

HUME CITY COUNCIL

# Minutes Council Meeting

**Monday, 25 May 2026 at 7:00pm**

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

**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 Tuesday, 9 June 2026.**

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**Minutes** of the

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

held on Monday, 25 May 2026

**at 7:01pm**

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr. Carly Moore	Mayor
		Cr. Ally Watson	Deputy Mayor
		Cr. Jarrod Bell	
		Cr. Daniel English	
		Cr. Steve Gagen	
		Cr. John Haddad	
		Cr. Kate Hamley	
		Cr. Naim Kurt	
		Cr. Sam Misho	
		Cr. Jim Overend	
		Cr. Karen Sherry	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms. Kristen Cherry	Director City Services & Living
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director Planning, Places & Delivery
		Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood	Director People, Customer & Communication
		Mr Matthew Irving	Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability
		Mr Fadi Srour	Director Organisational Performance
		Ms Holly de Kretser	Manager Governance & Property
		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**

The 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.

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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 by Rev. Dr Satvasheela Pandhare of The Hume Anglican Parish, on behalf of the HIN.

The faith leader read the prayer.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The 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.

Nil.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

**CGM145 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – GLEN MILNER AND PETER JACKSON OF THE BBA**

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

**That Council acknowledge Glen Milner and Peter Jackson who have recently retired from the Broadmeadows Basketball Association after leading that for the past 25 years and that Council send a letter of congratulations.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM146 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – VOLUNTEERS IN HUME.**

**Moved** Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

**Congratulate volunteers in our community in recognition of National Volunteer Week last week.**

**CARRIED**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026, including Confidential Minutes.

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**PQ1418 PUBLIC QUESTION – STEVE HART**

*One response was provided for the two questions submitted by Steve Hart.*

Has Council reviewed its transparency policy?

When will Council openly and freely publish FOI requests and answers?

**Response – Director Organisational Performance**

The Victorian Model Transparency Policy is still under review and the final State Policy will inform Council's review of its own Policy.

Council supports the proactive release of information and acknowledges the public interest in the subject matter of some Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. A review of the FOI requests received over the last 12 months indicates that they largely relate to matters specific to the person making the request. These may relate to neighbour disputes, building matters, planning permits, etc.

A small number of requests could be said to be of interest to the community more broadly and publishing these requests and their results may reduce duplication and increase transparency. This will be considered in the review of Council's Public Transparency policy which is due to be reviewed by end of 2026.

**PQ1419 PUBLIC QUESTION – PROMIT ROY**

In the Craigieburn Station East car park, almost in the middle of the car park the ground is sinking. There are two such locations in the whole car park. Both the locations are clearly visible. Please fix this before it becomes a safety issue.

**Response – Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability**

The car park is not Council owned or managed. It is on Department of Transport and Planning land and is managed by Metro Trains. Council officers have reported the concern to Metro Trains and members of the public are also free to direct enquiries to Metro Trains via 1800 800 007 as well if they would like to.

**PQ1420 PUBLIC QUESTION – KIERAN CLIFFORD**

Is the Council aware of the environmental and financial impacts to the community of the proposed Broadmeadows Data Centre?

**Response – Director Planning, Places & Delivery**

Council officers have been informally briefed on the sustainability features and jobs likely to be generated by the proposed data centre in Broadmeadows.

Council is not the responsible authority for this planning application so we are unable to make an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of this proposed data centre at this stage.

**PQ1421 PUBLIC QUESTION – KIERAN CLIFFORD**

How will Council assist in voicing the local residents opposing the building of the data centre and assist in stopping it's approval by State Government to ensure the land is better used to add value to the community?

**Response – Director Planning, Places & Delivery**

Council is not the responsible authority for assessing an application for the proposed data centre in Broadmeadows. As a result a decision of Council would be required to initiate a campaign for Council to work with the community to oppose the building of the proposed data centre. There is currently no decision to oppose this data centre application.

**PQ1422 PUBLIC QUESTION – KEVIN BALAAM**

After mowing or slashing grass and vegetation along pathways—whether within parklands or on road reserves such as freeways—it's quite common to see significant amounts of grass clippings left scattered on the paths. This isn't just an issue in Hume; in fact, it's a widespread occurrence in many other municipalities as well.

Could you please clarify whether the Council's contracts or tenders with mowing and slashing contractors include any explicit either (verbal or written) requirements for them to remove mown grass and trimmings from pathways? If there are no such requirements, could you explain why this is the case, especially since there are established expectations for clearing cut grass from roads?

**Response – Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability**

Councils specifications for mowing contracts does specify that all hard surfaces are to be blown down to ensure no grass clippings are visible following servicing of each site.

Council Officers will reiterate this requirement to its open space contractors as part of its ongoing contract management approach.

**PQ1423 PUBLIC QUESTION - MUSTAFA ALI**

Did Council properly evaluate the contractor's ability to deliver this project in a timely manner and was the program reviewed to see if it was realistic?

**Response – Director Planning, Places & Delivery**

While the works have progressed a number of issues have arisen, which have had to be managed and have had an impact on the contractors program. The issues have been reviewed and have been determined to be fair and reasonable, with the works to be completed at the end of July 2026.

**PQ1424 PUBLIC QUESTION - MUSTAFA ALI**

If the contractor is running behind schedule, what actions are being taken to ensure that something like this doesn't happen again?

