



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2025

7:00PM

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

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HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 28 April 2025

at 7:00pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Jarrod Bell	Mayor
		Cr Naim Kurt	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Daniel English	
		Cr Steve Gagen	
		Cr John Haddad	
		Cr Sam Misho	Online
		Cr Jim Overend	
		Cr Karen Sherry	
		Cr Ally Watson	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Kristen Cherry	Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood	Chief People Officer
		Mr Fadi Srouf	Chief Financial Officer
		Ms Holly De Kretser	Manager Governance
		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 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.

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 Avtar Singh, from Khalsa Darbar, Mickleham on behalf of the HIN.

Avtar Singh read the following prayer:

Oh Waheguru (Wonderful Lord)
We gather here today with gratitude in our hearts.
Guide us to speak truthfully, act humbly, and listen with compassion.
Bless our meeting with wisdom, unity, and understanding.
May our actions reflect Your will and bring benefit to all.
Protect us from ego and selfishness, and lead us towards service and righteousness.
In your Name, we begin.
Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore is on approved leave of absence until 4 May 2025.
Cr Kate Hamley is an apology for the meeting tonight.

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.

Cr Steve Gagen declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 8.1 - 2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program as an organisation of which he is a chair has applied for a grant.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**CNM398****CONDOLENCE MOTION – GAETANO GRECO**

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

That Council expresses its sorrow and writes to Darebin City Council to express its condolences on the death of Gaetano Greco.

CARRIED

- CGM96 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION: ANZAC CEREMONY ORGANISERS**
- Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt
- That Council writes to groups that held ANZAC Ceremonies over the weekend.**
- CARRIED**
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- CNM399 CONDOLENCE MOTION – HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**
- Moved** Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend
- That Council acknowledges the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.**
- CARRIED**
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- CGM97 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – URBAN SURF 5TH ANNIVERSARY**
- Moved** Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt
- That Council congratulates Urban Surf on their 5th anniversary.**
- CARRIED**
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- CGM98 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL ADVISORY PANEL**
- Moved** Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry
- That Council notes Cr Jarrod Bell’s ascendancy to the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel.**
- CARRIED**
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- Cr Jarrod Bell vacated the chair at 7:42pm
- Cr Naim Kurt took over the chair at 7:42pm
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- CNM400 CONDOLENCE MOTION – PASSING OF MRS MARG CAVIGEN**
- Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson
- That Council notes the sad passing of former performing arts and music teacher at Sunbury West Primary School, Mrs Marg Cavigen.**
- CARRIED**

**CGM99 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – KING’S SCOUT
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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

That Council congratulate and write to three outstanding young men, Liam Norgen, Andy Plazzer, James Watkins of the Sunbury Venturer Scout Unit who have recently achieved the prestigious King’s Scout Award.

CARRIED

Cr Naim Kurt vacated the chair at 7:50pm

Cr Jarrod Bell took over the chair at 7:50pm

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 April 2025 and the Confidential Council Meeting of 14 April 2025, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 April 2025 and the Confidential Council Meeting of 14 April 2025, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**PQ1251 -2 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL (SUBMITTED 14
PQ1252 - 2 APRIL COUNCIL MEETING AND COMBINED RESPONSE
DUE TO SIMILARITY)**

1. Over the past 12 months how many times has the indoor 25m pool at SALC had an unscheduled closure within regular operating hours?
2. Over the past 12 months how many hours of unscheduled closures has the indoor pool at SALC had?

RESPONSE: Director City Services & Living

Thank you for your question

The 25m Indoor pool at Sunbury has closed 38 times for a total of 167 hours over the past twelve months.

27 out of the 38 times were due to accidental hygiene-related incidents. There were 5 closures due to external power outages, 3 due to mechanical or equipment failures, and 3 instances related to medical emergencies involving pool users.

Unfortunately, these are common across all public pool operations, and the number of closures at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre is comparable to those experienced at other Council facilities, such as SPLASH, which had 49 unplanned closures, and Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre which experienced 26 closures over the same period. At the other sites, these closures were predominantly due to accidental hygiene incidents and medical emergencies involving pool users.

Hume City Council remains committed to improving services and reducing the impact of service closures on the community. We have introduced initiatives such as handing out free aqua nappies and improved communications around Healthy Swimming Habits to reduce the frequency of accidental hygiene-related incidents. The health and safety of our attendees remains our key priority.

