



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00PM

HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE CRAIGIEBURN

CONFIRMED 27 November 2023

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 13 November 2023
at 7.00pm
at the Hume Global Learning Centre Craigieburn

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Trevor Dance Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Sam Misho Cr Carly Moore Cr Jim Overend	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Mr Hector Gaston Mr Adam McSwain Ms Sasha Lord Ms Claire Tehan Mr Fadi Srour Mr Joel Kimber Ms Jane Mikaele	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Acting Director Customer & Strategy Acting Chief People Officer Chief Financial Officer Acting Governance Manager Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio 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.

MINUTES

2. PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

“Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Hume City.”

Amen

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Hollow was an apology 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.

Nil

5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES

**CGM40 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – SUNBURY SUB
BRANCH OF THE RSL REMEMBERENCE DAY**

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

That Council acknowledge and thank the Sunbury Sub Branch of the RSL and acknowledge their service in commemorating Remembrance Day over the weekend and thank them for putting on a fantastic service for the community.

CARRIED

CNM386 CONDOLENCE MOTION – NIGEL ELLIOT

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

Cr Jack Medcraft advised of the passing of Nigel Elliot of Sunbury.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23 October 2023, Confidential Council Meeting of 23 October 2023 and the Special Council Meeting of 1 November 2023, be confirmed.

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23 October 2023, Confidential Council Meeting of 23 October 2023 and the Special Council Meeting of 1 November 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1045 PUBLIC QUESTION - CAROLINE ASPINALL**

Do you think that more rubbish bins around the (Highlands Craigieburn) lake would help prevent the amount of rubbish? People probably dump their rubbish due to the lake being full of trash anyway.

Response: Director Infrastructure and Assets

Littering is a complex behaviour and is not necessarily linked to the presence of bins or other infrastructure.

In October 2023, Council had a new Waste Response Team commence, who, in addition to our existing City Amenity Team, will seek to reduce instances of illegal dumping by conducting proactive inspections in known illegal dumping hot spot areas and educating residents on how to book a hard waste service and correctly place items out for collection. Together with our two newly appointed Resource Recovery Education Officers, these new resources will increase our ability to undertake education and enforcement action, and increase awareness and uptake of Council's waste services, all with the aim of reducing the amount of illegally dumped waste and litter found across Hume.

Community members can assist us in our work, by reporting litter and illegal dumping, through a mobile app called Snap Send Solve. The app makes reporting local issues easier and will enable our teams to respond accordingly.

There are approximately seven bins located around the lake and these bins are emptied three times per week. Officers will arrange a litter audit of this site to ascertain if the current service levels and infrastructure is sufficient.

PQ1046 PUBLIC QUESTION - CAROLINE ASPINALL

Can CCTV cameras be installed right around the lake to help prevent the criminal activity that is happening overnight, such as graffiti, drug use, dirt bikes being driven at all times of the day and night, animal cruelty- dead birds etc?

Response: Director Infrastructure and Assets

While Council acknowledges the potential of CCTV to capture and deter antisocial and criminal activities, the installation, monitoring and maintenance of a comprehensive system encompassing the whole lake area would incur prohibitive costs.

It should also be highlighted that issues pertaining to drug use, illegal dirt bike riding and animal cruelty fall beyond the jurisdiction of Council enforcement powers.

Reports of drug use and illegal dirt bike riding should be referred to Victoria Police for appropriate consideration and response.

For wildlife cruelty complaints, the recommended channels are the RSPCA or Agriculture Victoria.

Concerns regarding graffiti should continue to be reported to Council. Council is committed to promptly removing graffiti from Council assets and community property as soon as possible, upon notification.

PQ1047 PUBLIC QUESTION - BIANCA TILLI

I have submitted over 15 requests for the removal of illegally dumped rubbish around Broadmeadows in the past year. I recently came across the Hume City Council Annual Report 2022-2023, which mentioned the clearance of 19,243 rubbish items. Additionally, I noted the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy's proposal via Hume city council annual report that speaks to introducing a three-bin system. While this is commendable, could you please explain how the implementation of the three-bin system is expected to reduce the occurrence of larger items being illegally dumped on nature strips? I am keen to understand the council's proactive measures to address this persistent issue that is reoccurring

Response: Director Infrastructure and Assets

Thank you for submitting the requests for removal of illegally dumped waste. Reports from community members are important in bringing these incidences to our attention and enables us to respond.

