



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024**

**7.00PM**

**HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE CRAIGIEBURN**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**It should be noted that these minutes are not in their final form until Council has formally resolved to confirm them.**

**These minutes will be presented to Council for confirmation on Monday, 25 March 2024.**



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the  
**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**  
held on Tuesday, 12 March 2024  
**at 7.00pm**  
at the Hume Global Learning Centre Craigieburn

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Joseph Haweil	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Jim Overend	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Carl Muller	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Mr Joel Kimber	Acting Manager Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	Senior Governance Officer

## **Proceedings to be Recorded**

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

## **Gallery Behaviour**

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

## **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.

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2. PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

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 Nilupa Jayawickrema, from the Australian Buddhist Temple - Craigieburn, on behalf of the HIN.

Nilupa Jayawickrema read the following prayer:

"At dawn as the sun rises from slumber, and when the sun sets at the dusk, in a silent prayer of sincere gratitude I pay homage to the most blessed one.

The sacred Lord Buddha, The great achiever of enlightenment, with each heartbeat and each intake of breath, as a faithful follower I walk ahead in the promising path you chose.

Like a guiding star. You showed us the way, to gain refuge from the continuous circle of life and death. May we be blessed with your compassionate love throughout the maze of life.

Honourable Councillors, officers and staff, For all you honest endeavours to serve the community, May you be adorned with Buddha's blessings. May the new financial year, be started with new aspirations, fresh hopes.

In the long course of duration, may your projects to upgrade the facilities, your planning and designing for improvements and the expected future constructions, be blessed.

To bring fruitful success and pleasant outcomes to the society. Working in unity and harmony may the Hume Council be blessed with the strength, capacity and potentiality to rise above the horizons to serve your fellow citizens bigger and better in near future. May the blessings of the sacred lord Buddha always be with you."

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore and Cr Chris Hollow were apologies for this meeting.

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.

Cr Jack Medcraft declared that he did not have a conflict of interest on item 9.1 *Amendment C249 - Hi Quality Bulla Spoil Processing Facility - Response to Minister for Planning*.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

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**CONGRATULATES THE HUME ISLAMIC COMMUNITY  
ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF RAMADAN**

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**That council notes the commencement of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and offers it's congratulations to members of Hume's community who follow the Islamic faith.**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL**

**7.1 Summary of Council Briefing Session - 5 February 2024 and 19 February 2024**

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

**That Council notes the Summary of Matters Discussed at the Council Briefing Session held on 5<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

**CARRIED**

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**PQ1101 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL RUSSO**

Council have recently released their Street Tree Planting Map for 2024 and have noticed a lot more gum trees are going to be planted along Melrose Drive & Broadmeadows Road in Tullamarine. Considering these are entry points/ main roads onto Tullamarine can council consider changing these trees to more appealing, exotic trees for example Pistacia chinensis?

**RESPONSE – ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

Pistacia chinensis does not tolerate waterlogging which is essential for a tree to succeed within the Hume City Council area. Pistacia chinensis also does not tolerate tree root pruning which is essential for any street tree in highly urbanised areas.

There is a selection of tree species chosen for Melrose Drive and Broadmeadows Road, some trees could be classified as gum trees, others are ornamental pears, bottle brush trees or Banksia trees depending on the available space.

Hume City Council is aiming to have a high diversity of street tree species within the city in order to future proof the tree population from large scale decline and death due to pest and disease incursion and/or our warming climate. Therefore, Council includes both native and non-native trees within our planting program. If a road is wide enough and the planting space is not under powerlines Council maximises future tree canopy by planting a larger tree rather than a small or medium sized tree (Urban Forest Principles 2020). Native street tree species attract more native birds and insects and provide corridors for our native birds to flow between conservation reserves.

The current program illustrated on the map is not changing the character of either street, but rather replacing similar trees with other trees of similar characteristics.

**PQ1102 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHAEL RUSSO**

Does council have any plans to upgrade the Fisher Gr Park in Tullamarine in the near future?

**RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES**

Council manages many parks and open spaces across Hume and regularly receives requests for improvements. Unfortunately, not all these requests can be addressed immediately.