PQ1254 PUBLIC QUESTION - IMOGEN HARABE

Previously Councillors promised to implement free skip bins for every household at the 2016 election. What is the status of that promise?

RESPONSE: Director Infrastructure & Assets

At the 24 March 2025 Council Meeting Council resolved to not proceed with a public skip bin program due to the risks and costs associated with such a service.

However, Hume City Council is proud to offer one of the most comprehensive waste management programs in Victoria, providing a variety of flexible disposal options for our residents. Each household, including renters, receives five waste vouchers annually. These vouchers allow for the disposal of up to 10 cubic meters of waste through at-home hard waste collections, bundled branch collections, or by dropping off items at our Resource Recovery Centres.

In addition, we host quarterly Hume Clean Days at our two Resource Recovery Centres. During the first weekend of each season, residents can drop off up to 15 items.

PQ1255 PUBLIC QUESTION - DUMIDU DE SILVA

I've recently moved to the area and noticed that Raven Hill Boulevard, which seems to be a fairly major thoroughfare, does not have any indented parking bays. Meanwhile, several smaller side roads nearby do have indented parking. I'm curious why this is the case and was there a specific planning reason behind it? It just keeps me wondering, especially given the traffic volume on Raven Hill Boulevard.

RESPONSE: Director Infrastructure & Assets

Council constructed indented parking bays on the section of Ravenhill Boulevard between Roxburgh Park Drive and Whiltshire Drive in 2013, in response to the Roxburgh Park West Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study in 2012.

This section carries significantly more traffic than the rest of Ravenhill Boulevard and was identified as requiring two lanes of unobstructed traffic. It also has higher parking demand due to the townhouse-style dwellings on the western side.

Ravenhill Boulevard between Whiltshire Drive and Somerton Road is wide enough for cars to park on both sides of the street and leave enough space for one vehicle to pass, which is appropriate given the traffic volume is below 3,000 vehicles per day on the busiest section.

In other smaller side streets where indented parking was provided, it was done because the streets were not wide enough to allow for parking on both sides. In line with Council's Parking on Narrow Streets Policy, the demand for parking in streets such as Reynolds Court exceeded the supply available on one side. Therefore, indented bays were constructed to enable parking on both sides with space for one vehicle to pass between, which is equivalent to Ravenhill Boulevard.

PQ1256 PUBLIC QUESTION - ROWENA LAMBERT

What was the total cost of Council's May 2019 Belt and Road-related trip to China, including expenses? Please outline expenses occurred that were specifically attributable to the Mayor at the time.

RESPONSE: Chief Financial Officer

The 2019 Council delegation to China involved one staff member, and two Councillors, travelling for 9 days. The total cost of the trip was \$9,290.25 with expenses being published on Council's travel register and website.

A delegates report summarising the trip outcomes was presented to Council on 8 July 2019.

Expenses attributed to the Mayor at that time were as follows:

Flights \$2,284.83

Accommodation \$558

Other \$248

PQ1257 PUBLIC QUESTION - HARSIMRAN KAUR

One of our elected councillors are running for federal seat of Calwell in upcoming federal elections.

My question is, if they are elected at federal level, which will result in a by-election for the ward, who will be footing the election bill?

For example, would that money for by-election come out of the council budget? If not, please clarify for the community.

RESPONSE: Chief Financial Officer

Local Government elections are run by the Victorian Electoral Commission who then invoices Council for the associated costs. A by-election would be paid for by Hume City Council.

PQ1258 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICK MILLER

How much revenue does Council expect to receive from the new waste levy?

RESPONSE: Chief Financial Officer

For the 2024/25 Financial Year the revenue expected to be received from the recovery of waste costs is \$61.41m as follows:

\$35.95m from Kerbside waste management; and

\$25.46m from Public waste service rates and charges

The 2025/26 budget is still being developed, however the approximate amount expected to be recovered is \$65.59m as follows:

\$38.24m from Kerbside waste management; and

\$27.35m from Public waste service rates and charges.

It is important to note that the waste charge only achieves cost recovery and does not generate a surplus or profit for Council.

PQ1259 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICK MILLER

What, if any, representations has Council made with respect to the re-location of the fire station to a site adjacent to Craigieburn Community Hospital?

RESPONSE: Director Customer and Strategy

Thank you for your question.

In 2018 the Victorian Government announced that a new \$13 million integrated fire station will be built in Craigieburn. Planning work was instigated by the Victorian Government to find the most appropriate site.