In 2020, the Victorian Government released Recycling Victoria, a ten-year policy and action plan to reform waste management and resource recovery. Councils three bin system will support residents to manage waste and meet the legislated requirements of the Recycling Victoria Policy. It is unlikely to significantly impact the occurrence of illegally dumped waste.

Both Council and Officers are committed to raising awareness and education within the community to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping. To support this, our Waste Response Team commenced in October and are operational in twelve suburbs. This team seeks to reduce instances of illegal dumping in residential areas by:

- actively engaging with households with hard waste on their nature strip
- helping residents book hard waste collections; and
- educating households on the variety of ways they can responsibly dispose of bulky items for no charge.

Council have also launched a Keep Hume Clean education and awareness campaign and this will further increase in 2024 to compliment the activities carried out by the Waste Response Team.

In addition, we have appointed two new Resource Recovery Education Officers, who will provide education to the community on a variety of topics, including correct bin use and responsible waste disposal, such as utilising Council's existing hard waste and tip voucher services

PQ1048 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS

Ford in the US this month advised they are selling each Electric Vehicle at a \$30 000 loss each and have now shelved \$12 billion dollars of investment for building E/V's. This is due to the continual poor resale values of vehicles, expensive battery replacements, sudden ignition of batteries and dropping sales worldwide. Should the Northern Council Alliance's "Community Electric Vehicle Transition Plan: Part A" be seriously looked at due to falling demand for electric vehicles and drastically downgraded or defunded in the interest of ratepayers?

Response: Director Infrastructure and Assets

Councils adopted Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 includes an action to 'transition to electric vehicles (EVs) for fleet and passenger vehicles and light commercial vehicles at the end of their replacement cycle'. This action is to be funded from within the program budget. As such, Officers will continue to monitor the price and cost benefit of transitioning to electric vehicles and bring further reports to Council as required to ensure suitable community benefit is maintained.

PQ1049 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS

Electric Vehicles or any rechargeable battery products have a fire risk and are a large contributor to falling sales. Whilst fires caused by batteries are not common, they can cause immeasurable damage. Fires can burn for up to 3 days and dangerous chemicals are emitted into the atmosphere.

Northern Council Alliance's "Community Electric Vehicle Transition Plan: Part A" does not mention this as a risk (as far as I can ascertain) and I would have thought it should be listed under Section 9.6.4, Risks Liabilities, Vandalism and Enforcement.

What is the Council's and/or Alliance's risk assessment and hazard policy should an E/V catch fire at a proposed Council facility?

Response: Director Infrastructure and Assets

Council ensure that all Electric Vehicles purchased are approved under all relevant Australian legislation, regulations and requirements. As Electric Vehicles are purchased Council will continue to complete risk assessments, review relevant safety guidelines and ensure that any identified hazards are suitably mitigated. If an incident were to occur this would be reviewed and changes made as appropriate

PQ1050 PUBLIC QUESTION - KERYN WELLS

How much money did HCC spend on the failed YES to Voice campaign? and How much money did the HCC spend on the NO to Voice campaign?

Response: Acting Director Customer and Strategy

Council maintained a neutral stance and did not allocate funds towards advocating any position in the recent referendum. Our involvement was strictly informational and facilitative. This included distributing non-partisan information about the referendum in libraries and on social media, and leasing the G floor of the Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for use as an early voting point. Our commitment was to inform and support the community's participation in the democratic process, without influencing their choices.

PQ1051 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALLAM

When deciding on approving applications for planning, building, events, etc, what emphasis does Council place on the proposal minimising disruption to users of adjoining public land, facilities and infrastructure?

Response: Director City Planning and Places

All planning permit applications must be assessed for their performance against the relevant standards, objectives and requirements of the Hume Planning Scheme and the relevant acts and regulations. This often involves assessing impacts on at times competing objectives and the planning officer coming to a reasoned conclusion and decision based on that assessment. The impact of a proposal on current and future residents and adjoining public land and infrastructure is always a relevant consideration. Conditions will often be added to any planning permits issued to mitigate impact on surrounding properties, public land or infrastructure.