Council's annual Playspace Replacement & Open Space Upgrade Program addresses the replacement of ageing playspaces. Priorities are reviewed annually and are determined based on age, an independent safety audit, maintenance reports and community feedback. Fisher Grove Reserve is not currently on the renewal program for the next few years.

Recent upgrades in Tullamarine include Churchill Ave Park (2023) and Dalkeith Ave Reserve (2021).

Planned renewals or upgrades will occur in the next few years at Derby Street Reserve, Tadstan Drive Reserve and Lackenheath Drive Reserve.

**PQ1103 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL**

Can Hume City Council provide total contributions made by developers within the Jacksons creek ward since 2015? (\$AUD)

**RESPONSE – ACTING DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & PLACES**

Council officers are compiling this information, and a detailed response will be provided at the next meeting.

**PQ1104 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL**

Can council provide a breakdown of what infrastructure these contributions made since 2015 have delivered for residents of Jacksons Creek Ward? (Include itemised list)

**RESPONSE – ACTING DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & PLACES**

Council officers are compiling this information, and a detailed response will be provided at the next meeting.

**PQ1105 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALAAM**

Background Information:

The plan for Aitken Boulevard extension in Mickleham includes a concrete Shared Use Path along it. Up near Donnybrook Road, a length of the road and path has been opened, another is under construction, but the section further down in the semi-rural area appears to have been delayed. Botanical Estate by Satterley "might" provide a walking and cycling route across Mt Ridley Road and up north through to the existing housing. 2. The recent Donnybrook Road/Mitchell St upgrade by State Government did not include any walking or cycling infrastructure despite (when the Cloverton Boulevard bridge across Merri Creek is

completed) this length of a few hundred metres being the "gap" in the walking and cycling network providing Mickleham residents access to Donnybrook Station.

Could Council please provide an update on any projects that improve walking and cycling access between Craigieburn and the residential areas of Mickleham around Donnybrook Road?

**RESPONSE – DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

Council officers are compiling this information, and a detailed response will be provided at the next meeting.

**PQ1106 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALAAM**

Could Council please provide an update on any projects that improve walking and cycling access between Mickleham and Kalkallo (including the Craigieburn North Employment Precinct area up to Donnybrook Road).

**RESPONSE – DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

Council officers are compiling this information, and a detailed response will be provided at the next meeting.

**PQ1107 PUBLIC QUESTION - MARION ATTWATER**

Can you please explain whether the performance indicator for Councillor attendance at meetings, G3, should count Councillors who are on an approved leave of absence (for any reason) as attending meetings during that time?

**RESPONSE – DIRECTOR CUSTOMER & STRATEGY**

The Local Government Planning and Reporting Framework (LGPRF) requires Councillors who are on an approved leave of absence to be counted as having attended a council meeting.

**PQ1108 PUBLIC QUESTION - MARION ATTWATER**

If a member of the public looks at the Governance Management Checklist reporting indicators in Schedule 1 of the Local Government Planning and Reporting Regulations, and sees item 16 & 20 for performance reports and performance indicators, then it seems that the LGPRF indicators should be presented to Council every 6 months. Yet the Council report at item 9.7 seems to say that these performance indicators are only required to be reported in the Annual Report.

Can you please explain why the Regulations are so confusing?

**RESPONSE – DIRECTOR CUSTOMER & STRATEGY**

Council is provided with a Council Plan report and Budget reports quarterly as noted in items 17 and 18 of the Governance Management Checklist and service LGPRF measures every 6 months.

The Council report refers to the formal reporting to Local Government Victoria of LGPRF data which occurs at the end of the financial year. The Governance and Management

Checklist as noted in Schedule 1 of the Local Government Planning and Reporting Regulations refer to performance reporting to Council, not to Local Government Victoria.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

The meeting resumed at 7:23 pm

**PQ1109 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL**

Does Hume City Councils Waste Service Charge comply with the Minister's Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges that came in to effect on 1 March 2024?

