

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Council Meeting

Monday, 13 July 2026 at 7:00pm

**Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre
Broadmeadows**

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COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 13 July 2026

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at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr. Ally Watson Cr. Jarrod Bell Cr. Steve Gagen Cr. John Haddad Cr. Naim Kurt Cr. Sam Misho Cr. Jim Overend Cr. Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Kristen Cherry Ms Ruth Robles-McColl Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood Mr Matthew Irving Mr Fadi Srour Ms Holly De Kretser Ms Jane Zahra	Chief Executive Officer Director City Services & Living Acting Director Planning, Places & Delivery Director People, Customer & Communication Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability Director Organisational Performance Manager Governance Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Deputy 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 Deputy 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

The Deputy Mayor read the following:

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 ancestors have been Owners for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes existing family members of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Owners of this land. Hume City Council would like to pay respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung. Hume City Council would like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

The Deputy 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 by Bhai Varinder Jit Singh of the Sri Guru Singh Sabha, on behalf of the HIN.

The Faith Leader read the prayer.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore, Cr Daniel English and Cr Kate Hamley were apologies for the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Deputy Mayor read the following:

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 Jim Overend declared his candidacy in the upcoming State Government Elections.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**CGM154****CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - JIN WOODMAN**

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

That Council through the Mayor write to congratulate Sunbury resident Jin Woodman on reaching his second successful grand slam final with his tennis partner in the Quad Wheelchair Doubles final in Wimbledon.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 June 2026.

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 June 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1433 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHELLE FORDE**

I want to know the fair share in the budget you are advertising of ratepayers money. In Sunbury many of us struggling and I want to know from this budget for next year how much is each suburb getting in dollar amount from the project budget with the percentage shown of the total spend.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGY

The capital expenditure contained in the table below is a snapshot in time and reflects the nature of Council's capital works program, which changes from year to year and often includes projects that benefit the whole city, not just one suburb.

Suburb	26-27 Budget	% of Total Budget
B/MEADOW	6,785,857	4.6%
BULLA	212,225	0.1%
C/BURN	10,133,594	6.9%
C/FIELD	4,576,431	3.1%
COOLAROO	622,589	0.4%
DALLAS	308,175	0.2%
FAWKNER	281,170	0.2%
GLADS/PA	5,176,443	3.5%
GREENVAL	5,386,794	3.7%
JACANA	213,188	0.1%
KALKALLO	6,577,729	4.5%
M/HEIGHT	971,985	0.7%
MICK/HAM	1,728,187	1.2%
OAKLANDS	-	0.0%
ROX/PARK	260,000	0.2%
SOMERTON	57,260	0.0%
SUNBURY	18,583,176	12.7%
TULLA	54,866	0.0%
W/MEADOW	3,369,707	2.3%
WILDWOOD	56,243	0.0%
YUROKE	4,986,712	3.4%
CITYWIDE	76,222,208	52.0%
Total	146,564,539	100%

When Council develops the Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan, funding isn't divided by suburb or ward. Instead, we base our decisions on a range of important factors, such as:

- The priorities set out in the Council Plan
- What we've heard from the community
- Service needs and future planning
- The condition and safety of infrastructure
- Growth and development plans (e.g., developer contributions)
- Council's adopted strategies, like the Sports and Recreation Strategy or Open Space Strategy
- Legal and compliance requirements
- The need to keep Council financially sustainable for the long term

This balanced and responsible approach means we invest where it's needed most — based on evidence and community need—not just to make sure every suburb gets the same

amount. It helps us manage our resources wisely and avoid putting future budgets under strain.

The capital works program isn't designed to give each suburb an equal share, but rather to respond to local needs and priorities across the whole city. Many of our capital works — like road and footpath renewals or upgrades to open spaces — are city-wide programs that benefit all residents, not just one area.

PQ1434 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHELLE FORDE

You showed the budget to us last year from this year and with my question you answered me and said how much each suburb will get. Now I ask the same question. Now the year has passed how much of your building program and projects was spent in each suburb as dollars and percentage. Did we actually get our fair share thanks as you said we would?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND STRATEGY

The table below shows actual year-to-date capital expenditure by suburb as at 30 June 2026, for the 2025/26 Financial Year. It excludes operating expenditure associated with Council's day-to-day service delivery.

Please note that greater than 50% of the total year-to-date capital spend relates to city-wide annual asset renewal programs, including works on roads, footpaths, drainage and playspaces. As a result, the actual investment benefiting each suburb is likely to be higher than the amounts listed, as city-wide programs are not fully allocated by location.

Please note that the expenditure shown reflects the current year to date spend of each project and will change as project invoices are processed as part of the year-end process.

