



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2023**

**7.00PM**

**TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS**

**CONFIRMED - 11 December 2023**



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**Minutes** of the  
**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**  
held on Monday, 27 November 2023  
**at 7.00pm**  
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

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Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Joseph Haweil	
		Cr Chris Hollow	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Carl Muller	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Mr Joel Kimber	Acting Manager Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	Senior 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:

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 Helen Patsikatheodorou OAM, from the Greek Orthodox community, on behalf of the HIN.

Ms Patsikatheodorou OAM, read the prayer:

Lord of strength and compassion, who by your unsearchable power and almighty hand, create and support all things, who in your providence and kindness grant a proper and beneficial time for every good task, so that your kingdom may always be glorified; give also to me, who am unworthy, your help from above, so that I may bring to a good end, in a way pleasing to you, the task which I begin in your name today, for the service of your people and the salvation of my soul.

For it is you who cause us both to will and to act for your good pleasure, and to you we offer glory and thanks, with your only begotten Son and your Holy Spirit for ever.

Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore and Cr Jim Overend were apologies 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

**CGM41                      CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: GLENN WILSON  
OUTGOING DIVISIONAL MANAGER, ST JOHN  
AMBULANCE SUNBURY**

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

**That council extends our congratulations and express our thanks to Glenn Wilson the outgoing Divisional Manager of St John Ambulance Sunbury.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM42 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: NAT (NATALIE)  
HARRISION - SUNBURY PARKRUN**

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

**That Council through the Mayor, writes to and congratulates Nat Harrison as President and founder of Sunbury Parkrun and the entire team at Sunbury Parkrun for celebrating their six year anniversary over the weekend.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM43 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: DANELLA BUTRUS**

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

**That Council notes and congratulates Roxburgh Park United Soccer Club player Danella Butrus on her selection for the Junior Matilda's Extended Squad and that Council writes to the Roxburgh Park United Soccer Club to reflect the same.**

**CARRIED**

**CGM44 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: MULTICULTURAL  
RESOURCES CENTRE SUNBURY - DIWALI  
PRESENTATION.**

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

**That Council congratulates the Multicultural Resources Centre on the Diwali presentation at Sunbury on Sunday.**

**CARRIED**

**6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 November 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

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

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 November 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ1053 PUBLIC QUESTION - MOHAMED ELALFY**

Why is the Capital Improved Value calculated more than the actual selling price of the same unit sold less by \$50,000.00

**Response: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The valuation enquiry has been lodged via the online portal to the Valuer General Victoria for assessment. Valuer General Victoria have appointed contract valuers who complete valuations on rateable properties within Hume.

In accordance with the statutory process, the rate payer will receive a response from the Valuer General Victoria's contractors on this matter.

**PQ1054 PUBLIC QUESTION - MOHAMED ELALFY**

Why is the kerbside waste charge and public waste charge on the top of the rate charges without any notice from the City Council to explain why they adding it?

**Response: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

As of this financial year, the cost of providing waste services has been separated from the general rates and listed as two items – a Kerbside Waste Charge and a Public Waste Charge. This allows Council to be more transparent about the cost of waste and recycling services.

The kerbside waste charge and public waste charge were implemented after a thorough community consultation process. We sought community feedback a number of times during the development of our Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, as well as the 2023/24 Council Budget. In December 2021, we received 2,263 survey responses from Hume residents as part of the development of our Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy. 57 per cent of respondents were in support of a separate waste charge.

A comprehensive campaign took place in the lead up to the implementation of the kerbside waste charge and public waste charge. This included regular website updates, targeted social media advertising, a video explaining the change (which was also translated into over ten community languages), a translated fact sheet for multilingual residents, and an explanation in both of the brochures that were included with rates notices.

**PQ1055 PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRIS O’NEILL**

The Hume City Council First Quarter Report on Capital works provides some alarming rampant cost over runs with some projects running 3000% over their funding allocation. Can council please provide details of each cost over run sighting reasons for each? (Solar Array Installation 3507%, Traffic Management Facilities 3178%, Riddell Road Landfill 1703% Grand Blvd 261%)

**Response: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

The table included in the First Quarter Report provides an update on project progress against the budget available in the 23/24 financial year. Many of Councils capital projects span multiple years and as such a project may appear to be exceeding its budget within a single financial year but still be within its overall project budget.