**RESPONSE – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

In relation to the question raised, it's important to note that Council's budget was set in June 2023, whilst the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines (the guidelines) were issued in December 2023, after Council had adopted the 2023/24 Budget.

Council fully complies with the Local Government Act, all Essential Services Commission (ESC) requirements, the relevant legislations and was fully transparent with all community engagement undertaken.

Council is currently working in cooperation with Local Government Peak bodies to evaluate how the guidelines may affect Hume. Subsequent to these assessments, any required actions will be identified and addressed.

It is also important to note that the guidelines are not legislated, but rather, serve as an expression of what the Minister deems to be good practice in applying Service Rates and Charges.

**PQ1110 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL**

Please list any charges and the amounts generated that are included in the Hume City Council Waste Service charge that have been determined by the Minister to be "not good in practice

**RESPONSE – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The ministerial guidelines outline examples of the types of costs that provide a general benefit to the whole municipality and should be funded by councils through revenue sources other than a Service Rate or Charge, these include:

- litter and waste collection from public spaces and the provision of public bins;
- street, footpath and drain cleaning;
- graffiti removal;
- municipal tree planting and maintenance;
- general and/or municipal environmental activities such as park maintenance,
- public education and advocacy.



Of the listed activities above, litter bin collection from public spaces and the provision of public bins, street sweeping and public education initiatives are covered by Council's waste charge.

## 9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting prior to the discussion on Item 9.1 <i>Amendment C249 - Hi Quality Bulla Spoil Processing Facility - Response to Minister for Planning</i> , the time being 7:28pm.	11

### **Amendment C249 - Hi Quality Bulla Spoil Processing Facility - Response to Minister for Planning**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm  
The meeting resumed at 7:46pm

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm and declared he did not have a conflict of interest on item 9.1 *Amendment C249 - Hi Quality Bulla Spoil Processing Facility - Response to Minister for Planning*.

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

**That Council defer this item for consideration at the next ordinary meeting of Hume City Council.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	<b>Response to Notice of Motion 24/07</b>	39

**Moved** Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**2.1 That Council notes the costings included in the report and adopt items a, b, c and d of NOM 24/07 as listed below:**

- a) **Complete a Municipality wide mailout of an A5 Waste Information Card with a magnet back that can be stuck to residents' fridges or other suitable locations within their home to inform residents and businesses specifically stating their options to dispose of waste and reduce dumped rubbish.**
- b) **To have a barcode on the A5 to direct rate payers to the council website for more information and also to arrange for a collection or pick up.**
- c) **providing a hotline number on the same A5 to report failures to satisfy the promises made by council or the respective contractor. A telephone line, rather than an online chat or form, to ensure that all members of the community can express their concerns promptly and are able to speak to a human**

rather than a machine. This approach is not to appointing blame but to ensure adequate supervision and flexibility in improving our services

- d) Investigate options to utilise a variety of media channels e.g. print, multicultural radio communication and online to inform the community and ensure a focus on multicultural communications are taken in support of point A.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm

**CARRIED**

Councillor Trevor Dance left the meeting after the vote on item 9.2  
*Response to Notice of Motion 24/07*, the time being 8:11pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:13pm

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.3	Residential Nature Strip Policy	45

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

- 2.1 That Council adopt the Residential Nature Strip Policy 2024 (Attachment 1).

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.4	Stormwater Offsets Scheme: Summary of Community Consultation	55

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

- 2.1 That Council endorses the stormwater offsets scheme outlined in this report and attached guidelines. This scheme will commence once Council endorsement is received.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.5	Proposed Council Meeting Schedule 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	75

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

- 2.1 THAT Council:  
2.1.1 adopts the following Council meeting schedule for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Monday 8 July 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 22 July 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 12 August 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 26 August 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 9 September 2024	Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn
Monday, 23 September 2024	Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury
Monday, 14 October 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Wednesday, 20 November 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre - Broadmeadows (Statutory Meeting)
Monday, 9 December 2024	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 10 February 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 24 February 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
<i>Tuesday, 11 March 2025</i>	Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn
Monday, 24 March 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 14 April 2025	Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury
Monday, 28 April 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 12 May 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
Monday, 26 May 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
<i>Tuesday, 10 June 2025</i>	Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn
Monday, 23 June 2025	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows

- 2.1.2 Notes that other meeting dates may be added, subject to the future schedule of Council business.

