project funding.
500400	Indented Parking on Narrow Streets	2	-	Unbudgeted contribution for indented parking construction.
604697	Evans Street Car Park Sunbury	(9,358)	-	Less grant will be received from DoT as the project will be completed under budget.
604683	Athletics Track, lighting and associated amenities at Boardman Reserve	200	-	Timing. Remaining budgeted grant to be received in 2024/25.
605118	Lakeside Drive Reserve Changeroom Upgrade	200	-	Remaining portion of budgeted grant to be received in 2024/25
605119	Boardman Reserve Outdoor Netball Court Project	90	-	Remaining portion of budgeted grant to be received in 2024/25
601060	Reginald Court, Broadmeadows - Road Reconstruction	50	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
603800	Selwyn Neighbourhood House Upgrade, Craigieburn Road Craigieburn	127	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
601110	Gibb Reserve Cricket nets Blair Street Dallas	70	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
600840	Wildwood Road South, Wildwood	1,286	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
602200	Eric Boardman Reserve Pavilion 2 Upgrade	307	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
500130	Sports Ground Lighting Audit and Upgrade Program (18/19-23/24)	820	-	Remaining portion of LRCI phase 2 grants for Sports Lighting Upgrades at recreation facilities in Sunbury

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600080	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Master Plan	175	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants for Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playspace, Section Road Greenvale
602220	Gladstone Park Recreation Reserve Pavilion	524	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 grants.
601740	Mt Holden Master Plan Implementation	250	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted LRCI phase 2 qrants for Mt Holden Trail.
605058	Woodlands Court Road Reconstruction	206	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2022/23 LRCI phase 3 qrant.
603890	Reconstruction of Macedon St Service Road Sunbury north side b/w Jackson St and No.39	300	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2022/23 LRCI phase 3 grant.
601020	Beacon Hills Crescent Reconstruction	325	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2022/23 LRCI phase 3 qrant.
603960	Road Rehabilitation for Lee St Craigieburn b/w Wattleglen St and Medway Rd	325	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2022/23 LRCI phase 3 qrant.
601090	Wattleglen Street Reconstruction	462	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2022/23 LRCI phase 3 qrant.
601350	Craigieburn community centre	11	95	1. Remaining portion of unbudgeted grant for the enhancement to the dance space at Craigieburn Community Centre. 2. The equivalent amount has been added to the project since the funded items are outside of the oriqinal project scope.
605201	Dog park upgrade at John Ilhan Reserve Meadow Heights	172	-	Timing: remaining portion of budgeted grant to be received in 2024/25 (this is an external funded project).
500433	Sports Ground Lighting Audit and Upgrade Program	20	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2023-24 Local Sports Infrastructure funding for Arena Recreation Reserve and Aston Recreation Reserve lighting projects.

Project No	Project Description	Income Adjustment ('000)	CW Available Funds Adjustment ('000)	Comments
602720	Leo Dineen Reserve Pavilions and social room	50	-	Balance of unbudgeted SRV grant (total $500k), $450k received in 2020/21
604866	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre (Redevelopment)	350		Remaining portion of unbudgeted grant to be received (total grant of $600k announced with $250k received in 2023/24)
500070	Local Area Traffic Management Facilities	70	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted grant from TAC to fund upgrading of Grand Boulevard Zebra Crossings. (total grant $100k with $30k received in 2023/24)
170280	Integrated Water Management Plan Actions (2020-2025)	400	650	1. Unbudgeted $400k of the 1st instalment of grant from Melbourne Water for Jack Roper Reserve stormwater harvesting project. 2. $250k additional expenditure has been added to the project from income received in 2023/24 ($150k from DEECA and $100k from Melbourne Water for Cloverton stormwater harvesting project and $400k income received in 2024/25 for Jack Roper Reserve stormwater harvesting project).
604672	Seabrook Reserve Access and Carparking	10	10	The reimbursement of lighting fixture works done from NRL. The equivalent amount has been added to the project funding to cover the cost incurred.
605012	Kalkallo Library (interim service)	8	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted grant income (total $75k).
605164	2023/24 Blackspot - install raised safety platform at Silvester Parade and McPherson Boulevard intersection, Roxburgh Park	306	-	Remaining portion of unbudgeted 2023/24 blackspot program funding.

Project No	Project Description	Income Adjustment ('000)	CW Available Funds Adjustment ('000)	Comments
605165	2023/24 Blackspot - install raised safety platform at Widford St, b/w Freda St and Jacana Ave, Broadmeadows	358	-	Unbudgeted 2023/24 blackspot program funding. No grant has been received in 2023/24 due to project delay.
605166	2023/24 Blackspot -Install Raised Safety Platforms on east west approach to roundabout at Grand Blvd and Hanson Rd roundabout, Craigieburn	170	-	Unbudgeted 2023/24 blackspot program funding. No grant has been received in 2023/24 due to project delay.
604623	SALC Water Play Area	(419)	-	Timing. The reduction of grant income in 2024/25 due to more grant received in 2023/24.
605122	3Y Kinder program - Expansion at Craigieburn Child and Family Centre	684	-	90% of unbudgeted grant for 3Y Kinder program (total grant announced $760k).
605123	3Y Kinder program - Stage 1 of expansion and upgrade at Bluebird Way Child and Community Centre	405	-	50% of unbudgeted grant for 3Y Kinder program (total grant announced $810k).
605125	3Y Kinder program - Expansion at Kalkallo Central community hub	971	-	50% of unbudgeted grant for 3Y Kinder program (total grant announced $1.94m).
605126	3Y Kinder program - Expansion at Mickleham South community Centre	971	-	50% of unbudgeted grant for 3Y Kinder program (total grant announced $1.94m).
604730	Craigieburn Sports Stadium	-	334	Funding transferred from PJ604869 to cover the cost overrun.
604869	Craigieburn Sports Stadium Car Park and access road	-	(334)	Funding transferred to PJ604730 to cover cost overrun.
605016	CCTV System Upgrade at Sunbury Town Centre	-	81	Additional funding approved to cover cost overrun.
605034	Aston Reserve Cricket Nets	-	12	Additional funding approved to cover cost overrun.
605111	Seabrook Reserve - Curator Maintenance Shed	-	54	Additional funding approved to cover cost overrun. ($41k transferred from PJ605120 and $13k from Parks operating budget)
605120	Seabrook Reserve Community Centre Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	-	(41)	Funding transferred to PJ605111 to cover cost overrun.
601360	Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playing Field (Greenvale Recreation Reserve) - G'vale Central AR01	-	268	Additional funding for final asbestos requirements (from PJ602750)
602750	Greenvale tennis club pavilion	-	(268)	Funding PJ601360 for final asbestos cost
Total		**1,118**	**1,081**	

Active Projects

The total number of active projects went from 255 to 258. The reasons for this are outlined below:

Item	Project number	Reference
Original budget	**255**	
add:		
New funding added in 2024/25	3	a)
Projects budgeted in future years but commenced earlier in 2024/25	1	b)
Revised total number of projects	**259**	

a) Three projects have been reactivated following the allocation of new funding in 2024/25:

- PJ604672 - Seabrook Reserve Access and Carparking

  Additional $9,763 contribution received from NRL to reimburse the electrical fixture works done at the site.

- PJ605016 - CCTV System Upgrade at Sunbury Town Centre

  Additional funding of $81,000 has been approved to complete the installation of CCTV at Sunbury Town Centre.

- PJ605034 - Aston Reserve Cricket Nets

  Additional funding of $12,273 has been approved to complete the works at Hothlyn Drive Reserve.

b) One project budgeted in future years that have been brought forward and commenced earlier in 2024/25:

- PJ604300 - Road rehabilitation for Waranga Cres Broadmeadow b/w Blair St and Gosford Cr.

Attachment 1 - Capital Works Delivery

Delivery of 2024/25 Capital Works Program

TABLE 3 - delivery of 2024/25 capital works program				
Budgeted delivery year	**Number of projects**	**Actual exp ($'000)**	**2023/24 available funding ($'000)**	**Act exp as %of Available funding**
Prior to 2024/25	65	9,696	14,186	41%
2024/25	106	34,370	86,548	40%
Beyond 2024/25	88	12,409	50,378	25%
	259	**52,569**	**151,112**	**35%**

Of the revised 259 projects, 65 were expected to be completed by the end of 2023/24.

There are 106 projects expected to be completed in 2024/25 and remaining 88 projects are multi-year projects which are expected to be completed beyond 2024/25.

*** Summary of the status of the 2024/25 capital works program**

The following table provides an overall summary of the status of the 258 projects within the program. A further breakdown of the 258 projects is outlined below.

Not Yet Commenced	Initiate	Plan	Design	Procurement	In construction	Operating	Completed	Total
4	12	90	9	14	85	9	36	259

The following table shows the actual expenditure compared to the available funds, grouped by the project stage.

TABLE 4- delivery of 2024/25 capital works program (cont.)				
Stage	**Number of projects**	**Actual expenditure ($'000)**	**Revised available funding ($'000)**	**Remaining ($'000)**
Not commenced	4	-	147	147
Initiate	12	157	5,276	5,120
Plan	90	3,113	35,441	32,328
Design	9	89	902	813
Procurement	14	163	4,738	4,575
In construction	85	38,233	89,244	51,010
Review	9	5,334	7,400	2,066
Completed	36	5,480	7,965	2,484
Subtotal	**259**	**52,569**	**151,112**	**98,543**

Projects budgeted to be completed prior 2024/25

The following table provides a summary of the 65 projects which were expected to be completed by 30 June 2024 but carried forward to 2024/25.

Not Yet Commenced	Initiate	Plan	Design	Procurement	In construction	Operating	Completed	Total
0	1	19	0	2	13	7	23	65

Of these budgeted to be completed prior 2024/25 projects, the actual expenditure for 1st half year was $9.696 million against the revised available funds of $14.186 million (41%).

Projects budgeted to be completed in 2024/25

The following table provides an overall summary of the status of the 102 capital works projects which are expected to be completed by the end of 2024/25.

Not Yet Commenced	Initiate	Plan	Design	Procurement	In construction	Operating	Completed	Total
3	2	19	7	4	56	2	13	106

Of these budgeted to be completed in 2024/25 projects, the actual expenditure for 1st half year was $34.37 million against the revised available funds of $86.548 million (40%).

Projects budgeted to be completed beyond 2024/25

The following table provides an overall summary of the status of the 88 multi-year projects which are expected to be completed beyond 2024/25.

Not Yet Commenced	Initiate	Plan	Design	Procurement	In construction	Operating	Completed	Total
1	9	52	2	8	16	0	0	88

Of these budgeted to be completed beyond 2024/25 projects, the actual expenditure for 1st half year was $12.409 million against the revised available funds of $50.378 million (25%).

Net Financial Position

The net unfavourable financial position carried forward from the 2023/24 Capital Works program was $4.153m.

Throughout the 1st quarter of 2024/25, a cost escalation of $0.093m was approved.

As a result, the Council's net financial position worsened, reaching a deficit of $4.246m as of 30 September 2024.

TABLE 5 - 2024/25 overall result	Amount ($'000)
Opening balance from 2023/24	(4,153)
Less:	
Cost escalations approved during 1st quarter of 2024/25	(93) (i)
Net financial position as of 30 June 2024	**(4,246)**

i. Cost escalations approved during 2023/24

The following projects have been approved to increase the 2024/25 funding to cover the cost escalation.

Projects with cost escalation approved	Amount ($'000)
PJ605034 -Aston Reserve Cricket Nets	(12)
PJ 605016 - CCTV System Upgrade at Sunbury Town Centre	(81)
PJ 602840 - Greenvale Oval 4 carpark and landscape -Greenvale West R3&Greenvale North R1 OS04 *	-
PJ605119 - Boardman Reserve Outdoor Netball Court Project*	-
PJ604730 - Craigieburn Sports Stadium*	-
PJ604759 - Greenvale Recreation Reserve - Indoor Cricket Centre*	-
PJ601360 - Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playing Field (Greenvale Recreation Reserve)*	-
Subtotal	**(93)**

* The listed cost escalations were accommodated through funding reallocation from other projects within the 2024/25 Capital Works program, avoiding the need for additional funding to be added. These transfers have been reviewed and approved by the Capital Investment Committee (CIC).

- The Greenvale Oval 4 carpark and landscape, known as PJ602840, is facing a total cost increase of $0.121m due to soft spot rectification and project delays. This overspending will be funded by the PJ500030 - annual car park resurfacing program.
- Boardman Reserve Outdoor Netball Court Project, identified as PJ605119, is expected to incur an additional cost of $0.2m. This increase can be offset by the projected cost savings from PJ605118 - Lakeside Drive Reserve Changeroom Upgrade.
- Regarding the Craigieburn Sports Stadium, identified as PJ604730, it is anticipating a total cost increase of $0.334m. This cost overrun can be funded by the estimated savings from PJ604869 - Craigieburn Sports Stadium Car Park and access road.

- The Greenvale Recreation Reserve - Indoor Cricket Centre (PJ604759) is experiencing a total cost increase of $0.187 million for power upgrades that will benefit the entire site. This additional cost will be covered by reallocating funds from a nearby project at the same location, the Greenvale Tennis Club Pavilion (PJ602750).
- The Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playing Field Oval 3 (PJ601360) is experiencing a total cost increase of $0.268 million for final asbestos clean-up. This additional cost will be covered by reallocating funds from a nearby project at the same location, the Greenvale Tennis Club Pavilion (PJ602750).

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Attachment 2 - Park Renewal and Upgrade Program delivering 2021 – 2024

Suburb	Reserve	Hierarchy	Delivery Year
Westmeadows	Coopers Hill Drive Park	Neighbourhood	2021
Sunbury	Curtin Drive Reserve – Hotham Court playground	Local	2021
Tullamarine	Dalkeith Avenue Reserve	Local	2021
Roxburgh Park	Kirwan Park	Neighbourhood	2021
Craigieburn	Livvi's Place	District	2021
Greenvale	Renfew Drive Reserve	Neighbourhood	2021
Meadow Heights	Rokewood Reserve	Neighbourhood	2021
Roxburgh Park	Bridgewater Road Walkways	Neighbourhood	2022
Gladstone Park	Fairbank Avenue Reserve	Local	2022
Sunbury	Forrest Street Reserve	Neighbourhood	2022
Sunbury	Logan Court Reserve	Local	2022
Craigieburn	Mission Hills Way Reserve	Local	2022
Sunbury	Noogal Park	Neighbourhood	2022
Greenvale	Rudstone Bend Reserve	Local	2022
Roxburgh Park	Santa Cruz Boulevard Reserve	Neighbourhood	2022
Broadmeadows	Seabrook Reserve	District	2022
Gladstone Park	Trentham Drive Reserve	Neighbourhood	2022
Campbellfield	William Canning Reserve	Neighbourhood	2022
Tullamarine	Andlon Court Reserve	Local	2023
Tullamarine	Churchill Avenue Reserve	Local	2023
Craigieburn	Cimberwood Drive Reserve	Neighbourhood	2023
Craigieburn	Greenfield Court Reserve	Local	2023
Craigieburn	Hamilton Hume Reserve	Local	2023
Coolaroo	Progress Reserve (north)	District	2023
Craigieburn	Balyang Park	Local	2024
Craigieburn	Clovelly Drive Reserve	Local	2024
Craigieburn	Grove Road Reserve	Neighbourhood	2024
Campbellfield	Hatty Court Reserve	Neighbourhood	2024
Craigieburn	Highgate Recreation Reserve	District	2024
Roxburgh Park	McKeown Outlook Reserve	Local	2024
Tullamarine	Strathconnon Reserve	Local	2024
Sunbury	Turnberry Drive Reserve	Local	2024

Attachment 2 - Park Renewal and Upgrade Program 4-year Budget 2025/26-2028/29

Suburb	Reserve	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Estimated Delivery
Various	Investigations and Assessments	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	Ongoing
Currently in design and community consultation						
Greenvale	Bradford Avenue Reserve	$789,913				2025/26
Attwood	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	$736,436				2025/26
Greenvale	Kirkham Drive Reserve	$568,582				2025/26
Gladstone Park	Vaucluse Avenue Reserve	$191,278				2025/26
Currently in site analysis and investigations						
Greenvale	Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve	$92,330	$1,842,942			2026/27
Meadow Heights	Redwood Close Reserve	$706,224				2025/26
Meadow Heights	Canadian Court Reserve	$480,351				2025/26
Craigieburn	Bellfield Common	$649,880				2025/26
Sunbury	Vista Park	$536,170				2025/26
Roxburgh Park	Wattlebird Street Reserve	$32,132	$571,320			2026/27
Tullamarine	Lackenheath Drive Reserve		$348,515			2026/27
Tullamarine	Tadstan Drive Reserve	$28,652	$586,520			2026/27
Westmeadows	Ian Musgrove Reserve	$26,190	$561,904			2026/27
Westmeadows	Hillcrest Drive Reserve	$26,448	$524,479			2026/27
Prioritisation subject to change						
Dallas	Laura Douglas Reserve	$86,939	$130,408	$2,149,068		2027/28
Gladstone Park	Gladstone Park Reserve	$47,857	$71,785	$658,030		2027/28
Craigieburn	Highlands Lake	$166,180	$249,269	$2,284,969		2027/28
Roxburgh Park	Sandover Drive Reserve	$26,383	$39,575	$362,768		2027/28
Craigieburn	Conservation Drive Reserve	$27,579	$41,368	$379,208		2027/28
Sunbury	Hume Street Reserve	$12,457	$18,686	$171,285		2027/28
Attwood	Erinbank Crescent playground	$20,128	$30,192	$276,762		2027/28
Westmeadows	Kelman Court Reserve	$12,245	$18,368	$168,375		2027/28
Sunbury	Anderson Road Reserve	$15,808	$23,711	$217,354		2027/28
Craigieburn	Carlton Court Reserve	$13,914	$20,871	$191,322		2027/28
Westmeadows	Coopers Hill Drive Park - north		$24,390	$36,585	$335,366	2028/29
Craigieburn	Craigieburn Gardens (Exercise Eq)		$28,429	$42,644	$390,900	2028/29
Roxburgh Park	Roxburgh Park Recreation Reserve		$141,915	$212,873	$1,951,334	2028/29
Westmeadows	Westmeadows Reserve		$70,900	$106,350	$974,879	2028/29
Tullamarine	Melrose Drive Reserve		$45,524	$68,286	$625,952	2028/29
Craigieburn	Olrig Field		$63,558	$95,337	$873,923	2028/29
Craigieburn	Princes Circuit Reserve		$21,448	$32,173	$294,915	2028/29
Craigieburn	Whitley Crescent Reserve		$20,648	$30,973	$283,915	2028/29
Sunbury	Century Park		$61,958	$92,937	$851,923	2028/29
Sunbury	Apex Park		$54,077	$81,116	$743,565	2028/29
Tullamarine	Camp Hill Park		$18,648	$27,973	$256,415	2028/29
Craigieburn	Hyde Park Reserve		$24,008	$36,013	$330,115	2028/29
Craigieburn	Norval Green Reserve		$21,448	$32,173	$294,915	2028/29
Sunbury	Caitlyn Street Park		$19,688	$29,533	$270,715	2028/29
Sunbury	Ruthven Street Reserve		$17,448	$26,173	$239,915	2028/29
Sunbury	McEwen Drive Reserve		$50,758	$76,137	$697,923	2028/29
	Future Design, Engagement & Investigations				$1,900,000	2028/29
	TOTAL	**$5,344,075**	**$5,814,763**	**$7,936,415**	**$11,366,673**	

REPORT NO:	8.4
REPORT TITLE:	Monthly Capital Works Update
SOURCE:	Gary Van Driel, Interim Manager Infrastructure Delivery
DIVISION:	Infrastructure & Assets
FILE NO:	-
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Monthly Capital Works Reports - December 2024 and January 2025 -* ***Confidential***

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 This monthly report responds to Notice of Motion 23/021:

Provide any over budget costs for all capital works, and that these details are then presented at the next council open public meeting immediately after the cost increases have been confirmed and bearing in mind the agenda preparation lead times.

1.2 The report provides data from the months of November, December 2024 and January 2025.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 N/A**.**

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

4.1 priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

4.2 The ongoing financial viability of Council is ensured.

4.3 the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

4.4 Innovation and continuous improvements to be pursued.

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5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

(a) The human rights relevant to this Report is the Right to Life.

(b) The above right is not being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020

(a) This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 At the end of January 2025, $61,614,454 has been spent on the 24/25 Capital program.

6.2 This represents approximately 41% of the allocated budget of $150,031,438 for the 24/25 financial year.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 The ongoing development of Council's Project Management Framework provides a sound basis for continued improvement in project design and delivery.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 Community consultation is undertaken on individual projects as appropriate.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The table below provides the capital projects that have received finalised costing for construction (contract awarded) in the month of December 2024 and January 2025. Projects highlighted as red have been awarded as over budget (including contingency), projects highlighted as green have been awarded within the available budget.

9.2 Confidential Attachment 1 provides additional financial information and upcoming Tenders that can't be publicly disclosed until the projects are progressed.

Description	Under / Over
Jack Roper Stormwater Harvesting	
Sunbury Senior Citizen Centre Redevelopment	
Jack Roper Reserve Paths Upgrade	
Lakeside Drive Change Room Pavilion Upgrade	
Maintenance Shed at Seabrook Reserve	

9.3 Some key projects that reached completion in these months are listed below:

- Leo Dineen Pavilion
- Indented Parking Bay program – Meadow Heights, Roxburgh Park

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- Playground upgrade program – Turnberry Drive, Sunbury; Balyang Park, Craigieburn; Strathconnon Square, Tullamarine.
- Craigieburn Stadium Carpark (Stage 1).
- Sunbury Aquatic Leisure Centre – carpark upgrade
- 3-year kinder expansion at Roxburgh Park and Aitken Hill
- Kalkallo North Community Centre landscape

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The delivery of the 2024/25 capital works program is progressing well with 41% of the program already expended.

REPORT NO:	8.5
REPORT TITLE:	Final Open Space Strategy
SOURCE:	Monique Perry, Coordinator, Open Space Strategic
DIVISION:	Planning, City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	HCC19/369
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Hume Open Space Strategy 2025* 2. *Consultation Summary - Open Space Strategy* 3. *Key Edits - Open Space Strategy*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 Council endorsed the Draft Open Space Strategy for consultation on 29 April 2024. Community and stakeholder feedback was supportive, and minor edits incorporated.

1.2 The City of Hume enjoys over 750 open space reserves and 440 walkways providing a range of visitor experiences including play, sport, picnics, events, nature and cultural connections. The Open Space Strategy sets the strategic directions and priority opportunities to 'protect, optimise, and grow' the open space network for the benefit of community while protecting natural and cultural values in a time of climate change.

1.3 The 'hierarchy', 'primary function' and 'infrastructure levels of service' for each park will provide the basis of the ongoing maintenance, renewal and upgrade of parks. A target of increasing park renewal projects from six per year to 16 per year by 2034 is suggested in this strategy.

1.4 The inequity of park provision in the City of Hume is addressed with commitment to creating new reserves in gap areas such as Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.

1.5 The Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung are supportive of the Strategy.

1.6 The Open Space Strategy is guiding ongoing park planning, renewal and maintenance, future planning scheme updates and the development of a 20 Year Action Plan that will strategically apply open space contributions, grant and partnership opportunities and annual Council budget submissions to deliver priority open space outcomes.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Endorse as final the Hume Open Space Strategy 2025 (Attachment 1)

2.2 Notes the Open Space Strategy Consultation Summary Report (Attachment 2) and thanks the community for their participation

2.3 Endorses Council officers exploring the most effective way to embed the Open Space Strategy in the Hume Planning Scheme

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2.4 Endorses the forward approach of developing a 20 Year Action Plan and strategically applying open space contributions, grant and partnership opportunities and annual Council budget submissions to deliver priority open space outcomes and playspace upgrades

2.5 Notes that further funding will be required to resource the implementation of the Open Space Strategy and this will be referred to the 25/26 budget (and future years) deliberations.

2.6 Authorises the CEO to make minor editorial changes in finalising the documents for publication, including mapping and renumbering parks, that do not change the commitments of the Strategy

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 The development of the Strategy considers Council's obligations in relation to the overarching principles of Section 9.2 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic). This includes consideration of relevant laws; best outcomes for the municipal community; economic social and environmental sustainability; climate change risks; community input; child safety, accessibility, regional, state and national plans; and transparency of Council decisions.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

a) Council decisions are to be made, and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

e) innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued.

f) collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought.

g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

h) regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making.

i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 Charter Of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006
The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 sets out the basic rights and responsibilities of all people in Victoria. The Charter places obligations on public authorities by requiring them to act compatibly with human rights and give proper consideration to human rights when making decisions.

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The above rights are not being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

5.2 Gender Equality Act 2020
The policy, program or service in this Report has a direct and significant impact on the public; therefore a Gender Impact Assessment was completed. The key recommendations and findings of this assessment were:

The Open Space Strategy sets Key Policy Directions that support safety, access and accessibility that will benefit women, LGBTIQA+ communities, children, older people, culturally diverse community and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island communities

The policy, program or service include these opportunities to ensure that it promotes gender equality and better and fairer outcomes for the public.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Open Space Strategy sets direction for Council's ongoing park renewal and upgrade works to meet the aims of the Open Space Strategy, noting budget capacity. Support for budget bids will be sought over the coming eight years to enable a progressive increase in funding to address renewal backlog required to meet safety requirements for play equipment. Future funding bids will seek to reach 16 parks annually by 2034 (7 park renewal projects undertaken in 2023/24).

6.2 The Strategy will be supplemented in 2025 by a costed implementation plan. This will include the above renewal commitment, along with seeking commitments to open space upgrades and land investment that can be funded by a mix of developer contributions, grants, partnerships and rate revenue. The plan will assist in reviewing and updating open space developer contributions to better reflect the cost of these services.

6.3 Since 2008, open space contributions in the established suburbs collected via the Subdivision Act 2008 have been used to support park upgrades. Future contributions will contribute to the next set of recommended park investments with a priority in addressing the gap area inequities.

6.4 Park maintenance budgets will need to increasingly allow for climate adaptation and emergency response works to protect the public, natural assets and help minimise insurance premiums.

6.5 The Strategy establishes the Council investment approach for commencement of 'local area park acquisition studies' to acquire new open space land before land values further increase. Any decisions on land acquisition will be subject to consultation and the Council budget process.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 This report addresses Council's strategic risk for Assets and Infrastructure. The Open Space Strategy sets priorities and direction to ensure better management of assets and infrastructure to address ongoing financial risks, compliance, safety and sustainability risks. The Strategy also addresses community priorities.

7.2 This report addresses Council's strategic risk for Environment / Natural Values / Landscape. The Open Space Strategy sets priorities and direction to ensure open spaces and waterways will support greater ecological, climate change and cultural values and mitigate the risks associated with poor planning for these values.

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8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 A 'Parks Close to Home Survey' in 2021 garnering over 2000 responses provided valuable input into the drafting of the Open Space Strategy. Additional input was sought as part of the Community Infrastructure Plan engagement in 2022-2023.

8.2 The Draft Open Space Strategy was released for feedback in May-June 2024 reaching well over 6000 community members with input received by over 275 people. The Consultation Summary Report was posted on Hume Participate in August 2024.

8.3 Community and stakeholder feedback included:

8.3.1 Broad support for the Draft Strategy including support for trails, shade, play, protecting nature, reducing litter and reflecting Traditional Owner cultural values

8.3.2 Strong support by residents to prioritise investment in the open space gap areas in the south, such as Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.

8.3.3 Helpful feedback on ways open space can better support multicultural communities and seniors.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung

8.4 The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Aboriginal Heritage Corporation provided its endorsement of the new Hume Open Space Strategy on 3 December 2024 and commented 'The Wurundjeri Corporation were engaged with thoroughly throughout the life of this process and are extremely appreciative of the efforts made to facilitate the inclusion and incorporation of Elder's voices into this important guiding document'

8.5 The following areas of importance were raised by the Elders including:

8.5.1 The need for unnamed waterways to be named for their protection (and out of respect for the cultural and spiritual importance of these waterways to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people).

8.5.2 The importance of protecting the multiple Earth Rings in Sunbury from the dual threats of vandalism and encroaching development.

8.5.3 The significance of the sacred site along the Emu Creek near the quarry and facilitating greater WWCHAC access and use.

8.5.4 Acknowledging the cultural inclusion opportunities to deliver collaboratively deliver new or expanded parklands such as Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands, marram baba Merri Creek Parklands, and Emu Creek Parklands.

8.5.5 Support for waterways currently referred to as 'drains' to be referred to as 'creeks' where they are mostly above ground.

8.6 The Draft Strategy wording reflects the Wurundjeri priorities. A new target has been included 'Annual increase of reserves/projects reflecting cultural values' to support progressive improvements in incorporating Traditional Owner values.

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9. DISCUSSION:

Strategy Edits and Improvements

9.1 The Open Space Strategy received general support from community and stakeholders. Most edits undertaken are to provide additional clarity. These do not change the intent or commitments of the Strategy.

9.2 Notable edits to Strategic Directions and Precinct Summary recommendations are set out in Attachment 3. Additional reserves have been added to the Strategy reflecting improved mapping data, and the ongoing creation of new parks in growth areas.

No net loss of open space

9.3 The position of 'No net loss of open space' has been supported by the community and trialled since the release of the Draft. Its importance has been reinforced to help respond to regular requests for open space to be used for non-open space purposes. The implementation program will focus on systems, governance and communication of this position to help reduce the loss of open space for competing needs.

Open Space Contributions

9.4 Section 18 of the Subdivision Act 1988 sets out requirements for open space contributions. In 2024, Hume City Council's procedures were updated to be:

9.4.1 An open space contribution is required for all residential, industrial and commercial subdivisions. Council recognises the cumulative increase of all subdivisions, no matter how small, in increasing the demand for open space. Exemptions apply if:

a. Open space contributions for the site are already specified in the planning scheme

b. The subdivision is not creating additional lot/s (e.g. realigning boundaries)

9.4.2 The Open Space Contribution will be 5% of the site (to be set aside on the plan for public open space), or a financial contribution totalling 5% of the value of the site. It can also be a mix of both.

9.4.3 Council will generally seek land contributions for large sites, superlots and for sites located in and near open space gap areas. Smaller developments will more likely be cash contributions to enable Council to accumulate funds for open space land purchase and/or open space improvements nearby

9.5 For growth areas, open space levies aligned to Precinct Structure Plans continue to be collected via Development Contribution Plans (DCPs) or Infrastructure Contributions Plans (ICPs) developed and put in place through a planning scheme amendment for a specific plan

9.6 With the endorsement of the Open Space Strategy, Council will develop its 20-year implementation and costings plan to upgrade, renew or maintain all 750+ reserves. An independent review of costings will be conducted to assess whether current open space contributions are sufficient. If an increase is deemed necessary, Council will seek a planning scheme amendment to replace the 5% contribution under the Subdivision Act with a higher rate specified under Clause 53.01 of the Hume Planning Scheme.

Implementation

9.7 Implementation guided by the Open Space Strategy is underway and includes:

9.7.1 Exploring the most effective and timely way to embed the Open Space Strategy into the Hume Planning Scheme to help ensure its delivery

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9.7.2 Commencing drafting of the 20 Year Implementation Plan to strategically allocate the Open Space Fund, inform potential changes to the open space contribution rate, and inform annual budget bids to be considered by Council. This will be presented to Council including timing of park renewal and upgrade project delivery to best address safety, equity and community expectations

9.7.3 Increase in Park Renewal and Upgrade program with project commencements rising from six per year to nine per year now commencing investigation phase

9.7.4 Improved negotiation with developers to ensure quality open space provision aligned with Strategy guiding principles and infrastructure levels of service

9.7.5 Updating communications and webpages to provide more information to the community about the wide range of open space services and projects

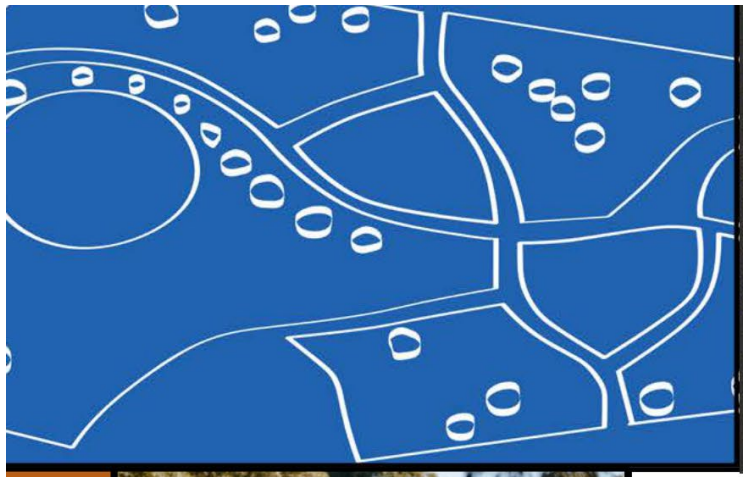
9.8 The Strategy will be reviewed and refreshed within four years of endorsement.

10. CONCLUSION

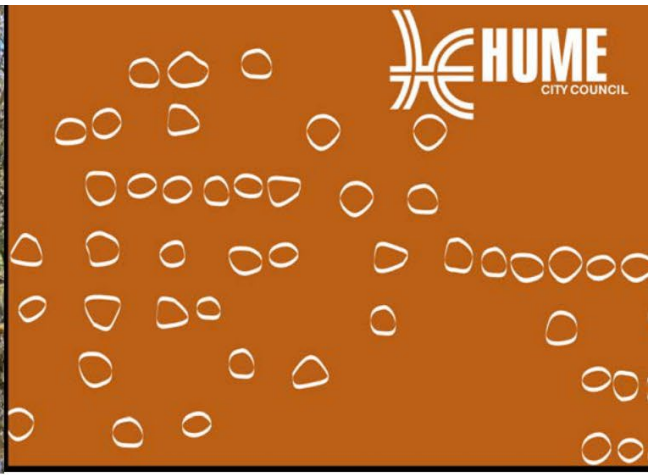
10.1 The Draft Open Space Strategy has been showcased by State Government as one of the examples that other Councils can draw from in its recently released Draft Guide to Open Space Strategies.

10.2 The useability of the Draft Strategy has been very positive in the previous six months, and Councils endorsement of the Open Space Strategy will enable more strategic and efficient delivery of open space outcomes in the City of Hume.

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HUME CITY COUNCIL
OPEN SPACE STRATEGY
2025





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and to Elders past and present.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hume Open Space Strategy 2025

The City of Hume enjoys over 4414 ha of open space covering 9% of the municipality.

Much of the open space is connected along one of Hume's many waterways, providing extensive opportunities for walking in nature, enjoying scenic views and protecting biodiversity on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

With over 3200ha of open space available to be enjoyed by the public, Hume has 6.5 ha per 1,000 people which is similar to other growth areas in Melbourne.

This includes multiple expansive regional parks including Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale Reservoir, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands, marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands, and Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve. Hume is also home to 26 waterways, 12 with near continuous public access.

Across Hume, there are over 750 reserves and over 440 walkways providing a range of visitor experiences including play, sport, picnics, events, and nature and cultural connections. Council manages all but 28 reserves.

The following vision continues this commitment

Hume is home to a high-quality open space network supporting the health and wellbeing of our diverse community and celebrating the waterways, natural values and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values of our landscape.

This Open Space Strategy applies the Protect-Optimise-Grow framework set out in Victoria's Open Space for Everyone Strategy.



Today's challenge is to protect and grow our open spaces, waterways, environment, cultural heritage and visitor experiences so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The City of Hume will grow by more than 130,000 people in the next 20 years. We are planning for new housing, and alongside this we need open spaces as we no longer have the large backyards of previous years.

We know some suburbs have less open space than others. Greater investment in our more established suburbs of Broadmeadows, Jacana, Coolaroo, Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Campbellfield, and Tullamarine will help rebalance this inequity.

Hume's Open Space Strategy sets priorities for the next 20 years to 2045. It will be supported by a 20 year implementation plan to guide budget bids and open space contributions for delivery.

To achieve the vision, the Open Space Strategy identifies the following priorities:

- Increase open space quality and quantity in established suburbs to fill **gap areas** that have the furthest to walk to open space.
- The renewal program for **parks** needs to be expanded to accelerate the replacement of aged infrastructure and progressively support all abilities. Priority suburbs are Tullamarine, Gladstone Park, Broadmeadows, Roxburgh Park, and Sunbury.
- The urban forest **canopy cover** is only 4% across Hume and greater tree planting in open space will help reduce heat impacts.
- There is a need for more open spaces to support **events and smaller outdoor gatherings.** This applies across Hume with the greatest event need in Sunbury.
- The need for **park maintenance** costs to account for climate change, emergency response, and higher supply costs. Litter and dumping prevention is a community priority and more education and enforcement can assist.
- The **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung** people have been Traditional Custodians of this land for at least 65,000 years. Returning land to their management benefits the environment and demonstrates respect for their culture, knowledge and right to self-determination.
- The **Hume Planning Scheme** is critical in protecting parks from encroachment, setting aside land for new parks, and for ensuring developer contributions will help fund open space assets for the growing population

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HUME CITY COUNCIL
OPEN SPACE STRATEGY
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

VISION ***Hume's high-quality open space network supports the health and wellbeing of our diverse community and celebrates the waterways, natural values and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values of our landscape***

OUTCOMES
The network will be:

Diverse
Open spaces in Hume will provide diverse visitor experiences. They will reflect diverse communities and celebrate the rich cultural values and knowledge of Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people

Resilient
Open spaces in Hume will be cooler, greener and more resilient to climate change. They will provide habitat links and strengthen biodiversity resilience

Equitable
Open spaces in Hume will be equitable in their supply and quality to best enhance the health and wellbeing needs of different Hume communities

Accessible
Open spaces in Hume will be well-connected and accessible, designed for people of different abilities to enjoy a more expansive open space experience

Multi-functional
Open spaces in Hume will be multi-functional and designed to provide amenity, comfort, safety, and a mix of visitor experiences and environmental functions

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS
This will be delivered by planning and investing to:

PROTECT
Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE
Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW
New open spaces provided in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

MEASURES
Indicators of successful progress will be:

Number of reserves that incorporate Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural knowledge
Target: *Annual increase of reserves/projects reflecting cultural values*

Number of reserves with improved land protection & management
Target: *An increase in reserves with planning zone corrections to best protect open space values (to be achieved every five years)*

Number of reserves with improved visitor use due to park renewal or upgrades

Target: *A progressive increase in park renewal/upgrade projects to reach 16 parks annually before 2034*

Percentage of urban homes within 400m walk of open space. *While 94% of homes in Hume achieve this, in two precincts this falls to 69% and 79%.*

Target: *No precinct is to have less than 82% of homes within 400m of open space by 2034*

PRIORITY ACTIONS
To achieve this:

Partner with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung to better support cultural and ecological values and co-management of open spaces and waterways

Amend the planning scheme to better protect parks and enable developer contributions

Continue park maintenance program including climate adaptation, and new initiatives for litter & dumping prevention

Enhance the park renewal and upgrade program to better support shade, play, recreation, gatherings, culture, connections and placemaking

Enhance the urban forest program to create cooler , shadier open spaces

Establish a strategic land investment program to help more homes be within 400m walk of open space.

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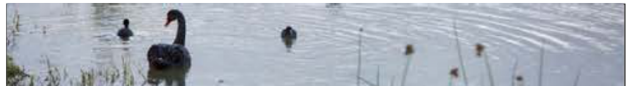
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PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY

The Open Space Strategy sets out strategic priorities in open space planning to help improve environmental, health and wellbeing outcomes across Hume City.

It supports delivery of the Hume Council Plan and multiple Council strategic commitments.

The Open Space Strategy responds to new challenges and drivers and seeks to:

- Provide an overview of existing visitor experiences and future community needs
- Guide equitable and high quality open space provision
- Respond to climate change, protect the natural environment and collaborate with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Traditional Owners to help achieve their priorities for Country

Hume's Open Space Strategy sets priorities for the next 20 years to 2045. It will be supported by a 20 year implementation plan to guide budget bids and open space contributions for delivery.

This Open Space Strategy applies the Protect-Optimise-Grow framework set out in Victoria's Open Space for Everyone Strategy.

The Hume Open Space Strategy has been developed with the support of Emerge Associates.



1. THE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACE



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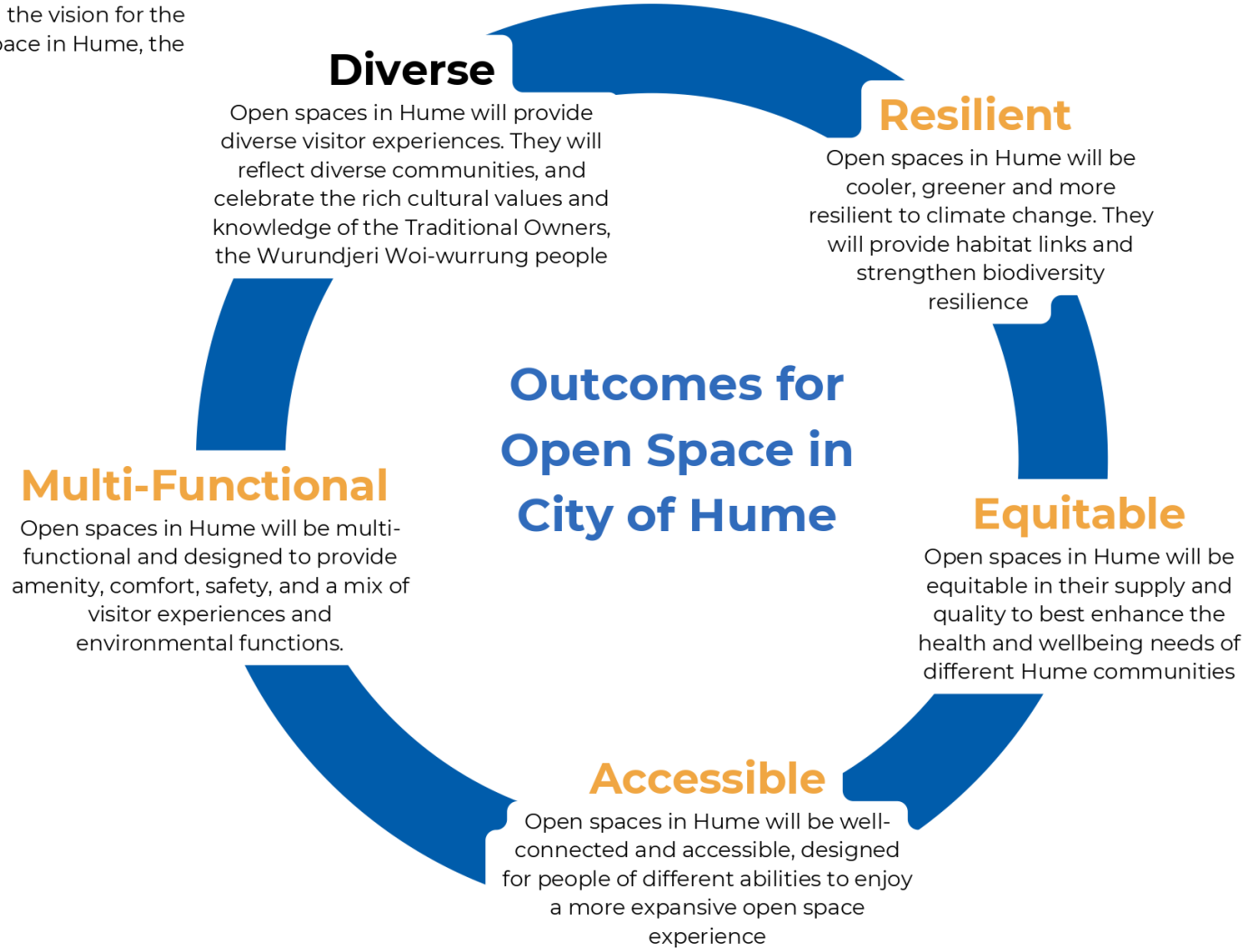
1.1 Vision



THE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACE

1.2 Outcomes

In implementing the vision for the future of open space in Hume, the network will be:



THE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACE

1.3 Key Policy Direction - Protect

Protect

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values
Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impact of climate change

Measures

Number of reserves that incorporate Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural knowledge
Target: *Annual increase of reserves/projects reflecting cultural values*

Number of reserves that have improved land administration
Target: *An increase in reserves with planning zone corrections to bes protect open space values (to be achieved every five years)*

Why is it important?

Hume is home to highly significant cultural and ecological sites. Open spaces are a critical way to protect, monitor and link them. They are also a way to help visitors see and connect to our land, our people, our past.

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people have been Traditional Custodians of this land for thousands of years. Returning land to their management benefits the environment and demonstrates respect for their culture and knowledge.

Climate change will bring extended droughts, water restrictions, floods and storms. Returning our parks swiftly to safety for visitors is important.

Parks are historically viewed as surplus space and it requires continual vigilance to protect them from encroaching development. A great open space network is critical to support communities living in increasing dense housing.

Reducing litter, dumping and weed encroachment is important for parks and to the community. Sustainable asset maintenance is critical for the ongoing care of these spaces into the future.

What will it achieve?

An improved sustainable funding model that responds to increasing climate change costs, protects biodiversity, enables education and enforcement, and supports a partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung for land management. Planning controls for ongoing park protection.

Implementation

Protect and/or enhance:

- **conservation values** within all open spaces. Apply principles of the Land and Biodiversity Plan and implement conservation management plans for all nature reserves. Seek habitat connectivity and biodiversity improvement opportunities in parks.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. Including all waterways, stony rises and areas of cultural significance such as Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands, and marram baba Merri Creek Parklands. Follow Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung advice and create partnerships to support cultural values & ceremony, cultural heritage, interpretive education, and land management
- **heritage features** including bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, pastoral houses, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry
- **existing trees** in open spaces. In the event any tree is to be removed, demonstrate all efforts applied to try and prevent its removal through alternative design and solutions
- **litter reduction** measures through design, signage, infrastructure, community assistance, enforcement and incentives.
- all named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trails, signage and viewing areas. Protect and enhance wetlands for their diverse benefits including stormwater management, biodiversity and and cultural value significance.
- access to open space by adapting to **climate change,** including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires. For example, sourcing recycled water and stormwater for additional reserves where feasible to increase their resilience to future water restrictions; managing land and assets to reduce fire risk and storm damage.
- provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development. Open space is not to be considered as unused space or surplus space. Any land loss is to be offset elsewhere. Undertake:
  - Rezone park *planning scheme* controls to protect the recreation and/or conservation and cultural status of reserves
  - For all *unassigned Crown Land*, advocate to State Government to assign Committees of Management, offering first to Traditional Owners then other land managers including Council to maximise ecological and community benefit
  - Advocate to prevent future *easements* being added to existing open space. In the event easements are added, ensure they are designed to maximise community access and benefit
  - *Community gardens* to be supported at the five existing sites (Craigieburn, Westmeadows, Sunbury, Roxburgh Park and Bulla) and additional areas supported where ongoing community benefit and self-organisation is demonstrated
  - Any *works* within open space such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences.
- **environmental** outcomes by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using and supplying renewable energy.
- high maintenance standards by developing an improved **sustainable funding model** that responds to increasing climate change and emergency costs, protects biodiversity, enables education and enforcement, and supports partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung for land management.

This key policy direction will inform **open space implementation plans** for Traditional Owner partnerships, park maintenance, education and enforcement, waterways plan, masterplans, planning scheme amendments.
This direction must be read in conjunction with the precinct summaries.

THE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACE

1.4 Key Policy Direction - Optimise

Optimise

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

Measure

Number of reserves with improved visitor use due to park renewal or upgrades

Target: A progressive increase in park renewals/upgrades to reach 16 parks annually by 2034

Why is it important?

Optimising open space by creating quality, enjoyable and safe experiences will support better mental and physical outcomes for the community. This is especially important as we develop more housing with much less private open space.

Parks are free to use and can provide a respite for many. Diverse spaces will help meet the needs of people of varying abilities and ages.

Involving and partnering with community organisations can help optimise park outcomes. This is especially true of regional collaborations such as the Merri Creek Management Committee, Chain of Ponds, and Northern Regions Trail Network.

Parks help reduce urban heat impacts through shady urban tree canopy and water bodies that help cool the surrounding air.

Parks provide a connection to nature and need to be multi-functional as they are also important places for supporting sport, recreation, dog walking, cultural festivals & large family events.

Well-designed parks near shops can help enliven trader activity and build community.

What will it achieve?

A mix of open space experiences in each precinct with an up-to-date park renewal program that responds firstly to need, safety and inclusion. There will be continued regional collaborations and a greater investment in tree canopy and event spaces and dog off-leash areas.

Implementation

Seek to optimise:

- **social recreation experiences** by maintaining landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use and accommodates population growth. Ensure:
  - regional and district parks provide a greater mix of visitor experiences
  - smaller play spaces are spread based on equity of access for residents, and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher disadvantage and higher levels of housing with small backyards
  - existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle. In some instances, a small local play space may be retired if a nearby space is upgraded. Parks to support inclusivity for people of different abilities.
  - lighting on higher use paths for early morning and evening use. Lighting to be designed to minimise wildlife impacts
  - designs and choice seek to reflect community multicultural priorities including greater opportunities for events, large family gatherings and seating areas protected from the weather to support longer visits
- **multi-functionality** to provide multiple visitor experiences, environmental, cultural and heritage outcomes.
- **nature-based experiences** by enhancing and showcasing Hume' s iconic waterway, hilltop and scenic trails and views. Expand and maintain shared use trails along waterways and other linear reserves to maximise ease of access.
- **sporting and recreation experiences** by maintaining sporting reserves and facilities to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport. Informal sports and recreation facilities are important to attract users of different interests and abilities to be more active.
- **outdoor community events** by designing and providing supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve in every precinct to support small local events. Progress opportunities and investment to better support larger outdoor cultural events in Sunbury, and if necessary the Broadmeadows and Craigieburn area.
- **transport options** by maximising links to public transport along with walking and cycling links.
- **increase trader activity** by designing any adjacent and nearby open space as an added attraction encouraging people to visit local shops. Such parks can provide more shade, seating and signage. This needs to achieved while protecting public access to open space and ensuring litter prevention.
- **urban cooling** by increasing tree canopy in open space reserves. This includes dedicated 'oasis areas' planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050, 'tree reserves' planted to achieve 50% canopy cover and all other reserves to achieve at least 20% cover by 2050. Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist. Shade structures are to be installed where they will support greater park use, comfort and visitor safety.
- **dog wellbeing** by supporting on-leash walking and seeking new unfenced off-leash areas in all precincts except Valley and Broadmeadows (which are already well catered for).
- **communication** to promote park use by improving signage and website information; **co-design** with Traditional Owners for management, interpretation and cultural practice, **collaboration** with regional organisations to support open space planning and activities; and input from community in planning, renewal and upgrade projects
- improved **sustainable funding** through strategic capital works planning; use of grants, partnerships and open space contributions for upgrades; installing equitable infrastructure levels of service; and avoiding assets with high maintenance needs.

This key policy direction will inform **open space implementation plans** for playspaces, dog off-leash areas, public toilets, walking and cycling, outdoor events, urban forest, outdoor informal recreation, masterplans, local area plans.
This direction must be read in conjunction with the precinct summaries and levels of service

THE FUTURE OF OPEN SPACE

1.5 Key Policy Direction - Grow

Grow

New open spaces provided in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

Measure

Percentage of urban homes within 400m walk of open space. While 94% of homes in Hume achieve this, in two precincts this falls to 69% and 79%

Target: No precinct is to have less than 82% of homes within 400m of open space by 2034

Why is it important?

With more housing needed - often with small or no backyards - now is the time to be clear about land needed to protect the environment and create open spaces for people to enjoy.

Acquiring land will help close open space gaps where people have further to walk to reach their local park. Some parks will need expanding to help with safety and to meet forecast needs for sport, play, picnics, nature connections, cultural interpretation, urban cooling, outdoor event, and dog needs. In some instances, developer contributions can help fund these needs.

Investment in land can help link open spaces to improve their accessibility, particularly along waterways which can link many suburbs together.

Sharing land with schools, organisations and business can help create more open space.

Land with ecological and cultural heritage values is best supported by Traditional Owner management, or co-management with public authority, to achieve healthy Country.

Investing in land early through strategic analysis, is more cost-effective than buying it later.

What will it achieve?

One of greater Melbourne's premier suite of waterway parklands for all to enjoy. Protection of more areas of ecological and cultural value. Greater opportunities for outdoor cultural events, and links to support placemaking and local trading. Greater equity, safety and access to local parks for people experiencing disadvantage.

Implementation

- Commence a **'gap areas' land investment program** that investigates and prioritises new open spaces in areas with the largest number of homes beyond 400m walk to their nearest reserve. Across Hume, in order of priority, the gap areas to be investigated are:
  - Broadmeadows - south of Camp Rd; north of Camp Road;
  - Campbellfield - west of Sydney Road; east of Sydney Road
- Commence a '**safety and connections' land investment program** that investigates and prioritises land in areas of higher disadvantage that need improved accessibility, walkability, viewlines and placemaking. Across Hume it is a priority to investigate SF Hedger Reserve and surrounds in Tullamarine
- Continue a '**biodiversity and cultural' land investment program** that:
  - advocates to State Government for purchase of MSA Nature Conservation & Growling Grass Frog Areas
  - negotiates with developers for the gifting of ecologically sensitive areas
  - partners with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung for land management and advocates for their ongoing funding
  - investigates protection of critical ecological sites. This includes critical grey box woodland sites along Attwood Creek, and Oaklands Junction.
- Fill missing links in **waterways program** by investigating, advocating and where feasible acquiring gaps along waterways with an emphasis on marram baba Merri Creek Parklands, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands, and Merlynston Creek. Partner with State Government to investigate and if feasible apply public acquisition overlay on Maribyrnong River and part of Jacksons Creek (between Organ Pipes National Park and biik wurrdha Parklands).
- Investigate the feasibility of providing a new **civic urban plaza** and/or large **outdoor event space** in Sunbury. If necessary, investigate acquiring land for a large outdoor event space in the east of the municipality.
- **Sustainable funding solutions** will be applied including open space contributions, grants, buy-subdivide-sell, land sharing, negotiation and partnerships. Not all properties will be acquired, but all will be investigated.
- This key policy direction will inform **open space implementation plans** for land investment, open space developer contributions, structure plans, masterplans. *This policy direction must be read with the precinct summaries to see full list of opportunities.*

2. CONTEXT



CONTEXT

2.1 Hume City Council

The City of Hume covers 504 square kilometres of urban and rural land on the rapidly growing outer northern suburbs of Melbourne.

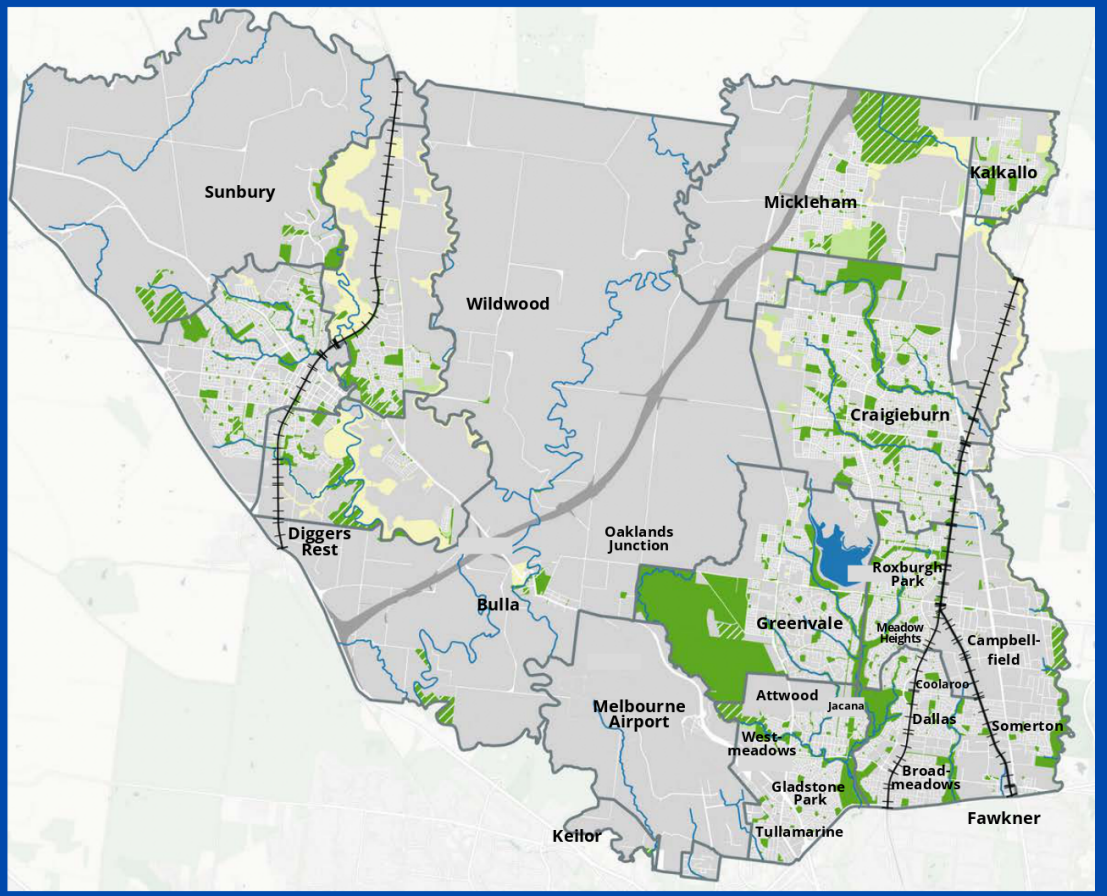
It is located on traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

Hume is endowed with 4589ha of open space covering 9% of the municipality. Over 3200ha are accessible to the public and the remainder restricted for ecological, cultural or safety reasons.

Hume City is one of the fastest growing and most culturally diverse communities in Australia. It is expected to grow by more than 130,000 people in the next 20 years.

Planning for open space needs to go hand-in-hand with planning for new housing, transport and infrastructure to support the growing population. It also means valuable ecological, cultural and community assets are protected, enhanced and celebrated during this time of change. See Appendix A for Hume's policy context.

The 2010-2015 Open Space Strategy guided the creation of over 300 ha of open space in growth areas, commencement of two new regional parklands, and additional waterway and hilltop parks. Some outstanding actions remain including the review of developer contributions, planning scheme controls and the playspace planning. More detail is provided at Appendix B.



CONTEXT

2.2 The Value of Open Space

Open space is an essential part of our urban environment, with numerous benefits for our communities and our natural environment.

Physical Activity

Open spaces provide the opportunity for people to engage in a range of physical activities. They improve walkability and make streets livelier. Walking trails are provided in most open spaces, and sporting, cycling, play and exercise equipment is also provided in many open spaces. This helps address individual and public health problems relating to a lack of physical activity.

Mental Wellbeing

A regular connection to the natural environment helps improve mental wellbeing, reduce levels of stress and anxiety, increase brain activity, and promote a positive mindset. Open spaces provide opportunities to unwind, relax, move, and connect with nature and community, all which support good mental health. This is increasingly important as back yards become smaller.

This extends to people in distress. The respite provided by nearby open spaces can help in situations of domestic abuse, homelessness and extreme social isolation.

Economic Value

Open space creates improved access and amenity to neighborhoods. When integrated well with nearby businesses, open space can help support their vitality. There is also economic value through tourism (including Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung managed tourism), environmental conservation, and property values.

Social and Community Connectedness

Community connection is supported by open space by providing free places to interact, socialise, relax, celebrate, unite, entertain and play. Spaces for outdoor community events and gatherings encourage an interactive community. Open spaces done well can enhance community identity, connections and sense of belonging.

Older residents, especially migrants have told us that they would like to sit longer in the park to be outside and this can happen if the seating is comfortably sheltered from wind and summer sun.

Locating early years centres within easy walking distance to open space provides nature connection opportunities for young children.

Changing Climate

Open space helps reduce urban heat impacts in urban environments by creating space for green landscapes, shady tree canopy, water bodies and water features. Cooler urban spaces can help people experiencing heat stress. Open space also allows more rain to be absorbed into soil, and natural movement of waterways which supports ecosystem health while helping to protect properties from flooding.

Biodiversity

Open spaces provide habitat for a range of flora and fauna, assist in creating habitat corridors, and can include critical areas of remnant indigenous vegetation. They provide opportunities to increase biodiversity through a range of plant species and landscape characters.

Heritage and Cultural Values

Open spaces reflect and hold the landscape, history, character and values of neighbourhoods. This is vital to fostering a distinctive neighbourhood character and a unique sense of place that contributes to well-being.

Open space can reflect and protect cultural values in both a contemporary and historical context.

It's important that we protect places (like waterways, wetlands and viewpoints) and features (such as trees and outcrops) for the future.

For Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, open spaces are often the only places on Country that look similar to pre-colonisation times, helping them to feel close to their ancestors. Spending time on Country is critical for wellbeing and supports Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture and spirituality.

Showcasing colonial history such as drystone walls and other agricultural and building remnants in our landscape will help visitors understand local history.

Public art, material and species selection in open space supported by other initiatives like activation, programming and signage help tell the story of places.

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2.3 Multiple Open Space Managers

Hume City Council manages over 1897ha across 752 open space reserves and 440 walkways.

An additional 28 open space reserves are managed or co-managed by Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, State Government, Federal Government, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, and Committees of Management.

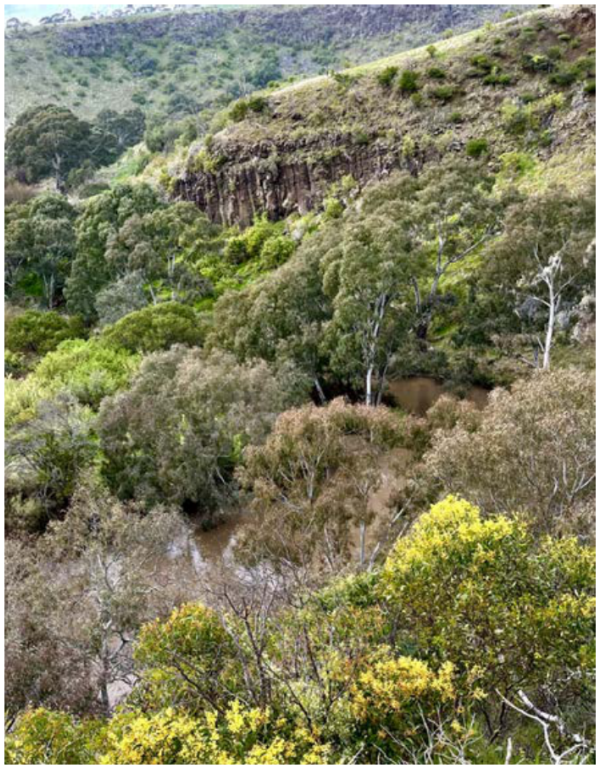
Regional collaborations such as the Merri Creek Management Committee, Chain of Ponds, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Partnership Group, Northern Regions Trails Group and neighbouring Councils also provide support for open spaces planning and management.

The table below sets out Hume City Council's role in open space management

Service Provider	Council designs, enhances and maintains almost all of the parks and open spaces within the municipality, allowing them to be freely accessible to visitors and strengthening urban and residential communities.
Environmental Stewardship	Protects and enhances biodiversity and Traditional Owner cultural values within the municipality. Factors in risks to both short- and long-term ecosystem health and landscape values into planning and decision making. Supports the community to manage land sustainably.
Facilitator	Council facilitates, partners and plans open space with a range of other organisations including but not limited to Parks Victoria, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Melbourne Water, VicTrack, VicRoads, Committees of Management to complement our Hume's open space network. Council supports Traditional Owner priorities for open space management and ownership.
Advocator	Council plays an important role in advocating on behalf of the community and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung to other levels of government and service providers in order to ensure parks and open space needs and priorities are addressed in state planning documents and funding arrangements.

Open space managers work together to support ecological, cultural and visitor outcomes.

This Strategy values all open spaces in its planning, however its implementation directions are only for Hume City Council.



Harpers Creek in Holden Flora Reserve (Parks Vic)

3. DEFINING OPEN SPACES



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3.1 Definition of Open Space

'Public open space' in this strategy adopts Victoria's 'Open Space for Everyone' definition:

Public land and waters that provide for one or more of these purposes:

- *outdoor recreation*
- *leisure*
- *environmental and cultural benefits*
- *visual amenity*
- *off-road active transport.*

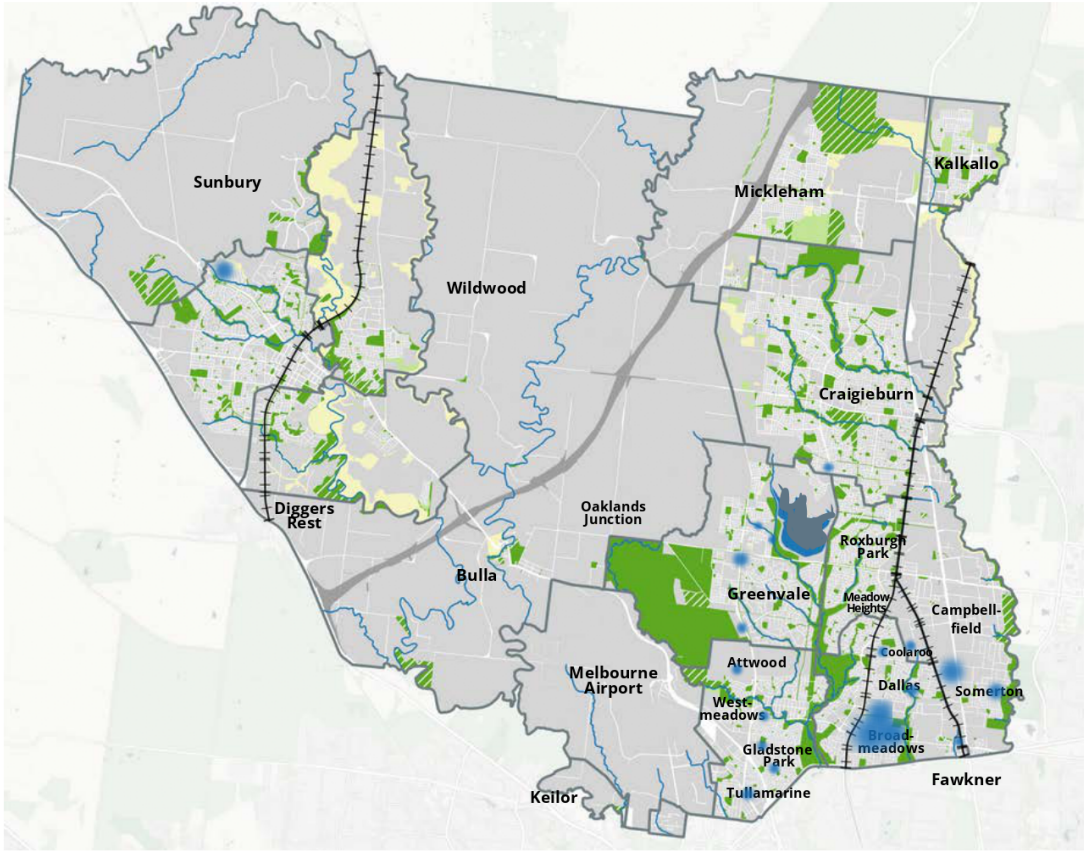
For the purpose of this strategy, 'public open space' has been abbreviated to 'open space'.

Open space is land that is freely open for public enjoyment. The exceptions to this:

- some areas within a reserve may have areas of restricted access for visitor safety or to protect assets
- some minimal fees may be charged for events or small features within reserves
- some reserves may be wholly restricted from public access to protect ecological or cultural assets for public benefit.

Open space that serves a utility purpose such as electricity, gas and drainage easements, road or rail reservations, or are primarily for conservation or cultural asset protection are known as 'encumbered open space'.

Encumbered spaces are counted as open space unless they are entirely inaccessible and lack any vegetation.



Hume Open Space Network

- Open Space Reserves - current 4414ha
- Open Space Reserves not accessible to the public due to safety risks, asset protection (1350ha)
- Upcoming Open Space Reserves (within 2-3 years) (175ha)
- Proposed Open Space Reserves (1385ha)
- Precinct Boundaries
- Gap areas where people have further than 400m to walk to open space from their home

See glossary for further definitions

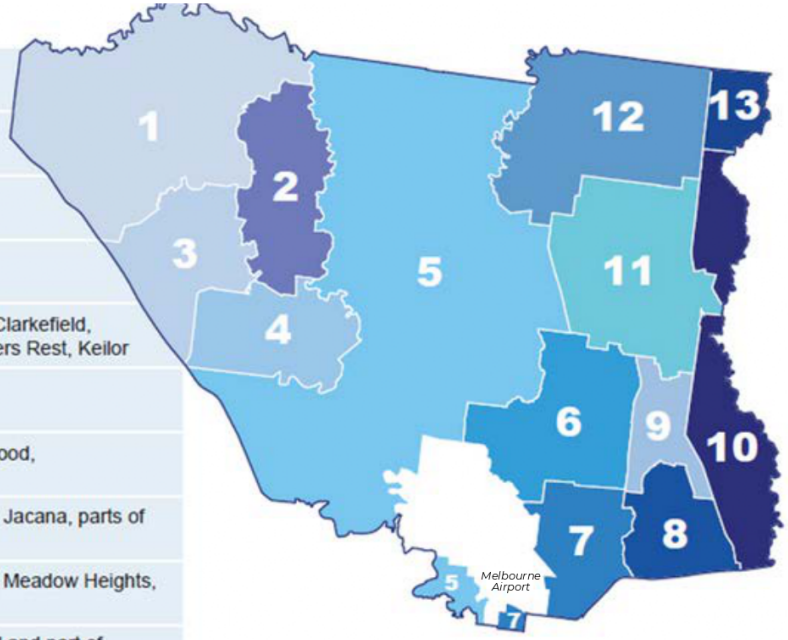
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3.2 Open Space Planning Approach

Precincts

Due to the diverse nature of communities and urban form across the City of Hume, a precinct planning approach has been adopted to respond to different community needs and characteristics.

The 13 precincts align with Hume's Community Infrastructure Planning Framework.



1.	**Sunbury Rural**
2.	**Lancefield Road**
3.	**Sunbury Central**
4.	**Redstone Hill**
5.	**Rural** includes Bulla, Wildwood, Clarkefield, Oaklands Junction, Yuroke, Diggers Rest, Keilor
6.	**Greenvale**
7.	**Valley** includes Tullamarine, Attwood, Westmeadows, Gladstone Park
8.	**Broadmeadows** includes Dallas, Jacana, parts of Coolaroo and Meadow Heights
9.	**Roxburgh Park** includes parts of Meadow Heights, Coolaroo and Craigieburn
10.	**Somerton** includes Campbellfield and part of Craigieburn
11.	**Craigieburn** includes parts of Yuroke and Mickleham
12.	**Mickleham**
13.	**Kalkallo**

*Melbourne Airport has been excluded from the analysis

Waterways

The precinct analysis is then overlaid with the waterways that provide habitat, cultural and community connections across the municipality.

There are 26 named waterways in the City of Hume all with varying amounts of public open space along their banks.

Metropolitan Melbourne Open Space for Everyone 2021

Following the analysis of precincts and waterways, Hume's Open Space Strategy then adopts the three key policy directions from the State Government's Open Space for Everyone Strategy. These are: Protect, Optimise and Grow.

Open Space for Everyone guides all levels of government in the planning, management and delivery of a quality open space network over the next 30 years. It will achieve this by fostering a coordinated approach by state and local governments, Traditional Owners, communities, researchers, and businesses.

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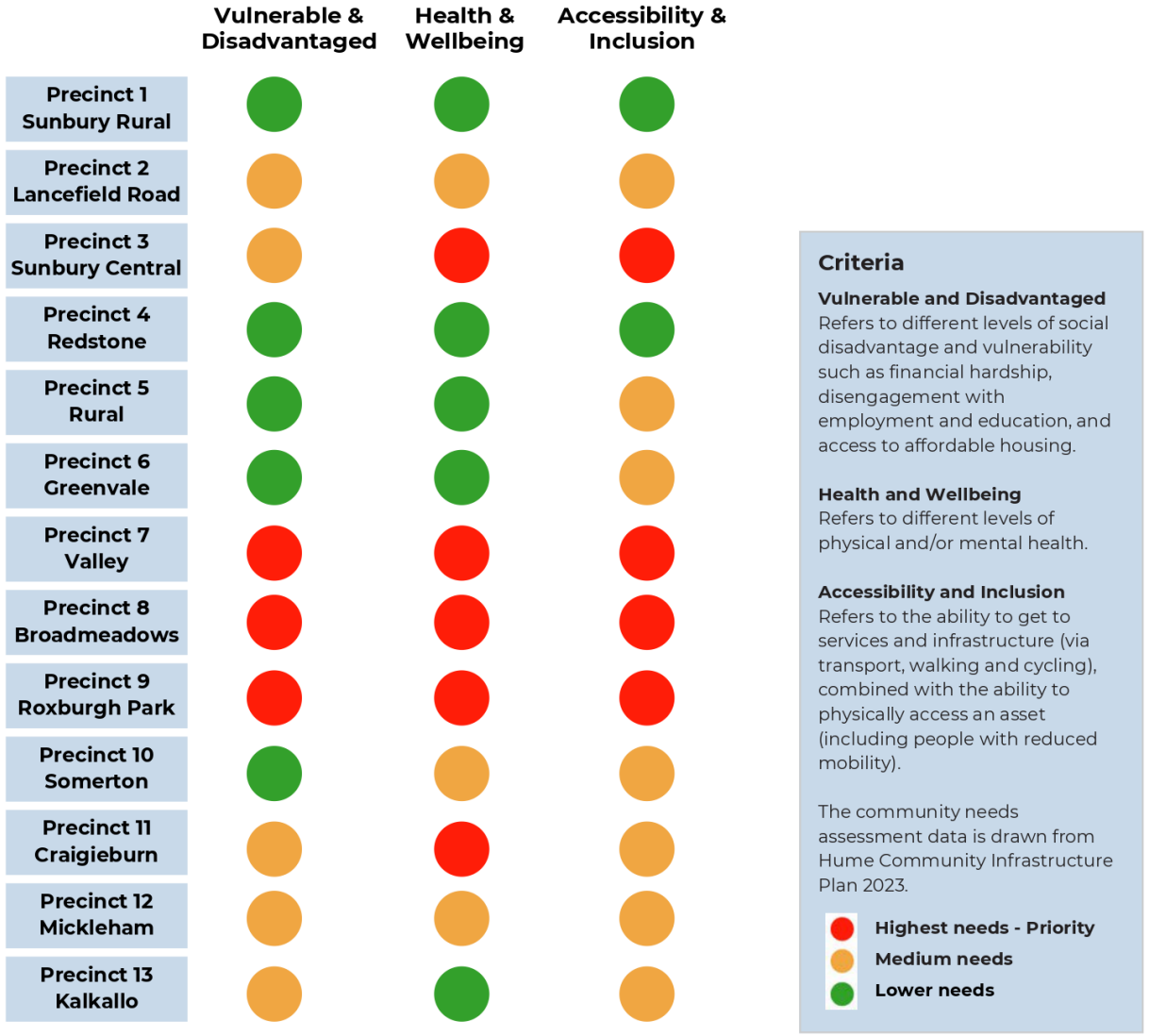
3.3 Community Needs Approach

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities. This no-cost respite is appreciated by many.