Suburb	Actual Expenditure as at 30-Jun-26	% of Suburb Budget Expended
B/MEADOW	292,505	4.0%
BULLA	41,828	28.5%
C/BURN	6,772,190	38.8%
C/FIELD	1,165,835	35.0%
COOLAROO	25,928	1.4%
DALLAS	390,885	54.5%
FAWKNER	-	0.0%
GLADS/PA	193,723	24.2%
GREENVAL	1,640,471	26.2%
JACANA	40,302	2.2%
KALKALLO	166,999	3.4%
M/HEIGHT	283,317	118.8%
MICK/HAM	347,230	43.5%
OAKLANDS	391,847	438.9%
ROX/PARK	1,006,182	72.2%
SOMERTON	12,740	36.4%
SUNBURY	12,154,384	50.1%
TULLA	6,176	1.1%
W/MEADOW	909,785	16.3%
WILDWOOD	-	0.0%
YUROKE	34,990	59.7%
CITYWIDE	48,706,453	69.0%
Total	74,583,769	

PQ1435 PUBLIC QUESTION – STEVE HART

The Victorian Government is currently consulting on Planning Scheme Amendment C283hume, which proposes rezoning approximately 11 hectares of publicly owned open space at Jacksons Hill from Public Use Zone to Mixed Use Zone. This would open the door for the land to be developed for housing etc.

Regardless of the outcome of that rezoning process, will Hume City Council publicly commit to opposing any future residential or mixed-use development of this land and advocate for it to be retained as public open space for the benefit of the Sunbury community and If Council is not prepared to make that commitment, could you please explain why?

RESPONSE: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING, PLACES AND DELIVERY

Thank you for your question.

Report 8.1 on tonight's agenda addresses the rezone proposal. Council proposes the Amendment should give greater statutory weight to the Jacksons Hil Master Plan completed in 2018.

The Master Plan includes guidance on a number of outcomes that have been supported by the Sunbury community through previous consultation.

PQ1436 PUBLIC QUESTION – NICK TRIPKOS

My question is in relation to mowing of grass on Aitken Blvd in Mickleham-Craigieburn between Mt Ridley Rd and the high voltage power lines and the walkway between Heritage Wy and Ibis Ct from Aitken Blvd. It's only been cut once and never again. The Area is very unsightly and overgrown by tall grass, weeds and litter. Can this be addressed?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR ASSETS, OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Thank you for the question. The Aitken Boulevard extension was constructed by the developer, MAB, and was completed in 2025.

Maintenance responsibility for the vegetation within this area is in progress for handover to Council from MAB. Council officers are liaising with MAB on this matter to facilitate resolution of the amenity and maintenance issues as soon as possible.

PQ1437 PUBLIC QUESTION – JACK HIM

My question is regarding installation of reverse vending machines (RVMS) apart of the Victorian government container deposit scheme. Previously spoken to Cleanaway/Tomra they have advised me to get in contact with council as council needs to assess the locations of new RVMS points. I would like to see if they can be installed at the following locations,

Kallo Town Centre
44 Toyon Rd, Kalkallo
and at
Merrifield City
270 Donnybrook Rd, Mickleham

Looking forward to council's discussion.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR ASSETS, OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Thank you for your question and interest in the Container Deposit Scheme.

In late May 2026, Officers made contact with Tomra/Cleanaway, who are the CDS Network operator for Hume, to encourage expansion of CDS locations in the north of our municipality. In their response, Tomra indicated they are actively looking to expand RVM

locations in this area and are actively attempting to engage with the property managers in this area.

Usually, Council only needs to assess the locations if they are proposed to be located on Council land, or if there are queries around planning requirements. Both the locations you have highlighted are privately owned and if Tomra/Cleanaway deem them suitable locations they will accordingly liaise with these private land owners. Council will continue to advocate for the expansion of this scheme across Hume.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Proposed Amendment C283 - Jacksons Hill Sunbury Rezoning - Submission to the Minister for Planning	7
	Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry	
	That Council:	
	2.1 Notes the reasons for seeking changes to Amendment C283hume as outlined in this report.	
	2.2 Endorses and forwards the letter at Attachment 1 to the Minister for Planning, via the Department of Transport and Planning, which:	
	i) outlines the concerns identified with the proposed Amendment; and	
	ii) requests changes to be made to address these concerns.	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Adoption of Service Catalogue	99
	Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell	
	That Council adopts the Service Catalogue provided at Attachment 1.	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Awarding of Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) Grants 2026-28	103