CARRIED

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9.6	Historical Street Name Signs - Proposed Locations and Text	79

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

- 2.1 That Council approves placing on public exhibition the streets and suggested text for historical street signs, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report, to give community members the opportunity to provide feedback on, or object to, the location and information proposed for each historical sign.
- 2.2 That Council notes that if this period of public exhibition is approved, a report will providing any feedback received will be presented to Council following the conclusion of the exhibition period.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.7	Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Six Monthly Report 2023/24	91

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That the Council notes the 2022/23 financial year LGPRF results across Council type (Attachment One), the last nine financial years comparative graphs (Attachment Two) and the 2022/23 LGPRF data (Attachment Three) provided for the six months to 31 December 2023.

CARRIED

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9.8	Election Caretaker Period Policy 2024	123

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 adopts the Election Caretaker Period Policy 2024 (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 replaces the Election Caretaker Period Policy 2020 with the Election Caretaker Period Policy 2024 in Council's Governance Rules.

- 2.3 notes that training will occur with Councillors from June 2024 to provide further information on the policy.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.9	Monthly Capital Works Update	135

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

- 2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	NOM24/08 - Cr Joseph Haweil	137

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussion on *NOM24/08*, the time being 8:45pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussion on *NOM24/08*, the time being 8:48pm.

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council notes:

1. During its 2020-2024 term, Hume City Council has paid approximately \$48 million in Waste Levy fees to the Victorian State Government.
2. The Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy Trust now contains \$456.8 million (page 147, 2023-24 Service Delivery Budget Paper No 3 refers) in funds and continues to be severely underutilised as a means to fund and support Councils to manage landfills and waste more broadly.
3. Most recently Council has been required to pay a further \$6.8 million in levy costs to import fill to the Sunbury Landfill to act as intermediate cover for the site and assist with the first stages of site remediation.
4. While there is an exemption to the Levy for fill imported for a final cap, there is no such exemption for daily or intermediate cover.

And writes to the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP, Minister for the Environment and Mr Josh Bull MP, State Member for Sunbury:

1. Expressing Council's view that the \$456.8 million in funding in the 'Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy Trust' should be more actively utilised to support Councils to manage landfills, reduce dumped rubbish and to implement the Recycling Victoria Policy.
2. Seeking the granting of an exemption to Hume City Council in relation to the payment of \$6.8 million in Waste

Levy fees relating to the import of fill to the Sunbury Landfill to act as intermediate cover for the site and assist with the first stages of site remediation.

3. Requesting an explanation of the rationale for the application of the Levy to fill imported to a landfill that serves as 'daily cover' and 'intermediate cover' given this is utilised to manage the site and is not municipal or industrial waste.
4. Advocating for an amendment to the Waste Levy guidelines to establish an exemption to be applied to the existing requirements highlighted in point 3 above.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.2	NOM24/09 - Cr Joseph Haweil	139

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**Background Information:**

For nearly 60 years, Melbourne Youth Orchestras (MYO) has been Victoria's leading provider of ensemble music education for young people aged 8 to 25 years of age.

The program is open to students across Victoria and has provided performance and training opportunities for Hume musicians, including most recently students at Hume Central Secondary College.

In addition to this, for the past 14 years, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has run a separate, complementary program of music tuition specifically for young people in Hume called the Pizzicato Effect.

This program has provided music tuition free-of-charge for approximately 60 Hume students each year.

In 2023, the State Government funding allocated to both of these programs was removed. The Melbourne Youth Orchestra's \$200,000 grant was discontinued, and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra discontinued funding to the Pizzicato Effect entirely.