At a broad level, different communities have different needs as shown by the indicators from the Community Infrastructure Plan (right).

Red traffic lights highlight the precincts with higher levels of community needs for which open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

The community needs profile is an important consideration in open space planning with the priority precincts identified as Broadmeadows, Valley, and Roxburgh Park; followed by Sunbury Central and Craigieburn.



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3.4 Classification of Open Space

To review, plan and maintain the open space network it is helpful to use a classification system defining hierarchy, function and character.

Hierarchy of Open Spaces

The strategy uses the four tier 'hierarchy' system to describe open spaces.

The hierarchy is based on expected length of stay; distance travelled; and the "quality" of experience which is related the number and type of amenities, equipment and services provided. Size also influences the categorisation of a park but there are exceptions.

Regional	Substantial facilities for organised sport, play, social interaction, relaxation and enjoyment of nature. Size is variable and dependent on function and is bespoke in design. Typically attract visitors from 15km away, or more who expect to stay for more than 2 hours.
District	Open space and recreation facilities that draw people from across a precinct. This could be due to size, uniqueness, quality of features or equipment. Generally over 5ha in size and people typically expect to travel up to 15 minutes to visit and expect to stay more than an hour.
Neighbourhood	Open spaces that serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighbourhood. Provides a unique sense of place and includes informal, active and reflective options for all ages. Typically people expect to travel approximately 800m, or a 10-15 minute walk to visit, and expect to stay more than half an hour.
Local	Open spaces that address immediate walkable catchment providing passive recreation and supporting a green network. It can also have a dedicated nature or cultural purpose. Generally less than 1ha in size and people typically walk from home to visit, approximately a 5 minute walk, and expect to stay for a short time.



Above: Craigieburn Gardens

Below: Golden Sun Moth Park



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Function of Open Spaces

All open spaces have been assigned a primary and secondary function to identify the priority purpose of the open space and therefore how it is designed and managed.

The function does not define the only uses of the space, and it is expected that most open spaces will have more than two functions.

The functions are defined below:



Parkside Rise Reserve, Craigieburn

Social Recreation	Informal recreation, gatherings, play and enjoyment of green space, place and nature
Sport	Formal organised sport
Conservation and Cultural Values	Protecting and/or enhancing biodiversity, habitat, cultural or heritage values. *Public access may be limited.*
Tree Reserve	Nature enjoyment, and urban forest protection, enhancement and cooling
Urban and Civic	Gathering place in a busy activity area. Can host organised events, markets, and festivals.
Linear Links and Trails	Enjoyable walking and cycling links that can also support scenic opportunities
Drainage	Waterway and drainage protection. *Public access may be limited.*
Ancillary	Infrastructure protection, for example powerline easements. *Public access may be limited.*

All open spaces have an *urban greening* function except if there are utility limitations.

The function of an open space can change if agreed in a masterplan, concept plan or strategic planning process.

It can also change in response to environmental or climate change impacts on an open space.

Ongoing land title investigations may reveal encumbrances that will result in a change of function to ancillary.

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4.1 Traditional Owners

'The lands, water, sky, plants, animals and more that make up the land now known as the City of Hume are part of the traditional Country of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, a custodianship that endures today.'

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people are represented by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) (1).

WWCHAC provided strategic principles to inform Hume's Open Space Strategy and other related land, biodiversity and waterway strategies.

The principles of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung are supported throughout the Hume Open Space Strategy by:

- reflecting the importance of cultural values and cultural heritage protection
- emphasising the protection and enhancement of waterways, earth rings, stony knolls and cultural landscapes
- opportunities to practice ceremony, interpretive education, and the return of managing Country.

This aligns to Hume's commitments in its Social Justice Charter, Reconciliation Action Plan, and the Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework.

Direct quotes from the *Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Statement for Draft Hume Open Space Strategy 23 August 2023* are provided on these two pages are in italics.

Country

'The City of Hume is on Country consisting of basalt plains and remnant grasslands, grassy eucalypt woodlands volcanic cones, stony rises, gorges alongside developed industrial and residential areas that transition into agricultural land within the green wedge area.'

'Water flows throughout Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country and connects Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people to their land. Wetlands, waterways and their surrounds, as well as being cornerstones of the environment and social gathering places, are recognised as areas of extreme cultural sensitivity and often have a multitude of cultural values.'

'Protecting and recognising the waterways within the City of Hume as living entities is an important Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung value to be reflected in Hume's open space, and decisions that impact waterways must have a demonstrated environmental net benefit and a quadruple bottom line assessment'



(1) https://www.aboriginalheritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/victoria-registered-aboriginal-parties

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'There is a deep cultural obligation and birthright to look after Country and keep it healthy.'

'Today our Country is shared with Victorians from many different backgrounds'

'We believe that Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people must take a leading role in working with all communities on matters of Country.'



Cultural Connections
'Respectfully sharing Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture and educating the broader population about the importance of recognising, supporting and enhancing the rights of, and opportunities for, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.'

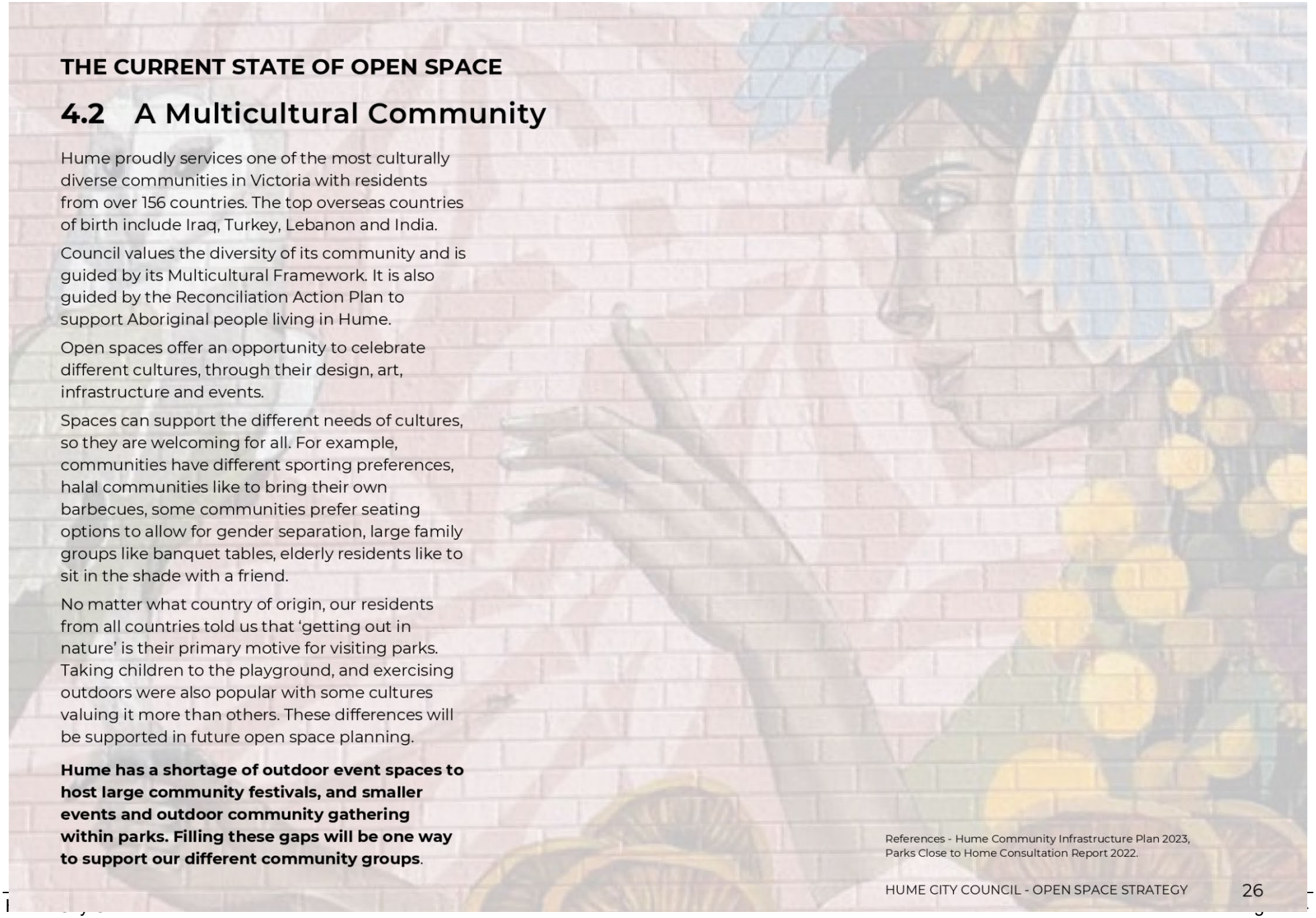
'In modern society the presentation of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture can occur in different ways. This includes cultural spaces and centres, Welcomes to Country and Smoking ceremonies, culturally appropriate signage, publicly displayed artwork, location markers, online engagement, appropriate use of language, the display of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung historical artefacts, as approved by the Corporation, and in many other forms'

Care for Country
'We seek to build solid, working relationships and partnerships across our Traditional Country to protect, manage and restore the land and water today and for future generations'

'Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values are to be embedded in open space planning including parklands establishment, protection and management.'

'The Open Space Strategy is to provide strategic support for the Narrap Unit (within WWCHAC) to be funded to undertake land management wherever possible.'

'The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung consider all Country is significant. Within this context, some places are named for immediate protection and planning controls'



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4.2 A Multicultural Community

Hume proudly services one of the most culturally diverse communities in Victoria with residents from over 156 countries. The top overseas countries of birth include Iraq, Turkey, Lebanon and India.

Council values the diversity of its community and is guided by its Multicultural Framework. It is also guided by the Reconciliation Action Plan to support Aboriginal people living in Hume.

Open spaces offer an opportunity to celebrate different cultures, through their design, art, infrastructure and events.

Spaces can support the different needs of cultures, so they are welcoming for all. For example, communities have different sporting preferences, halal communities like to bring their own barbecues, some communities prefer seating options to allow for gender separation, large family groups like banquet tables, elderly residents like to sit in the shade with a friend.

No matter what country of origin, our residents from all countries told us that 'getting out in nature' is their primary motive for visiting parks. Taking children to the playground, and exercising outdoors were also popular with some cultures valuing it more than others. These differences will be supported in future open space planning.

Hume has a shortage of outdoor event spaces to host large community festivals, and smaller events and outdoor community gathering within parks. Filling these gaps will be one way to support our different community groups.

References - Hume Community Infrastructure Plan 2023, Parks Close to Home Consultation Report 2022.

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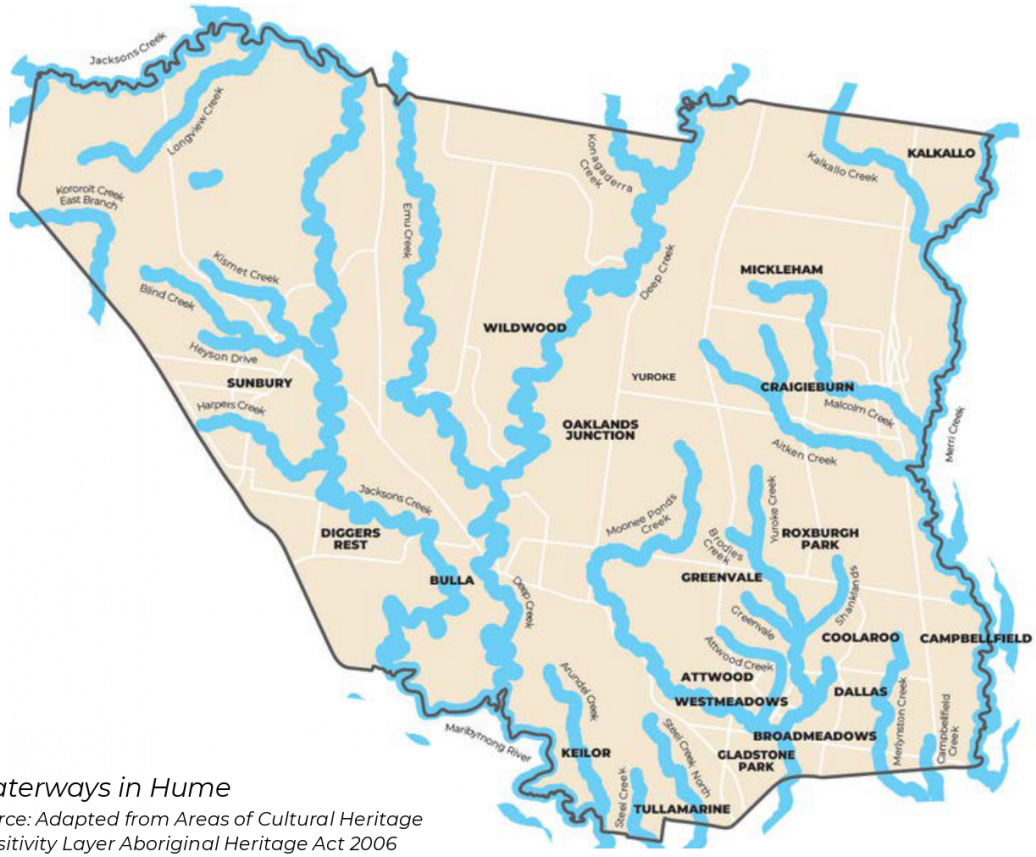
4.3 Waterways in Hume

The cultural, ecological, health and wellbeing benefits of open spaces along waterways are highly valued and celebrated at Hume.

Protecting waterways is a priority for the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and are defined as 'Areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' in the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018.

Merri Creek
Including the new marram baba parklands. Enjoyed at galada tamboore, Northpark Nature Reserve etc. Tributaries:

- **Kalkallo Creek** (eg John Laffan Reserve)
- **Aitken Creek** (eg Craigieburn Gardens, Burt Kur Min Reserve, Highlands Lake)
- **Malcolm Creek** (eg Centennial Park Dve Reserve)
- **Merlynston Creek** (eg Jack Roper Reserve) and its tributary **Campbellfield Creek**



Waterways in Hume
Source: Adapted from Areas of Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Layer Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006

Jacksons Creek
The central 'biik wurrdha' parklands reach will increase public ownership. Enjoyed at The Nook, Emu Bottom Wetlands, Jacksons Hill Reserve. Tributaries:

- **Blind Creek** (eg Sunbury Recreation Reserve) and its tributary **Heysen Drive Drain (Creek)**
- **Kismet Creek** (eg Spavin Lake) and its tributary Billy Goats Creek
- **Harpers Creek** (eg Wanginu Park)
- **Longview Creek**

Moonee Ponds Creek
From its source in Oaklands Junction, all but headlands are in public parkland. Enjoyed at Woodlands Historic Park, Jacana Valley Parklands, Westmeadows Reserve etc. Tributaries:

- **Yuroke Creek** (Broadmeadows Valley Park). Its tributaries include:
  - **Brodies Creek**
  - **Greenvale Drain (Creek)**
  - **Otways Crescent Drain (Creek)**
  - **Shanklands Drain (Creek)**
- **Attwood Creek**

Maribyrnong River
A State significant waterway with its source in Bulla at the confluence of Jacksons and Deep Creek. Tributaries:

- **Steele Creek and Steele Creek North**
- **Arundel Creek**

Deep Creek
Almost all in private ownership except Trap Street Reserve, Bulla Parklands, Bulla Crown Lands, Bulla Bulla Streamside Reserve, Konagaderra Bridge Reserve, Martin Dillon Reserve. Tributaries:

- **Konagaderra Creek**
- **Emu Creek**
- **Kororoit Creek East Branch**

See Appendix C for public ownership summary

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4.4 Regional Parklands

A wide range of visitor experiences can be enjoyed in Hume City's wide array of existing and emerging regional parklands.

Woodlands Historic Park
Enjoy grassy eucalypt forest, historic homestead and Moonee Ponds Creek. 838ha
Managed by Parks Victoria

Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve
Enjoy grassy eucalypt forest and connecting green links to Malcolm Creek headwaters. 132ha
Managed by Parks Victoria & Hume City

Organ Pipes National Park
Stunning geological and cultural landscape. Located within Hume (54ha) and Brimbank City
Managed by Parks Victoria

Greenvale Reservoir Park
Enjoy stunning views of the reservoir. 60ha
Managed by Parks Victoria

Broadmeadows Valley Park
Enjoy the expansive valleys, Yuroke Creek and interspersed playspaces. 162ha
Managed by Hume City Council.

Mt Holden Nature Reserve
Enjoy scenic hilltop views and walks 42ha
Managed by Hume City & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung

Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands
Enjoy the length of Moonee Ponds Creek linking to Jacana Valley Park & Willowbrook Reserve 68ha
Co-Managed by Hume City, Melb Water, Airport

Blind Creek Parklands
Enjoy the length of Blind Creek in Sunbury and loop back by Heyson Drive or Kismet Creek. 45ha
Managed by Hume City Council

Aitken Creek Parklands
Enjoy the length of Aitken Creek in Craigieburn linking to Highlands Lake and Burt-Kur-Min. 65ha
Managed by Hume City Council

Malcolm Creek Parklands
Enjoy the length of Malcolm Creek in Craigieburn linking to Golden Sun Moth Park. 101ha
Managed by Hume City Council

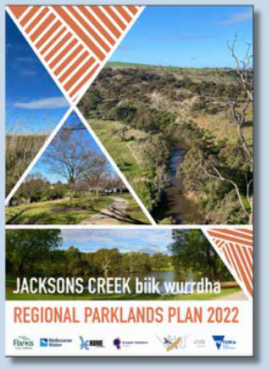
Merlynston Creek Parklands
Explore most of Merlynston Creek linking to Jack Roper and Seabrook Reserves. 13ha
Co-Managed by Hume City & Melbourne Water

Greenvale Recreation Reserve
Regional sporting and equestrian facilities 38ha
Managed by Hume City Council

Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands

Still developing to reach 1000ha by 2040, visitors can already enjoy Emu Bottom Wetlands, the Nook to Skyline Reserve and more.

Co-Managed by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Parks Victoria, DEECA, Melbourne Water, Greater Western Water, Hume City Council



marram baba Merri Creek Parklands

Still developing to reach 2700ha by 2050, visitors can already enjoy galada tamboore, Northpark Nature Reserve and more.

Co-Managed by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Parks Victoria, DEECA, Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, MCMC, Hume City, Whittlesea City & Mitchell Shire



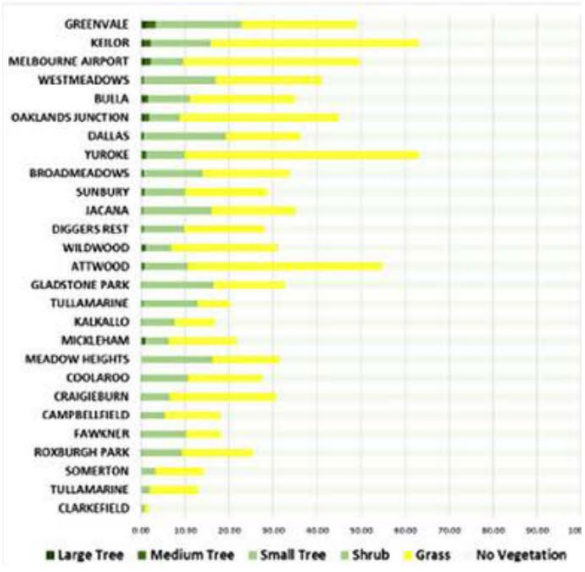
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4.5 Urban Forest Canopy

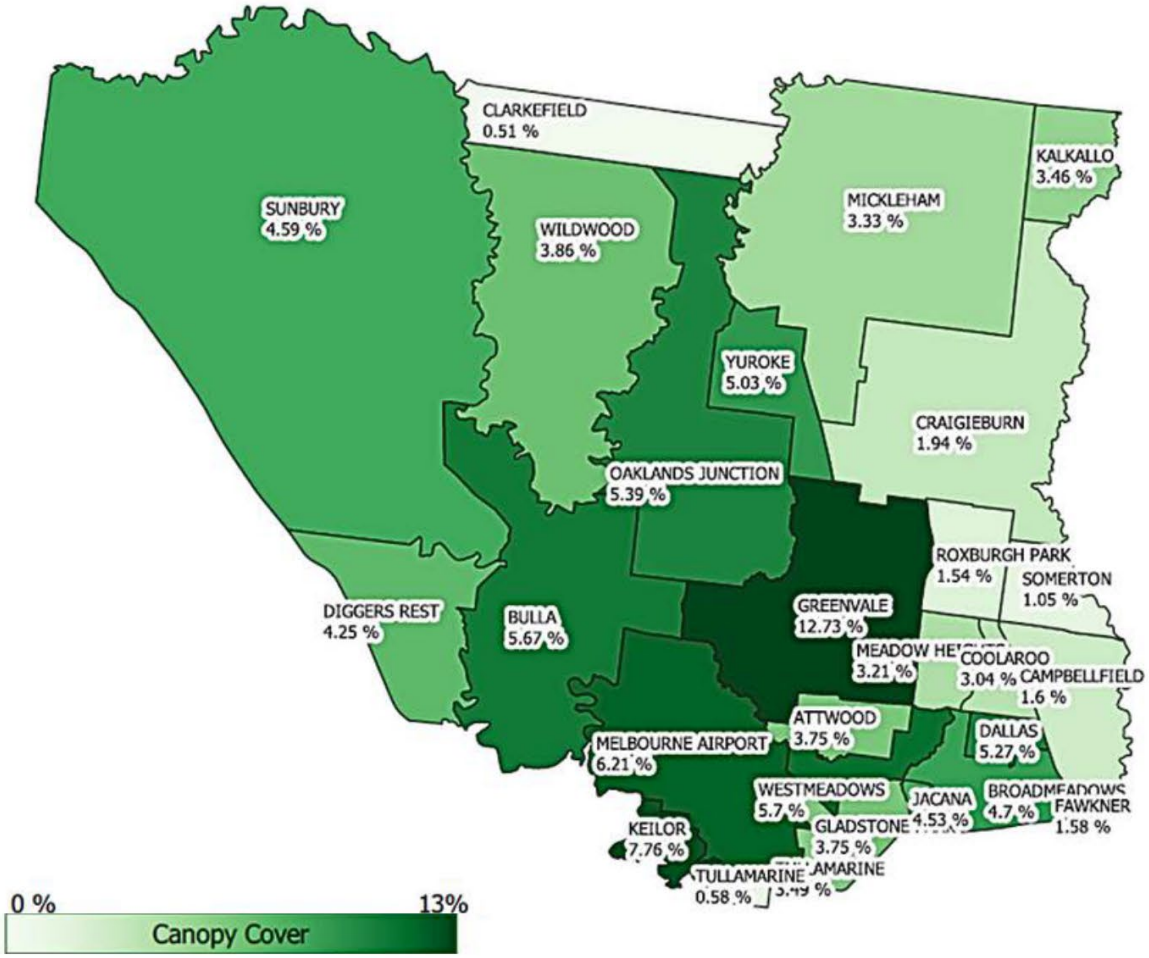
Current Status

Tree canopy cover across the municipality is uneven, some precincts have much higher rates of coverage than others.

Different canopy coverage, and community heat vulnerability of each precinct are considered in open space recommendations.



Source: extracted from Living Melbourne datasets 2008-2012



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4.6 Open Space Character in Hume

Hume's open space character is *unified* by:

- An **ancient landscape** reflected in volcanic cones, basalt plains, deeply cut river valleys, stony rises, soils, redgums, grasslands, threatened flora and fauna species and ongoing Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture
- Multiple **waterways** flowing, with some forming and connecting, across all areas of the municipality
- Multiple **hilltops** and volcanic cones with scenic views ranging from Mt Holden, Redstone Hill, Mt Ridley Hilltop, and Mt Aitken
- Multiple **expansive regional parks** across Hume including Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale Reservoir, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands, marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands, and Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve
- **Canopy cover** challengingly low for all areas averaging 4%
- **Active formal sports** facilities and kick about areas distributed well throughout the municipality
- **Nature reserves** maintained throughout Hume providing a spread of habitat and ecological services
- **Lakes and water bodies** are interspersed in open space such Spavin Lake, The Nook, Highland Park, Aitken Creek, and Jack Roper. Wetlands with walking loops are increasingly provided in new suburbs.
- **Playspaces** provided throughout all the suburbs have a greater need for more all-abilities design, increased shade, and more feature play spaces such as waterplay, music, art and nature play.
- Open spaces that do not yet integrate well with activity centres and shopping strips requiring better **placemaking** in all precincts

And *differentiated* by:

- Farmland and **rural viewscapes** exist in the central and northern green wedge areas of Hume compared to the highly urbanised environment of suburbs in the east
- Open spaces in the older **established suburbs** in the south and in Sunbury have higher proportion of aged visitor facilities requiring renewal
- People living in the suburbs of **Broadmeadows, Jacana, Coolaroo, Gladstone Park, Campbellfield, Greenvale and Tullamarine** have the furthest to walk to open space
- Some suburbs have extensive **walking and cycling** trails such as Yuroke Creek, Blind Creek, Aitken Creek, however there is a lack of walking routes in areas such as Mickleham, Broadmeadows, Tullamarine and Bulla.
- Open spaces in the **new growth areas** of Kalkallo, Mickleham, Craigieburn, Sunbury and Greenvale are developed to a higher standard than the established areas. This is done to help offset the limitation of smaller backyards, and it is important to ensure that developer-installed visitor infrastructure can be maintained in the long term.
- the capacity for **events and outdoor gatherings,** which need to be supported in all areas of Hume, especially Sunbury.

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4.7 Reflecting Trends in Open Space Use

Hume's Open Space Strategy is applying principles that reflect the following trends in open space use

Interest in informal recreation	Walking is the most popular form of physical activity. Lifestyles, patterns of work and sport preferences, are moving away from organised structured sport. Large regional parks and waterway parks are popular for connecting to nature and helping instill a sense of wellbeing.
Events and outdoor gatherings	Demand for large event spaces continues along with demand for small outdoor gatherings.
Increased dog ownership	Greater dog ownership requires more off-leash areas in open space.
Design for women, girls and gender diverse people in open space	People use open space differently. Safety, viewlines, and comfort are important for people who feel vulnerable. Women more often bring children and seek to relax. Toilets and changing rooms need to support safe use by all.
Shade, accessibility, and all abilities	Consistent demand for shade in reserves, accessible and inclusive play spaces, and design that supports the needs of an ageing population.
Open space and coffee	Visiting open space increasingly involves picking up a coffee as part of the trip. Planning for open space near local shops can revitalise an area as a destination subject to good design and maintenance.
Technology	Technology options to improve the experience of parks is improving rapidly. For example; wifi access, safety features, responsive lighting, programmable locks and gates, recharging points, interactive wayfinding, and data collection to measure and respond to use
Community expectations & maintenance costs	Maintenance and renewal costs are rapidly increasing creating a gap in community expectations and delivery. This is due to a range of issues such as rising supply costs; flood, storms and heatwave impacts; increased number of parks to maintain; and high expectations from community members for their local parks.
Retaining and sharing open space	Requests for conversion of open space to non open space uses remains frequent and requires diligence to defend. Sharing open space with schools remains challenging as change of school leadership and changing emphasis on privacy often results in change of commitment.
Traditional Owners	As ongoing Traditional Custodians, the return of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung land management is increasingly important for sites of cultural and ecological importance. It is also central to reconciliation efforts.

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4.8 Key open space challenges and drivers for Hume



Equity

Equity refers to fairness and social justice and is distinguished from equality. Equity recognises that we do not all start from the same place and adjustments are needed to help address imbalances.

Hume experiences inequities in open space across communities. This is particularly evident in the established surburbs. Broadmeadows and Roxburgh Park precincts have the least open space per person and often the greater need for playspace renewal. Broadmeadows and Somerton have the biggest gap areas.



Quality

New open spaces in suburban growth areas can often have more visitor infrastructure than in the open spaces in established areas.

Quality refers to turf, horticulture, trees, paths, seating and other visitor infrastructure. There is a need to apply updated infrastructure and maintenance levels of service to ensure equity.

Reserves with playspaces are spread across Hume. There are 260 in 2025 with more being created in the growth areas. The playspace renewal program needs to be expanded to meet safety and community expectations.



Quantity

Approximately 9% of Hume is public open space.

Hume has total of 4589 hectares of open space in 2025 with over 3,064ha accessible to visitors.

Hume City manages 1897ha and the rest is primarily managed by Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and other State agencies. This includes the 838ha Woodlands Historic Park.

Across the municipality, Hume has a similar amount of open space per person compared to similar growth area Councils (see table upper right).



Distribution

94% of urban homes in Hume meet the benchmark of being within 400m walk of open space. This falls to 69% in Somerton precinct and 79% in Broadmeadows precinct (see table right) This affects the suburbs of Broadmeadows, Jacana, Dallas, Coolaroo, Greenvale, Campbellfield, Gladstone Park, and Tullamarine.

Except for Greenvale, all gap areas are in suburbs with high or medium rates of social, economic and health disadvantage.

Often gaps in established suburbs are from street design and cul-de-sacs that limit easy walking access.

Local Government	Amount of visitable open space owned or managed by Council (hectares per 1000 residents)
Hume	**6.5 (2023)**
Casey	6.16 (2023)
Knox	7.54 (2023)
Wyndham	4.8 (2022)

Precinct	Homes within 400m of open space (visitable)	Open space per 1000 people (visitable)
Sunbury Rural	Not applicable, as predominantly rural	
Lancefield	93%	13.2ha
Sunbury	98.3%	8.8ha
Redstone	98.5%	19ha
Rural	Not applicable, as predominantly rural	
Greenvale	93%	50ha
Valley	97.3%	9ha
Broadmeadows	79%	9.8ha
Roxburgh Park	100%	7ha
Somerton	69%	20ha
Craigieburn	98%	6.7ha
Mickleham	94%	4.1ha
Kalkallo	90%	7.7ha

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Forecast Population and Land Use Changes

Hume's population is expected to grow by more than 130,000 people in the next 20 years, with most of this growth in new suburbs which have allocated open space and infrastructure.

Some existing urban areas will also undergo population growth leading to higher population densities particularly in existing centres such as Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Sunbury. This will put pressure on existing open spaces but also provide opportunity to increase their quality and resilience.



Land Administration

Not all open space reserves are secured with the right titles, planning and administrative controls.

Preliminary audits indicate approximately 28% of Hume's open space land does not yet have 'public park' planning zone.

Multiple open space reserves are not yet vested to Council on the title of subdivision.

Multiple Crown land sites have no Committee of Management.

Maintaining shared use agreements with schools is challenging when a there is a change in school leadership.

Addressing these issues will protect open spaces and foster their ongoing stewardship.



Urban Growth and Open Space Contributions

Hume has 21 Precinct Structure Plan Areas (PSPs), with 15 completed, 2 being prepared (Greenvale North Pt 2 and Somerton Road), and 1 at due-diligence stage (Merrifield North).

In these growth areas, developer contributions via the Planning and Environment Act will fund open space provision via land or monetary contributions.

Open space contributions received from in-fill development via the Subdivision Act (typically provided as a monetary contribution) can be used by the City to help fill known gaps in open space provision.



Loss of Open Space

Despite an increased recognition that open space is not surplus space, there continues to be a loss of open space land due to road widening, community building expansions, utility easements, and encroaching residential expansion.

For example, the Aitken Boulevard Extension south of Somerton Road, if not designed well will remove over 50ha of open space primarily from the Valley and Greenvale precincts.



Encumbered Open Space

Open space is sometimes encumbered by infrastructure or functions which can limit their visitor access and landscaping potential.

Despite these limitations, most sites are accessible. The range of encumbrances are listed below along with Hume's approach for their open space use:

- *'drainage'* - good design is enabling some retarding basin areas to incorporate walking loops and attractive wetlands and habitat
- *'pipetracks'* - increasingly being used as linear access trails
- *'conservation and cultural values'* - most conservation land can be walked through providing an interesting open space experience
- *'electricity easement'* - often used for linear access and dog off-leash areas
- *'rail reservation'* - used for biodiversity conservation and linear access trails
- *'proposed road'* - limited to temporary uses. Primarily applies to Outer Metropolitan Ring Road, Bulla Bypass, new road bridges in PSP areas, and the proposed Aitken Boulevard duplication.

Sharing open space with schools. institutions, organisations and businesses can also provide more open space for the community to enjoy.

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4.9 Open Space Needs Assessment - Precinct Summary

Open spaces provide diverse benefits for people and the environment.

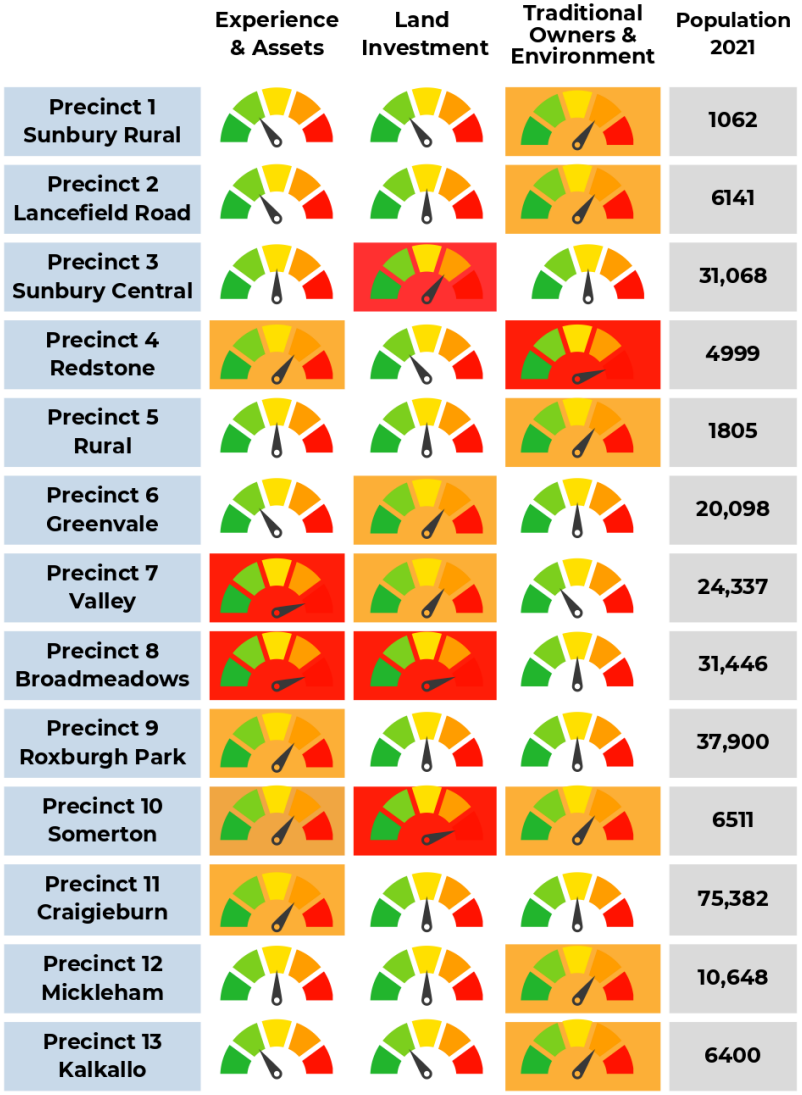
An assessment of the amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and protection ecological and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values has been undertaken for each precinct.

The red indicators, followed by orange indicators showcase where the investment priority is most needed over the next ten years.

Please note, the indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

The implementation recommendations in this Open Space Strategy respond to the greater open space needs identified in the Broadmeadows, Valley, and Somerton precincts.

For more details see precinct summaries.



Highest needs - Priority
High needs - Priority
Medium needs
Low needs
Lowest needs

Criteria

Experience and Assets
Where more work is needed to improve the diversity and number of reserves, plus the quality of assets for:

- social recreation experiences
- sporting experiences
- nature based experiences
- connectivity and trails
- tree canopy
- outdoor gathering and event capacity
- off-leash dog areas
- community gardens.

Assessed against precinct population.

Land Investment
Where new land is needed to fill:

- *residential gap areas* - number of homes not within 400m walk of open space
- *connectivity gap areas* - access and accessibility gaps for reserves
- *biodiversity and cultural gap areas* - priority areas of ecological and cultural significance.

Traditional Owners & Environment
Where more work is needed to protect and enhance ecological and cultural values.

This criteria is based on known actions that need to be undertaken not a comparison of ecological and cultural values.

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4.10 Community Engagement Findings

Summary of findings from the Parks Close to Home survey (2021)

2000+ responses from residents from across Hume as well as workers and visitors who live elsewhere *(1994 valid responses)*.

- Access to nature was the primary motivation for people visiting parks
- 88% of respondents walk to their park close to home (only driving if they don't have a 'good' local park)
- Key reasons for not visiting a park close to home is that there simply isn't one, or the quality doesn't encourage regular visitation.
- The most visited parks in Hume are regional and district level parks, large enough to provide a range of activities to service a diverse range of people



Top things people want to see in parks (% of respondents)

More shade - from trees and structures (79.9%)

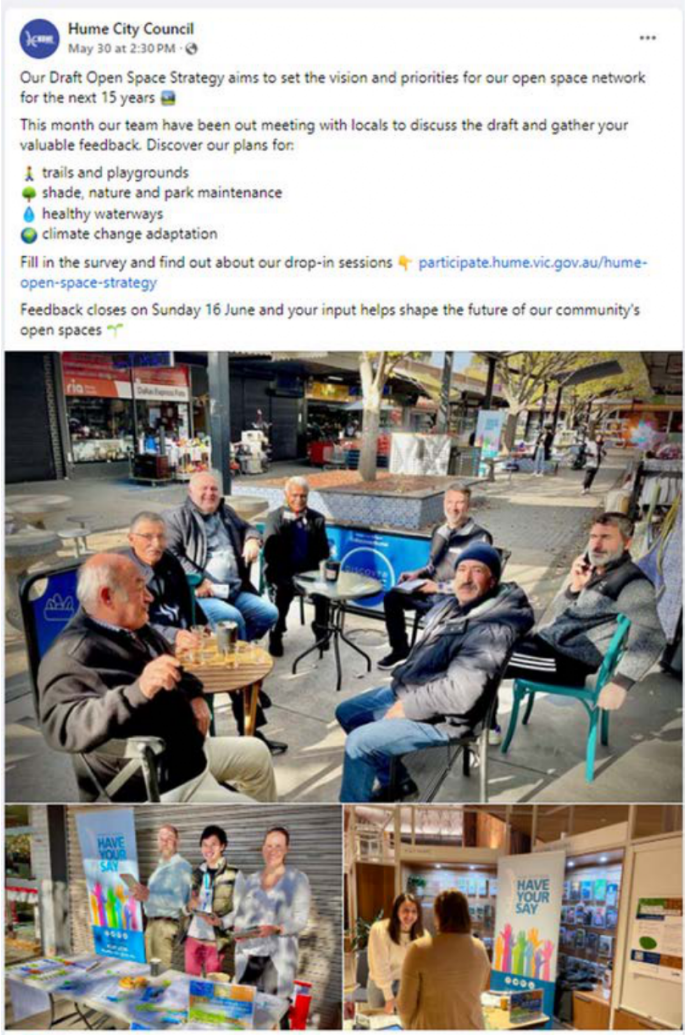
Seating/tables (66%)

Playspaces with swings, more adventure play or challenging play, and a split between junior and senior play (59.2%)

Large grass open space - irrigated (53.3%)

Better and more paths (53.6)

Lighting (50.3%)



Above: Social media post inviting community to give feedback on Draft Open Space Strategy 10 May 2024. Images from Dallas Dargie Court, Olsen Place, and Sunbury Global Learning Centre.

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Draft Open Space Strategy 2024 - Community and Stakeholder Feedback

The Draft Open Space Strategy was released for feedback in May-June 2024 and received broad support.

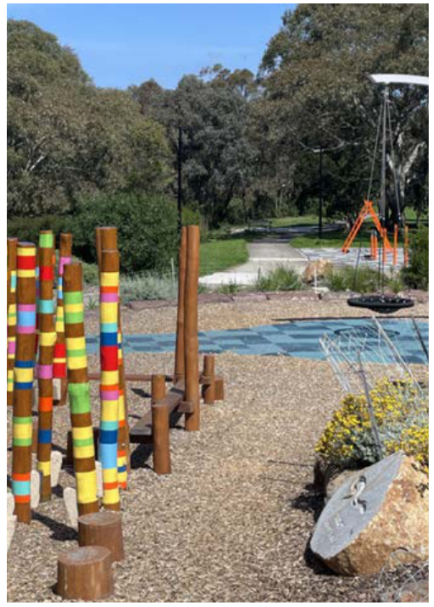
Consultation reached well over 6000 community members with input received by over 275 people.

Community feedback included:

- Broad support for the draft Strategy, including support for trails, shade, play, protecting nature and reflecting Traditional Owner cultural values
- Strong support by residents to prioritise investment in the open space gap areas in the south of the municipality, such as Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.
- Helpful feedback on ways open space can better support multicultural communities and seniors.
- Different priorities emerging for different suburbs – for example, a strong emphasis for more spaces in Campbellfield, whereas Sunbury residents emphasised more trails, cultural heritage and nature protection. Roxburgh Park residents emphasised safety and park improvements, and Mickleham residents emphasised more linear walking connections.

In-Community Survey Responses

From 197 in park responses



Which 'Optimise' priorities are most important to you? (Select up to 6)

☐ Sitting, walking through and relaxing in parks	Selected by 79%
☐ Enjoying nature	Selected by 64%
☐ Meeting friends or family in parks	Selected by 62%
☐ Trees and shade for the neighbourhood	Selected by 62%
☐ Play equipment for children	Selected by 60%
☐ Connected trails for walking and cycling	Selected by 51%
☐ Equipment for teenagers	Selected by 30%
☐ Organised cultural events and activities	Selected by 28%
☐ Equipment for seniors	Selected by 26%
☐ Organised sports	Selected by 24%
☐ Dog off-leash play	Selected by 19%

Which three 'Protect' priorities are most important to you? (Select 3)

☐ Plants and wildlife for biodiversity	Selected by 75%
☐ Trees for shade and amenity	Selected by 64%
☐ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Aboriginal values	Selected by 57%
☐ Heritage features showcasing past uses	Selected by 55%
☐ Healthy waterways	Selected by 31%
☐ Climate preparedness for heat, drought, fire, flood & storm damage	Selected by 16%

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5.1 Decision Making Frameworks

Prioritising and scoping "protect" actions

This framework has guided "protect" recommendations and will be further drawn upon to help maximise open space outcomes.

There is to be no net loss of open space.
A reallocation of open space from areas of generous supply to gap areas can only be supported if the removal does not detract from ecological, cultural, placemaking, and safety values.

Where open space is adjoining built form, prioritise their connection with each other by providing a frontage that encourages people to walk along or look out onto the open space. This will provide passive surveillance of open space, and help enrich the public domain.

The framework questions shown on the right help prioritise projects and guide design decisions.

Key Policy Directions for 'Protect' are set out in Section 1.3 to guide open space decisions.

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and impacts of climate change

Diverse	Does the project help protect Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values, on-Country connections, stories, or ceremony as self-determined?
	Does the project protect and interpret heritage, places and stories valued by diverse community?
Resilient	Does the project protect ecological values?
	Does the project protect existing trees and support their ongoing healthy growth?
	Does the project protect continued access to parks by protecting against floods, storms or fires?
Equitable	Does the project protect open space qualities for communities with the most need?
	Does the project help to protect against litter, dumping and anti-social behaviour?
Accessible	Does the project protect or reclaim open space from encroaching development, works and interfaces?
	Does the project promote or educate for the care of open space?
Multi Functional	Does the project support multiple uses of space to help protect infrastructure-free areas?

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Identifying and prioritising open space investment

This framework has guided 'optimise' recommendations and will be further drawn upon in project selection and design to optimise open space outcomes.

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

Identify

Will the open space be renewed or upgraded?

Renewal
Replacing an asset with one that performs the same core function, even if it is better quality. It applies to assets that are damaged or at end-of-life.

Playspaces are renewed every 15-20 years. Additional canopy is considered renewal (except for oasis areas)

Upgrades
Adding new assets that either serve additional people or provide a new visitor experience.

Upgrades apply, subject to budget, when needing to:

- service a growing population
- meet the infrastructure levels of service where there has been a shortfall
- meet new infrastructure levels of service when a reserve has been reclassified
- compensate for a lack of nearby open spaces (eg Broadmeadows)
- fill a gap in providing for community events

Key Policy Directions for 'Optimise' are set out in Section 1.4 to guide open space decisions.

Prioritise

Diverse	Does the project maintain or improve the mix of open space experiences in the neighbourhood?
	Does the project support the heritage, places and stories valued by the diverse community?
	Is the project in partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung?
Resilient	Will the project increase canopy cover by 20% - 70% by 2050?
	Will the project enhance biodiversity, habitat or waterway links?
	Will the project enhance capacity to respond to floods or drought?
	Will the project increase resilience to high visitor use?
Equitable	Does the project benefit communities lacking in access to open space experiences?
	Does the project help make open space safer and easier for women and gender diverse people to visit?
Accessible	Does the project improve connections and accessibility for people of all ages and abilities?
	Does the project improve wayfinding, interpretation, and multi-lingual information?
Multi Functional	Does the project support multiple uses of visitor infrastructure?
	Does the project improve environmental outcomes for air, water, soil, or reduced materials?

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Identifying and prioritising land investment for new open space

This framework has guided 'grow' recommendations and will be further used to help ensure potential land investment will maximise open space outcomes.

Equity is prioritised as the most important outcome.

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

Diverse	Will the land contribute to the mix of visitor experiences for the precinct and neighbourhood?
	Will the land support Traditional Owner priorities for cultural values, heritage and land management?
Resilient	Does the site have existing biodiversity values or potential to improve habitat/wildlife corridors?
	Does the site have climate adaptation value? Can it contribute to urban cooling? Or drought, bushfire, flood, storm management?
Equitable	Is the site supporting residents with higher average financial hardship, health and mobility challenges?
	Does the acquisition fill a gap in walking distance access to open space, or in an areas with low amounts of open space per person?
Accessible	Does the site have space to support all abilities access, design and features?
	Does the site have and/or help improve good passive surveillance to help visitors feel safer?
Multi Functional	Does the site have potential to provide environmental benefits (clean air, water, soil)?
	Does the site have potential to host outdoor gatherings, or help enhance nearby places and shops?

Key Policy Directions for 'Grow' are set out in Section 1.5 to guide open space decisions.

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5.2 Waterways and Trails

Waterways and Open Space

Waterways are a central feature of the cultural and ecological landscape of Hume.

Waterways and wetlands are greatly enjoyed by residents as they walk, ride and reflect in these enjoyable natural open spaces.

They are highly valued by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung because of their importance to culture, spirituality, and caring for Country.

Open space planning will be delivered in the context of protecting and enhancing our waterways and water bodies. This will be done by supporting the following objectives:

- value waterways in their catchment, ecological and cultural landscapes. Use this to guide next steps for open space planning, land management, waterway health, integrated water management and cultural values.
- apply a broad 'Waterways of Hume Master Plan' approach that will help prioritise waterway-specific masterplanning projects, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung naming priorities, and partnership projects.
- advocate and support existing and future collaborative regional partnerships to help meet waterway parkland objectives. This includes Merri Creek Management Committee, Chain of Ponds Committee, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands Partnership Group.



Trails and Open Space

Providing trails for recreation is a valuable role of open space. Small walking loops are greatly enjoyed in larger parks.

Longer trails are valuable for recreation and nature connection and can also benefit people riding to work and other places. Longer trails that are off-road, and where possible in a shady linear reserve, provide a low-stress route that can encourage people to leave their car at home and instead enjoy walking, cycling and using mobility aids for their transport.

To support the creation of these trails, Council seeks wide safe shared-use trails and connected routes. Safety of walkers, children, elderly, off-leash dogs and cyclists are important design considerations. Tree shade and signage to areas with drinking water and toilets is sought.

The creation of more shared use paths along waterways is a priority. This is challenging due to the high ecological and cultural values of these areas, not to mention topography, soil stability and contamination. This is why new developments facing waterways need to be set back to allow for trails along the edge of the parklands.

Creating trails along railway corridors and pipetracks are also important priorities.

Trail creation is a long-term commitment and needs to happen via a site-by-site approach. It is important for planners to pursue trail implementation as the opportunity arises even though it may appear as a small piece of trail going nowhere.

Trail creation in open spaces help implement Council's Transport Strategy along with regional commitments including the Northern Region Trails Strategy.

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5.3 Urban Canopy

Tree Canopy and Open Space

All reserves will increase their urban canopy and some will feature 'oasis areas' as set out in Precinct Summaries.

These are a landscape feature rather than a park function. They may be set for a portion of the reserve or the entire reserve.

Streetscape canopy is also important and will be addressed in a upcoming urban forest plan.

Urban Forest Principles

1. Hume's healthy and resilient urban forest improves the urban environment and responds to a changing climate
2. Hume's urban forest contributes to equity and social justice for residents
3. Hume's communities value the urban forest in both the public and private realm, and participate in its creation and maintenance
4. Hume's urban forest improves the urban environment and contributes towards the identity and character of its neighbourhoods
5. Hume will protect and retain the existing urban forest, with heritage, indigenous and large old trees as a priority, while establishing the next generation of urban trees
6. Hume's urban forest contributes to local biodiversity
7. Hume will innovate and collaborate to be a leader in urban forestry.

Principles adopted by Council 23 March 2020

Increasing Tree Canopy Cover in Hume

Canopy cover across Hume's urban areas was less than 4% in 2012

Open space reserves will all have at least 20% canopy cover by 2050

To help neighbourhoods with urban heat impacts, some open space reserves will have much higher canopy targets to provide respite.

Oasis Area

70% canopy cover by 2050 for an 'oasis area'.

All urban precincts are to have at least two 'oasis areas' that are inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days.

Includes irrigation, ideally from recycled water to help with climate resilience.

Tree Reserve

50% canopy cover by 2050 for a 'tree reserve'.

All precincts are to have dedicated 'tree reserves' that prioritise canopy growth and avoid infrastructure except for low-impact paths or seating provided as shady respite for community.

All other reserves

20% canopy cover by 2050 for all other reserves*

Priority planting will be along paths and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will seek to reach ~~20~~ 50% canopy coverage.

*Exceptions to the 20% apply where ecological priorities, utility service limitations, or sports area limitations exist.

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5.4 Social Recreation

Hume has many parks with a primary function of 'social recreation'. Here are some of the visitor experiences that social recreation supports.

Play and Open Space

Hume is committed to providing a diversity of play and recreation experiences to support physical, social and mental wellbeing of people of different ages and abilities (and where necessary, their carers).

This could include play equipment for groups of children to use, accessible imaginative elements, high contrast finishes, quiet spaces, removing surface level changes, opportunities to explore materials and providing seats with arm and back rests under shade.

Including a kick-about space for ball games is important, and also important is equipment to challenge and engage older children and adults. This could be a half court, scooter/bike loops, monkey bars, fitness equipment and basket swings. Shade is important for sunsmart play.

Water play and art can be included in some district and regional scale parks, where appropriate. See further information in Council's 'Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service' in Section5.6.

Formal sportsfields and sports clubs are also provided in district scale reserves across Hume.

Playspace renewal is undertaken every 15-20 years, and some parks will be upgraded to provide additional features. These parks are set out in the Precinct Summaries and have been recommended based on gap areas and needs.

Council will develop a Playspace Strategy and Active Living Strategy setting directions for an equitable provision of play and recreation experiences in Hume. See glossary for definitions of play equipment, play upgrades, play renewals.



Events and Open Space

More of Hume's larger reserves can be designed to better support community events and outdoor gatherings. This will help bring people together for activities ranging from family group gatherings to larger cultural festivals.

Outdoor gathering spaces need shelter, bbqs, toilets, water, power, nearby carparking and good design to help make events work better for everyone while protecting the reserve. The event infrastructure requirements for district parks are set out in Council's 'Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service' in Section 5.6.

See the precinct summaries for reserves that will be investigated for improved better outdoor event infrastructure.

Dogs and Open Space

Dogs are important companions for many residents. Dedicated off-leash dog areas are provided throughout the municipality. These are generally large open areas located away from busy gathering places and housing areas.

Some fenced off-leash dog areas known as 'dog parks' are also provided. See glossary for further information.

Additional dog off-leash areas are needed in some precincts. See Appendix D and precinct summaries for more information.

Dog and dog owner behaviour continues to require education and enforcement to ensure that all safety and dog-litter concerns are addressed.

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5.5 Linking Parks and Business

Street Shops and Open Space

Open spaces can support businesses in multiple ways. For example:

- Suburbs with quality parks attract new residents, who in turn purchase from, and may even work for, local businesses.
- A park located near a shopping area can help attract more people as they may come to play at the park, and then also purchase lunch or necessities while on the same trip, or vice versa. Having two motivations increases the likelihood of visits.
- A park with both sun and shade, along with seating can support nearby takeaway businesses by creating a desirable place to eat. Shops, in turn, can help to monitor litter to reduce its impact.
- People enjoy long walks and will often seek to buy a coffee or cold drink during the walk.
- Parks near industry provide opportunities for workers to enjoy a brief respite during lunchtime. With good shade trees, a park can also help reduce the urban heat impact for surrounding businesses.

A list of street-facing shopping strips and squares is provided on the right. It includes recommendations to improve placemaking and business viability. Large shopping centres are not included.



Street Based Shopping Centres	Open Space Opportunity to Support Business Activity and Placemaking
Precinct 2	
Goonawarra. 20 Dornoch Drive, Sunbury Small local shopping centre - approx. 6 premises	Located next to **Tulsa Drive Reserve** which offers play, sport and small event experiences. Better walking links, viewlines and wayfinding signage will enhance this place experience.
Precinct 3	
24-38 Batman Avenue, Sunbury Small local shopping centre - approx. 7 premises	Located 5 minutes walk from the **Hume Street Reserve** and **Lawson Street Reserve**, Sunbury. These reserves are not within viewlines but signage can help with links.
54-60 Macedon Street, Sunbury Small local shopping centre - approx. 5 premises	Located 5 minutes walk from **The Nook** Sunbury. The Nook and Skyline Reserve are a popular walking route and these shops offer nearby refreshments. Wayfinding signage needed.
8-22 Melba Avenue, Sunbury Large local shopping centre - approx. 7 premises	Located 5 minutes walk to **Heyson Drive Reserve** which is a popular walking route and these shops can offer nearby refreshments. Picnic seating and wayfinding signage needed.
Precinct 4	
85 Belleview Drive, Sunbury Small shopping centre - approx. 8 premises	Located 1 minutes walk from **Jacksons Park** and **Galaxyland**. This regional park attracts visitors from afar including many seeking refreshments and picnic food. Wayfinding signage needed.
Precinct 5	
Bulla Road, Bulla Small shopping centre - approx 3 premises	Located 5 minutes walk from **Bulla Parklands**. Visitors to this regional parkland can enjoy dining nearby and shopping for conveniences.
Precinct 6	
212-220 Greenvale Drive, Greenvale Small shopping centre - approx. 6 premises	Located 3 minutes walk from **Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve**, and 3 minutes walk from **Greenvale Drain (Creek)** leading into Broadmeadows Valley Park. Wayfinding signage needed.
Precinct 7	
Cnr Carrick & Clarke Dve, Gladstone Park Small local shopping centre - 1 premise	Located 1 minutes walk to **Carrick Reserve** and **Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands** offering a refreshment destination when walking along Moonee Ponds Creek. Signage needed.
49-59 Dawson Street, Tullamarine Small local shopping centre - approx. 6 premises	Located 2 minutes walk to **Leo Dineen Reserve** which offers sport and play experiences. Wayfinding signage and picnic seating may improve placemaking links and business activity.

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Street Based Shopping Centres (continued)	Open Space Opportunity to Support Business Activity and Placemaking
Cnr Carrick Dve & Gaynor Cres, Gladstone Park Small local shopping centre - 2 premises	Located 1 minutes walk to **Jack Ginifer Reserve**. Wayfinding signage needed. Consider redesign of carpark to create a small civic area for picnic and seating to support food businesses.
Melrose Drive, Tullamarine Large local shopping centre - approx 12 premises	Located 5 minutes walk to **Camp Hill Park** via pedestrian crossing across Melrose Drive. Wayfinding signage, picnic seating and climate shelter will help more people to enjoy food purchases from nearby businesses.
Village Crescent, Westmeadows Small local shopping centre - approx. 1 premise	Located 3 minutes from shady seating in **Parkmore-Vista Linear Reserve** and 5 minutes from picnic seating at **Parkmore Crescent Reserve**. Consider additional shelter at Parkmore Crescent Reserve. Wayfinding signage needed.
Westmeadows - 15-23 Fawkner Street Neighbourhood shopping centre - approx. 14 premises	Located 1 minutes walk to **Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands** trail and 3 minutes walk to the sports and play facilities at **Westmeadows Reserve.** Better walking links, viewlines and wayfinding signage between shops and open space will enhance this place experience.
Precinct 8	
1-13 Central Grove, Broadmeadows Small local shopping centre - approx. 7 premises	Located within 10 minutes walk of **Seabrook Reserve** and 5 minutes of Merlynston Creek Parklands. Signage needed. Future plans for open space in this 'open space gap area' can consider improved viewlines and access between this shopping strip and Merlynston Creek.
Dargie Court, Dallas Neighbourhood shopping centre - approx. 24 premises	Located within 3 minutes walk to **Kevin DeLaine Reserve.** Long term reorientation of some businesses to increase viewlines may enhance park links and increase trader activity.
Emu Parade, Jacana Small local shopping centre - approx. 12 premises	Located within 5 minutes walk to **Gavin Street Reserve** which is a small park with play features. Investigate the feasibility of picnic seating and wayfinding signage.
77-87 King Street Dallas Small local shopping centre - approx. 9 premises	Located next to **Laura Douglas Reserve** and **Merlynston Creek Parklands**. Provide picnic seating, shade and trails for people to enjoy food purchases from businesses.
Olson Place, Broadmeadows Neighbourhood shopping centre - approx 26 premises	Not located within easy walking distance of green open space. Future plans for open space in this 'open space gap area' can consider potential links with this shopping strip.
10-24 Railway Crescent, Broadmeadows Small local shopping centre - approx. 8 premises	Not located within easy walking distance of open space. Advocacy for upgrade of Broadmeadows Rail Station is to include request for public open space.
Precinct 9	
101 Ravenhill Boulevard, Roxburgh Park Medium shopping centre - approx. 9 premises	Located next to **Roxburgh Homestead Park** creating a multiple destination trip. Improved shade and trail connections will enhance this further.
Precinct 10	
17-37 Augusta Avenue, Campbellfield Small local shopping centre - approx. 9 premises	Not located within easy walking distance of open space. Future plans for open space in this 'open space gap area' should consider potential links with this shopping strip.
Fordgate. 315-355 Barry Road, Campbellfield Neighbourhood shopping centre - approx. 15 premises	Not located within easy walking distance of open space. Future plans for open space in this 'open space gap area' should consider potential links with this shopping strip.
520-550 Mahoneys Road, Campbellfield Neighbourhood shopping centre - approx. 23 premises	Located 5 minutes walk to **Roebourne Crescent Park.** Wayfinding signage, picnic seating and climate shelter may help more people enjoy food purchases from local businesses.
12-24 Waratah Street, Campbellfield Small local shopping centre - approx. 7 premises	Not located within easy walking distance of open space. Future plans for open space in this 'open space gap area' can consider potential links with this shopping strip.
Precinct 11	
13-21 Bank Street, Craigieburn Small local shopping centre - approx. 4 premises	Located opposite **Bank Street Reserve**. Provide picnic seating, shade and paths for people to enjoy food purchases from businesses.
Kingswood 63-79 Hamilton St, Craigieburn Large local shopping centre - approx. 9 premises	Located 5 minutes walk to the **Malcolm Creek Parklands** trail and 3 minutes walk to play facilities at **Northern Crescent Reserve**. Walkers and cyclists will seek refreshments, and families welcome picnicking at the park. More wayfinding signage and picnic seating needed.
2-10 Pines Way, Craigieburn Small local shopping centre - approx. 5 premises	Located 1 minutes walk to **Victor Ian Foster Reserve** improved path connection and picnic seating will further enhance placemaking opportunities at this site.
176 Elevation Boulevard, Craigieburn Medium shopping strip - approx 12 premises	Located opposite **Vantage Boulevard Recreation Reserve** and 5 minutes walk from **Aitken Creek Parklands**. More wayfinding signage will help park users find refreshments for their visit.

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5.6 Open Space Infrastructure - Levels of Service

Infrastructure in Open Spaces

The hierarchy of a reserve - regional, district, neighbourhood or local - relates to the visitors' anticipated length of stay, distance travelled and quality of experience. Size of park also influences the hierarchy.

The primary function of a reserve (see table below) informs the infrastructure required.

Social Recreation	Casual recreation, gatherings, play and enjoyment of green space and nature
Sport	Formal organised sport
Conservation & Cultural Values	Protecting and/or enhancing biodiversity, habitat, cultural or heritage values. *Public access may be limited.*
Urban & Civic	Gathering place in a busy activity area. Can host organised events, markets, and festivals.
Tree Reserve	Nature enjoyment, and urban forest protection, enhancement and cooling
Linear Links & Trails	Enjoyable walking and cycling links that can also support scenic opportunities
Drainage	Waterway and drainage protection. *Public access may be limited.*
Ancillary	Infrastructure protection, for example powerline easements. *Public access may be limited.*

Together the hierarchy and function are used as the basis of the infrastructure *levels of service*.

Please note, the primary function of a reserve can change following a master plan or strategic planning process, or due to a change in environmental or climate change conditions.

Infrastructure Levels of Service

Local - few assets and simple quality designs to cater for nearby residents who walk to the site for short visits.

Neighbourhood - designed to cater for the wider community, these spaces typically have a mix of facilities for informal play, social gatherings and sometimes sport.

District - a drawcard for a wide range of user groups. These sites accommodate longer stays with high quality infrastructure at more than one activity zone to support multiple social gatherings. They sometimes support sport, or conservation and cultural values.

Regional - These large spaces are often nature based waterways, conservation and cultural values sites with seating, paths, scenic views. Social recreation and sporting sites include a range of activities that can accommodate use by larger numbers of people.

	Local	Neigh-bourhood	District	Regional
Length of Stay	up to 1 hr	1-2 hrs	2 hrs +	2 hrs +
Typical Distance Travelled	400m	800m	2km	approx 50km
Visitation Levels	Low	Med-high	High	Very High
Primary Mode of Transport	Walk, Cycle	Walk, Cycle, Drive, Public Transport	Cycle, Public Transport, Drive	Public Transport, Drive

Community Expectations

Residents understandably request Council to provide a wide diversity of visitor infrastructure and nature enhancements in their favourite parks.

Infrastructure levels of service help the community and land developers to understand how Council applies an equitable approach to make sure there are no communities that have less park investment than others.

Two Interrelated Levels of Service

Infrastructure Levels of Service
Sets out the type and number of assets required to be found in open space, depending on the reserve's hierarchy and primary function.

They provide clarity regarding the expected infrastructure, minimise unnecessary investment, support equity across the municipality, and ensure a sustainable asset management approach.

Hume's core infrastructure levels of service are set out in the following pages.

Maintenance Levels of Service
Sets out the maintenance frequency and type that will be undertaken at parks depending on their hierarchy. The maintenance levels of service will be updated to reflect this strategy.

DIRECTIONS

Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service

Local

These spaces provide greenery to the streetscape and are generally used by nearby residents for daily recreational activities like playing, walking or sitting under a tree. They are not designed to host events or sports. They can reach over 1ha in size however are usually much smaller.

Park infrastructure must be made of robust materials with easily replaceable components to support maintenance. Sustainable materials are preferred.

All parks will have healthy tree canopy striving for 50% cover by 2050 (minimum of 20%) and higher for tree reserves and oasis areas.

Irrigation is not supported in local parks, except where Council determines it has high visitation levels or special horticultural requirements. Temporary irrigation can be provided for plant establishment.

The primary function determines the infrastructure levels of service. However, where this is 'drainage' or 'ancillary spaces', infrastructure is generally guided by the secondary function (while ensuring drainage, flooding, easement protection).

Additional design detail for infrastructure is provided in the Hume Landscape Guidelines.

Infrastructure Levels of Service - Local to be read in conjunction with Hume Landscape Guidelines	Primary Open Space Function			
	Linear Links and Trails	Social Recreation	Tree Reserve	Conservation & Cultural Values
Infrastructure				
Bicycle Racks	0	0	X	X
Drinking Fountain/Tap	0	0	X	X
Fencing/ Bollards	0	0	0	0
Garden Beds	0	0	0	X
Kickabout Area	X	00	X	X
Lighting – Safety/Timed After Hours	0	X	X	X
Paths - Shared Use - Walking and Cycling - 2.5-3m	0	0	X	0
Paths - Primary - Pedestrian 2.0m	0	0	X	0
Paths - Secondary - Pedestrian 1.5m	0	0	0	0
Play Space	X	0	X	X
Public Toilet (minimum two cubicles)	X	X	X	X
Public Art	X	0	X	X
Public Litter Bins	0	0	X	X
Seating - chair with back and arms, bench seats, other	0	000	0	0
Seating – picnic setting	0	0	X	0
Shelter	X	0	X	X
Tree Canopy	000	000	000	0
Signage - Interpretive/Wayfinding/Park Entry/Advisory	0	0	X	0

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DIRECTIONS

Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service

Neighbourhood

These spaces typically have a wider mix of facilities and amenities than local parks. They are generally sized between 0.75-5 ha.

Neighbourhood sport sites have facilities for one sport, such as one oval. They are not lit for nighttime use and typically cannot host tournaments or events.

Park infrastructure must be made of robust materials with easily replaceable components for ongoing maintenance. Sustainable materials preferred.

All parks will have healthy tree canopy striving for 50% cover by 2050 (minimum of 20%) and higher for tree reserves and oasis areas.

Irrigation is not supported in neighbourhood parks, except where Council determines it has high visitation levels or special horticultural requirements. Temporary irrigation (up to two years) can be provided for plant establishment.

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Infrastructure Levels of Service - Neighbourhood to be read in conjunction with Hume Landscape Guidelines	Primary Open Space Function			
	Sport	Linear Links and Trails	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values
Infrastructure				
BBQ Facilities	0	X	0	X
Bicycle Racks	000	0	0	0
Car Parking - Sealed (permeable or passively irrigating adjacent areas)	000	X	0	0
Court - Half-Court, Multisport, Tennis, Netball, other	0	X	00	X
Dog Off Leash Area (subject to location, design and precinct needs criteria)	0	0	X	X
Drinking Fountain/Tap	000	0	000	X
Fencing/Bollards	0	0	0	00
Garden Beds	000	0	000	X
Kickabout Area	0	X	000	X
Lighting – Safety/Timed After Hours	0	0	0	X
Outdoor Exercise/mobility equipment	0	0	0	X
Outdoor Gathering Facilities (coordinated infrastructure for multiple groups: eg: shelter/s, picnic tables, public toilets, drinking fountain, bbq)	0	X	0	X
Paths - Shared - Pedestrian and Cycle - 2.5-3.0m	00	00	00	0
Paths - Primary - Pedestrian 2.0m	00	00	00	0
Paths - Secondary - Pedestrian 1.5m	00	00	00	0
Play Space	0	X	000	X
Public Art	0	0	0	X
Public Litter Bins	000	0	000	X
Public Toilet (minimum two cubicles)	0	X	0	X
Scooter/Bike/Pump Track/Skate Elements	0	X	0	X
Seating - chair with back and arms, bench seats, other	000	00	000	0
Seating – picnic settings	000	0	000	0
Shelter	00	0	00	0
Signage - Interpretive/Wayfinding/Park Entry/Advisory	000	0	0	0
Sports - Field	000	X	0	X
Tree Canopy	000	000	000	0

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DIRECTIONS

Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service

District

These large spaces are designed to attract a wide range of users for different purposes. Visitors may stay for multiple hours and enjoy sports, outdoor gatherings, events, play, long walks and more.

At sport sites it is expected that there will be two or more sport facilities such as two ovals, or an oval and courts for example.

Park infrastructure must be made of robust materials with easily replaceable components for ongoing maintenance. Bespoke feature infrastructure can be considered. Sustainable materials preferred.

All parks will have healthy tree canopy striving for 50% cover by 2050 (minimum of 20%) and higher for tree reserves and oasis areas.

Irrigation is supported in district parks in areas of high use or special horticultural requirements. This is to be sourced from recycled water or harvested from stormwater unless agreed by Council.

The primary function determines the infrastructure levels of service. However, where this is 'drainage' or 'ancillary spaces', infrastructure is generally guided by the secondary function (while ensuring drainage, flooding, easements protection).

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Infrastructure Levels of Service - District to be read in conjunction with Hume Landscape Guidelines	Primary Open Space Function			
	Sport	Linear Links and Trails	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values
Infrastructure				
BBQ Facilities	000	X	000	X
Bicycle Racks	000	0	000	0
Car Parking - Sealed (permeable or passively irrigating adjacent areas)	000	X	000	0
Court - Tennis or Netball	0	X	0	X
Court - Half-Court or Multisport	0	X	0	X
Dog Off Leash Area (subject to location, design and precinct needs criteria)	0	0	0	X
Drinking Fountain/Tap	000	X	000	X
Event Facilities (power, water, shelter, loading area)	0	X	0	X
Outdoor Gathering Facilities (coordinated infrastructure for multiple groups: eg: shelter/s, picnic tables, public toilets, drinking fountain, bbq, car parking)	000	X	000	X
Fencing/Bollards	0	0	0	0
Garden Beds	000	0	000	X
Kickabout Area	0	X	000	X
Lighting – Safety/Timed After Hours	000	0	0	X
Lighting - Sport	000	X	X	X
Outdoor Exercise/mobility equipment	0	X	0	X
Paths - Shared - Pedestrian and Cycle - 2.5-3.0m	00	00	00	0
Paths - Primary - Pedestrian 2.0m	00	00	00	0
Paths - Secondary - Pedestrian 1.5m	00	00	00	0
Play space	000	X	000	X
Play space - Waterplay (reticulated system)	0	X	0	X
Public art	0	0	0	0
Public Toilet (minimum two cubicles)	000	X	000	0
Public Litter Bins	000	0	000	0
Scooter/Bike/Pump Track	0	X	0	X
Seating - chair with back and arms, bench seats, other	000	00	000	0
Seating – picnic settings	000	X 0	000	0
Shelter	000	0	000	0
Skate Park	0	X	0	X
Sports - Field	000	X	0	X
Signage - Interpretive/ Wayfinding/ Park Entry/Advisory	000	000	000	000
Tree Canopy	000	000	000	0

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DIRECTIONS

Open Space Infrastructure Levels of Service

Regional

These large spaces are often nature based waterways and conservation sites with seating, paths, scenic views. Social recreation and sporting sites include multiple activities that can accommodate use by larger numbers of people who expect to stay for multiple hours.

At sport sites it is expected that there will be facilities for three or more different sports, accommodating competition play and community events.

Park infrastructure must be made of robust materials, with easily replaceable components for ongoing maintenance. Bespoke feature infrastructure can be considered. Sustainable materials preferred.

All parks will have healthy tree canopy striving for 50% cover by 2050 (minimum of 20%) and higher for tree reserves and oasis areas.

Irrigation is supported in district parks in areas of high use or special horticultural requirements. This is to be sourced from recycled water or harvested from stormwater unless agreed by Council.

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Infrastructure Levels of Service - Regional to be read in conjunction with Hume Landscape Guidelines	Primary Open Space Function			
	Sport	(Waterway) Drainage	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values
Infrastructure				
BBQ Facilities	000	X	000	0
Bicycle Racks	000	0	000	0
Car Parking - Sealed (permeable or passively irrigating adjacent areas)	000	X	000	0
Court - Tennis or Netball	0	X	0	X
Court - Half-Court or Multisport	00	X	0	X
Dog Off Leash Area (subject to location, design and precinct needs criteria)	00	0	00	0
Drinking Fountain/Tap	000	0	000	0
Event Facilities (power, water, shelter, loading area)	000	X	00	X
Outdoor Gathering Facilities (coordinated infrastructure for multiple groups: eg: shelter/s, picnic tables, public toilets, drinking fountain, bbq, car parking)	000	X	000	X
Fencing/Bollards	0	0	0	0
Garden Beds	000	0	000	X
Kickabout Area	0	0	000	0
Lighting – Safety/Timed After Hours	000	0	00	X
Lighting - Sport	000	X	X	X
Outdoor Exercise/Mobility Equipment	0	X	0	X
Paths - Shared - Pedestrian and Cycle - 2-5-3.0m	00	00	00	0
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Shelter	000	0	000	0
Play space	000	X	000	X
Play space - Waterplay (reticulated system)	0	X	0	X
Public Art	0	X	0	X
Public toilet (minimum two cubicles)	000	X	000	0
Public Litter Bins	000	0	000	0
Seating - chair with back and arms, bench seats, other	000	00	000	0
Seating – picnic settings	000	0	000	0
Scooter/Bike/Pump Track/Skate Elements	0	X	0	X
Sports - Field	000	X	0	X
Signage - Interpretive/ Wayfinding/ Park Entry/Advisory	000	000	000	000
Tree Canopy	000	000	000	0

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6. IMPLEMENTATION



IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Priority Actions

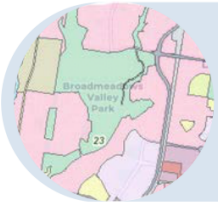
To implement the key policy directions, achieve the outcomes proposed and see fruition of the vision for the future of open space, the following priority actions are proposed.



Partner with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung to better reflect cultural and ecological values in open spaces with an emphasis on waterways



Enhance the park renewal and upgrade program to better support shade, play, recreation, gatherings and events, culture, connections and placemaking



Amend the planning scheme to better protect open space and enable supporting developer contributions



Enhance the urban forest program to create cooler shadier open spaces for all to enjoy



Continue park maintenance program including climate adaptation, and new initiatives for litter and dumping prevention



Establish a strategic land investment program to help more urban homes be within 400m walk of open space

IMPLEMENTATION

6.2 Implementation Plan

An implementation plan drawing on the deliveries below will be developed to determine timing priorities, business cases and funding sources.

Protect

P1 **Ecological Conservation**
Implement Conservation Management Plans and Cultural Management Plans for nature reserves.

P2 **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Values**
Develop an ongoing partnership with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) to support cultural values, cultural heritage, interpretive education and return of Country. This will also include a Waterways Of Hume project.