**Response – Director Planning, Places & Delivery**

In relation to this we will certainly have a look at this as we do with all contracts, review them and look for any lessons learnt going forward.

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	<b>Rates Financial Hardship Policy - 2026 update</b>	6

**Moved** Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

**That Council:**

- 2.1 Revokes the Rates Financial Hardship Policy adopted on 26 August 2024**
- 2.2 Adopts the updated Rates Financial Hardship Policy provided as Attachment 1 of this report.**
- 2.3 Notes that the updated Rates Financial Hardship Policy will be promoted via Council's social media platforms and on Council's Rates notice to improve awareness of support options and application processes.**

**CARRIED**

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8.2	<b>Draft 2026 Social Justice Charter - Endorsement for Public Exhibition</b>	27

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

**That Council:**

- 2.1 Endorse the draft Social Justice Charter (2026) (Attachment 1) for public exhibition.**
- 2.2 Note that following the exhibition period, Officers will review the feedback and present a final draft for adoption in July 2026.**
- 2.3 Write to the Federal Government to emphasise the importance of universally advancing social justice and human rights, and to advocate for the development of an Australian Bill of Rights.**

**CARRIED**

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8.3	2025/2026 Hume Arts Grants Program Recommendations	47

**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**That Council:**

- 2.1 **Approve the distribution of \$72,684 to the 2025 Arts Grants Program categories as follows:**
  - 2.1.1 **\$40,000 (total) to three successful applications under the Creative Project Grants category (Attachment 1, Table 1).**
  - 2.1.2 **\$32,684 (total) to thirteen successful applications under the Creative Activity Grants category (Attachment 1, Table 2)**
- 2.2 **Notes that dispersal of funds identified in 2.1 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals of previous funding and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**

**CARRIED**

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8.4	Proposed Car Share Pilot Program	54

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

**That Council:**

- 2.1 **Endorse a twelve month car share pilot program by providing three car parking spaces.**
- 2.2 **Enter into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the private operator, with any minor amendments made by Council's Chief Executive Officer.**
- 2.3 **Note that a report will be brought to Council following the trial.**

**CARRIED**

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Carly Moore	Cr John Haddad
Cr Ally Watson	Cr Sam Misho
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Jim Overend
Cr Daniel English	
Cr Steve Gagen	
Cr Kate Hamley	
Cr Naim Kurt	
Cr Karen Sherry	

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8.5	<p><b>Third Quarter Report 2025/26 - Budget</b></p> <p><b>Moved</b> Cr Jarrod Bell, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Karen Sherry</p> <p>Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting, and did not vote on the item, the time being 8:06pm.</p> <p>Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting, the time being 8:07pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>That Council notes the Third Quarter Report 2025/26 – Quarterly Budget Report (Attachment1).</b></p> <p>Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting, the time being 8:08pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	60
8.6	<p><b>2025/26 Quarter Three Council Plan Progress Report</b></p> <p><b>Moved</b> Cr Karen Sherry, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jarrod Bell</p> <p>Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting, the time being 8:14pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>That Council notes the 2025/26 Quarter Three Council Plan Progress Report.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	87
8.7	<p><b>Third Quarter Report 2025/26 - Capital Works Program</b></p> <p><b>Moved</b> Cr Naim Kurt, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jarrod Bell</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>That Council notes the Third Quarter Report 2025/26 – Capital Works Program (Attachment 1) and the changes to the Capital Works Program (Attachment 2)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	102
8.8	<p><b>Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - April 2026</b></p> <p><b>Moved</b> Cr Naim Kurt, <b>Seconded</b> Cr John Haddad</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>2.1 That Council:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><b>2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in April 2026.</b></p> <p>Councillor Kate Hamley left the meeting, the time being 8:28pm.</p> <p>Councillor Kate Hamley returned to the meeting, the time being 8:31pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>	117

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8.9	Proposed Renaming of Community Facilities in Meadow Heights	142

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

**That Council:**

- 2.1 Approve the renaming of the 'Visy Cares Learning Centre', located at 3–13 Hudson Circuit, Meadow Heights to the 'Meadow Heights Community Centre'.
- 2.2 Approve the renaming of the 'Meadow Heights Community Centre' at 15 – 29 Buchan Street, Meadow Heights, to the 'Buchan Street Community Centre'.
- 2.3 Undertake necessary signage and marketing updates to ensure the community is informed of these changes.

**CARRIED**

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM26/16 - Cr Naim Kurt - Commonwealth Supported Travel Arrangements For The Baird Family	146

The CEO read out a public comment received from Maureen Reed.

**Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

**That Council:**

- 2.1 Acknowledges the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG, one of Australia's most highly decorated soldiers, who grew up in Gladstone Park and whose family maintains strong connections to the Hume community through the Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Memorial Award and the naming of Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Pavilion at Ginnifer Reserve.
- 2.2 Notes with concern reports that the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs has revoked long-standing travel support arrangements previously provided to his parents Doug & Kaye Baird, who have voluntarily represented their son at schools, commemorative services, RSLs and community events across Australia for more than a decade.
- 2.3 Writes to the Department, Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs, and relevant local MPs calling on the Commonwealth Government to reconsider this decision and continue supporting the Baird family in their important commemorative and veteran advocacy work.

**CARRIED**

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**10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED**

Nil.

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**12. DELEGATES REPORTS**

Nil.

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm