



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 14 JULY 2025**

**7.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE  
BROADMEADOWS**

**CONFIRMED - MONDAY 28 JULY 2025**



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the  
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL  
held on Monday, 14 July 2025  
at 7.02 PM  
at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows**

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt Cr Daniel English Cr Steve Gagen Cr John Haddad Cr Kate Hamley Cr Carly Moore Cr Jim Overend Cr Karen Sherry Cr Ally Watson	Deputy Mayor Online
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Ms Kristen Cherry Mr Adam McSwain Mr Fadi Srour Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood  Ms Holly De Kretser Ms Joanne Grindrod	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Chief Financial Officer Chief People Officer Acting Director Customer & Strategy Manager Governance Senior 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 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 Deputy 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 Jarrod Bell and Cr Sam Misko 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 Naim Kurt declared a perceived Conflict of interest on item 8.7 Council Travel Request.

**5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**

**CNM403 CONDOLENCE MOTION - SUE HAVILAND**

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

**That Council acknowledge the passing of former Hume City Council Human Resources Manager, Sue Haviland**

**CARRIED**

**CGM103 MOTION – MR HECTOR GASTON**

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

**That Council acknowledges the departure of Hector Gaston, the Director of Customer and Strategy and thank him for his service to the Hume community over the past 14 years**

**CARRIED**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025.

**Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Carly Moore**

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ1286 PUBLIC QUESTION - BINDU**

Why has the council failed to address the problem of people being negligent about littering and cutting the grass in nature strips in Broadmeadows?

**Response: Director City Services & Living**

Council is committed to maintaining clean and safe public spaces across Hume, including in Broadmeadows. We understand community concerns about littering and the upkeep of nature strips, and we aim to respond to reports of illegal dumping and overgrown vegetation as promptly as possible.

To address these issues, Council takes a multi-pronged approach—through community education, investigation and enforcement where necessary, and by providing a range of services to help residents dispose of waste legally and maintain their properties.

Given the size of our municipality, we do rely on residents to report specific issues so that our officers can investigate and take appropriate action. If there are particular locations of concern, we encourage you to contact Council directly—via our website, by phone on 9205 2200, or by email at [contactus@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@hume.vic.gov.au)

**PQ1287 PUBLIC QUESTION - BINDU**

Why has the public housing in Banksia Garden not been upgraded? The public housing should be built away from where mostly people live as it affects the property values negatively and also does not look great. The townhouses are built in such a way that you can't open the windows completely and it feels so hot in summer.

**Response: Director City Planning & Places**

Council welcomes the State and Federal Government's investment in delivering around 120 well-designed and environmentally sustainable social housing homes within Banksia Gardens. These homes are under construction and expected to welcome residents in mid 2026. Council acknowledges that there have been challenges in and around the existing public housing that is owned and operated by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and whilst Council does not have any authority for building design or maintenance, we are working collaboratively through our role on the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Board that has improving this area as a focus. For further information you can contact the Broadmeadows housing office by visiting them in Coleraine Street or calling 1300 598 521.

**PQ1288 PUBLIC QUESTION - KATHY VAN SCHELLEN**

After several emails to Hume and also the recourse company accepting cleaning fill on Konagaderra Road, when is the condition of the verge on both sides of the road beyond the resurfaced area going to be addressed?

There are significant safety concerns if attempting to stop with significant mud and debris all along this road

**Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

Council is aware of mud being tracked onto the road and damage to road verges by trucks accessing 345 Oaklands Road to deposit clean fill. Council is investigating what can be done to prevent this from continuing. As an interim measure, road sweeping has been done in the past week to clear mud off the road and the verges will be repaired when conditions allow, as the area is currently too wet.

**PQ1289 PUBLIC QUESTION - KATHY VAN SCHELLEN**

Konagaderra road and Bardwell drive single lane bridge intersection and Bardwell drive.

When is the state of this dangerous location along with the condition of Bardwell drive going to be addressed?

Once again there is significant erosion on the sides of the road which will flip cars, is extremely unsafe when truck and dogs are using this road.

**Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

Council is monitoring erosion of the embankment on the western side of Konagaderra Road near the intersection and has placed concrete barriers to protect motorists. The truck ban that Council will consider tonight is a further measure intended to improve safety on rural roads such as these that were not intended to carry large numbers of heavy vehicles.

Work to improve the alignment of the intersection of Konagaderra Rd and Bardwell Drive is not currently in the four year program, but priorities are re-assessed each year, and this will occur with this proposal as part of the 26/27 capital works planning.

**PQ1290 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON**

Which Councillors and officers attended the recent ALGA - Australian Local Government Association Conference in Canberra?

**Response: Chief Financial Officer**

The Mayor, Cr Jarrod Bell and Councillors Kurt, Misho, and Sherry attended the Australian Local Government Association Conference in Canberra between 24-27 May 2025.

Cr Watson attended the conference on 25 May 2025.

Councillors were joined in Canberra by Mr Joel Kimber, Head of Government Relations & Advocacy and Ann-Michel Greenwood, Acting Director Customer & Strategy.

**PQ1291 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON**

What is the total cost to ratepayers and a breakdown for each councillor / officer please?

**Response: Chief Financial Officer**

The total costs are being finalised as not all invoices have been received. This will be made public in the next quarterly update of the travel register, which is available on Council's website here Travel Register - Hume City Council. This is expected to be updated by end of July 2025. Costs per Councillors and officers are inclusive of conference costs, airfares, accommodation and meals.

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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8.1	<b>Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Motions</b>	4
<b>Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Carly Moore</b>		
<b>2.1 That Council:</b>		
<b>2.1.1 submit the following motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV):</b>		

- (a) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to undertake an immediate review of the penalty amounts assigned to littering and dumping offences under the Environment Protection Act 2017 (The Act) to include:
  - (i) Significant increases to the penalty amounts currently assigned to all littering and dumping offences included under the Act; and/or
  - (ii) Establishing a mechanism that would enable individual Councils to be able to set penalties amounts within defined parameters to reflect our community's local circumstances and zero tolerance approach towards littering and rubbish dumping.
- (b) That the MAV establish a taskforce with a combination of elected representatives and officers focused on addressing issues of illegal dumping in growth municipalities.
- (c) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to amend the *Domestic Animal's Act 1994* to:
  - (i) Provide Council authorised officers with a clear power of entry onto residential land where there is a reasonable belief that a dog involved in a serious attack is being kept at that location; and
  - (ii) Authorise the reasonable use of force by Council authorised officers when entering land, executing a search warrant, or seizing an animal under the Act.
- (d) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to:
  - (i) Implement the actions outlined in the Victorian Government's *Living with Wildlife Action Plan*, including development of a Victorian Kangaroo Management Strategy.
  - (ii) Designate Victoria's Department of Transport as the lead agency for wildlife roadstrike mitigation, with responsibility for research, proactive incident management, and infrastructure planning.
  - (iii) Mandate integration of wildlife considerations into all planning, development, and road infrastructure projects, both state and local.

- (iv) Legislate clear accountability for land and road managers to prevent and manage incidents of wildlife roadstrike.
- (v) Invest in centralised data systems, wildlife rescue funding, and innovation in mitigation technologies.
- (e) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to provide greater protections of property purchasers in the property transactions. This should focus on setting clearer identification of building work conducted without necessary approvals by:
  - (i) Making vendors responsible to obtain the necessary permits prior to settlement, or
  - (ii) The purchaser is made aware and accepts that the property fixtures and structures require permits transferring the responsibility to the buyer
- (f) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to undertake a community education program to inform all members of the community of their responsibilities with respect to property purchases.
- (g) That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to review and reduce Workcover premiums which have significantly increased across Victoria.

2.1.2 authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor administrative changes to these motions should the need arise.

2.1.3 authorises Council's MAV Delegate (Cr Karen Sherry) to approve any other amendments to the aforementioned motions at or before MAV State Council at the request of another Council or the MAV, provided they don't substantially change the intent of the original motion.