P3 **Planning Scheme and Land Administration**
Rezone open spaces to protect park status (approximately 28% of Hume's open space does not have an PPRZ or PPCZ zone) Work with State Government to ensure all Crown land has Council or another Committee of Management assigned.

P4 **Park Maintenance and Adaptation**
Continue park maintenance to deliver horticulture, turf, tree, and asset management. Confirm maintenance levels of service. Apply a sustainable funding model to respond to increasing climate and emergency costs arising from droughts, storms, floods and heatwaves.

P5 **Education and Enforcement**
Expand program to prevent litter, dumping and encroachment of open space.

Optimise

O1 **Urban Cooling**
Deliver urban forest program for open space

O2 **Park Renewal/Upgrade**
Increase park renewal program to meet target of all play spaces to be renewed within 15-20 years. Review distribution of play equipment in local open spaces to determine where any can be rationalised or upgraded.

O3 **Nature Based Walking and Cycling**
Progressively deliver strategic shared use trail extensions within open space. This will support relaxed visitor experiences within reserves, and in some areas contribute to the wider cycling network.

O4 **Expand Visitor Experiences**
Progressively deliver new outdoor gathering spaces and new dog off-leash spaces, while continuing to improve our active sport, social recreation and nature-based visitor experiences.

O5 **Community Engagement**
Deliver more web-based information to encourage more people to visit our parks. Increase signage and interpretative information in parks to help people better connect to their neighbourhoods. Support community group input in open space planning and activities.

Grow

G1 **Open Space Equity Investment Program**
Undertake Local Area Park Acquisition Studies to confirm land investment priorities for Council in providing open space to fill 'gap areas' and 'safety and connection areas'. Update governance procedures and where feasible, commence priority acquisition and embed an ongoing program of land investment supported by developer contributions.

G2 **Biodiversity, Cultural and Waterways Land Investment Program.** Advocate to State Government for ongoing purchase of significant biodiversity areas and waterway corridors. Undertake feasibility studies to confirm land acquisition priorities for Council in protecting critical biodiversity and waterway sites.

G3 **Developer Contributions and Planning Controls.** Use implementation plans as the basis for any review of open space contribution requirements in the Planning Scheme. Advocate and partner with State Government to implement public acquisition overlay for Maribyrnong River and lower Jacksons Creek frontage.

G4 **Outdoor Event Spaces**
Investigate feasibility of providing new civic urban plaza and/or outdoor event space in Sunbury. If necessary, investigate land for large outdoor events in the east of the municipality

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6.3 Funding

Providing quality open space is an important community service providing multiple benefits to Hume's community and environment.

The Open Space Strategy will support future budget bids seeking to deliver identified priorities. Financial commitments will be made via Council's annual and long term budget processes.

Maintenance and Renewal Funding

Funding for maintaining open space is provided by Council's rate revenue and delivers horticulture, turf, tree, asset management, waste, education and enforcement to protect and renew Council-managed open space.

Increased construction and approval costs due to supply, regulatory and community expectation changes have increased pressure on the funding. Emergency response works in response to storms, flooding and heatwaves are also increasing.

Renewal of all play equipment within 15-20 years needs to increase from around 7 to at least 16 reserves a year. Similar increases in servicing are needed in other areas simply to maintain existing parks and landscapes.

Upgrade and Land Investment Funding

Compared to maintenance, funding for upgrades and new land generally have additional funding sources available.

- *Open Space Contributions* collected via the Subdivision Act 1988. This is set at 5% of the land, or as a financial contribution totaling 5% of the value of the site, or a mix of both. For superlots and large sites this is likely to be a land contribution, and for smaller lots a financial contribution to enable Council to consolidate funding for land and/or improvements.
- *Developer Contributions* collected via the Planning and Environment Act 1987 can be a financial or land contribution. This is collected for Hume's growth areas in accordance with State Policy at a rate of 10% (with between 2.03% and 4.48% allocated for local parks). The contribution funding rates need to be reviewed and adjusted to meet open space obligations and objectives.
- *Partnerships* assist with funding. Such as:
  - working with Melbourne Water on open space assets along Moonee Ponds Creek and Merlynston Creek.
  - working with DEECA on Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands.
  - working with developers on new parks
- *Grants* are available for new initiatives such as revegetation, trail upgrades and more

Next steps

- Continued review and monitoring of asset **maintenance costs** and levels of service to ensure new costs pressures are addressed
- Expenditure of **open space contributions** will be strategically aligned to the priorities in this Open Space Strategy. This includes identified upgrades, and additional land in gap areas such as Broadmeadows. Consider the impact of new Melbourne Airport Overlay on subdivisions and the funding implications for open space.
- The **strategic open space land investment program** will progress from gap analysis into local area park acquisition studies. The most feasible sites will be presented as budget bids for acquisition.
- Proactive approach to **partnership** initiatives set out in this Open Space Strategy. For example, with State Government for Maribyrnong River Parklands, with Dept of Housing for open space links, and voluntary urban design frameworks with business.
- Review and update **open space contribution** rates collected via the Subdivision Act 1988
- Undertake review, implementation plan, and cl. 53.01 **planning scheme amendment** for developer contributions to more accurately reflect the costs of providing new open space land or upgrades to service new residents.

7. PRECINCT PROFILES



PRECINCT PROFILES

7.1 Precinct Level Needs Assessment

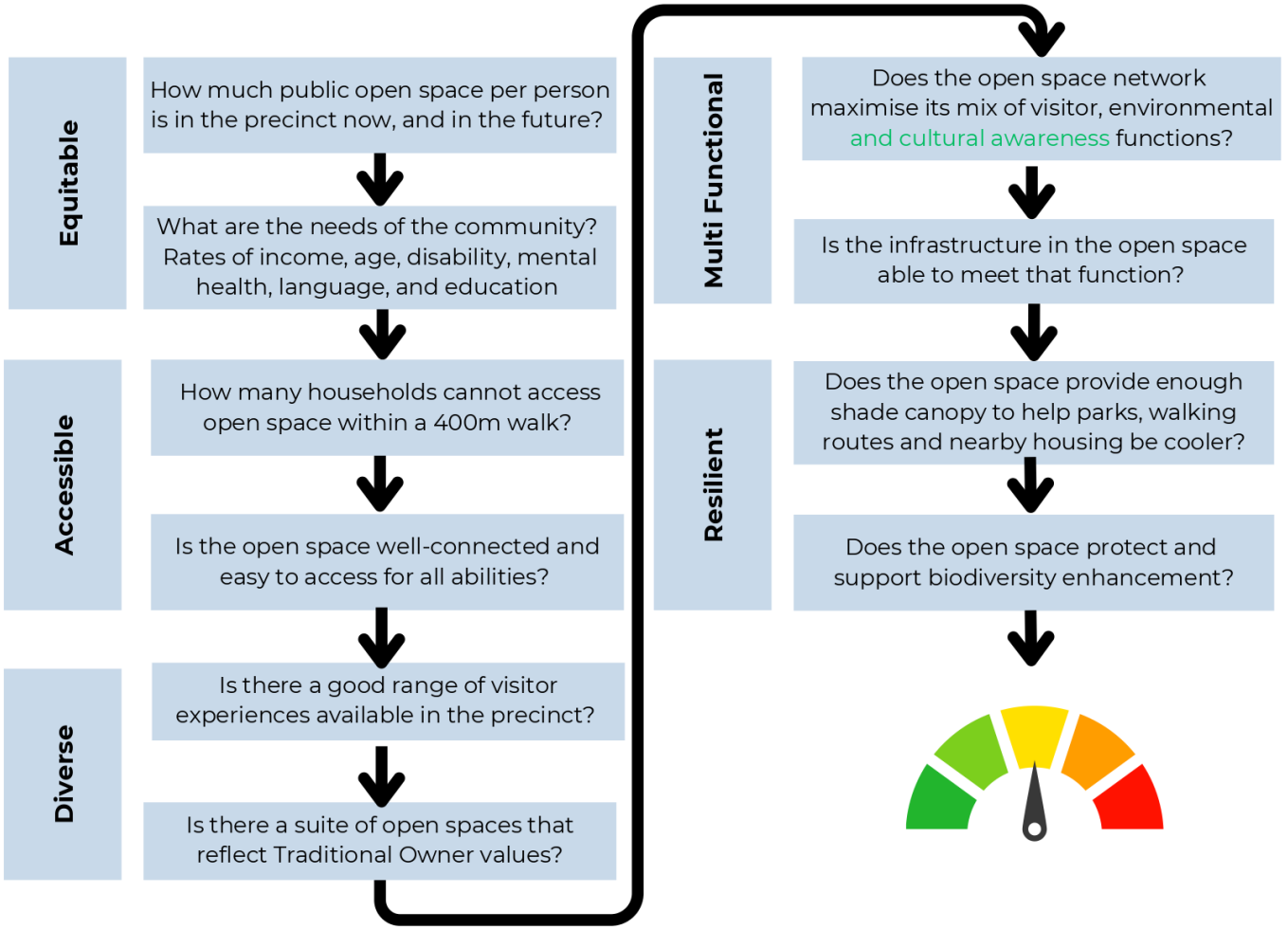
A needs assessment has been undertaken for each precinct.

The result is an overarching indicator for each precinct.



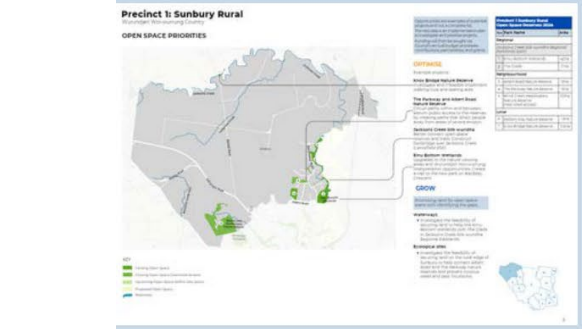
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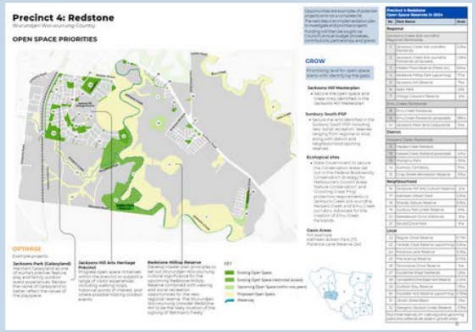
Summary profiles are provided for 13 precincts across Hume.

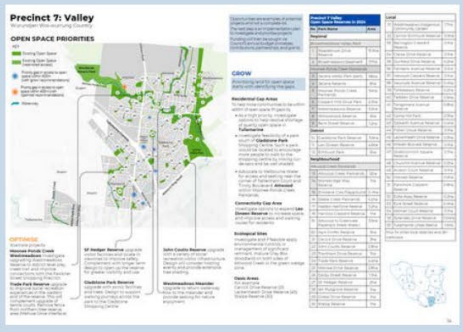


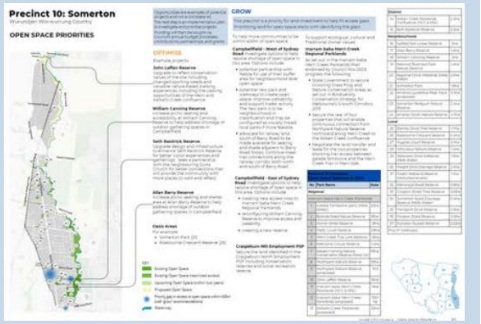
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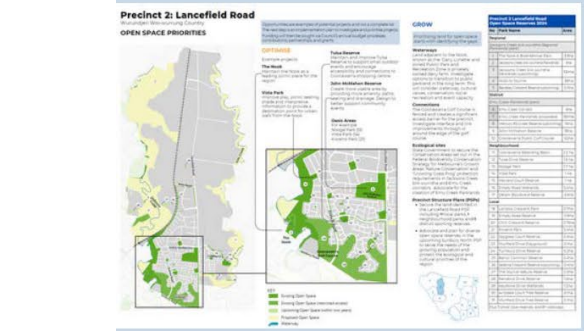
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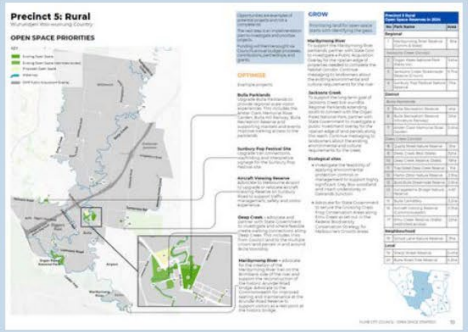


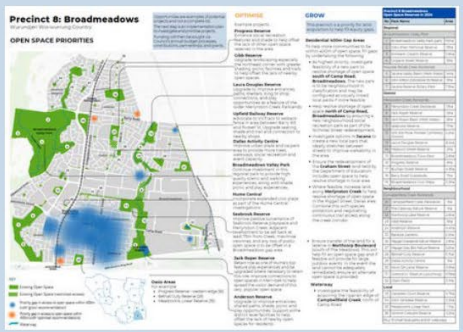


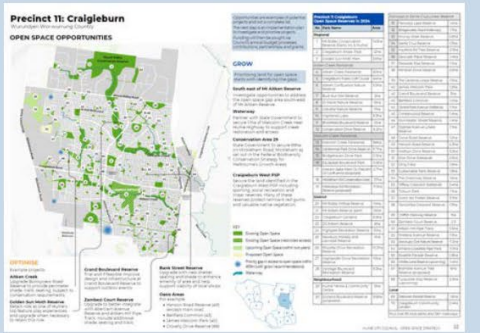




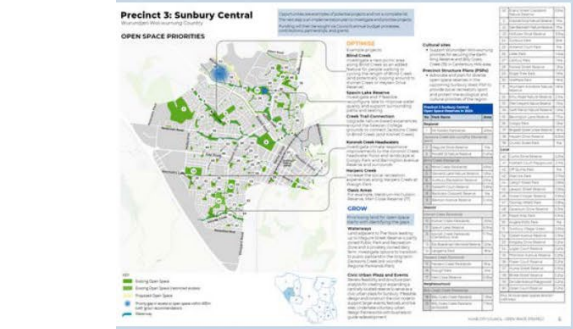


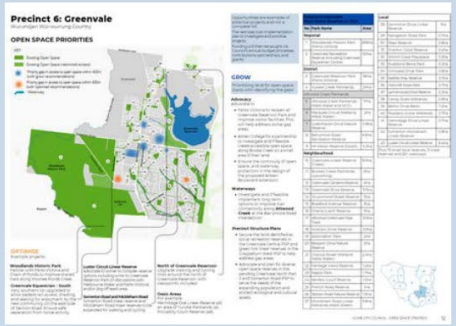


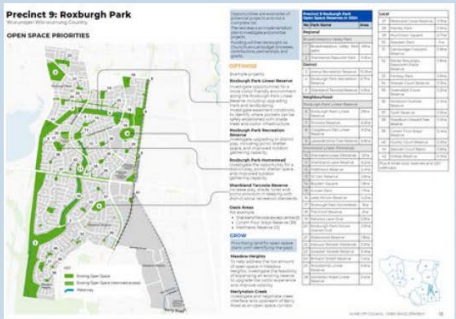


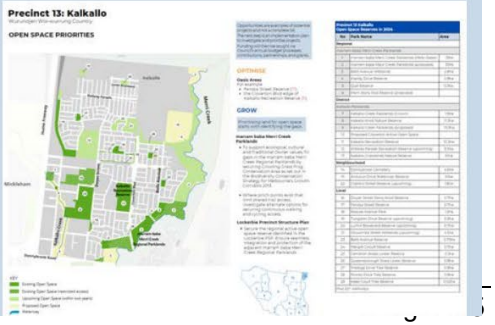












8. GLOSSARY



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Term	Definition
Accessible	Open spaces that allow visitor access and have clear entry points.
Accessibility	Open spaces that are designed with elements for use by people of all abilities and their carers. This includes senior carers, such as grandparents, people requiring mobility assistance and equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, prams or strollers. Can also be known as 'universal design' and 'design for all-abilities'.
All-abilities / Inclusivity	Parks are designed to support play by a variety of ages and abilities. This could include equipment for groups of children to use, accessible imaginative elements, high contrast finishes, quiet spaces, removing surface level changes, opportunities to explore materials and providing seats with arm and back rests under shade. All-abilities can also be referred to as 'inclusivity'
Alternate water source	Using non-potable sources of water, such as recycled water, harvested stormwater or rainwater tanks. Hume's *Integrated Water Management Plan* guides the use and opportunities for using alternate water sources in a time of climate change.
Civic Urban Plaza	A public space for formal and informal gatherings including entertainment events, markets, festivals and information sharing. They serve as a focal point and are located near significant buildings and public transport and include internet and digital infrastructure. Hume's urban plazas include Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre and upcoming Hume Central, Olsen Place and Dallas Activity Centre.
Committees of Management	Land acquired by State Government is known as Crown land. Once purchased a voluntary Committee of Management may be appointed for its management. This can be Traditional Owners, Council, Parks Victoria, sporting groups, or another non-profit organisation.
Conservation Management Plan	Sets out the objectives to improve or maintain the natural values within each conservation reserve or revegetation area. The objectives then drive the operational works and ensure that its implementation is strategic and meeting Federal and State legislative obligations and biodiversity aims.
Conservation Values	An overarching term to reflect the range of Federal, State and Local biodiversity and habitat values to be protected and enhanced through legislation, policy, and management. Hume's *Land and Biodiversity Plan* guides the management of conservation values across Hume.
Crown Land	Crown land is held by the Crown (the King) of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria. For this strategy, Crown land refers to State managed land unless identified as 'Crown - Commonwealth'. Crown land can be reserved for a particular public use, or unreserved. The land can be reserved for different purposes including nature, conservation, cultural values, parks and reserves. Unreserved Crown Land has not yet been set aside for a particular public use.

Term	Definition
Community Gardens	Land set aside to enable community members to undertake food growing. Community gardens are self-organised and offer opportunities for learning, gatherings and social connections. The land can be fenced from general public access. The location of the site is determined by Council to ensure it is not in an area of low open space that needs to remain available to the broader community.
Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs)	A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) is a written report prepared by a Heritage Advisor. It includes results of an assessment of the potential impact of a proposed activity on Aboriginal cultural heritage. It outlines measures to be taken before, during and after an activity in order to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage in the activity area. A CHMP is required when a 'high impact activity' is planned in an area of 'cultural heritage sensitivity'. These terms are defined in the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018. In these circumstances, planning permits, licences and work authorities can't be issued unless a CHMP has been approved for the activity.
Developer contributions	Developers and government share responsibility for providing infrastructure to support population growth. Developers may contribute to infrastructure by: the payment of money; providing land; constructing infrastructure on behalf of public authorities. Open space contributions are provided via the *Subdivision Act 1988*; or via cl 53.01 of the planning scheme, Development Contributions Plans (DCP), Infrastructure Contributions Plans (ICP) or s173 voluntary agreements under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
Dogs in open space	Dog off-leash areas and dog parks offer a dedicated area for dogs to be off their lead. All other public areas in Hume require dogs to be on-lead. 'Dog parks' are fenced off-leash areas'. They may include open ball play areas and rummaging environments. They provide a fenced separation from the general public and due to the number of dogs in a contained space require greater maintenance support and close dog supervision by their owners. 'Dog off-leash areas' are large open areas primarily set aside for dog use. These are are unfenced, and located away from busy picnic, play and gathering places. They are located to minimise disruptive impacts to nearby housing. Some off-leash dog areas are shared open spaces such as sports ovals and school grounds and are subject to time restrictions for dog use. Signage showing boundaries and dog owner responsibilities is at all off-leash areas. All public areas of Hume are gazetted as on-lead areas for dogs. The exception are areas listed as 'dog off-leash areas' or 'dog prohibited' areas and nature conservation reserves. See Appendix D
Drainage	A primary function of an open space that acknowledges its role of preventing flooding of adjacent areas. It is rarely flooded and provides valuable open space for most of the time. Waterway land has a primary function of drainage even though visitors may feel its primary function is social recreation.
Equity	Equity refers to fairness and social justice, and is distinguished from equality. Equality means providing the same to all, and equity recognises that we do not all start from the same place and adjustments are needed to help address imbalances. Hume's *Social Justice Charter* commits to delivering policy, programs and services that support equity and fairness.

Term	Definition
Encumbered open space	Open space that is encumbered by infrastructure or functions can limit their visitor access and landscaping potential. Despite these limitations, most sites are accessible. The range of encumbrances includes *'drainage' 'pipetracks' 'conservation and cultural values' 'electricity easement' 'rail reservation'* and *'proposed road'*.
Established areas/ suburbs	Refers to the older urbanised areas of Hume including Sunbury, Bulla and the southern suburbs of Gladstone Park, Tullamarine, Westmeadows, Jacana, Broadmeadows, Coolaroo, Dallas, Meadow Heights, Roxburgh Park, Campbellfield, Thomastown and Fawkner.
Events	Outdoor events held in Hume can be Council, community or business led. It can include festivals, civic events, markets, and can be free or ticketed, one off or recurring. Large events can be over 5,000 people. Events with less than 100 people are classified as 'outdoor gatherings'. Hume's *Events and Festivals Strategy* guides events using open space.
Exercise equipment	Also known as fitness equipment. To be located where it will most likely be used, for example beside a running route or near a community centre. Some equipment will support adults with different abilities, such as seniors.
Formal sports	Structured sports organised by a club, association, school or community group and participation is by being a club memberor on a fee paying basis. Hume's *Outdoor Sports Strategy* guides formal sports use of open space.
Function of open space	The primary and secondary function of all open spaces in Hume are classified to ensure decisions are made in the context of this purpose. The functions include: social recreation, sport, conservation and cultural values, tree reserve, urban and civic, linear links and trails, drainage and ancillary. All open spaces have an urban greening function. The function of an open space can change if agreed in a masterplan, concept plan or strategic planning process. It can also change in response to environmental or climate change impacts on an open space. See Section 3.4
Feasibility Study	A feasibility study is an assessment of the practicality of a proposal. It is applied in this strategy to ensure regulatory assessments, costs and community sentiment is confirmed prior to progressing a project.
Gap areas	The Open Space Strategy seeks equity by providing open space for all suburbs. Households with open space within a 400m walk is the measure. A *residential gap area* is identified when more than 50 homes have further than 400m to walk to open space. A *connectivity gap area* is identified when an area has access, visibility or accessibility gaps that require land acquisition or subdivision to resolve. *Biodiversity and cultural gap areas* are identified where acquisition is needed to protect sites of high value ecological and cultural significance. The 'land investment gap areas program' includes gap analysis, feasibility studies, community engagement, budget bids and land procurement.

Term	Definition
Growth areas /suburbs	New suburbs planned and created since 2010. These suburbs include parts of Sunbury, Craigieburn, Greenvale, Mickleham, Kalkallo, and Somerton.
Heritage	The legacy of people, culture, and environments inherited from the past. In its broadest sense, heritage includes natural and built landscapes, physical artefacts, and cultural forms (e.g. music, literature, art, folklore, monuments), intangible culture (values and traditions, customs and practices, spiritual beliefs, language).
Habitat corridor	A habitat corridor is a link for wildlife, generally consisting of native vegetation, which joins two or more areas. Corridors are critical for the maintenance of ecological processes including allowing for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations.
Hierarchy of open space	All open spaces in Hume are classified under the hierarchy of local, neighbourhood, district or regional. This scale informs the levels of service needed for infrastructure and maintenance. The hierarchy is based on expected length of stay; distance travelled; and the "quality" of experience which is related the number and type of amenities, equipment and services provided. Size also influences the categorisation of a park but there are exceptions. See Section 3.4
Informal recreation	Where activity is initiated by individuals rather than by a club or organisation.
Irrigation	Passive irrigation uses gravity to direct rainfall to landscapes instead of to stormwater drain. Active irrigation refers to artificially applying water to a landscape in a controlled manner using pipes and pumps. Temporary irrigation refers to active irrigation required for plant establishment. This is generally two years and longer if needed.
Kick about area	Open grassed area allowing for ball play and other informal play. Sizes for kickabout areas are not specified as each reserve is different. The intent of kickabout areas is to provide space suitable for energetic ball play. In some circumstances due to existing trees or topography, the size of a kickabout area may only be suitable for toddlers. See Infrastructure Levels of Service for the kickabout area requirements.
Levels of Service	*Infrastructure Levels of Service* - sets out the type and number of assets required in open space and is dependent on the reserve's hierarchy and primary function. They clarify the expected infrastructure, minimise unnecessary investment, support equity across the municipality, and ensure a sustainable asset management approach. *Maintenance Levels of Service* - sets out the maintenance frequency and type for parks depending on their hierarchy and primary function. Section 5.5

Term	Definition
Masterplan **Concept Plan** **Detailed Design Plan**	A ***Masterplan*** is a spatial plan developed with community input that sets the long term strategic direction for parklands, regional parks, district parks, and some public realm areas. It balances multiple public benefit outcomes and includes short, medium and long term actions. The endorsement of a masterplan sets community expectations and provides a strategic and advocacy basis for funding, grant applications and partnerships. Council funding of masterplan actions will be considered via its annual budget prioritising process. A subset of the Master Plan is the *Landscape Improvement Plan*. This is applied when there will be no significant changes to the key park uses. This would apply, for example, when needing to add, change or relocate landscaping, play equipment, paths and trails. It will be developed with community input however does not require the extensive formal process of Master Plan. A ***Concept Plan*** is for parks and stages or areas of a Masterplan. It identifies short-term actions based on site classification and functions, site conditions and context, strategic guidelines and community need. A budget for construction will be defined and the Plan will propose and arrange elements within this context. A ***Detailed Design or Detailed Documentation Plans*** are a set of drawings that identify how each element of the *Landscape Concept Plan* will be constructed. They identify size, quantity, materials, colours, finishes and measures for quality. These are supported by a *specification* that provides further detail including inspections of works and maintenance requirements. These documents are used for tendering and construction.
Measures	**'Number of reserves that incorporate Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural knowledge'** will track reserves that have either direct land management, cultural values studies, cultural heritage management plans (CHMPs), Aboriginal cultural heritage land management agreements (ACHLMAs) masterplan and management plan input, or Steering Committee input. **'Number of reserves with improved land protection and management'** will track reserves that have been corrected with a planning scheme amendment to apply a best fit park protection zone and in some cases overlay, or corrected on a title of subdivision to accurately reflect land vested to Council, or assignment of a Committee of Management for all Crown land.
Nature Conservation & Growling Grass Frog Areas	Conservation Areas designated as areas of high biodiversity value set out in Victoria's *Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) for Melbourne's Growth Corridors (2013)* within the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA) Program area. These areas are classified as 'Nature Conservation' or 'Growling Grass Frog conservation, floodplain and open space' and are set aside in accordance with the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.
Nature Reserve	Conservation and revegetation areas managed by Council include 'Nature Reserve' in their name, unless the reserve also has other functions such as social recreation. Nature reserves are also managed as cultural landscapes.

Term	Definition
Nature Conservation Reserve (NCR)	Land reserved under the Crown Land Reserves Act 1987 for the purpose of conservation. This includes protection of National, State & Regional conservation values and cultural landscapes. This applies to Parks Vic managed sites including Organ Pipes National Park, Mt Ridley NCR, bababi marning NCR
Nature-based experiences	Refers to visitor experiences that prioritise connecting people to nature, walking, cycling, sitting, looking at plants and wildlife, reflecting, relaxing and enjoying scenic views.
No net loss of open space	Land cannot be excised or removed from Hume's open space network unless replacement land is created in an open space gap area. Any reallocation of open space from areas of generous supply to gap areas can only be supported if the removal of the open space does not detract from ecological, cultural, placemaking, and safety values. This embeds State Planning Policy 19.02-6S 'Ensure that where there is a reduction of open space due to a change in land use or occupation, additional or replacement parkland of equal or greater size and quality is provided.
Oasis area	Oasis areas are a landscape feature upgrade, not a park function. They may apply to a portion of a reserve or an entire reserve and are inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. They are supported by irrigation, ideally from recycled water to help with climate resilience. They are designed to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050.
Open space	'Public open space' in this strategy adopts Victoria's '*Open Space for Everyone*' definition: Public land and waters that provide for one or more of these purposes: outdoor recreation; leisure; environmental and cultural benefits; visual amenity; off-road active transport. 'Public open space' is abbreviated to 'open space' in this strategy.
Outdoor Gathering	Outdoor gatherings held in open space refer to small events of up to 100 people. These are often informal events organised by community members such as children's parties or work barbecues. Outdoor gatherings in open space will increase as population grows and backyards shrink. Some neighbourhood parks and most district parks can support outdoor gatherings (power, water, shelter, public toilets and a best-fit maintenance schedule).
Park maintenance	Council maintenance of parks includes teams supporting horticulture, turf, trees, irrigation, asset management, play, waste, education and enforcement. It includes emergency responses to storms, floods, and heatwaves to ensure safe and healthy parks.
Parklands	Parklands define larger open spaces that can include different parks or activity nodes. For example, Bulla Parklands, and waterways with multiple parks such as Blind Creek Parklands and Aitken Creek Parklands.
Placemaking	Creating quality places that the community care about, connect with, and want to spend time in. A placemaking approach improves the urban vitality of public spaces and the health, and well-being of the people who use them.

Term	Definition
Park Renewal	Park renewal addresses landscape, trails, canopy and if relevant, visitor experiences such as play, exercise, shelters, viewing areas.
Play equipment	Fixed structures for play such as swings, slides and climbing frames. Play elements installed in district, neighbourhood and some local parks where social recreation is the primary purpose. Playspaces do not always need play equipment.
Playspace renewal	Replacing an asset with one that performs the same core function, even if it is better quality. It applies to assets that are damaged or at end-of-life. Playspaces are renewed every 15-20 years. This also applies to exercise equipment. Additional canopy is considered renewal (except for oasis areas). Playspace renewal may be part of a park renewal project or standalone.
Playspace/ Park Upgrade	Adding new assets that either serve additional people or provide a new visitor experience. Upgrades apply when needing to: • service a growing population • meet a shortfall in the infrastructure levels of service • meet new infrastructure levels of service when a reserve has been reclassified • compensate for a lack of nearby open spaces • fill a gap in providing for community events.
Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs)	A Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) is a land use and infrastructure plan guiding the form of subdivision and new development in growth areas. All development in needs to be generally in accordance with the PSP.
Precincts	Hume uses 13 areas called precincts to deepen its analysis and planning. These align with the *Community Infrastructure Plan 2023*
Restricted open space	Open space that is not available and accessible to the community. This can be to protect ecological and cultural assets or to maintain public safety. If an open space reserve has some areas that are visitable, it is not classified as restricted open space.
Recreation Reserve	Refers to a district level reserve with a primary function for sport.
Recycled water	One source of alternative water that reduces the demand for valuable potable water. Recycled water will increase resilience in a time of drought when potable water restrictions apply. Recycled water requires energy, which should come from renewable sources.
Reserve	Each open space is considered a reserve. Some reserves with social recreation infrastructure are named parks.
Riparian land	The land along the edges of waterbodies. For Hume open space, riparian land can range from mid waterway to between 30-200 metres either side depending on the ecological, cultural and flooding values of the area.

Term	Definition
Social Recreation	Open space with a primary or secondary function of social recreation provides informal recreation, gatherings, play and enjoyment of green space and nature.
Stony rises	Small, isolated rocky outcrops that rise abruptly from the landscape at the edges of ancient lava flows that are subsequently weathered by wind and water flows. They are significant to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.
Subdivision Act 1988 - Open Space Contributions	Section 18 of the Subdivision Act 1988 sets out requirements for open space contributions. In 2024, Hume City Council's procedures are: An Open Space Contribution is required for all residential, industrial and commercial subdivisions. Council recognises the cumulative increase of all subdivisions, no matter how small, in increasing the demand for open space. Exemptions apply if: • open space contributions for the site are already specified in the planning scheme • the subdivision is not creating additional lot/s (eg realigning boundaries) The Open Space Contribution will be 5% of the site (to be set aside on the plan for public open space), or a financial contribution totaling 5% of the value of the site. It can also be a mix of both. Council will generally seek land contributions for large sites, superlot subdivisions, and for those sites located in and near open space gap areas. Smaller developments will more likely be cash contributions to enable Council to accumulate funds for open space land purchase and/or open space improvements nearby.
Traditional Owners	The original and ongoing custodians of the lands and water. Traditional Owners have a responsibility to care for our land Country and have a deep physical and spiritual connection to their Country. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people are the Traditional Owners of land known as the City of Hume. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people are represented by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) as the 'Registered Aboriginal Party' appointed under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* to be the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage for their Country.
Tree Canopy	The uppermost trees or branches of trees in a forest, forming an almost continuous layer of foliage. In cities, also known as the 'urban canopy'.
Tree Reserve	Open space with a primary function of tree reserve will prioritise tree growth over other infrastructure provision. Tree reserves provide nature enjoyment, and urban forest protection, enhancement and cooling. Tree reserves are generally small reserves which is why infrastructure other than trees and vegetation is limited.
Urban Canopy Cover	Defined as the percentage foliage cover provided by trees within the urban landscape. Canopy trees are defined as vegetation that is three metres high or taller above the natural ground level.

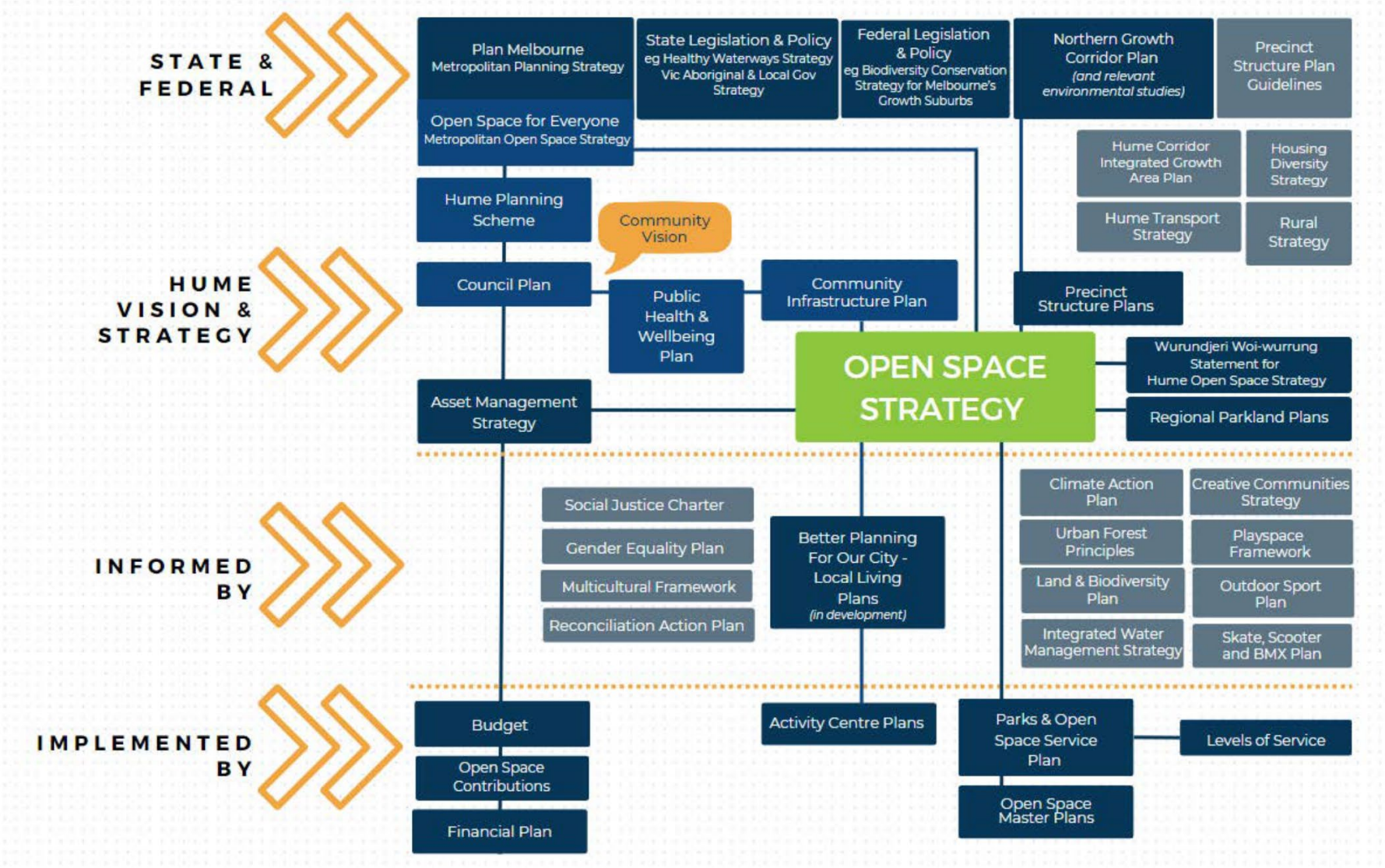
Term	Definition
Urban Cooling	The reduction of temperatures in urban areas (often known as the urban heat island). Open space can contribute to urban cooling by increasing vegetation to increase shade, reduce heat in the built surfaces and increase cooling through evapotranspiration. Protecting and enhancing waterbodies and surrounding breezes also supports urban cooling.
Urban Forest	Urban forests are made up of public and private trees and understorey vegetation that occurs within private properties, streets, parks, waterway corridors, conservation areas and other public spaces and includes the physical environment (air, soil and water) that supports them. In Hume, the urban forest is defined as being within the Urban Growth Boundary across all land zoning and tenure. In this strategy, urban forest relates to public open space reserves.
Visitable	Open space reserves that the public can access. It includes reserves that may have restricted areas as long as there is some area that is visitable. This is because there are health and wellbeing benefits in walking to and viewing scenic open spaces that cannot be accessed.
Visitor Experiences	Visitor experiences is a term that collectively refers to all the ways that open space is designed to provide enjoyable activities for people of different interests and abilities. This ranges from gentle activities such as walking, sitting, meeting friends, and viewing areas; to informal recreation such as basketball half courts, play equipment, kickabout spaces, cycle paths, nature play and dog play; to design that facilitates more structured activities such as sports, events, and community gardens.
Waterplay	Waterplay refers to opportunities to connect to water in open space. This could include fishing or kayaking, and also water fountains, splash parks and mist features.
Waterways	Waterways include rivers, creeks, streams and adjacent ephemeral water bodies such as billabongs and wetlands. It includes named and unnamed waterways. The named waterways are based on the waterways layer of the 'Areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' in the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018. Section 5.2
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Values	Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Values go beyond heritage values to also consider cultural landscapes and cultural significance. Cultural significance relates to cultural beliefs, customs, spiritual attachment, the archeological record, colonial settler relations, the aesthetic and environmental attributes, and the association held by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people (biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Cultural Values Study Oct 2021)

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A - POLICY CONTEXT

The Hume Open Space Strategy sits within a number of municipal strategies and plans which inform or are informed by the strategy.



APPENDIX B - REVIEW OF PREVIOUS OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

2.4 Status of 2010-2015 Open Space Strategy

Open Space Achievements since 2010

- The endorsement of the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Plan for 1,000ha parkland to be co-managed with Traditional Owners and State Government
- The endorsement of the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands Plan for a 2,700ha parkland to be co-managed with Traditional Owners, State Government, Whittlesea and Mitchell.
- Continual extension of shared paths to improve linear connections
- Continual upgrade of playspaces to support all abilities
- Irrigation of over 60 priority reserves including 19 with alternative water sources (recycled water or stormwater harvesting)
- Ongoing progress on remediating former landfills for open space - Bolinda Road, Johnstone Street, Northcorp Boulevard
- Five community gardens established

In Growth Areas

The Precinct Structure Planning (PSP) process for growth areas in Craigieburn, Kalkallo, Mickleham, Sunbury, and Greenvale has achieved:

- Over 300ha of open space land secured
- Significant tracts of remnant vegetation protected as nature reserves
- Over six waterway reaches now in near-continuous public ownership along Malcolm Creek, Aitken Creek, Yuroke Creek, and plans for Jacksons Creek, Merri Creek, Harpers Creek and Emu Creek
- Over 24 district sporting reserves secured and 12 already designed and delivered
- Two hilltop reserves - Mt Ridley, Mt Aitken
- Over 100 local parks designed and delivered

In Established Areas

- New open space land created or made accessible to the public along Kismet Creek and Meadowlink
- Upgrades to over 90 local parks
- Upgrades to 10 neighbourhood parks
- Upgrades to 10 district parks

Ongoing

The following actions from the 2010-2015 Open Space Strategy are still to be delivered:

- Updating developer contributions for open space via planning provisions
- Updating planning scheme controls to protect open space values
- Filling open space gap areas in established areas including Broadmeadows and Campbellfield
- Reviewing the distribution of local open spaces to determine whether any sites can be rationalised (where upgraded facilities can be provided nearby)
- Investigating links along Maribyrnong River, Deep Creek in Bulla, and Upfield Railway Corridor
- Conservation Management Plans in place for all nature reserves

All of these actions retain their importance and are included in the Open Space Strategy 2025

It is also noted that previous Strategy was silent on the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people.

APPENDIX C - WATERWAY PUBLIC OWNERSHIP



Maribyrnong River

A State significant waterway with its source in Bulla at the confluence of Jacksons and Deep Creek. 5 parcels in Crown Commonwealth ownership, 1 parcel in Crown State ownership. 23 parcels in private ownership. Tributaries:

- **Arundel Creek** is all in private or Crown Commonwealth ownership
- **Steele Creek** and **Steele Creek North**. All in public ownership or Airport



Merri Creek

The marram baba parklands will increase public ownership. Enjoyed at galada tamboore, Northpark Nature Reserve etc. Tributaries:

- **Kalkallo Creek** Mix of public and private ownership. John Laffan Reserve
- **Aitken Creek** All in public ownership following pending PSP completion.
  Eg Craigieburn Gardens, Burt Kur Min Reserve, Highlands Lake
- **Malcolm Creek** All in public ownership except confluence and headlands. Eg Centennial Park Drive Reserve
- **Merlynston Creek** Most in public ownership with more to be negoitated. Enjoyed at Jack Roper Reserve, Seabrook Reserve. Its tributary **Campbellfield Creek** is partly in public ownership



Jacksons Creek

The central 'biik wurrdha' parklands reach will increase public ownership. Enjoyed at The Nook, Emu Bottom Wetlands, Jacksons Hill Reserve. Its tributaries include:

- **Blind Creek** All in public ownership except confluence with Jacksons Ck and headwaters. Includes Sunbury Recreation Reserve. Its tributary **Heyson Drive Drain (Creek)** almost all in public ownership.
- **Kismet Creek** All in public ownership except headwaters. Enjoyed at Spavin Lake. Its tributary Billy Goats Creek is all in private ownership.
- **Harpers Creek** Public ownership gradually increasing. Eg Wanginu Park
- **Longview Creek** All in private ownership.



Moonee Ponds Creek

From its source in Oaklands Junction, all but headlands are in public parkland. Enjoyed at Woodlands Historic Park, Jacana Valley Parklands, Westmeadows Reserve etc. Its tributaries include:

- **Yuroke Creek.** All in public ownership. Eg Broadmeadows Valley Park. Its tributaries include:
  - **Brodies Creek.** Public ownership gradually increasing.
  - **Greenvale Drain (Creek).** All in public ownership
  - **Otways Crescent Drain (Creek).** All in public ownership
  - **Shanklands Drain (Creek).** All in public ownership
- **Attwood Creek.** Almost all in public ownership



Deep Creek

Almost all in private ownership except Trap Street Reserve, Bulla Parklands, Bulla Crown Lands, Bulla Bulla Streamside Reserve, Konagaderra Bridge Reserve, Martin Dillon Reserve. Its tributary **Konagaderra Creek** is all in private ownership.

Emu Creek. All in private ownership.

Kororoit Creek East Branch. All in private ownership

Existing or Planned Public Ownership



Almost all
Most
Some
Very little
Almost none

APPENDIX D

Off-Leash Dog Areas

All public areas of Hume are gazetted as dog on-lead areas. The exception are areas listed as 'dog off-leash areas' (right).

Access for dog off leash activities can vary.

Most locations are large open areas primarily for dog use. Some have time restrictions as they are shared with sportsgrounds or adjacent to schools.

Fenced off-leash areas, also known as "dog parks' offer the opportunity for dogs to exercise in a controlled environment.

Signage showing boundaries, restrictions and dog owner responsibilities is provided at all off leash areas. In an off-leash area the owner is required to:

- be in sight of their dog and ensure the dog responds to its owner's command whether verbal or visual
- carry a leash, one for each dog, under their control
- comply with site-specific rules and regulations, including time restrictions.

Additional dog off leash areas are needed in all precincts except Precinct 1 Sunbury Rural, Precinct 5 Rural, Precinct 7 Valley and Precinct 8 Broadmeadows. New dog areas are to be large, off-leash and not near busy people areas.

Additional areas will seek gazettal including Elmhurst Park Fenced Off Leash Area, Gladstone Park, Mickleham Dog Park, Kalkallo Dog Park.

Sites with time restrictions must have dogs on-lead between 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

Precinct	Designated Dog Off-Leash Areas	On Active Reserve	Time Restrictions
1	**Emu Bottom Wetlands (excluding Horseshoe Bend).** 300 Racecourse Road, Sunbury	No	No
2	**The Nook.** Vaughan Street, Sunbury.	No	No
3	**Eric Boardman Reserve.** 224-256 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury	Yes	No
3	**Heysen Drive Reserve.** Between Heysen Drive and Reservoir Road, Sunbury	No	No
3	**Langama Park.** 89-107 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury.	Yes	No
3	**Spavin Drive Lake.** Aldridge Drive, Sunbury.	No	No
3	**Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve.** Between Coates Ct, Streeton Ct and south of Stewarts Lane	No	No
3	**Sunbury Park (including Sunbury Dog Park).** 60 Harker St, Sunbury	No	No
3	**Sunbury Recreation Reserve (Clark Oval).** Riddell Road, Sunbury	Yes	No
5	**Bulla Recreation Reserve.** 17-45 Green Street, Bulla	Yes	No
6	**Bradford Avenue Reserve.** 26-40 Bradford Ave, Greenvale	Yes	Yes
6	**Drummond Street Reserve.** 11-25 Drummond Street, Greenvale	Yes	Yes
6	**Greenvale Recreation Reserve.** Section Road, Greenvale.	Yes	No
7	**Carrick Drive Reserve.** 300 Carrick Drive, Gladstone Park	No	No
7	**John Coutts Reserve.** 45-48 Katrina Drive, Gladstone Park	No	No
7	**Jack Ginifer Reserve.** 206-224 Carrick Drive, Gladstone Park	Yes	No
7	**Leo Dineen Reserve.** 52-60 Spring Street, Tullamarine	Yes	No
7	**Trade Park.** 241 Melrose Drive, Tullamarine.	No	No
7	**Melrose Drive Reserve.** 300 Melrose Drive, Tullamarine	Yes	No
7	**Westmeadows Reserve.** 136 Ardlie Street, Westmeadows	Yes	Yes
7	**Willowbrook Reserve.** 317 Mickleham Road, Westmeadows	Yes	No
8	**Anderson Reserve.** 2-14 Glen Allan Street, Broadmeadows	Yes	No
8	**Broadmeadows Valley Park** (including Dog Park). Barry Road (near sporting area & east of NS path), Broadmeadows	No	No
8	**Broadmeadows Valley Park - Ripplebrook Reserve.** Ripplebrook Drive, Broadmeadows	No	No
8	**Seabrook Reserve.** 20 Goulburn Street, Broadmeadows	Yes	No
8	**Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery.** 220 Camp Road, Broadmeadows	No	No
8	**Gibb Reserve.** 185 Blair Street, Dallas	Yes	No
8	**Laura Douglas Reserve.** 57-75 King Street, Dallas	Yes	No
8	**Jacana Reserve.** 59-79 Johnstone Street, Jacana	Yes	Yes
8	**Jacana Valley.** 157-159 Johnstone Street, Jacana	No	No
9	**Shanklands Linear Parkland (BVP North).** Between Somerton & Barry Road, Meadow Heights	No	No
9	**Lakeside Drive Reserve.** 27-51 Lakeside Drive, Roxburgh Park	Yes	No
10	**Bolinda Road Reserve.** Via Horne Street, Campbellfield	No	No
10	**Seth Raistrick Reserve.** 1678-1700 Sydney Road, Campbellfield	Yes	No
11	**Progress Reserve.** 27-59 Almurta Avenue, Coolaroo.	Yes	Yes
11	**Aitken Creek Reserve.** Between Hothlyn Drive and railway line, Craigieburn	No	No
11	**Craigieburn Dog Park.** 127-147 Craigieburn Rd (rear Craigieburn Leisure Centre) Craigieburn	No	No
11	**DS Aitken Reserve.** 136-170 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn	Yes	No
11	**Hothlyn Drive Reserve.** 110-118 Hothlyn Drive, Craigieburn	Yes	Yes
11	**Hume Tennis & Community Centre.** Cnr Marathon and Newbury Boulevards, Craigieburn	No	Yes
11	**Mt Ridley Hilltop Reserve.** Mt Ridley Road, Craigieburn	No	No
11	**Newbury Park.** Cnr Newbury and Grand Boulevards (west of hockey fields), Craigieburn	No	No
11	**Victor Ian Foster Reserve.** 16-32 Pines Way, Craigieburn	Yes	No

APPENDIX D

Dog Prohibited Areas

Some areas are gazetted as prohibited for dog access, even if the dog is on a lead.

The areas are prohibited to protect ecological, cultural and heritage sensitivities.

The 2024 list is provided on the right.

Additional prohibited areas will be gazetted if greater protection is needed for sites of sensitivity.

Land managed by Parks Victoria as 'Nature Conservation Reserve' are dog prohibited areas. This includes Organ Pipes National Park, Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve, bababi marning Nature Conservation Reserve, and Eastern Barred Bandicoot Sanctuary within Woodlands Historic Park.

Precinct	Designated Dog Prohibited Areas
1	**Albert Road Nature Reserve.** 110 Albert Road, Sunbury
1	**The Parkway Reserve.** 755 Racecourse Road (western section), Sunbury
3	**Evans Street Grasslands.** 128 Evans Street,, Sunbury
3	**Mumilam Korobine.** 76 Fullwood Drive and 155 Phillip Drive, Sunbury
4	**Sunbury Cemetery.** 88 Shield Street, Sunbury
5	**Martin Dillon Reserve.** Wildwood Road (near 400), Wildwood
8	**Maygar Grasslands.** 11 Academy Drive, Broadmeadows
10	**Somerton Red Gum Reserve.** 193B Hume Highway, Somerton
11	**Amberfield Grasslands.** 361 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn
13	**Kalkallo Commons.** 100-130 Hunter Street and 56 Mitchell Street, Kalkallo.

APPENDIX F - LIST OF OPEN SPACE RESERVES AND FUNCTION

Precinct 1 Sunbury Rural - Open Space Reserves 2025

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
1	**Emu Bottom Wetlands**	Regional *Jacksons Ck biik wurrdha Regional Parklands*	42ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
2	**The Glade**		21ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
3	**Albert Road Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	15ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear links & trails	Sunbury
4	**The Parkway Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	15ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
5	**Blind Creek Headwaters Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	103ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
6	**Settlers Way Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	1.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
7	**Knox Bridge Nature Reserve**	Local	1ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury

Precinct 2 Lancefield Road - Open Space Reserves 2025

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
1	**The Nook & Bicentennial Park**	Regional *Jacksons Ck biik wurrdha Regional Parklands*	2.9ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (R)	Sunbury
2	**Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands** ~~(upcoming)~~		6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
3	**Jackson Creek biik wurrdha Parklands** (proposed)		300+ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
4	**Nook to Skyline**		38ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
5	**Bardsley Crescent Park** (upcoming)		0.9ha	Social Recreation (N)		Sunbury
6	**Emu Creek Parklands**	District *Emu Creek Parklands*	6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
7	**Emu Creek Parklands** (proposed)		100+ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
8	**Mercury Road Linear Reserve** (upcoming)		16ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
9	**John McMahon Reserve**	District	18ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Sunbury
10	**Goonawarra Public Golf Course**	District	62ha	Sports	Drainage	Sunbury
11	**Montego Boulevard Recreation Reserve** (proposed)	District	10.4ha	Sport	Social Recreation	Sunbury
12	**St Ronans Court Reserve** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	0.75ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
13	**Tulsa Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Sunbury
14	**Noogal Park**	Neighbourhood	1.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury

Precinct 2 Lancefield Road - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
15	**Vista Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
16	**Harvard Court Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Sunbury
17	**Empty Road Wetlands**	Neighbourhood	3.4ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
18	**Delphi Boulevard Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.6ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Sunbury
19	**Lollipop Crescent Park**	Neighbourhood	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
20	**Empty Road Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
21	**Chilli Crescent Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.75ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
22	**Kiwanis Park**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
23	**Spyglass Court Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
24	**Muirfield Drive Playground**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
25	**Turnberry Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
26	**Balliol Common Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
27	**Sedona Crescent Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
28	**The Skyline Nature Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
29	**Ransford Drive Reserve**	Local	1.6ha	Drainage	Linear LInks & Trails	Sunbury
30	**Ainsdale Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
31	**Muirfield Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
32	**Mere Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
34	**Carnoustie Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
33	**St Andrews Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
35	**Winged Foot Court Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
36	**Francis Boulevard Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
37	**Sunningdale Tree Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
38	**Lancefield Road Linear Reserve**	Local	2.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
39	**Dutch Road Linear Reserve**	Local	1.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
40	**Racecourse Road Linear Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
41	**Raes Road Tree Reserve**	Local	2.8ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
42	**Waterseed Drive Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
43	**La Perouse Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
44	**Cawl Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
45	**Lakes Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
46	**Keystone Drive Wetlands** (upcoming)	Local	1.2ha	Drainage	Linear LInks & Trails	Sunbury
47	**Goonawarra Retarding Basin**	Local	2.2ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
48	**Conservation Area 16 Reserve** (proposed)	Local	18ha	Conservation and Cultural Values		Sunbury
49	**Conservation Area 16 Reserve** (proposed)	Local	14ha	Conservation and Cultural Values		Sunbury
50	**Conservation Area 16 Reserve** (proposed)	Local	34ha	Conservation and Cultural Values		Sunbury

Precinct 3 Sunbury - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Mt Holden Parklands**	Regional	42ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
2	**Maguire Street Reserve**	Regional *Jacksons Ck biik wurrdha Regional Parklands*	1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
3	**Powlett Street Nature Reserve**		0.4ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
4	**Blind Creek Parklands**	Regional *Blind Creek Parklands*	42ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
5	**Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve**		10ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
6	**Sunbury Recreation Reserve**		20ha	Sports (D)	Social Recreation (D)	Sunbury
7	**Dalkeith Court Reserve**		3.8ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
8	**Beckview Crescent Reserve**		1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation (L)	Sunbury
9	**Bannon Avenue Reserve**		0.4ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
10	**Kismet Creek Parklands**	District *Kismet Creek Parklands*	25ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
11	**Spavin Lake Reserve**		6.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
12	**Kismet Creek - Canterbury Avenue** (proposed)		11.7ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
13	**Eric Boardman Reserve**	District	12ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Sunbury
14	**Langama Park**	District	8ha	Sports	Social Recreation (N)	Sunbury
15	**Harpers Creek Parklands**	District *Harpers Creek Parklands*	8ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
16	**Waugh Park**		4ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (N)	Sunbury
17	**Marl Close Reserve**		0.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation (L)	Sunbury
18	**Billy Goat Creek Parklands**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
19	**Billy Goat Creek Parklands** (proposed)	Billy Goat Creek Parklands	7.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
20	**Evans Street Grassland Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
21	**Kokoda Drive Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	11ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
22	**Darr Banneem Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	11ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
23	**McEwen Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Sunbury
24	**Sunbury Park**	District	6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
25	**Acheron Court Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
26	**Lillee Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
27	**Century Park**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
28	**Forrest Street Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
29	**Roger Free Park**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
30	**Sheffield Park**	Neighbourhood	1.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
31	**Mumilam Korobine Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.6ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation	Sunbury
32	**Emu Road Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.1ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
33	**Free Crescent Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury

Precinct 3 Sunbury - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
34	**Swift Parrot Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
35	**Barrington Lane Reserve**	Neighbourhood *Sunbury West Creek Parklands*	1.7ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
36	**Googly Park**		1.5ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
37	**Sunbury West Creek Reserve**		0.17ha	Drainage	Conservation and Cultural Values	Sunbury
38	**Brigade St Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
39	**Heysen Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	8.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Sunbury
40	**Gruner Street Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
41	**Curtin Drive Reserve**	Local Curtain Drive Reserve	2.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Sunbury
42	**Hotham Court Playground**		2.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Sunbury
43	**Off Stump Park**	Local	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
44	**Pearl Iris Park**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
45	**Lawson Street Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
46	**Gosse-Cowper Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
47	**Thomas Millett Park**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
48	**Geranium Drive Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
49	**Pippit Way Park**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
50	**Angela Potts Park**	Local	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
51	**Sunbury Village Green**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
52	**Dobell Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
53	**Kingsley Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
54	**Logan Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
55	**Caitlyn Street Park**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
56	**Fraser Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
57	**Hume Street Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
58	**Bridle Street Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
59	**De Lisle Avenue Playground**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
60	**Dolan Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
61	**Keith Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
62	**Gibson Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
63	**Lachlan Court Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
64	**Leo O'Brien Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
65	**Meldrum-McCubbin Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
66	**Scullin Court Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
67	**Tower Court Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
68	**Yellow Gum Boulevard Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
69	**Anderson Road Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Sunbury
70	**Carlson Street Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
71	**Ruthven Street Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
72	**Abella Court Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury

Precinct 3 Sunbury - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
73	**Wentworth Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Sunbury
74	**Webb Court Nature Reserve**	Local	2ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
75	**Davenport Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
76	**De Lisle Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
77	**Holland Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
78	**Kereford Place Tree Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
79	**Rosenthal-Jersey Tree Reserve**	Local	0.01ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
80	**Kerrisdale Place Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
81	**Bannon Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
82	**Rosenthal Boulevard Tree Reserve**	Local	0.01ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
83	**Pidgeon Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
84	**Pimelea Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
85	**Wilson Lane Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
86	**Carmel Edmends Tree Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
87	**Racecourse Road Linear Reserve**	Local	1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
88	**Riddell Road Linear Reserve**	Local	1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
89	**Pimelea Street Wetlands**	Local	0.9ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
90	**Reservoir Road Basin**	Local	0.5ha	Drainage		Sunbury
91	**Dyson Drive Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
92	**Retreat Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
93	**Gardanne Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.05ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
94	**Darwin Street Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
95	**Gap Pasley Tree Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
96	**O'Shannassy Street Passage**	Local	0.02ha	Linear Links & Trails		Sunbury
97	**Elizabeth Drive Linear Reserve**	Local	2.4ha	Linear Links & Trails		Sunbury
98	**Thornton Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
99	**Riddell Roadside Nature Reserve**	Local	5ha	Conservation and Cultural Values		Sunbury

Precinct 4 Redstone - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands**	Regional *Jacksons Ck biik wurrdha Regional Parklands (part)*	2.3ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
2	**Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands** (proposed)		250+ ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
3	**Holden Flora Reserve** (Parks Vic) (restricted access)		94ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Sunbury
4	**Redstone Hilltop Park** (proposed)		17ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
5	**Jacksons Hill Reserve**		7ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation (N)	Sunbury
6	**Apex Park**		2ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
7	**Ortega Crescent Reserve**		2ha	Drainage	Linear LInks & Trails	Sunbury
8	**Emu Creek Parklands**	Regional *Emu Creek Parklands*		Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
9	**Emu Creek Parklands** (proposed)		58ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
10	**Jacksons Park (incl. Galaxyland)**	Regional	5ha	Social Recreation (D)	Conservation & Cultural Values	Sunbury
11	**Harpers Creek Parkland**	District *Harpers Creek Parklands*		Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
12	**Harpers Creek Parkland** (proposed)		*41ha*	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
13	**Wanginu Park**		13ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
14	**Sunbury Cemetery**	District	11ha	Ancillary	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
15	**Grisa Street Recreation Reserve** (proposed)	District	10ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Sunbury
16	**Jacksons Hill Arts Culture Reserve**	District	2ha	Social Recreation (D)	Conservation & Cultural Values	
17	**Kathleen Aitken Park**	Neighbourhood	2.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
18	**Sheoak Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	9.5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
19	**Sunbury Rail Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
20	**Huckster Avenue Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	0.75	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
21	**Sacred Drive Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
22	**Regner Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.75ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
23	**Yanada Close Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation		Sunbury
24	**Florence Lane Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
25	**The Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
26	**Tanninbrae Drive Reserve**	Local	1ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Sunbury
27	**Flycatcher Road Wetlands**	Local	1.2ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
28	**Campestre Dve Easement Reserve**	Local	2.4ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Sunbury
29	**Outlook Way Reserve**	Local	1.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
30	**Needlebush Drive Wetlands**	Local	5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
31	**O'Brien Street Basin**	Local	1.1ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury

Precinct 4 Redstone - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
32	**Wanginu-Jackson Linear Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
33	**Nira Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Sunbury
34	**Mercury Rd Wetland** (upcoming)	Local	1.5ha	Drainage	Linear links & trails	Sunbury
35	**Merchant Drive Wetland** (upcoming)	Local	0.9ha	Drainage	Linear links & trails	Sunbury
36	**Shepherds Lane Wetland** (upcoming)	Local	5ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
37	**Belleview Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
38	**Luana Lane Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve		Sunbury
39	**Origin Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
40	**Palomino Harker Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Sunbury
41	**Kristin Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.05ha	Tree Reserve	Linear links & trails	Sunbury
42	**Needlebush Drive Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.25ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
43	**Saperavi Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Sunbury
44	**biik wurrdha Viewing Reserve**	Local	1.6ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury
45	**Vineyard Road Reserve**	Local		Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Sunbury

Precinct 5 Rural - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Maribyrnong River Reserve** (Commonwealth & State) (restricted access)	Regional	6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Keilor
2	**Organ Pipes National Park** (Parks Vic) (restricted access)	Regional *Jacksons Creek Corridor*	54ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Keilor
3	**Jacksons Creek Streamside Reserve** (restricted access)		9.7ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
4	**Sunbury Pop Festival Nature Reserve** (Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands)		11ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Diggers Rest
5	**Bulla Recreation Reserve**	Regional *Bulla Parklands*	4ha	Sports (D)	Social Recreation (D)	Bulla
6	**Bulla Recreation Reserve (Miniature Railway)**		12ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
7	**Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden**		0.4ha	Social Recreation		Bulla
8	**Quartz Street Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	District *Deep Creek Corridor*	5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
9	**Deep Creek Corridor** (State) (restricted access)		32ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
10	**Deep Creek Reserve** (State) (proposed)		10ha	Ancillary Spaces	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
11	**Trap Street Deep Creek Reserve**		1ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Bulla
12	**Martin Dillon Nature Reserve**		2.3ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
13	**Bulla Bulla Streamside Reserve**		0.9ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
14	**Konagadera Bridge Nature Reserve**		4.6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Oaklands Junction
15	**Bulla Cemetery**	District	3.2ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Bulla
16	**Aircraft Viewing Reserve** (Comm)	District	0.3ha	Social Recreation		Bulla
17	**Emu Creek Parklands** (State)	District		Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Bulla
18	**School Lane Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Bulla
19	**Sharp Street Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Bulla
20	**Bulla Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Bulla
21	**Gellies Greybox Roadside Nature Reserve**	Local	2.4ha	Conservation and Cultural Values		Bulla

Precinct 6 Greenvale - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Woodlands Historic Park** (Parks Vic)	Regional	838ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation	Greenvale
2	**Greenvale Recreation Reserve**	Regional	60ha	Sports	Social Recreation (D)	Greenvale
3	**Greenvale Reservoir Park** (Parks Vic)	District	38ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Greenvale
4	**Yuroke Creek Parklands**	District	24ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
5	**Attwood Creek Parklands** (Melb Water & Hume CC) (restricted access)	District	17ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Greenvale
6	**Marquee Circuit Wetland (Melb Water)**	*Attwood Creek Parklands*	2ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Greenvale
7	**Mt Aitken Reserve** (part)	District	5.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
8	**Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve**	District	6.6ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Greenvale
9	**Marquee Circuit Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
10	**Greenvale Linear Reserve (Creek)**	Neighbourhood	8.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
11	**Brodies Creek Parklands** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	6ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Greenvale
12	**Greenvale Gardens Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4ha	Social Recreation	Sports	Greenvale
13	**Greenvale Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
14	**Drummond Street Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Greenvale
15	**Bradford Avenue Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Greenvale
16	**Charlie Grech Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
17	**Attwood-Greenvale Pipe Track** (YVW)	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
18	**Kirkham Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.5ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Greenvale
19	**Destination Park**	Neighbourhood	2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
20	**Blossom Drive Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
21	**Chance Street Wetlands** (Melb Water)	Neighbourhood	2.4ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
22	**Heritage Views Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
23	**Napoli Park**	Neighbourhood	1.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
24	**Renfew Court Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
25	**French Road Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
26	**Section Road Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.6ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Greenvale
27	**Mickleham Road LInear Reserve** (Melb Water)	Neighbourhood	3.8ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
28	**Vermillion Drive Linear Reserve**	Local	1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
29	**Navigation Road Park**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation		Greenvale
30	**Peak Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.8ha	Social Recreation		Greenvale
31	**Overton Close Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
32	**Wichill Close Playspace**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
33	**Rudstone Bend Park**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
34	**Compass Drive Park**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
35	**Saddle Way Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
36	**Hallcroft Road Park**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
37	**Lemonwood Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
38	**Candy Road Wetlands**	Local	0.8ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale

Precinct 6 Greenvale - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
39	**Bellini Drive Basin**	Local	1.2ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
40	**Positano Grove Wetlands**	Local	0.7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
41	**Hermitage Drive Linear Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Greenvale
42	**Somerton-Mickleham Linear Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
43	**Luster Circuit Linear Reserve**	Local	6.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
44	**Mickleham Road Linear Reserve**	Local	3.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
45	**Somerton Road Linear Reserve**	Local	1.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
46	**Barrymore Road Linear Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
47	**Firth Way Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Drainage		Greenvale
48	**Picadilly Court Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Ancillary Spaces		Greenvale
49	**Flourish Circuit Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
50	**Edinburgh Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
51	**Pony Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
52	**Cinnibar Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
53	**Greenhaven-Edara Tree Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
54	**Lysterfield Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
55	**Wardan Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
56	**Wallace Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Greenvale
57	**Providence Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
58	**Greenvale Flower Reserves**	Local	0.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Greenvale
59	**Frontier Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Ancillary Spaces		Greenvale
60	**Firenze Road Easement Reserve**	Local	0.07ha	Ancillary Space	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
61	**Darmian Drive Reserve**	Local	0.06ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
62	**Adlington Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
63	**Weeroona Aboriginal Cemetery**	Local	9.3ha	Ancillary Spaces	Conservation and Cultural Values	Greenvale
64	**Wenlyon Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
65	**Esther Mews Tree Reserve**	Local	0.006ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
66	**Firetail Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Tree Reserve		Greenvale
69	**Raspwort Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Tree Reserve		
67	**Greenhaven Drive Nature Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Conservation and Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Greenvale
68	**Mickleham to McMillan Linear Reserve**	Local		Linear Links & Trails		Greenvale

Precinct 7 Valley - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Ripplebrook Drive Reserve**	Regional *Broadmeadows Valley Park*	15.5ha	Social Recreation (N)	Conservation & Cultural Values	Westmeadows
2	**Broadmeadows Easement**		57ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
3	**Jacana Valley Park (part)**	Regional *Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands* Co-Managed Melbourne Water & Hume City	58ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Gladstone Park
4	**Jacana Reserve**		8ha	Drainage	Sports (N)	Jacana
5	**Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands**		54ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Westmeadows
6	**Coopers Hill Drive Park**		2.5ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (N)	Westmeadows
7	**Westmeadows Reserve**		3.5ha	Drainage	Sports (N)	Westmeadows
8	**Willowbrook Reserve**		5ha	Drainage	Sports (D)	Westmeadows
9	**Bent Street Reserve**		1.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Westmeadows
10	**Gladstone Park Reserve**	District	3.6ha	Sports	Social Recreation (N)	Gladstone Park
11	**Leo Dineen Reserve**	District	4.6ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Tullamarine
12	**Elmhurst Park**	District	3ha	Social Recreation	Sports	Gladstone Park
13	**Attwood Creek Parklands**	Neighbourhood *Attwood Creek Parklands*	12ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Attwood
14	**Stonebridge Way Reserve**		1ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Attwood
15	**Erinbank Crescent Playground**		0.4ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Attwood
16	**Steele Creek Parklands**	Neighbourhood	4.2ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Tullamarine
17	**Haddon Hall Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.2ha	Social Recreation		Attwood
18	**Harricks Crescent Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Attwood
19	**Attwood to Greenvale Pipetrack** (Melbourne Water)	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Attwood
20	**Jack Ginifer Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Sports	Social Recreation (L)	Gladstone Park
21	**Carrick Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Gladstone Park
22	**John Coutts Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Gladstone Park
23	**Trentham Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Gladstone Park
24	**Trade Park Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4.4ha	Social Recreation	Sports	Tullamarine
25	**Melrose Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.8ha	Sports	Social Recreation (L)	Tullamarine
26	**Derby Street Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation	Sports	Tullamarine
27	**SF Hedger Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Tullamarine
28	**Ian Musgrove Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
29	**Westmeadows Indigenous Community Garden**	Neighbourhood	1.7ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Westmeadows
30	**Global Drive Reserve**	Local	1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
31	**Walpa Court Reserve**	Local	1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Westmeadows
32	**Carrick-Elmhurst Reserve**	Local	0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Gladstone Park
33	**Barrington Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park
34	**Clarke Drive Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park
35	**Dunfield Drive Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park
36	**Fairbank Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park
37	**Harcourt Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park
38	**Vaucluse Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation		Gladstone Park

Precinct 7 Valley - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
39	**Tollkeepers Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Attwood
40	**Tadstan Drive Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Tullamarine
41	**Tangamere Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Tullamarine
42	**Camp Hill Park**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Tullamarine
43	**Dalkeith Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Tullamarine
44	**Fisher Grove Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Tullamarine
45	**Lackenheath Drive Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Tullamarine
46	**Phelan-Burvale Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Tullamarine
47	**Strathconnon Square Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Tullamarine
48	**Churchill Avenue Resereve**	Local	0.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Tullamarine
49	**Andlon Court Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Tullamarine
50	**Hillcrest Drive Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
51	**Parkmore Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
52	**Evita-Arjay Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
53	**Eyre Street Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
54	**Kelman Court Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Westmeadows
55	**Rylandes Drive Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Tullamarine
56	**Tullamarine Linear Reserve**	Local	1.6ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Tullamarine
57	**Alanbrae Entrance Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Attwood
58	**Trade Park Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Tullamarine
59	**Dudley Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Gladstone Park
60	**Gladstone Park Entrance Tree Reserve**	Local	0.08ha	Tree Reserve		Gladstone Park
61	**Trumpington Terrace Reserve**	Local	0.08ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Attwood
62	**Belmont Place Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Gladstone Park
63	**Broadmeadows Rd Linear Reserve**	Local	1.3ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Gladstone Park
64	**Dimboola Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
65	**Aspect Lane Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows
66	**Hillridge Close Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Westmeadows
67	**Hopetoun Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows
68	**Village Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows
69	**Mickleham Rd Easement Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Ancillary Spaces	Westmeadows
70	**Koala Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows
71	**Vista Circuit Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
72	**Johnstone Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows
73	**Nadia Lane Tree Reserve**	Local	0.01ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Westmeadows
74	**Tylden Place Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Westmeadows
75	**Douglas-Glencara Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
76	**Valley Park Blvd Tree Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve		Westmeadows
77	**Duncan Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
78	**Westmeadows Public Park**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Westmeadows
79	**Parkmore-Vista Linear Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Westmeadows

Precinct 8 Broadmeadows - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Broadmeadows Valley Park (part)**	Regional *Broadmeadows Valley Park*	90ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation	Broadmeadows
2	**John Ilhan Memorial Reserve**		19ha	Sports (D)	Social Recreation (D)	Westmeadows
3	**Erinbank Crescent Reserve**		5.8ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Westmeadows
4	**Girgarre Street Reserve**		5ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
5	**Jacana Valley Basin** (Melb Water)	Regional *Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands*	14ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Jacana
6	**John Wilton (Johnstone St) Reserve**		9ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Jacana
7	**Jacana Reserve**		7.5ha	Drainage	Sports (D)	Jacana
8	**Merlynston Creek Parklands**	District *Merlynston Creek Parklands*	7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
9	**Jack Roper Reserve**		20ha	Social Recreation (R)	Sports	Broadmeadows
10	**Merlynston Ck Dallas Basin** (Melb Water) (restricted access)		7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
11	**Seabrook Reserve**		17.5ha	Drainage	Sports	Broadmeadows
12	**Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery** (Crown)		4.2ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Broadmeadows
13	**Laura Douglas Reserve**		8.4ha	Drainage	Sports	Dallas
14	**Hepburn Street Reserve**		2ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
15	**Broadmeadows Town Park**	District	2.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
16	**Progress Reserve**	District	9ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Coolaroo
17	**Buchan Street Reserve**	District	4.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
18	**Barry Road Grasslands**	District	7ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Broadmeadows
19	**Broadmeadows Civic Plaza**	District	0.2ha	Urban and Civic	Drainage	Broadmeadows
20	**Campbellfield Creek Parkland** (Melb Water) (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	1ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Broadmeadows
21	**The Gateway Nature Reserve**	*Campbellfield Creek Parklands*	1ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Broadmeadows
22	**Northcorp Lake Reserve**		2.6ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Broadmeadows
23	**Gibb Reserve**	Neighbourhood	5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Dallas
24	**Anderson Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4.4ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Broadmeadows
25	**Banksia Gardens** (Crown)	Neighbourhood	2.2ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Broadmeadows
26	**Maygar Grey Box Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	5.2ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation	Dallas
27	**Bethall Gully Reserve**	Neighbourhood	5.7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
28	**Dallas Activity Centre**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Urban and Civic	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
29	**Kevin De Laine Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
30	**Gosford Cres Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	0.75ha	Social Recreation	LInear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
31	**Olsen Place**	Neighbourhood	0.1ha	Urban and Civic	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
32	**Maygar Grasslands Nature Reserve**	Local	2.8ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
33	**Canadian Court Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
34	**John Verkdale Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
35	**Meadowlink Linear Park**	Local	1.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Broadmeadows
36	**Ventnor Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Coolaroo

Precinct 8 Broadmeadows - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
37	**Merricks Street Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
38	**Jim Stewart Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation		Dallas
39	**Upfield Rail Linear Reserve**	Local	1.2ha	Linear Links & Trails		Dallas
40	**Eldon Street Nature Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Broadmeadows
41	**Jack Culpin Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Tree Resereve	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
42	**Eltham Street Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Dallas
43	**Rubicon-Corinella Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Dallas
44	**Kilmore Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
45	**Cavendish Tree Resereve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Broadmeadows
46	**Graham Street Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Broadmeadows
47	**Kenley-Uplands- Ceres Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Drainage	Meadow Heights
48	**Blair Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
49	**James Penrose Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Coolaroo
50	**Electric Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Broadmeadows
51	**Longwood-Berringa Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Broadmeadows
52	**Berkely Close Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Broadmeadows
53	**Broadfield Road Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Broadmeadows
54	**Barry Road LInear Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reseve	Broadmeadows
55	**Riggall Street Linear Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails		Broadmeadows
56	**Gavin Street Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Jacana