PQ1052 PUBLIC QUESTION - KEVIN BALLAM

What action does Council take when construction and building activities take up public space (eg paths) creating a hindrance to people who would be users of that space?

Response: Director City Planning and Places

Work in the road reserve is managed in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004, and under this there is also a Code of Practice for Worksite Safety – Traffic Management. Where the construction activity is road-related, Traffic Management Plans are required to consider access and safety for all road users. Where closure of a section of road reserve is required for

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the road reserve. This permit requires the submission of Traffic Management Plans for both vehicles and pedestrian. All occupations are monitored and where necessary followup compliance is implemented. This aims to deter unnecessary occupation of the road reserve while ensuring safety for road users.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Making of Order under Section 26 of the Domestic Animal Act 1994	5

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 **make an order under Section 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (as attached)**
- 2.2 **publish the order in the Victorian Government Gazette**
- 2.3 **publish the order in a newspaper circulating in the Hume City municipal district.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Emu Bottom Wetlands Draft Master Plan Report	13

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

That the draft Emu Bottom Wetlands Master Plan be approved for exhibition, and subject to feedback Council receives a further report to consider endorsement of the final Plan.

CARRIED

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8.3	Marram Baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands Future Directions Plan	33

Moved Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorses the Marram Baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands – Future Directions Plan.**
- 2.2 **Advise the Parklands Partnership Group of endorsement of the Plan, and request ongoing implementation commitment from the Suburban Parks Program.**
- 2.3 **Embed actions of the Plan in the upcoming review of the Open Space Strategy, Transport Strategy, Land & Biodiversity Plan and planning scheme overlays.**

CARRIED

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8.4	Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 - Final adoption	123

Moved Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 *Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 - Final adoption*, the time being 7:59pm.

That Council adopts the *Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023 – 2030* and accompanying *Action Plan 2024-2025*.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 *Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 - Final adoption*, the time being 8:01pm.

CARRIED

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8.5	2024 Hume Arts Grants Program	251

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

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during item 8.5 *2024 Hume Arts Grants Program*, the time being 8:01pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorses the Hume Arts Grants Program 2024 including the Arts Grants Guidelines (Attachment 1) and Arts Grants Assessment Panel Terms of Reference (Attachment 2).**
- 2.2 **Notes that in 2023/24:**
 - a) **\$72,850 has been allocated for the delivery of the Hume Arts Grants Program.**
 - b) **the maximum amount in the Creative Project Grant category has increased to \$20,000, better supporting applications from arts organisations, artist collectives, and professional artists.**
- 2.3 **Nominates Councillor Overend, Councillor Bell, and Councillor Sherry to take part in the Councillor Review Panel, to be held in April 2024.**
- 2.4 **Notes that applications for the 2024 Arts Grants Program will be open for applications from Monday 5 February 2024 until Monday 11 March 2024.**
- 2.5 **Notes that a report recommending the distribution of Hume Arts Grants Program funds to successful applicants will be presented to Council in May 2024.**

CARRIED

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting, the time being 8:04pm and did not vote on item 8.5 *2024 Hume Arts Grants Program*.

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8.6	Event Grants 2023/2024 - Round 2 Recommendations	269

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

That Council

- 2.1 **Endorse the distribution of \$84,750 of cash funds and up to \$21,700 of in-kind support to 11 applicants for the Round Two applicants of the 2023/2024 Event Grant Program (Table 1, Attachment 1).**
- 2.2 **Endorse a further nine applicants for in-kind support up to the value of \$11,000 (Table 2, Attachment 1).**
- 2.3 **Note that disbursement of funds identified in 2.1 and the in-kind support outlined in 2.2 is subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**
- 2.4 **Instruct officers to develop either an additional grant category or an alternative events partnership arrangement. With the aim to provide multi-year funding and support agreements to well established, known, volunteer run, community based and operated events.**

CARRIED

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8.7	Hume Central Vision - Towards the next steps Update	277