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 Awards 59 Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) grants with a total value of \$415,549.36 (Attachment 2).**
- 2.2 Supports the redirection of funding proposed for a consultant-led fauna monitoring program to enable greater funding support for increased CoRE grant participation.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	2026 Youth Opportunity Scholarship	123

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

That Council:

- 2.1 Awards a \$1,000 Youth Opportunity Scholarship to twenty-seven Year 10 students, recognising their continued effort and progression in their studies in 2026.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Dogs in Open Spaces - Draft for Consultation	127

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

- 2.1 That Councillors endorse the Draft Dogs in Open Space Plan to be released for public exhibition and community feedback for the period Wednesday 22 July to Sunday 23 August 2026.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026	180

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the proposed changes to the Local Government Act 2020 through the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stronger Communities) Bill 2026.**
- 2.2 Endorses the Mayor and Council officers to undertake engagement with all sides of the Victorian Parliament to provide Council feedback on the Bill.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Proposed Council Meeting Schedule February to December 2027	185

Moved Cr Jim Overend, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell

THAT Council:

- 2.1 Adopts the Council meeting schedule for the period 8 February 2027 to 20 December 2027, as per the dates listed in Table 1 below;
- 2.2 Designates that all Council meetings listed in Table 1 below are held wholly in person and will commence at 7:00pm, with the exception of the Statutory Meeting on Wednesday 3 November 2027 which will commence at 6:30pm.

TABLE 1 MEETING SCHEDULE 8 FEBRUARY 2027 TO 20 DECEMBER 2027	
DATE	VENUE
Monday, 8 February 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 22 February 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Tuesday, 9 March 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 22 March 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 12 April 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 26 April 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 10 May 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 24 May 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Tuesday, 15 June 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 28 June 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 12 July 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 26 July 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 9 August 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 23 August 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)

Monday, 13 September 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 27 September 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 11 October 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 25 October 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Wednesday, 3 November 2027	Statutory Meeting Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 15 November 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 29 November 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 13 December 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)
Monday, 20 December 2027	Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows (meeting Wholly in Person)

CARRIED

Councillor John Haddad left the meeting during item 8.7 Proposed Council Meeting Schedule February to December 2027 and did not vote, the time being 8:05pm.

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8.8	Procurement Policy Exemption - Contract Extension for Provision of Animal Shelter Services	189

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Approves a procurement exemption to enable the continued engagement of The Lost Dogs' Home to provide animal shelter services for a further 12-month period, from 14 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, based on their submitted fee structure.**
- 2.1.2 Delegates the Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability to finalise and execute a Service Agreement with the Lost Dogs Home for the provision of animal shelter and pound services for the period 14 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.**
- 2.1.3 Notes the significant escalation in animal shelter service fees, the immediate strategies that will be pursued over the 12-month period to reduce animal intake volumes and associated costs, and**

the ongoing work to support long-term sustainable delivery of these services.

Councillor John Haddad returned to the meeting during item Procurement Policy Exemption - Contract Extension for Provision of Animal Shelter Services, the time being 8:08pm.

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during item Procurement Policy Exemption - Contract Extension for Provision of Animal Shelter Services, the time being 8:13pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during item Procurement Policy Exemption - Contract Extension for Provision of Animal Shelter Services, the time being 8:18pm.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM26/20 - Cr Kate Hamley - Sunbury Viaduct Trail	195

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

- 2.1 Engages with VicTrack, Salesian College and DEECA to explore opportunities to deliver the Viaduct Trail, seeking preliminary agreement to collaborate or work in partnership to develop the project.
- 2.2 Negotiates key terms for land access to ensure that risks are mitigated and a positive outcome can be achieved for all parties.
- 2.3 Subject to preliminary discussions being successful, seek funding in the 2027/28 budget to undertake a Feasibility Study and Desktop Assessment that includes:
 - 2.3.1 Likely investigations, assessments and permits required
 - 2.3.2 Estimated timeframe to plan and construct all related infrastructure
 - 2.3.3 Estimated costs to plan and construct the trail
 - 2.3.4 Grant or funding streams that may be accessed for delivery

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	NOM26/21 - Cr John Haddad - Memorilisation for Muna Yazdin	197

Moved Cr John Haddad, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council:

- 2.1 Recognises the exceptional service and lasting contribution of the late Muna Yazdin to Hume City Council and the wider multicultural community across Hume.**
- 2.2 Requests officers to investigate and report on options to appropriately memorialise Muna Yazdin, either via Council's Memorialisation Policy, or through an award, community program, or any other suitable form of recognition.**

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Karen Sherry, Cr Steve Gagen, Cr Naim Kurt and Cr Ally Watson provided an update on their attendance at the ALGA National General Assembly Conference held 23-25 June 2026 in Canberra.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:54pm.