Precinct 9 Roxburgh Park - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Broadmeadows Valley Park** (part)	Regional *Broadmeadows Valley Park*	49ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation (N)	Meadow Heights
2	**Shankland Papworth Park**		0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
3	**Arena Recreation Reserve**	District	10.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
4	**Roxburgh Park Recreation Reserve**	District	6.7ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
5	**Shankland Tarcoola Reserve**	District	4.5ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Meadow Heights
6	**Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	29ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
7	**Pinnock Reserve**	*Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve*	0.3ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
8	**Craigieburn Rail Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	9.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation (L)	Roxburgh Park
9	**Lakeside Drive Tree Reserve**		6.8ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
10	**Shankland Linear Parklands**	Neighbourhood *Shanklands Linear Parklands*	12ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
11	**Shankland Lake Reserve**		6.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
12	**Matthews Reserve**		2.4ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
13	**St Clair Reserve**		2.6ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
14	**Boyden Square**		1.8ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
15	**Kirwan Park**		1.7ha	Social Recreation	Drainage	Roxburgh Park
16	**Lake McIvor Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4.2ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
17	**Roxburgh Park Homestead**	Neighbourhood	3ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Roxburgh Park
18	**The Knoll Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
19	**Patullos Lane Oval**	Neighbourhood	3.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
20	**Roxburgh Homestead School Shared Oval**	Neighbourhood	2.6ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
21	**Rokewood Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
22	**Katsura Retreat Wetlands**	Neighbourhood	3.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
23	**Silvester Parade Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
24	**Brilliant Street Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
25	**Woodlands Linear Reserve**	*Woodlands Linear Reserve*	3.6ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Roxburgh Park
26	**Somerton Road Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Roxburgh Park
27	**Redwood Close Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
28	**Manley Park**	Local	0.9ha	Social Recreation		Roxburgh Park
29	**Murchison Square**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation		Roxburgh Park
30	**Rearden Park**	Local	1ha	Social Recreation		Roxburgh Park
31	**Cambridge Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
32	**Recep Resuloglu Papworth Place Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
33	**Fantasy Park**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
34	**Sheoak Court Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
35	**Greensted Grove Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Roxburgh Park
36	**McKeown Outlook Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation		Roxburgh Park
37	**Tyrell Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Meadow Heights
38	**Woodburn Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Meadow Heights

Precinct 9 Roxburgh Park - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
39	**Coram Four Ways Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Meadow Heights
40	**Huntly Court Reserve**	Local	0.9ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Meadow Heights
41	**Zakwell Court Basin**	Local	0.6ha	Drainage	Tree Reserve	Coolaroo
42	**Hilltop Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Conservation & Cultural Values	Roxburgh Park
43	**Cashmore Place Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
44	**Crestview Close Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Roxburgh Park
45	**Lightwood Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Meadow Heights
46	**Acacia-Lotus-Hovea Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Meadow Heights
47	**Donald Cameron Dve Linear Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Roxburgh Park
48	**Pascoe Vale Road Linear Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
49	**Roxburgh Park Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	1.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
50	**Melaleuca Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Meadow Heights
51	**Sahi Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
52	**Climate Walk Reserve**	Local	0.05ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Roxburgh Park

Precinct 10 Somerton - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Galada Tamboore (west of creek)** (Melb Water)	Regional *marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands*	32ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Campbellfield
2	**Bolinda Road Nature Reserve**		18ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	LInear Links & Trails	Thomastown
3	**Horne Street Reserve**		1.8ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Campbellfield
4	**Hatty Court Reserve**		2.8ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Campbellfield
5	**Merri Creek Trail Link Reserve** (upcoming)		1.8ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Campbellfield
6	**Metrolink Circuit Reserve**		1.4ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Campbellfield
7	**bababi marning Nature Conservation Reserve** (Parks Vic) (restricted access)		53ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Campbellfield
8	**Northpark Nature Reserve**		33ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Somerton
9	**Northpark Nature Reserve** (proposed)		16.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
10	**John Laffan Reserve**		15ha	Drainage	Sports	Craigieburn
11	**marram baba Merri Creek Parklands** (HCC & Melb Water)		14.5ha *132ha*	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Campbellfield
12	**marram baba Merri Creek Parklands** (proposed)		100+ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
13	**Kalkallo Creek Parklands** (proposed)		22ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
14	**Aitken Creek Parklands Confluence** (HCC & Melb Water) (restricted access)	District	2.4ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
15	**Seth Raistrick Reserve**	District	3.2ha	Sports	Social Recreation (N)	Campbellfield
16	**Upfield Rail Linear Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	5ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Dallas
17	**Allan Barry Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Campbellfield
18	**William Canning Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2ha	Linear LInks & Trails	Social Recreation	Campbellfield
19	**National Business Park Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Campbellfield
20	**Amaroo-Lockerbie Pipe Track** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	9.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
21	**Regional Drive Wetlands** (Melb Water) (restricted access)	Local	2.6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Somerton
22	**Somerton Park**	Local	1.8ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Campbellfield
23	**Somerton Redgum Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	2.4ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Somerton
24	**Amaroo South Nature Reserve** (proposed)	Local	4.3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Craigieburn
25	**Stanley Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	1.7ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Somerton
26	**Roeburne Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Campbellfield
27	**Hughes Court Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Campbellfield
28	**Yellowbox Nature Reserve**	Local	1.4ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Campbellfield
29	**Yellowbox Drive Wetlands** (Melb Water) (restricted access)	Local	1.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
30	**Freight Drive Drainage Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	2.4ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Somerton

Precinct 10 Somerton - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
31	**Foden Wetlands** (restricted access)	Local	1.1ha	Drainage	Ancillary Spaces	Campbellfield
32	**Mahoneys Road Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Fawkner
33	**Cooper Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.05ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Upfield
34	**Somerton Road Drainage Reserve** (Melb Water) (restricted access)	Local	0.4ha	Ancillary Spaces		Campbellfield
35	**Transport Drive Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Somerton
36	**Fordson Road Reserve**	Local	0.9ha	Ancillary Space		Campbellfield
37	**Russell-Dunstan Reserve**	Local	0.02ha	Tree Reserve		Campbellfield

Precinct 11 Craigieburn - Open Space Reserves 2025

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
1	**Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve** (Parks Victoria & Hume City)	Regional	143ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Drainage	Mickleham
2	**Craigieburn Anzac Park**	Regional	12ha	Sports	Social Recreation (D)	Craigieburn
3	**Golden Sun Moth Park**	Regional	3.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
4	**Aitken Creek Parklands**	Regional *Aitken Creek Parklands* *Co-Managed with Melbourne Water*	60ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
5	**Craigieburn Public Golf Course**		64ha	Sports	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
6	**Craigieburn Gardens**		6.5ha	Social Recreation (D)	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
7	**Aitken Confluence Nature Reserve**		5.5ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
8	**Burt-Kur-Min Reserve**		2ha	Conservation & Cultural Values	Social Recreation (N)	Craigieburn
9	**Di Maria Nature Reserve** (restricted access)		13ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
10	**Grevillia Juscelina Nature Reserve** (restricted)		11ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
11	**Highlands Lake**		9.3ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (D)	Craigieburn
12	**Brookfield Boulevard Reserve** (upcoming)		12ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Craigieburn
13	**Conservation Drive Reserve**		6.2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Craigieburn
14	**Malcolm Creek Parklands**	Regional *Malcolm Creek Parklands*	88ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
15	**Centennial Park Drive Reserve**		11.7ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (D)	Craigieburn
16	**Bridgehaven Drive Reserve**		0.5ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Craigieburn
17	**Escapade Boulevard Park**		0.6ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Craigieburn
18	**Merri & Malcolm Creek Confluence Reserve** (proposed)	Regional *marram baba Merri Creek Parklands*	2.7ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
19	**Melliodora Road Recreation Reserve** (upcoming)	District	11.5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
20	**Mt Ridley Hilltop Reserve**	District	14ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
21	**Mt Aitken Reserve (part)**	District	14ha	Social Recreation (N)	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
22	**Grand Boulevard Reserve**	District	5ha	Social Recreation (D)	Urban & Civic	Craigieburn
23	**DS Aitken Reserve**	District	6ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
24	**Highgate Recreation Reserve**	District	10ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
25	**Newbury Hockey & Lacrosse Reserve**	District	4ha	Sports (R)	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
26	**Rhyolite Drive Recreation Reserve**	District	10.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
27	**Highlander Drive Recreation Reserve**	District	10ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
28	**Vantage Boulevard Recreation Reserve**	District	9.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
29	**Hume Tennis & Community Centre**	District	5ha	Sports (R)	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
30	**Dryland Boulevard Reserve** (upcoming)	District	8.8ha	Social Recreation		Mickleham
31	**Fairways Lake Reserve**	Neighbourhood *Fairways to Santa Cruz Linear Reserve*	1.4ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
32	**Bridgewater Road Walkways**		1.7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
33	**Murray Walk Reserve**		0.8ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Roxburgh Park
34	**Santa Cruz Reserve**		1.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
35	**Hayfield Road Tree Reserve**		0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
36	**Dewvale Place Reserve**		1.4ha	Social Recreation(L)	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
37	**Parkside Rise Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
38	**Perisher Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
39	**The Garlands Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Drainage	Craigieburn

Precinct 11 Craigieburn - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
40	**James Malcolm Park**	Neighbourhood	1.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
41	**Grand Boulevard Tree Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
42	**Mickleham Road Conservation Area** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	37ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Craigieburn
43	**Bellfield Common**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
44	**Central Park Avenue Wetlands**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
45	**Cimberwood Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
46	**Dorchester Street Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
47	**Digtree Avenue Linear Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
48	**Grove Road Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
49	**Hanson Road Reserve**	Neighbourhood	4.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
50	**Hothlyn Drive Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.2ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
51	**Moir Drive Wetlands**	Neighbourhood	2.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
52	**Olrig Field**	Neighbourhood	1.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
53	**Sustainable Park Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.9ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn
54	**The Greenway Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.6ha	Social Recreation	Drainage	Craigieburn
55	**Tiffany Crescent Wetlands**	Neighbourhood	2.4ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
56	**Trillium Park**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation		Craigieburn
57	**Victor Ian Foster Reserve**	Neighbourhood	3.1ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
58	**Yarcombe Crescent Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
59	**Chiffon Parkway Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
60	**Zambezi Court Reserve**	Neighbourhood	2.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Roxburgh Park
61	**Aitken Hill Pipe Track**	Neighbourhood	2.8ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
62	**Wisteria Avenue Reserve**	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
63	**Sanctuary Drive Tree Reserve**	Neighbourhood	7.2ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Craigieburn
64	**Amaroo-Lockerbie Pipe Track** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	3.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links& Trails	Craigieburn
65	**Rosette Parade Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
66	**Whites Lane Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	1.4ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Mickleham
67	**Bramble Avenue Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	6ha	Tree Reserve	Conservation & Cultural Values	Mickleham
68	**Turquoise Way Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	2.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear LInks & Trails	Craigieburn
69	**Debonair Parade Reserve**	Local	1.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
70	**Craigieburn Community Garden**	Local	0.4ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
71	**Highlander Drive Park**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
72	**Bradshaw Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
73	**Brentwick Drive Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
74	**Brickwood Circuit Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
75	**Abercarn Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
76	**Baronial Way Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
77	**Mt Piper Rise Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
78	**Northfield Park**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
79	**Mission Hills Way Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
80	**Princes Circuit Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Craigieburn

Precinct 11 Craigieburn - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)

No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
81	**Rio Grande Drive Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
82	**Sandover Drive Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Roxburgh Park
83	**Serenity Crosskeys Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
84	**Angophora Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
85	**Bank Street Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
86	**Balyang Park**	Local	0.1ha	Social Recreation		Craigieburn
87	**Carlton Court Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
88	**Clovelly Drive Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
89	**Elevation Boulevard Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
90	**Eastgate Road Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
91	**Flora Hanson Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Ancillary Spaces	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
92	**Greenfield Court Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
93	**Grosvenor Square Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
94	**Hamilton Hume Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
95	**Lee Street Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
96	**Metropolitan Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
97	**Northern Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
98	**Norval Green Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
99	**Peterlee Court Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
100	**Rokeby Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
101	**Midhurst-Trecastle Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
102	**Spurr-Field Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
103	**St Andrews Drive Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
104	**Thorngrove Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
105	**Watermill Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
106	**Wattlebird Street Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation		Roxburgh Park
107	**Whitley Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
108	**Pembroke Crescent Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
109	**Craigieburn Bicentennial Park**	Local	0.5ha	Social Recreation		Craigieburn
110	**Marne Drive Reserve**	Local	0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
111	**Hyde Park Reserve**	Local	0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
112	**Dahlia Cres. Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	3.3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Craigieburn
113	**Amberfield Nature Reserve**	Local	2.1ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Craigieburn
114	**Darwinia Drive Wetlands**	Local	1.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
115	**Eagle Court Wetland** (restricted access)	Local	0.3ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
116	**Bridgewater Road Linear Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
117	**Waterview-Central Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
118	**Elderberry Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
119	**Gardenia Close Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
120	**Flora-Hanson Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
121	**Gossia Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
122	**Grand Boulevard Tree Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
123	**Heathwood Close Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn

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No	Name	Hierarchy	Area	Primary Function	Secondary Function	Suburb
124	**Highbury Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
125	**Henley Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
126	**Leawood Glade Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
127	**Innes Place Tree Reserve**	Local	0.05ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
128	**Kilimanjaro Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
129	**Maloney Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.4ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
130	**Moor Park Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
131	**Parkside Rise Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
132	**Kapalua Place Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
133	**Fairways Aitken Entry Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
134	**Vantage Boulevard Entry Reserve**	Local	0.01ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
135	**Canisby Way Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
136	**Redcliffs Crescent Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
137	**Rio Grande Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve		Craigieburn
138	**Tavistock Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
139	**Vantage Boulevard Tree Reserve**	Local	0.04ha	Linear Links & Trails	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
140	**Waterford Park Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Spaces	Craigieburn
141	**Peppertree Parade Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
142	**Gallantry Greenside Reserve**	Local	2ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
143	**Eucalyptus Ovata Tree Reserve**	Local	0.07ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
144	**Northumberland Tree Reserve**	Local	0.17ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
145	**Ardsley Circuit Reserve**	Local	0.09ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
146	**Marley Way Linear Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	1.2ha	Drainage	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
147	**Bowie Way Wetlands** (upcoming)	Local	0.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
148	**Amphlett Lane Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.04ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
149	**Chiffon Promenade Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	1.4ha	Linear Links and Trails		Craigieburn
150	**Shantung Drive Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
151	**Tuckeroo Street Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links and Trails	Craigieburn
152	**Burrawang Loop Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
153	**Templetonia Circuit Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
154	**Streaked Lane Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.15ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links and Trails	Mickleham
155	**Cabbage Street Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links and Trails	Mickleham
156	**Ben Loman Circuit Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
157	**Calibre Avenue Tree Reserve**	Local	0.03ha	Ancillary Spaces	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
158	**Coral-Burn Court Reserve**	Local	0.3ha	Linear Links & Trails	Social Recreation	Craigieburn
159	**Sunstone Walk Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
160	**Staghorn Butterfly Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.16ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Mickleham
161	**Bramble Ave Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.7ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
162	**Marble-Elena Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
163	**Burrawang-Mt Ridley Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Craigieburn
164	**Moonstone Lane Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.07ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
165	**Lagoon Ave Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.06ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn
166	**Staghorn Boulevard Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.05ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Craigieburn

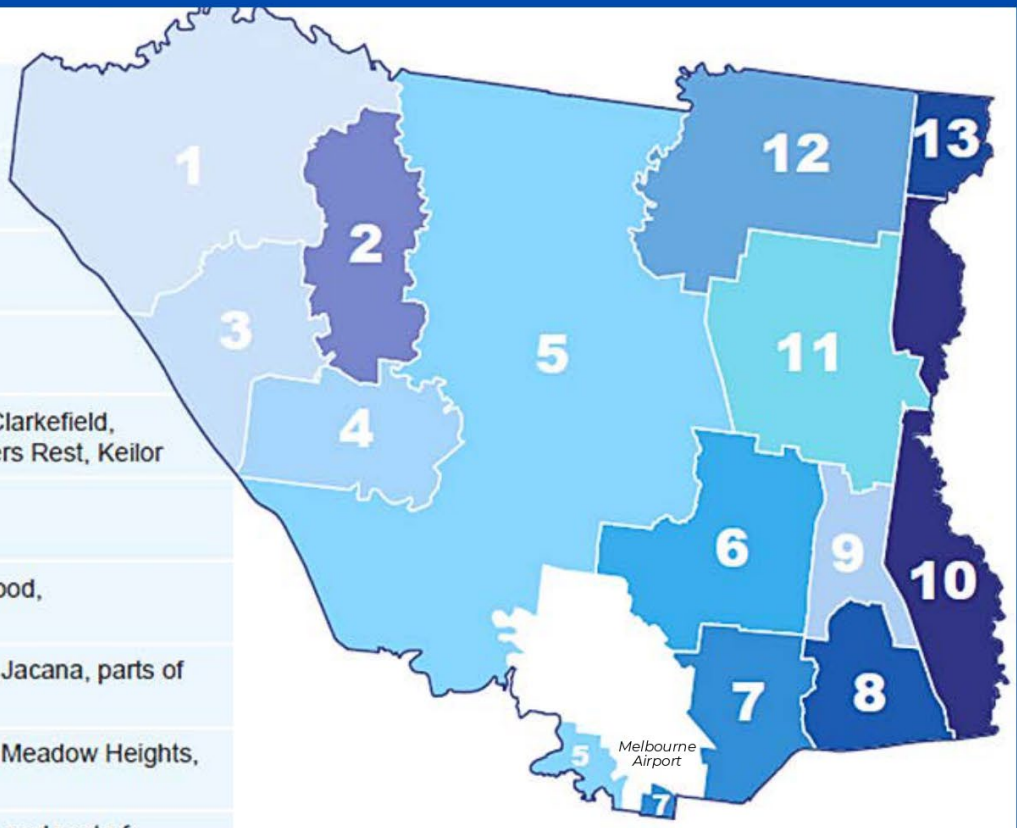
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No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve** Parks Vic	Regional	44ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
2	**Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve** (Crown) (restricted access)	Regional	11ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
3	**Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve** (proposed)	Regional	11ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
4	**Kalkallo Retarding Basin** (Melb Water) (restricted access)	Regional *Kalkallo Creek Parklands*	345ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Mickleham
5	**Kalkallo Creek Conservation Reserve**		35ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Mickleham
6	**Kalkallo Creek Parklands** (proposed)		60ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Mickleham
7	**Banda Bail Nature Reserve**	District	5ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
8	**Mickleham North Linear Parklands** (proposed)	District	25ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Mickleham
9	**Mickleham Recreation Reserve**	District	9.5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Mickleham
10	**Alexo Road Recreation Reserve** (proposed)	District	7.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Mickleham
11	**Elscott Boulevard Recreation Reserve** (upcoming)	District	8.9ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Mickleham
12	**Pasilla Circuit Nature Reserve**	Neighbourhood	7ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
13	**Annadale Park**	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
14	**Tremaine Avenue Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
15	**Fellows Road Reserve** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
16	**English Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	0.9ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
17	**Ridley Boulevard Reserve** (proposed)	Neighbourhood	7.5ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
18	**Ginger-Apsley Easement Reserve**	Neighbourhood	12.9ha	Ancillary Spaces	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
19	**Foundation Park**	Neighbourhood	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
20	**Pecan Place Reserve**	Neighbourhood	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
21	**Pinnacle Park**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
22	**Alice Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
23	**Monomeith Drive Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation		Mickleham
24	**Harfield Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
25	**Highfield Drive Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
26	**Salcey Way Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
27	**Buckwheat Walk Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	1.1ha	Social Recreation		Mickleham
28	**Buckwheat Walk Wetlands** (upcoming)	Local	2.6ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Mickleham
29	**Donnybrook Road Wetlands**	Local	5.6ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham

Precinct 12 Mickleham - Open Space Reserves 2025 (continued)						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
30	**Belmore Parade Reserve**	Local	0.75ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
31	**Botwood Street Reserve**	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation		Mickleham
32	**Gould-Sid Easement Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	2.5ha	Ancillary Space	Linear LInks & Trails	Mickleham
33	**Innovation Drive Basin Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	9.6ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
34	**Moorhen Street Reserve**	Local	1.3ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
35	**Macadamia Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.6ha	Social Recreation		Mickleham
36	**Stork Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
37	**St Georges Boulevard Reserves**	Local	0.5ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
36	**Barite Wa;lk Tree Resreve** (upcoming)	Local	0.4ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
39	**Old Sydney Roadside Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	16ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Mickleham
40	**Riceflower Road Wetlands** (proposed)	Local	6.5ha	Drainage	Conservation and Cultural Values	Mickleham
41	**Porcini Parade Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
42	**Brossard Road Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
43	**Polaris Drive Reserves**	Local	0.16ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
44	**Errol Boulevard Entry Reserve**	Local	0.08ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
45	**Whiteleaf Drive Reserve**	Local	0,1ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Mickleham
46	**Riceflower Road Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Mickleham
47	**Azola Way Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
48	**Pasilla Circuit Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.15ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
49	**Madura Promenade Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve	Ancillary Space	Mickleham
50	**Zaatar Street Tree Reserve**	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham
51	**Yogi Way Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Tree Reserve		Mickleham

Precinct 13 Kalkallo - Open Space Reserves 2025						
No	**Name**	**Hierarchy**	**Area**	**Primary Function**	**Secondary Function**	**Suburb**
1	**marram baba Merri Creek Parklands** (Melb Water)	Regional *marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands*	15ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
2	**marram baba Merri Creek Parklands** (proposed)		33ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
3	**Bells Avenue Wetlands**		2.8ha	Drainage	Social Recreation (L)	Kalkallo
4	**Klandy Drive Reserve**		0.8ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
5	**Quill Reserve**		0.3ha	Social Recreation (L)	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
6	**Merri Stony Rise Reserve** (proposed)			Conservation & Cultural Values		Kalkallo
7	**Kalkallo Creek Parklands** (Crown)	Regional *Kalkallo Creek Parklands*	1.8ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
8	**Kalkallo Knoll Nature Reserve**		11.3ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Kalkallo
9	**Kalkallo Creek Parklands** (proposed)		13.9ha	Drainage	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
10	**Cloverton Active Open Space** (proposed)	Regional		Sports	Social Recreation	Kalkallo
11	**Kalkallo Recreation Reserve**	District	10.3ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Kalkallo
12	**Antares Parade Recreation Reserve** (upcoming)	District	9.5ha	Sports	Social Recreation	Kalkallo
13	**Kalkallo Grasslands Nature Reserve** (restricted access)	District	10ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Kalkallo
14	**Donnybrook Cemetary**	Neighbourhood	4.6ha	Ancillary Spaces	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
15	**Arcturus Drive Waterway Reserve**	Neighbourhood	10ha	Drainage	Social Recreation	Kalkallo
16	**Tungsten Drive Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	1.1ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
17	**Cilantro Street Reserve** (upcoming)	Neighbourhood	1.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
18	**Dwyer Street Stony Knoll Reserve** (restricted access)	Local	0.6ha	Conservation & Cultural Values		Kalkallo
19	**Fenska Street Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
20	**Roscoe Avenue Reserve**	Local	1.5ha	Social Recreation	Conservation & Cultural Values	Kalkallo
21	**Lumin Boulevard Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
22	**Mowamba Street Wetlands**	Local	4.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
23	**Bells Avenue Reserve**	Local	0.8ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
24	**Margot Circuit Reserve**	Local	0.7ha	Social Recreation	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
25	**Cameron Street Linear Reserve**	Local	0.5ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Kalkallo
26	**Queensborough Road Linear Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.7ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
27	**Prestige Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Linear Links & Trails	Tree Reserve	Kalkallo
28	**Pronto Drive Tree Reserve**	Local	0.2ha	Tree Reserve	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
29	**Kales Court Tree Reserve**	Local	0,02ha	Tree Reserve	Linear links & trails	Kalkallo
30	**Cloverton Blvd Linear Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.5ha	Drainage	Linear Links & Trails	Kalkallo
31	**Sage Place Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.03ha	Tree Reserve		Kalkallo
32	**Clove Place Tree Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.03ha	Linear LInks & Trails		Kalkallo
33	**Bittersweet Dve Reserve** (upcoming)	Local	0.1ha	Linear LInks & Trails		Kalkallo

APPENDIX F - PRECINCT SUMMARIES OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

1.	**Sunbury Rural**
2.	**Lancefield Road**
3.	**Sunbury Central**
4.	**Redstone Hill**
5.	**Rural** includes Bulla, Wildwood, Clarkefield, Oaklands Junction, Yuroke, Diggers Rest, Keilor
6.	**Greenvale**
7.	**Valley** includes Tullamarine, Attwood, Westmeadows, Gladstone Park
8.	**Broadmeadows** includes Dallas, Jacana, parts of Coolaroo and Meadow Heights
9.	**Roxburgh Park** includes parts of Meadow Heights, Coolaroo and Craigieburn
10.	**Somerton** includes Campbellfield and part of Craigieburn
11.	**Craigieburn** includes parts of Yuroke and Mickleham
12.	**Mickleham**
13.	**Kalkallo**



Precinct 1: Sunbury Rural

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Sunbury Rural precinct is home to a small number of scenic reserves all with a primary purpose of conservation. This reflects the low population and rural nature of the precinct. Residents value the beauty of Jacksons Creek including Emu Bottom Wetlands and will enjoy future connections as the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands expand.

The open space investment priority for this precinct is improving nature-based walking experiences within and between the reserves and providing greater support for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

198ha	7	68ha	Not applicable as rural precinct	1,100	2,900
open space	number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)
					+0.8% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Sunbury Rural has green traffic lights making it one of Hume's lower-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Sunbury Rural has only one orange indicator. Open space provision is adequate for the low population.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protecting the significant cultural and ecological assets in this precinct are a priority due to its unique values.

Erosion and sodic soils are creating safety risks that are restricting walking access within several reserves. Addressing this is a priority.

- Protect and enhance precinct **conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands. and the Nature Reserves - Albert Road, Settlers Way, The Parkway, Knox Bridge and Blind Creek Headwaters.
- Protect and enhance the **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to cultural landscapes, waterways, earth rings, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. It is a long-term commitment to return Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha to Traditional Owner management.
- Protect and enhance **heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, pastoral houses, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, events, agriculture and industry.
- Protect all named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trails, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Jacksons Creek, Blind Creek, Longview Creek and Kororoit Creek East.
- Ensure **no net loss of open space**, no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Continue park maintenance and protect access to open space by planning for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- Improve **environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use.
- Upgrade the cultural experiences at Emu Bottom Wetlands by upgrading the nature viewing areas and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung interpretation opportunities.
- A dedicated play space in the precinct is not required due to the small population. It is however noted that a trail will be provided from Emu Bottom Wetland to a new park on Bardsley Crescent Boulevard.

Nature-based Experiences

Upgrade nature-based walking experiences. For example

- better connect open space reserves and trails at Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands
- investigate and if feasible construct circuit paths between and within Parkway Nature Reserve and Albert Road Nature Reserve. This is subject to managing erosion and safety risks.
- Investigate and if feasible implement a walking loop and seating at Knox Bridge Nature Reserve.

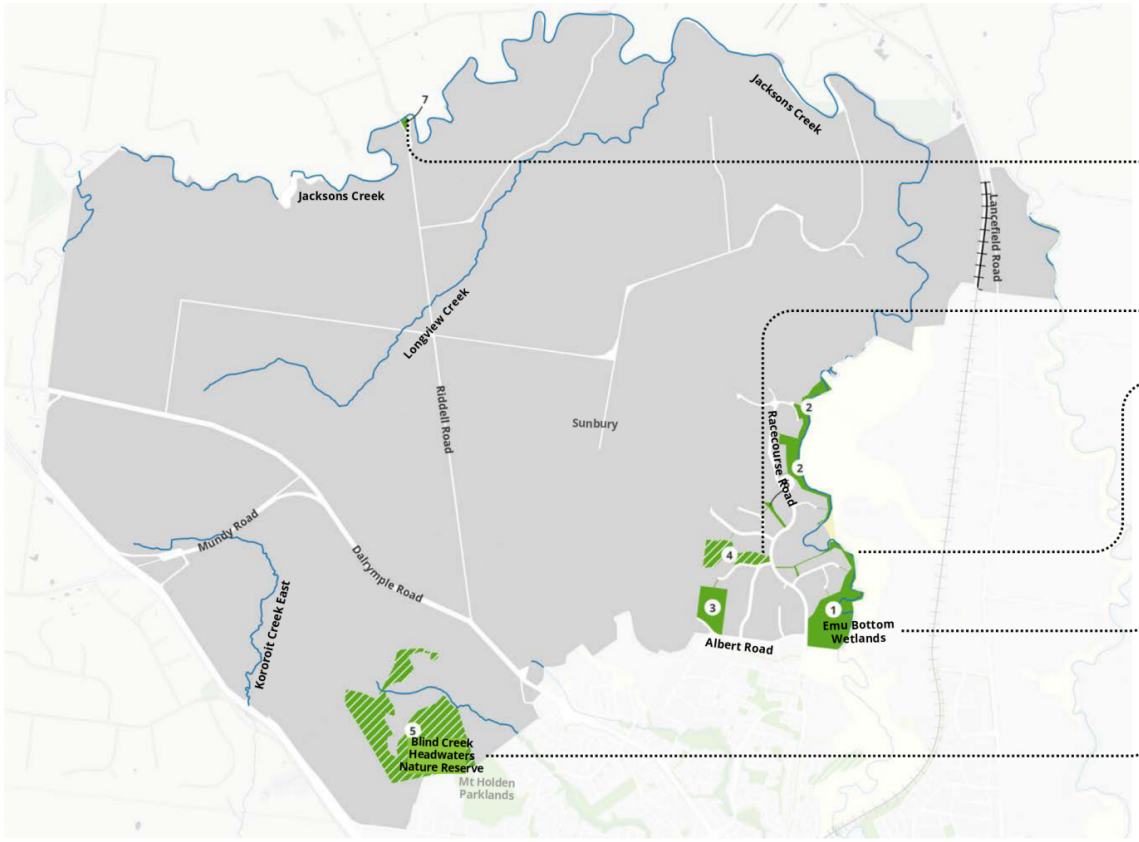
Off Leash Dog Areas

- Off leash dog play will be maintained in a designated area of Emu Bottom Wetlands

Precinct 1: Sunbury Rural

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Waterway

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Knox Bridge Nature Reserve
Investigate and if feasible implement walking loop and seating area

The Parkway and Albert Road Nature Reserve
Circuit paths within and between. Return public access to the reserves by creating paths that direct people away from areas of severe erosion.

Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha
Better connect open space reserves and trails. Construct footbridge over Jacksons Creek (Lancefield PSP)

Emu Bottom Wetlands
Upgrades to the nature viewing areas and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung interpretation opportunities. Create a trail to the new park on Bardsley Crescent.

Blind Ck Headwaters Nature Reserve
Ongoing conversion of former landfill to nature reserve. Address erosion issues
Investigate potential of public access for some areas.

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

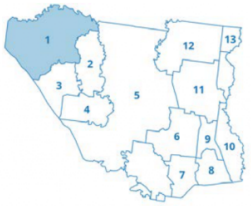
Waterways

- Investigate the feasibility of securing land to help link Emu Bottom Wetlands with The Glade in Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands

Ecological sites

- Investigate the feasibility of securing land on the rural edge of Sunbury to help connect Albert Road and The Parkway nature reserves and prevent noxious weed and pest incursions.

Precinct 1 Sunbury Rural Open Space Reserves 2025		
No	**Park Name**	**Area**
Regional		
Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands (part)		
1	Emu Bottom Wetlands	42ha
2	The Glade	21ha
Neighbourhood		
3	Albert Road Nature Reserve	15ha
4	The Parkway Nature Reserve	15ha
5	Blind Creek Headwaters Nature Reserve (restricted access)	103ha
Local		
6	Settlers Way Nature Reserve (restricted access)	1.5ha
7	Knox Bridge Nature Reserve	0.5ha



Precinct 2: Lancefield Road

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Lancefield Road precinct incorporates much of the soon to be expanded Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands on its west. Emu Creek on the eastern boundary will be increasingly expanded as an ecological and cultural reserve with visitors able to enjoy scenic views over it as new communities develop. The precinct holds sites of great significance to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and is also home to significant settler stories based around the Rupertswood Homestead. The Nook is the feature park of the precinct and visited by people far and wide.

The established area around Goonawarra in the south has a good spread of open space and tree lined streets. Development and open spaces in the rest of the precinct is rapidly underway.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

176ha	51	14ha	93%	5,301	28,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)
					+8.9% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Lancefield Road has orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's mid-need precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Lancefield Road has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance:

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands and the emerging Emu Creek Parklands
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, earth rings, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. The Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha cultural landscape is very significant.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space**, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- tree planting to meet canopy targets for reserves
- improved trail connections for nature based experiences.

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. *See map for examples.*
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport

Nature-based Experiences

- Upgrade nature-based experiences in and across the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands. Provide new viewing points for Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New areas for dogs needed in both established and growth areas

Outdoor Community Events

- Support outdoor community events by designing and providing infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate feasibility of expanding The Nook in the long term to provide for larger outdoor events and cultural activities.

Urban Cooling

Lancefield Road Precinct has low canopy cover averaging less than 2% with higher pockets near The Nook.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. See map for examples
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

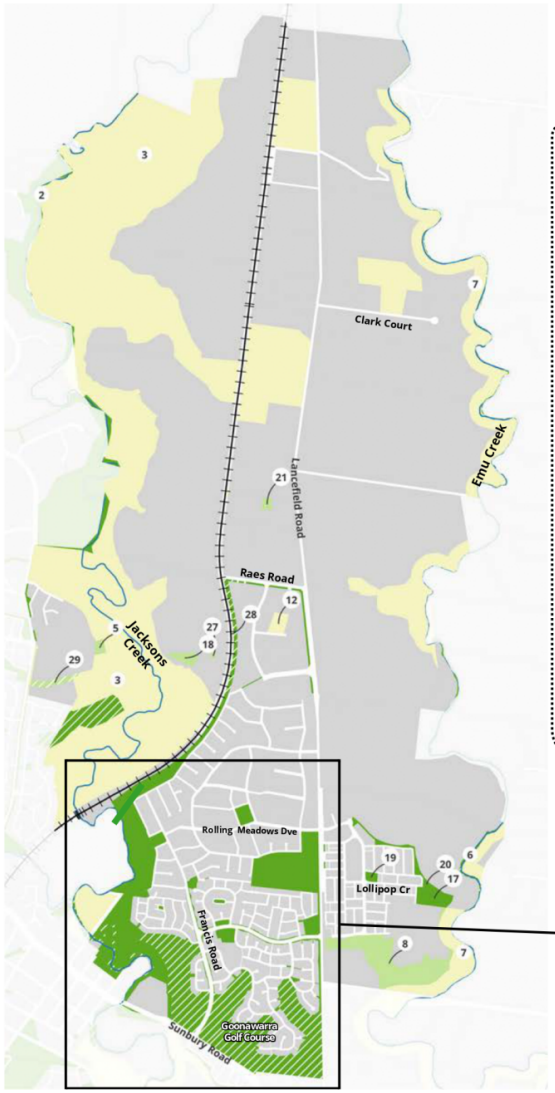
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 5 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Expand the use of alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 2: Lancefield Road

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



Prioirities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

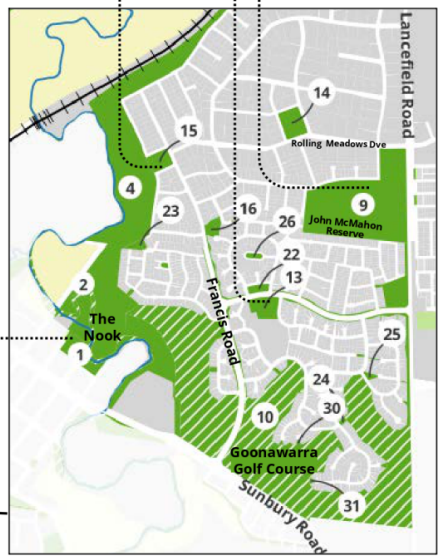
The Nook
Maintain the Nook as a leading picnic place for the region.

Vista Park
Improve play, picnic seating, shade and interpretive information to provide a destination point for urban walk from the Nook

Tulsa Reserve
Maintain and improve Tulsa Reserve to support small outdoor events and encourage accessibility and connections to Goonawarra shopping centre.

John McMahon Reserve
Create more usable area by providing more amenity, paths, seating and drainage. Design to better support community events.

Oasis Areas
For example
Noogal Park (14)
Vista Park (15)
Kiwanis Park (22)



KEY
- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Waterway

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

The Nook
Land adjacent to the Nook, known as the 'Dairy Lunette' and zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone is privately owned dairy farm. Investigate options to transition to public parkland in the long term. This will consider waterway, cultural values, conservation, social recreation and event capacity.

Connections
The Goonawarra Golf Course is fenced and creates a significant access barrier for the precinct. Investigate interface and link improvements through or around the edge of the golf course.

Ecological sites
State Government to secure the Conservation Areas set out in the Federal Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Areas 'Nature Conservation' and 'Growling Grass Frog' protection requirements in Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha and Emu Creek corridors. Advocate and negotiate for the creation of Emu Creek Parklands.

Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs)
- Secure the land identified in the Lancefield Road PSP including ~~11~~ local parks, ~~1~~ neighbourhood parks and ~~3~~ district sporting reserves. Ensure development does not compromise existing open space.
- Advocate and plan for diverse open space reserves in the upcoming Sunbury North PSP to serve the needs of the growing population and protect the ecological and cultural priorities of the region.



Precinct 2 Lancefield Road Open Space Reserves 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands (part)		
1	The Nook & Bicentennial Park	3.8ha
2	Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands	6ha
3	Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands (proposed)	100+ha
4	Nook to Skyline	38ha
5	Bardsley Crescent Reserve (upcoming)	0.9ha
District		
Emu Creek Parklands (part)		
6	Emu Creek Parklands	6ha
7	Emu Creek Parklands (proposed)	150+ha
8	Mercury Rd Linear Reserve (upcoming)	16ha
9	John McMahon Reserve	18ha
10	Goonawarra Public Golf Course	62ha
11	Montego Boulevard Recreation Reserve (proposed)	10ha
Neighbourhood		
12	St Ronans Court Reserve (proposed)	0.75ha
13	Tulsa Drive Reserve	1.5 ha
14	Noogal Park	1.7 ha
15	Vista Park	1 ha
16	Harvard Court Reserve	1 ha
17	Empty Road Wetlands	3.4ha
18	Delphi Boulevard Reserve	2.6ha
19	Lollipop Crescent Park	0.7ha
20	Empty Road Reserve	0.8ha
Local		
21	Chilli Crescent Reserve	0.75ha
22	Kiwanis Park	0.4ha
23	Spyglass Court Reserve	0.4ha
24	Muirfield Drive Playground	0.1ha
25	Turnbury Drive Reserve	0.2ha
26	Balliol Common Reserve	0.2ha
27	Sedona Crescent Reserve (upcoming)	0.4ha
28	The Skyline Nature Reserve	0.5ha
29	Ransford Drive Reserve	1.6ha
30	Ainsdale Court Tree Reserve	0.1ha
31	Muirfield Drive Tree Reserve	0.1ha
Plus 12+ local reserves and 8+ walkways		

Precinct 3: Sunbury Central

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Sunbury Central is home to a wide range of open space well distributed through most of the precinct. The exception is the central township near the station that lacks open space especially for events.

The precinct includes multiple creek experiences Jacksons Creek, Blind Creek, Kismet Creek, Harpers Creek along with Mt Holden Parklands scenic hilltop. There are opportunities to complete waterway corridors at the confluence of Blind Creek and the upper reaches of Kismet Creek.

The open space renewal program is a priority in this precinct to replace aged infrastructure. Sunbury is home to many play spaces that have low level use, and renewal (or consolidation and upgrade) will accommodate the growing population of Sunbury especially given the higher health, wellbeing and disability needs of the community.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

272ha	159	8.8ha	98.3%	29,000	40,000
open space	Number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

+1.4% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Sunbury Central has two red and one orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's highest-need precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Sunbury Central has only one orange indicators.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance:

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Kismet Creek, Blind Creek, Jacksons Creek, and Nature Reserves - Mt Holden, Evans Street Grasslands, Stewarts Lane, Darr Banneem, Swift Parrot, Mumilam Korobine, Emu Road.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, earth rings, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. The Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha cultural landscape is very significant.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Jacksons Creek, Blind Creek, Kismet Creek, Harpers Creek, Heysen Drive Drain (Creek), and 'Sunbury West Creek'.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are:

- improving outdoor event capacity
- park upgrades and increased investment in park renewals
- tree planting to meet canopy targets for reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. *See map for examples.*
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Upgrade nature-based experiences around the Salesian College grounds to connect Jacksons Creek to Blind Creek (and Kismet Creek).

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New areas for dogs will be needed in the future growth area. Investigate the relocation of Sunbury Dog Park to a site that is easier to maintain.

Outdoor Community Events

Support outdoor community events by designing and providing infrastructure for at least two reserves to support small local events. Investigate feasibility of a larger civic event space in the central precinct.

Urban Cooling

Sunbury Central Precinct has mixed canopy cover. The central area has 2-10% and the outer edges average less than 2%. A pocket near Blind Creek has over 20%.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

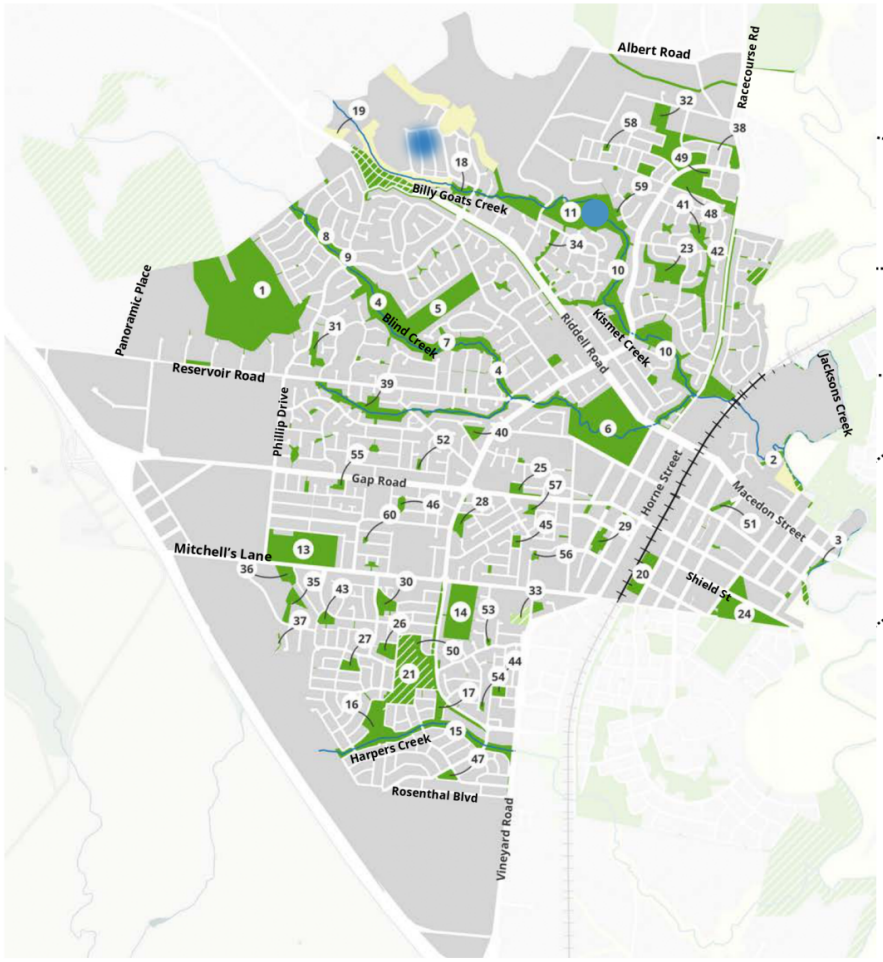
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 5 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Expand the use of alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 3: Sunbury Central

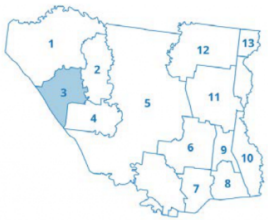
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Proposed Open Space
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'grow' recommendation)
- Waterway



Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Blind Creek
Investigate a new picnic area along Blind Creek as an added feature for people walking or cycling the length of Blind Creek (and potentially looping around to Kismet Creek or Heysen Drive Reserve).

Spavin Lake Reserve
Investigate and if feasible reconfigure lake to improve water quality and support surrounding paths and seating.

Creek Trail Connection
Upgrade nature-based experiences around the Salesian College grounds to connect Jacksons Creek to Blind Creek (and Kismet Creek)

Kororoit Creek Headwaters
Investigate waterway, parkland and climate adaptation measures to support Sunbury West Creek downstream from Googly Park. Seek Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung name for creek (to replace temporary name).

Harpers Creek
Increase the social recreation experiences along Harpers Creek at Waugh Park

Oasis Areas
For example, Meldrum-McCubbin Reserve, Marl Close Reserve (17)

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

Civic Urban Plaza and Events
Review feasibility and structure plan analysis for creating or expanding a centrally located reserve to serve as a civic urban plaza for Sunbury. If feasible, design and construct the civic node to support larger events, festivals, and live sites. Undertake voluntary urban design frameworks with business to guide redevelopment.

Cultural sites

- Support Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung priorities for securing the Earth Ring Reserve and Billy Goats Creek (19) in Canterbury Hills area.

Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs)

- Advocate and plan for diverse open space reserves in the upcoming Sunbury West PSP to provide social recreation, sport and protect the ecological and cultural priorities of the region.

Precinct 3 Sunbury Central Open Space Reserves in 2025		
No	**Park Name**	**Area**
Regional		
1	Mt Holden Parklands	42ha
Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands (part)		
2	Maguire Drive Reserve	1ha
3	Powlett St Nature Reserve	0.4ha
Blind Creek Parklands		
4	Blind Creek Parklands	45ha
5	Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve	10ha
6	Sunbury Recreation Reserve	20ha
7	Dalkeith Court Reserve	3.8ha
8	Beckview Crescent Reserve	1ha
9	Bannon Avenue Reserve	0.4ha
District		
Kismet Creek Parklands		
10	Kismet Creek Parklands	25ha
11	Spavin Lake Reserve	6.5ha
12	Kismet Creek Parklands (Canterbury Ave)	11.7ha
13	Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve	12ha
14	Langama Park	8ha
24	Sunbury Park	6ha
Harpers Creek Parklands		
15	Harpers Creek Parklands	8ha
16	Waugh Park	4ha
17	Marl Close Reserve	0.8ha
Neighbourhood		
Billy Goats Creek Parklands		
18	Billy Goats Creek Parkland	1.5ha
19	Billy Goats Creek Parkland (proposed)	7.5ha
20	Evans Street Grassland Nature Reserve	3.5ha
21	Kokoda Drive Nature Reserve	11ha
22	Darr Banneem Nature Reserve	11ha
23	McEwen Drive Reserve	3.5ha
25	Acheron Court Park	1ha
26	Lillee Park	1.4ha
27	Century Park	1.1ha
28	Forrest Street Reserve	1.3ha
29	Roger Free Park	1.5ha
30	Sheffield Park	1.9ha
31	Mumilam Korobine Nature Reserve	1.6ha
32	Emu Road Nature Reserve	2.1ha
33	Free Crescent Nature Reserve	1.5ha
34	Swift Parrot Nature Reserve	1.4ha
Sunbury West Creek Parklands		
35	Barrington Lane Reserve	1.7ha
36	Googly Park	1.5ha
37	Sunbury West Ck Parklands	0.17ha
37	Brigade Street Linear Reserve	1.8ha
38	Heysen Drive Reserve	8.5ha
39	Gruner Street Park	1ha
Local		
41	Curtin Drive Reserve	2.2ha
42	Hotham Court Playground	2.1ha
43	Off Stump Park	1ha
44	Pearl Iris Park	0.7ha
45	Lawson Street Reserve	0.6ha
46	Gosse-Cowper Reserve	0.6ha
47	Thomas Millett Park	0.8ha
48	Geranium Drive Reserve	0.3ha
49	Pippit Way Park	0.3ha
50	Angela Potts Park	1ha
51	Sunbury Village Green	0.6ha
52	Dobell Avenue Reserve	0.3ha
53	Kingsley Drive Reserve	0.2ha
54	Logan Court Reserve	0.2ha
55	Thornton Avenue Reserve	0.2ha
56	Fraser Court Reserve	0.2ha
57	Hume Street Reserve	0.5ha
58	Bridle Street Reserve	0.2ha
59	De Lisle Avenue Playground	0.2ha
60	Dolan Court Reserve	0.2ha
Plus 37+ local open spaces and 62+ walkways		

Precinct 4: Redstone

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Redstone precinct is a newly emerging residential area with a mix of nature-based and social recreation experiences. The precinct enjoys features including Jacksons Creek, Harpers Creek, linear links and one of Hume's premier playspaces, Galaxyland.

The precinct will benefit from the redevelopment of the open spaces within the Jacksons Hill Heritage Precinct and the pending Redstone Hilltop Park.

The precinct holds very high cultural significance to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people especially along Harpers Creek, Jacksons Creek and the Redstone Hilltop which is likely the location of Batman's 'Treaty' being signed. The progressive creation of the Jacksons Hill biik wurrdha Regional Parklands (including Harpers Creek) will provide an important cultural protection area for the Traditional Owners.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

205ha	47	19ha	98.5%	3900	35,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

+11.8% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Redstone has green traffic lights making it one of Hume's lower-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Redstone has one red and one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance:

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Holden Flora Reserve, Jacksons Hill Reserve, Wanginu Park and Sheoak Nature Reserve.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, earth rings, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. The Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha cultural landscape including Harpers Creek, Redstone Hill hilltop, escarpment and floodplain.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Jacksons Creek, Emu Creek and Harpers Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- tree planting to meet canopy targets for reserves
- improved trail connections for nature based experiences.

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Upgrade nature-based walking and cycling links
  - around Greater Western Water to reach Jacksons Hill Reserve, and ultimately to a pedestrian bridge over Jacksons Creek
  - within and around the Jacksons Hill heritage precinct
  - along Watson Road to Sunbury Pop Festival Nature Reserve and ultimately to a pedestrian bridge over Jacksons Creek
- Advocate for a future viewing platform at Holden Flora Reserve to be reached from Watsons Rd.

Sporting Experiences

- Continue to create new district sporting reserves as provided by Precinct Structure Plans.

Heritage Based Experiences

- Upgrade heritage experiences at Jacksons Hill Reserve and the future Redstone Hilltop Reserve.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New areas for dogs will be needed in the future growth area.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Plan for future Redstone Hilltop Reserve to support larger events and cultural activities

Urban Cooling

Redstone Precinct has low canopy cover averaging less than 2% except near Jacksons Creek which is greater than 20%.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

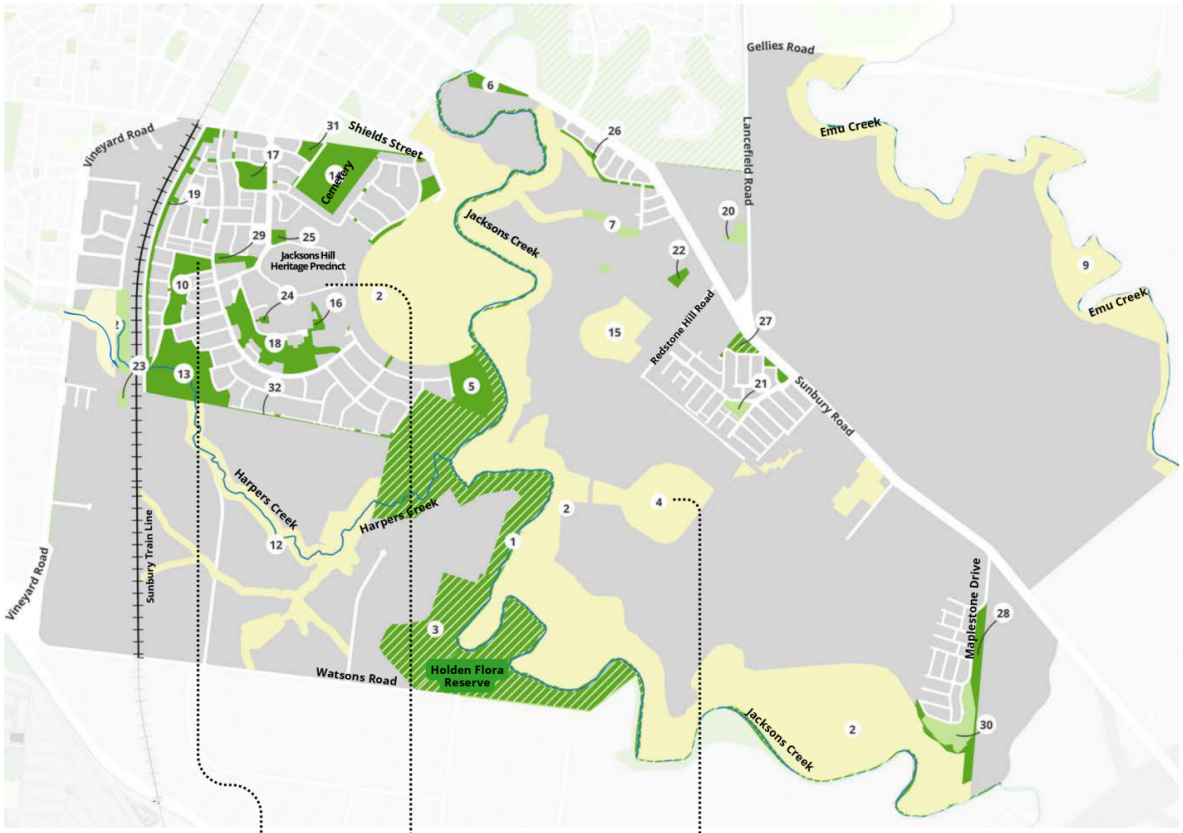
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 2 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Introduce the use of alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 4: Redstone

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Jacksons Park (Galaxyland)
Maintain Galaxyland as one of Hume's premier feature play and family outdoor event experiences. Review the name of Galaxyland to better reflect the values of the playspace.

Jacksons Hill Arts Heritage Precinct
Progress open space initiatives within the precinct to support a range of visitor experiences including walking loops, historical points of interest, and where possible hosting outdoor events.

Redstone Hilltop Reserve
Reflect Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural significance for the upcoming Redstone Hilltop Reserve combined with viewing and social recreation opportunities for the new regional reserve. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung consider Redstone Hill to be the likely location of the signing of 'Batman's Treaty'

KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Waterway

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
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Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

GROW

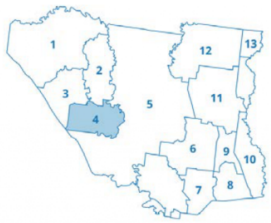
Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

Jacksons Hill Masterplan
- Secure the open space and linear links identified in the Jacksons Hill Masterplan

Sunbury South PSP
- Secure the land identified in the Sunbury South PSP including new 'social recreation' reserves ranging from regional to local, along with district and neighbourhood sporting reserves

Ecological sites
- State Government to secure the Conservation Areas set out in the Federal Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Areas 'Nature Conservation' and 'Growling Grass Frog' protection requirements in Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha, Harpers Creek and Emu Creek corridors. Advocate for the creation of Emu Creek Parklands.

Oasis Areas
For example
Kathleen Aitken Park (17)
Florence Lane Reserve (24)



Precinct 4 Redstone Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands		
1	Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands	2.6ha
2	Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Parklands (proposed)	2.6ha
3	Holden Flora Reserve (Parks Vic)	94ha
4	Redstone Hilltop Park (upcoming)	17ha
5	Jacksons Hill Reserve	7ha
6	Apex Park	2ha
7	Ortega Crescent Reserve	2ha
Emu Creek Parklands		
8	Emu Creek Parklands	
9	Emu Creek Parklands (proposed)	58ha
10	Jacksons Park (and Galaxyland)	5ha
District		
Harpers Creek Parklands		
11	Harpers Creek Parkland	
12	Harpers Creek Parkland (proposed)	41ha
13	Wanginu Park	13ha
14	Sunbury Cemetery	11ha
15	Grisa Street Recreation Reserve	10ha
Neighbourhood		
16	Jacksons Hill Arts Culture Reserve	2ha
17	Kathleen Aitken Park	2.5ha
18	Sheoak Nature Reserve	9.5ha
19	Sunbury Rail Linear Reserve	4ha
20	Huckster Ave Reserve (upcoming)	0.75ha
21	Sacred Drive Park	1ha
22	Regner Drive Reserve	0.75h
Local		
23	Yanada Close Reserve (upcoming)	0.6ha
24	Florence Lane Reserve	0.3ha
25	The Avenue Reserve	0.7ha
26	Tanninbrae Drive Reserve	1ha
27	Flycatcher Road Wetlands	1.2ha
28	Campestre Drive Easement Reserve	2.4ha
29	Outlook Way Reserve	1.3ha
30	Needlebush Drive Wetlands	5ha
31	Obrien Street Basin	1.1ha
32	Wanginu-Jackson Linear Reserve	0.7ha
Plus 5 tree reserves, 10+ walkways and upcoming parks and wetlands set aside in growth areas		

Precinct 5: Rural

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

The Rural precinct offers a scenic green wedge respite that is enjoyed by many. The open space centrepiece is Bulla Parklands which requires upgrading to welcome visitors to a mix of experiences including the rose garden, historic railway, sports, play, nature, and event features.

The precinct enjoys significant cultural and ecological features including part of the Organ Pipes National Park, Maribyrnong River, Deep Creek, Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek. There are not yet any walking trails or lookout points to view these natural features. There are opportunities to explore links between existing parks and opportunities arising from the pending Bulla Bypass and Outer Metropolitan Ring Road works.

The Aircraft Viewing Reserve attracts visitors from far and advocacy efforts to the Federal Government can help to improve the safety and amenity of this unique feature.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

191ha	21	18ha	Not applicable as rural precinct	1805	2,500
open space	Number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

+1.7% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Rural precinct has one orange traffic light making it one of Hume's lower-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Rural precinct has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protecting the significant cultural and ecological assets especially along waterways are a priority in this precinct due to its green wedge and rural values.

Protect and enhance:

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Quartz Street Nature Reserve, Martin Dillon Nature Reserve, Bulla Bulla Streamside Nature Reserve, Konagaderra Bridge Nature Reserve, Trap Street Reserve and others along Deep Creek; Sunbury Pop Festival Nature Reserve, McLeods Road Nature Reserve and Organ Pipes Nature Reserve (Parks Victoria) along Jacksons Creek, sites along the Maribyrnong River (Crown), and School Lane Nature Reserve in Bulla
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to all cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. The Organ Pipes Nature Reserve is a noted significant cultural landscape.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, pastoral houses, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in the precinct include Maribyrnong River, Jacksons Creek, Emu Creek, Deep Creek, Konagaderra Creek. It is a long term commitment to return the riparian edge of Maribyrnong River and Jacksons Creek to public or Traditional Owner management.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

Nature-based Experiences

- Upgrade the nature-based experiences by introducing walking trails along waterways. Such trails are delivered over the long term and important steps can be taken in the next ten years. See map for examples.
- Encourage interest and discovery of rural areas by planning for a rural scenic driving trail that includes picnic and viewing areas. Investigate, and where feasible expand signage, picnic facilities and where appropriate, and viewing reserves.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- Off leash dog play will be maintained in a designated area of Bulla Parklands

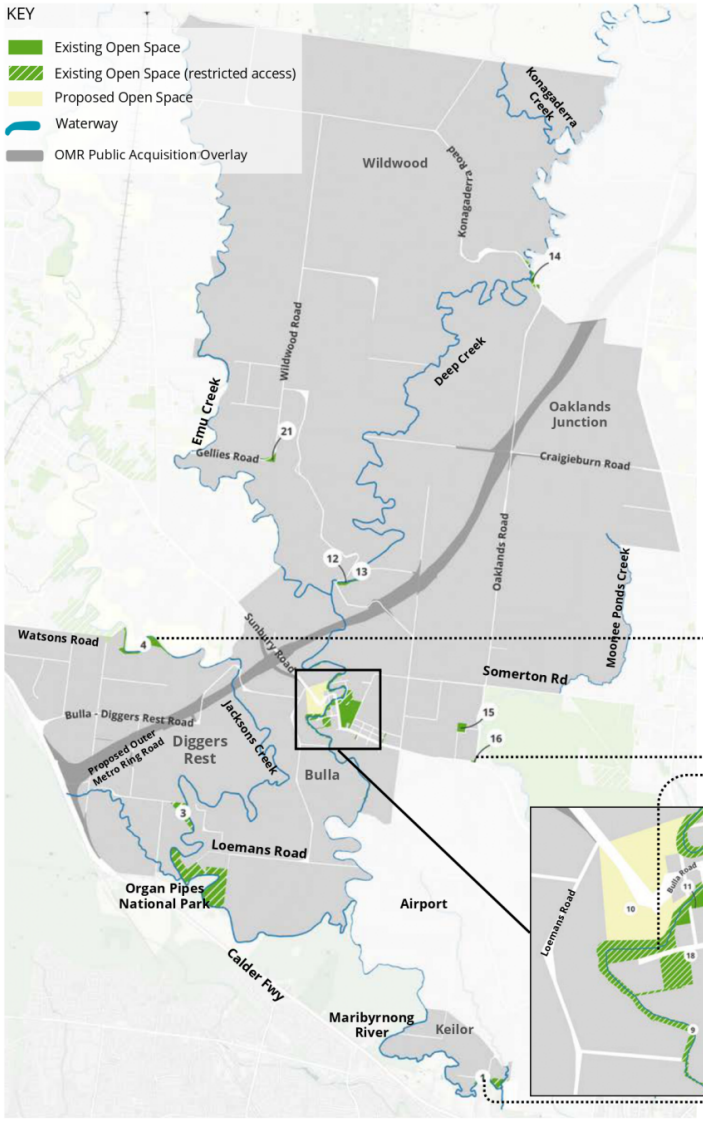
Urban Cooling

- Optimise urban cooling by increasing tree canopy for visitor shade in Bulla Parklands and Trap Street Deep Creek Reserve. This includes priority planting along paths, and dense canopy to be located adjacent to play equipment for summer shade.
- Expand the use of irrigation including the use of alternative water sources at Bulla Parklands to create cooler 'oasis area' of up to 70% canopy cover.

Precinct 5: Rural

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.

The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.

Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Bulla Parklands
Upgrade Bulla Parklands to provide regional scale visitor experiences. This includes the Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden, Bulla Hill Railway, Bulla Recreation Reserve and supporting markets and events. Improve walking access to the parklands.

Sunbury Pop Festival Site
Upgrade trail connections, wayfinding and interpretive signage for the Sunbury Pop Festival site

Aircraft Viewing Reserve
Advocate to Melbourne Airport to upgrade or relocate Aircraft Viewing Reserve on Sunbury Road to support traffic management, safety and visitor experience.

Deep Creek – advocate and partner with State Government to investigate and where feasible create walking connections along Deep Creek. This includes links from Council land to the multiple crown land parcels in and around Bulla township

Maribyrnong River – advocate for the creation of the Maribyrnong River trail on the Brimbank side of the river and support the reconstruction of the historic Arundel Road bridge. Advocate to the Commonwealth for improved seating and maintenance at the Arundel Road Reserve to support visitors as a rest point at the historic bridge.

GROW

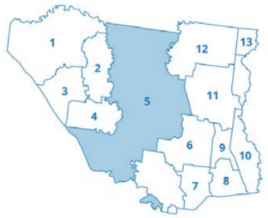
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Maribyrnong River
To support the Maribyrnong River parklands, partner with State Govt to investigate a Public Acquisition Overlay for the riparian edge of properties needed to complete the habitat corridor. Continue messaging to landowners about the existing environmental and cultural requirements for the river.

Jacksons Creek
To support the long term goal of Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands extending south to connect with the Organ Pipes National Park, partner with State Government to investigate a public Investment overlay for the riparian edge of land parcels along this reach. Continue messaging to landowners about the existing environmental and cultural requirements for the creek.

Ecological sites

- Investigate the feasibility of applying environmental protection controls or management to support highly significant Grey Box woodland and intact understorey in Oaklands Junction
- Advocate for State Government to secure the Growling Grass Frog Conservation Areas along Emu Creek as set out in the Federal Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Areas



Precinct 5 Rural Open Space Reserves in 2025		
No	**Park Name**	**Area**
Regional		
1	Maribyrnong River Reserve (Comm & State)	6ha
Jacksons Creek Corridor		
2	Organ Pipes National Park (Parks Vic)	54ha
3	Jacksons Creek Streamside Reserve (Crown)	9.7ha
4	Sunbury Pop Festival Nature Reserve	11ha
District		
Bulla Parklands		
5	Bulla Recreation Reserve	4ha
6	Bulla Recreation Reserve (Miniature Railway)	12ha
7	Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden	0.4ha
Deep Creek Corridor		
8	Quartz Street Nature Reserve	5ha
9	Deep Creek Corridor (State)	32ha
10	Deep Creek Reserve (proposed)	19ha
11	Trap Street Deep Creek Reserve	1ha
12	Martin Dillon Nature Reserve	2.3ha
13	Bulla Bulla Streamside Reserve	0.9ha
14	Konagaderra Bridge Nature Reserve	4.6h
15	Bulla Cemetery	3.2ha
16	Aircraft Viewing Reserve (Commonwealth)	0.3ha
17	Emu Creek Parklands (State) (restricted access)	22ha
Neighbourhood		
18	School Lane Nature Reserve	3ha
Local		
19	Sharp Street Reserve	0.4ha
20	Bulla Road Tree Reserve	0.2ha
21	Gellies Greybox Roadside Nature Reserve	2.4ha

Precinct 6: Greenvale

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Greenvale precinct features Woodlands Historic Park providing remnant bushland along Moonee Ponds Creek and offering a connection to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung culture, along with more recent pastoral and equestrian history. The picturesque Greenvale Reservoir, Yuroke Creek and Attwood Creek provide important nature connections.

Reopening Greenvale Reservior Park to support picnics and outdoor gatherings is a priority for the precinct.

Greenvale precinct is home to growth areas with new housing that has very small backyards and a greater need for access to open space. There are several areas that are not within 400m walk to open space however the high amount and quality of regional open space can alleviate the lack of open spaces.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

1115ha	95	51ha	93%	20,500	32,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

+2.1% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Greenvale precinct has one orange traffic light making it one of Hume's lower-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023).

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Greenvale has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Attwood Creek Parklands, Blossom Drive Nature Reserve, Section Road Nature Reserve, Greenhaven Drive Nature Reserve, Perched Marsh Site on Yuroke Creek, and Woodlands Historic Park (Parks Victoria)
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values.** This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. Woodlands Historic Park is a noted significant cultural landscape.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Moonee Ponds Creek, Yuroke Creek, Attwood Creek, Brodies Creek and Greenvale Drain (Creek). Yuroke Creek is to be protected in the proposed extension of Aitken Boulevard.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- tree planting to meet canopy targets for reserves
- improved trail connections for nature based experiences.

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Upgrade walking and cycling links to improve nature-based experiences. See map for examples.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities for Greenvale Recreation Reserve to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New areas for dogs will be needed in the growth areas.

Urban Cooling

Greenvale Precinct has higher canopy cover around Attwood Creek and Mickleham Road (up to 20%) and very low in north and east due to new residential development.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

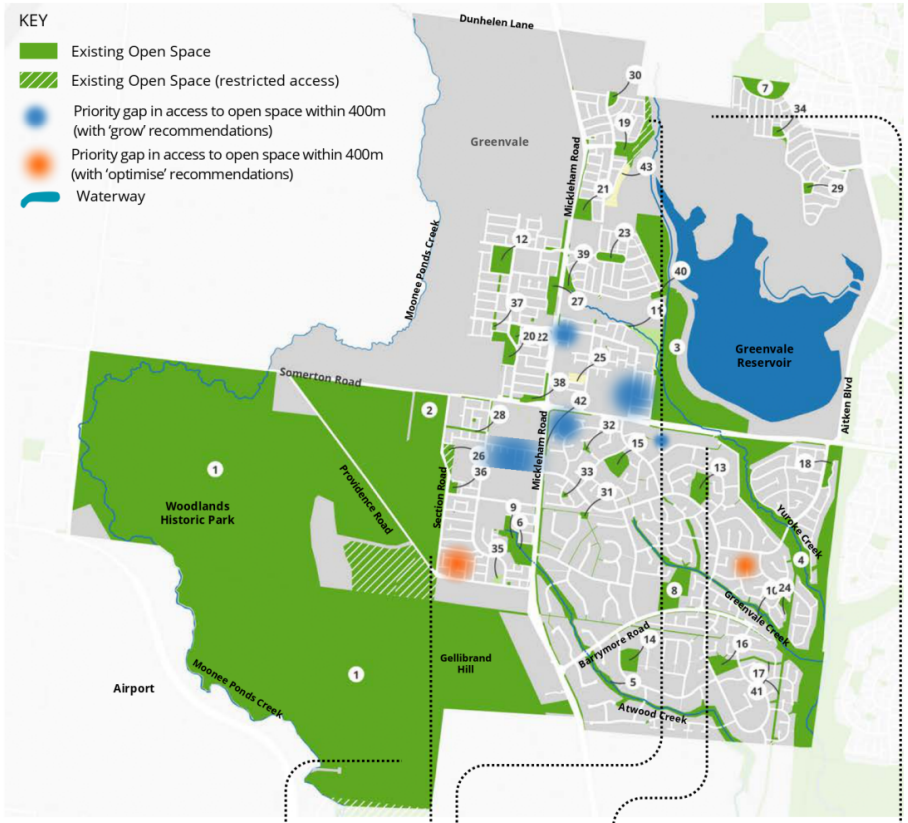
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 2 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Introduce the use of alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 6: Greenvale

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Woodlands Historic Park
Partner with Parks Victoria and Chain of Ponds to improve shared trails along Moonee Ponds Creek.

Greenvale Equestrian - South
Very southern tip upgraded to allow pedestrian access, shading and seating for enjoyment by the new community on the east side of Section Road. Ensure safe separation from horse activity.

Luster Circuit Linear Reserve
Advocate to owner to consider reserve options including a link to Greenvale Reservoir Park (in discussions with Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria) and/or dog off leash area.

Somerton Road and Mickleham Road
Somerton Road linear reserve and Mickleham Road linear reserves to be expanded for walking and cycling.

North of Greenvale Reservoir
Upgrade walking and cycling links around the north of Greenvale Reservoir with viewpoints included.

Oasis Areas
For example
Hermitage Dve Linear Reserve (41)
an area of Yuroke Parklands (4)
Piccadilly Court Reserve (48)

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps

Advocacy
Advocate to

- Parks Victoria to reopen all Greenvale Reservoir Park and improve visitor facilities. This will help address some gap areas.
- Aitken College for a partnership to investigate and if feasible create accessible open space along Brodie Creek on a small area of their land.
- Ensure the continuity of open space, and waterway protection in the design of the proposed Aitken Boulevard extension.

Waterways

- Investigate and if feasible implement long term options to improve trail connectivity along **Attwood Creek** at the Barrymore Road intersection. .

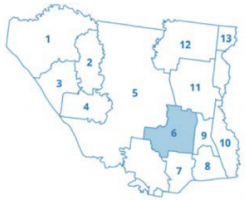
Precinct Structure Plans

- Secure the land identified as social recreation reserves in the Greenvale Central PSP and green link linear reserves in the Craigieburn West PSP to help address gap areas.
- Advocate and plan for diverse open space reserves in the pending Greenvale North Part 2 and Somerton Road PSP to serve the needs of the expanding population and protect ecological and cultural assets.

Precinct 6 Greenvale Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
1	Woodlands Historic Park (Parks Victoria)	838ha
2	Greenvale Recreation Reserve (including Greenvale Equestrian Centre)	60ha
District		
3	Greenvale Reservoir Park (Parks Victoria)	38ha
4	Yuroke Creek Parklands	24ha
Attwood Creek Parklands		
5	Attwood Creek Parklands (Melb Water and HCC)	17ha
6	Marquee Circuit Wetland (Melb Water)	2ha
7	Mt Aitken Reserve (South)	5.3ha
8	Barrymore Road Recreation Reserve	6.6ha
Neighbourhood		
9	Marquee Circuit Drive Reserve	1.1ha
10	Greenvale Linear Reserve (Creek)	8.5ha
11	Brodies Creek Parklands (upcoming)	6ha
12	Greenvale Gardens Reserve	4ha
13	Greenvale Drive Reserve	3.5ha
14	Drummond Street Reserve	3ha
15	Bradford Avenue Reserve	3ha
16	Charlie Grech Reserve	3ha
17	Attwood-Greenvale Pipe Track	3.5ha
18	Kirkham Drive Reserve	2.5ha
19	Destination Park	2ha
20	Blossom Drive Nature Reserve	3ha
21	Chance Street Wetland (Melb Water)	2.4ha
22	Heritage Views Reserve	1.2ha
23	Napoli Park	1.7ha
24	Renfew Court Reserve	1.5ha
25	French Road Reserve	1ha
26	Section Road Nature Reserve	1.6ha
27	Mickleham Road Linear Wetlands (Melb Water)	3.8ha
30	Peak Reserve	0.8ha

Local		
28	Vermillion Drive Linear Reserve	1ha
29	Navigation Road Park	0.7ha
31	Overton Close Reserve	0.4ha
32	Wichill Close Playspace	0.3ha
33	Rudstone Bend Park	0.2ha
34	Compass Drive Park	0.8ha
35	Saddle Way Reserve	0.5ha
36	Hallcroft Road Park	0.7ha
37	Lemonwood Drive Reserve	0.2ha
38	Candy Road Wetlands	0.8ha
39	Bellini Drive Basin	1.2ha
40	Positano Grove Wetlands	0.7ha
41	Hermitage Drive Linear Reserve	0.7ha
42	Somerton-Mickleham Linear Reserve	0.8ha
43	Luster Circuit Linear Reserve	6.4ha
Plus 26+ local reserves and 26+ walkways		



Precinct 7: Valley

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Valley precinct has a diverse range of open space including Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands, Yuroke Creek and Broadmeadows Valley Park, Attwood Creek, Steel Creek and a good selection of dog off-leash areas.

The precinct includes Hume's most established suburbs with small lot subdivisions well underway. There are small pockets of homes not within 400m of open space and a more strategic allocation of developer contributions arising from subdivisions can help to lessen these gaps.

The district sporting reserves are mostly undersized, limiting social recreation opportunities on site, and this needs to be offset with greater facilities in other reserves.

The proposed Aitken Boulevard extension south of Somerton Road must be designed to protect Yuroke Creek and minimise loss and integration of open space for the community.

Suburbs include Tullamarine, Gladstone Park, Westmeadows, Attwood, Jacana.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

290ha	105	9ha	97.3%	25,000	28,000
open space	Number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)
					+0.4% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Valley precinct has three red traffic lights making it one of Hume's highest-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Valley precinct has one red and one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands, Attwood Creek Parklands, Ripplebrook Drive Reserve, Steele Creek Parklands
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values.** This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. Woodlands Historic Park is a noted significant cultural landscape.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Moonee Ponds Creek, Yuroke Creek, Attwood Creek, Steele Creek, and Steele Creek North. Moonee Ponds Creek will be protected in the proposed extension of Aitken Boulevard.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- park upgrades and increased investment in park renewals
- tree planting to meet canopy targets in reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Continue to create shared use trails in gap areas along Moonee Ponds Creek and Attwood Creek.
- Advocate for continuity of open space, and protection of waterways in the future design of the proposed Aitken Boulevard extension.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- Off leash dog play will be maintained throughout the precinct.