Of the projects referenced in the question:

Solar Array Installation – At the end of September this program had a life to date actual spend of \$522,576 against a total program budget of \$1,115,957

Traffic Management Facilities – At the end of September this program had a life to date actual spend of \$6,688,126 against a total program budget of \$19,016,461

Riddell Road Landfill – At the end of September this project had a life to date actual spend of \$589,490 against a total project budget of \$10,039,903.

Grand Boulevard Active Open Space – At the end of September this project had a life to date actual spend of \$3,894,811 against a total Project Budget of \$6,752,097.

**PQ1056 PUBLIC QUESTION – ERIN WHITEHEAD**

When will Bulla get a new public toilet at the playground or oval areas? The previous one was removed 2019.

Recently Hume has installed many new toilets at parks but Bulla missed out again after being promised by a Councillor it will be looked at again. Hungry Jacks at the BP servo is not a public toilet.

I am tired of seeing adults and children being caught short and having to use the grass and car parks.

**Response: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

Council is in the process of developing a masterplan for the Bulla Recreation Reserve. That masterplan, developed in partnership with the community will identify improvements to the reserve. Those improvements will be subject to future budget deliberations of Council.

**PQ1057 PUBLIC QUESTION – MELINDA O'NEILL**

Can council please provide a list of all projects noted in the Q1 Project list (8.3) and provide detail on their status including budget and project completion times (in the answer please note the project and initial budget, any changes to their budget that have needed to be approved by council & current expected budget, expected end time at start of project and expected project completion time as of November 2023)

**Response: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS**

The quarterly report attachment provided with report 8.3 provides a list of all projects with expenditure in the 23/24 financial year. It also includes the available funds for this year, project stage and estimated completion date.

Councils annual budget also provides a list of all capital projects for the 23/24 financial year and a break down of the funding sources and asset expenditure types.

Council also now completes a monthly capital project report in the open section of the Council meeting that identifies projects that have been awarded within budget or requiring additional funding.

The information contained in each of these reports is detailed in nature and updates the community on Councils progress against its capital works program.

The Chief Executive Officer read the following.

Council has received ten public questions about the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Section 56.8 of Council's Governance Rules allows for like questions to be grouped together and a single answer provided. Where applicable our responses have been compiled together.

**PQ1058 PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRIS O'NEILL**

Can council please provide a detailed update in relation to the indoor pool at SALC? (Please include in the response how and when HCC became aware of the defect, whether the pool is leaking, the nature of the defect, responsibility for the defect, additional costs, liability for costs, the repair process, expected duration of repair and compensation plan for residents unable to access this core service)

**Response: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING**

The delayed opening of the 25m pool at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre is due to a significant defect in the paintwork. The pool is not leaking.

Late last week it was identified that the new paint is peeling in two areas of the base. The responsibility for this defect lays with the contractor and they will pay for its repair. We don't yet have a repair timeframe, however once we do, this will be communicated to the community and our members.

Council has provided a range of membership discounts and service credits to minimise the impact of the closure of the 25m pool. These will continue to apply until the pool reopens.

The following questions have been grouped together.

**PQ1059 PUBLIC QUESTION – GEMMA BIRD**

What are council doing in regards the Sunbury aquatic centre?

The 25m pool has been closed for 6months and will be delayed further during the repair process. The community is in desperate need of improved aquatic facilities, i.e. a new pool facility. We don't need a 'water play' space we need an indoor 50m pool.

**PQ1060 PUBLIC QUESTION – GEMMA BIRD**

What are council plans for upgrading pool facilities in Sunbury to similar as other council areas?

**PQ1061 PUBLIC QUESTION – ELIZABETH OSBORN**

When will Hume Council stop paying bad money after bad money and realise Sunbury needs a bigger indoor pool?

