

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Council Meeting

Monday, 27 July 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 Monday, 10 August 2026.

hume.vic.gov.au



HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 27 July 2026

at 7:02pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr. Carly Moore Cr. Ally Watson Cr. Jarrod Bell Cr. Steve Gagen Cr. John Haddad Cr. Kate Hamley Cr. Naim Kurt Cr. Sam Misho Cr. Jim Overend Cr. Karen Sherry	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms. Kristen Cherry Mr. James McNulty Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood Mr Matthew Irving Mr Fadi Srour Ms Holly de Kretser Ms Joanne Grindrod	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 & Property 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.

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. Fa'amata'u Leota from St. Andrews Uniting Church, Sunbury, on behalf of the HIN.

The faith leader read the meeting prayer.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Daniel English was an apology for the meeting.

Cr Steve Gagen and Cr Kate Hamley attended the meeting online in accordance with Council's Governance rules.

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**CNM419****CONDOLENCE MOTION**

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

That Council through the Mayor write a letter to the family of Mr Geoff Hanlon, former resident of Roxburgh Park and long term Selwyn House volunteer, to express our condolences at his passing on 7 July this year.

CARRIED

CGM155**CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – WOMEN'S SHELTER**

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

That Council note the success of the Hume women's shelter in the transfer of land for the development of a women's shelter in Hume and thank the developer and the community organisations involved.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026, including Confidential Minutes.

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1438 & PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRISTINA SKAFTOUROS
PQ1439**

Why has the roll out of the purple bins been objected?

When will I expect to receive my purple bin?

Response: Matt Irving, Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability

Council rejected the purple bin roll out at its meeting of 26 May 2025 due to community feedback and its cost at an estimated \$5.7M initially with ongoing annual costs of \$2.9M. The report and minutes are available online.

Following this decision, Council joined a campaign with 38 other municipalities across Victoria to voice our concerns on the Government's policy position on this matter.

Through this campaign a statewide survey by councils captured a strong cross-section of community views and found 83% oppose the purple-lidded, glass-only bin. Instead, the community backs a smarter solution. Ninety-one per cent support expanding the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to include glass wine and spirit bottles, improving recycling options without adding another bin.

As a result, the coalition of Councils is calling for:

- Delaying the July 2027 deadline for councils to introduce a glass only recycling service to allow time to explore alternative options.
- Expansion of the Container Deposit Scheme to accept wine and spirit bottles in line with other states in Australia.
- A review of the effectiveness of the Container Deposit Scheme and assess against the usage of the glass recycling service that has been rolled out by councils to date.
- Sharing the business case on kerbside glass recycling for Victoria

At this time purple bins are not planned for rollout within Hume, and advocacy on the matter will continue.

PQ1440 PUBLIC QUESTION – MOHAMED YOUSEF

The Council has launched an advocacy campaign to duplicate Somerton Road. There is no doubt that traffic is increasing on Somerton Road, and a fix is needed. My question is why this proposal was selected as opposed to other proposals such as the Attwood connector (Barry Road extension from Pascoe Vale Road to Mickleham Road)?

Response: Sheena Frost, Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your question.

In late 2025 Council endorsed the prioritisation of 6 projects and issues that would be the focus of Council's advocacy efforts 2026 – 2030. This included the duplication of Mickleham, Donnybrook, Sunbury and Somerton Roads, the redevelopment of Broadmeadows Train Station and support for illegal dumping.

In devising Council's Advocating for a Better Future campaign Council strategically chose a small list so that all political parties are acutely aware of matters the most to our community.

These priorities were based on long-term feedback from our community. Somerton Road was chosen as Council has been advocating for over 10 years and we will not stop until the road is duplicated.

PQ1441 PUBLIC QUESTION – FRANCES EVANS

Why is the Proposed Data Centre at 300-340 Barry Road, Campbellfield being zoned within 800 metres of schools, 180 metres from residential homes 250 metres from a busy shopping strip and within 400 metres from Upfield Station and childcare centres?

Response: James McNulty, Acting Director Planning, Places & Delivery

The zoning of the property is based on its historical use as an industrial site, as the former ford assembly factory.

The proposal has been lodged by the proponent with the state government for their consideration. Council is not the decision maker. The State is the responsible decision making authority. They must consider if the proposed development is appropriate given the existing uses in the area and surrounding the site and the requirements of the Hume Planning Scheme.

PQ1442 PUBLIC QUESTION – FRANCES EVANS

As the Hume City Council is included in the application process, with which Zerra DC has applied for Project Dune under the Victorian Government Development Facilitation Program (DFP); will Hume Council be able to appeal this proposal after the closing date of July 28th?