Urban Cooling

Tullamarine has low canopy cover mostly 0-5% with pocket of 10-15% coverage at Tadstan Dve Reserve. Westmeadows has a 10-20% tree canopy coverage (higher closer to the Moonee Ponds Creek) and lower heading into Attwood (2-5%). Gladstone Park has low canopy coverage of around 2-5%.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

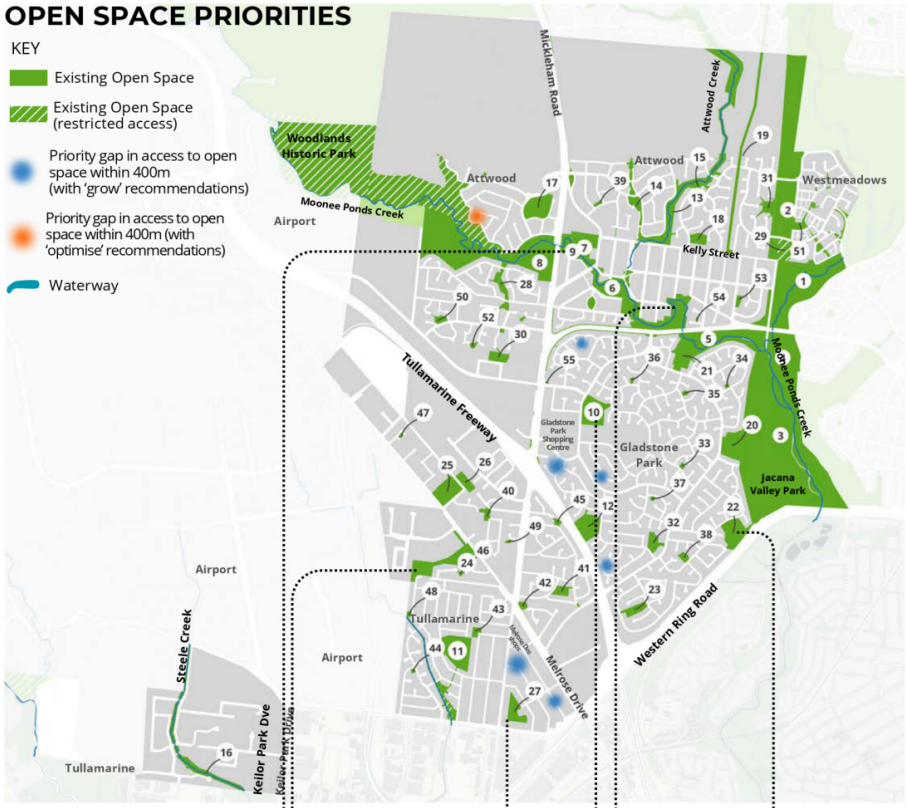
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 7 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Seek alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 7: Valley

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Moonee Ponds Creek Westmeadows Investigate upgrading Westmeadows Reserve to district level play, upgrade creek trail and improve connections with the Fawkner Street Shopping Precinct.

Trade Park Reserve upgrade to improve social recreation experiences in the western end of the reserve. Retain dog offleash area and improve integration with the northern tree reserve area (Melrose Drive interface)

SF Hedger Reserve upgrade visitor facilities and locate in viewlines to improve safety. Complement with longer term design to open up the reserve for greater visibility and use.

Gladstone Park Reserve upgrade with picnic facilities and trees. Design to support walking journeys across the park to the Gladstone Shopping Centre.

John Coutts Reserve upgrade with a variety of social recreation visitor infrastructure. Design will consider hosting events and provide extensive tree shading.

Westmeadows Meander Upgrade to return waterway flow to the meander and provide seating and walking loops for nature enjoyment.

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

Residential Gap Areas

To help more communities to be within 400m of open space, fill gaps by

- As a high priority, investigate options to help resolve shortage of quality open space in **Tullamarine**.
- Investigate feasibility of a park south of **Gladstone Park** Shopping Centre. Such a park would be located to encourage more people to walk to the shopping centre by linking cul-de-sacs and be well shaded.
- Advocate to Melbourne Water for access and seating near the corner of Tattenham Court and Trinity Boulevard, **Attwood** within Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands.

Connectivity Gap Area

Investigate options to expand **Leo Dineen Reserve** to increase space, and improve access and walking routes for residents.

Ecological Sites

Investigate and if feasible apply environmental controls or management of significant remnant, mature Grey Box Woodland on both sides of Attwood Creek in the green wedge zone.

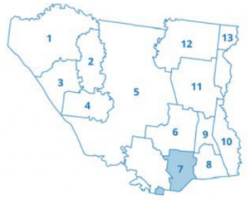
Oasis Areas

For example
Lackenheath Drive Reserve (45)
Walpa Reserve (31)

Precinct 7 Valley Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
Broadmeadows Valley Park		
1	Ripplebrook Drive Reserve	15.5ha
2	Broadmeadows Easement	57ha
Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands		
3	Jacana Valley Park (part)	58ha
4	Jacana Reserve	8ha
5	Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands	54ha
6	Coopers Hills Drive Park	2.5ha
7	Westmeadows Reserve	3.5ha
8	Willowbrook Reserve	5ha
9	Bent Street Reserve	1.2ha
District		
10	Gladstone Park Reserve	3.6ha
11	Leo Dineen Reserve	4.6ha
12	Elmhurst Park	3ha
Neighbourhood		
Attwood Creek Parklands		
13	Attwood Creek Parklands	12ha
14	Stonebridge Way Reserve	1ha
15	Erinbank Cres Playground	0.4ha
16	Steele Creek Parklands	4.2ha
17	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	3.2ha
18	Harricks Crescent Reserve	1ha
19	Attwood to Greenvale Pipetrack (Melb Water)	3.5ha
20	Jack Ginifer Reserve	3ha
21	Carrick Drive Reserve	3ha
22	John Coutts Reserve	2.8ha
23	Trentham Drive Reserve	1ha
24	Trade Park Reserve	4.4ha
25	Melrose Drive Reserve	2.8ha
26	Derby Street Reserve	1.1ha
27	SF Hedger Reserve	2ha
28	Ian Musgrove Reserve	1ha
29	Westmeadows Indigenous Community Garden	1.7ha

Local		
30	Global Drive Reserve	1ha
31	Walpa Court Reserve	1ha
32	Carrick-Elmhurst Reserve	0.9ha
33	Barrington Crescent Reserve	0.1ha
34	Clarke Drive Reserve	0.1ha
35	Dunfield Drive Reserve	0.2ha
36	Fairbank Avenue Reserve	0.1ha
37	Harcourt Crescent Reserve	0.1ha
38	Vaucluse Avenue Reserve	0.4ha
39	Tollkeepers Reserve	0.2ha
40	Tadstan Drive Reserve	0.5ha
41	Tangamere Avenue Reserve	0.8ha
42	Camp Hill Park	0.3ha
43	Dalkeith Avenue Reserve	0.4ha
44	Fisher Grove Reserve	0.1ha
45	Lackenheath Drive Reserve	0.3ha
46	Phelan-Burvale Reserve	0.1ha
47	Strathconnon Square Reserve	0.1ha
48	Churchill Avenue Reserve	0.2ha
49	Andlon Court Reserve	0.1ha
50	Hillcrest Reserve	0.5ha
51	Parkmore Crescent Reserve	0.8ha
52	Evita-Arjay Reserve	0.2ha
53	Eyre Street Reserve	0.4ha
54	Kelman Court Reserve	0.1ha
55	Rylandes Drive Reserve	0.04ha
55	Tullamarine Linear Reerve	1.6ha
Plus 74+ local reserves and 26+ walkways		



Precinct 8: Broadmeadows

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Broadmeadows Precinct offers an unusual mix of significant ecological reserves amidst a highly urban environment. Residents enjoy the beauty of Moonee Ponds Creek and Yuroke Creek as it unfolds into the majestic Broadmeadows Valley Park and there are future opportunities for Merlynston Creek Parklands.

The precinct includes Hume's most established suburbs with small lot subdivision well underway. It is home to Hume's most vulnerable communities adding to the importance of providing open space. It is the precinct with the greatest number of homes not within 400m of open space and a more strategic allocation of developer contributions arising from subdivisions can help to lessen these gaps.

Suburbs include Broadmeadows, Jacana, Coolaroo, Dallas, Meadow Heights, Westmeadows

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

288ha	63	9ha	79%	28000	38,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)
					+17% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Broadmeadows precinct has three red traffic lights making it one of Hume's highest-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Broadmeadows has two red indicators.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Barry Road Grasslands, Maygar Grasslands, Maygar Grey Box Nature Reserve and areas within Broadmeadows Valley Park, Jacana Valley Park and Campbellfield Creek Parklands.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values.** This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Moonee Ponds Creek, Yuroke Creek, Merlynston Creek and Campbellfield Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- park upgrades to help offset large gaps in open space
- tree planting to meet canopy targets in reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support more women in sport, and to service a higher number of users due to population growth.

Nature-based Experiences

- Upgrade nature-based experiences by continuing to create shared use trails and pedestrian bridges along Merlynston Creek, and in Broadmeadows Valley Park
- Advocate for shared trail connections along Upfield Railway corridor and partner with Merri-bek Council to support trail connections along Merlynston Creek south from Jack Roper Reserve

Off Leash Dog Areas

- Off leash dog play will be maintained throughout the precinct.

Outdoor Community Events

- Support outdoor community events by maintaining Jack Roper Reserve for small gatherings, and improving Broadmeadows Town Park to support larger events. Investigate potential of events to be held in proposed Northcorp Boulevard reserve.

Urban Cooling

Broadmeadows Precinct has a low canopy cover of 2-5% in residential areas and higher along creek corridors.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. See map for examples
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 9 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Consider feasibility of seeking alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 8: Broadmeadows

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

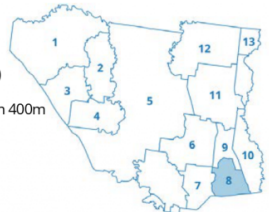
OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

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KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'grow' recommendation)
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'optimise' recommendations)
- Waterway



Oasis Areas
For example
- Progress Reserve - western edge (16)
- Bethall Gully Reserve (27)
- Meadowlink Linear Reserve (35)

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Progress Reserve
Enhance social recreation features and shade to help offset the lack of other open space reserves in the area.

Gibb Reserve
Upgrade landscaping especially the northeast corner with greater shading, picnic facilities and trails to help offset the lack of nearby open spaces

Laura Douglas Reserve
Upgrade to improve entrances, paths, shelters, King St shop connections, and play opportunities as a feature of the wider Merlynston Creek Parklands

Upfield Railway Reserve
Advocate to VicTrack to support linear reserve. This includes setting back fence between Barry Rd and Russell St and upgrading seating, shade and trail and connection to nearby shops.

Dallas Activity Centre
Improve urban plaza and carpark area to provide more trees, walkways, social recreation and event capacity.

Broadmeadows Valley Park
Continue investment in this regional park to provide high quality scenic and walking experiences, along with shade, picnic and play experiences.

Hume Central
Increase civic plaza visitor experiences as part of the Hume Central project.

Seabrook Reserve
Improve passive surveillance of Seabrook Reserve playspace and Merlynston Creek. Adjacent development to be set back at least 75m from Creek and viewlines maximised.

Jack Roper Reserve
Retain role as one of Hume's top feature play experiences and be upgraded where necessary to retain this role. Improve connections to open spaces in Merri-bek to help spread the visitor demand of this very popular open space.

Anderson Reserve
Upgrade to improve entrances, shared paths, shade, picnic and play opportunities. Support some district level facilities to help offset the lack of nearby open spaces for residents

GROW

This precinct is a priority for land acquisition to help fill equity gaps.

Residential 400m Gap Areas

To help more communities to be within 400m of open space, fill gaps by undertaking the following:

- As highest priority, investigate feasibility of a new park to resolve shortage of open space **south of Camp Road, Broadmeadows.** The new park is to be neighbourhood in classification and may be configured as visually linked local parks if more feasible.
- Help resolve shortage of open space **north of Camp Road, Broadmeadows** by investigating the feasibility of a new local park nearby to shops
- investigate options in **Jacana** to create a new local park that ideally stretches between streets to improve walkability in the area.
- Ensure the redevelopment of the **Graham Street** land held by the Department of Education includes open space to help resolve shortage in local area
- Where feasible, increase land along **Merlynston Creek** to help resolve shortage of open space in the Riggall Street, Dallas area. Combine this with species protection and negotiating continuous trail access along the creek corridor.
- Ensure transfer of the land for a reserve in **Northcorp Boulevard** (south of The Meadows). This will help fill an open space gap and if feasible will provide for large outdoor events. In the event the land cannot be adequately remediated, ensure an alternate open space is provided.

Waterway

- Investigate the feasibility of acquiring the riparian edge of **Campbellfield Creek** north of Camp Road.

Precinct 8 Broadmeadows Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
Broadmeadows Valley Park		
1	Broadmeadows Valley Park (part)	90ha
2	John Ilhan Memorial Reserve	19ha
3	Erinbank Cresent Reserve	5.8ha
4	Girgarre Street Reserve	5ha
Moonee Ponds Creek Parklands		
5	Jacana Valley Basin (Melb Water)	14ha
6	John Wilton (Johnstone St) Reserve	9ha
7	Jacana Reserve Rotary Park	7.5ha
District		
Merlynston Creek Parklands		
8	Merlynston Creek Parklands	13ha
9	Jack Roper Reserve	20ha
10	Merlynston Creek Dallas Basin	7ha
11	Seabrook Reserve	17ha
12	Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery (Crown)	4.2ha
13	Laura Douglas Reserve	8.4ha
14	Hepburn Street Reserve	2ha
15	Broadmeadows Town Park	2.8ha
16	Progress Reserve	9ha
17	Buchan Street Reserve	4.3ha
18	Barry Road Grasslands	7ha
19	Broadmeadows Civic Plaza	0.3ha
Neighbourhood		
Campbellfield Creek Parklands		
20	Campbellfield Creek Parklands	1ha
21	The Gateway Nature Reserve	1ha
22	Northcorp Lake Reserve	2.6ha
23	Gibb Reserve	5ha
24	Anderson Reserve	4.4ha
25	Banksia Gardens	2.2ha
26	Maygar Grey Box Nature Reserve	5.2ha
27	Bethall Gully Reserve	5.7ha
28	Dallas Activity Centre	1ha
29	Kevin De Laine Reserve	0.9ha
30	Gosford Cr. Reserve (upcoming)	0.75ha
31	Olsen Place	0.1ha
Local		
32	Maygar Grasslands Nature Reserve	2.8ha
33	Canadian Court Reserve	0.7ha
34	John Verkdale Reserve	0.5ha
35	Meadowlink Linear Park	1.1ha
36	Ventnor Crescent Reserve	0.2ha
Plus 20 local parks and 6+ walkways		

Precinct 9: Roxburgh Park

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Roxburgh Park precinct is home to Shanklands Linear Reserve connected to Broadmeadows Valley Park and provides unique views into Greenvale Reservoir. There are a good number of interspersed parks within walking distance to all homes, however it is the area of Hume with the lowest amount of open space per person. Many of the reserves are encumbered by electricity and drainage requirements.

Roxburgh Park has been designed for walking trips with extensive walkways to help access.

The community faces high levels of community needs. Optimising the existing open space reserves with good design and visitor experiences will improve community outcomes. New open space should be located so that improves walkability through cul-de-sacs.

Suburbs include Roxburgh Park and Meadow Heights.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

202ha	177	7ha	100%	28000	25,200
open space	Number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

0.1% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Roxburgh Park precinct has three red traffic lights making it one of Hume's highest-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Roxburgh Park precinct has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to conservation areas within Broadmeadows Valley Park.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, memorials, cottage ruins, historic and geologic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- Protect all named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Yuroke Creek and a significant unnamed creek flowing along Shanklands Linear Reserve. A creek name will be investigated for this waterway.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- park upgrades and increased investment in park renewals
- tree planting to meet canopy targets in reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Upgrade experiences by creating more shared trails along the Roxburgh Park Linear Easement including landscaping and viewing points. Investigate options for crossing Roxburgh Park Drive and Silvester Parade. Somerton Road to expand its linear reserve for walking and cycling.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New open space needs to be identified for off-leash dog play.

Urban Cooling

Roxburgh Park Precinct has a low canopy cover of less than 2% across most of the precinct.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 7 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Seek alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 9: Roxburgh Park

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve
Investigate opportunities for a more visitor friendly environment along the Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve including upgrading trails and landscaping.
Investigate easement conditions to identify where pockets can be safely established with shade trees and visitor infrastructure.

Roxburgh Park Recreation Reserve
Investigate upgrading to district play, including picnic shelter space, and improved outdoor gathering capacity.

Roxburgh Park Homestead
Investigate the opportunity for a district play, picnic shelter space, and improved outdoor gathering capacity.

Shankland Tarcoola Reserve
Increase play, shade, toilet and picnic provision in keeping with district social recreation standards.

Oasis Areas
For example
- Shankland Tarcoola (except centre) (5)
- Coram Four Ways Reserve (39)
- Matthews Reserve (12)

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

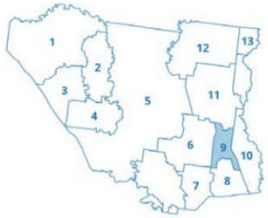
Meadow Heights
To help address the low amount of open space in Meadow Heights, investigate the feasibility of expanding an existing reserve to upgrade the visitor experience and improve visibility.

Merlynston Creek
Investigate and negotiate creek interface land upstream of Barry Road as an open space corridor.

Precinct 9 Roxburgh Park Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
Broadmeadows Valley Park		
1	Broadmeadows Valley Park (part)	49ha
2	Shankland Papworth Park	0.9ha
District		
3	Arena Recreation Reserve	10.3ha
4	Roxburgh Park Recreation Reserve	6.7ha
5	Shankland Tarcoola Reserve	4.5ha
Neighbourhood		
Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve		
6	Roxburgh Park Linear Reserve	29ha
7	Pinnock Reserve	6.3ha
8	Craigieburn Rail Linear Reserve	9.2ha
9	Lakeside Drive Tree Reserve	6.8ha
Shankland Linear Parklands		
10	Shankland Linear Parklands	12ha
11	Shankland Lake Reserve	6.2ha
12	Matthews Reserve	2.4ha
13	St Clair Reserve	2.6ha
14	Boyden Square	1.8ha
15	Kirwan Park	1.7ha
16	Lake McIvor Reserve	4.2ha
17	Roxburgh Park Homestead	3ha
18	The Knoll Reserve	2ha
19	Patullos Lane Oval	3.3ha
20	Roxburgh Park School Shared Oval	2.6ha
21	Rokewood Reserve	1.8ha
22	Katsura Retreat Wetlands	3.2ha
23	Silvester Parade Reserve	3.4ha
24	Brilliant Street Reserve	1.4ha
25	Woodlands Linear Reserve	3.6ha
26	Somerton Road Linear Reserve	3.4ha

Local		
27	Redwood Close Reserve	0.5ha
28	Manley Park	0.9ha
29	Murchison Square	0.7ha
30	Rearden Park	1ha
31	Cambridge Crescent Reserve	0.8ha
32	Recep Resuloglu Papworth Place Reserve	0.8ha
33	Fantasy Park	0.8ha
34	Sheoak Court Reserve	0.3ha
35	Greensted Grove Reserve	0.2ha
36	McKeown Outlook Reserve	0.4ha
37	Tyrell Reserve	0.5ha
38	Woodburn Crescent Tree Reserve	0.3ha
39	Coram Four Ways Reserve	0.4ha
40	Huntly Court Reserve	0.9ha
41	Zakwell Court Basin	0.6ha
42	Hilltop Reserve	0.3ha
Plus 8 small local reserves and 125+ walkways		



Precinct 10: Somerton

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Somerton precinct is home to the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands. This Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural landscape will stretch to 2700ha over three municipalities and Hume's contribution is to acquire creekside land to link Northpark Nature Reserve to Aitken Creek confluence.

The north of the precinct is mostly industrial interspersed with valuable conservation areas. Advocating for Merlynston Creek to be returned to open space within the industrial area is important.

The residential pockets in Campbellfield do not have adequate open space with many homes not within 400m walking distance. There is a shortage of outdoor event spaces for the community to enjoy extended family gatherings which needs to b addressed.

Suburbs include Campbellfield, Thomastown, Somerton, Fawkner and Craigieburn.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS



205ha	33	20ha	69%	5,500	6,000
open space	Number of open spaces	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | **Health & Wellbeing** | **Accessibility & Inclusion**

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Somerton precinct has two orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's mid-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | **Land Investment** | **Traditional Owners & Environment**

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Somerton has one red and two orange indicators.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to conservation areas including marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands, and Nature Reserves - Bolinda Road, Northpark, John Laffan, Aitken Creek Confluence, National Business Park, Somerton Redgum, Yellowbox, and Freight Drive.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. marram baba Merri Creek is a noted significant cultural landscape.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic and geologic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Merri Creek and its junctions with Blind Creek and Kalkallo Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- improve trail connections for nature based opportunities
- tree planting to meet canopy targets in reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Upgrade nature-based experiences by creating more shared trails along marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands including the most southern link into galada tamboore, extending Northpark Nature Reserve north to Aitken Creek confluence, and constructing a footbridge at John Laffan Reserve.
- Advocate to Parks Victoria for walking access in bababi marning Nature Conservation Reserve
- Advocate to Yarra Valley Water for a setback at their treatment site to facilitate trail access along Merri Creek at its junction with Aitken Creek.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.
- Investigate the feasibility of discontinuing active sports use at John Laffan Reserve.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New open space needs to be identified for off-leash dog play.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities.

Urban Cooling

Somerton Precinct has a low canopy cover of 2-5% across most of the precinct, with greater cover around creeks.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples.*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage.

**Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

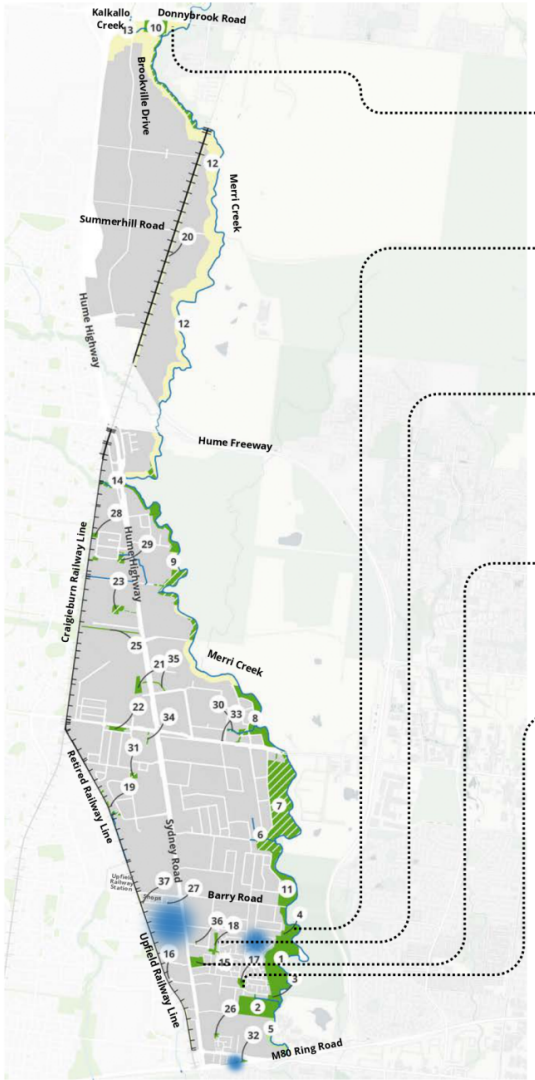
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 2 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Seek alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 10: Somerton

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'grow' recommendations)
- Waterway

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Example projects:

John Laffan Reserve
Upgrade to reflect conservation values of the site including changed sporting needs and valuable nature-based walking experiences including the viewing opportunities of the Merri and Kalkallo Creek confluence.

Hatty Court Reserve
Investigate expansion of Hatty Court Playground to include picnic opportunities. Investigate a public toilet at Hatty Court or Horne Street Reserve

William Canning Reserve
Increase picnic seating and accessibility at William Canning Reserve to help address shortage of outdoor gathering spaces in Campbellfield.
Resolve encroachment issues and investigate access from Church St

Seth Raistrick Reserve
Upgrade design and infrastructure to enhance Seth Raistrick Reserve for better visitor experiences and gatherings. Seek a partnership with the neighbouring Scots Church for better connections that will provide the community with more places to walk and reflect.

Allan Barry Reserve
Increase picnic seating and shelter area at Allan Barry Reserve to help address shortage of outdoor gathering spaces in Campbellfield.

Oasis Areas
For example

- Somerton Park (22)
- Roebourne Crescent Reserve (26)

GROW

This precinct is a priority for land investment to help fill access gaps. Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

To help more communities to be within 400m of open space:

Campbellfield - West of Sydney Road Investigate options to help resolve shortage of open space in this area. Options include:

- potential partnership with Nestle for use of their buffer area for neighbourhood level open space
- potential new park and walkways to create open space, improve walkability and support trader activity. The new park is to be neighbourhood in classification and may be configured as visually linked local parks if more feasible.
- advocate for linear trail connections along the length of the railway corridor. Advocate for land near Barry Road shops to be made available for seating, shade and open space purposes.

Campbellfield - East of Sydney Road Investigate options to help resolve shortage of open space in this area. Options include:

- creating new access links to marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands
- reconfiguring William Canning Reserve to improve access and useability.
- creating a new reserve

Craigieburn Nth Employment PSP
Secure the land identified in the Craigieburn North Employment PSP including conservation reserves and social recreation reserve.

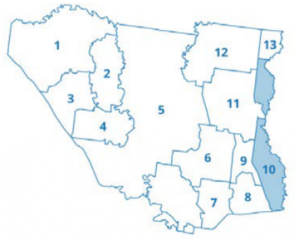
To support ecological, cultural and Traditional Owner values:

marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands
As set out in the marram baba Merri Creek Parklands Plan endorsed by Council Nov 2023, progress the following:

- State Government to secure Growling Grass Frog and Nature Conservation Areas as set out in Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors 2013
- Secure the rear of four properties that will enable continuous connection from Northpark Nature Reserve northward along Merri Creek to the Aitken Creek confluence.
- Negotiate the land transfer and lease for the two properties blocking trail access between galada tamboore and the Merri Creek Trail in Merri-bek.

Precinct 10 Somerton Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
marram baba Merri Creek Parklands		
1	Galada Tamboore (part) (Melb Water)	32ha
2	Bolinda Road Nature Reserve	18ha
3	Horne Street Reserve	1.8ha
4	Hatty Court Reserve	2.8ha
5	Merri Creek Trail Link Reserve	1.8ha
6	Metrolink Circuit Reserve	1.4ha
7	bababi marning Nature Conservation Reserve (Parks Vic)	53ha
8	Northpark Nature Reserve	33ha
9	Northpark Nature Reserve (proposed)	16.5
10	John Laffan Reserve	15ha
11	marram baba Merri Creek Parklands (HCC & MW)	14ha
12	marram baba Merri Creek Parklands (proposed)	100+ ha
13	Kalkallo Creek Parklands (proposed)	22ha
District		
14	Aitken Creek Parklands Confluence (HCC & MW)	2.4ha
15	Seth Raistrick Reserve	3.2ha
Neighbourhood		
16	Upfield Rail Linear Reserve	5ha
17	Allan Barry Reserve	1.4ha
18	William Canning Reserve	2ha
19	National Business Park Nature Reserve	1.4ha
20	Amaroo-Lockerbie Pipe Track (proposed)	9.5ha
Local		
21	Regional Drive Wetlands (Melb Water)	2.6ha
22	Somerton Park	1.8ha
23	Somerton Redgum Nature Reserve	2.4ha
24	Amaroo South Nature Reserve	4.3ha
25	Stanley Drive Tree Reserve	1.7ha
26	Roebourne Crescent Reserve	0.4ha
27	Hughes Court Reserve	0.1ha
28	Yellowbox Nature Reserve	1.4ha
29	Yellowbox Drive Wetlands (Melb Water)	1.5ha
30	Freight Drive Drainage Reserve	2.4ha
31	Foden Wetland Reserve (restricted access)	1.1ha
32	Mahoneys Road Reserve	0.8ha
33	Coopers Street Tree Reserve	0.05ha
34	Somerton Road Drainage Reserve (Melb Water)	0.4ha
35	Transport Drive Reserve	0.5ha
36	Fordson Road Reserve	0.9ha
37	Dunstan-Russell Reserve	0.02ha
Plus 3+ walkways		



Precinct 11: Craigieburn

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Craigieburn precinct is home to Aitken Creek Parklands where visitors can enjoy the length of the creek including Craigieburn Golf Course and Highlands Lake. It is also home to Malcolm Creek as it flows down from Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve. Linked parks feature throughout the precinct.

The precinct has the largest number of residents (more than double the next most populous precinct) and has been developed with a large number of diverse parks. New parks have been planned in Craigieburn West and Lindum Vale to help retain valuable trees and walking connections. New shared use trails along pipe tracks and waterways will improve links. There is a need to investigate the feasibility of discontinuing sporting uses at Hanson Reserve and instead upgrading social recreation experiences.

This precinct is an early growth area making it one of Hume's first areas which will require multiple playspaces to be due for renewal at the same time.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

692ha	299	6.7ha	98%	78,000	100,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

1.2% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Craigieburn has one red and two orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's higher-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Craigieburn precinct has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance:

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve, Aitken Creek Parklands (areas including Di Maria Nature Reserve, Grevillea Nature Reserve, Aitken Confluence Nature Reserve), Malcolm Creek Parklands (areas including Golden Sun Moth Nature Reserve, Malcolm Creek Woodlands Nature Reserve, Swamp Wallaby-Grass Nature Reserve), Sustainable Park Reserve, Princes Circuit Reserve, Dahlia Crescent Nature Reserve, Amberfield Nature Reserve.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. Mt Ridley Nature Reserve is a noted significant cultural landscape.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic and geologic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- all named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Aitken Creek, Malcolm Creek and its confluence with Merri Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- park upgrades and increased investment in park renewals
- tree planting to meet canopy targets in reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Some reserves will be upgraded to service a higher population growth. See map for examples.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

Upgrade nature-based walking and cycling experiences by creating more shared trails along:

- *Aitken Creek Parklands* – Continue investment in this regional park to provide high quality scenic, cycling and walking experiences, along with shade, seating and trails
- *Malcolm Creek Parklands* – Continue investment to provide high quality scenic, cycling and walking experiences, along with shade, seating and trails. Investigate the feasibility of linking to gravel path riding through Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve.
- It is the long term goal for habitat and trail connections to be created from Aitken Creek and Malcolm Creek to the marram baba Merri Creek Parklands.
- *Shared Use Trails along Pipe Tracks*- partner with Yarra Valley Water to provide north-south path connection on Amaroo Lockerbie Pipe Track from Craigieburn Station northward to Merri Creek and complete the east- west connection on Aitken Hill Pipe Track.

Sporting Experiences

- Upgrade sporting experiences by maintaining sporting reserves to a level that invites regular community use. Some facilities will be upgraded to support population growth and more women in sport.
- Investigate the feasibility of discontinuing active sports use at Hanson Road Reserve.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities for Craigieburn Anzac Park and Grand Boulevard Reserve to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities.

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New open space needs to be identified for off-leash dog play.

Urban Cooling

Craigieburn Precinct has a low canopy cover of 2-5% across most of the precinct, with greater cover around creeks.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage. **Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

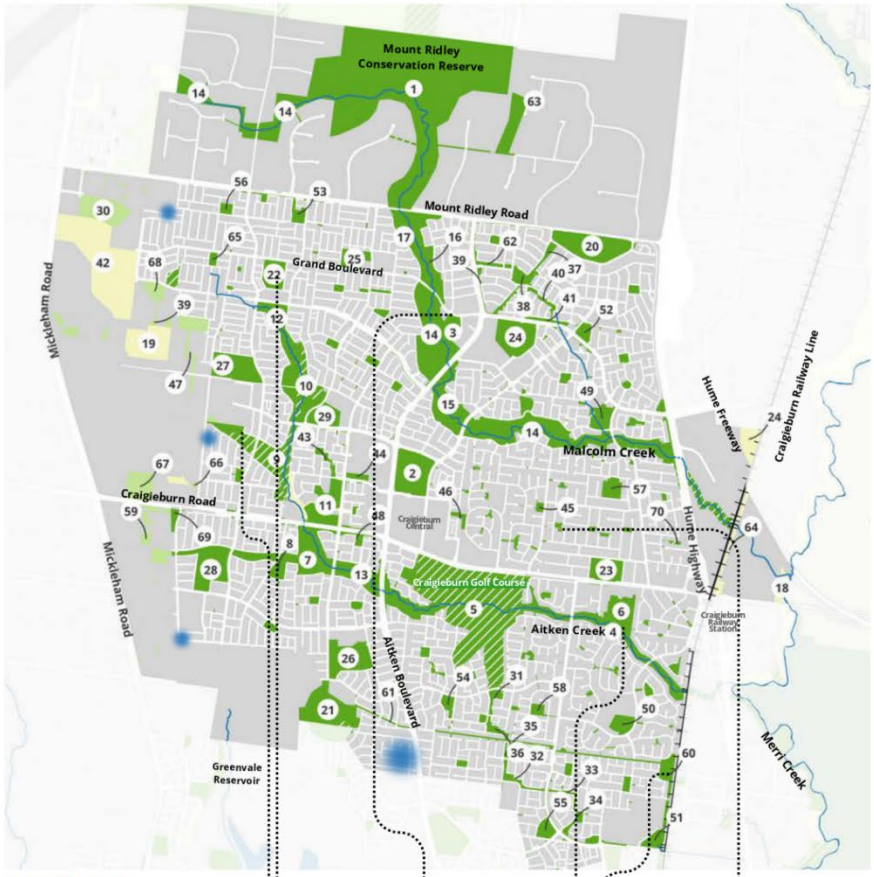
Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation in at least 2 reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible. Seek alternative water sources in anticipation of future droughts and potable water restrictions.

Precinct 11: Craigieburn

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES



OPTIMISE

Example projects:

Aitken Creek
Upgrade Bonnyview Road Reserve to provide perimeter shade, trails, seating. Subject to conservation requirements.

Grand Boulevard Reserve
Trial and if feasible improve design and infrastructure to support outdoor events.

Golden Sun Moth Reserve
Retain role as one of Hume's top feature play experiences and upgrade when necessary to retain this role.

Craigieburn Gardens
Improve connectivity and viewlines from street to creek to enhance visitor experience

Bank Street Reserve
Upgrade with new shelter, seating and shade to enhance amenity of area and help support viability of local shops.

Zambezi Court Reserve
Upgrade to better integrate with Abercarn Avenue Reserve and Aitken Hill Pipe Track. Include additional shade, seating and trails.

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.
The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.
Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

South east of Mt Aitken Reserve
Investigate opportunities to address the open space gap area south-east of Mt Aitken Reserve.

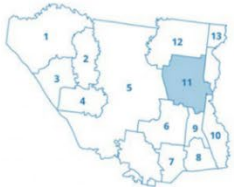
Waterway
Partner with State Government to secure 1.1ha of Malcolm Creek near Hume Highway to support creek restoration and access

Mickleham Road Conservation Area
State Government to secure 37ha on Mickleham Road, Mickleham as set out in the Federal Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Areas

Craigieburn West PSP
Secure the land identified in the Craigieburn West PSP including sporting, social recreation and linear reserves. Many of these reserves protect remnant red gums and valuable native vegetation.

Oasis Areas
For example
- Hanson Rd Reserve (49)(except oval)
- Bellfield Common (43)
- James Malcolm Park (40)
- Clovelly Drive Reserve (88)

KEY
- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'grow' recommendations)



Precinct 11 Craigieburn Open Space Reserves in 2025

No	Park Name	Area
Regional		
1	Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve (Parks Vic & Hume)	143ha
2	Craigieburn Anzac Park	12ha
3	Golden Sun Moth Park	3.6ha
Aitken Creek Parklands		
4	Aitken Creek Parklands	60ha
5	Craigieburn Public Golf Course	64ha
6	Craigieburn Gardens	6.5ha
7	Aitken Confluence Nature Reserve	5.5ha
8	Burt-Kur-Min Reserve	2ha
9	Di Maria Nature Reserve	13ha
10	Grevillia Nature Reserve	11ha
11	Highlands Lake	9.3ha
12	Brookfield Boulevard Reserve	12ha
13	Conservation Drive Reserve	6.2ha
Malcolm Creek Parklands		
14	Malcolm Creek Parklands	88ha
15	Centennial Park Drive Reserve	11.7ha
16	Bridgehaven Drive Park	0.5ha
17	Escapade Boulevard Park	0.6ha
18	marram baba Merri Ck Malcolm Ck Confluence (proposed)	2.7ha
District		
19	Melliodora Rd Recreation Reserve (proposed)	11.5ha
20	Mt Ridley Hilltop Reserve	14ha
21	Mt Aitken Reserve (part)	14ha
22	Grand Boulevard Reserve	5ha
23	DS Aitken Reserve	6ha
24	Highgate Recreation Reserve	10ha
25	Newbury Hockey and Lacrosse Reserve	4ha
26	Rhyolite Drive Recreation Reserve	10.3ha
27	Highlander Drive Recreation Reserve	10ha
28	Vantage Boulevard Recreation Reserve	9.3ha
Neighbourhood		
29	Hume Tennis & Community Centre	5ha
30	Dryland Boulevard Reserve (proposed)	8.8ha
Fairways to Santa Cruz Linear Reserve		
31	Fairways Lake Reserve	1.4ha
32	Bridgewater Road Walkways	1.7ha
33	Murray Walk Reserve	0.8ha
34	Santa Cruz Reserve	1.3ha
35	Hayfield Rd Tree Reserve	0.3ha
36	Dewvale Place Reserve	1.4ha
37	Parkside Rise Reserve	1.1ha
38	Perisher Drive Reserve	2.6ha
39	The Garlands Linear Reserve	1.5ha
40	James Malcolm Park	1.2ha
41	Grand Boulevard Tree Reserve	1.1ha
42	Mickleham Rd Conservation Area	37ha
43	Bellfield Common	1.4ha
44	Central Park Avenue Wetlands	1.1ha
45	Cimberwood Reserve	1.4ha
46	Dorchester Street Reserve	1.4ha
47	Digtree Avenue Linear Reserve	1.1ha
48	Grove Road Reserve	1.2ha
49	Hanson Road Reserve	4.3ha
50	Hothlyn Drive Reserve	3.2ha
51	Moir Drive Wetlands	2.5ha
52	Olrig Field	1.9ha
53	Sustainable Park Reserve	1.9ha
54	The Greenway Reserve	1.6ha
55	Tiffany Crescent Wetlands	2.4ha
56	Trillium Park	1.1ha
57	Victor Ian Foster Reserve	3.1ha
58	Yarcombe Crescent Reserve	1.3ha
59	Chiffon Parkway Reserve	1ha
60	Zambezi Court Reserve	2.3
61	Aitken Hill Pipe Track	2.8ha
62	Wisteria Avenue Reserve	1.1ha
63	Sanctuary Dve Nature Reserve	7.2ha
64	Amaroo-Lockerbie Pipe Track	3.5ha
65	Rosette Parade Reserve	0.8ha
66	Whites Lane Reserve (upcoming)	1.4ha
67	Bramble Avenue Tree Reserve (proposed)	6ha
68	Turquoise Way Reserve (upcoming)	2.6ha
Local		
69	Debonair Parade Reserve	1.6ha
70	Craigieburn Community Garden	0.4ha
Plus over 85 local parks and 136+ walkways		

Precinct 12: Mickleham

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Mickleham precinct is a new growth area that with an expanding population. A diverse range of open spaces are being created alongside housing, and delivery of precinct structure plan open space commitments is a priority. This is centred around the Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve, new district level sporting reserves, neighbourhood and local parks. Trees are newly planted and canopy is pending.

A large area of Mickleham is set aside as the Kalkallo Retarding Basin. This site has important conservation, waterway and drainage values, and there is opportunity in the future to enable visitors to enjoy all or part of this land. Similarly for the Merrifield North Linear Reserve.

Almost half of the new community is born overseas and there is an important opportunity to support diverse cultural events and design features in open spaces.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

617ha	63	4.1ha	94%	10,648	37,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

5.1% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Mickleham precinct has three orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's mid-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Mickleham precinct has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, earth rings, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country. Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve is highly valued.
- **heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic and geologic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- all named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Deep Creek, Kalkallo Creek, and the Malcolm Creek headwaters.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- improve trail connections for nature based opportunities
- better reflect the cultural mix of the community in design of reserves

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Parks within this precinct are new and there are no upgrade priorities.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Nature-based walking experiences to be showcased through the creation of new parks sited to protect remnant red gums and connected by green links for the community to enjoy.
- Advocate for the future Outer Metropolitan Ring Road to have a cycle path set apart from the road as an important way for more residents to access Lindum Vale and link to Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve.
- Seek extension of linear reserve along Donnybrook Road.

Sporting Experiences

- Continue to create new district sporting reserves as provided by Precinct Structure Plans.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities for recreation reserve design to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New open space needs to be identified for off-leash dog play

Urban Cooling

Mickleham Precinct has low canopy cover of mainly less than 2% across the precinct.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. See *map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage.

**Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation by alternative water sources in at least five reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible.

Precinct 12: Mickleham

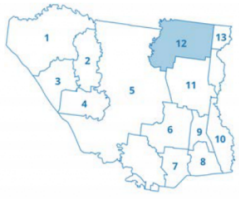
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Priority gap in access to open space within 400m (with 'optimise' recommendations)
- OMR Public Acquisition Overlay



OPTIMISE

Oasis Areas

For example

- Alice Avenue Reserve (22)
- Salcey Way Reserve (26)

Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.

The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.

Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

To help more communities to be within 400m of quality open space, fill gaps by:

- **Outer Metropolitan Ring Road:** advocate to ensure OMR includes an off-road shared path linear reserve will support cycling between open spaces to help resolve the shortage of nearby open space for residents.
- **Mickleham North Linear Park:** incorporate open space and social recreation features within the Merrifield South Development area to support future population.

Kalkallo Retarding Basin

Advocate for redevelopment of the Kalkallo Retarding Basin to support the ecological and cultural values of the Kalkallo Creek Parklands and catchment. Include linear access connections along Kalkallo Creek and social recreation opportunities. State Government to secure the adjoining Kalkallo Conservation Area 23.

Precinct Structure Plans

- Secure local park in the Merrifield West PSP for social recreation
- Secure land in Lindum Vale PSP including social recreation reserves, tree reserves and drainage reserves

Precinct 12 Mickleham Open Space Reserves in 2025		
No	**Park Name**	**Area**
Regional		
1	Mt Ridley Nature Conservation Reserve (Parks Vic)	44ha
2	Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve (Crown)	11ha
3	Mt Ridley Grassy Eucalypt Reserve (proposed)	94ha
Kalkallo Creek Parklands		
4	Kalkallo Retarding Basin (Melb Water)	690ha
5	Kalkallo Creek Conservation Reserve (Melb Water)	345ha
6	Kalkallo Creek Parklands (proposed)	60ha
District		
7	Banda Bail Nature Reserve	5ha
8	Mickleham North Linear Parklands (proposed)	56ha
9	Mickleham Recreation Reserve	9.5ha
10	Alexo Road Recreation Reserve (proposed)	7.3ha
11	Elscott Boulevard Recreation Reserve (upcoming)	8.9ha
Neighbourhood		
12	Pasilla Circuit Nature Reserve	7ha
13	Annadale Park	1ha
14	Tremaine Avenue Reserve	0.7ha
15	Fellows Road Reserve (proposed)	1ha
16	English Street Reserve (upcoming)	0.9ha
17	Ridley Boulevard Reserve (proposed)	7.5ha
18	Ginger-Apsley Easement Reserve	12.9ha
19	Foundation Park	0.8ha
20	Pecan Place Reserve	0.7ha
Local		
21	Pinnacle Park	0.7ha
22	Alice Avenue Reserve	0.7ha
23	Monomeith Drive Reserve	0.7ha
24	Harfield Avenue Reserve	0.8ha
25	Highfield Drive Reserve	0.8ha
26	Salcey Way Reserve	0.8ha
27	Buckwheat Walk Reserve (upcoming)	1.1ha
28	Buckwheat Walk Wetlands	2.6ha
29	Donnybrook Road Wetlands	5.6ha
30	Belmore Parade Reserve (upcoming)	0.75ha
31	Botwood Street Reserve	0.6ha
32	Gould-Sid Easement Reserve (upcoming)	2.5ha
33	Innovation Drive Basin	9.6ha
34	Moorhen Street Reserve (proposed)	1.3ha
35	Macadamia Street Reserve (upcoming)	0.6ha
36	Stork Street Reserve (upcoming)	1ha
37	St Georges Boulevard Reserves	0.5ha
38	Old Sydney Roadside Nature Reserve (restricted access)	16ha
39	Barite Walk Tree Reserve (upcoming)	0.4ha
40	Riceflower Road Wetland (proposed)	6.5ha
Plus 9 local parks and 20+ walkways		

Precinct 13: Kalkallo

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

Kalkallo precinct combines an original township with a new growth area that is greatly expanding in population. A diverse range of open spaces is being created alongside housing, and delivery of precinct structure plan open space commitments is a priority. This is centred around marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands, along with district sporting reserves, neighbourhood and local parks. Trees are newly planted and canopy is pending.

Waterways, grasslands, stony knolls and growling grass frog are the conservation and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung priorities protected in Kalkallo's open space.

Almost half of the new community is born overseas and there is an important opportunity to support diverse cultural events and design features in open spaces.

KEY POLICY DIRECTIONS

PROTECT

Protect and enhance conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values

Protect open space from encroaching development, works, interfaces and the impacts of climate change

OPTIMISE

Open spaces designed and maintained to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood

GROW

New open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological needs, especially along waterways

QUICK FACTS

138ha	47	7.7ha	90%	6,400	40,000
open space	Number of open spaces (including upcoming within 2yrs)	visitable open space per 1000 people	properties within 400m of a park	population (2021)	projected population (2041)

9.6% per annum

COMMUNITY NEED INDICATORS



Vulnerable & Disadvantaged | Health & Wellbeing | Accessibility & Inclusion

Open spaces can be a haven from the stresses of daily life, allowing people to step outside, reflect, connect with nature, socialise or engage in physical activities.

In precincts with higher levels of need (red traffic lights), open spaces assume an even more crucial role.

Kalkallo precinct has two orange traffic lights making it one of Hume's mid-needs precincts (based on Community Infrastructure Plan 2023)

OPEN SPACE NEEDS INDICATORS



Experiences & Assets | Land Investment | Traditional Owners & Environment

The amount and spread of open spaces, along with visitor experiences, quality of assets, and ecological and cultural values has been assessed.

Red and orange indicators identify the highest investment priorities over the next ten years. The indicators do not reflect how important the need is, or how well it is already represented.

Kalkallo precinct has only one orange indicator.

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES

PROTECT

Protect and enhance

- **Conservation values**. This includes but is not limited to Kalkallo Knoll Nature Reserve, Kalkallo Grasslands Nature Reserve, Kalkallo Township Nature Reserve and Growling Grass Frog conservation areas.
- **Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values**. This includes but is not limited to protecting cultural landscapes, waterways, stony rises and opportunities to practice ceremony and manage Country.
- **Heritage features** such as bridges, drystone walls, cemeteries, memorials, cottage ruins, historic and geologic landforms, and evidence of original townships, agriculture and industry.
- All named and unnamed **waterways** in and adjacent to open space by prioritising ecological and cultural values and sensitively siting any visitor infrastructure such as trail, signage and viewing areas. The waterways in this precinct include Merri Creek and Kalkallo Creek.
- Provision of open space by ensuring **no net loss of open space** and no encroaching development, and minimal impacts of any works required on site. Any works such as pavilion expansions must be designed to maximise the amount of open space available for other visitor experiences. Open areas are not to be considered as unused space or surplus space.
- Access to open space by planning and maintaining for **climate change** risks including extended droughts, extreme storms, extreme heat, floods and fires.
- **Environmental outcomes** by minimising resources, waste, air and water pollution; and using renewable energy.

OPTIMISE

The 'optimise' priorities for this precinct over the next ten years are

- improve trail connections for nature based opportunities
- better reflect the cultural mix of the community in design of reserves
- seek new dog off leash areas

Social Recreation

- Maintain landscapes and visitor infrastructure to a level that invites regular community use. Parks within this precinct are new and there are no upgrade priorities.
- Play spaces are located for equity of access and factoring in areas with high numbers of children, higher levels of disadvantage and higher levels of medium density housing with small backyards.
- Existing play spaces are always maintained for safety, and renewed on a 15-20 year cycle.

Nature-Based Experiences

- Nature-based walking experiences require ongoing creation of a trail with scenic views into marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands. This will be supported by additional footbridges across Merri Creek. Improved open space access along Kalkallo Creek is also a priority.

Sporting Experiences

- Continue to create new district sporting reserves as provided by Precinct Structure Plans.

Outdoor Community Events

- Design and provide supporting infrastructure for at least one reserve to support small local events. Investigate opportunities for recreation reserve design to better support larger outdoor events and cultural activities

Off Leash Dog Areas

- New open space needs to be identified for off-leash dog play in the future growth area

Urban Cooling

Kalkallo Precinct has low canopy cover of mainly less than 2% across the precinct.

Tree Canopy

- 'Oasis areas' are planted to achieve 70% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to be inviting for people to visit or walk through even on hot days. *See map for examples*
- 'Tree reserves' are planted to achieve 50% canopy cover by 2050 and designed to avoid infrastructure except for low impact paths or seating provided as shady respite.
- All Other Reserves will achieve at least 20% canopy cover by 2050*. This includes priority planting along paths, and adjacent to play equipment for summer shade. Many reserves will have an opportunity to reach 20-50% canopy coverage.

**Exceptions apply where ecological priorities, sporting requirements or utility services limitations exist.*

Irrigation

- Support passive irrigation wherever possible.
- Continue active irrigation by alternative water sources in at least five reserves and expand to other reserves where feasible.

Precinct 13: Kalkallo

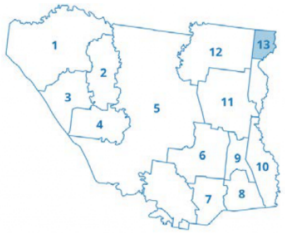
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country

OPEN SPACE PRIORITIES



KEY

- Existing Open Space
- Existing Open Space (restricted access)
- Upcoming Open Space (within two years)
- Proposed Open Space
- Waterway



Priorities are examples of potential projects and not a complete list.

The next step is an implementation plan to investigate and prioritise projects.

Funding will then be sought via Council's annual budget processes, contributions, partnerships, and grants.

OPTIMISE

Oasis Areas

For example

- Fenska Street Reserve (17)
- the Cloverton Blvd edge of Kalkallo Recreation Reserve (11)

GROW

Prioritising land for open space starts with identifying the gaps.

marram baba Merri Creek Parklands

- To support ecological, cultural and Traditional Owner values, fill gaps in the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands by securing Growling Grass Frog Conservation Area as set out in the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors 2013.
- Where pinch points exist that limit shared trail access, investigate alternate options for securing continuous walking and cycling access.

Lockerbie Precinct Structure Plan

- Secure the regional active open space reserve identified in the Lockerbie PSP. Ensure seamless integration and protection of the adjacent marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands.

Kalkallo Township

Ensure planning for Kalkallo Township supports:

- waterway, conservation and trail access priorities along Kalkallo Creek (as part of the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands).
- investigation of expanding Kalkallo Grasslands Nature Reserve to protect high value grasslands on adjacent land

Precinct 13 Kalkallo Open Space Reserves in 2025		
No	**Park Name**	**Area**
Regional		
marram baba Merri Creek Parklands		
1	marram baba Merri Creek Parklands (Melb Water)	15ha
2	marram baba Merri Creek Parklands (proposed)	33ha
3	Bells Avenue Wetlands	2.8ha
4	Klandy Drive Reserve	0.8ha
5	Quill Reserve	0.3ha
6	Merri Stony Rise Reserve (proposed)	
District		
Kalkallo Parklands		
7	Kalkallo Creek Parklands (Crown)	1.8ha
8	Kalkallo Knoll Nature Reserve	11.3ha
9	Kalkallo Creek Parklands (proposed)	13.9ha
10	Proposed Cloverton Active Open Space	
11	Kalkallo Recreation Reserve	10.3ha
12	Antares Parade Recreation Reserve (upcoming)	9.5ha
13	Kalkallo Grasslands Nature Reserve	10ha
Neighbourhood		
14	Donnybrook Cemetery	4.6ha
15	Arcturus Drive Waterway Reserve	10ha
16	Tungsten Drive Reserve (upcoming)	0.8ha
17	Cilantro Street Reserve (upcoming)	1.8ha
Local		
18	Dwyer Street Stony Knoll Reserve	0.7ha
19	Fenska Street Reserve	0.7ha
20	Roscoe Avenue Park	1.5ha
21	Lumin Boulevard Reserve (upcoming)	*0.7ha*
22	Mowamba Street Wetlands (upcoming)	4.5ha
23	Bells Avenue Reserve	0.75ha
24	Margot Circuit Reserve	0.7ha
25	Cameron Street Linear Reserve	0.5ha
26	Queensborough Road Linear Reserve	0.8ha
27	Prestige Drive Tree Reserve	0.8ha
28	Pronto Drive Tree Reserve	0.8ha
29	Kales Court Tree Reserve	0.02ha
30	Cloverton Boulevard Linear Reserve (upcoming)	0.5ha
Plus 3+ local reserves and 20+ walkways		

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Consultation Summary Report

Draft Hume Open Space Strategy



July 2024



Acknowledgement of Country

Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identify and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and to Elders past and present.

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1. Overview

The Draft Hume Open Space Strategy was released in May 2024. Community and stakeholders were able to review the Plan from 4 May to 16 June 2024 and provide their feedback.

This document summarises the feedback received as part of the consultation on the Draft Plan.

This consultation reached well over 6000 community members and input was received by over 275 people.

A summary of the key matters raised during the consultation period includes:

- Broad support for the directions in the Draft Open Space Strategy. This includes support for trails, shade, play, protecting nature and reflecting Traditional Owner cultural values
- Strong support by residents from across Hume to prioritise investment in the open space gap areas in the south of the municipality, such as Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.
- Helpful feedback on ways open space can better support multicultural communities and seniors.
- Different priorities emerging for different suburbs – for example, a strong emphasis for more spaces in Campbellfield, whereas Sunbury residents emphasised more trails, cultural heritage and nature protection. Roxburgh Park residents emphasised safety and park improvements, and Mickleham residents emphasised more linear walking connections. (Section3.2))

See more discussion of key matters raised in Section 2 of this document.



Above: Place based pop up information sessions. See Section 2.4 for more information.

A range of methods were used to consult with the community and stakeholders including:

- A Hume Participate webpage with key messages of the Strategy (1545 unique visitors) and 302 downloads of the Draft Open Space Strategy
- An online survey seeking feedback on key strategy recommendations (27 responses)
- Quick polls on open space via face-to-face sessions and Hume Participate (197 responses)
- Nine pop-up events (Kalkallo, Sunbury (2), Craigieburn, Tullamarine, Broadmeadows (2), Roxburgh Park (2) spread across a range of weekdays, evenings and weekends (talking with approximately 300 people). Three drop-in times set aside at Broadmeadows Civic Centre (1 participant). Three online engagement sessions - two evenings and one lunchtime (7 attendees)
- Presentation and feedback with specialist groups and organisations including the Hume Interfaith Network and Hume Sustainability Taskforce. It also includes presentations to staff at Melbourne Water, Department of Transport and Planning, Parks Victoria, City of Whittlesea, City of Mitchell, and City of Merri-bek.
- Letters sent to public land managers and three submissions received providing general support and clarity to inform the final Open Space Strategy
- Posters installed in a range of libraries, community centres and shopfronts. This includes some posters translated into Assyrian, Arabic and Urdu.
- Postcards sent to 5000 households with a priority for suburbs with open space gaps and land acquisition will be necessary in future.
- Social media included posts including two feature posts on Facebook and Instagram and supporting follow up posts to promote events. The posts generated 47 comments.
- A public facing map of all open spaces was created for people to find all 588+ reserves.
- A partnership approach has been undertaken with the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. This has provided valuable direction that informed the Strategy and the support of the Elders for the final version will be sought.

See more details of consultation activities and feedback in Section 3 of this document.

Ways to use this Consultation Summary Report:

- *Community members can review and understand how their feedback has been captured*
- *The Draft Open Space Strategy will be refined based on the feedback in this report. Changes to the Strategy will be outlined when the final is considered for Council endorsement (end 2024 or early 2025).*
- *Open Space related staff will use theme related feedback in their ongoing implementation work. For example, when addressing future work on play, public toilets, dogs.*
- *Communication materials and messaging in Appendices can be drawn upon for future community engagement programs*

2. Key Matters Raised

Community feedback raised some key matters that will inform the final Open Space Strategy. These matters are outlined with quotes over the next eight pages and include:

- **Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity**
- **Making Open Space More Accessible to more People** Including: Shortage of Open Space; Multicultural Considerations; Senior Considerations; All-Abilities Inclusion; Safety Considerations; and Public Toilet Provisions.
- **Visitor Experiences in Open Space** Including: Play; Other Visitor Experiences; Trees and Shade; Trails for Walking and Cycling; Organised Sports; Dogs; and Litter and Rubbish Dumping

2.1 Culture and Biodiversity

2.1.1 Cultural Heritage

3 survey responses on this subject.
6 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

57% of quick poll responses valued 'Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Aboriginal values' as an important priority in parks. This was the 3rd most selected priority from the 6 options available.

55% of quick poll responses valued 'Heritage features showcasing past uses' as an important priority in parks. This was the 4th most selected priority from the 6 options available.

No comments were received on heritage features showcasing past uses.

All respondents were seeking greater protection of Aboriginal heritage and culture. There was one exception who felt this was favouring one part of the community only. Example comments included:

'We need more information in the community about Wurundjeri.' (Roxburgh Park)

'I would like to see protection of the Sunbury Rings'

'We should be recognising Wurundjeri more. It is their land." (Greenvale)

'I also would prefer confirmation that First Nations leaders agree with the statement, given much of the land Hume is using is being transformed with developments not necessarily consistent with first nations values.' (Jacana)

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) representing the Traditional Owners have provided additional clarity and information edits to better reflect their priorities. In addition to the edits, the WWCHAC have requested additional initiatives including; park and waterway naming; advocacy to State Government for unassigned Crown land to be allocated to Traditional Owners; and cultural heritage management in open space.

Strong support for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung partnership from Merri-bek, Whittlesea, MCMC with opportunities suggested to link to shared initiatives. Picture below of galada tamboore.



2.1.2 Biodiversity

5 survey responses on this subject.
6 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

75% of quick poll responses valued 'Plants and wildlife for biodiversity' as an important priority in parks. This was the most selected priority from the 6 options available.

All respondents were seeking greater protection of biodiversity and supporting more wildlife corridors. Example comments included:

'Providing large parks dedicated to preserving the landscape and natural wildlife is essential. Maintaining native grasslands, waterways and flora and fauna is absolutely essential to protecting the biodiversity culture of Sunbury.'

'I love the thinking of connecting the biodiversity areas together, that's really really important and I'm really looking forward to Jacksons Creek Regional Park.' (Sunbury)

'LED light replacement and the white light are affecting the wildlife (mainly birds) instead of amber and finding suitable places to nest.' (Sunbury)

'I live in Craigieburn, and I really do not like people feeding birds and kids fishing in the water. It is not good for the birds and ducks. It is killing wildlife. We need big sign 'Do not feed animals' in different languages.'

'We need more protected spaces for native flora and fauna.' (Mickleham)

Support for biodiversity and edit suggestions for clarity were provided by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Merri Creek Management Committee, Merri-bek City Council and Parks Victoria. There were also requests for greater recognition of regional collaborative groups and community groups in delivery of biodiversity goals.

2.2 Making Open Space More Accessible to More People

2.2.1 Shortage of Open Space

5 survey responses on this subject.
8 comments received via place based discussions and online feedback.

Only 4% of 197 quick poll respondents were unsupportive of investing in open space gap areas as a priority. 69% were strongly supportive.

Respondents on this matter supported more open space. This support aligned to the gap areas identified in the Strategy. No additional areas were identified. Some examples include:

'As a Broadmeadows resident I have to go to other suburbs e.g. Essendon for a park'

'The blue (gap) areas are absolutely spot on! Please go through with your plans! Would love to see more green space around!!!' (Broadmeadows)

'I live in Broadmeadows near Stanhope St. We only have Jack Roper but it's overused we need another park. It is okay to buy a house to create a park. If I was asked, I am happy to consider selling home if they pay me. It's good for the community. I am Lebanese and have shop in Olsen Place.'

'The Campbellfield area doesn't have a suitable local, large open space area that can be used for multi-activities like a concreted walking track, a lake with surrounding seats for quiet walks, bbq area, especially for those people who are either elderly, recuperating from illness & can't drive to areas like Somerton park, Coburg Park, Edwards Lake, Reservoir, etc. for many reasons.'

'More for Westmeadows not other regions already provided for.'

'Greater investment in our more established suburbs of Broadmeadows, Jacana, Coolaroo, Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Campbellfield, and Tullamarine will help rebalance this inequity' (Jacana)

'It would be lovely to have more open space and meaningful parks all around us, similar to what I see in Dandenong Ranges. But if it costs us a fortune in rates, we have to think twice how to go about that. The more we have, the greater the costs to build and maintain!' (Jacana)

'We do need more open space for future generations to play, walk and amalgamate together' (Campbellfield)

'We need more protected spaces for native flora and fauna' (Mickleham)

A submission from Department of Planning and Transport (Transport) highlighted the need to work collaboratively on new open spaces near road and rail, and also raised the potential loss of an area of open space for road expansion.

2.2.2 Multicultural Considerations

8 comments received via place based discussions and online feedback.

28% of quick poll responses valued 'organised cultural events and activities' as an important priority in parks. This was the 9th most selected priority from the 12 options available.

Respondents on this issue shared some different experiences from the perspective of a different cultural background. These reflections can inform better open space planning. Example comments include:

'(We need) more spaces for our elderly, our parents from India. So they can sit there and relax. In Punjab, the villages have a village centre to meet people. There is less for the elderly migrants (our parents) to do here so more to do in meeting in parks would be good.' (Craigieburn)

'I don't invite my family often because there's not enough parks here' (Campbellfield)

'No meeting places in Campbellfield, they are too small for our...events. We have to go so far away to have gatherings. Bring closer to our home in Campbellfield. My family has 30 houses in Campbellfield.'

'Large extended families can only meet in parks because of the amount of people' (Campbellfield).

'We don't like dogs off leash in parks where families are, because when they lick there is process in the Muslim culture required to cleanse. Especially if they lick you on the hand and you are growing to pray' (Dallas)

'Council do not provide enough information in other languages for our multicultural communities to understand what options there are.' (Roxburgh Park)

The Hume Interfaith Meeting held on 3 June 2024 spoke of the importance of open space that supports larger events and also maintains culture with art and festivals. The attendees also spoke of the importance of better park lighting for paths and barbeque areas, ensuring extended opening hours for public toilets during summer, and ensuring links between open space and transport including walking and cycling trails. The group also spoke of the open, often windy, nature of our parks and would prefer sheltered areas for their elderly community to sit comfortably in for extended time in parks.

2.2.3 Senior Considerations

5 comments received via place based discussions and online feedback.

26% of quick poll responses valued 'equipment for seniors' as an important priority in parks. This was the 10th most selected priority from the 12 options available.

Respondents on this issue suggested a range of improvements to provide more for seniors in open space. Example comments include:

'We are a little elderly and migrant and we are looking for things to do in the community. Can we volunteer in parks. Just light duties' (Craigieburn)

'(We need) more spaces for our elderly, our parents from India. So they can sit there and relax. In Punjab, the villages have a village centre to meet people. There is less for the elderly migrants (our parents) to do here so more to do in meeting in parks would be good.' (Craigieburn)

'I use the new play space at Progress Reserve as fitness equipment. I am senior woman and because of the people that use the space I feel unsafe and now don't use the space' (Broadmeadows)

'There needs to be a safe (footpath) connection between the Parkway, Albert Road Reserve, Spavin Lake and Kismet Creek linear reserve. The walk along Spavin Drive is uneven and not safe for the elderly nor pram friendly' (Sunbury)

I live in Coolaroo. The park not big enough near my house. Need more for my grandchildren (Broadmeadows)

2.2.4 All-Abilities Inclusion

1 survey response on this subject.
2 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

Respondents on this issue spoke of the need to improve all abilities access in the park. This ranges from play experiences to improved path connections. Example comments include:

'Disability access needs to be approved' (Campbellfield)

'The footpaths surrounding reserves need to be improved. Paths need to be accessible and safe for wheelchairs. I want to help the reserves accessible for every ability' (Mickleham)

Periodic community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for all-ability facilities in parks.

2.2.5 Safety Considerations

2 survey responses on this subject.
14 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

Safety emerges as an issue for many respondents – this is primarily reflected as women not feeling safe in parks, and families worried about children being safe in parks. The comments concerning safety came entirely from respondents based in the southern suburbs. Examples comments include:

'I take my baby to SF Hedger Reserve near the community house but not many people there. People not sure are allowed to go in there because hidden away. It has gates too which people shut.' (Tullamarine)

'I am senior woman and because of the people that use the space (anti-social behaviour in the park) I feel unsafe and now don't use the space'. (Broadmeadows)

'Children not using parks as they are at home gaming. Before children playing more sport. Now we can't send children to park as too dangerous - we watch the news.' (Dallas)

Support for 'improving passive surveillance and the purchase of land (35 Sycamore Cresent) at William Canning Reserve so that you can see into the park and the playspace.' (Campbellfield)

'Lighting for parks. Lighting for walkways. Parks are dark. Path lights' (Roxburgh Park)

'Kirwan Reserve/Shanklands Linear Reserve is very dark and I feel unsafe at night.' (Roxburgh Park)

Periodic community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for additional lighting in parks.

2.2.6 Public Toilet Provision

1 survey response on this subject.
8 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

Most of these respondents requested more public toilets. Examples comments include:

'A lot of the park toilet facilities aren't kept clean or made from materials that will last. They need to be cleaned/sanitised often. Also there are many places that don't have public toilets.' (Broadmeadows)

'Public toilets important also for catching the bus' (Roxburgh Park)

'I'm very lucky, the park near me on Greenvale Drive is great. It has … toilets with beautiful artwork'

Regular community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for public toilets in parks.

2.3 Optimise - Visitor Experiences in Open Space

2.3.1 Play

4 survey responses on this subject.
19 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

60% of quick poll responses valued 'play for children' as an important priority in parks. This was the 5th most selected priority from the 11 options available.

30% of quick poll responses valued 'play for teenagers' as an important priority in parks. This was the 9th most selected priority from the 11 options available.

Most of these respondents requested play improvements for either individual parks or more generally to raise the standard for all parks. Example comments include:

'More for small children and toilets for children and parents. I am yet to see a park with any kind of novelty above the bare minimum requirements of planning… can we incorporate elements of art, music, water play, cooperative play etc? (Westmeadows)

'I think equipment for teenagers should be considered. The Forrest Street Park upgrade was going to remove a basketball half court, but Council listened to the feedback and put one in. The park is very well used, and the space is well arranged with a great kick about space. ' (Sunbury)

'Creating more attractive spaces with open parks, playgrounds, fixed exercising facilities within park areas, with improved walking tracks and added iconic artistic landmarks are all things that could add to the suburbs character. Such improvements would ultimately make the area a more desirable place to become a resident' (Broadmeadows)

'Parks either cater to children or teenagers, there should be parks that cater to both' (Craigieburn)

More water play please. Kick about area is not used all the time so more trees. (Roxburgh Park)

'As a Broadmeadows resident I have to go to other suburbs e.g. Essendon for a park. A local park would be valuable to improve my children's (2 and 4 year olds) independence and confidence. I often go to Jack Roper, but it is too big and overwhelming for small children. There isn't enough equipment for small-aged children.'

The recreation reserve is our primary communal gathering space, and its upgrade is crucial for our community. The old playground is unsafe, unsightly and inadequate when compared to others within Hume. This is our only communal space. (Bulla)

Parks specifically mentioned by respondents for improvements included – Bulla Recreation Reserve and Trap Street Reserve in Bulla; Salcey Road Park in Mickleham; Highlands area and Bank Street Reserve in Craigieburn; Tullamarine area; Maygar Grasslands, Jack Roper Reserve and Laura Douglas Reserve in Broadmeadows; Roxburgh Homestead Park, Silvester Parade Reserve and Redwood Close Reserve in Roxburgh Park; Canterbury Hills area and Maplestone area in Sunbury; Merri Creek and Seth Raistrick in Campbellfield.

Continual community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for playground upgrades across Hume.

2.3.2 Visitor Experiences

3 survey responses on this subject.
8 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

In addition to suggestions about play and trails, several other suggestions were made for additional experiences in open spaces. Some example comments include:

'We need more lakes! Like the man made ones in Cairnlea and Caroline Springs. Those are beautiful and I enjoy walking around them as well as walking along creeks.'

'It would be good for Council to have more events in parks. And support community groups to say rent areas of parks to have yoga in the parks or other low cost positive program. We know local people can't afford gym memberships can our open space do more.' (Broadmeadows)

'Investigate a jetty at Spavin Lake for recreational fishing.' (Sunbury)

'Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve would be an ideal location for Disc Golf.' (Sunbury)

'A botanic gardens at Jacksons Hill would be rad :)' (Sunbury)

'...and addition of local but meaningful addition of modern artistic features could all help make Broadmeadows a better place to live' (Broadmeadows)

'More community gardens should be set up in well-established areas to help feed the poor and needy all around us whilst encouraging residents to reduce waste, recycle everything and share excesses.'

'I also feel strongly about upgrading or relocating the Aircraft Viewing Space, potentially incorporating it into the broader visitor experience offerings. This area holds great potential as a drawcard for both locals and visitors and quite frankly is quite an eyesore.' (Bulla)

Periodic community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for waterplay, fitness equipment, and basketball hoops in parks.

2.3.3 Trees and Shade

2 survey responses on this subject.
10 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

62% of quick poll responses valued 'Trees and shade for neighbourhood' as an important priority in parks. This was equal 3rd most selected priority from the 12 options available.

All respondents on this issue were supportive of additional trees and shade, except one comment from concerned about overgrown trees. Example comments include:

'Shade is so important we need more trees everywhere. More shade over play spaces. Why do we talk about SunSmart when we don't have shade.' (Tullamarine)

'Create more shade due to the urban heat island effect' (Sunbury)

'The industrial area is lacking trees, fresh air and open space and parks from Somerton to Campbellfield.'

Our parks are small and lacking, without providing canopy, waterways or biodiversity or habitats (Redstone)

The urban forest canopy cover is only 4% across Hume and greater tree planting in open space will help reduce heat impacts. This part shows how important to plan trees and have open space in urbanized areas (Jacana)

Nicely landscaped parks with trees, walking tracks, landscaped open spaces, playgrounds, and addition of local but meaningful addition of modern artistic features could all help make Broadmeadows a better place to live.

Not enough trees and nature in the area. (Broadmeadows)

"Include shaded areas, barbecue facilities, walking paths and more trees (Roxburgh Park)

Periodic community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for more shade in parks.

The biggest open space related issue in the social media consultation was a debate for and against the use of native trees in parks, and the preference for the protection of trees due to concerns of overdevelopment.

2.3.4 Trails for Walking and Cycling

1 survey response on this subject.
15 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

51% of quick poll responses valued 'Connected trails for walking and cycling' as an important priority in parks. This was the 4th most selected priority from the 12 options available. This question was not well written as many people that love walking trails find it stressful to share with cyclists. The reality is that for long trails these functions need to be shared.

All respondents on this issue were seeking more trails and better connections. Example comments include:

'I would love to have more green areas for walking or cycling. Less the massive amount of litter' (Somerton)

'Create or improve on parks and open spaces to provide places to gather or be surrounded by nature, create places with walking paths, creating sanctuary away from...modern life...' (Sunbury)

'Link through Salesian College would be great. Because from Spavin Lake to Nook it's lovely.' (Sunbury)

'I would like to see a Merlynston Creek bike path from Barry Road to Western Ring Road. Many people use the Upfield Path to get to and from to city, and if the connection was made easier it would encourage more people to do it!' (Broadmeadows)

'Nicely landscaped parks with trees, walking tracks, landscaped open spaces, playgrounds, and addition of local but meaningful addition of modern artistic features could all help make Broadmeadows a better place to live.' (Broadmeadows)

'The Merri Creek path should be connected under Mahoneys Road to the section of it throughout Campbellfield that goes to the Whittlesea Gardens' (Campbellfield)

'Seeking connected parks through walking and cycling paths without crossing barriers like arterial roads and creeks with bridges, so children can travel safely' (Craigieburn)

'I like the Roxburgh Park area because of the walking tracks and waterways to walk around. I come from Craigieburn, but those parks are less connected, or they end too quickly' (Roxburgh Park)

'We who live in Mickleham areas of Botanical, Waratah, Annadale and the Woods don't have any walking or safe cycling access to Craigieburn. Only option is Forest Red Gum which has no walking or cycling provisions on either side' (Mickleham)

'Moreover, the lack of walking tracks around Bulla is a significant issue' (Bulla)

A submission from Merri-bek Council provided additional suggestions for trails and links over and under the Western Ring Road to connect our communities.

2.3.5 Organised Sports

1 survey response on this subject.
2 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

24% of quick poll responses valued 'organised sports' areas as an important priority in parks. This was the 10th most selected priority from the 11 options available.

Very few comments were made on organised sports. There were more comments for half-courts which are considered an informal sporting activity. Example comments include:

'We call Leo Dinneen Park the 'Footy and Cricket Ground'. Seen a massive resurgence at the ground over the last 14 months - bringing children. Probably because football is coming back in popularity here which may be because people with children moving into the area' (Tullamarine)

'I would like the open place areas to become sporting areas like footy ovals or soccer ovals' (Kalkallo)

A submission from Merri-bek Council advised it will be upgrading the sporting facilities at Wallis Reserve which will provide additional services within a short distance to communities in Gladstone Park.

2.3.6 Dogs

1 survey response on this subject.
7 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

19% of quick poll responses valued 'off-leash dog areas' as an important priority in parks. This was the 11th most selected option from the 11 options available.

Two respondents requested new dog areas. Example comments include:

'Hard to understand dog off lead signs. It's not clear.'

'There are places to take our dog. Not technically off leash but no one is there. Made a submission to Emu Bottom re more dog area and I felt like Council listened.' (Sunbury)

'I have two dogs, but we don't like dogs off-leash in parks where families are, because when they lick there is process in the Muslim culture required to cleanse. Especially if they lick you on the hand and you are going to pray.'