CARRIED

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8.2	Proposed Truck Ban - Konagaderra Road, Bardwell Drive, Gellies Road and Wildwood Road	12

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, Seconded Cr Carly Moore

That Council:

2.1 Notes that consultation for the truck ban proposal on Konagaderra Road between Havelock Road and Craigieburn Road, Bardwell Drive, Gellies Road and Wildwood Road North, in accordance with the

recommendations from Council's meeting on Monday 13 February 2023 has been completed.

- 2.2 Notes a total of 390 submissions were received with 320 supporting (82%) and 70 against (18%) the proposed truck ban. Two submitters appeared in-person and spoke to their submission at Council's meeting on 23 June 2025.
- 2.3 Submits the truck ban proposal to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) for formal approval.
- 2.4 Implements the truck ban signage following approval from the DTP.
- 2.5 Writes to all residents and property owners abutting the affected roads, and each person who has made a separate submission, of Council's decision and reasons for that decision in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

CARRIED

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8.3	Tree Management Policy	89

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

That Council:

- 2.1 Revoke the current Street and Reserve Tree Policy adopted by Council in November 2022
- 2.2 Adopt the Tree Management Policy as drafted in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

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8.4	Contract No. 30 24 3593 - Tree Services - Electric Line Clearance	102

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council:

- 2.1 Resolves to award contract number - 30 24 3593 - Tree Services - Electric Line Clearance to Aspect Tree Management Pty Ltd.
- 2.2 Awards the contract the attached tendered schedule of rates (incl. GST)
- 2.3 Authorises CPI adjustments in accordance with the conditions of contract
- 2.4 Awards the contract for a term of 3 Years with extension options of 1 x 2 years + 1 x 1-year.
- 2.5 Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment

- 2.6 Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 2.7 Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets the powers to review and exercise the extension options. The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within 3 months

CARRIED

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8.5	<b>Coonamar Street, Gordon Street and Eumarella Street, Tullamarine - Parking Investigation</b>	108

**Moved Cr Jim Overend, Seconded Cr Carly Moore**

Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting during discussion on item 8.5 *Coonamar Street, Gordon Street and Eumarella Street, Tullamarine - Parking Investigation*, the time being 7:39pm.

Councillor Steve Gagen returned to the meeting discussion on item 8.5 *Coonamar Street, Gordon Street and Eumarella Street, Tullamarine - Parking Investigation*, the time being 7:40 pm.

**That Council note that:**

- 2.1 **Gordon Street, Eumarella Street and Coonamar Street (between Sharps Road and Spring Street) have met warrants for timed parking restrictions due to excess parking generated by construction activity along Sharps Road.**
- 2.2 **in response to the petition, consultation for an alternate proposal has been undertaken with affected residents along Gordon Street, Eumarella Street and Coonamar Street.**
- 2.3 **arrangements have been made to install temporary 2-hour parking restrictions (8am-5pm Monday to Friday and 8am-12pm Saturday, Resident Permits Excepted) along both sides of Gordon Street, Eumarella Street and Coonamar Street (between Sharps Road and Spring Street).**
- 2.4 **affected residents along Gordon Street, Eumarella Street and Coonamar Street will be provided with one permit per household.**
- 2.5 **the parking restrictions will be removed once construction activity along Sharps Road has been completed.**
- 2.6 **affected residents have been advised accordingly.**

CARRIED

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8.6	<b>Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes - 14 March 2025</b>	113
<p><b>Moved Cr Ally Watson, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry</b></p> <p><b>THAT Council notes the confirmed minutes of Hume City Council's Audit and Risk Committee Meeting which was held on 14 March 2025.</b></p>		
<b>CARRIED</b>		
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8.7	<b>Councillor Travel Request</b>	125
<p>Cr Kurt declared a conflict of interest on item 8.7 <i>Councillor Travel Request</i>.</p> <p>Cr Kurt vacated the chair at 7:44pm</p> <p>Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting before the discussion on item 8.7 <i>Councillor Travel Request</i>, the time being 7:44 pm.</p> <p>Sheena Frost, CEO called for a motion to elect a temporary chair.</p> <p><b>Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Ally Watson</b></p> <p><b>That Cr Sherry be elected to chair the meeting.</b></p>		
<b>CARRIED</b>		
<p><b>Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr John Haddad</b></p> <p><b>That Council approve the travel request from Cr Kurt in line with the Council Expense Policy.</b></p>		
<b>LOST</b>		
<p>Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting after a vote on item 8.7 <i>Councillor Travel Request</i>, the time being 7:49pm.</p> <p>Cr Karen Sherry vacated the chair at 7:49pm</p> <p>Cr Naim Kurt resumed as chair of the meeting at 7:49pm</p>		

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	<b>NOM25/40 - Cr Ally Watson - Toyon Road</b>	128
<p><b>Moved Cr Ally Watson, Seconded Cr Carly Moore</b></p> <p>Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting during discussion on item 9.1 <i>NOM25/40 - Cr Ally Watson - Toyon Road</i>, the time being 7:52pm.</p>		

Councillor Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on item 9.1 NOM25/40 - Cr Ally Watson - Toyon Road, the time being 7:53 pm.

**That Council Officers prepare a report on opportunities to improve the safety of Toyon Road between Dwyer Street and Cloverton Boulevard, Kalkallo. That the report should include:**

- 1.1 Traffic and speed counts
- 1.2 Consultation with the local community to understand current issues and concerns
- 1.3 Options for safety improvements, that could be funded from existing capital works budgets, to improve the road, footpath and crossings for vehicles and pedestrians
- 1.4 Further options for safety improvements that would require capital works funding to improve the road, footpath and crossings for vehicles and pedestrians.
- 1.5 A preliminary report be brought to Council in quarter two of the 25/26 financial year.

**CARRIED**

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9.2	NOM25/41 - Cr John Haddad - SBS Production Hub in Broadmeadows	129

**Moved Cr John Haddad, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry**

**That Council**

- 1.1 Notes the multicultural makeup of the Hume community, which is home to residents from over 160 countries, speaking more than 140 languages, making it one of the most culturally diverse municipalities in Victoria
- 1.2 Acknowledges the Federal Government's recent commitment to establish a new SBS production hub
- 1.3 Further notes the motion passed by the Victorian Legislative Council on 18 June 2025, which:
  - a) Recognised Victoria's rapidly growing and multicultural population;
  - b) Expressed concern at the decision to base the SBS production hub in Western Sydney;
  - c) Called on the State Government to advocate for an SBS headquarters or production facility to be located in a multicultural Victorian community such as Broadmeadows or Dandenong;
- 1.4 Writes to the Federal Minister for Communications, the Hon. Michelle Rowland MP; and The Board and Executive of the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) requesting that Broadmeadows be considered as a location for the future SBS production hub, in recognition of its significant multicultural character, media potential, and strategic location within metropolitan Melbourne.

1.5 Writes to the Victorian Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Ingrid Stitt, the State Members for Broadmeadows, Kalkallo, Sunbury and Greenvale and the Members for Northern Metropolitan Region to seek their support for Council's request of SBS.

CARRIED

**10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED**

**PJL319 Petition - Transform Main St, Craigieburn to a car-free space for pedestrians and bikes, transforming the car parking spaces into garden spaces, secure bike racks, outdoor business spaces, and outdoor seating areas for the businesses currently operating.**

**Moved Cr Carly Moore, Seconded Cr Jim Overend**

**That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the nominated contact of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager Strategic Projects & Places**

CARRIED

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**12. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cr Ally Watson provided an update on the Northern Suburbs Study Hub.

Cr Karen Sherry provided a report on the ALGA – Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly that took place during June in Canberra.

Cr Ally Watson provided a report on the National Growth Area Alliance conference.

Cr Naim Kurt provided a report on ALGA – Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly that took place during June in Canberra.

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.