Response: James McNulty, Acting Director Planning, Places & Delivery

This application has been lodged with state government through the Development Facilitation Pathway program. This means there are no pathways for third party appeals, including by Council. Council is expected to have an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the application as part of the assessment process.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Hume City Council 2026 Social Justice Charter	8
	Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Steve Gagen	
2.1	That Council adopts the Social Justice Charter (Attachment 1).	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	External Grant Management Policy	28

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

2.1 Adopts the External Grant Management Policy.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Memorial Request and Seat Donation – Eileen Powell	37

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting, and did not vote on the item the time being 7:42pm.

Councillor Ally Watson left the meeting, the time being 7:42pm.

Councillor Ally Watson returned to the meeting, the time being 7:44pm.

2.1 That Council approves the installation of a new park bench seat and memorial plaque in memory of the late Eileen Powell in the dog off leash area at the Emu Bottom Wetland Reserve, noting that:

2.1.1 installation of a new seat at this location is subject to approval first being obtained in an endorsed Cultural Heritage Management Plan which is currently being sought for proposed works at this reserve;

2.1.2 if approved, the Powell family will pay for the memorial plaque and park bench seat.

2.2 That Council approves the installation of a new seat and memorial plaque at the alternative location of The Nook in Sunbury if an endorsed Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Emu Bottom Wetland Reserve is not received by 28 February 2027, and/or if an endorsed plan does not include approval for a new seat in the dog off leash area of the reserve.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Response to NOM 26/12 - Cr Kate Hamley - Carbon and Biodiversity Credit Markets Opportunities and Costs	41

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting, the time being 7:45pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting, the time being 7:46pm.

Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting, the time being 7:48pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes this information contained within this report.
- 2.2 Writes to the Hon Chris Bowen, Australian Minister for Climate Change and Energy with a copy to The Hon Lily D'Ambrosia Victorian Minister for Climate Action, Energy & Resources, requesting that the Climate Active program consider the allowance for Councils to include carbon drawdown from new tree plantings that they finance on public or private land to contribute to carbon neutrality accreditation.
- 2.3 Notes a further report on options for achieving Council's existing 2030 carbon neutral target will be prepared for consideration in 2026/27.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Response to NOM 25/50 - Cr Jarrod Bell - Canterbury Hills Estate Truck Movement	56

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson**That Council:**

- 2.1 Note the information contained in this report,
- 2.2 Endorse the development of public information about the Planning Investigations function, including how community members can participate in, and remain informed about, investigation processes. This information will be published on Council's website and made available through Customer Service Centres and the Planning & Building counter.
- 2.3 Write to the Minister for Planning to:
 - a) Welcome recent amendments to the *Planning and Environment Act* that increase the penalties available through the courts; and
 - b) Advocate for legislative reform to:
 - provide simpler and more effective enforcement pathways for straightforward planning compliance matters, including powers to require works to cease while investigations are being undertaken; and
 - enable councils to recover reasonable enforcement costs through VCAT proceedings where enforcement orders are granted, without requiring separate court action.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Contract No. 30 25 3658 - Civil Construction Panel Award	62

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

That Council

2.1 Resolves to award Contract Number 30 25 3658 for Civil Construction Works Panel to following panel Contractors by category:

a. Category 1 – Concrete Works

- i. Amico Concrete and Paving Company Pty Ltd
- ii. Axis Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- iii. Landcare Property Maintenance Pty Ltd
- iv. MIEPOL Pty Ltd
- v. MJ Construction Group Pty Ltd
- vi. New Horizon Construction Pty Ltd
- vii. Presta & Sons Pty Ltd
- viii. V. Crete Concrete Contractors Pty Ltd

b. Category 2 – Pavement Works

- i. Axis Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- ii. MIEPOL Pty Ltd
- iii. New Horizon Construction Pty Ltd
- iv. Patten Pavement Services Pty Ltd
- v. Presta & Sons Pty Ltd
- vi. Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd ATF for THE CENTOFANI UNIT TRUST t/a Cole Civil
- vii. V. Crete Concrete Contractors Pty Ltd
- viii. Vine Civil Pty Ltd

c. Category 3 – Drainage Works

- i. G&C RUSSO PTY LTD
- ii. MJ Construction Group Pty Ltd
- iii. New Horizon Construction Pty Ltd
- iv. Presta & Sons Pty Ltd
- v. Rangedale Vic Pty Ltd
- vi. Vine Civil Pty Ltd

2.2 Awards the contract at 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 three (3) years with extension options of two 12-month periods.