**PQ1062 PUBLIC QUESTION – SIEW LEE OH**

Why can't we upgrade the Sunbury Aqua Leisure Centre like the one at Craigieburn?

I've been having severe health issues and swimming is essential for me to control my hypertension. I hope you guys understand the pool is an essential facilities that affects people health. I believe it almost cost lower to build a new one if you open tender for the local company to do it.

**PQ1063 PUBLIC QUESTION – SAMANTHA BURNETT**

When are we going to get aquatic facilities in line with those at Craigieburn?



**PQ1064 PUBLIC QUESTION - DAVID NEWTON**

Can council provide an update on NOM23/018 advising of its current progress?

*NOM 23/018 resolved:*

*THAT Council notes that:*

- a. The current facilities at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre at peak and off-peak times are often under stress, and with recent growth, is nearing capacity.*
- b. The Sunbury community is projected to surpass 100,000 people, and that the centre serves and caters for communities far beyond Sunbury including Diggers rest and Bulla. Necessitating the expansion and improvement of recreational facilities to cater to the increasing population.*
- c. The outdoor pool facilities at Sunbury are only available for part of the year, limiting the opportunity for the centre to expand its offering for residents to engage in aquatic activities. And*
- d. Currently, there are no existing masterplans to guide the future vision for and infrastructure needs of the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre to meet this anticipated demand.*

*Council therefore instructs officers to expedite the commencement of the Hume Leisure service and infrastructure plan, which is included in the 2023/24 budget and:*

- 1. Following the completion of the Hume Leisure service and infrastructure plan, refer the development of a specific Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre Masterplan to a Council budget process for consideration, ensuring the facility is well-positioned to meet the needs of Sunbury's growing community.*

**The response to these questions was provided by DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

Council has commenced scoping the service and infrastructure plan for Hume's Leisure facilities.

Once completed, this Plan will guide Council's future decision making for aquatic facilities in Sunbury and across Hume.

After the Service and Infrastructure Plan is completed, Council will be developing a specific Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre Masterplan. This masterplan will guide future investment in the site and ensure the facility is well-positioned to meet the needs of Sunbury's growing community.

**PQ1065 PUBLIC QUESTION - SIEW LEE OH**

How about we upgrade the outdoor 50m pool, with tile and proper filter system? Also convert the area to be convertible indoor/outdoor area so it can be fully utilized 365days a year? The current 50m outdoor pool is very green at the bottom, since last year! Never got it clear...

**Response: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING**

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the outdoor 50m pool at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre. All future service opportunities will be explored through the development of the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre masterplan. This project will commence once the Leisure Service and Infrastructure plan is completed.

**PQ1066 PUBLIC QUESTION- SAMANTHA BURNETT**

Why can't someone in council lobby the government to give us some extra funding for aquatic facilities that suit our growing population?

**Response: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER & STRATEGY**

Council undertakes advocacy and lobbying to receive Government support for priority projects. Once the Leisure Service and Infrastructure plan is completed Council will use that document to lobby for government support for identified projects.

**PQ1067 PUBLIC QUESTION - DAVID NEWTON**

Can council provide a comparison of membership numbers at SALC? (In the answer provide details of member numbers at the end of 2022 vs current date)

**Response: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING**

At the end of 2022 Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre had 2,016 members.  
Currently Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre has 1,941 members.

**PQ1068 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL**

Can council please provide an update of the current swim school wait list (provide a breakdown by centre (SPLASH, BROADMEADOWS, SALC) and comparison of years 2021/22/23.

**Response: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING**

The wait list for Hume Leisure swim school is:

	Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre	Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre	Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre
<b>Current (Nov 2023)</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>10,774</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>9,292</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>N/A - no waiting list</b>	<b>N/A - no waiting list</b>	<b>8,514</b>

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page in Agenda</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) First Quarter Progress Report</b>	<b>5</b>

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

**The Council notes:**

- 2.1 the progress of actions and indicators of the Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Actions) [refer to Attachments One and Two]**

- 2.2 an update to Strategic Indicator for Strategic Objective 1.1  
'Active library borrowers per head of population' to  
'Library members per head of population'**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting, the time being 7:47pm.