'More dog off leash - happy for it to be hybrid with just hours for dog off leash.' (Kalkallo)

Regular community requests via 'Hume Connect' are also received for additional dog off lead facility, or alternatively from people asking that dog owners better control and clean up after their dogs.

2.3.7 Litter and Dumped Rubbish

4 survey responses on this subject.
8 comments also received via place based discussions and online feedback.

These respondents were all concerned about rubbish dumping and litter in parks and waterways. Example comments include:

'We need to see more cleaner open spaces, security measures such as cameras in parks, more education is needed to improve the rubbish being dumped in areas'

'Councils look after a lot of parks and they do it very well. It's important for neighbours to let authorities know about dumping or bad behaviour'. (Tullamarine)

'Whenever there's open land that becomes a garbage dump' (Broadmeadows)

'Dumping of rubbish in our parks and along waterways is a problem. Why do people do this?' (Craigieburn)

3. Methods of Community Engagement

3.1 Quick Poll

The quick polls were open to the public from 4 May to 16 June 2024 and received 197 responses.

Most of the polls were filled in with the assistance of Hume staff at pop up sessions. This helped to reach people who would not normally provide open space feedback. Due to the nature of quick polls, we are unable to register the age, gender and cultural background of respondents.

The results of the quick poll revealed:

Question 1: Which three 'Protect' priorities are most important to you? (Select 3)	
☐ Plants and wildlife for biodiversity	Selected by 75%
☐ Trees for shade and amenity	Selected by 64%
☐ Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Aboriginal values	Selected by 57%
☐ Heritage features showcasing past uses	Selected by 55%
☐ Healthy waterways	Selected by 31%
☐ Climate preparedness for heat, drought, fire, flood and storm damage	Selected by 16%

Anecdotally, it was noticed by assisting staff that there were a number of respondents who felt they were all important and felt limiting it to three was very difficult. There were also a number of respondents who found it hard to select three as none were really issues of concern.

Some minor differences were seen between suburb responses. For example:

- Biodiversity was strong generally and especially in the southern more urbanised suburbs (Campbellfield, Broadmeadows, Dallas along with Mickleham in the north
- Gladstone Park participants were comparatively strong in prioritising climate preparedness
- Kalkallo/Mickleham participants were comparatively strong in prioritising Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung values.

Question 2: Which 'Optimise' priorities are most important to you? (Select up to 6)	
☐ Sitting, walking through and relaxing in parks	Selected by 79%
☐ Enjoying nature	Selected by 64%
☐ Meeting friends or family in parks	Selected by 62%
☐ Trees and shade for the neighbourhood	Selected by 62%
☐ Play equipment for children	Selected by 60%
☐ Connected trails for walking and cycling	Selected by 51%
☐ Organised cultural events and activities	Selected by 28%
☐ Equipment for teenagers	Selected by 30%
☐ Equipment for seniors	Selected by 26%
☐ Organised sports	Selected by 24%
☐ Dog off-leash play	Selected by 19%

Question 3: The southern suburbs of Hume have less open space than suburbs in Hume's north and west. The Strategy recommends investigating options for new parks in these areas as a priority. How supportive are you of this direction?	
☐ Strongly supportive	Selected by 69%
☐ Somewhat supportive	Selected by 17%
☐ Unsure/No opinion	Selected by 10%
☐ Somewhat oppose	Selected by 2%
☐ Strongly oppose	Selected by 2%

3.2 Place-Based Pop Up Sessions

A range of communications materials were created to help raise community awareness of the Draft Strategy. This includes posters, postcards, and Hume Participate webpage and emails. See Appendix A.

Nine pop-up events were held across multiple suburbs including Kalkallo, Sunbury, Craigieburn, Tullamarine, Broadmeadows, and Roxburgh Park.

The events were spread across a range of weekdays, evenings and weekends.

They were also scheduled to capture different types of residents. For example, we attended junior sporting activities, musical events, shopping areas, and libraries and community centres that were hosting English sessions, walking groups, elderly groups, and baby activity groups.

Saturday 4 May	11am-2pm: Kalkallo North Community Centre Open Day. 24 Koeks Vista, Kalkallo
Thursday 16 May	3-4pm: Sunbury Village Green. 12 Stawell Street, Sunbury 5-7.30pm: Sunbury Library. 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury (and if you feel like it, stay for the Sunbury Autumn Soiree)
Sunday 19 May	9.30-11.30am Aston Fields, 50 Vantage Boulevard, Craigieburn
Wednesday 22 May	11.30-3pm: Tullamarine Library. 58 Spring Street, Tullamarine
Saturday 25 May	10.30-1.30pm Dallas Dargie Court Shops. Outside 4 Dargie Court, Dallas
Monday 27 May	11.30am-1.30pm Olsen Place Shops. Outside 8 Olsen Place, Broadmeadows
Wednesday 5 June	10-1pm: Roxburgh Park Homestead Reserve. 20-30 Wiltshire Drive, Roxburgh Park 3-4pm: Roxburgh Park Homestead Centre (just near Foodworks) Corner Roxburgh Park Drive and Ravenhill Boulevard, Roxburgh Park

Staff spoke with more than 300 people through these activities. This included helping people fill in surveys and capturing other feedback on open space that may have been discussed. Different priorities emerged for different precincts.

Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 Sunbury: 16 comments including many reflecting on walking trail priorities, cultural heritage protection, and the importance of parks and nature.

Precinct 5: Bulla and rural areas: 4 comments many reflecting the importance of Bulla Parkland upgrades

Precinct 6: Greenvale: 6 comments many reflecting the importance of Greenvale Reservoir upgrades

Precinct 7: Tullamarine, Gladstone Park, Westmeadows, Attwood: 8 comments many reflecting on improvement opportunities for different parks

Precinct 8: Broadmeadows, Jacana, Dallas, Coolaroo: 26 comments including requests for more spaces, cleanliness, safety and trail and park improvements

Precinct 9: Meadow Heights, Roxburgh Park: 12 comments including requests for more play and safety improvements through lighting and traffic improvements

Precinct 10: Campbellfield, Somerton: 7 comments including requests for more open spaces, bbqs, paths

Precinct 11: Craigieburn: 8 comments with many reflecting on walking links and park improvements

Precinct 12: Mickleham: 7 comments with many requesting walking, cycling and park improvements

Precinct 13: Kalkallo: 10 comments with many reflecting a mix of park improvement and use opportunities.

Comments provided by people have been captured and key issues reflected in Section 2 of this report.



Top Left: Vantage Boulevard Recreation Reserve (Aston Fields), Craigieburn 19 May 2024
Top Right: Dargie Court, Dallas 25 May 2024
Lower Left: Roxburgh Park. 5 June 2024
Lower Right: Olsen Place, Broadmeadows 27 May 2024

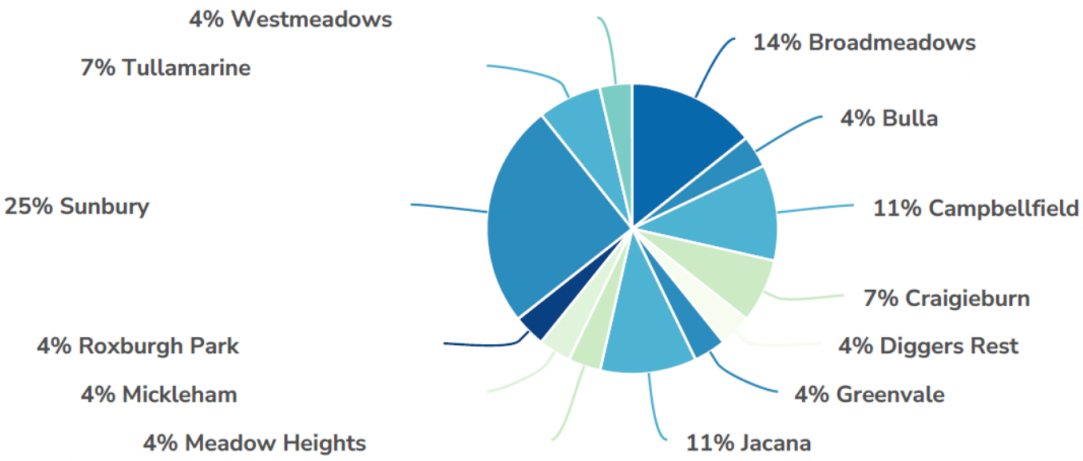
3.3 Online Survey

The online survey was hosted on the Hume Participate webpage and promoted widely.

The online survey was open to the public from 4 May to 16 June 2024 and received 28 responses.

Of the 28 respondents that provided their demographic information, there were:

- 70% females, 26% males and 4% preferring not to say
- The age groups represented were 45-54 years (30%), 25-34 years (26%), 55-64 years (18%), 35-44 years (15%), 65-74% years (7%), and 75+ years (4%)
- 18% of people identified as a person with a culturally or linguistically diverse background including Iraq, Italy, Lebanon and Hong Kong
- Residents from 13 suburbs completed the survey with the strongest representation from Sunbury (25% of respondents). These suburbs reflect all precincts except Kalkallo.



The results of the online survey revealed the following feedback for the Draft Open Space Strategy

Question 1: How do you feel about the vision of the draft Hume Open Space Strategy?

Hume's high-quality open space network supports the health and wellbeing of our diverse community and celebrates the waterways, natural values and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung cultural values of our landscape

Is there anything you'd like to add about the vision?

50% of respondents (14) strongly support the vision with 21% somewhat supportive.
18% have no opinion or are unsure. 7% somewhat oppose and 3.5% (1) strongly oppose.

84% of comments on the vision supported the commitment to more open space. There were concerns to ensure that the vision will be implemented. Quotes are included in Appendix B.

Question 2: How do you feel about the 3 key directions, Protect, Optimise, Grow?



Is there anything you'd like to add about the 3 key directions? (optional)

Protect

74% of respondents (20) strongly support the 'protect' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 3.5% somewhat oppose and 7% (2) strongly oppose. Quotes are included in Appendix B.

Optimise

70% of respondents (19) strongly support the 'optimise' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 7% somewhat oppose and 7% (2) strongly oppose. Quotes are included in Appendix B.

Grow

74% of respondents (20) strongly support the 'optimise' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 7% unsure/no opinion and 7% (2) strongly oppose. Quotes are included in Appendix B.

Question 3: How do you feel about the 6 Priority Actions?



Generally all actions were supported by between 73-92% of respondents with variation shown between those which are strongly supported and somewhat supported.

The level of unsure was high for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, planning scheme and land investment which likely reflects that it is harder to understand these actions without further information.

One respondent strongly opposed all actions and all strategic priorities.

Action 1: Partnering with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung

52% of respondents (14) strongly support the priority actions with 18% somewhat supportive. 26% are unsure/have no opinion and 3.5% (1) strongly oppose.

One comment reflected a priority that this is 'done in a respectful way'. Other comments felt this should not be a funding priority over other matters such as dog parks.

Action 2: Enhancing the Park Renewal Program

70% of respondents (19) strongly support the priority actions with 22% somewhat supportive.
7% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments to support this action including requests to target 'established areas such as Broadmeadows and Valley etc – some parks need to fixed for their usefulness and landscape', and to address 'older unsafe playgrounds'. One respondent sought more involvement from local residents in park renewals.

Action 3: Amending the Planning Scheme

58% of respondents (15) strongly support the priority actions with 15% somewhat supportive.
19% are unsure/have no opinion and 7.5% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments to support this action include that 'we should absolutely ensure legislation and policy is updated and enabling' along with a request to highlight 'areas that need improvement'

Action 4: Enhancing the Urban Forest Program

67% of respondents (18) strongly support the priority actions with 18% somewhat supportive.
7.5% are unsure/have no opinion and 7.5% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments to support this urban forest action include that 'We all need the mental health benefits these spaces provide so there could be a lot more. Greensborough does this very well.' And 'Local flora and fauna needs to be protected so they can thrive' and the importance of green space for people in 'high rise buildings…especially in summer when heat strikes.' One comment strongly opposed the urban forest and over development.

Action 5: Continuing the Park Maintenance Program

85% of respondents (23) strongly support the priority actions with 7.5% somewhat supportive.
3.5% are unsure/have no opinion and 3.5% (1) strongly oppose.

Comments to support this park maintenance action include 'Keep reserves updated so all can safely access them', with the following concerns raised 'mow the paddocks and weed them so kids can play on them (eg Erinbank Crescent), 'have clean toilets in the parks', and 'illegal dumping, littering and social vandalism are the major issues when the parks become attractive and popular'

Action 6: Establishing a Strategic Land Investment Program

52% of respondents (14) strongly support the priority actions with 22% somewhat supportive.
18.5% are unsure/have no opinion and 7.5% (1) strongly oppose.

Comments to support this land investment action include 'more people should be able to access parks and open spaces within walking distance 10-15 minutes so that they may not get stuck at home all the time. They should be encouraged to come out, relax and have some fresh air and have a good break'. Concerns include 'locals need to be involved', 'stop the overdevelopment' and 'limit housing on environment for wildlife'.

Question 4: Are there any actions that you feel are missing from the Draft Strategy?

Feedback included that it would be lovely to have more open space but we need to 'think twice' about it if it 'costs a fortune in rates', more 'wildlife protection, request to 'upgrade the dog park' in Sunbury, and support 'dance of multi-faith'.

This question was also answered with a range of concerns about non open space matters such as suggestions to improve public transport in Campbellfield, reduce rubbish dumping, support better shops and reduce development pressures to allow more yard space for children on their own land.

Limitations: The survey had some limitations including small sample size, likelihood of questions answered without reading the Strategy. Three respondents (21%) were very distressed about bigger issues (religion, rates, overdevelopment) and this is reflected in all of their responses to questions.

3.4 Local Media, Newsletters and Social Media

Local media included an article Star Weekly on 13 May 2024 outlining key features of the Strategy and inviting the community of Sunbury and surrounds to have a say on the Draft.

Articles were provided in the Hume City Council community newsletter 'E-News' which reaches approximately 20,000 people, and an article was included in the Live Green Newsletter.

Social media included posts including two feature posts on Facebook and Instagram and follow up posts to promote events. The posts generated 47 comments. Of these 70% were negative across a range of Council services which reflects the dominant culture of social media. The biggest open space related issue was a debate for and against the use of native trees in parks, and the preference for the protection of trees due to concerns of overdevelopment.

Staff also promoted to industry colleagues via Linked In, and to broader Hume Staff via Hume Quarters Post.

See Star Weekly article and social media posts at Appendix C.

3.5 Online Info Sessions and Drop In Sessions

The Hume Participate webpage presented key components of the Draft Strategy to help the reader see issues as easily as possible It included FAQs addressing likely matters on people's minds (Appendix D).

The website provided information on all face to face and online engagement sessions.

A suite of online engagement sessions were made available for community attendance. These were set on different weekdays, two in the evenings and one at lunchtime to provide a variety of time options. To make the most of online event preparation, participants were asked to name their suburbs of interest, and their themes of interest (eg biodiversity, play, trails, trees, dogs etc.

Only one online session was attended. This was an evening session, with 7 attendees, who were mostly from Bulla and Sunbury. The feedback included:

- The importance of upgrading Bulla Recreation Reserve as the community does not have any other open spaces or community facilities nearby.
- The importance of planning for street trees and protecting the environment and waterways
- Interest in community gardens and tiny forests

Three drop-in times at the Broadmeadows Office were made available in the final week of consultation. One person attended and provided input on Broadmeadows Valley Park and Meadow Heights.

3.6 Stakeholders

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (as a Registered Aboriginal Party representing the Traditional Owners of land known as City of Hume) are a rightsholder rather than a stakeholder. Elders from the Corporation provided a Position Paper prior to drafting the Strategy and are providing additional feedback throughout the process.

A wide range of stakeholders were emailed and invited to provide feedback on the Draft Strategy.

Letters were sent to public land managers including Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water, Greater Western Water, Department of Transport and Planning.

Online presentations and feedback discussions were held with Hume Interfaith Network, Hume Sustainability Taskforce, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Partnership Group, marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands Partnership Group.

Written submissions have been provided by Parks Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning, and the Merri Creek Management Committee. An officer email has also been received Merri-bek City Council. These are supportive of the Draft Strategy and list out additional matters for consideration and clarification.

3. Conclusion

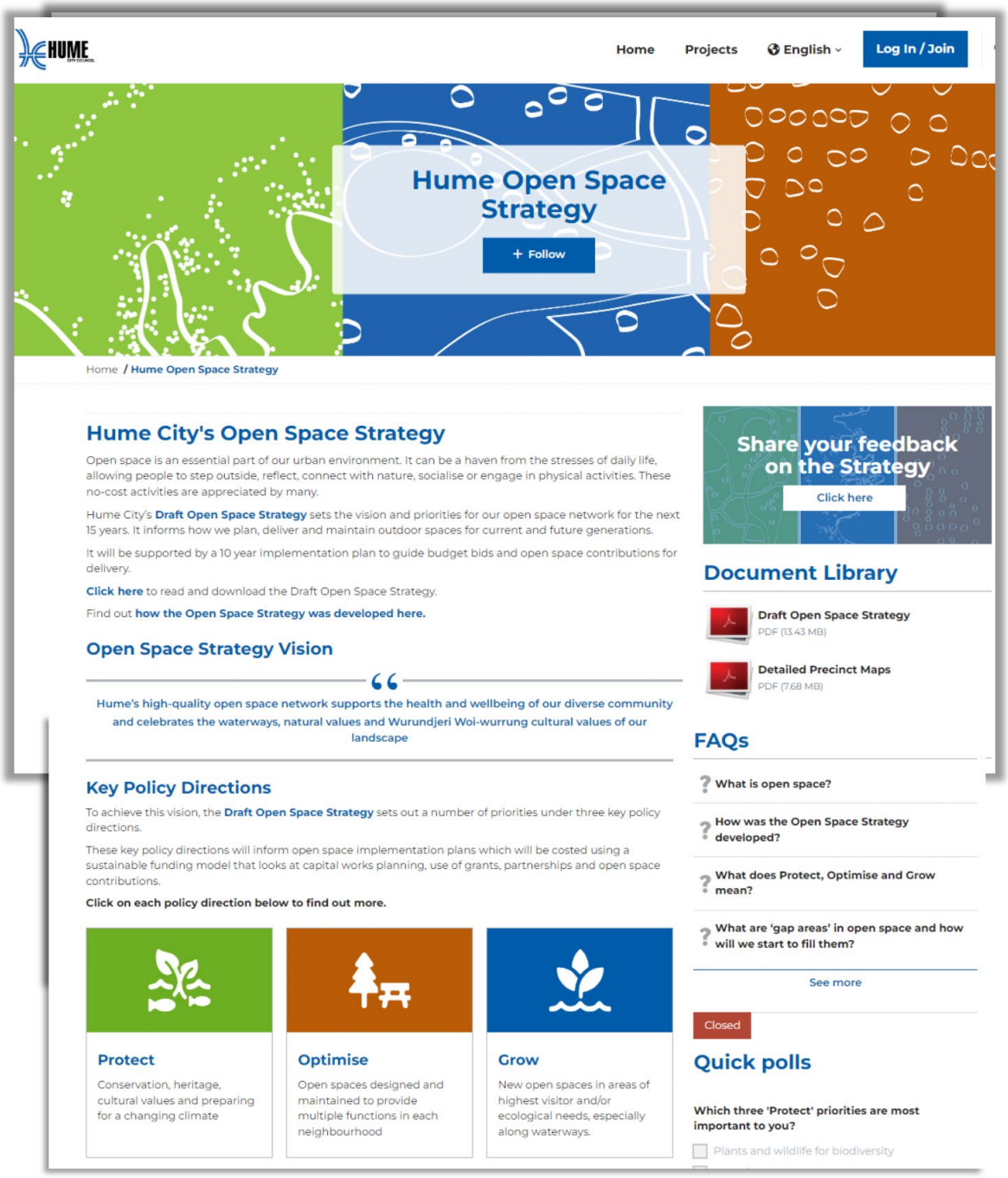
Planning for Hume's Open Space Strategy has now sought input and feedback from the community on multiple times. This includes:

- Community Surveys 2016-2018 data
- Ongoing Neighbourhood Park consultation and Hume Connect requests
- Parks Close to Home Survey 2021 including 200 face-to face surveys and 2000 online surveys
- Release of Background Paper – Hume Open Spaces Strategy in Jan-March 2023

This input helped to develop the Draft Strategy, and the feedback reflected in this Consultation Summary will be used to inform the final editing of the Draft Plan. This includes improving clarity, adding local details that we have learned, and reflecting the priorities that of the community. It will also be used to assist in implementation planning and prioritising.

Appendix A: Communication Materials

1. Screenshots of Hume Participate consultation webpage

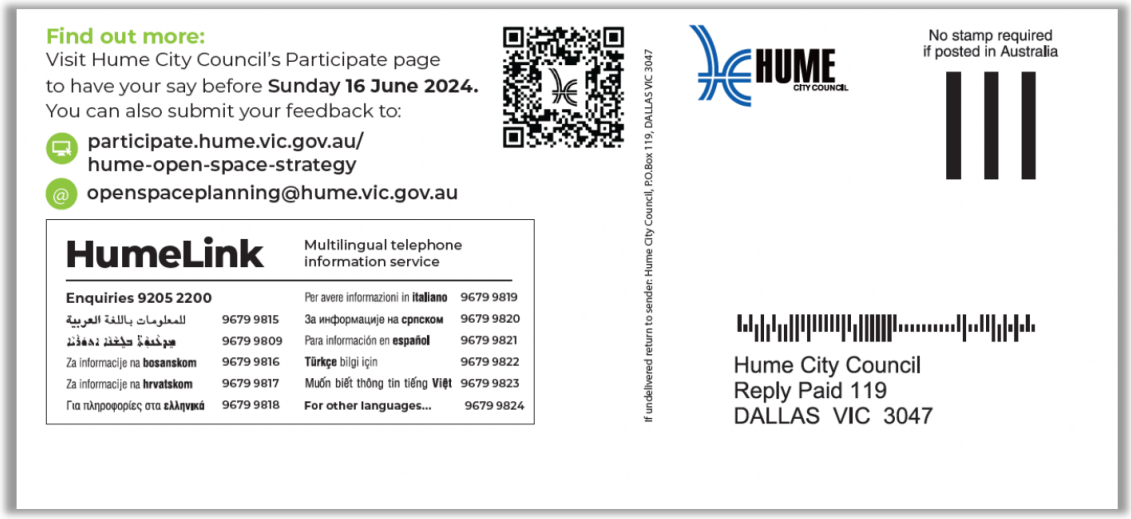


2. Postcards

Postcards sent to 5000 households with a priority for suburbs with open space gaps and land acquisition will be necessary in future. These areas included:

1. ***Tullamarine -*** *bounded by Sharps Rd, Broadmeadows Rd, Melrose Dve*
2. ***Gladstone Park*** *- bounded by Tulla Fwy, Gladstone Park Drive, Sth CIrcular Drive, Taylor Dve, Parnell Cr, Sth Circular, Elmhurst, Woodstock Drive.*
3. ***Broadmeadows (south)*** *- bounded by Camp Road, Gibson, Graham, Holbery St.*
4. ***Broadmeadows (north)*** *- bounded by Camp Road, Beaulah/ Goulburn, Kitchener, Railway Crescent.*
5. ***Jacana*** *- bounded by Pascoe Vale Rd, Johnstone St, Bamburgh St, Emu Pde/Fox Ct, Jacana.*
6. ***Meadow Heights*** *- 400m north of Dunkeld St, Roxburgh Park and 350m radius from 3 Parwan Court*
7. ***Campbellfield (west)*** *- between Sydney Road, Barry Road, and Rail Line and Gentles Avenue.*
8. ***Craigieburn*** *- between Candlebark Drive, Aitken Blvd, Kalorama St/Monteiro Ct, Lysterfield Drive*





3. **Posters installed in a range of libraries, community centres and shopfronts.**



This includes some posters translated into Assyrian, Arabic and Urdu



Appendix B: Online Survey Comments

The online survey was open to the public from 4 May to 16 June 2024 and received 28 responses.

The summary is provided in Section 3.3 of this report, and direct quotes for Q1 and Q2 provided below.

Question 1: How do you feel about the vision of the draft Hume Open Space Strategy?

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Is there anything you'd like to add about the vision?

Comments reflecting support for open space and the strategy

'I value the importance of open spaces and being able to explore nature in a way that preserves and protects it'

'It is a holistic and well thought out strategy which prioritises areas according to demographic and a range of different needs'

'It is clear yet comprehensive.' 'Keep up the good work'

'Good for the community'

'Prioritising open spaces is essentially prioritising mental and physical health and I plan on doing my best to raise healthy children so the strategy aligns with our families values very closely'

'Open spaces create family friendly experiences an environment for children and adults to disconnect from the wired world an environment it's proven it's good for mental health and energy'

'We do need more open space for future generations to play, walk and amalgamate together.'

'There is a significant need to support the vision. Given the will be many people moving here and also the current population, the change would see an amazing revamp to the area, increase infrastructure, improvements to environment, local communities etc'

'Open space is extremely important to humans, however it is the habitat and home of our Australian wildlife and the flora must be protected. With major housing developments taking over, especially along the once prestige waterways, the invasion of humans to nature is becoming destructive especially with rubbish dumping and graffiti.'

'Great ideas. We need more open space with more seats, community gardens, playgrounds, BBQ and toilets.'

Comments requesting additional considerations and commitment to implement the vision

'We need more protected spaces for native flora and fauna.'

'Protect environment and historical landscape'

'I agree in principle, open space is beneficial, however curious about how the vision actually applies. I also would prefer confirmation that First Nations leaders agree with the statement, given much of the land Hume is using is being transformed with developments not necessarily consistent with first nations values.'

'We all need, green spaces in our daily lives. We need policies to regulate how these spaces will be provided and used.'

'To increase attraction for the area and increase sport.'

'Good idea but I only somewhat support I believe upgrading the dog park should be a priority as part of the vision. Like to see a dog park in Campbellfield, have to drive to several suburbs to go to one.

'Not enough trash cans in green spaces and trash gets into the waterways.'

'Communication relating to the intention to maintain the spaces (rubbish dumping and overgrown grass/trees has become a huge issue in this area)'

'Hume Council have a vision, let's get serious about protection of what we have, both built and natural.'

'I live in highlands and the parks are old and dated need new play equipment for our kids'

'More facilities such as toilets, taps, bbq areas'

'The footpaths surrounding reserves need to be improved.'

'The messaging around the importance of community and enabling communities, particularly smaller ones, to engage, collaborate and build bonds should be emphasised.'

'Upgrading the dog park so it's not a mud bath or dust bowl. Separate sections for big/confident dogs and small/anxious dogs.'

'We need to see more cleaner open spaces, security measures such as cameras in parks, more education is needed to improve the rubbish being dumped in areas. Will be great to see some of the parks being developed which will hopefully attract more communities and feelings of being safe.'

Why is the focus only on one section of our community. We are supposed to be fully inclusive and whilst we need to respect areas of special significance everybody should be able to access and enjoy the area.'

Three comments were unsupportive of the vision. One concern related to overdevelopment, one concern was for loss of freedom in geofenced smart cities, and one concern preferences greater respect for God and his creation.

Question 2: How do you feel about the 3 key directions, Protect, Optimise, Grow?



Is there anything you'd like to add about the 3 key directions? (optional)

Protect

74% of respondents (20) strongly support the 'protect' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 3.5% somewhat oppose and 7% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments reflecting support for 'protect' objectives

'Sunbury has a strong history and many green spaces that make it very liveable. These should be protected and even enhanced'

'It is very important to protect our environment for future generations.'

'Especially culturally sensitive spaces fires of traditional owners once a month or clear the space'

Comments requesting additional considerations and commitment to implement the 'protect' objectives

'They are kind of conflicting, how can you protect, grow and optimise? Consider clarifying as they are all pulling in different directions'

'With new houses being built constantly, and land being subdivided for 2,3 or even 4 units, how can we conserve some peace and quiet in certain areas?'

'Stop the overdevelopment'

'Growing family population. More for Westmeadows not other regions already provided for'

'Paths need to be accessible and safe for wheelchairs.'

Optimise

70% of respondents (19) strongly support the 'optimise' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 7% somewhat oppose and 7% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments requesting additional considerations and commitment to implement the 'optimise' objective

'If the multiple functions are to be in place in disadvantaged areas such as Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Jacana, Dallas, Gladstone Park and the like, I would support this option to be placed as No 1 and 2 priority.'

'More bins would be a great way to optimise functionality and beauty.'

'We do need to do more in our neighbourhood in order to amalgamate the different nationalities.'

'Stop the overdevelopment'

'I want to help the reserves accessible for every ability.'

Grow

74% of respondents (20) strongly support the 'optimise' objectives with 15% somewhat supportive. 7% unsure/no opinion and 7% (2) strongly oppose.

Comments requesting additional considerations and commitment to implement the 'grow' objective

'Sunbury is getting bigger and needs open spaces for people to thrive'

'Please grow and support green spaces and historical places. The Sunbury Jackson's Hill Art Precinct for example.'

'I am yet to see a park with any kind of novelty above the bare minimum requirements of planning... can we incorporate elements of art, music, water play, cooperative play etc?'

'Stop the overdevelopment'

'Encouraging local flora and fauna to thrive'

'I am not sure whether it is viable for it may cost us a fortune to get there'

Appendix C: Local Media and Social Media

Star Weekly Article 13 May 2024

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In the agenda, council said the strategy seeks to protect and grow Hume's open space assets by setting priorities for the next 15 years.

The Hume area is home to more than 588 reserves and 440 walkways covering more than seven per cent of the municipality.

At a meeting on April 29, councillor Jarrod Bell said across Hume almost 95 per cent of homes are within a 400 metre walk of an open space in the municipality.

"However, there are certain within our community that don't have that access," he said. "We have a draft plan to have a look at fixing that.

"This [strategy] updates our 2010 plan and talks about our plans and our priorities moving forward into the next 15 years.

"We need a plan and strategy to guide and lead us as a community, as an organisation into supporting [and] improving these open scapes, ensuring they continue to be relevant, useful and enjoyable places."

Cr Bell said the plan has been developed in conjunction with traditional owners, with a goal of protecting things like waterways.

"I encourage the community to take a moment, have a look at the document, consider what it means for you and your family and have your say to make this document... better," he said.

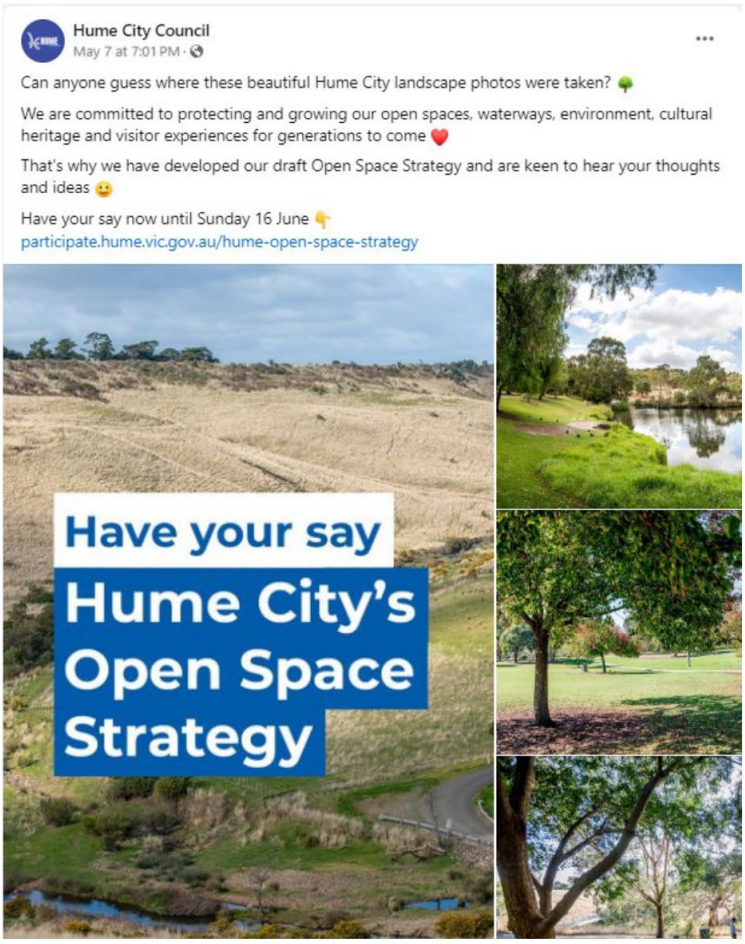
The draft strategy applies the framework of protect, optimise and grow. Council said it seeks to protect conservation, heritage and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung values, in addition to protecting open space against development and climate change.

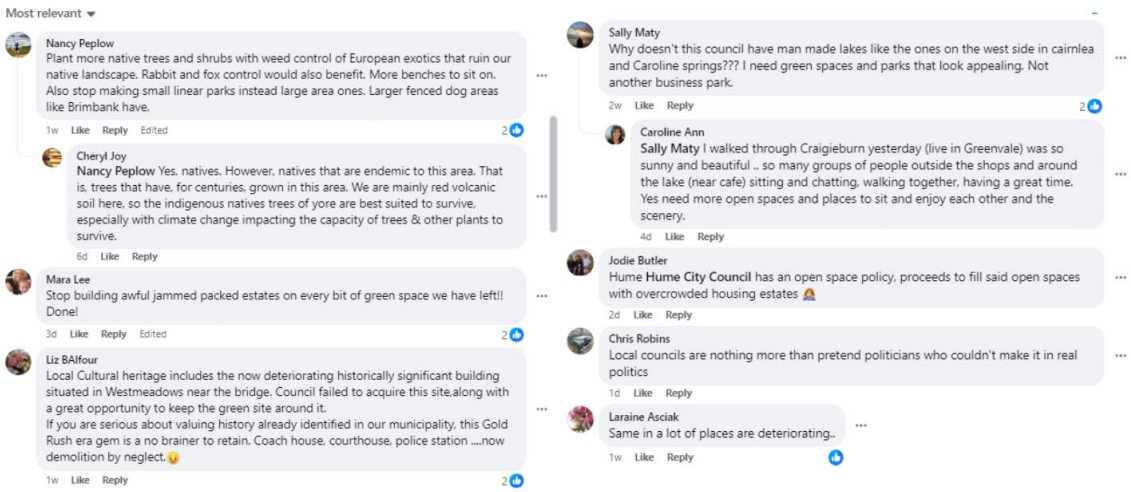
Council said the strategy commits to designing and maintaining open spaces for a mix of visitor experiences, including increasing tree canopy in open space reserves to 70 per cent canopy cover by 2050.

In focusing on growth, council said the high proximity to open space falls to 69 per cent in the Somerton precinct and 79 per cent in the Broadmeadows precinct, and the strategy aims to address these inequities.

Social Media Posts




Hume City Council
May 7 at 7:01 PM
Can anyone guess where these beautiful Hume City landscape photos were taken?
We are committed to protecting and growing our open spaces, waterways, environment, cultural heritage and visitor experiences for generations to come
That's why we have developed our draft Open Space Strategy and are keen to hear your thoughts and ideas
Have your say now until Sunday 16 June
participate.hume.vic.gov.au/hume-open-space-strategy
Have your say
Hume City's Open Space Strategy


Most relevant
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Plant more native trees and shrubs with weed control of European exotics that ruin our native landscape. Rabbit and fox control would also benefit. More benches to sit on. Also stop making small linear parks instead large area ones. Larger fenced dog areas like Brimbank have.
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Cheryl Joy
Nancy Peplow Yes, natives. However, natives that are endemic to this area. That is, trees that have, for centuries, grown in this area. We are mainly red volcanic soil here, so the indigenous natives trees of yore are best suited to survive, especially with climate change impacting the capacity of trees & other plants to survive.
6d Like Reply
Mara Lee
Stop building awful jammed packed estates on every bit of green space we have left!! Done!
3d Like Reply Edited 2
Liz BAlfour
Local Cultural heritage includes the now deteriorating historically significant building situated in Westmeadows near the bridge. Council failed to acquire this site,along with a great opportunity to keep the green site around it.
If you are serious about valuing history already identified in our municipality, this Gold Rush era gem is a no brainer to retain. Coach house, courthouse, police station ....now demolition by neglect.
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Sally Maty
Why doesn't this council have man made lakes like the ones on the west side in cairnlea and Caroline springs??? I need green spaces and parks that look appealing. Not another business park.
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Caroline Ann
Sally Maty I walked through Craigieburn yesterday (live in Greenvale) was so sunny and beautiful .. so many groups of people outside the shops and around the lake (near cafe) sitting and chatting, walking together, having a great time. Yes need more open spaces and places to sit and enjoy each other and the scenery.
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Jodie Butler
Hume Hume City Council has an open space policy, proceeds to fill said open spaces with overcrowded housing estates
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Chris Robins
Local councils are nothing more than pretend politicians who couldn't make it in real politics
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Same in a lot of places are deteriorating..
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I am always looking for a park to sit in and enjoy the fresh air, under a shady tree. Most parks are dusty, dry, bare open spaces - with not much, just gum trees and playgrounds. Have to wonder at the lack of planning in Hume, when you look at the lush eastern suburbs with their lovely trees.
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Appendix D FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) were an important way to reach community members in a way that is less technical than reading a strategy.

The following FAQs were developed for the Hume Participate page.

No	FAQ	Answer
1	**What is open space?**	Open spaces can be • parks for social recreation • sporting reserves and facilities • conservation and cultural protection reserves • easements that allow public access • urban plaza in civic areas • linear reserves for walking and cycling.
2	**How was the Open Space Strategy developed?**	The Open Space Strategy has drawn from multiple sources including: • community input via surveys on parks and feedback on the Open Space Background Paper • needs assessment of community and open space needs • analysis of the key open space challenges and drivers for Hume City **Click here to read more about this data and feedback.**
3	**What does Protect, Optimise, Grow mean?**	These are our key policy directions. **Protect** the open space that we already have. This means • Protect conservation, heritage & Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung values • Protect continued access to parks by preparing for climate change • Protect open spaces from encroaching development, works and interfaces **Optimise** our open spaces by designing and maintaining them to provide a mix of visitor experiences in each neighbourhood **Grow** our open space network by investing in new open spaces in areas of highest visitor and/or ecological need, especially along waterways. This website sets out our Strategy using these different categories. The 'Protect-Optimise-Grow' framework aligns with Victoria's Open Space for Everyone Strategy
4	**How can I find out about my local park?**	You can find your local reserve listed in Appendix D along with its size and its primary functions. These key details can also be viewed using our online map to help find its correct name. With over 580 reserves, this Strategy is unable to give more detail on each reserve, but we do recommend you look at the Precinct map that includes your suburb and this will help show the bigger picture of how the open spaces link, where any gap areas are, and the main recommendations for your area.
5	**I want to put in a suggestion for my local park. How can I do this?**	The Strategy is looking at big picture planning for our open space network. Please fill in our survey on the webpage for your suggestions. If you have a maintenance request, you can report it by: • Using the **Snap Send Solve** app to report an issue to us using (available on Apple iPhone, Android Smart Phone, web app). Take a photo, fill in the details, and we'll take care of it. • Using the **online form** at Report an issue - Hume City Council • **By phone**: report your issue to our Customer Service team by calling 9205 2200 • **By email**: for non-urgent issues, you can report them by emailing contactus@hume.vic.gov.au • **By mail**: for non-urgent issues, you can send to: Hume City Council PO Box 119 Dallas Vic 3047

6	**How does Council decide what goes into each park?**	Residents request a wide variety of visitor infrastructure and nature enhancements in their local parks. With over 580 reserves it is necessary to spread park infrastructure so that some communities do not have more and less than others. To guide this park investment, Council uses a guide called 'Infrastructure Levels of Service'. You can see these in Appendix B of the Strategy. This guide helps explain why some parks have play equipment, some have barbeques, some have sporting facilities, and are simply for relaxing under some trees.
7	**When should we expect new spaces and upgrades?**	The timing of new spaces and upgrades is dependent on a funding allocation for each project in Council's Annual Budget. Read the precinct summaries to understand the priorities for your neighbourhood. Each playspace will be renewed within 20 years.
8	**How will the projects be funded?**	Funding for maintaining our parks and open spaces is derived from general rate revenue. New parks and upgrades can also be funded by developer contributions and government grants. Developers may contribute to infrastructure by: the payment of money; providing land; constructing infrastructure on behalf of public authorities.
9	**Why does it take so long to upgrade parks?**	Playspaces are renewed every at least every 20 years, with safety upgrades undertaken throughout this period. It can take a long time for several reasons: - We have over 580 reserves, 270 with playspaces and renewal is rotated within our annual budget processes. - For large areas, we consult the community on a big-picture Master Plan, however works cannot take place until a more detailed landscape concept design is undertaken. - Before works are done, we need to protect our ecological and cultural assets and investigations are an important and often lengthy first step that takes time
10	**What are 'oasis areas' and 'tree reserves'?**	The Open Space Strategy commits to more tree shade than ever before. Every park will have between 20-50% of tree shade by 2050. The only exceptions are for grasslands, sports ovals, and easements. Some parks have designated 'oasis areas' that will be at least 70% canopy cover that will be enjoyable to visit or walk through on even on hot days. Tree reserves are generally small reserves that will prioritise canopy growth and avoid infrastructure except for low-impact paths or seating. These sites will reach 50% canopy cover by 2050.
11	**What about dogs?**	Hume City Council is home to 47 dog off-leash areas, in addition to allowing dogs on-lead in most areas. New dog off-leash areas will be needed in some areas of Hume. This includes the new growth areas suburbs of Kalkallo, Mickleham, Craigieburn, Greenvale and Sunbury. Additional off-leash areas are also needed in Roxburgh Park. When seeking new dog off-leash areas, Council seeks large open areas that are not busy with people. This can include sports grounds during non-sport times, and easements. The Strategy does not name where new sites will be as this will require further analysis and consultation.
12	**What are 'gap areas' in open space and how will we start to fill them?**	94% of homes in Hume are within 400 metres of an open space reserve. There are some areas that have much further to walk to open space. This is most prominent in Broadmeadows and Campbellfield, and also in Dallas, Jacana, Coolaroo, Greenvale and Gladstone Park. The Draft Strategy proposes to invest in new parks to help fill some of these gaps. This will mean purchasing land after undertaking feasibility studies and community consultation. In some cases we propose upgrading a nearby park with additional infrastructure to acknowledge it is servicing a larger number of homes.

13	**What does the hierarchy of open space mean?**	The Strategy uses the four tier 'hierarchy' system to classify open spaces: • Regional - Largest open spaces. Substantial facilities for organised sport, play, social interaction, relaxation and enjoyment of nature. Typically attract visitors from 15km away or more who expect to stay for more than 2 hours. • District - Open space and recreation facilities that draw people from across a precinct. Generally over 5ha in size and people typically expect to travel up to 15 minutes to visit and expect to stay more than an hour. • Neighbourhood - Open spaces that serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighbourhood. Typically people expect to travel approximately 800m, or a 10-15 minute walk to visit, and expect to stay more than half an hour. • Local - Smallest open spaces that address immediate walkable catchment providing passive recreation and supporting a green network. Generally less than 1ha in size and people typically walk from home and expect to stay for a short time. The hierarchy of open spaces will influence park design, infrastructure and maintenance.
14	**What does primary function of an open space mean?**	Open spaces can serve different functions and this will influence their design. All open spaces are assigned a primary and secondary function. For example, a reserve on a waterway with a cycle path with have a primary function of 'drainage' and a secondary function of 'linear links and trail'. The functions are: social recreation, sport, environmental conservation, tree reserve, urban and civic, linear links and trails, drainage and ancillary. All open spaces have an urban greening function. These functions can help explain why some parks have play equipment and other don't. For more information on primary functions see Section 2.9 of the Draft Strategy.
15	**What is the Hume Planning Scheme?**	The Hume Planning Scheme directs how land can be used, developed and protected within Hume. Parks can be protected with a Public Park and Recreation Zone, a Public Conservation and Resources Zone, and different protection overlays for environment, landscape, flooding and more. Find out more and read the **Hume Planning Scheme here.**
16	**Is there a glossary?**	Yes. See page 51 of the Strategy. This includes many terms such as: Crown Land, Encumbered Open Space, Established Areas, Growth Areas, No Net Loss of Open Space, Levels of Service, Masterplan, Nature Conservation and Growling Grass Frog Areas, Nature-Based Experiences, Playspace Renewal, Restricted Open Space, Riparian Land, Social Recreation, Stony Rises, Traditional Owners, Urban Canopy Cover, Waterplay and more.

Appendix E: Previous Engagement Summary

Community input into Draft Hume Open Space Strategy

Community input informed the drafting of the Hume Draft Open Space Strategy via:

- Community Surveys 2016-2018 data
- Neighbourhood Park consultation and Hume Connect requests
- Parks Close to Home Survey 2021 including 200 face-to face surveys and 2000 online surveys
- Release of Background Paper – Hume Open Spaces Strategy in Jan-March 2023

Past engagement

2016-2018 Data

- The 2016/17 and 2018/19 Community Indicators Surveys were analysed for references to open space. Thirty-six respondents made comments that helped understand the community's priorities and concerns, which included:
    - the effect of housing density on the amount of open space
    - keeping the natural environment, both flora and fauna
    - maintenance and cleanliness of open areas.
    - a desire for walking/bicycling paths.
- The 2017/18 and 2019/20 Community Surveys were analysed for references to open space. Forty-nine respondents made comments that helped understand the community's priorities and concerns, which included:
    - keeping the existing natural environment
    - worries about open space being encroached upon by housing
    - cleaning up and maintaining parklands
    - an appetite for walking/biking tracks
    - the need for public toilets.
- The 2017/18 and 2019/20 New Household Surveys were analysed for references to open space. Thirty-three respondents made comments that helped understand the community's priorities and concerns. The majority of respondents enjoyed the parklands and country feel of some areas of Hume (n = 29). The abundance of walking tracks was appreciated by 7 respondents and four respondents liked the larger areas of bushland.

Neighbourhood Park Consultations

Council's Open Space and Recreation Planning team carry out consultation prior to the refurbishment of neighbourhood parks. The reports for the 36 neighbourhood park consultations carried out between 2017 and the end of 2019 were analysed. Twelve suburbs were represented, and a total of 1,094 people expressed their opinions and preferences for their local park upgrade.

These consultations revealed that play equipment and the park's amenity were important to those living nearby. There was a clear difference in preferences for play equipment when comparing the results of providing a list of options and the suggestions offered by respondents. When provided with a list, respondents chose slides, swings and climbing items, most of which are suitable for younger children. When asked for their suggestions, respondents opted for equipment that appealed to an older age range with the top three options being fitness equipment, a flying fox and basketball. When presented with a list of potential improvements to their local park's amenity respondents chose new park furniture, shady trees and rubbish bins. However, when making their own suggestions they chose seats, a drinking fountain and barbeque facilities.

Parks Close to Home Survey

In November 2021, the Parks Close to Home Survey was conducted. 225 responses were completed as intercept surveys in parks and 2000 responses were completed online.

A parks user intercept survey conducted in November 2021 surveyed 225 people and in summary identified:

9.9.1 Average satisfaction rating 86%

9.9.2 Most important park features – cleanliness, security, grass maintenance

9.9.3 Most satisfied park features – gardens/trees, paths/tracks & security

9.9.4 Largest service gap – cleanliness, toilets & shade

9.9.5 Reason for low use of open space in established areas – poor quality, lack of shade and unattractive

9.10 A municipal wide survey 'Parks Close to Home' also conducted in 2021 received nearly 2000 responses and identified the top five things people want to see in parks:

9.10.1 Shade 79.9%

9.10.2 Seating/tables 66%

9.10.3 Play equipment 59.2%

9.10.4 Paths 53.6%

9.10.5 Grass & open space 53.3%

9.11 According to the findings of the Parks Close to Home survey, 88% of respondents walk to the park close to their home and the most visited parks in Hume are regional and district level parks, large enough to provide a range of activities to service a diverse range of people, with access to nature being the primary motivation for people visiting parks in Hume.

Community Infrastructure and Open Space Consultation

In Jan – March 2023, the Community Infrastructure Plan and the Open Space Background Paper were published for feedback. Responses included:

Six emails received

- Email 1 requested more basketball courts
- Email 2 requested more shade especially around playgrounds
- Email 3 requested more connected bike paths preferably off road
- Email 4 raised concerns about safety in parks and misuse at night.
  In reality, the concerns noted relate to perceived safety and lack of sleep.
- Email 5 worried about potential vandalism wants to educate dog walkers
- Email 6 from MAB Corporation seeking
  - stronger references to Merrifield Linear Park and Merrifield Park
  - change Precinct 12 map to reflect approved Merrifield Centre Development Coordination Plan and City West Precinct Concept Plan
  - greater collaboration by Melbourne Water to secure the Merrifield Park land
  - support to deliver indoor recreation facilities on active open space land.

2 of 6 emails congratulated Hume on the good work.

Key themes of the 30 social media comments directly related to open space were:

- Approx 23% of requested shade and trees
- Approx 20% felt parks were overgrown with weed problems
- Approx 17% felt parks have a litter problem
- Approx 13% requested more nature, native fauna, botanical gardens
- Approx 13% requested benches and tables and toilets
- 1 request was made for each of the following bbq, drinking fountain, pump track, play equipment

Other comments less directly about open space

- A lot of concern about 15 minute city
- Frustration that surveys and documents were too long and hard.

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APPENDIX A: KEY EDITS - OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

The Draft Open Space Strategy was released for public feedback in May/June 2024. Community and stakeholder feedback was supportive, and the following edits have been made to the final Strategy in response to comments received.

Strategic Directions

The following notable edits to Strategic Directions have been made in response to feedback:

1. Under '1.3 Key Policy Direction – Protect' p10
   (a) To address community concerns about **litter**, dog litter and rubbish dumping in open space the following words have been added *'Protect and/or enhance: litter reduction measures through design, signage, infrastructure, community assistance, enforcement and incentives'*
   (b) To address community concerns about **biodiversity** in open space the following words have been added under 'conservation values'. *'Seek habitat connectivity and biodiversity improvement opportunities in parks'*
   (c) To address community and Traditional Owner concerns about **wetlands**, the following words have been added under 'waterways'. *'Protect and enhance wetlands for their diverse benefits including stormwater management, biodiversity and cultural value significance'*
2. Under '1.4 Key Policy Direction – Optimise' p11
   (a) To address community concerns about **lighting** and feeling safe in open spaces the following words have been added under 'social recreation experiences'. *'Seek to optimise: lighting on higher use paths for early morning and evening use. Lighting to be designed to minimise wildlife impacts'*
   (b) To address community concerns about **accessibility**, wheelchair access and inclusivity the following words have been added under 'social recreation experiences'. *'Parks to support inclusivity for people of different abilities'* and some additional clarity provided in Section 5.4 and glossary
   (c) To address concerns raised by **multicultural** communities the following words have been added under 'social recreation experiences'. *'…including greater opportunities for events, large family gatherings and seating areas protected from the weather to support longer visits'*
   (d) To give greater emphasis to the role of **public transport** in parks, the following words have been added. *'Seek to optimise: transport options by maximising links to public transport along with walking and cycling links.*
   (e) To address community requests for greater **shade**, the commitment to urban tree canopy has been supplemented with the words: *Shade structures are to be installed where they will support greater park use, comfort and visitor safety.*
   (f) To address concerns from various stakeholders that greater emphasis is needed on the role and support of **regional collaborations** the following words have been added under 'communication' *'collaboration with regional organisations to support open space planning and activities*;' Additional clarity is also provided in Section 2.3.
3. Under Section 5 additional direction has been provided, as summarised below:
   (a) Social Recreation is a primary function of many of our open spaces. Additional direction has been provided about the mix, inclusiveness and spread of **play experiences** in Section 5.4 and in glossary descriptions for 'park renewal' 'play

equipment' and more. This will be supplemented in coming years by a Playspace Framework with more detailed plans.

(b) The community supports greater opportunities for **outdoor gathering** and events in our larger parks. This request was particularly in Campbellfield which is home to large extended families and has very few park areas to meet. Additional details are provided in Section 5.4 and in Precinct Summaries to provide stronger support for these improvements.

(c) **Dog** use of parks was raised in community feedback. Many residents have concerns about dog behaviour and some residents seek more dog parks. Council retains its preference for large off leash dog areas away from busy areas. Additional details are provided in Section 5.4 and Appendix E. More off-leash dog areas are required in all but Precincts 1, 5, 7 and 8 with a focus on growth areas.

(d) **Trails** in open space are of critical importance for visitor experience. They require a long-term commitment by Council to deliver, usually in a piecemeal way, as land is developed. A clearer commitment to trail creation is set out in Section 5.2 and will be supplemented in future with an updated Walking and Cycling Plan aligned to the Transport Strategy and the Northern Regions Trail Strategy.

(e) The revised Open Space Strategy now lists the links between parks and businesses in Section 5.5. Naming parks nearby to **shops** and identifying improvement opportunities for signage, shade and picnic facilities help guide future upgrades. This direction aligns with the Hume Places program.

(f) The commitment to **canopy** cover was supported by Council and wording has been refined to ensure every site strives for 50% coverage (with the minimum remaining at 20%)

(g) The Open Space **Levels of Service** in Section 5.6 have been trialed since the release of the Draft, and as a result some improvements have been made to provide the best mix of park infrastructure for communities. This includes greater clarity regarding outdoor gathering facilities, public toilets and seating. These will be supplemented by regular updates to the supporting Landscape Guidelines.

Precinct Summaries

4. The following notable edits to Precinct Priorities after review of community feedback and implementation feasibility:

(a) Precinct 1 Sunbury North – An additional Optimise example project has been listed *'**Blind Creek Headwaters Reserve**. Ongoing conversion of former landfill to nature reserve. Address erosion issues. Investigate potential of public access for some areas'.*

(b) Precinct 3 Sunbury Central - An additional Optimise example project has been listed *'**Kororoit Creek Headwaters**. Investigate waterway, parkland and climate adaptation measures to support Sunbury West Creek downstream from Googly Park. Seek Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung name for creek (to replace temporary name).*

(c) Precinct 5 Rural - An additional Optimise example project has been listed *'**Sunbury Pop Festival Site*** to align with the Jacksons Creek biik wurrdha Regional Parklands Plan. *Upgrade trail connections, wayfinding and interpretive signage for the Sunbury Pop Festival site'*

(d) Precinct 6 Greenvale – Two additional Optimise example projects have been listed:
(i) *'**Woodlands Historic Park**. Partner with Parks Victoria and Chain of Ponds*

to improve shared trails along Moonee Ponds Creek and

*(ii) '**Luster Circuit Linear Reserve**. Advocate to owner to consider reserve options including a link to Greenvale Reservoir Park (in conjunction with Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria) and/or dog off leash area'*

(e) Precinct 7 Valley - An additional Optimise example project has been listed *'**Westmeadows Meander*** to align with the Chain of Ponds program. *Upgrade to return waterway flow to the meander and provide seating and walking loops for nature enjoyment.'*

(f) Precinct 10 Somerton – Three additional Optimise example projects have been listed:

(i) *'**Allan Barry Reserve**. Increase picnic seating and shelter area at Allan Barry Reserve to help address shortage of outdoor gathering spaces in Campbellfield'* and

(ii) *'**William Canning Reserve**. Increase picnic seating and accessibility at William Canning Reserve to help address shortage of outdoor gathering spaces in Campbellfield. Resolve encroachment issues and investigate access from Church St'* and

(iii) *'**Hatty Court Reserve**. Investigate expansion of Hatty Court Playground to include picnic opportunities. Investigate a public toilet at Hatty Court or Horne Street Reserve'*

(g) Precinct 11 Craigieburn - Two additional Optimise example projects have been listed:

(i) *'**Craigieburn Gardens**. Improve connectivity and viewlines from street to creek to enhance visitor experience'* and

(ii) *'**Grand Boulevard Reserve**. Trial and if feasible improve design and infrastructure to support outdoor events*

(h) Precinct 13 Kalkallo – An additional Grow example project has been listed: ***'Kalkallo Township.*** *Ensure planning for Kalkallo Township supports: waterway, cultural, conservation and trail access priorities along Kalkallo Creek (as part of the marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands); investigation of expanding Kalkallo Grasslands Reserve*

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REPORT TITLE:	Forest Red Gum Drive, Mickleham - Update
SOURCE:	Marvin Chen, Coordinator Traffic
DIVISION:	Infrastructure & Assets
FILE NO:	-
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.3: Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Traffic Count and Volume Diagram* 2. *Concept Plan* 3. *Existing and Proposed Cross Sections*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 Forest Red Gum Drive despite being designed to a rural standard for most of its length serves as a de facto north-south arterial route carrying approximately 13,000 vehicles per day (vpd) including a significant proportion of heavy vehicle traffic. This has resulted in significant safety, maintenance, congestion and amenity related issues for a road that has largely been designed to carry less than 1,000 vehicles per day.

1.2 The matter was previously tabled at a Council meeting on 14 February 2022 where it was resolved that Council would monitor volumes on Forest Red Gum Drive following the extension of Aitken Boulevard to Donnybrook Road.

1.3 Notwithstanding that the extension of Aitken Boulevard has not yet been completed, the measured traffic volumes have risen to a level that regardless of any future extension of Aitken Boulevard, Council needs to consider the future construction of the road. This report seeks to provide Council an update on the recent investigation and recommendations for consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 notes the significant safety, maintenance, operational and amenity issues along Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road and that a major road upgrade will be required to address these issues.

2.2 based on a preliminary cost estimate lists for consideration $13,150,000 excluding GST within the Capital Works Program to upgrade Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road with the following indicative schedule for delivery.

2.2.1 $70,000 in the 25/26 financial year to facilitate early planning and design.

2.2.2 $80,000 in the 26/27 financial year to facilitate detailed design.

2.2.3 $7,000,000 in the 27/28 financial year for contract procurement and construction.

2.2.4 $6,000,000 in the 28/29 financial year for construction.

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2.3 explore external funding opportunities to assist with funding this project

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 Council has the power under the Local Government Act 2020; Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2019; Road Safety Road Rules 2009; and the Road Safety Act 1986 to install and modify traffic control devices on local roads where authority has been delegated to Council.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

4.1.1 priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

4.1.2 the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

The human rights relevant to this Report is the Right to Life.

There are currently road safety issues associated with the substandard nature of Forest Red Gum Drive.

The above right is not being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020
This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service, therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 A preliminary cost estimate based on a concept plan (Attachment 2) and the required cross-section (Attachment 3) indicate the reconstruction of Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road will cost in the order of $13,150,000 excluding GST.

6.2 This estimate allows for the road to be reconstructed with a suitable pavement depth for the traffic volumes, kerb and channel, underground drainage infrastructure, lighting upgrades, a shared user path, culvert modifications, raised safety platforms and other supporting works.

6.3 To allow the project to be planned and delivered, the following funding arrangement is proposed.

6.3.1 $70,000 in the 25/26 financial year to facilitate early planning and design.

6.3.2 $80,000 in the 26/27 financial year to facilitate detailed design.

6.3.3 $7,000,000 in the 27/28 financial year for contract procurement and construction.

6.3.4 $6,000,000 in the 28/29 financial year for construction.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 If the road is not reconstructed, Council is exposed to:

7.1.1 Significant on-going maintenance burden along Forest Red Gum Drive. The cost of maintenance in terms plant, labour and material is significant.

7.1.2 Significant identified vehicle speeding issues and the risk of crashes.

7.1.3 There are no pedestrian paths. Pedestrians, cyclists and motorists including heavy vehicles share a high-volume and a high-speed road. Even though the road has a signed 50km/h speed limit, a significant proportion of motorists are measured travelling well above the speed limit. Pedestrian/cyclist and vehicle interactions have elevated injury severity.

7.2 If the road is reconstructed, a notable number of residents residing within the section of Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road and the surrounding rural estate would be expected to oppose the proposal.

7.3 A significant number of residents within the rural section of Forest Red Gum Drive vehemently opposed any sort of road upgrade and cited the rural/rustic appeal of the road as a reason for moving into the area. Based on previous discussions, most if not all these residents would prefer a full road closure.

7.4 However, it should also be noted that a full road closure would not be acceptable to most motorists that are using this road as a through route. Residents within the Merrifield West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) have also bought their properties expecting a connection in line with the approved PSP.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 Previous Consultation

8.1.1 In response to a resolution arising from the Council Meeting on 14 February 2022, residents of Forest Red Gum Drive were consulted on their views and the desired level of pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. The following key points are provided in relation to the findings of the consultation:

(a) 32% of respondents have used the road as a cyclist or pedestrian

(b) 64% of respondents will use facilities if they are constructed

8.1.2 The following breakdown is the facility type that was requested by respondents:

(a) 15.7% preferred a standard width footpath

(b) 45.6% preferred a wide shared user path

(c) 15% preferred a standard width footpath and a wide shared user path

(d) 18.3% preferred some other type of treatment

(e) 5.4% preferred no facility of any type

8.1.3 In response to resident complaints within the Merrifield West estate regarding on-going issues with road rage, excessive noise, amenity loss and crashes to parked vehicles, Council Engineers surveyed the impacted residents on Forest Red Gum Drive between Ellscott Boulevard and Torrance Street in November 2024 to gauge their support for 'No Stopping' parking restrictions that would be implemented on both sides of the road to facilitate two-way traffic flow.

8.1.4 This measure was proposed on the basis that indented parking would be delivered in the 25/26 financial year to mitigate the loss of on-street parking. A summary of the survey outcome is provided below.

(a) 11 residents voted in favor of the proposal (79%)

(b) 3 residents voted against the proposal (21%)

8.1.5 Council has notified that impacted residents that the proposal will proceed, and it is anticipated the signage will be installed early in 2025.

8.2 Upcoming Consultation (not related to the Recommendations of this report)

8.2.1 Indented Parking and Raised Safety Platform infrastructure projects:

(a) Council is proposing to construct indented parking and raised safety platforms along the Merrifield West estate section of Forest Red Gum Drive between Ellscott Boulevard and Torrance Street in the 2025/26 financial year.

(b) In line with standard practice for infrastructure projects of these types, the impacted properties will be engaged prior to the commencement of works.

8.2.2 Truck Ban:

(a) In response to elevated through truck volumes along Forest Red Gum Drive and Realm Vista, officers are proposing to seek approval from the Department of Transport and Planning for a truck ban. A survey will be issued to the impacted residents to gain the level of support for the proposal.

8.3 Proposed Consultation (in connection with the Recommendations of this report)

8.3.1 If Council accepts the recommendation to reconstruct the rural section of Forest Red Gum Drive to an urban standard, the impacted properties will be engaged prior to the commencement of works in line with the usual engagement process for road reconstruction projects.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Background

9.1.1 Notice of Motion (NOM413) and Previous Council Report (25 April 2021)

(a) A report was tabled to Council on 14 February 2022 in response to a Notice of Motion (NOM413) that was raised at the 25 April 2021 Council meeting.

(b) The NOM: *"Requests Officers to prepare a report for a public Council meeting to provide background information on Forest Redgum Drive, Mickleham. This report should explore the reasons behind the decision to open the road to through traffic, issues arising from the increase of traffic including speed and road condition."*

(c) The following recommendations were adopted and have been completed.

(i) Consult with affected residents to seek their views on upgrading pedestrian and cycle facilities and to inform them of the future road network, including the extension of Aitken Boulevard that will alleviate pressure on Forrest Red Gum Drive.

(ii) Note that Councils 2021/22 Responsive Road Safety Works Budget will fund:

- *The installation of 50km/h speed limit signs along the length of Forest Red Gum Drive to reinforce the existing speed limit.*
- *The installation of Kangaroo Warning signage along the length of Forest Red Gum Drive due to the presence of kangaroos in the area and recent crashes involving kangaroos.*
- *The installation of a centre line and raised reflective pavement markers along the section of Forest Red Gum Drive south of the Merrifield West PSP area to assist with delineation.*

(iii) Note that Councils speed display trailer will be placed on Forest Red Gum Drive when the 50km/h speed limit signage is installed to reinforce the existing 50km/h speed limit.

(iv) Note that Council will undertake further traffic counts after the extension of Aitken Boulevard and other significant road projects, to monitor the impact on traffic volumes on Forrest Red Gum Drive.

(v) Note that Council undertakes routine maintenance along Forrest Red Gum Drive and will upgrade any sections of road pavement as required.

(d) At the time of writing of this previous Council report, it was planned that more extensive work such as an upgrade and re-construction of Forest Red Gum Drive would be considered following the Aitken Boulevard extension. Noting the identified traffic volumes of approximately 4,000 vpd at the time could potentially reduce to an acceptable level following completion of the extension. Hence the adoption of the recommendation that volumes on Forest Red Gum Drive would be monitored in the context of the Aitken Boulevard extension.

(e) On-going monitoring including traffic counts undertaken on Forest Red Gum Drive, however, indicate volumes have increased to such a level, over 13,000 vpd, that regardless of the Aitken Boulevard extension, the traffic volumes on Forest Red Gum Drive would necessitate a significant upgrade.

(f) Forest Red Gum Drive is the most direct route for motorists originating from the new residential subdivisions north and south of Donnybrook Road to the wider road network to the south. Forest Red Gum Drive is aligned with Highlander Drive providing direct access to the Craigieburn Shopping Centre. The intersection of Mt Ridley Road / Forest Red Gum Drive / Highlander Drive is treated with a roundabout providing good access for this preferred north-south travel route.

(g) Only a small proportion (up to 30%) of traffic is projected to divert to the future Aitken Boulevard extension leaving approximately 9,000 vpd on Forest Red Gum Drive which still significantly exceeds the capacity of the road.

(h) Refer to Attachment 1- Traffic Count and Volume Diagram.

9.1.2 Connection and extension of Forest Red Gum Drive to Donnybrook Road

(a) During the planning stages for the Merrifield West PSP, the former Metropolitan Planning Authority (currently Victorian Planning Authority) proposed a connection between Forest Red Gum Drive and the new development area that would provide a connection through to Donnybrook Road.

(b) Council did not support the Forest Red Gum Drive extension but advised that if the connection was required, then the existing rural section of the road needs to be upgraded to an urban standard to accommodate the additional traffic.

(c) Despite Council's request, the Minister for Planning approved the Merrifield West PSP in June 2012, including the road connection to Forest Red Gum Drive but with no requirement to upgrade the existing road.

(d) Council engineers flagged the connection as being problematic in December 2018. However, as the connection was set out in the Merrifield West PSP, little could be done to stop the connection from occurring.

(e) Further enquires undertaken by Council officers indicate there is no recourse through the VPA or any associated mechanism to pursue external funding because of such decisions.

9.1.3 Existing Road Conditions

(a) There are two distinct sections of Forest Red Gum Drive. The southern section is semi-rural, and the northern section is urban.

(b) The construction of the rural section of Forest Red Gum Drive between Mt Ridley Road and Torrance Drive occurred in 1999. The road is constructed to a rural standard and has a pavement thickness of 430mm, carriageway width of approximately 6m and has no road shoulders or footpath. The pavement is designed to an access street standard with a desirable maximum daily traffic volume no greater than 1,000 vehicles.

(c) The northern urban section between Ellscott Boulevard and Torrance Drive was constructed in 2020. The road has been constructed to a standard typical for roads that are adjacent residential properties comprising a 7.3m wide carriageway that allows kerbside parking and a pavement thickness of 530mm. The road is designed to have a maximum desirable daily traffic volume of 2,000 vehicles per day.

(d) A summary of traffic count data collated on Forest Red Gum Drive is provided in Attachment 1. It is noted that in 2014, the survey detected an average daily traffic volume of 479 vehicles. In 2024, the survey detected an average daily traffic volume of 13,291. This represents a 28-fold increase in volume since the connection was opened.

(e) The 2024 traffic counts also indicate heavy vehicles comprise approximately 7% of the total volume which is substantial for a local road which typically accommodates a heavy vehicle volume that is 2 to 3% of the total volume. This suggests the route is being used as a through route particularly for construction vehicles.

9.2 Safety, Operational and Traffic Related Issues

Issue	Description
Speeding	Traffic counts undertaken along Forest Red Gum Drive indicate it carries up to 13,291 vpd and has 85th percentile speed range between 58 to 65 km/h which is significantly above the default 50 km/h speed limit. The long straight alignment of the road, the lack of traffic calming and the nature of traffic that are using the road as a through route are conducive to higher speeds. Council officers have requested police presence on Forest Red Gum Drive on several occasions, however, the road is difficult to monitor due to the relatively narrow road reserve and lack of areas to place a surveillance vehicle.

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Crashes	Council has received several reports from residents with evidence of crashes particularly with parked vehicles along the urban constructed section of Forest Red Gum Drive between Ellscott Boulevard and Torrance Drive. This section of Forest Red Gum Drive has been designed to an Access Street standard with a 7.2m wide carriageway and no dedicated parking lane. This standard allows for a relatively low daily volume of up to 2,000 vpd whereby the road can adequately function with vehicles navigating around parked vehicles. This standard is inadequate for a section of road that is now carrying a volume of 12,564 vpd that requires unencumbered two-way traffic flow. Forcing such levels of traffic to navigate around parked vehicles can result in unsafe traffic behaviour such as head-on crashes or collisions with parked vehicles.
Maintenance	In 2021 Council officers observed deterioration of road pavement on the rural section of Forest Red Gum Drive particularly along the pavement edge. A re-seal of the road occurred only 2 years prior in December 2019. These road pavement defects were not observed in November 2020 before the road connection opening. High traffic volumes on narrow rural roads like Forest Red Gum Drive force drivers towards the edge of the road to allow clearance to oncoming traffic. This results in a greater number of wheel concentrations in the vicinity of the pavement edge accelerating the deterioration of the road. Council's road maintenance team have reported that are dispatching crews to maintain Forest Red Gum Drive on a weekly basis. Typical defects that are rectified include potholing, shoulder damage and pavement edge wearing. These defects are generally associated with higher vehicle volumes above and beyond what the road is designed for. Council's works crew note that significant resource is currently dedicated to maintaining Forest Red Gum Drive. It is estimated that approximately $200,000 worth of routine maintenance has been undertaken in the past year.
Lack of cycling and pedestrian path	Forest Red Gum Drive is designed to a rural standard and does not have a footpath or shared path on either side of the road. Resident feedback indicated pedestrians and cyclists were comfortable sharing the carriageway with vehicles when the daily volumes were under 500 vpd. However, residents that previously walked and cycled along the carriageway have expressed safety concerns given that the traffic volumes are now consistent with that of an arterial road. In response to a recommendation arising from the Council Meeting on 14 February 2022, residents of Forest Red Gum Drive were consulted on their views and the desired level of pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. The key points are provided in Section 8.1.

9.3 Treatment of the Issues

9.3.1 Interim Treatments

(a) To address some of the safety and amenity issues, several lower cost treatments will be implemented on Forest Red Gum Drive to provide an improved road environment. Most of these treatments apply only to the urban section of Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Ellscott Boulevard.

(b) The implementation of 'No Stopping' parking restrictions on both sides of Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Ellscott Boulevard. Council Engineers have surveyed the impacted residents and there was community support to install restrictions in the interim prior to the construction of indented parking bays. The 'No Stopping' restrictions on the residential side of the road will be removed following construction of indented parking. The proposal facilitates two-way traffic flow along the route and minimises amenity loss associate with road rage, congestion and crashes into parked vehicles.

(c) The construction of indented parking on Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Ellscott Boulevard scheduled in the 2025/26 financial year. This will allow unencumbered two-way traffic flow while maintaining on-street parking.

(d) The construction of raised pavements on Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Ellscott Boulevard scheduled in the 2025/26 financial year. It is noted that by allowing unencumbered two-way traffic flow with the installation of indented parking and the nature of through traffic, this is likely to increase speeds along this section of Forest Red Gum Drive. Hence it is proposed to install raised pavements that will mitigate potential speeding.

(e) Implement a truck ban on Forest Red Gum Drive and Realm Vista to eliminate through truck traffic along a local collector road that is not intended to convey such types of traffic.

(i) The Truck Ban applies to any vehicle over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

(ii) Council will be consulting the impacted residents and freight groups on the proposal early in the new year. It is noted that truck bans require approval from The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP).

(iii) Preliminary discussion with DTP indicates they have no objections to Council proceeding with consultation but has refused to provide in-principal approval.

(iv) Trucks currently make up approximately 7% of the daily volume on Forest Red Gum Drive. It is expected that a truck ban will reduce the proportion to 2-3% that would typically be expected on local roads and re-direct all through truck volume to the surrounding arterial road network addressing many of the issues associated with amenity and maintenance.

9.3.2 Proposed Treatment of Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road

(a) Ultimately regardless of any future network improvements such as the Aitken Boulevard and/or the Brossard Road extensions, based on existing volumes and generous assumptions for traffic re-distribution for these future road extensions, Forest Red Gum Drive will still convey a level of traffic that will necessitate a higher construction standard. The standard of construction will need to allow for two-way traffic flow for volumes in the order of 9,000 vehicles per day.

(b) A preliminary review of the available road reserve and key road features indicate the required level of reconstruction will entail the following elements:

(i) A wider carriageway width of approximately 7.3m measured invert to invert that will cater two-way traffic flow including heavy vehicles.

(ii) Deep strength pavement providing greater longevity for a road carrying significant volumes including heavy vehicle volumes.

(iii) Kerb and channel and underground drainage and to replace the existing open drains.

(iv) An off-road shared user path on the eastern side of the road to separate pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles on the carriageway. It is noted this was the preferred option based on resident consultation.

(v) An upgrade of lighting to meet Hume's Street Lighting Policy.

(vi) Subject to road space availability, right-turn and left-turn treatments at the intersection of Snow Gum Lane and Forest Red Gum Drive.

(vii) Modifications to the culvert headwalls at Malcolm Creek to allow for the desired level of road reconstruction.

(viii) Traffic calming treatments in the form of raised safety platforms to address identified speeding issues.

(ix) Reconstruction of residential driveways.

(c) Cross-sections for the existing road and the proposed standard of reconstruction is provided in Attachments 4. The installation of a SUP on the eastern side of the road requires removal of existing street trees and leaves little room for future replanting. Initial discussions with Councils Parks department suggest this proposal would be accepted however, the significant native tree(s) near Malcolm Creek will require assessment.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road is designed to a rural standard to carry no more than 1,000 vehicles per day.

10.2 Recent traffic counts indicate this section of Forest Red Gum Drive is carrying up to 13,291 vehicles per day.

10.3 The high traffic volume is causing significant safety, maintenance, operational and amenity related issues on the road. Routine maintenance is currently estimated at $200,000 per year for this road.