It is recognised that the MSO have established a new program in place of the Pizzicato Effect, called 'Jams in Schools'. This program seeks to reach more students across Victoria, engaging them in interactive performance sessions, however it will no longer offer dedicated music tuition programs, leaving a significant gap in creative pathways for young people in Hume. A group of community volunteers and parents are working to continue some version of the Pizzicato Effect in Hume; however they have no public funding confirmed at this stage. The impact of losing funding for dedicated youth orchestras, and dedicated tuition programs such as the Pizzicato Effect, means that

young musicians in Hume lose access to important pathways to further their education and pursue creative development.

**THAT Council notes:**

- a. In its Creative Community Strategy 2020-2025 Hume City Council aspires to be a natural home for creative practitioners, and to support pathways to careers in the arts, particularly for people who face barriers to participation.
  - b. The classical music programs, previously funded by the State Government, have provided essential pathways for aspiring musicians from Hume, especially those from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds.
  - c. The Victorian Government's decision in December to discontinue \$200,000 in funding for Melbourne Youth Orchestras limits both the opportunity for young people to participate in targeted musical education, it also limits pathways for disadvantaged young people to pursue careers in music and performance.
  - d. Likewise, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's decision to defund the Pizzicato Effect will impact negatively on local creative development and opportunity.
  - e. Without publicly-funded classical music programs, like Melbourne Youth Orchestras and Pizzicato Effect, aspiring musicians from Hume whose families are not in a position to pay for private tuition face greater challenges in pursuing their musical education.
2. Directs officers to write to the write to the Minister for the Creative Industries, the State Members for Broadmeadows, Greenvale, Kalkallo and Sunbury and the CEO of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra to:
    - a. highlight the importance of both programs for Hume community.
    - b. call on the Victorian Government to reinstate the \$200,000 of funding recently removed from Melbourne Youth Orchestras.
    - c. advocate for funding and support for the Pizzicato Effect to be reinstated in Hume given its immense proven benefit to Hume, and Broadmeadows students in particular.

**CARRIED**

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10.3	NOM24/10 - Cr Jim Overend	141

**Moved** Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

**THAT Council:**

1. Notes its ongoing concern and frustration at the continued proliferation of industrial volumes of dumped rubbish at

the Mt Ridley Road water filling station (opposite Highview Place, Craigieburn).

2. **Recalls the numerous occasions it has written to relevant authorities requesting the area be cleaned and permanently fenced off (most recent correspondence in June 2023 from former Mayor Hweil).**
3. **Writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety and relevant officials in the Department of Transport and Planning to stress again the need to urgently implement a permanent solution to address this issue.**

**CARRIED**

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<b>10.4</b>	<b>NOM24/11 - Cr Sam Misho</b>	<b>143</b>

The Chief Executive Officer read a public comment received from Mr Kevin Balaam to the gallery.

**Moved** Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Australia is currently facing high inflation which is making it hard for our community and everyday Australian families to make ends meet.

The fuel excise is a flat sales tax levied by the Australian Federal Government on petrol and diesel and from 5 February 2024 the rate has increased from 48.8 cents per litre to 49.6 cents per litre for every litre of fuel purchased.

While 0.8 cents is by no means a dramatic rise, the latest increase will mean close to \$40 in total excise costs per tank for a large SUV with an 80-litre fuel tank.

Australian motorists will pay \$67.6 billion over the next four years (2023-24 to 2026-27), as forecasted in the October 2023 Federal budget. For a typical household, this year's fuel excise bill will be over \$1,000. For Hume City Council, it is estimated that we pay approximately \$500k per annum in fuel excise to support our fleet of vehicles to provide essential services such as rubbish collection.

In 2022 the coalition government temporarily halved the fuel excise, providing a 24.2 cent per litre (GST inclusive) cut to petrol over a period of six months as part of their pre-election cost of living package. We call on the Australian Government to reduce the excise to better support our community.

**That Council writes to the Australian Federal Government seeking a 50% reduction in the fuel excise tax.**

**CARRIED**

## 11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL



**MINUTES**

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**12. URGENT BUSINESS**

NIL

**13. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cr Karen Sherry advised the gallery that Cr Naim Kurt was appointed to the Victorian Government's Mayoral Advisory Panel. Cr Joseph Haweil also congratulated Cr Naim Kurt on his appointment to this panel.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:34pm.