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Quarterly Budget Report - September 2023	51

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting, the time being 7:48pm.

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

**That the quarterly finance report for the three months ended 30 September 2023 be received and noted.**

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.2 Quarterly Budget Report - September 2023, the time being 7:49pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.2 Quarterly Budget Report - September 2023, the time being 7:51pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.2 Quarterly Budget Report - September 2023, the time being 7:55pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.2 Quarterly Budget Report - September 2023, the time being 7:57pm.

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Quarterly Capital Works Report	79

**Moved** Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 Quarterly Capital Works Report, the time being 8:03pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 Quarterly Capital Works Report, the time being 8:04pm.

**2.1 That the report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Monthly Capital Works Update	107

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

**2.1 That Council receive and note the report.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	<b>Cease of LGPro Corporate Membership</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Trevor Dance, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jodi Jackson  Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussion on the item 8.5 Cease of LGPro Corporate Membership , the time being 8:11pm.  Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussion on the item 8.5 Cease of LGPro Corporate Membership , the time being 8:13pm.  <b>2.1 That council notes the report.</b>	109
		<b>CARRIED</b>
Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	<b>Stormwater Offsets Scheme</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Karen Sherry, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jack Medcraft  <b>That Council:</b>  <b>2.1 Endorses for release for public exhibition the proposed stormwater offsets scheme as outlined in this report with an offset price of \$45/m<sup>2</sup> for residential developments and \$24/m<sup>2</sup> for industrial/commercial developments for consultation.</b>  <b>2.2 Considers a further report in early 2024 to consider feedback from stakeholders and the community.</b>	125
		<b>CARRIED</b>
Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	<b>Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - October 2023</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Chris Hollow, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Jack Medcraft  <b>That Council notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament.</b>	125
		<b>CARRIED</b>
Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.8	<b>Statutory Planning Quarterly Report July to September 2023</b>  <b>Moved</b> Cr Jarrod Bell, <b>Seconded</b> Cr Karen Sherry  <b>That Council notes the report.</b>	155
		<b>CARRIED</b>

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM23/030 - Cr Jack Medcraft	

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

**That Council through the Mayor, writes to both the State and Federal Governments strongly urging them to honour the timelines promised for the Melbourne Airport Rail Link construction. Given the airport's substantial role in local employment and economic activity, Council urges the governments to reassess the current delays and commit to the previously promised timeline.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Haweil moved an amendment.**

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

**That Council through the Mayor, writes to both the State and Federal Governments strongly urging them to honour the timelines promised for the Melbourne Airport Rail Link construction and to reaffirm Council's ongoing support for the delivery of an underground MARL, a superior project outcome positioning Melbourne alongside other great international cities that have already embraced and delivered this model. Given the airport's substantial role in local employment and economic activity, Council urges the governments to reassess the current delays and commit to the previously promised timeline.**

**CARRIED**

## 10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL

## 11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

## 12. DELEGATES REPORTS

**DEL111 DELEGATES REPORT - MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jarrod Bell gave a report on his attendance at the meeting last week.

**DEL112 DELEGATES REPORT - NATIONAL GROWTH AREAS ALLIANCE PARLIAMENTARY SHOWCASE**

Councillor Naim Kurt reported on his attendance at the National Growth Areas Alliance Parliamentary Showcase in Canberra on the 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> November.

MINUTES

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

**Moved** Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

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

8.4 Monthly Capital Works Update

**Confidential Attachment 1: *Contract Award, Project Complete, Risk & Tender Forecast***

13.1 Craigieburn Sports Stadium Upgrade Project – Additional Funding Requirement

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 this report contains contractual matters.

13.2 Contract - Mount Holden Path and Fencing Works Project – Additional Funding Requirement

Item 13.2 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 this report contains contractual matters.

13.3 Contract - Recruitment Services (MAV Contract RS8017-2023)

Item 13.3 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 commercial in confidence information.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:18 pm.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.