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

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during item 8.7 *Hume Central Vision – Towards the next steps update*, the time being 8:24pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during item 8.7 *Hume Central Vision – Towards the next steps update*, the time being 8:27pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorse further work on the key moves, as outlined in sections 9.8 and 9.9 of this report, for implementation of the Hume Central Vision incorporating:**
 - 2.1.1 **A Town Square to create a vibrant events and festival site and community gathering place.**
 - 2.1.2 **Refurbishment of the existing Broadmeadows Hume Global Learning Centre ground floor area into the new Council Chamber and community spaces.**
 - 2.1.3 **A mixed-use commercial development that includes quality hotel accommodation, a restaurant and office spaces to be developed on Lot-E.**
 - 2.1.4 **Activating Lot C via built form to offer additional services and spaces for the community and the Broadmeadows Hume Global Learning Centre.**

- 2.1.5 The staged development of a new Broadmeadows Car Park, including safe, pedestrian-friendly connections across Dimboola Road to support the precinct.
- 2.2 Note that funding is provisionally allocated in the long-term capital works program to support achieving the key moves for implementation of the Hume Central Vision.
- 2.3 Note that further work will be undertaken on the need, design and possible operating model for the provision of community and commercial spaces for Lot E and Lot C, and that a proposal to construct built form on Lot C will only be submitted to Council for decision after confirmation of whether a Property Development Agreement (PDA) for Lot E is secured.
- 2.4 Note that Council will confirm progress of the individual projects described above in line with Council's annual budget processes, update reports to Council and the issuing of any planning permits as required by the Local Government Act 2020.
- 2.5 Endorse a proposed Hume Central Advocacy Plan that supports Council's efforts to secure funding from Federal and State Government or private funding sources to support implementation of the vision.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Naim Kurt	Cr Jodi Jackson
Cr Jack Medcraft	Cr Carly Moore
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Jim Overend	
Cr Karen Sherry	

CARRIED

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8.8	Naming Proposal – Rhyolite Drive Reserve (Community Consultation Results)	285

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during item 8.8 - Naming Proposal – Rhyolite Drive Reserve (Community Consultation Results, the time being 8:56pm.

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during item 8.8 - Naming Proposal – Rhyolite Drive Reserve (Community Consultation Results, the time being 8:56pm.

THAT Council:

- 2.1 **Notes the results of the community consultation on a proposal to name the reserve located at 18 Rhyolite Drive Craigieburn the 'Rhyolite Drive Reserve'.**
- 2.2 **Endorses the proposed name of 'Rhyolite Drive Reserve'.**

- 2.3 If endorsed, submits the name of ‘Rhyolite Drive Reserve’ to the Registrar of Geographic Names for their consideration and approval.
- 2.4 Notes that the community will be advised of Council’s decision which will consist of sending correspondence to the same affected property owners and residents who originally received a consultation pack on this proposal and by placing information of Council’s website.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned during Item 9.1, the time being 9:00pm and did not vote.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting, the time being 9:02pm during item 9.1 and did not vote.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	NOM23/028 - Councillor Trevor Dance	301

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That

All future council briefing meetings are fully recorded and kept on council record to ensure accurate records moving forward. The meeting recordings are to be made available for Councillor access.

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Trevor Dance	Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Jodi Jackson	Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Jim Overend	Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Sam Misho	Cr Carly Moore
	Cr Karen Sherry

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9.2	NOM23/029 - Councillor Trevor Dance	303

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That Council

- **Provide in all full financial information line by line to all Councillors for all future budgets. This information will be for every single itemised line entry for all matters and presented on an excel spread sheet (Not any other file) listing exactly what each line is for and the dollar amount for each.**

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For	Against
Cr Trevor Dance	Cr Jarrod Bell
Cr Jodi Jackson	Cr Naim Kurt
Cr Sam Misho	Cr Jack Medcraft
Cr Jim Overend	Cr Carly Moore
	Cr Karen Sherry

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

**URGENT BUSINESS - HUME CITY COUNCIL
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORAL REVIEW
NOVEMBER 2023**

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

That the report provided be added to the agenda as urgent business.

CARRIED

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**SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORAL REVIEW PANEL
FOR CITY OF HUME**

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

That Council endorse the attached submission and cover letter to be signed by the Mayor for submission to the Electoral Review Panel.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

9:48 pm Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That meeting be extended for a further 30 minutes to 10:30pm.

CARRIED

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

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

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

13.1 Contract No. 30 23 3466 - Receipt and Processing of Recyclables

Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because the report contains financial and contractual matters.

13.2 CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee

Item 13.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

13.3 Chief Executive Officer - Contract of Employment

Item 13.3 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:51pm.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:15pm.