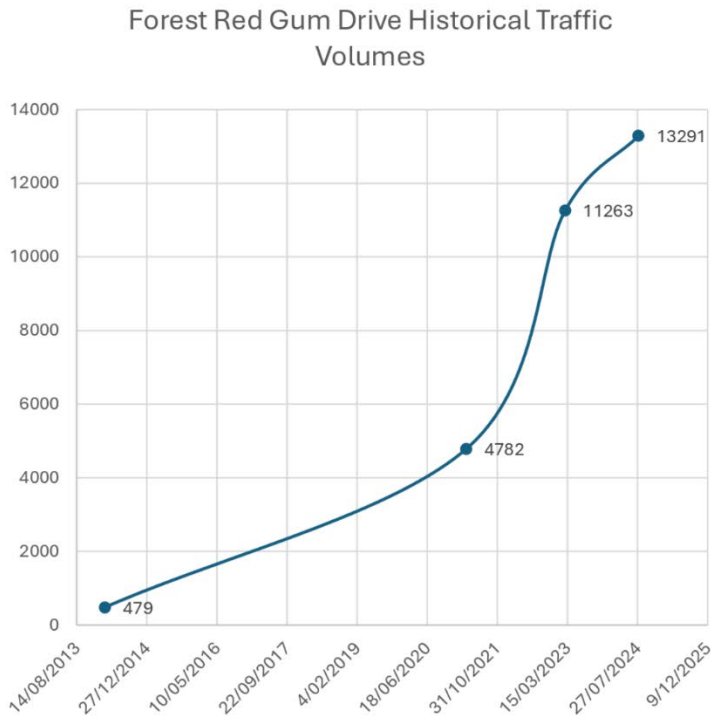
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10.4 Regardless of the Aitken Boulevard extension and Brossard Road extension, Forest Red Gum Drive provides direct access to key road network to the south including a direct connection to the Craigieburn Shopping Centre via Highlander Drive for a large residential catchment. The residual volume on Forest Red Gum Drive is still anticipated to be in the order of 9,000 vehicles per day and would necessitate a significant upgrade to urban standards.

10.5 The required level of upgrade for Forest Red Gum Drive is expected to cost approximately $13.15 million based on a preliminary cost estimate.

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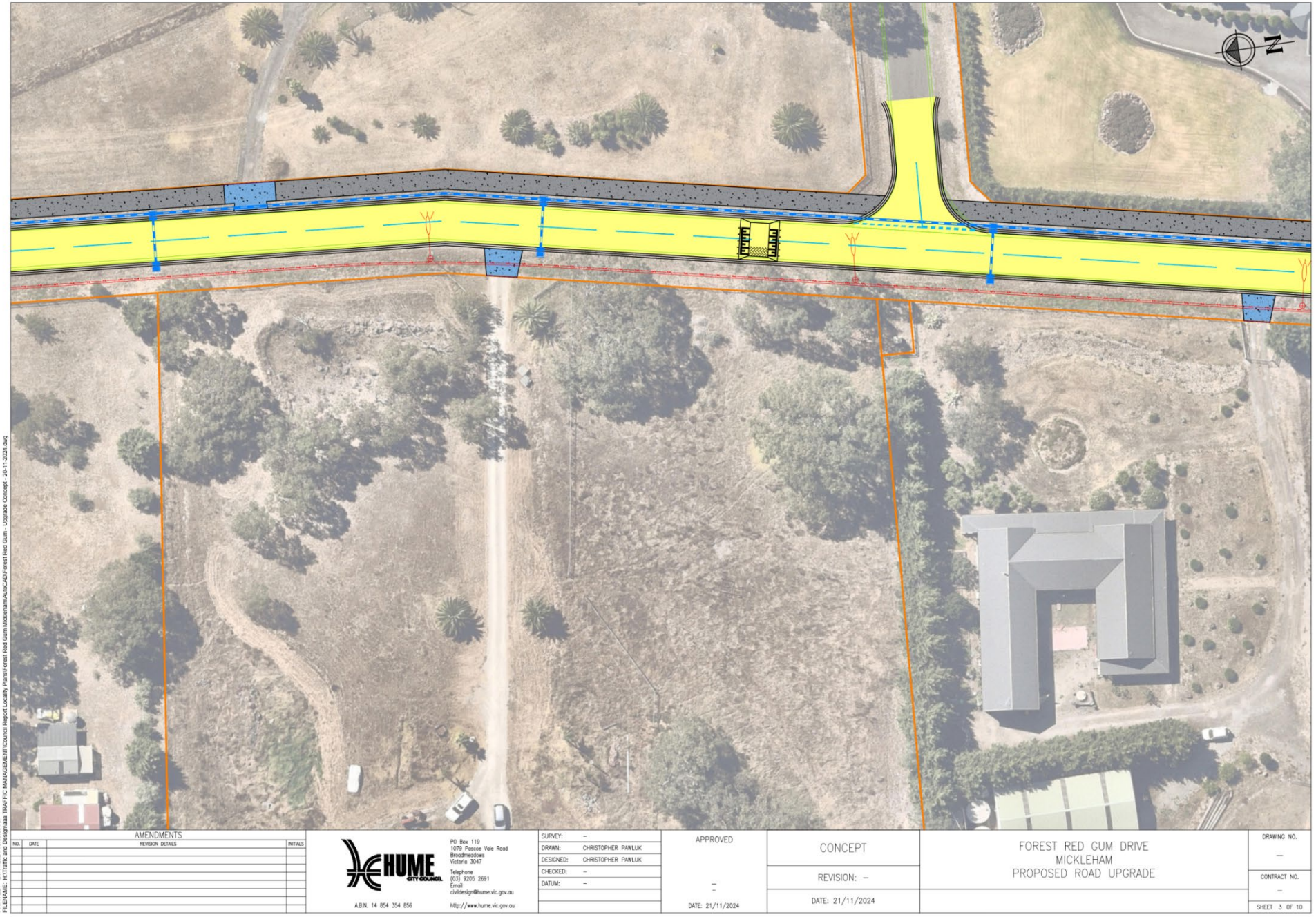

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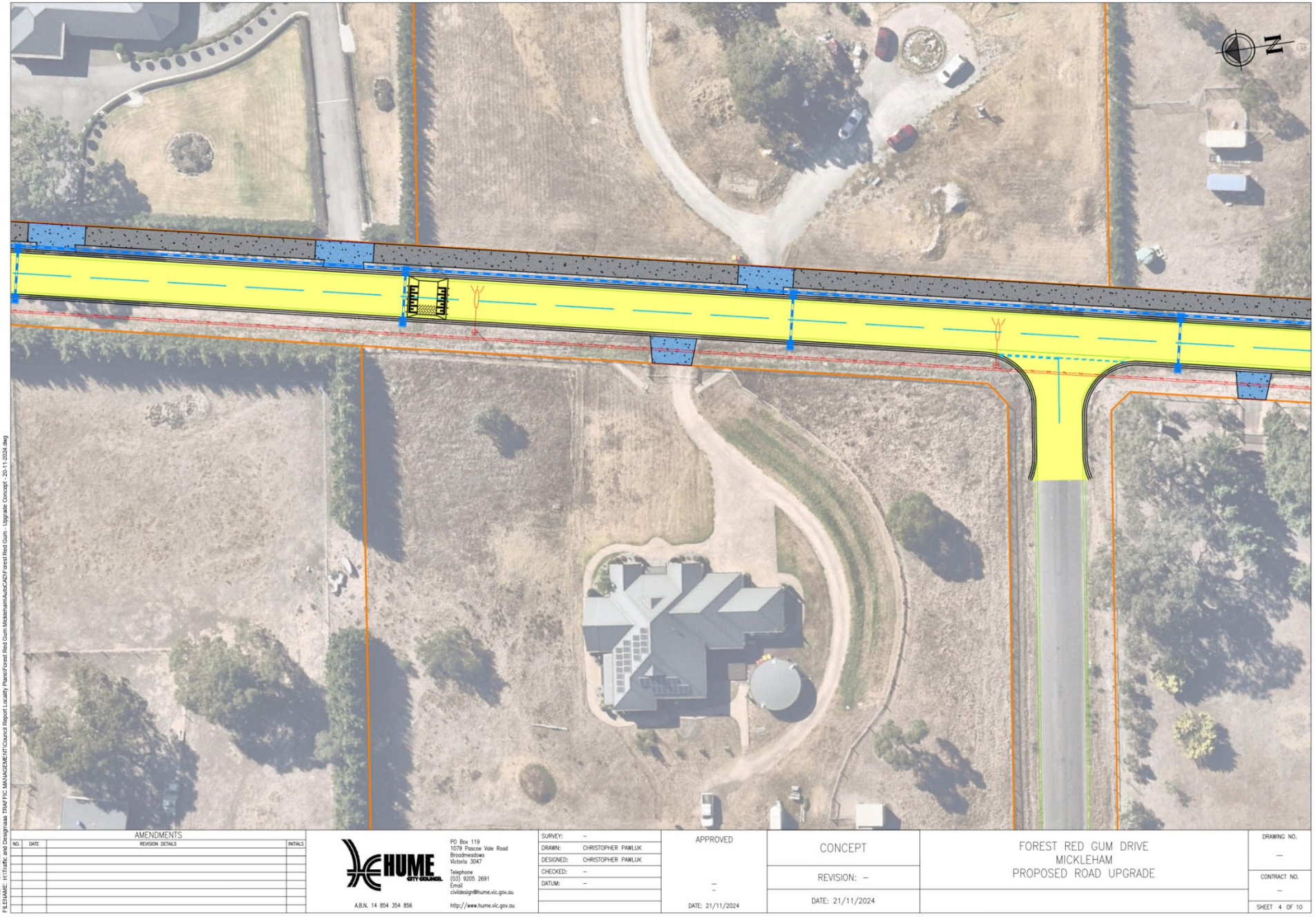

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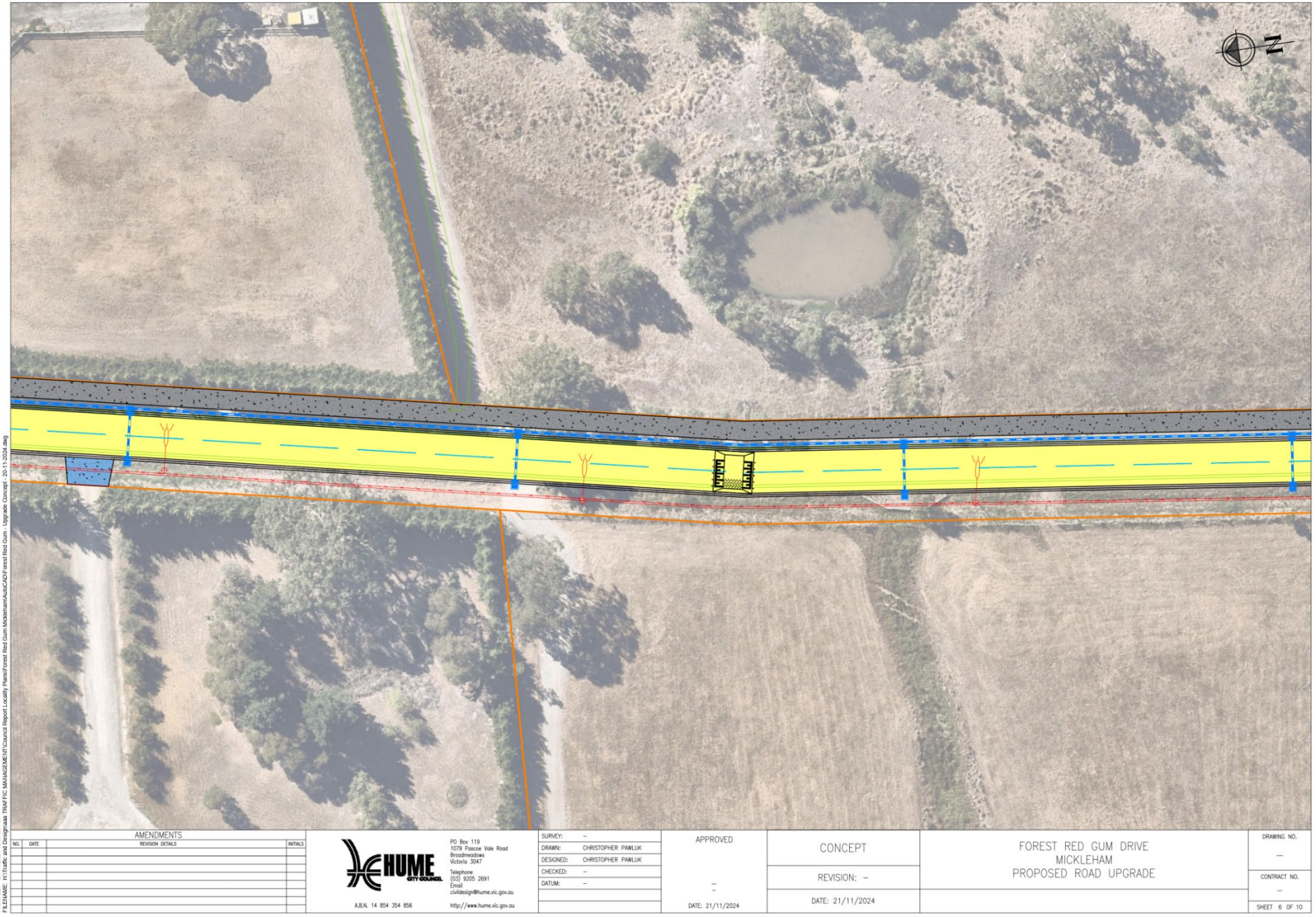

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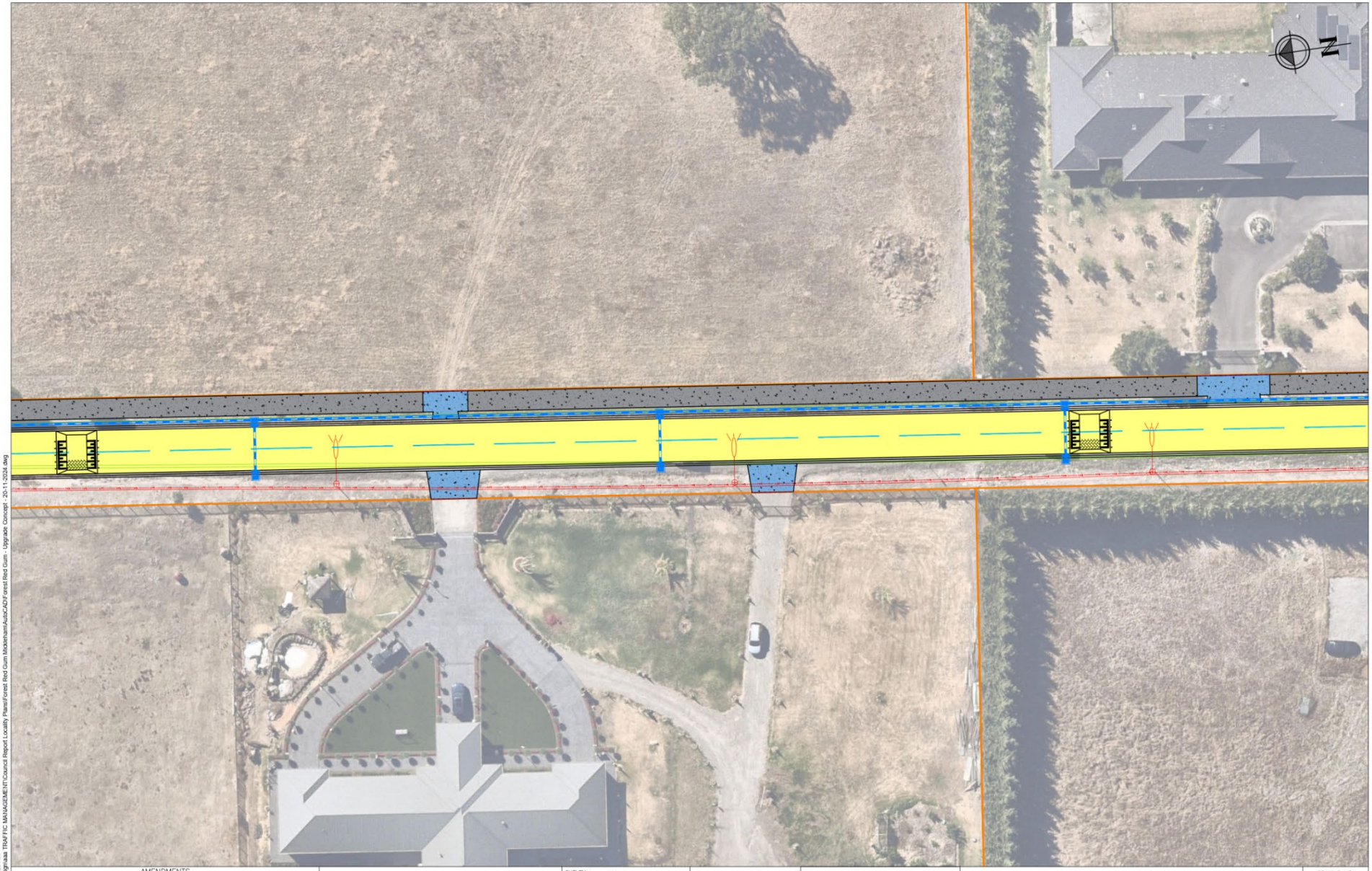

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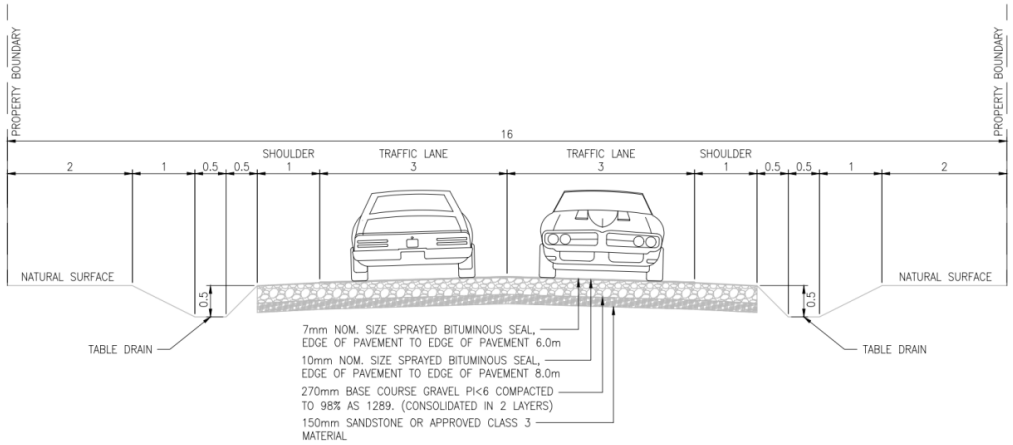
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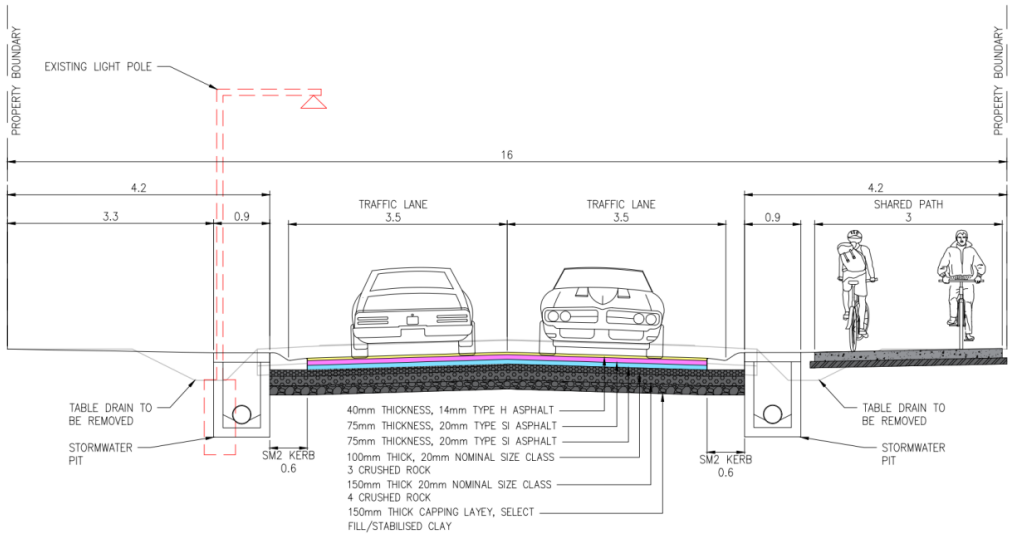
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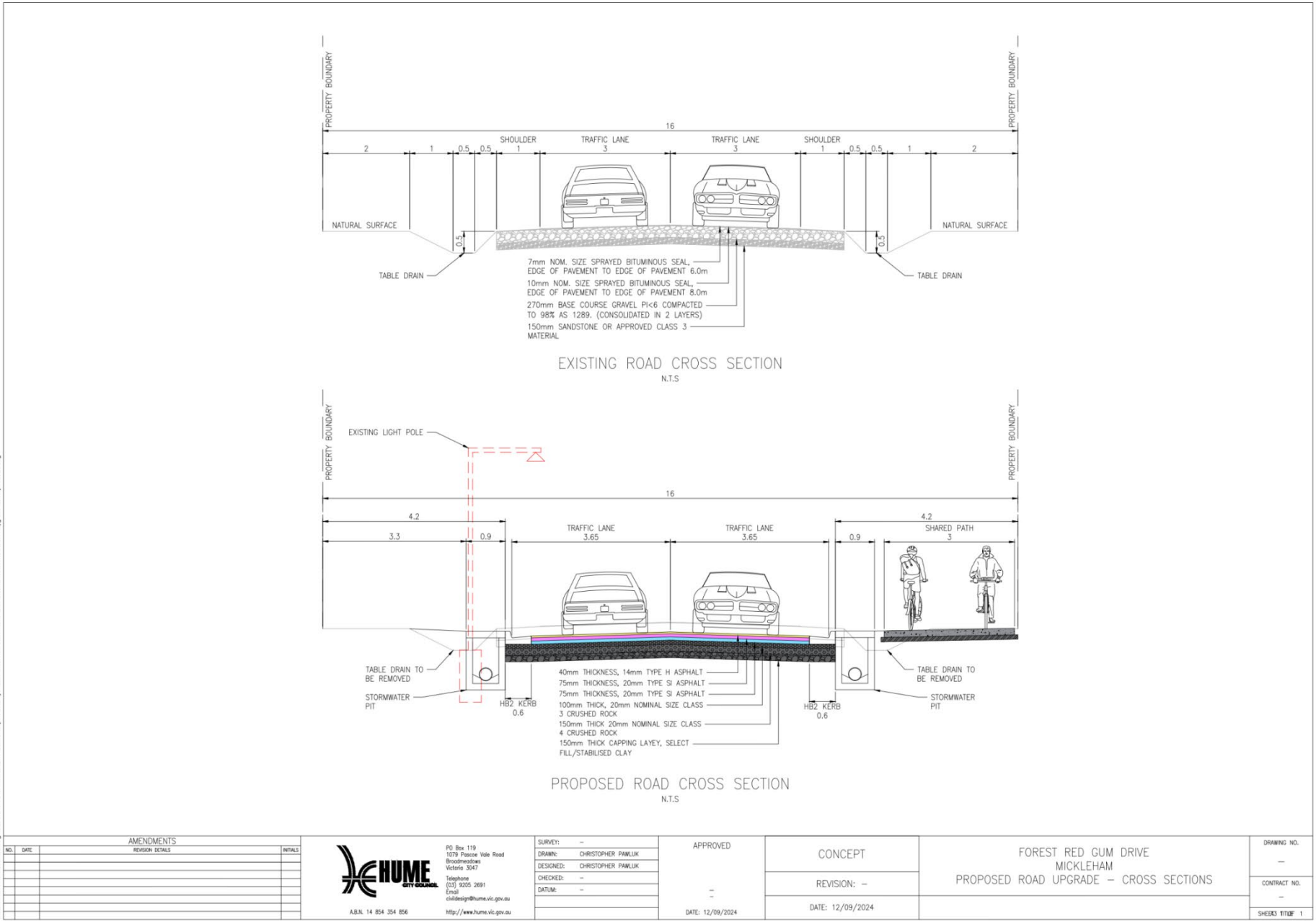
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REPORT NO:	8.7
REPORT TITLE:	Response to NOM24/19 - Options to host or support Carols by Candlelight events
SOURCE:	Hazel Finnie, Coordinator Arts, Culture & Events
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC-CM24/266
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	1.4: Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 This report provides a response to NOM 24/19, raised by Cr Kurt on 11 June 2024:

That Council notes the success of local Carols by Candlelight events that are held across the City each year and directs officers to explore options for hosting or funding a small-scale Carols by Candlelight events including engagement and opportunities with local schools and emergency services and provide a briefing report back to Council on the findings.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Notes the findings of Officers investigation into options for Council to host or fund small-scale Carols by Candlelight event/s

2.2 Refers the cost ($70,000) of hosting a smaller scale Carols by Candlelight event for consideration in the 2025-26 Budget process.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 The Notice of Motion requested Officers to investigate options for small-scale Carols by Candlelight events. This investigation was informed by the Vibrant and Inclusive Events and Festivals Strategy 2023-2026 (endorsed by Council on 14 August 2023). The Strategy includes principles to guide Council in its approach to supporting events in Hume, including:

3.1.1 Hume City Council will provide an enabling environment that actively encourages commercial and community event organisers to deliver events and festivals in Hume City.

3.1.2 Furthermore, Hume City Council will support events that:

a) Foster capacity-building and contribute to social justice, community health and wellbeing.

b) Encourage the community to connect and participate locally.

c) Promote Hume City's lifestyle and visitor economy, recognising it as a vibrant place to live and visit.

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3.1.3 The Strategy includes a commitment to supporting events that recognise local talent, artistic and cultural strengths, and foster and create opportunities for local musicians, performers, food vendors and suppliers to be part of events in Hume.

3.2 The provision of events across Hume City is aligned to the service performance principles (part 5, Division 1, Section 106) of the Local Government Act, 2020 specifically that:

3.2.1 The *Local Government Act (2020)* identifies that "priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations".

3.2.2 "Services should be provided in an equitable manner and responsive to the diverse needs of the municipal community".

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

This report supports Council in giving effect to the following governance principles:

- priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.
- innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued.
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006
This report provides advice only, as such, there is no impact or limitation on the Human Rights of any individual in relation to the recommendations of this report.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020
This report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 This report provides advice only, as such, there are no financial implications arising. It is noted however that two options presented in the discussion section would, if pursued, result in an additional budget allocation of $70,000. If there is interest in progressing this, the identified amount would be referred to the 2025/26 budget for Council consideration.

6.2 It is noted that Council currently invests $280,000 annually to deliver the major Carols by Candlelight event at Craigieburn.

6.3 In addition to this, Council invests $290,000 per annum to deliver the Event Grant Program.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

This report addresses Council's strategic risk - Reputation

Carols by Candlelight events are popular across the city, with approximately 10,000 people attending Council's major Carols event each year in Craigieburn, with a number of other community-led events occurring each year. There is a reputational consideration regarding Council's decision to host or fund additional Carols by Candlelight events.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 To explore this Notice of Motion, more than 550 groups (individuals, community groups, emergency services and grant recipients) were contacted to gather feedback. Community groups were provided with a survey seeking to determine community interest in hosting or participating in Carols by Candlelight, and if Council support was needed.

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8.2 Fifteen responses were received to the community survey. Of these:

8.2.1 Three expressed interest in participating in Council's Carols by Candlelight.

8.2.2 Three currently hold Carols by Candlelight events. These events do not receive Council support and are held in Craigieburn, Gladstone Park and Greenvale.

8.2.3 Nine expressed interest in holding their own Carols by Candlelight. Of these, four respondents indicated a need for Council funding support.

8.2.4 Respondents interested in holding their own Carols events indicated Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Greenvale, Mickleham, Tullamarine, and Sunbury as the locations for these events.

8.3 At this stage, all respondents have been provided with information on the 2024/25 Event Grant Program (open for application between 6 January – 20 February 2025) and/or provided with information on participating in Council's Carols by Candlelight event in 2025.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 At the 11 June 2024 Council Meeting, Council endorsed NOM24/19, instructing officers to explore options for hosting or funding small-scale Carols by Candlelight events, including engagement and opportunities with local schools and emergency services and provide a briefing report back to Council on the findings.

9.2 In addition to the major Carols by Candlelight event held annually in Craigieburn, it is noted that:

9.2.1 Not including school-led Carols events, which are largely targeted to school communities rather than the general community, around 10 small scale community led Carols by Candlelight events currently take place across the city each year. The number of these events varies each year.

9.2.2 Locations for these events include Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Craigieburn, Greenvale, Roxburgh Park, Gladstone Park and Mickleham.

9.2.3 The planning and organisation of small-scale Carols by Candlelight events were by community groups, church groups and not-for-profit organisations. Some received financial support through the Event Grant Program.

9.2.4 Larger scale community-led Carols by Candlelight events took place in Sunbury, and in Bulla (in 2023). It is noted that these events received funding from Hume City Council and the Sunbury-Bulla Neighbourhood fund respectively.

9.3 In regard to the notice of motion, the following options are presented for Council's consideration:

Council delivered event

9.3.1 Council hosting a small-scale Carols by Candlelight:

(a) Council currently funds and resources a major Carols by Candlelight event each year at Anzac Park in Craigieburn. This event attracts approximately 10,000 people from across Hume and has 87 percent community satisfaction rating (2024 event). This event has a significant budget ($280,000 in 2024) and requires resources from the Events and Festivals team over a 6–9-month period to plan and deliver.

(b) Officers explored opportunities for Council to host a small-scale event, in the southern half of the city.

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(i) This event would comprise Hume performers, activities, and food vendors, and take place over a 3-hour period with an expected attendance of 1,000 people.

(ii) Officers explored locations in Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Gladstone Park, Meadow Heights, Tullamarine and Westmeadows, with infrastructure, amenity, capacity and availability the primary considerations in site selection.

(iii) Town Park, Broadmeadows was deemed to be the most suitable location.

(c) It is estimated that the cost to host an additional small-scale Carols by Candlelight event is $70,000. This is an approximate budget for a 3-hour event, with local performers, community participation, and food vendors.

(d) The resourcing of this event, alongside the existing major Carols by Candlelight event and Christmas in Hume activities could not be accommodated within existing human resources. Additional Officer support would be required to deliver the event.

(e) Noting the additional cost and resources required, Council could refer the cost for this new Carols event for consideration as part of the 2025-26 Budget process.

Event Grant Program

9.3.2 Council funds a small-scale Carols by Candlelight:

(a) The Event Grant Program is an existing avenue available for Council to support event organisers to deliver events and festivals in Hume City.

(b) $290,000 is allocated to the Event Grant Program each year to enable event organisers to develop and deliver vibrant, inclusive, and engaging events for the Hume community.

(c) For the last two years since COVID restrictions have eased, the Event Grant Program has been oversubscribed, with strong interest from community groups seeking to deliver local events. In 2024/25, the 2024/25 Event Grant Program received 20 applications from groups / organisations wishing to hold cultural or religious events or celebrations. Of these, 15 applicants received support. This included funding for three Carols / Christmas events.

(d) As identified above, the Event Grant Program can continue to support community groups / organisations wishing to hold cultural or religious events or celebrations such as Carols by Candlelight. Equally, and noting the strong and ongoing interest applications and the oversubscription of the program, Council has an opportunity to increase the funding allocation to the program to allow more groups to receive funding. Noting the cost of Council delivering an additional event would be $70,000, this same amount could be added to the program to support funding of additional events and could be targeted specifically for cultural and / or religious celebrations.

(e) The Event Grant Program is reviewed each year, and any changes would be incorporated into the review and would inform the delivery of the next program (2026/27).

(f) Considering the existing $290,000 budget for the Event Grant Program, and the funding parameters that already support applications for Carols by Candlelight events, it is recommended that Council continue to

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support community organisations to apply through the Event Grant Program to host small-scale Carols by Candlelight across Hume City.

9.4 Following this review and research into the options for Council to host or fund a small-scale Carols by Candlelight event, it is recommended that Officers further promote the existing Event Grant Program as an avenue for community organisations to apply to receive funding to host Carols by Candlelight events.

10. CONCLUSION

Carols by Candlelight events are popular events that occur each year across Hume city.

In alignment with the Vibrant and Inclusive Events and Festivals Strategy, Council seeks to provide an enabling environment that actively encourages community event organisers to deliver events such as Carols by Candlelight in Hume City.

The existing Event Grant Program provides the best opportunity for groups to secure funding to deliver locally relevant Carols events across Hume.

REPORT NO:	8.8
REPORT TITLE:	Growing Suburbs Fund Application 2024-25
SOURCE:	Claire Taylor, Coordinator Grants and Projects
DIVISION:	Finance & Governance
FILE NO:	HCC16/387
POLICY:	POL/309
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Victorian Government currently has funding available for Councils to access funds towards the delivery of critical local community infrastructure needs within the fast-growing outer suburbs.

1.2 A total funding pool of $5 million is available for distribution amongst the seven (7) interface councils.

1.3 The *2024/2025 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)* will fund new, expanded, or upgraded infrastructure projects within Melbourne's interface. As an Interface Council, Hume City Council can compete for funding towards the construction of prioritised community infrastructure as well as for facility planning.

1.4 Between October 2024 and February 28, 2025, this grant program is accepting applications, and this report outlines the proposed projects for submission by Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council:

2.1.1 Approves the submission of applications to the *2024/25 Growing Suburbs Fund* for the following projects in order of priority, and seeking the listed 'estimated' funding required based on current projections:

2.1.1. Vista Park Drive – Playspace Upgrade, seeking $268,084.

2.1.2. Bradford Ave – Playspace Upgrade, seeking $394,956.

2.1.3. Craigieburn Sports Stadium Masterplan, seeking $130,000.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1 The provision of community facilities and community activities are a function specified in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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3.2 The projects identified for funding submission align with Council's External Grant Management Policy.

3.3 As a requirement of the assessment criteria for the 2024/25 Growing Suburbs Fund, a Council Resolution is sought for all funding submissions, with the projects applied for listed in order of priority.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

4.1.1 Council decisions are to be made, and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

4.1.2 priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

4.1.3 the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

4.1.4 the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

4.1.5 innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued.

4.1.6 the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

4.1.7 regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making.

4.1.8 the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 Charter Of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

5.1.1 The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 sets out the basic rights and responsibilities of all people in Victoria. The Charter places obligations on public authorities by requiring them to act compatibly with human rights and give proper consideration to human rights when making decisions.

5.1.2 The above rights are not being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

5.2 Gender Equality Act 2020

5.2.1 Under the Gender Equality Act 2020 a Gender Impact Assessment is required to be completed in relation to the development or review of a policy, program or service, where that policy, program or service has a direct and significant impact on the public.

5.2.2 This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The design and construction of the capital projects will be cognisant of the implications of climate change to minimise the impacts of ongoing operations.

6.2 For most grant programs there is an expectation that Council provides funding towards the grants that are being sought. Some have specific funding ratios which dictate the level of investment required towards each grant.

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6.3 The 2024/25 Growing Suburbs Fund requires a co-funding contribution of at least a 1:1 ratio from Council, therefore it is proposed that the considered projects be funded through the following sources as listed in Table 6.3:

Table 6.3 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PROJECTS (in order of priority)	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST	CURRENT COUNCIL ALLOCATION (2024/25 BUDGET)	PROPOSED 2025/26 BUDGETED COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GRANT	FUTURE PROPOSED COUNCIL CONTIBUITION FUNDING TOWARDS GRANT	GRANT AMOUNT SOUGHT 1:1 RATIO	OTHER FUNDING
1. Vista Park Drive – Playspace Upgrade ***(Sunbury)***	$536,170	$0	$536,170	$0	$268,084	$0
2. Bradford Ave Reserve – Playspace Upgrade ***(Greenvale)***	$789,913	$0	$789,913	$0	$394,956	$0
3. Craigieburn Sports Stadium Masterplan ***(Craigieburn)***	$260,000	$0	$260,000	$0	130,000	$0
Total	**$1,586,083**	**$0**	**$1,586,083**		**$793,040**	**$0**

6.3.1 The amounts shown in the columns in Table 6.3 represent Councils committed funds from the current and/or future proposed budgets, as well as the grant amount to be sought that aligns with the required funding ration of 1:1.

6.3.2 The listed projects form part of the long-term capital works program and are fully funded within the budget, therefore any external funding secured would reduce Council's expenditure in each respective project by the amount indicated in the 'Grant Amount Sought' column in Table 6.3.

6.3.3 There is no limit to the number of applications that a council can submit for consideration.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 Hume's diverse population is driving the need for a greater range of responsive, affordable, accessible, and equitable community facilities and activities. Through the development of these projects, a strong commitment is being made to achieve social justice outcomes.

7.2 Council is committed to delivery projects that enhance the quality of life for Hume residents whilst ensuring financial sustainability. To assist in achieving this, Council has identified three (3) appropriate projects that align with Council's *External Grant Management Policy*, and if successful in their submission, will offset the cost of project delivery and save rates, in turn maximising value to the community.

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8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 These projects have been developed in consultation with local, residents and local community groups. This is recognised through these projects being prioritised in the following strategic documents:

8.1.1 Hume City Council Plan

8.1.2 Open Space Strategy 2010 – 2015

8.1.3 Safe in Hume - Our Community Safety Plan 2020 – 2022

8.2 Further, specific community engagement for the individual projects as listed will be undertaken once concept designs and briefs are finalised.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 2024/25Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)

9.1.1 The Victorian Government is investing $5 million through the 2024/25 GSF program to continue the timely delivery of critical infrastructure in interface communities. It is to be noted that this fund has been reduced significantly from previous years, where in 2023/24 there was $10 million and prior to that, $50 million in funding was available:

(a) This round of the GSF will contribute to meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in our changing and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by accelerating infrastructure projects that will make a big difference to the livability and resilience of these areas.

(b) There are two (2) funding streams available:

(i) Infrastructure – up to $1,000,000 grant amount per project.

(ii) Planning – up to $150,000 grant amount per project.

(c) Grants will be targeted towards high priority community infrastructure projects that contribute to:

(i) increase social and economic participation in Melbourne's fast growing outer suburbs.

(ii) meet the health and wellbeing needs of people in fast growing outer suburbs.

(iii) increase local economic activity.

(iv) improve the capacity for councils to respond to changing community needs and demands.

(v) deliver integrated or multi-purpose community infrastructure.

(vi) advance inclusive and accessible development by ensuring investments are universally designed, environmentally sustainable and strategically planned.

(vii) create a safe and engaging environment for disadvantaged community members.

(viii) contribute to improved gender equality in line with the Gender Equality Act.

9.1.2 The 2024/25 GSF will support projects that have a direct benefit to communities and surrounding catchment areas across the following broad infrastructure categories:

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(a) multi-purpose or integrated community facilities.

(b) early education, libraries, learning and training facilities that have dedicated community spaces and facilitate multiuse purposes.

(c) sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that have '*dedicated*' community space and support multiuse purposes.

(d) placemaking, civic amenities, and open spaces.

(e) purpose-built facilities that respond to the needs First Nations communities.

9.1.3 As part of their applications, councils will need to submit a Project Plan that outlines the timelines for the project(s) they plan to undertake and demonstrate that projects can commence construction within 18 months of the grant being announced (by no later than February 2026).

9.1.4 Funded projects must be completed within 24 months of the commencement of construction.

9.1.5 Applications for this grant program close 28 February 2025, and it is stipulated that projects must be situated in areas zoned for growth in Interface Councils.

9.1.6 Any submitted projects are unable to commence until a signed funding agreement is in place – estimated time frame for this is May/June 2025.

9.1.7 The majority of suitable projects within the fast-growing areas of Council are to be fully funded by developers and not suitable for application against the criteria of the fund.

9.1.8 A Council Resolution is a requirement of a funding submission and can be supplied to the Victorian government within 20 days of the close of applications to accommodate the timeframes associated with Council reporting.

9.1.9 Projects for consideration of application to the GSF:

(a) Following an assessment of the GSF guidelines and Council's Capital Works Program by the Coordinator Grants and Projects, the Project Management Office, Open Spaces Team and Sports and Recreation Team, the following potential projects were identified:

TABLE 9.1: 2024/25 GROWING SUBURBS FUND – PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM			
Vista Park Drive – Playspace Upgrade *(Sunbury)*	Upgrade to playspace as part of the Open Space Strategy	Apply	Improve the capacity for Council to respond to changing needs and demands of the growing community. Offset the cost to council.
Bradford Ave Reserve – Playspace Upgrade *(Greenvale)*	Upgrade to playspace as part of the Open Space Strategy	Apply	Improve the capacity for Council to respond to changing needs and demands of the growing community. Offset the cost to council.
PLANNING STREAM			

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TABLE 9.1: 2024/25 GROWING SUBURBS FUND – PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	**WORKS SEEKING FUNDING**	**RECOMMENDATION**	**RATIONALE**
INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM			
Craigieburn Sports Stadium Masterplan *(Craigieburn)*	The Craigieburn Sports Stadium and Craigieburn Gardens Masterplan will consider the integration of a range of services to their structures.	Apply	This is the first time the GSF has a dedicated Planning Stream in their funding and this project aligns well with the criteria of this stream.
PROJECTS THAT WERE CONSIDERED BUT ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR APPLICATION			
Bellfield Common - Playspace Upgrade *(Craigieburn)*	Upgrade to playspace as part of the Open Space Strategy	*Not Apply*	Scoping of project due to start in 26/27 – does not fit timeline criteria
Dwyer Street Pavilion (Cloverton DP3) *(Kalkallo)*	Construction of a new pavilion	*Not Apply*	Construction scheduled earlier than allowable timelines for this funding
Victor Foster Pavilion *(Craigieburn)*	Construction of a new pavilion	*Not Apply*	Construction scheduled earlier than allowable timelines for this funding.
Hume Hockey Centre *(Craigieburn)*	Expansion of the Hume Hockey Centre, including the delivery of a second pitch with lighting.	*Not Apply*	Not eligible, as this project will be delivering a new sports field – which is deemed ineligible under 2.3 of the GSF Guidelines.

(b) As a result of this analysis, the following projects were prioritized, according to their alignment to the purpose, objectives and timeframe for delivery of projects within the GSF:

(i) Vista Park Drive – Playspace Upgrade

(ii) Bradford Ave Reserve – Playspace Upgrade

(iii) Craigieburn Sports Stadium Masterplan – **NOTE**: *Due to the specified criteria and timeframes imposed by the funding body, this project will need to be delayed by 60-90 days should Council agree to progress it forward for an application to the GSF.*

9.1.10 This list in Table 9.1. presents both Planning and Infrastructure projects for consideration of the Victorian Government that align with the requirements of the GSF and will deliver strong benefits for the Hume City community.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Victorian Government currently has open the GSF grant program available for Councils to compete to access funds for capital infrastructure projects.

10.2 A list of projects has been presented which meet both the funding criteria and align with the *External Grant Management Policy* and provide opportunities for Council to off-set committed capital funding in current and future proposed budgets.

10.3 Projects to be submitted meet key objectives within the Hume City Council Plan 2021 – 2025 as evidence of their importance to the local community.

REPORT NO:	8.9
REPORT TITLE:	Proposed Revoking of Community Grants Policy and Appointment of Small Project Round Two Councillor Review Panel
SOURCE:	Narda Shanley, Community Development Officer
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC20/209
POLICY:	POL/283
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Attachment 1 - Comparison of clauses* 2. *Attachment 2 - Community Grants Policy* 3. *Attachment 3 - Grant-giving Policy*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 In 2024, a review concluded that the Community Grants Policy (2020) (Attachment 2) should be revoked, given that it has been superseded by the Grants Giving Policy (POL/303) (Attachment 3) adopted in 2022. Key reasons include:

1.1.1 The Grant Giving Policy (POL/303) includes all necessary considerations and ensures consistent delivery of all Council grant programs. This policy was developed following the Victorian Auditor General Office (VAGO) audit of all Council Grant Programs in 2022.

1.1.2 The Community Grants Guidelines and Assessment Panel Terms of Reference are reviewed and updated annually, facilitating the implementation of the Grants Giving Policy.

1.2 This report also seeks the nomination of three Councillors as members of the Councillor Review Panel (CRP) for the 2025 Annual Community Grants – Small Project Round 2. This round is currently open for applications. Nominated Councillors are required to form the CRP to review the assessment process for this grant round.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 <u>Community Grants Policy</u>

a) Revokes POL/283 – Community Grants Policy and;

b) Notes the effectiveness of the Grant Giving Policy in providing appropriate policy guidance to Officers.

2.2 <u>The 2025 Annual Community Grants – Project Round 2</u>

a) Nominates three Councillors to the Councillor Review Panel:

Councillor
Councillor
Councillor

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3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

The Local Government Act 2020 empowers Council to implement policies and procedures so that "transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured" (s. 9(2)(i)).

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

This Report supports Council in the following Overarching Governance Principles:

a) Council decisions are to be made, and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.
b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.
e) innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued.
i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006
There is no impact on the Human Rights of any individual related to this report.

In seeking to simplify Council's policy context for the community grants program, Officers seek to provide greater transparency and accountability to our residents, which is in line with our Social Justice Charter principles of Access and Inclusion, and Rights and Accountability.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020
The policy in this Report does not have a direct and significant impact on the public; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resourcing implications for Council associated with this report.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

Grant giving decisions often attract media and community attention, therefore hold a level of reputational risk.

Further, the 2022 VAGO report *Fraud Control Over Local Government Grants* found that "inconsistencies have unnecessarily exposed councils to a higher risk of fraud."

The recommendation to revoke the Community Grant Policy will improve the integrity of our processes, reduce inconsistencies, and potential for confusion or human error, thereby reducing reputational risk.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

There has been no community consultation for this report.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Since the Community Grants Policy (Attachment 2) was adopted in 2020, there have been two key developments that have advanced the governance environment for the Community Grants program.

(a) Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO) audit - Fraud Control Over Local Government Grants (May 2022)

(b) Introduction of Hume's Grant Giving Policy (August 2022) (Attachment 3) which covers all grant giving programs, not just Community Grants.

9.2 The Community Grants Policy was the only guide to deliver the community grants program prior to the VAGO audit and Grant Giving Policy adoption. The progressive oversight of Council's Grant Programs has provided greater oversight and consistency across Council, resulting in the Community Grants Policy being redundant.

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9.3 The Community Grants team have undertaken an analysis of each clause of the Community Grants Policy as outlined in the *Community Grants Policy - analysis of clauses* (Attachment 1). As a result of the analysis, it is evident that the considerations within the Community Grants Policy are included in other Council documents that guide the delivery of grant programs.

9.4 Officers recommend that three documents guide future Community Grants Programs. A summary and function of each document is provided in table 1.

Table 1: Community Grants Guiding Documents

Annual Community Grants Guidelines	The guidelines provide • Purpose of Program, and each category • All eligibility requirements • Overview of application and assessment process for applicants This document is reviewed and amended annually and presented to Council for adoption each year.
Community Grants Assessment and Review Panels Terms of Reference (TOR)	The TOR provides scope and instruction for decision making after applications have been received. TOR is reviewed each year and presented to Council if updates are made.

Grant Giving Policy	The policy gives comprehensive guidance on
	• Fraud and corruption controls
	• Grant Management and Operations including requirements for
	  ○ minimum eligibility criteria,
	  ○ assessment processes,
	  ○ approval process,
	  ○ project reporting and acquittals
	  ○ exceptions and variations
	  ○ appeals process
	• Record keeping
	The Grant Giving Policy was introduced in 2022 and will be reviewed every four years.

9.5 Results of the Annual Community Grants Program are presented to Council for adoption each year.

Councillor Review Panel for 2025 Annual Community Grants – Small Project Round 2

9.6 The 2025 Annual Community Grants program launched in May 2024. The Annual Program comprises of two opportunities to apply for grant funds. 2025 Round One was open for applications 13 May to 21 June.

9.7 To support new and emerging program applications, Round 2 offers community organisations and groups to apply for funds in early 2025 (3-28 February) for delivery in 2025. Round 2 grant is described in table 2.

Table 2: Round 2 Annual Community Grant Program

Grant Category	Submissions accepted	Maximum Allocation	Category aims to support:
Small Project	Two rounds a year R1: 13 May - 21 June 2024 **R2: 3-28 February 2025**	Up to $5,000 per applicant	New ideas, development of locally led initiatives or projects and collaborations that provide significant benefit to the Hume community.

9.8 All Annual Categories have the same assessment and approval process

9.8.1 Eligibility checked by Community Grants team

9.8.2 Individually assessed by Officer Assessment Panel

9.8.3 Full list of applications reviewed for probity by Councillor Review Panel

9.8.4 All recommendations approved by Council

9.9 The Councillor Review Panel is usually appointed for a 12-month period, however the 2024 Council election has meant that a new Panel needs to be appointed, to oversee the assessment process for 2025 Small Project Round 2.

9.10 The three nominated Councillors are asked to consider a balance of geography, gender, and cultural diversity. Nominated Councillors are required to attend a one-hour, online Panel meeting during the week of 17-21 March 2025.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Delivery of the Community Grants Program is guided by documents that are reviewed regularly to ensure efficiency, transparency and a consistent approach to grants program management.

10.2 The Councillor Review Panel plays an important role in the governance of the annual Community Grants program.

Attachment One - Community Grants Policy - analysis of clauses

Community Grants Policy Sections (summary)	**Alignment to other documents**
1. Purpose	Grant-Giving Policy purpose
2. Scope	Grant-Giving Policy section 3 - Scope
3. Objective	
3.1 Addresses transparency and governance	Grant-Giving Policy section 1 - Policy Statement
3.1 Addresses objective of the Community Grants Program	Annual Guidelines - About Our Community Grants
3.1 Addresses objective of the Community Grants Program	Annual Guidelines - Individual Development Grant category eligibility criteria
4. Policy Implementation	
4.1 Application process	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations
4.2 Eligibility	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations
4.3 Governance	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations
4.4 Authority to Distribute Funds	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations; and Community Grant Panels Terms of Reference
4.5 Dispute Resolution process	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations
4.6 Guidance documents	Grant-Giving Policy section 5 - Grant Management and Operations
5. Definitions and Abbreviations	Grant-Giving Policy section 6 - Definitions and Abbreviations
6. Related Documents	Grant-Giving Policy section 7 - Related Documents

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COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

Policy Reference No.	POL/283
File No.	HCC20/209
Strategic Objective	3.1.1 Social cohesion and community connectedness is strengthened by supporting and building the capacity of local community groups.
Adopted by Council	14/04/2020
Re-Adopted	
Date for Review	March 2025
Responsible Officer	Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
Department	Community Health & Wellbeing

COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Hume City Council will be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.

The Community Grants Program enables Council to partner with individuals, community groups and not for profit organisations to deliver on this vision, and support groups to advance social justice outcomes in Hume City.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to define the objective and parameters of the Community Grants program and to outline Council's expectations of the program's implementation.

2. SCOPE

2.2 The policy applies to the administration, management and delivery of Council's Community Grants Program, delivered by the Community Strengthening department.

3. OBJECTIVE

3.1 To provide a transparent and rigorous process to the Community Grants Program, to support good governance and the appropriate distribution of public funds.

3.2 To partner with local community groups and not for profit incorporated organisations to support the delivery of Council's vision and key focus area as outlined in the current Council and Community Plans.

3.3 For individual development grants, the objective is to increase affordability for community members to attend recognised opportunities that further their development and demonstrate a broader outcome to their community

4. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Application process

Individuals, Community groups or not for profit organisations must complete and submit, within the relevant category, an application via Council's SmartyGrants online grant management system.

4.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration of funding, applicants must:

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Date of Re/Adoption:	14/04/2020	**Department:**	Community Health & Wellbeing
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4.2.1 Individual Development Grant Applicants

- Be Hume City residents
- Provide evidence of selection from relevant organisation
- Demonstrate strong commitment to their endeavour
- Apply prior to the date of their event
- Have no outstanding debts with Hume City Council

4.2.2 Annual and Year-Round Community Group Applicants

- Be based in or provide services to Hume City residents
- Must be incorporated or auspiced[1] by an incorporated not for profit organisation
- An incorporated organisation can auspice up to three community groups.
- Provide evidence of appropriate public liability insurance
- Have satisfactorily acquitted previous projects funded under the Hume City Council Community grants program
- Have no outstanding debts with Hume City Council

4.3 Governance

4.3.1 Applications are assessed in accordance with, and subject to, the established criteria of the Community Grants Program categories as detailed in the Community Grants Application Guidelines.

4.3.2 The process and framework of the Community Grants Program, along with the distribution of program funds is endorsed by Councillors, based on advice and recommendations from Council Officers.

4.3.3 Through a Council Resolution, Councillors may resolve to introduce new grant categories into the Community Grants program to meet identified community needs.

4.3.4 Successful applicants enter into a funding agreement and commit to adhering to the conditions of the written document/s for the duration of the agreement.

4.4 Authority to Distribute Funds

4.4.1 Council, consistent with its budget deliberations for the forthcoming financial year, allocates funds for the overall Community Grants Program, this does not preclude Council adding additional programs, or additional monies at any time to meet an identified community need, via a Council Resolution.

4.4.2 Where applicants have been approved for 'multi-year' projects and fail to meet the outcomes outlined in their Funding Agreements and project plan, the Manager Community Strengthening may refuse funding for subsequent years of the Funding Agreement and request the return of any unspent funds.

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4.4.3 As part of the accountability process, Council reserves the right to audit any and all community grant recipients for the compliance with the grant conditions and expenditure of grant monies received.

4.4.4 Approval to distribute funds for the Community Grants Program Individual Development and Community Group Year-Round categories, is delegated to the Director of Community Services, as resolved on 8 April 2019 Council Report, 'Community Grants Program 2020'.

4.5 Community Grants Dispute Resolution Process

4.5.1 The decision to award grants is made by Hume City Council.

4.5.2 Council's decision is final and there is no review or appeal process.

4.5.3 Any disputes or complaints regarding the Community Grants program or process will be dealth with in accordance with Council's Customer Feedback and Complaints Handling Policy.

4.6 Community Grants Program – Guidance Documents

The delivery of the Community Grants Program is guided by a suite of documents (detailed in Table 1) to ensure the information provided by applicants supports a transparent and rigorous process to the assessment, allocation and distribution of public funds.

Table 1 – Community Grants Program Guiding Documents

Document Name	Document Purpose	Review Date
Community Grants Application Guidelines	• Guide applicants to apply for the most relevant grant category; • Ensure all information required is provided in the application; • Inform of eligibility and number of grants a group or not for profit organisation can apply for.	Annually
Assessment Panel Terms of Reference (TOR)	• Define the purpose and structures of the grant program and details the level of authority in decision making for assessment committee, and Councillors.	Biannually
Application and Assessment forms	• Applications are assessed based on the information provided in the application form and the weighting allocated to each question.	Annually

5. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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5.1 Year-round categories – Categories that can be applied for at any time during the year, until funds are exhausted. These are designed to support the community when unforeseen opportunities or situations arise and are assessed as they are received.

5.2 Annual grant program – Categories that can only be applied for once a year, during a designated application period. Applications outside the designated period will not be accepted.

5.3 Auspice arrangement/Auspice agency[1] – An arrangement where an incorporated organisation provides support, sponsorship or guidance to an unincorporated group.

5.4 Funding agreement – a signed document between Council and external party detailing the conditions of the grant and use of funds.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

6.1 Where appropriate, list the related documents and attach to the policy. These may include:

6.1.1 Community Grants Application Guidelines

6.1.2 Assessment Panel Terms of Reference

Date Adopted	14/04/2020
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[1] When using an auspice arrangement, the 'auspicee' will carry out the project 'under the auspices of' the incorporated organisation (the 'auspice agency'). The auspice agency receives fundng and enters into a relevant agreement with the 'auspicee'.

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Grant-giving Policy

Policy Reference No.	POL/303
File No.	HCC15/190
Strategic Objective	3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.
Adopted by Council	8 August 2022
Re-Adopted	N/A
Date for Review	August 2026
	It is recognised that over the life of this Policy it may require minor administrative changes. Where an update does not materially alter the intent of the policy (i.e., changed department name of a Council, update to legislation) the change will be made administratively. Any amendment which materially alters this document will be made by resolution of Council.
Responsible Officer	Manager Community Health and Wellbeing
Department	Community Health and Wellbeing

GRANT-GIVING POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to supporting the local community through grant programs that:

- ***Contribute to social justice through supporting access, inclusion, equity, fairness, engagement, and participation.***
- ***Foster thriving, connected, resilient, and sustainable communities.***
- ***Build the capacity of Hume residents, businesses, and communities to achieve their goals, whilst also providing benefit to the broader Hume community.***

When granting public funds Council will act with integrity, accountability, impartiality, transparency and in the public interest.

2. PURPOSE

2.1. This Policy provides a framework for Council to grant public funds consistently and transparently through its externally facing grant programs.

3. SCOPE

3.1. The distribution of funding through grants programs is in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

3.2. This Policy applies to:

3.2.1. The granting of funds via competitive, merit-based program(s), from Council to the Hume community. Grant recipients may include residents, community groups (incl. sporting / environment, arts groups etc), organisations or businesses.

3.2.2. All Council Departments involved in the promotion, assessment, and management of grant programs where Council is providing a contribution directly to an organisation, auspice or individual.

3.2.3. Granting programs distributed by Council for community events.

3.3. This Policy does not apply to:

3.3.1. Funding received by Council from state or federal government agencies or non-government organisations resulting from grant applications made by Council officers.

3.3.2. Scholarships, other funded contributions (i.e., Service/Delivery Agreements, partnership agreements, partnerships with a Memorandum of Understanding etc) or general purchasing undertaken by Council.

3.3.3. Any sponsorship arrangements Council may enter with businesses.

3.3.4. The Hume Charitable Fund (managed by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation is excluded as it is bound by their policies).

4. OBJECTIVE

4.1. In accordance with the Council Plan 2021-2025, this Policy:

4.1.1. supports Council in providing responsible and transparent governance, to ensure that grants provided to the Hume community meet the highest standards of probity and transparency.

4.1.2. ensures that Council acts in the public interest and deliver grants in a manner that is accountable, impartial, and inclusive.

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5. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Fraud and Corruption Controls

5.1. Council will facilitate transparency and accountability of grant programs whilst mitigating against fraudulent or corrupt use of funds.

5.2. All grant-giving programs will be managed within Council's online administration system to ensure records are maintained and fully auditable.

5.3. To ensure a separation of decision making and allow an avenue for independent oversight, an individual or entity with the power to approve grants will not form part of an Assessment Panel (i.e., Councillors / Financial Delegate).

5.4. All members of Assessment and Review Panels (including external panel members, where relevant) must:

- Complete relevant Fraud, Corruption and Conflict of Interest training and a Grant Program Induction prior to participating in Panels.
- Adhere to Council's Conflict of Interest policies and requirements.

Grant Management and Operations

5.5. All grant-giving programs must have guidelines (including eligibility criteria), assessment criteria and terms of reference (including assessment panel composition). These must be approved by a resolution of Council.

5.6. All material changes, including recommendations to cease offering a grant giving program must be approved by a resolution of Council.

5.7. Non-material changes to grants programs can be made by Program Managers.

5.8. Each Grants Program must utilise an evaluation schedule developed in accordance with Council's Evaluation Framework.

5.9. Grant programs will be widely promoted across the municipality using a variety of promotional avenues to enable everyone who is eligible to apply for a grant has an opportunity to do so.

5.10. Applications must be submitted by the due date / time via Council's online grants administration system.

5.11. Late applications will be only accepted under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Council. Approval for late applications must be pre-approved by the relevant Department Manager with the rationale documented in Council's online grants administration system.

5.12. Eligibility

- Any grants provided to individuals must require proof of identity; address; and bank details.
- Any grants provided to organisations and businesses must require proof of organisational structure; ABN/GST status; relevant insurances; and bank statements.
- Applicants must declare any relationship(s) with Council staff / Councillors to inform conflict of interest processes.
- Grant applications will be automatically ineligible if they do not adhere to program guidelines or are not in alignment with Council policies and strategies, including, but not limited to:

Policy/Strategic Plans	Eligibility Guidance
Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy	Projects/applicants that involve children but are unable to satisfactorily prove their compliance with Child Safe legislation.
Financial Policies (Procurement, Fraud Control etc)	Projects/applicants that do not meet documentation requirements, have an outstanding debt to Council (without a payment plan in place) or outstanding acquittal from previous grant funding.

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Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.	Projects that encourage or materially gain from gambling will not be accepted, nor will applications for alcohol licences, or those associated with tobacco.

- Current Officers or Councillors are ineligible to apply for any grant-giving programs.
- Canvassing of Councillors and Officers, or any attempts to influence the outcome of the grant application / process, is prohibited and will render an application ineligible.

5.13. Assessment Process

- Grant applications will be assessed on their individual merit, in consideration of eligibility and intention of the grant category.
- During the assessment process, consideration will also be given to equitability of distribution.
- To support fairness, transparency, and accountability:
  - All grant programs will be assessed via an Assessment Panel.
  - Annual grant programs will be subject to review via a Councillor Review Panel. The overall role of a Councillor Review Panel is to review the probity of the grant process, taking into consideration:
    - the intent of the program,
    - evidence that assessment was undertaken in accordance with adopted guidelines and criteria,
    - equitability and fairness.

    The specific role of each Councillor Review Panel will be outlined in the grant program's Terms of Reference.
- After consideration of applications and grant program objectives, Council, the relevant Director and Chief Executive Officer may propose an alternative form of assistance to meet the stated objectives of any application. This may include direct support to a project, activity, or event.

5.14. Approval Process

- Unless otherwise approved by Council, the following process applies:

  <u>Year-round grant programs</u>

  - Council resolution to delegate authority to approve / award grants for designated grant programs / categories.
  - Assessed by nominated Assessment Panel.
  - Recommendations approved via Delegated Authority (i.e., Director), with decisions reported back to Council (retrospectively) at least twice a year, or more frequently if requested by Council.

  <u>Annual programs</u>

  - Program established and endorsed by a resolution of Council.
  - Assessed by nominated Assessment Panel.
  - Process reviewed by a Councillor Review Panel.
  - Recommendations endorsed by a resolution of Council.

5.15. Contracting and payments

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- All payments will be managed in accordance with Council's standard timelines, practices, and policies.
- Following grant approval, recipients must be offered a Letter of Agreement.
- Grant payment cannot be made until a signed Letter of Agreement is received.

5.16. Project reporting and Acquittals

- All grant programs must include a financial acquittal to ensure monies are spent in accordance with the signed Agreement.
- Council reserves the right to recover or write-off grant funding, or to take other appropriate action, in the event of non-compliance with the Letter of Agreement.
- Failure to comply with grant requirements, including failure to:
  - meet the terms of the Letter of Agreement,
  - seek a variation prior to altering an approved project,
  - acquit outstanding grants,
  - return unspent funds,

  may render organisations ineligible for any further funding through Council programs until these matters are resolved.

5.17. Exceptions and Variations

- Material exceptions can only be made with written authorisation from the Department Manager and must be recorded in Council's online grants administration system.
- Non-material exceptions can be made at the discretion of Officers and must be recorded in Council's online grants administration system.
- After funding has been provided, any changes to an approved project must be endorsed by the relevant Department Manager via a Variation Request and documented in Council's online grants administration system.

5.18. Appeals

- Council's decision regarding successful / unsuccessful grants is final and an appeal will not be considered unless new evidence / good cause is demonstrated.
- Specific conditions relating to any grant appeals processes are to be included in each Grant Program's Guidelines and Terms of Reference.
- Any disputes or complaints regarding Grants programs or processes will be dealt with in accordance with Council's Customer Feedback and Complaints Handling Policy.

Record Keeping

5.19. All application outcomes will be recorded in Council's online grants administration system.

5.20. Following confirmation of the Council decision, all organisations will be notified of the outcome of their application.

5.21. Within 30 days of Council's decision, an announcement of successful grant recipients will be published on Council's website.

5.22. Personal information about individuals collected during the grant process will be treated in accordance with Council's Privacy Policy.

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Acquittal: information provided by a grant recipient that ensures that funds have been administered responsibly and in line with conditions of the grant program. "Acquittal" includes mid-project reporting (i.e., mid-year reporting for longer term projects or where release of further funds is reliant on acquitting at a specified time in the life cycle of a grant).

Annual categories: programs and categories that have one predetermined timeframe during which to apply. Includes one-off opportunities (unless specifically justified when program is devised.) See also "year-round categories".

Applicant: individual or organisation submitting a grant application.

Auspice: an agreement where one organisation agrees to apply for and manage a grant on behalf of another organisation.

Auspicing Organisation: In an Auspice arrangement, this is the organisation who agrees to take on responsibility for financial and acquittal requirements on behalf of another group (usually smaller, and unincorporated).

Canvassing: attempts made to persuade a person to vote / score in a particular way.

Councillor/s: the individuals holding the office of a member of Hume City Council.

Council Officer / Officer: the staff of Council appointed by the CEO.

Council / Hume: Hume City Council which is a body corporate constituted as a municipal Council under the Local Government Act 2020.

Delegated Authority: This is the Officer (usually Director or CEO) who has been delegated the responsibility to approve year-round grants by Council resolution.

Grant: any assistance by way of a sum of money provided to Council by a funding organisation on the condition that the assistance is used for a specified purpose as outlined in a successfully submitted grant application and/or committed to through a funding agreement to achieve agreed objectives through milestone reporting.

Grant-giving (and Grant Making): The process by which Council distributes grants.

Letter of agreement: a legal document setting out the terms and conditions, milestones acquittal requirements and consequences of non-compliance that govern the administration of funds by Council, determined by the funding organisation. Sometimes referred to as Funding Agreement.

Material change / exception: any decision or action that would change the purpose, scope or delivery of a grant or grant program. For example, an action, amendment or exception to existing rules that would be likely to change an assessor's view of an application.

Non-material change / exception: minor administrative alterations, improvements to program process, or corrections, actions, amendments, or exception to existing rules that would not be likely to change an assessor's view of an application.

Organisation: a group, business or other legally structured body that consists of a group of individuals acting as one applicant.

Program: The set of categories and guidelines developed by any Council department tasked with grant-giving for a specific purpose.

Recipient: Applicant who has been approved for a grant by Council.

Variation: the process to change the deliverables/scope of a project, service or program funded by a grant that must be agreed by both parties.

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Year-round categories: categories that are open all year round until funding is exhausted, or in multiple time-bound rounds.

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 2021-2025 Council Plan
- Community Grants Policy
- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Employee Code of Conduct
- Fraud Control Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Risk Management Framework
- Records and Information Management Policy
- Social Justice Charter
- Sponsorship Policy
- Staff Conflict of Interest
- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy

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REPORT NO:	8.10
REPORT TITLE:	Food Safety Management Policy
SOURCE:	Samuel Ferrier, Manager City Safety
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	-
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	1.3: Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *DRAFT Food Safety Management Policy 2025* 2. *Food Management Policy (including tracked changes)*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1. The Food Management Policy outlines Council's approach to food safety management in the municipality, with the aim of ensuring that food produced by local manufacturers or sold by local businesses is safe, suitable for human consumption, and appropriately labelled.

1.2. A scheduled review of this policy, planned for completion before March 2025, has been carried out to ensure its relevance and currency. This review identified several minor amendments necessary to reflect current terminology, align with legislative changes, and to improve clarity and readability. As a result, a revised version of the policy, incorporating these changes, has been prepared for Council's consideration and adoption.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Notes the minor amendments made to the Food Management Policy, as summarised in section 9.3 of this report and shown as tracked changes in Attachment 2.

2.2 Adopt the revised Food Management Policy as provided in Attachment 1.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

3.1. The *Food Safety Act 1984* is the primary legislation governing the sale and production of food in Victoria. Local governments play a key role in ensuring food businesses comply with the Act and associated Australian Food Standards Code.

3.2. The Food Management Policy aligns to Council's legislative responsibilities under the *Food Act 1984.*

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1. This Report supports Council in giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

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4.1.1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;

4.1.2. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;

4.1.3. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;

4.1.4. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006
The recommendation in this report, nor the enactment of the Food Safety Management Policy limit any rights set out under The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020
The recommendation in this report, nor the enactment of the Food Safety Management Policy is not expected to result in gendered impacts; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not deemed necessary.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 There are no financial or resourcing implications associated with this report.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 This report and the Food Management Policy aim to support Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under *the Food Act 1984,* while clearly outlining activities and decision-making processes related to ensuring food safety within the municipality.

7.2 No risks have been identified in relation to the readoption of the Food Management Policy. Instead, the revised policy presents several opportunities, including:

7.2.1 Articulating Council's commitment and initiatives to protect public health

7.2.2 Defining Council's approach to ensuring food businesses comply with regulatory requirements and standards

7.2.3 Providing consistency and transparency in regard to enforcement actions and decision-making processes related to non-compliance.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 This report recommends the readoption of the Food Management Policy, with minor amendments.

8.2 As these amendments are not expected to impact the overall intent, objectives, or activities outlined in the policy, community consultation was not conducted and is not considered necessary to support Council's decision-making regarding the recommendations.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The Food Safety Management Policy seeks to protect public health by ensuring food produced and sold within the municipality is safe, suitable for human consumption, and appropriately labelled to inform consumers of potential allergens and support informed

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decision-making. The Policy aligns with Council's legislative responsibilities under the *Food Act 1984* alongside strategic objectives set out under the Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

9.2 The Policy guides the delivery of various activities undertaken by authorised Council officers to ensure effective food safety management. These activities include compliance monitoring, industry engagement, education, and support for food businesses in meeting regulatory requirements, codes and standards. It also provides a framework for enforcement decision-making and actions, ensuring they are consistent, practical, proportionate, credible, and fair.

9.3 Following a comprehensive review and assessment by Council's Public Health team, the Food Management Policy has been found to align with current food safety management practices and approaches. Only minor amendments have been proposed, as outlined below:

9.3.1 Updates to names of government departments and platforms used by food businesses, including replacing references to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with the Department of Health (DOH), and updating references to the 'Streatrader' platform to 'FoodTrader'.

9.3.2 Removal of references to and requirements for transferring food business registration. On 1 July 2021, amendments to the *Food Act 1984* removed the ability to transfer an existing food business registration. Instead, new proprietors are required to submit a new food business registration.

9.3.3 Minor grammatical and formatting changes throughout the document to enhance clarity and readability.

9.4 A copy of the Food Safety Management Policy, including marked-up changes, is provided in attachment 2.

9.5 Subject to Council's adoption of the revised policy (Attachment 1), a review date will be scheduled for March 2030 to ensure the policy remains up-to-date.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Food Safety Management Policy provides a clear framework for food safety management activities performed by Council. The proposed minor amendments made to the Policy seek reflect current terminology, legislative changes while improving clarity and readability.

FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Policy Reference No.	POL/169
File No.	HCC15/190
Strategic Objective	2.1 Foster a community which is active and healthy
Adopted by Council	April 2006
Re-Adopted	February 2025
Date for Review	February 2030
Responsible Officer	Manager City Safety
Department	City Safety

FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

1 POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Council will aim to protect the health of the community and minimise health risks associated with food produced and sold throughout the municipality through the administration of its Food Safety Management Policy.

1.2 Hume City Council's policy approach to food safety management is as follows:

1.2.1 Council recognises the importance of working in partnership with the food industry and the State Government to achieve the overall purpose of food safety management.

1.2.2 Council recognises, supports and encourages a co-regulatory approach to implementing food safety legislation strategies.

1.2.3 Council acknowledges and values the diverse cultural fabric of the community. In acknowledging this diversity, Council encourages cultural food manufacturing practices to comply with legislative requirements.

1.2.4 Food safety co-regulation will be achieved by Council being satisfied that a food business where required has a Food Safety Program (FSP), that is working effectively, and food business proprietor can demonstrate that its FSP is adequate.

1.2.5 Council is committed to the implementation and administration of its legal obligations for Food Safety Management by applying industry best practice standards and professional practice standards and will look to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Environmental Health Professionals Australia as peak bodies in identifying, defining and refining best practice and professional practice standards.

1.2.6 Food safety outcomes will be managed according to risk and will take into account the risk classification of the business operations and food safety performance.

1.2.7 Non-compliance with the legislation will be managed as outlined in this policy.

2 PURPOSE

2.1 Hume City Council aims to protect the health and wellbeing of the community by minimising health risks associated with food produced and sold within the municipality to ensure that all food is safe, wholesome and of the standard demanded by the purchaser. This aim is in accordance with responsibilities of Council under the provisions of the Food Act 1984 and is consistent with the broad objectives of the Council Plan and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

2.2 It is recognised that there is a need for a number of interdependent strategies to achieve effective food safety management and compliance by food business owners. These strategies need to, amongst other things, ensure the active participation of the local food industry and its representatives, ensure ongoing education and information to food businesses and the support of food business owners in meeting their compliance responsibilities.

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- The nomination of a Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) meeting the requirements of the Act and the lodgement of supportive documentation with Council within the nominated timelines. This policy applies to a change of FSS;
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- critical non-compliance where there is a serious or imminent risk to public health the Area EHO will immediately attend the business and initiate the non-compliance process.
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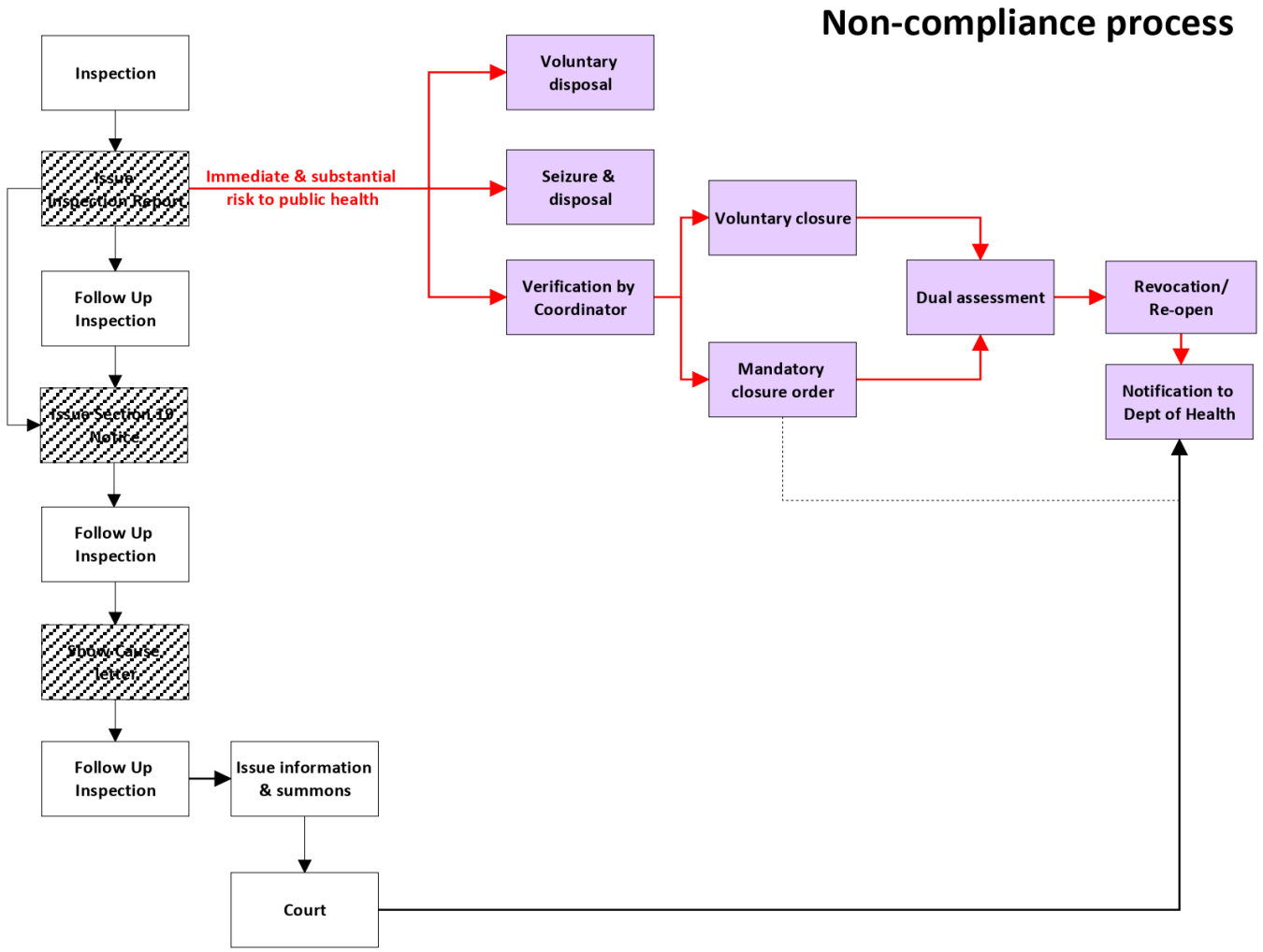
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FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

1 POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Council will aim to protect the health of the community and minimise health risks associated with food produced and sold throughout the municipality through the administration of its Food Safety Management Policy.

1.2 Hume City Council's policy approach to food safety management is as follows:

- **1.2.1** Council recognises the importance of working in partnership with the food industry and the State Government to achieve the overall purpose of food safety management.
- **1.2.2** Council recognises, supports and encourages a co-regulatory approach to implementing food safety legislation strategies.
- **1.2.3** Council acknowledges and values the diverse cultural fabric of the community. In acknowledging this diversity, Council encourages cultural food manufacturing practices to comply with legislative requirements.
- **1.2.4** Food safety co-regulation will be achieved by Council being satisfied that a food business, where required, has a Food Safety Program (FSP) that is working effectively and food business proprietor can demonstrate that its FSP is adequate.
- **1.2.5** Council is committed to the implementation and administration of its legal obligations for Food Safety Management by applying industry best practice standards and professional practice standards and will look to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Environmental Health Professionals Australia as peak bodies in identifying, defining and refining best practice and professional practice standards.
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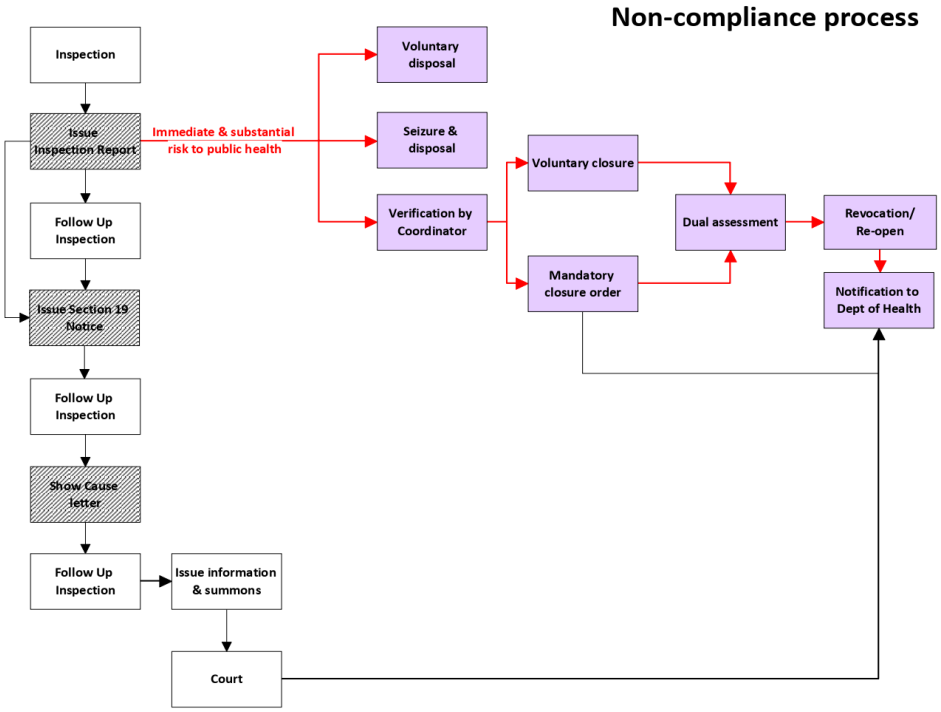
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REPORT NO:	8.11
REPORT TITLE:	Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group Representative
SOURCE:	Ruth Robles McColl, Manager Strategic Projects & Places
DIVISION:	City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	HCC23/1152
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	1.1: Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential, through all stages of life
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil
RELATED PREVIOUS ITEMS	9.5 - Opportunity for a University Study Hub in Hume - Council Meeting - 08 Jul 2024 7:00pm 14.1 - Proposed Licence of part 1079 Pascoe Vale Road Broadmeadows (part ground floor administration offices) to La Trobe University for the purpose of a Study Hub - Council Meeting - 10 Feb 2025 7:00pm

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report outlines the establishment of the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub at the Broadmeadows Civic Centre and the key decisions made by Council to support this initiative. The Study Hub aims to improve access to higher education for students in Hume, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, by providing dedicated study spaces and support services.

The report also highlights the formation of the Study Hub Advisory Group, which will provide governance and strategic oversight, and recommends the appointment of a councillor to ensure continued Council involvement.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council notes the confirmation of the ground floor office space in the north west corner of the Broadmeadows Civic Centre as the location for the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub.

2.2 That Council appoint Councillor as its primary delegate to the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group.

2.3 That Council appoint Councillor as an alternate delegate to the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Not applicable to the recommendations of this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 The recommendations in this report will not result in a financial cost to Council.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 Utilising the existing infrastructure of the Broadmeadows Civic Centre for the study hub promotes environmental sustainability by maximising the use of current facilities and reducing the need for new construction. This approach aligns with sustainable

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development principles and minimises the environmental impact associated with building new structures.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The design and operation of the study hub considers climate change adaptation measures, such as energy-efficient systems, sustainable building materials, and climate-resilient infrastructure to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience against climate-related impacts.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The establishment of the study hub will support the right to education and the enhancement of educational facilities, promoting equal access to tertiary education for all members of the community, particularly underrepresented and disadvantaged groups.

Council will require that the hub adheres to principles of non-discrimination, inclusivity, and accessibility in line with the Charter of Human Rights.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Community consultation will be a key component in the planning and implementation phases of the study hub. This engagement will be led by La Trobe University. In 2024, significant engagement with local residents, businesses, Hume Multiversity members and Hume Jobs and Skills Task Force and key stakeholders was undertaken conducted to gather input, address concerns, and ensure the study hub meets the community's needs and expectations.

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9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Hume Council is strongly advocating for a tertiary education facility that will offer improved pathways for our residents closer to home. Education is the key to breaking cycles of disadvantage, and through better access to improved educational qualifications, Hume's residents will be positioned to secure jobs to support their families and assist in the transformation and progression of their local community.

9.2 Council has actively sought to increase educational attainment in Hume and supported initiatives such as the Hume Multiversity to achieve this. Over the years, these efforts have led to an increase in university completion rates from 14.8% to 20.2% between 2016 and 2021. However, this is still well below the Greater Melbourne rate of 32%.

9.3 On 8 July 2024, Council supported the inclusion of the ground floor office space in the Broadmeadows Civic Centre as a potential location for a university study hub on leasing terms suitable to Council. This decision was also subject to La Trobe University receiving federal government funding for the project.

9.4 In late 2024, the federal government announced La Trobe University's application was successful and the two suburban study hub locations would be established in Broadmeadows and Epping.

9.5 On 10 February 2025, Council endorsed the licence agreement terms with La Trobe University to establish the Study Hub in Broadmeadows.

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9.6 The establishment of the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub is a complementary link to support Council's existing initiatives and accelerate the rate of higher education attainment. Study Hubs emphasise supporting any university student in areas like Hume, increasing visibility and access to tertiary education resources. This initiative aligns with Council's goal of improving educational outcomes for our community.

Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group

9.7 The Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group, led by La Trobe University, provides strategic guidance and oversight for the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub. The Advisory Group's role is to advise on local priorities, community engagement, performance monitoring, and emerging partnership opportunities to enhance student access and success.

9.8 Membership includes up to 10 external members, representing education providers, local government, industry, and student voices, all appointed for a two-year term by invitation of the Chair. Representatives should have a strong interest in tertiary education and its impact on the region, and include those with specialist skills relevant to the Study Hub's strategic direction and performance.

9.9 Hume City Council has been invited to appoint a representative to the Advisory Group. Council's representative will play a key role in advocating for the Study Hub and ensuring it aligns with local education and employment strategies.

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 The Northern Suburbs University Study Hub represents a significant investment in the education and future of Hume's residents. By supporting this initiative, Council is reinforcing its commitment to education, lifelong learning, and community development. The appointment of a councillor to the Advisory Group will help ensure that Council continues to play a key role in shaping the Study Hub's success and long-term impact.

REPORT NO:	8.12
REPORT TITLE:	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2024 - January 2025
SOURCE:	Joel Kimber, Head of Government Relations & Advocacy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC04/13
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.1: Empower and engage our community through advocacy and community engagement
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Shopping Trolleys* 2. *Inquiry into Local Government funding and services* 3. *Sustainability Fund* 4. *Green Link Grants* 5. *Growing Suburbs Fund* 6. *Urban Precincts Partnerships Program* 7. *GAIC* 8. *Activity Centre Roundtable Communique on Housing Activity Centre Program* 9. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 10. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 11. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 12. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 13. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 14. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 15. *Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor* 16. *Amendment GC206 - Small Lot Housing Code Update* 17. *Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF)* 18. *Fair Access* 19. *Rate Cap* 20. *Cloverton MAC Pilot* 21. *Letter of congratulations - Opposition Leader* 22. *Letter of congratulations on appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs* 23. *Letter of congratulations on Ministerial Appointments* 24. *Letter of congratulations on appointment as Treasurer of Victoria* 25. *Letter of congratulations on appointment as Minister for Local Government* 26. *Waste Charge* 27. *Merlynston Creek*

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this Report have a general or material interest in relation to the matters for consideration.

REPORT NO: 8.12 (cont.)

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 This report presents a summary of correspondence relating to Council resolutions or correspondence that is considered to be of interest to Councilors received from or sent to State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament between November 2024 and January 2025.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council:

2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament between November 2024 and January 2025.

2.1.2 Notes that officers have followed up with the relevant offices of the respective State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament for the matters that have not had a response as outlined in Table 4.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS & POLICY CONTEXT:

Local Government Act 2020.

4. OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:

4.1 This Report supports Council is giving effect to the following Overarching Governance Principles:

- Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
- regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

5.1 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006

5.1.1 The human rights relevant to this Report are:

(a) Every person has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief,

(b) Every person has the right to freedom of expression which includes the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, whether within or outside Victoria

(c) Every person has the right of peaceful assembly.

(d) Every person in Victoria has the right, and is to have the opportunity, without discrimination, to participate in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

5.1.2 The above rights are not being limited by the recommended action in this Report.

5.2 GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020

5.2.1 This Report does not relate to a development or review of a policy, program or service; therefore, a Gender Impact Assessment was not required.

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Required resources in implementing the recommendations of this report will be allocated from within Council's operational budget.

7. OPPORTUNITIES & RISKS:

7.1 Written correspondence to and from Council to Members of Parliament and Ministers provides avenues for advocating on behalf of our residents, celebrating acknowledgement or seeking additional information.

7.2 It is important to note that the efficacy of written correspondence is subjective. Large amounts of correspondence to Ministers or Local Members of Parliament whilst Council is engaging with these Government representatives on other matters, has the potential to distort Council's messaging on the issues or projects that are most important to our community.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

8.1 This report does not propose any future community engagement. Some of the issues/projects outlined in this report have been part of previous community engagement.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Council actively engages with State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament through a variety of means. This includes through regularly scheduled meetings, hosting Ministerial events and sending written correspondence.

9.2 This report contains evidence of that written correspondence registered in Council's record keeping system from November 2024 to January 2025.

9.3 This correspondence is themed under the following (see Attachment 1):
- 9.3.1 Council Advocacy Priorities
- 9.3.2 Council Decisions (Table 1)
- 9.3.3 Grant Opportunities (Table 2)
- 9.3.4 Members of Parliament (MP) Enquiries
- 9.3.5 Other (Table 3)

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TABLE 1 - Council Decisions

Subject	Council Meeting Reference	Minister or Member of Parliament	Direction	Date	ATTACHMENT #
Introduction of state-wide laws to address dumped and abandoned shopping trolleys	NOM24/41	Minister for Environment	Inwards	15/12/2024	1
Inquiry into Local Government funding and services	REPORT DATE: 24 June 2024 REPORT NO: 8.3 REPORT TITLE: Submission to State Government on Cost Shifting and Financial Sustainability	Member for Northern Metropolitan Region (Evan Mulholland)	Inwards	28/11/2024	2
			Outwards	20/01/2025	
Sustainability Fund	NOM24/08	Minister for Environment	Inwards	31/01/2025	3

TABLE 2 - Grant Opportunities

Subject	Minister or Member of Parliament	Direction	Date	ATTACHMENT #
Green Links grants	Member for Kalkallo	Inwards	7/11/2024	4
Growing Suburbs Fund	Minister for Local Government	Inwards	13/11/2024	5
Urban Precincts Partnerships Program	Member for McEwen	Inwards	5/11/2024	6
Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) Program	Minister for Planning	Inwards	30/12/2024	7

TABLE 3 - Other

Subject	Minister or Member of Parliament	Direction	Date	ATTACHMENT #
Activity Centre Roundtable Communique on Housing Activity Centre Program - July 2024	Minister for Housing	Inwards	29/10/2024	8
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Kalkallo	Inwards	26/11/2024	9
	Member for Kalkallo	Outwards	16/12/2024	
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Greenvale	Inwards	29/11/2024	10
	Member for Greenvale	Outwards	16/01/2025	

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Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Northern Metropolitan Region (Anasina Gray-Barberio)	Inwards	12/12/2024	11
	Member for Northern Metropolitan Region (Anasina Gray-Barberio)	Outwards	30/12/2024	
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Western Metropolitan Region (Moira Deeming)	Inwards	9/12/2024	12
	Member for Western Metropolitan Region (Moira Deeming)	Outwards	16/01/2025	
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Northern Metropolitan Region (Sheena Watt)	Inwards	16/12/2024	13
		Outwards	30/12/2024	
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson	Inwards	10/01/2025	14
	Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson	Outwards	30/01/2025	
Letter of congratulations to the Incoming Mayor	Member for Hawke	Inwards	22/11/2024	15
	Member for Hawke	Outwards	4/12/2024	
Amendment GC206 - Small Lot Housing Code Update	Minister for Planning	Inwards	26/11/2024	16
Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF)	Treasurer of Victoria	Inwards		17
Fair Access Policy	Minister for Community Sport	Inwards	31/12/2004	18
Rate cap for all councils for the 2025-26 Financial Year	Minister for Local Government	Inwards	27/21/24	19
Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) Pilot	Minister for Planning	Outwards	1/11/2024	20
Letter of congratulations - Opposition Leader	State Opposition Leader	Outwards	30/12/2024	21
Letter of congratulations on appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs	Member for Greenvale	Outwards	23/12/2024	22
Letter of congratulations on Ministerial Appointments	Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop Minister for Housing and Building Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts	Outwards	23/12/2024	23
Letter of congratulations on appointment as Treasurer of Victoria	Treasurer of Victoria	Outwards	23/12/2024	24

Letter of congratulations on appointment as Minister for Local Government	Minister for Local Government	Outwards	23/12/2024	25
Waste Charge	Minister for Local Government Member for Broadmeadows Member for Greenvale	Outwards	9/09/2024	26
Merlynston Creek	Minister for Defence Industry	Inwards	23/01/2025	27

9.4 Additional to this there are several matters that Council is still awaiting a response from the Victorian Government on as outlined in Table 4 below.

TABLE 4 – Matters not responded to

Subject	Council Meeting Reference	Minister or Member of Parliament	Date originally sent
Invitation To Visit Hume City		Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events	2/2/24
Places Of Worship In Greenfield Areas	NOM23/32	Minister for Planning	2/2/24
Concerns Regarding the Condition Of Craigieburn Road		Minister for Roads and Road Safety	26/1/24
Melbourne Airport Rail Delivery Timeline	NOM23/26	Minister for Transport Infrastructure	8/1/24
Social Housing across the municipality	NOM24/16	Minister for Housing Member for Greenvale Member for Broadmeadows	13/6/24
Request for reduction in fuel excise levy	NOM24/11	Federal Treasurer	16/7/24
Requesting Information on Number of Vacant Housing Commission Public Housing Homes in Hume City - NOM24/35	NOM24/35	Minister for Housing	6/8/24
Intersection of Somerton Road and Roxburgh Park Drive, Roxburgh Park	NOM24/49	Minister for Roads and Road Safety Member for Broadmeadows Member for Hawke Member for Maribyrnong Member for Calwell Member for Sunbury Member for Kalkallo Member for Greenvale Members for Northern Metropolitan Region (Sheena Watt, Enver Erdogan, Adem Somyurek, Samantha Ratnam) Members for Western Metropolitan Region (Lizzie Blandthorn, Moira Deeming, Ingrid Stitt, Trung Luu)	20/9/24

REPORT NO: 8.12 (cont.)

Letter - Minister for Health re Immunisation Funding - Urgent Reconsideration and Review required 23092024(2)		Minister for Health	24/9/24
Bulla Bypass - Seeking an update on the status of the Bulla Bypass project	NOM24/42	Minister for Roads and Road Safety Member for Sunbury	24/9/24
Mickleham Road Upgrade Stage 2 - When will the second stage for duplication commence	NOM24/53	Minister for Roads and Road Safety	30/9/24

9.5 The development of a new Advocacy Strategy (2025 – 2028) aims to improve our Government engagement so that we focus our energies on those matters that are the most important to our community

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Written correspondence is an example of how we engage with State and Federal Government Ministers and our Local Members of Parliament.

10.2 Improved advocacy activities through the development and implementation of a new Advocacy Strategy will improve Council's strategic advocacy efforts.

Steve Dimopoulos MP

Minister for Environment
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Cr Naim Kurt
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Dear Mayor Naim

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2024 seeking statewide action to prevent shopping trolley dumping. I appreciate you bringing the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys to my attention and thank Hume City Council for their continued action and advocacy to address this matter.

The Victorian Government shares your concern about the impacts of waste in our environment. Abandoned shopping trolleys can represent a hazard and affect local amenity. That's why littering, including the dumping of trolleys, is illegal in Victoria.

The General Environmental Duty (GED) under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* requires that all Victorians proactively manage and minimise the risk of harm arising from pollution and waste. Retailers are required under the GED to understand and mitigate the risks that their business activity may pose. This includes a responsibility to prevent trolleys from being dumped or abandoned.

As you are aware, under the *Environment Protection Act,* local councils are litter authorities that can appoint Litter Enforcement Officers who have powers to act on littering and illegal dumping of trolleys in their municipal area. The Victorian Government has also developed a program that is focusing on addressing local pollution and amenity issues by establishing Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLEs). This program has seen authorised Environment Protection Authority (EPA) officers assigned to council areas across the state, working with other EPA and local government officers to respond swiftly to local issues of litter and pollution.

As a part of their ongoing collaboration with local councils, I understand that EPA recently conducted a joint operation with Hume City Council targeting illegal dumping of demolition waste. The EPA have further advised me that they will engage with Hume on the issue of trolley dumping and determine whether a similar joint operation or other response is appropriate.

I appreciate you sharing insights into other jurisdictions' regulation of shopping trolley dumping. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action will investigate these approaches to see if they present opportunities to further strengthen the approach in Victoria.

Thank you once again for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dimopoulos MP
Member for Oakleigh
Minister for Environment

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From: Evan Mulholland <Evan.Mulholland@parliament.vic.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 28 November 2024 3:51 PM
To: Jarrod Bell <JarrodB@hume.vic.gov.au>
Cc: Sheena Frost [redacted] Evan Mulholland <Evan.Mulholland@parliament.vic.gov.au>
Subject: Inquiry into Local Government funding and services

Dear Mayor Bell,

Can I start by congratulating you on your election as Mayor.

It is with great pleasure that I write to let you know that earlier today in the Legislative Council, my colleagues and I tabled our Inquiry into Local Government funding and services.

This inquiry was originally proposed by the Liberals and Nationals and agreed to by our government and crossbench colleagues.

Throughout this inquiry, we travelled to many parts of Victoria and heard firsthand about issues facing the sector.

In particular I was pleased to bring the inquiry to the Northern Metropolitan Region and over the course of the public hearings to hear from Hume City Council, Mitchell Shire Council, Moonee Valley City Council and Merri-bek City Council, and other stakeholders about the issues facing the growth areas of Victoria.

My colleagues in the Liberals and Nationals were largely in favour of the recommendations in the majority report, we also submitted a minority report which contained the following recommendations:

1. Renewable energy facilities should pay the full applicable rate charges to ensure they contribute equitably to the costs of local infrastructure and services and support the financial stability of local governments.
2. Renewable energy facilities should be classified under the industrial fire services property levy based on its operations' capital improved value, not the public benefit rate, to help fund the CFA and Fire Rescue Victoria, and should be required to pay the full Fire Services Levy.
3. The Victorian Government should conduct a review of developer contributions to grow the use of in-kind agreements to assist councils with the timely delivery of infrastructure.
4. The Victorian Government should amend the Aboriginal Heritage Act and cultural heritage management processes to clarify the definition of "undisturbed land," implement standardised fees, introduce a right of appeal for landholders, and establish requirements for cultural heritage assessments to ensure greater transparency.

We also raised concerns around the lack of a clear definition of local government core responsibilities. The Liberals and Nationals are committed to addressing this issue when in government.

The full report, including our minority report, can be found here:
https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/4ae067/contentassets/41136d636a9f43c4a341c53ef04cb0bc/lceic-60-05-local-government-funding-and-services.pdf

I encourage you to take the time to read this report and I would welcome any feedback or thoughts you may have.

Kind regards,

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Via Email: evan.mulholland@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Mulholland

RE: INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND SERVICES

Thank you for your email dated 28 November 2024, congratulating me on my re-election to Council, my election as Mayor of Hume City and seeking Council's feedback on the *Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services*.

It is an immense honour to have been elected Mayor for the coming year. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community, working collaboratively with all levels of government and representing the residents of Hume City with integrity and dedication. Ensuring their needs and priorities remain at the forefront of the Council's efforts will be my guiding principle.

Regarding the Inquiry, Council officers are currently reviewing the Report tabled in Parliament last month. I appreciate your dedication and the efforts of the committee in bringing this important matter to Parliament's attention.

As highlighted in Council's submission and through the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer at the public hearing in Town Hall Broadmeadows, this Inquiry represents a critical piece of work for the Victorian Government. Officers are preparing further information to present to Council in early 2025, which will guide the next steps in our engagement with this process.

Once again, thank you for your kind words of congratulations. I look forward to meeting with you in early 2025 and discussing how we can continue to collaborate effectively.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

Steve Dimopoulos MP

Minister for Environment
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Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Cr Naim Kurt
Deputy Mayor
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Dear Deputy Mayor Naim

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2024 regarding the Sustainability Fund allocations. I acknowledge Hume City Council's commitment to Victoria's circular economy transition and working with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to combat illegal dumping.

The Victorian Government continues to provide record investment from the Sustainability Fund and has allocated more than $1 billion from the Fund since 2018. This includes the reforms in the Victorian Government's circular economy policy, *Recycling Victoria: a new economy*, which are supporting councils to reduce waste and the associated costs of landfill. The program has included a range of grants programs with council eligibility and $129 million to support councils' important role delivering the new four stream household waste and recycling system.

The funding provided to the EPA in the 2024-25 State Budget will maintain EPA's ability to detect, prevent and disrupt increasing and more complex waste crime issues across Victoria, including in Hume. This includes preventing harm to the community, preventing the State from being exposed to substantial clean-up and remediation costs due to illegal waste dumping. EPA is committed to ongoing collaboration with all councils across Victoria on both local intelligence and compliance and enforcement initiatives, particularly for the protection of the local environment and investigations into illegal waste dumping.

You raised some specific questions about the application of the waste levy to soil used as daily or intermediate cover, and I can offer some insights here on the rules that apply. The EPA is best placed to discuss the details of any particular case.

Section 145 of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (the Act), states that landfill operators must pay a waste levy for each tonne of waste that is received at the landfill premises, including fill material. The Environment Protection Regulations 2021 provide a 15% rebate on daily cover on all waste levy payable by the landfill. There is no rebate for intermediate cover.

Waste material is exempt from the waste levy where it is used by a landfill in closure and rehabilitation (i.e. constructing the final capping layer on the landfill cells) that is part of an EPA approved capping design. Records of all materials used must be maintained. If waste is used as intermediate cover and there is no documentation showing that it is part of the final capping design, then the waste levy applies.

Under section 145 of the Act the waste levy may only be waived for the disposal of waste generated from a temporary emergency or, the temporary relief of a public nuisance or a community hardship.

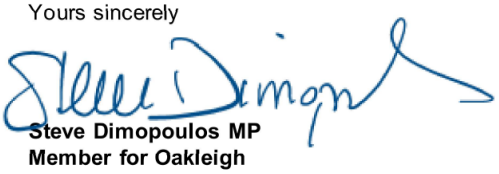
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I understand DEECA and the EPA have reached out to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter further with the council.

Thank you once again for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely



Steve Dimopoulos MP
Member for Oakleigh
Minister for Environment

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Ros Spence MP
STATE MEMBER FOR KALKALLO

Ms Sheena Frost
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sheena,

Green Links grants

I am delighted to inform you that applications are now open for the Allan Labor Government's Green Links grants program.

Green Links is a $10 million investment to improve habitat, water quality, and provide cool green spaces for communities around our urban creeks, rivers and waterways. The program aims to fund up to 200 hectares of revegetation projects over 3 years.

Applications close at 5pm on Thursday, 5 December 2024 and I'd encourage the team at Hume City Council to consider how this program could bring environmental, cultural and social benefits to our local community.

For more information about this program, please visit: Green Links grants.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information regarding this program.

Kind regards,

The Hon. Ros Spence MP
State Member for Kalkallo
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Community Sport
Minister for Carers and Volunteers

7 / 11 / 2024

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Dear Ms Frost,

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2024/25 NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I am pleased to advise that applications are now open for the 2024/25 round of the Growing Suburbs Fund.

At its core, the Growing Suburbs Fund is focused on the needs of communities and the wellbeing and prosperity of people living in Melbourne's growth municipalities.

The Fund has invested over $428 million since 2015, to support the delivery of local infrastructure in our fastest growing suburbs.

Through the Growing Suburbs Fund, the Victorian Government is committed to continuing to invest alongside local government. Together we can deliver thriving places for Victorians to live, work and connect with one another and build stronger and better communities for us all.

Details of the Fund, including the guidelines and how to apply, can be found at https://www.suburbandevelopment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP
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Minister for the Suburbs

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Rob Mitchell MP
Federal Member for McEwen

Ms Sheena Frost
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5 November 2024

Dear Ms Frost

RE: URBAN PRECINCTS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM APPLICATION

I am writing to express my full support for Hume City Council's application under the Commonwealth's *Urban Precincts Partnerships Program* for the development of an Urban Design Framework (UDF) that will collaboratively set out the design requirements for the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) and enable future integrated development that lifts the bar on how we design new city centres like Cloverton.

As the local Federal Member of Parliament, I know the critical role that the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) presents as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to plan for a brand-new city to house and service thousands of current and future residents.

Many of these residents live within my electorate and the new city will provide them access to critical jobs and services. The scale of growth in Cloverton, its strategic location and the presence of three united councils and a mature landowner will ensure the design of a new city will incorporate the latest thinking in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles and designing with Country.

This initiative has great promise for Cloverton and more broadly the northern Melbourne corridor though providing a well-designed place that will provide numerous homes and services for a community that at full build out will service 380,000 residents in its broadest catchment – the size of a new Canberra.

I commend this application as an initiative of the regional partnership Councils comprised of Hume City, the City of Whittlesea and Mitchell Shire and look forward to the successful implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely

ROB MITCHELL MP

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Dear Ms Frost

I am pleased to provide you with guidelines for the 2025 Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) Program.

The 2025 GAIC funding round will be open for applications from 20 December 2024 to 28 February 2025. This new $150 million funding round will focus primarily on transport outcomes, such as bus services, stations, interchanges, intersections, roads, bike paths and walking paths.

Please find enclosed the 2025 GAIC funding round application guidelines, which outline eligibility requirements, the application process, assessment criteria and anticipated approval timelines.

Growth area councils are invited to propose up to three regionally significant infrastructure priories which meet the program objectives and eligibility requirements.

You will be contacted shortly by the GAIC Program Team from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to commence engagement around eligible projects.

If you would like more information about the 2025 GAIC funding round, please email Stuart Menzies, Executive Director, State Planning Policy, DTP, at [redacted]

VICTORIA State Government

We look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes for our fastest growing communities.

Yours sincerely



The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP
Attorney-General
Minister for Planning

Date: 20/12/2024

Enc. 2025 GAIC Fund Program Guidelines



THE HON CLARE O'NEIL MP
MINISTER FOR HOUSING
MINISTER FOR HOMELESSNESS

Ref: MC24-012642

Councillor Naim Kurt
Mayor Hume City Council
PO Box 119
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Dear Councillor Kurt

Thank you for your correspondence of 31 July 2024 regarding the recent Activity Centre Roundtable on housing. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this communique to my attention, as well as your commitment to increasing housing choice and affordability for Australians.

The Albanese Government understands that safe and affordable housing is central to the security and dignity of all Australians. That's why the Government has committed to the Homes for Australia plan to boost the supply of all housing – more public and social housing, more affordable housing, more homes to rent and more homes to buy. This year's Budget included $6.2 billion in new investment to build more homes more quickly, bringing the Government's new housing initiatives to $32 billion.

Through the National Housing Accord with states and territories, local government, institutional investors and the construction sector, the Albanese Government acknowledges the genuine collaboration required to deliver on Australia's housing objectives. To support the construction of new homes, the Government has committed $3 billion in performance-based funding to the states and territories, in addition to $1.5 billion for housing infrastructure, $88.8 million for 20,000 additional fee-free TAFE places, and over $10 billion for more social and affordable homes.

I am pleased to see this ambition reflected in Victoria's Housing Statement and welcome local governments contributions to ongoing discussions on the delivery of the National Housing Accord.

Thank you once again for sharing the outcomes of the recent Activity Centre Roundtable.

Yours sincerely

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Ros Spence MP
STATE MEMBER FOR YUROKE

Cr Jarrod Bell
Mayor
Hume City Council
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Dear Cr Jarrod Bell

Mayorship of Hume City Council

I was delighted to hear about your successful election as Mayor of Hume City Council.

As you know, Hume is a rapidly growing, diverse area, and the council has a central role to play in ensuring all residents have access to vital services and facilities.

Congratulations! I look forward to working with you over the coming 12 months to deliver initiatives that are important to the community.

I am confident you will do a great job in this role, and I wish you all the best for the coming year.

Kind regards,

The Hon. Ros Spence MP
State Member for Kalkallo
Minister for Agriculture
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Dear ~~Ms Spence~~, Ros

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2024, congratulating me on my election as Mayor of Hume City.

It is a significant honour to serve as Mayor for the next 12 months. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community and representing the entire community with great pride because as you know, Hume City is a great place to live, work and spend time with family and friends.

As Hume continues to grow and evolve, addressing the challenges and opportunities of our development requires strong, fruitful partnerships. I look forward to working closely together with you and all our other elected State and Federal representatives as we help deliver great outcomes for our community.

I look forward to our first meeting this week as we start a positive journey for 2025 and beyond.

Thank you once again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

Iwan Walters MP
MEMBER FOR GREENVALE

Cr. Jarrod Bell

Mayor, Hume City Council
Hume City Council
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Friday 29 November 2024

Dear ~~Mayor Bell~~, Jarrod

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your recent re-election as Councillor for Jacksons Hill Ward, and your subsequent election as Mayor of Hume by your Council colleagues.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with you since 2022 and I thank you for your ongoing commitment to the communities that compromise the Hume municipality, including those which I represent as Member for Greenvale.

I look forward to working constructively with you in your capacity as Mayor, as well as your fellow Councillors and Council officers, to ensure that we continue delivering improved services, upgraded infrastructure and better outcomes on behalf of the residents and communities we all serve.

Once again, congratulations and I wish you success as you undertake your new role as Mayor.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

With best wishes,

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Monday, 16 January 2025

Mr Iwan Walters MP
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Via Email: iwan.walters@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Walters,

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2024, congratulating me on my re-election to Council and my election as Mayor of Hume City.

It is a profound honour to serve as Mayor for the next 12 months. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community, representing the residents of Hume with integrity and prioritising their needs in all our endeavours. I also look forward to continuing our strong collaborative working relationship with you and other representatives at the State and Federal levels.

As Hume continues to grow and evolve, addressing the challenges and opportunities of our development requires robust partnerships. Cooperation with you and the State Government will be essential to ensuring our community has access to the critical infrastructure and services necessary to support its growth and prosperity.

I am eager to strengthen the positive and productive relationship between Council and your office over the coming year and to working together in the best interests of our shared community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

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12/12/2024

Cr. Jarrod Bell
Mayor, City of Hume
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Via email: JarrodB@hume.vic.gov.au

Talofa Lava Cr. Bell,

It was lovely meeting you at the recent citizenship ceremony at Broadmeadows Town Hall. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your recent appointment as Mayor of Hume. This is a wonderful achievement.

As the newly elected Member of the Victorian Greens, representing the Northern Metropolitan Region in the Legislative Council, I am excited to see the positive impact your leadership will have on addressing the challenges and opportunities ahead. I look forward to working alongside you as a representative of our diverse and vibrant community.

Having been shaped by our community's unique challenges and strengths, I come to this role as someone with roots deeply embedded in the community. I look forward to collaborating with you and welcome the opportunities to hear your perspectives, concerns and ideas .

I invite you to connect with my office at any time - whether to share your thoughts, seek assistance or explore opportunities to work together to achieve meaningful outcomes. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved appointment, and I wish you all the best in your new role.

I am excited to see the great things you will achieve for the City of Hume and its residents.

Kind regards,

Anasina Gray-Barberio MLC
Member for Northern Metropolitan Region

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Thursday, 30 January 2025

Ms Anasina Gray-Barberio MLC
Member for Northern Metropolitan Region
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Via Email: anasina.gray-barberio@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms ~~Gray-Barberio~~, Anasinea

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2024, congratulating me on my election as Mayor of Hume City. It was a pleasure meeting you at a recent Citizenship Ceremony, one of the many rewarding events I have the privilege of participating in as Mayor.

As Mayor, I am deeply committed to leading the Hume community with integrity and ensuring their needs remain at the forefront of all our initiatives.

I recognise the vital importance of fostering collaborative relationships with our elected representatives at both the State and Federal levels. This will be a key focus of my efforts in 2024 as we work together to achieve meaningful outcomes for the benefit of our community.

I look forward to partnering with you throughout my term on Council and especially over the next 12 months as Mayor, as we work in the best interests of our shared community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

Congats on the office opening, Sorry I missed it! JB

Moira DEEMING MP

MEMBER FOR WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGION

Congratulations

09 December 2024

Dear Jarrod,

Congratulations on your recent election as Councillor for Jacksons Hill Ward and Mayor for Hume City Council. It is not only a recognition of your commitment to serving our community, but an opportunity to make even more difference at the local level.

As one of your State Members of Parliament, I deeply value the critical role that local councillors play in shaping the future of our communities - regardless of any of our Political affiliations.

I hope that together, we can ensure a coordinated approach to tackling challenges and delivering better outcomes for everyone in the Western Metropolitan Region.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can support you in your work. I am always available to discuss matters affecting our constituents.

Once again, congratulations on your election. I wish you every success as you take on this important responsibility.

Warm regards,

Moira Deeming



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Thursday, 16 January 2025

Ms Moira Deeming MP
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Via Email: moira.deeming@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Deeming,

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2024, congratulating me on my re-election to the Council and my appointment as Mayor of Hume City.

I am deeply honoured to serve as Mayor for the coming year and am committed to upholding the trust and confidence placed in me by our community. My focus will be on representing all residents of Hume City with integrity and dedication, ensuring their needs and aspirations remain at the forefront of the Council's priorities.

I am equally committed to fostering a strong and collaborative working relationship with you and other representatives at both State and Federal levels. Regardless of political alignment, I share your dedication to achieving the best outcomes for our respective communities.

As Hume City continues to grow and evolve, strong leadership and effective collaboration are essential to addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities that lie ahead. By working closely with all levels of government, we can secure the vital infrastructure and services necessary to support the growth, well-being, and prosperity of our community.

I look forward to collaborating with you during my term on the Council and especially over the next 12 months as Mayor. I would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you early in the new year to discuss shared priorities and strengthen our partnership. Council officers will contact your office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Once again, thank you for your kind words of congratulations. I look forward to meeting with you soon and working together for the benefit of our community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

Sheena Watt MP

16/12/2024

Councillor Jarrod Bell
Mayor
City of Hume
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Dear Councillor Bell

City of Hume 2024 Elections

Congratulations on your election as Councillor for Jacksons Hill and Mayor of the City of Hume.

It is, of course, an honour to serve and lead your community as Mayor and I wish you all the best as you work in the interests of your diverse community.

The well-being of our communities is often shaped by the interactions between local, State and Federal governments and I will welcome the opportunity for constructive dialogue with you and your Council on matters where State and local interests coincide.

Once again, congratulations on your election as Mayor.

Kind regards,

Sheena Watt
Labor MP for Northern Metropolitan
Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Action
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Monday, 30 December 2024

Ms Sheena Watt MP
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Via Email: sheena.watt@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Watt

Thank you for your kind letter of 16 December 2024, congratulating me on my election as Mayor of Hume City.

It is a profound honour to serve as Mayor for the next 12 months. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community, representing the residents of Hume with integrity and prioritising their needs in all our endeavours. I also look forward to continuing our strong collaborative working relationship with you and our other representatives at both the State and Federal levels.

As Hume continues to grow and evolve, addressing the challenges and opportunities of our development requires robust partnerships. Cooperation with you and the Allan State Government will be essential to ensuring our community has access to the critical infrastructure and services necessary to support its growth and prosperity.

I am eager to strengthen the positive and productive relationship between Council and your office over the coming year and to working together in the best interests of our shared community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

SENATOR THE HON
SARAH HENDERSON
SHADOW MINISTER FOR **EDUCATION**
SENATOR FOR **VICTORIA**

Cr Jarrod Bell
Mayor
Hume City Council
PO Box 119
Dallas VIC 3047

Dear Cr Bell

I write to congratulate you on your recent election as councillor and Mayor of Hume City Council.

As an elected representative for your community, you play a very important role in improving the lives of local residents.

Since I was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2013, I have worked closely with councils to address local concerns and realise shared aspirations.

Now, as the Liberal Party's patron senator for the electorate which incorporates your municipality, I look forward to working with you and other councillors on your priorities for 2025 and beyond.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can assist on any matter.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Henderson

10 January 2025

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Thursday, 30 January 2025

Senator The Hon. Sarah Henderson MP
Senator for Victoria
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GEELONG VIC 3220

Via Email: senator.henderson@aph.gov.au

Dear ~~Senator~~ Sarah,

Thank you for your letter dated 10 January 2025, congratulating me on my re-election to Council and my election as Mayor of Hume City.

It is a significant honour to serve as Mayor for the next 12 months. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community, representing the residents of Hume with integrity and prioritising their needs in all that we do.

I understand the importance of fostering a collaborative working relationship with you and other representatives at the State and Federal levels as it will help derive great outcomes for our community. This will be a key focus of mine in 2025.

As Hume continues to grow and evolve, addressing the challenges and opportunities of our development requires strong, fruitful partnerships. Working positively with both levels of Government will be critical in ensuring the Hume community has access to the important infrastructure and services necessary to support its growth and prosperity.

I look forward to working together with you over my term on Council, particularly the next 12 months as Mayor with the best interests of our shared community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

SAM RAE
Federal Member for Hawke

Cr. Jarrod Bell
Mayor
Hume City Council
PO BOX 119
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22 November 2024

Dear Cr. Bell,

Congratulations on your recent re-election to the Hume City Council and your election as Mayor for the upcoming year.

Representing your community is a great honour, as well as an important opportunity and responsibility to serve those who have entrusted you with this role.

I look forward to collaborating with you to achieve meaningful progress for our community.

I would like to offer to meet to discuss your vision and priorities for our local area, and my office will be in touch to arrange this soon.

Please feel free to reach out any time if there is any way I can assist.

Yours sincerely

Sam Rae MP

Federal Member for Hawke.

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Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Mr Sam Rae MP
Federal Member for Hawke
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Via Email: sam.rae.mp@aph.gov.au

Dear ~~Mr Rae~~, Sam

Thank you for your letter dated 22 November 2024, congratulating me on my election as Mayor of Hume City.

It is a profound honour to serve as Mayor for the next 12 months. I am committed to upholding the trust placed in me by our community, representing the residents of Hume with integrity and prioritising their needs in all our endeavours. I also look forward to continuing our strong collaborative working relationship with you and other representatives at the State and Federal levels.

As Hume continues to grow and evolve, addressing the challenges and opportunities of our development requires robust partnerships. Cooperation with you and the Federal Government will be essential to ensuring our community has access to the critical infrastructure and services necessary to support its growth and prosperity.

I am eager to strengthen the positive and productive relationship between Council and your office over the coming year and to working together in the best interests of our shared community.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP

Minister for Planning
Minister for the Suburbs

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Ms Sheena Frost
Chief Executive Officer
Hume City Council
1079 Pascoe Vale Road
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Dear Ms Frost

AMENDMENT GC206 – SMALL LOT HOUSING CODE UPDATE

I am writing to advise that I have decided to exercise the power under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to exempt myself from notice requirements, and to prepare, adopt and approve Amendment GC206 to the Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Mitchell, Whittlesea and Wyndham Planning Schemes.

The amendment inserts the updated Small Lot Housing Code (Victorian Planning Authority, November 2024) in the Casey Planning Scheme.

The Small Lot Housing Code introduces a new housing standard known as Type C, which seeks to increase housing diversity. The code also amends various standards that relate to Type A and B to improve streetscape outcomes. The amendment includes transitional provisions that allows the use of the former Small Lot Housing Code (Victorian Planning Authority, November 2019) until 31 December 2026.

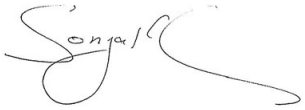
I would like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation for the council's valuable input during the Victorian Planning Authority's development of the updated code during the consultation phase.

The amendment will come into effect when notice of its approval is published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*.

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If you have any questions, please email Stuart Menzies, Executive Director, State Planning Policy, Department of Transport and Planning, at [redacted]

Yours sincerely



The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP
Minister for Planning
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Sheena Frost
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Dear Sheena Frost

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND (ESVF)

I am writing to inform you that from July 1 2025, the Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) will be replaced by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF).

It will help support a broader range of emergency services and for the first time include VicSES, Triple Zero Victoria, the State Control Centre, Forest Fire Management Victoria and Emergency Recovery Victoria, as well as the Country Fire Authority and Fire Rescue Victoria.

This change is about making sure our emergency services have the resources they need to keep Victorians safe, and to help them recover from natural disasters. It will bring Victoria's funding arrangements for emergency services into line with other states.

As part of this expansion, from 1 July 2025, the existing FSPL vacant land category will be abolished, with vacant land allocated to its corresponding land use sector – for example, vacant industrial land will pay the 'industrial' levy rate. In addition, eligible CFA and VicSES volunteers will receive an exemption from the ESVF.

To provide adequate time for implementation, a second phase of changes will commence from 1 July 2026, including a new PPR category for owner occupiers.

The rates applied under the ESVF will be adjusted to account for the ESVF's larger remit. Councils will be notified of the new 2025-26 rates through the usual rate-setting process in May 2025.

Further information about the proposed change is available here:
https://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/emergency-services-and-volunteers-fund

Legislation will be introduced in early 2025, to provide certainty ahead of the rate setting process in May 2025.

I recognise this is a significant change to the existing structure of the FSPL and will require changes to council systems before 1 July 2025, with further changes in the following year. In recognition of the system upgrades required and added ongoing complexity to administer the ESVF, additional resources will be made available to local councils by the Victorian Government.

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I note that council systems will need to be able to facilitate the name change from the FSPL to the ESVF on rates notices, as well as assign vacant land to an alternative land use classification and provide an exemption for eligible volunteers for the 2025-26 financial year. My department will contact your council early in 2025 to arrange a roundtable consultation process to further discuss these changes.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Jacqueline Bastiani and Ms Kate Sheehan, Directors, Tax Policy and Projects, Department of Treasury and Finance at esvf@dtf.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Tim Pallas MP
Treasurer

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The Hon Ros Spence MP

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Ms Sheena Frost
Chief Executive Officer
Hume City Council
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Dear Ms Frost

I am writing to welcome Hume City Council's successful adoption of the Fair Access Policy as part of the Allan Labor Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap.

The Roadmap represents the next advance in levelling the playing field for women and girls in Victoria.

Hume City Council's policy marks a significant step toward advancing welcoming, safe and inclusive environments for women and girls in community sport and active recreation across Victoria.

Adopting the Fair Access Policy means Hume City Council is now eligible to apply for Victorian Government community sport infrastructure funding programs. Demonstrating progress against this policy overtime will ensure Hume City Council remains eligible to apply for such programs. Information on the reporting process under the Fair Access Policy Roadmap will be communicated in early 2025.

Hume City Council's policy will have a positive impact on community sport and serve as a catalyst for broader societal change. By championing gender equality in community sport and active recreation, Hume City Council is breaking down barriers and working towards a more inclusive and equitable society.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Ros Spence MP
Minister for Community Sport

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The Hon. Nick Staikos
Minister for Consumer Affairs
Minister for Local Government
1 Treasury Place
Melbourne, Victoria 3002

Our ref: BMIN-241101462

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to inform you that I have set the rate cap for all councils for the 2025-26 financial year at 3.00 per cent.

I have reached the decision, having regard to the advice I received from the Essential Services Commission and the forecast Consumer Price Index in the Victorian Government's 2024-25 Budget Update.

My decision aims to balance cost of living pressures for Victorian ratepayers with the financial sustainability of councils to ensure they can provide essential services for their communities. Councils remain able to apply for a higher cap amount, if they determine that additional rate revenue over the cap amount is required.

One of the major tasks of a new council is the development of a Revenue and Rating Plan in accordance with S.93 of the *Local Government Act 2020.* Setting rate, charges and fees are among the most important and consequential decisions made by councils.

It is an expectation that councils carefully consider all aspects of their revenue, balancing the competing priorities of council expenditure with the ability of their community to pay.

My department has prepared guidance to support councils in this work. I would draw your attention to the dedicated part of the guidance to specifically support councillors and their decision making here https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0034/195298/Book-2-Councillor-Guide.pdf.

If you require more information about these matters, please contact Mike Gooey, Executive Director, Local Government Victoria, Department of Government Services on [redacted] or email [redacted]

Your details will be dealt with in accordance with the *Public Records Act 1973* and the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. Should you have any queries or wish to gain access to your personal information held by this department please contact our Privacy Officer at the above address.

VICTORIA State Government

Finally, I would like to thank you for the work you do for your local communities. I served as a councillor for Glen Eira City Council and understand the importance of local representation and local services. I look forward to serving as the Minister for Local Government and working together to benefit the people of Victoria.

Sincerely,



The Hon. Nick Staikos MP

Minister for Consumer Affairs
Minister for Local Government

27 / 12 / 2024

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Friday 1 November 2024

The Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP
Minister for Planning
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Via Email: sonya.kilkenny@minstaff.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister,

RE: CLOVERTON METROPOLITAN ACTIVITY CENTRE (MAC) PILOT

I write to you in relation to an opportunity for a significant state and local government partnership opportunity that will ensure the creation of an integrated new city in the north that provides homes, services and jobs for the growing northern corridor.

The Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) will service a regional catchment covering three Local Government Areas (Hume City, City of Whittlesea and Mitchell Shire) and will be the primary employment and service centre for the growing suburbs of Mickleham, Kalkallo, Donnybrook, Beveridge and Wallan - estimated at 380,000 residents and 50,000 jobs at full build out.

This is comparable to the size of a new Canberra.

Hume City Council representatives met with yourself and your staff on 12 October 2023, following the historic hosting of the joint Council meeting between Hume City Council, City of Whittlesea and Mitchell Shire Council on 3 October 2023. At that meeting we highlighted the enormous potential the new city presents to showcase an innovative new model to better coordinate state and local infrastructure.

Positive discussions have been held over the last 12 months culminating in a Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) officer delegation visiting Kalkallo on Tuesday 22 October, with representatives from the three Councils, to see first-hand how impactful the project can be and the opportunity it presents.

The Regional Partnership is now seeking Victorian Government support through the development of a pilot which we have shared with you, as the relevant Minister, and with our local Member for Parliament, the Hon Ros Spence, Member for Kalkallo.

We would value an opportunity to meet with you and Minister Spence to discuss the pilot in more detail as we look to forge an all-important Local-State partnership to see this transformational project come to fruition to enable the delivery of an integrated new city.

Ms Aida Baptista, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sheena Frost can be contacted on 9205 2204 or [redacted] to convene a time to meet.

We look forward to discussing this project with you. If you have any questions about the Cloverton MAC please contact Ms Frost on [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

RACHEL DAPIRAN
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc:
The Hon. Ros Spence MP, Member for Kalkallo
Craig Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, City of Whittlesea
Brett Luxford, Chief Executive Officer, Mitchell Shire Council

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Monday, 30 December 2024

The Hon Brad Battin MP
Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the Victorian Liberal Party
Level 12, 257 Collins St
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Via Email: brad.battin@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Battin

On behalf of Hume City Council, I extend my sincere congratulations on your election as Leader of the Victorian Liberal Party and as a result Leader of the Opposition. This is a significant achievement and I trust you will bring your dedication and commitment to representing the diverse needs of Victorians, including those in Melbourne's north-west.

Hume City is home to over 250,000 residents, representing more than 170 countries and speaking over 155 languages. Our municipality is a vibrant and dynamic community, with unique opportunities and challenges stemming from its diversity and rapid growth. As a growth council, we work diligently to balance the expectations of our well-established southern communities with the needs of the fast-growing northern and western areas.

With this growth comes increasing demand for infrastructure and services. Meeting these demands requires collaboration across all levels of government. Strong partnerships are essential to achieving meaningful outcomes for our community, and we are committed to fostering these relationships.

To that end, I would like to invite you to visit Hume City to gain firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities we face. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can work together to support the needs of the Hume community. To arrange a convenient time for us to meet, please contact Ms. Carmen Frawley, Coordinator Advocacy, on [redacted] or via email at [redacted]

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
MAYOR

cc: Mr Evan Mulholland MP, Member for Northern Metropolitan Region

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Monday, 23 December 2024

Mr Iwan Walters MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs
Level 16, 121 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Via Email: iwan.walters@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Walters,

On behalf of Hume City Council, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs.

As you know, Hume City proudly stands as one of Australia's most culturally diverse communities, with our residents speaking over 155 languages and hailing from more than 170 countries. Multiculturalism is deeply embedded in the fabric of our community and guides Council's work and values.

Council is committed to promoting and fostering inclusion, in all parts of our civic life. We host regular Citizenship Ceremonies, support the Hume Interfaith Network, provide essential services for refugees and asylum seekers, and actively engage with multicultural leaders to ensure our initiatives benefit everyone in our community.

Council stands ready to partner with you and the Victorian Government in supporting our shared goals and commitments, I am confident that your dedication and leadership will have a meaningful impact on representing people from all cultural backgrounds in your new role. I also have no doubt that the residents of Hume City will benefit greatly from your continued advocacy and commitment to multicultural affairs.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. I look forward to collaborating with you and your office in 2025 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
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Monday, 23 December 2024

The Hon. Harriet Shing MP
Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop
Minister for Housing and Building
Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts
1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Via Email: harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister

On behalf of Hume City Council, I extend my sincere congratulations on your recent appointments as the Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop; Minister for Housing and Building; and Minister for Development Victoria and Precincts.

Hume City Council remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the interests of our community through strong partnerships with all levels of government. We value the productive and enduring relationship we have shared with the Victorian Government and look forward to continuing this collaboration under your leadership.

As the home of the Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre and the Cloverton Major Activity Centre, Hume City Council recognises the significant challenges and opportunities in creating liveable, thriving communities aligned with government targets. These precincts are critical to Melbourne's north and we are eager to discuss how we can work together to achieve shared goals in these areas.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you early in 2025 to discuss these matters further. To arrange a meeting, please contact Aida Baptista, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, at [redacted] or [redacted].

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. We look forward to your response and the opportunity to collaborate for the benefit of our community in due course.

Yours sincerely

CR JARROD BELL
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The Hon. Jaclyn Symes MP
Treasurer of Victoria
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EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Via Email: jaclyn.symes@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Treasurer,

On behalf of Hume City Council, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as Treasurer of Victoria.

Local Government faces significant challenges, particularly in navigating the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis and escalating costs in the construction industry. To continue delivering the essential services and projects our community relies on, we remain dependent on the crucial support of State and Federal Governments.

Hume City Council values its longstanding and productive partnership with the Victorian Government. This strong relationship has enabled us to achieve meaningful outcomes and we look forward to continuing this collaboration into the future.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment. I look forward to working closely with you and your office in 2025 and beyond to further support the needs of our community.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon. Nick Staikos MP
Minister for Local Government
Level 16, 121 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Via Email: nick.staikos@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister

On behalf of Hume City Council, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on your recent appointments as Minister for Local Government and Minister for Consumer Affairs.

Hume City is a vibrant and diverse municipality, home to over 250,000 residents representing more than 170 countries and speaking over 155 languages. As a growth council, we face the unique challenge of balancing the needs and expectations of our established communities in the south with the rapid expansion in the north and west.

With designated activity centres such as Broadmeadows and Cloverton, our work with the Victorian Government is crucial to fostering liveable, thriving communities. Hume City Council is deeply committed to advancing the interests of our residents and we recognise that achieving this vision depends on strong partnerships with all levels of government. We are proud of the longstanding and productive relationship we have shared with the Victorian Government and look forward to continuing this collaboration under your leadership.

As the Minister responsible for the legislative framework governing local councils, I would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you early in 2025. This meeting would provide an opportunity to discuss the unique challenges faced by growth areas like Hume City. To arrange a mutually convenient time for us to meet, please contact Joel Kimber, Head of Government Relations and Advocacy, on [redacted]

Congratulations once again on your appointment. I look forward to working closely with you and your office in 2025 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

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Monday, 9 September 2024

Mr Mark A La Brooy
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GREENVALE VIC 3059

Via Email: marklabrooy@optusnet.com.au

Dear Mr La Brooy

RE: WASTE SERVICE CHARGE – HUME CITY COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 26 August 2024 and various email correspondence in relation to Hume City Council's waste service charge. I appreciate your interest in understanding Council's financials and some of the cost pressures Local Government is facing, particularly regarding rates and waste.

In answer to your first query, the increase in the waste charge between this financial year and the previous financial year, reflects the introduction of a universal food and garden waste service, which every Council in Victoria has been mandated to introduce by 2030 under the State Government's Recycling Victoria policy.

The waste charge for 2024/25 is outlined in Council's budget which is available on Council's website via the following link:
Victorian city council model budget spreadsheet 2018-19 (hdp-au-prod-app-hcc-participate-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com)

Hume City Council made the difficult decision to introduce a separate waste charge in 2023/24, being one of the last three councils in the state to do so. This decision was driven by the escalating cost of waste management, which could not be recovered under the general rate cap.

Council had made a conscious decision over the past seven years to absorb $20 million in waste cost increases. However, with a projected $100 million shortfall projected over the next decade, introducing a separate waste charge has become necessary to prevent major impacts on service delivery and asset renewal. Despite this, in reflection of our community's demographics, Hume has not implemented a Municipal Service charge, unlike many other council's facing cost pressures.

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Council complies with all relevant legislation, including the *Local Government Act 2020* and Essential Services Commission (ESC) requirements regarding the Waste Charge and whilst the Ministerial Guidelines are not legislated, Council aims to follow them where possible.

Council's current waste charge methodology is not designed to generate profit but rather to recover the expenses associated with providing waste services to our community.

The Ministerial guidelines introduced last year, were done so late in the budget development process without sector consultation and would have had a material impact on Council services and projects, as it would have required Council to reintegrate these costs into the rates base or absorb the costs overall.

If the Ministerial guidelines are followed and the public waste service costs cannot be recovered through a Waste Charge, they will either need to go back into the rates base, impacting Council by $18 million over a 10-year period, or if the costs cannot be put back into the rate base, there will be a $123 million impact over the same period.

The Ministerial guidelines outline that litter and waste collection from public spaces, street, footpath and drain cleanings, graffiti removal, municipal tree planting and maintenance, general environmental activities including park maintenance, public education and advocacy should not be covered by a waste or service charge.

Of the above activities, Hume City Council's current waste charge only covers litter bin collection from public spaces, the provision of public bins, street sweeping and public education initiatives.

Council had taken the view that there was a compelling argument for including public waste costs to the charge, as they contribute significantly to the overall well-being and functionality of the municipality and align with the practices of most Victorian councils. The amenity of our community is one of the most frequently raised issues by residents and financing these services through the waste charge ensures equitable cost distribution among all ratepayers and guarantees the maintenance of crucial amenity services in public areas.

Changes to the guidelines will require a significant change to the methodology and financial sustainability of waste services that we offer our community, which the next Council will consider and balance off against other rising costs, including increased landfill levy fees.

Since the introduction of the Municipal Waste Levy, the Waste Levy has increased from $9 per tonne in 2007 to $167.9 per tonne by 2025, an almost 1766% increase. In 2017/18 these fees cost Council $2 million per year and by 2025/26 it is projected to cost Council and our ratepayers $12 million per year. These sharp increases are costs directly born by Council and are passed on to ratepayers through the Waste Service Charge, of which Council and our community see little to no community benefit.

As one of the few councils to operate its own landfills, Hume City Council also faces significant operating, rehabilitation and aftercare costs, including an additional $10 million EPA fee for the Sunbury landfill closure in 2023/24— a cost which has been borne directly by Council and community with no value being returned to either.

In addition to the increases to the landfill levy, as part of kerbside reform, all councils must implement a four-bin system: red for general waste, yellow for recycling, green for Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) and purple for glass. The costs for delivering these services, including new bins, a glass bin service and their collection and disposal will be substantial.

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As outlined, there are numerous government costs being imposed on the Local Government sector and a re-assessment of the value and effectiveness of the landfill levy, mandated bin services and landfill closure fees, would allow for significant savings to Council and the Waste Charge being borne by ratepayers.

The cost difference between Hume and Whittlesea for waste services is difficult to determine without having access to Whittlesea's methodology, but I do note Whittlesea lacks a mandatory Green Bin service, which they will soon be required to implement under State Government policy.

The staffing increase mentioned from 2022/23 to 2023/24 was driven by the State Government's "Free Kinder for Three- and Four-Year-Olds" which has required significant investment in staff and infrastructure. Staffing increases is something Councillors are mindful of however, and through a rigorous process during our most recent budget, Councillors implemented a headcount freeze with new roles to be created through existing vacancies.

Comparing local councils on expenditure, staffing and rates is not an effective exercise due to differences in service delivery models, community needs and geographic factors. For instance, Hume has chosen to deliver many services in-house, including aged care, which are highly regarded by our community. In contrast, Whittlesea has outsourced leisure centre management and rationalised its library services with neighbouring councils. Hume has a significantly higher 2024/25 capital works budget of $154.82 million which exceeds Whittlesea's $107.5 million. Additionally, variations in state and federal grants, developer contributions and specific State legislation and costs like landfill management—Hume being one of the few councils that operate a landfill – further influence each council's finances and operations.

Council's budget reflects the rate increase needed to deliver essential services and capital works, in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS). It aims for a balance between fairness to the community and the sustainability of Council operations.

The free waste services mentioned are free in the sense it is not a fee per service and are outlined in our Waste Guide brochure, which includes five waste vouchers per household, bundled branch collections and Hume Clean Days.

I hope the information provided has addressed your concerns. If you would like to discuss the rates issue or the various government fees that Council is required to pay and pass on to ratepayers, I would be happy to arrange a meeting with you, the GRA and Council officers at your convenience.

Yours sincerely



CR NAIM KURT
MAYOR

cc: The Hon. Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Local Government
Ms Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP, State Member for Broadmeadows
Mr Iwan Walters MP, State Member for Greenvale

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THE HON PAT CONROY MP
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND CAPABILITY DELIVERY
MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE PACIFIC

Ref No: MC25-000050

Mayor Naim Kurt
Hume City Council
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Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 August 2024 to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Richard Marles MP, regarding the Merlynston Creek Crossing Proposal. As the matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

I apologise for the delay in responding and appreciate your patience while the Department ensured that all requirements for divestment under the Commonwealth Property Disposal Policy and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* have been met. I am pleased to advise that on 5 December 2024, the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, approved the off-market sale of the portion of Maygar Barracks requested by the Hume City Council.

I expect the divestment to be completed in the first half of this year and can advise that my Department will contact your office in the near future to provide more definitive timeframes to assist with your planning, resource allocation and application for grant funding.

For further information, my point of contact is Mr Brodie Wootten, Assistant Secretary Estate Commercial Planning, who can be contacted on 02 5133 4290 or Brodie.wootten2@defence.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

PAT CONROY

23 JANUARY 2025

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Telephone: (02) 6277 7840

REPORT NO:	9.1
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/04 - Cr Karen Sherry - 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Annual Conference
SOURCE:	Holly De Kretser, Manager Governance
DIVISION:	Finance & Governance
FILE NO:	HCC24/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. BACKGROUND

The Australian Local Government Women's Association (Victoria) have held an annual conference at various council locations since 1964. All Victorian councillors and officers (including men) are invited to attend. One has never been held in Hume. It is proposed that a one-day event be held on a Saturday in September 2025. The conference would feature guest speakers and a dinner and be held at Town Hall Broadmeadows. The aim of the conference is to bring councillors together with a focus on issues important to women. Conference attendees would be charged an attendance fee with ALGWA receiving $50 per attendee with the host council retaining the rest of the set fee. The conference would be an ideal way to showcase our city to many councillors who haven't been here as well as further the reputation of Hume as a leading council. Submission of an expression of interest is non-binding and invites further dialogue with ALGWA (Vic) on the possibility of hosting this event.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

2.1 Submit an Expression of Interest to host the 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) annual conference.

2.2 Note this conference aligns with work under the Victorian Gender Equality Act 2020 by actively promoting and supporting diversity amongst leadership.

2.3 Note the delivery of this event would be subject to cost recovery through participant registration.

3. OFFICER COMMENTS

ALGWA is a reputable industry body and its work aligns with Council's own efforts to support diversity amongst senior leadership. Recent ALGWA conferences have been held in Victoria's south (2024 – Baw Baw Shire, 2023 – Mornington Peninsula Shire) and it would be a welcome opportunity to facilitate this event for easier access by Victorian's northern councils.

Work to support the delivery of an ALGWA conference is able to delivered within existing operational resources.

REPORT NO:	9.2
REPORT TITLE:	NOM24/05 - Cr Jim Overend - Main Street Craigieburn roundabout project.
SOURCE:	David Fricke, Manager Assets
DIVISION:	Infrastructure & Assets
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. Background Information:

Main Street at Craigieburn Central is a heavily used road which takes people from the north of the shopping centre, to the south with no roundabout at the south end to allow motorists to head back to the north end when trying to find parking. This adds to the traffic congestion which also leads to road rage and accidents.

What is currently happening, motorists are ignoring the no U turn sign and making dangerous maneuvers to get back around, narrowly missing vehicles trying to get out of the Big W car park. I have witnessed on many occasions road rage when the vehicle cannot get around because a vehicle, who is legally trying to exit the carpark, doesn't move.
I have had many residents contact me over my last term requesting a roundabout to get vehicles safely around like the northern end currently has.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:
The Main Street, Craigieburn roundabout project (Aldi Main street entry) be referred for consideration in the development of Councils four-year capital works program.

3. OFFICER COMMENTS

An estimate and Project Brief have been prepared for this project and the project can form part of the draft capital works program discussions for Councillors.

REPORT NO:	9.3
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/06 - Cr Sam Misho - Inclusion of Councillors who have raised advocay items, current and/or former to be invited to launches/opening events.
SOURCE:	Joel Kimber, Head of Government Relations & Advocacy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. Background information:

Local government plays a crucial role in advocating for community needs, driving infrastructure projects, and influencing state and federal policy decisions. However, the nature of council terms means that many long-term projects, advocacy efforts, and initiatives outlast the tenure of the Councillors who first proposed them. As a result, the recognition of those who have dedicated time, intellect, and effort to these initiatives often gets overlooked when the projects come to fruition.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. Hume City Council formally acknowledges the contributions of Councillors who have initiated projects or initiated advocacy through notices of motions by ensuring they receive formal invitation to participate in the launch or opening of events and projects.

2. That this acknowledgement applies to current and former Councillors, with invitations extended to past Councillors for work they initiate.

3. That, whilst serving on Council, Councillors are included on meetings with external parties related to items initiated through Notices of Motion.

3. OFFICER COMMENTS

Should this Notice of Motion be supported then all three recommendations will be implemented.

Efforts will be made to co-ordinate events and meetings based on the availability of all parties however the availability of the Mayor of the day and other external representatives will be prioritised.

REPORT NO:	9.4
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/07 - Cr Ally Watson - Trial of social media to provide direct engagement channels to share information about community centres and activities in Kalkallo and Mickleham.
SOURCE:	Sharni Carroll, Manager Strategic Communications & Advocacy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There are four community centres within my ward that are currently not being fully activated to their potential. These centres lack direct engagement channels with the local community, limiting their ability to share information about available programs, events, and services.

When the Kalkallo Community Centre first opened, the coordinator had to rely on residents, including myself, to share information through personal Facebook pages and community groups. While some events and services are promoted through the main Hume City Council Facebook page, coverage is limited and does not provide targeted outreach to local residents.

To improve engagement and ensure residents are well-informed about community centre activities, I propose exploring the establishment of dedicated Facebook pages for the centres. This could involve either a single page for all four centres or separate pages for the Kalkallo and Mickleham centres. A trial of this model with these centres could provide valuable insights for potential expansion across other community centres in Hume.

The purpose of this notice of motion is to ensure that newly constructed community centres incorporate sustainable, long-term engagement strategies, including dedicated social media channels, to improve communication with residents and utilisation of centres. This motion seeks to trial and evaluate dedicated digital engagement strategies in Kalkallo and Mickleham, with the potential for broader implementation across all community centres in Hume.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

1. **Acknowledges the importance of incorporating long-term community engagement strategies, including the creation and use of dedicated social media channels, in the activation plans of newly constructed community centres.**

2. **Considers a trial of dedicated social media channel/s for the four community centres in Kalkallo and Mickleham to enhance community engagement and improve communication with local residents.**

3. **Evaluates the trial of this approach to assess its effectiveness in enhancing community engagement and accessibility to information, with the potential for Council to expand similar digital engagement strategies to other new and existing community centres across Hume.**

REPORT NO: 9.4 (cont.)

3. OFFICER COMMENTS

Officers acknowledge the importance of long-term community engagement strategies and support the creation and use of dedicated social media channels to activate newly constructed community centres. Implementing such channels can significantly improve communication with residents, particularly in growth areas, increase engagement, and elevate the visibility of services and activities available at these centres.

Regarding the trial of social media channels for the four community centres in Kalkallo and Mickleham, officers fully support this initiative and will assist in implementing a dedicated Facebook page for these centres. This page will serve as a central hub for communication, updates, and community interaction across all four centres.

Officers will evaluate the effectiveness of this trial over a six-month period, specifically assessing how well the dedicated Facebook page fosters community engagement. At the end of the trial, a detailed report will be provided to Council, outlining the outcomes, challenges encountered, and any recommendations for expanding similar digital engagement strategies to other community centres within the municipality.

REPORT NO:	9.5
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/08 - Cr Kate Hamley - Victorian Road Safety Rules amendment request.
SOURCE:	Samuel Ferrier, Manager City Safety
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council writes to the relevant authority overseeing the Victorian Road Safety Rules (2017) and request an amendment to the rules to allow for residents to park light personal vehicles on the nature strip adjacent to their primary place of residence on local roads.

2. OFFICER COMMENTS

Officers acknowledge the intent of this proposed notice of motion and support drafting a letter for Council's consideration. Allowing residents to park light personal vehicles on the nature strip adjacent to their primary place of residence may provide flexibility for households with limited on-street parking options.

However, Council may wish to consider requesting specific conditions as part of recommended amendments to address potential unintended safety, nuisance, and operational impacts. These conditions could include:

- Vehicles being parked in the direction of travel to ensure visibility and maintain road safety;
- Vehicles not obstructing other road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, to preserve accessibility and flow;
- Vehicles not disrupting routine maintenance activities, such as mowing or utility works, which could be impacted by vehicles on the nature strip;
- Measures to prevent damage to vegetation and public assets; and
- Consideration of any potential impact on the amenity or enjoyment of surrounding residents.

Officers also wish to highlight that nature strip offences represent a considerable portion of all parking-related infringements notices issued by Council. In 2023-24, Council issued 8,916 infringement notices for nature strip offences, generating approximately $1.057 million in infringement revenue. As such, any future proposed amendment to nature strip parking laws would likely have considerable financial impact, which would need to be factored into future Council budgets and service arrangements.

Officers will draft a letter incorporating these considerations for Council's review and endorsement, accompanied by analysis of possible risks and impacts.

REPORT NO:	9.6
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/09 - Cr Carly Moore - Potential sites for a new scout facility in Craigieburn.
SOURCE:	Terry Jenvey, Manager Active Living Luke Maguire, Coordinator Sport and Recreation
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council directs officers to work with Scouts Victoria and Craigieburn Scouts to explore potential sites for a new scout facility.

2. OFFICER COMMENTS

Officers are currently developing the Hume Active Living Strategy and the Hume Sporting Lease and License Framework for presentation to Council in 2025.

This work aims to guide the planning, allocation, and management of community and sporting facilities across Hume to ensure equitable access and long-term sustainability.

An extensive community engagement program is being implemented and encompasses Scouts Victoria and Craigieburn Scouts consultation.

As part of this process, officers will assess potential sites for a new Craigieburn Scout facility, considering factors such as land availability, suitability, and alignment with Council's broader strategic objectives.

Additionally, officers will explore funding opportunities and potential partnerships to support the development of a scout facility, ensuring any proposal aligns with Council's long-term planning framework and community infrastructure priorities. A report will be provided to Council on the findings as part of the broader strategy development process.

Officers will continue to engage with Scouts Victoria, Craigieburn Scouts, and other relevant stakeholders as part of this process. A report on potential sites and feasibility will be presented to Council as part of the Active Living Strategy and Sporting Lease and Licence Framework development.

REPORT NO:	9.7
REPORT TITLE:	NOM25/10 - Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Hume City Council's War on Waste.
SOURCE:	Sharni Carroll, Manager Strategic Communications & Advocacy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC25/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. Background Information

Illegal dumping continues to be a major issue in Hume, costing Council over $5 million annually in collection and clean-up fees, with this figure constantly rising. Previous efforts to strengthen enforcement have been raised via Notice of Motion 24/23 to use CCTV footage to Name & Shame offencers publicly and Notice of Motion 24/07 on a dedicated hotline. Since that time, there has been at least three organic social media posts, and limited use of CCTV footage to name and shame offenders. Officer advice provided has been that the trial broader enforcement campaign has been successful in leading to increased reports via Snap Send Solve and direct reports to Council of rubbish dumping, but it is set to end in March 2025 and was disrupted by the municipal election period.

This motion seeks to permanently strengthen Council's deterrence efforts by ensuring CCTV footage, videos and pictures are actively and regularly used to expose offenders on an ongoing basis, highlighting successful enforcement actions, and seeking community assistance in identifying those responsible—similar to how Victoria Police uses its Hume Police Eyewatch pages to source information from the public. Officers have previously advised that in some cases CCTV footage has not been successful, due to operators using fake number plates to evade detection. Broader community engagement through social media channels could help in providing leads for prosecution where community members recognise faces or vehicles linked to illegal dumping.

The Notice of Motion also seeks a resolution of providing a hotline to "Dob in a Dumper", which has been raised previously, where residents can have a clear and accessible way to report illegal dumping, through the reservation of a specific number within the automated Council Customer Service Phone number. Through supporting this motion, Council's War on Waste can move beyond short-term initiatives and becomes a sustained, high-impact strategy to reduce illegal dumping and to show to our residents that those who knowingly break the law to dispose of rubbish illegally, will be named and shamed.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: As part of Hume's War on Waste, Council directs officers to enhance enforcement and deterrence efforts by:

1. **Actively and regularly promoting illegal dumping enforcement actions, including fines and prosecutions, through Council's media and social media channels.**
2. **Publishing photos and videos of offenders and businesses involved in dumping events where legally permissible, ensuring compliance with relevant privacy and legal requirements by blurring or removal of identifying features, if required.**

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3. **Promoting successful prosecutions of illegal dumping events through high-impact media channels to reinforce deterrence and demonstrate to the community at large the enforcement actions being undertaken by Council.**
4. **Actively use Council's media channels to share images of unidentified offenders or details of unresolved illegal dumping incidents, encouraging the public to provide information that may assist Council's investigations.**
5. **Continue with the trial communication campaign that reinforces zero tolerance for illegal dumping and highlight the consequences for offenders, on a permanent basis.**
6. **Revisiting the issue of "Dob in a Dumper" and implementing measures to strengthen community participation in reporting illegal dumping through the reservation of a specific number in Council's automated phone system for residents to easily report illegal dumping, under the name "Dob in a Dumper."**
7. **Providing a briefing and future report to Council if further implications arise from any of these measures.**

3. OFFICER COMMENTS

Officers support the intent of this Notice of Motion and will incorporate items 1–5 into future communications to enhance enforcement and deterrence efforts against illegal dumping. These initiatives align with Council's commitment to raising awareness, reinforcing accountability, and encouraging community participation in preventing illegal dumping.

Regarding item 6, Council currently provides a suite of accessible reporting options for residents to report illegal dumping, including online reporting, the Council's customer service phone line, and the Snap Send Solve app. While these channels already support efficient reporting, officers will undertake a review to determine whether a dedicated "Dob in a Dumper" line within Council's automated phone system would provide additional benefits or improvements.

Officers will also provide a briefing and future report to Council should any further implications arise from these measures.