- 2.5 Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment.
- 2.6 Delegates to the Director, Planning Places & Delivery to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 2.7 Delegates to the Director, Planning Places & Delivery the powers to review and exercise the extension options. The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within 3 months.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Contract No. 30 26 3691 - Provision of Programmed Pit Cleaning Services	73

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

That Council

- 2.1 Resolves to award Contract Number 30 25 3691 – Provision of Programmed Pit Cleaning Services to Leading Civil Solutions 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 three (3) years.
- 2.5 Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment
- 2.6 Delegates to the Director of Assets, Operations and Sustainability to finalise and execute the contract documentation.

Councillor Kate Hamley left the meeting, and did not vote on this item, the time being 8:06pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.8	Contract No. 30 26 3706 - Provision of Reactive Drainage Maintenance Services	79

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

Councillor Kate Hamley returned to the meeting, the time being 8:10pm.

That Council

- 2.1 Resolves to award contract number Contract No. 30 26 3706 - Provision of Reactive Drainage Maintenance Services to:

- 2.1.1 **Category 1- Emergency Response:**
 - Plumbtrax Infrastructure Services Pty Ltd
 - Vcrete Concrete Contractors Pty Ltd
 - Qest Infrastructure Group Pty Ltd ATF The Trustee for the QEST Services Trust
 - Asset Management Environmental Group Pty Ltd
- 2.1.2 **Category 2- Machine Clearing:**
 - Rangedale Vic Pty Ltd
 - Plumbtrax Infrastructure Services Pty Ltd
 - Asset Management Environmental Group Pty Ltd
 - CSA Group Pty Ltd
- 2.1.3 **Category 3 - Manual Clearing:**
 - Plumbtrax Infrastructure Services Pty Ltd
 - Vcrete Concrete Contractors Pty Ltd
 - Qest Infrastructure Group Pty Ltd ATF The Trustee for the Qest Services Trust
 - Asset Management Environmental Group Pty Ltd
- 2.1.4 **Category 4 – Minor Construction Works**
 - Rangedale Vic Pty Ltd
 - Novacon Group Pty Ltd
 - Plumbtrax Infrastructure Services Pty Ltd
 - Vcrete Concrete Contractors Pty Ltd
 - Qest Infrastructure Group Pty Ltd ATF The Trustee for the Qest Services Trust
 - Asset Management Environmental Group Pty Ltd
- 2.2 **Awards the contract the attached tendered schedule of rates (exc. GST)**
- 2.3 **Authorises CPI adjustments in accordance with the conditions of contract**
- 2.4 **Awards the contract for a term of three (3) years.**
- 2.5 **Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment**
- 2.6 **Delegates to the Director of Assets, Operations and Sustainability to finalise and execute the contract documentation.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.9	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - June 2026	88

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

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in June 2026.**

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM26/22 - Cr Karen Sherry - Data Centres	114

The following community members addressed the gallery prior to the item being moved:

- Anastasia Drapaniotis
- John Rutherford

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

That this item be deferred to a future meeting.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	NOM26/23 - Cr Naim Kurt - Open Platform For Community Submissions and Ideas	115

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes That Council requests officers to investigate establishing a year-round, continuously open platform for community submissions and ideas.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.3	NOM26/24 - Cr Naim Kurt - Renaming Tullamarine Shopping Centre/Melrose Drive Shops as Tullamarine Village	116

The CEO read out public comment/s received from the following submitters:

- Fran Furci
- Trevor Leech
- Dean Torode
- Caroline Torode

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting, the time being 8:38pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting, the time being 8:40pm.

- Peter O'Connell
- John Caruana
- Maria De Luca

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

That Officers:

2.1 Prepares a report to Council with advice on what process should be followed for Council to consider renaming the Tullamarine Shopping Centre to Tullamarine Village.

2.2 The report should include advice on:

- 2.2.1 Consulting with property owners, shop operators and members of the public on the proposed name change;**
- 2.2.2 Reviewing what signage and other naming or locational information may need to be updated if the name change is approved;**
- 2.2.3 Whether any other external agency consultation or collaboration is required;**
- 2.2.4 Any other items that Council is recommended to take into consideration.**

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	PJL325 - Petition - 28 Neill Street & 86 Ligar Street Sunbury - Objection to Proposed Child Care Centre and Parking Area - P25985	118

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

That the Petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the first named signatory of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager Planning and Development.

CARRIED

MINUTES

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Carly Moore provided an update on the ALGA Conference in Canberra.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:49pm.