Council was engaged as part of this planning work as a potential site that was identified is owned by Council.

Through the Victorian Government's planning it identified that the new station will be built at 99-107 Lygon Drive Craigieburn. Council's engagement did not refer to 99-107 Lygon Drive as it is not owned by Council.

Council has not made any representation regarding the re-location of the fire station at 99-107 Lygon Drive Craigieburn.

PQ1260 PUBLIC QUESTION - ROWENA LAMBERT

How much have rates risen since the October 2016 Council election? Please specify how much more each ratepayer is paying on average.

RESPONSE: Chief Financial Officer

Rates are charged based on the valuation of the property. The average property in Hume has increased in value by 66% since the October 2016 Council elections.

The average residential property in 2016/17 was valued at approximately \$365,000 and rates payable on that valuation were:

Council Rates: \$1,551.70

The average residential property in 2024/25 is valued at \$605,000. Rates payable on this valuation are:

Council Rates: \$1,408.70

Kerbside Waste Charge: \$ 401.63

Public Waste Charge: \$ 222.99

For a total of \$2,033.32

PQ1261 & PQ1262 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - MELINDA O'NEILL (COMBINED RESPONSE DUE TO SIMILARITY)

The inflatable is out of action at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre and has been for at least 12 months. Please provide a detailed explanation for the delay in repairing or replacing the inflatable at Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, including the associated costs and budget allocation?

What is the confirmed timeline for the inflatable's repair or replacement?

RESPONSE: Director City Services & Living

The inflatable at the Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre was decommissioned following an external audit that identified it did not meet safety standards and we were legally unable to use it.

It was determined it could not be repaired or updated to make it meet current standards and was required to be completely replaced. Costs for replacement were referred to the 24/25 capital works budget and the inflatable for Sunbury has been delivered. And

Staff are currently undertaking all the necessary steps to ensure its safe use. Once this is completed, it will be for activated for the community to use on event days, special bookings and for the next school holidays.

PQ1263 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHELLE FORDE

Ever since Sunbury got lumped into Hume Council after amalgamation, it feels like we've been missing out. When we had our own council, Sunbury seemed to get a fairer share of funding. Now, it feels like other areas get looked after first, and Sunbury gets left behind. A lot of locals are feeling frustrated, and it'd be good to see the facts laid out properly.

I want to know how much money has been spent in each suburb across Hume in the last year (2023/24 or 24/25) through the suburban works or building programs what percentage of this program did each suburb get from the total suburban program?

RESPONSE: Chief Financial Officer

The below table outlines the amount of capital works spent in each Suburb of Hume for 2023/24.

Please note the amount included within Citywide which is \$44.57m includes amounts spent across all Suburbs of Hume on annual programs such as footpaths and the road resealing program.

SURBURB	AMOUNT	%
SUNBURY	\$ 52,117,743	32.10%
CITYWIDE	\$ 44,578,604	27.46%
CRAIGIEBURN	\$ 32,650,403	20.11%
GREENVALE	\$ 14,063,070	8.66%
BROADMEADOWS	\$ 6,256,034	3.85%
WESTMEADOWS	\$ 3,283,187	2.02%
KALKALLO	\$ 2,582,628	1.59%
GLADSTONE PARK	\$ 2,080,475	1.28%
MICKLEHAM	\$ 1,535,052	0.95%
TULLAMARINE	\$ 1,448,003	0.89%
DALLAS	\$ 719,662	0.44%
CAMPBELLFIELD	\$ 384,173	0.24%
COOLAROO	\$ 377,487	0.23%
ROXBURGH PARK	\$ 128,521	0.08%
MEADOW HEIGHTS	\$ 85,950	0.05%
JACANA	\$ 35,133	0.02%
YUROKE	\$ 21,363	0.01%
BULLA	\$ 16,200	0.01%
Total	\$ 162,363,686	100.00%

PQ1264 PUBLIC QUESTION - MICHELLE FORDE

What is the current population of each suburb in Hume and what percentage of the total Hume population does each suburb make up?

RESPONSE: Director Customer and Strategy

Suburb population data is sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Data is not collected by suburb boundary, but rather by Statistical Area 2 boundaries.

This creates some limitations to the data as some SA2 areas are a made up of several suburbs, and some suburbs area made up of several SA2 areas.

Below are the population numbers and % population figures based on SA2 areas.

ABS Estimated Resident Population by SA2 - 2024	Number	Percent
Broadmeadows, Jacana	14,786	5.4%
Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Dallas, Fawkner	16,438	6.0%
Craigieburn	71,133	26.2%
Attwood, Gladstone Park, Westmeadows	18,264	6.7%
Greenvale, Oaklands Junction (south of Deep Creek), Bulla	25,723	9.5%
Meadow Heights	14,960	5.5%
Melbourne Airport, Keilor	130	0.0%
Mickleham, Kalkallo, Yuroke	35,371	13.0%
Roxburgh Park, Somerton	25,158	9.3%
Sunbury, Diggers Rest, Clarkefield, Wildwood, Oaklands Junction (north of Deep Creek)	43,033	15.8%
Tullamarine	6,710	2.5%
HUME CITY TOTAL	271,706	100.0%
ABS Estimated Resident Population by SA2 - 2024	Number	Percent

Source: ABS Regional Population 2024

With the data for the Sunbury area and surrounds, it is noted that most of the population will be residing in the urban area of Sunbury.

PQ1265 PUBLIC QUESTION - NATALIE HARRISON

Last meeting I asked what were the 'significant costs' Cr Bell was referring to in his Facebook post dated 11th April for the volunteer run Sunbury Visitor Information Centre including the cost / membership fee HCC are paying for the 'i' symbol. The answer from the Director City Planning and Places did not disclose this. Can you please advise the 'significant cost'?

RESPONSE: Director City Planning & Places

Whilst there are costs associated with delivery of any service provided by Council, that is not the focus of Councils intent to transition from in-person service delivery for visitor information in Sunbury to online information, such as @discoverhume on Instagram. The annual fee for Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) membership is \$585.00 however, a minimum requirement to maintain accreditation per VTIC is also to have a minimum of one paid full time person to operate an Accredited Hub VIC i.e. an accredited Hub VIC may not be Volunteer led and run alone. Additional costs include maintenance of visitor material, training costs, uniform costs and site maintenance costs. Councils approach is consistent with industry trends across Victoria and follows a broad external review of current services, which identified that more people are accessing visitor information online than in-person and the majority of enquires at the Sunbury VIC are not visitor related. Using this to understand how Council can best service the community moving forward, it is intended to wind down the Sunbury Visitor Information Centre. Council will work closely with the current staff and volunteers of the Visitor Information Centre to provide support throughout this transition, including connecting staff to relevant job opportunities that suit their skills and experience, and exploring opportunities for volunteers to take up other volunteer roles within Hume City Council.

Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting, the time being 8:10pm.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Cr Steve Gagen declared a conflict of interest on item 8.1 *2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program* as one of the organisations of which he is a chair, has applied for a grant.

Cr Steve Gagen left the meeting, prior to discussion on item 8.1 *2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program* the time being 8:11pm prior to the item being moved.

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8.1	2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program	5

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.1 *2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program* the time being 8:13pm.

That, regarding the 2025 Community Grants Program, Council:

- 2.1 Endorses the allocation of \$31,408 to the successful 2025 Small Project Round 2 applicants as listed in Attachment One**
- 2.2 Notes that \$15,075 has been awarded under delegation in the Year-Round categories of the Community Grants Program from 1 July 2024 – 28 February 2025 as listed in Attachment Two**

That, regarding the 2026 Community Grants Program, Council:

- 2.3 Endorse the 2026 Community Grants Program Guidelines (Attachment Three)**
- 2.4 Endorse the updated Community Grants Assessment and Review Panels Terms of Reference (Attachment Four)**
- 2.5 Nominates Cr John Haddad, Cr Karen Sherry, Cr Naim Kurt and Cr Sam Misho to the Councillor Review Panel, with gender and cultural diversity considered**
- 2.6 In accordance with the Grant-giving Policy (POL/303), authorise the Director City Services and Living the delegation to award/approve grants and distribute funds for the Year-Round categories**
- 2.7 Notes that Round 1 of the Annual Community Grant program will open for applications on 19 May and close 30 June 2025.**

CARRIED

Cr Steve Gagen returned to the meeting, after the vote on item 8.1 *2025 and 2026 Annual Community Grants Program* time being 8:17 pm.

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8.2	Review of the Road Management Plan	43

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That Council:

- 2.1 note that the Road Management Plan V7, 2021 has been reviewed in accordance with regulation 9 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016 (the Regulations).
- 2.2 note that Hume's Road Management Plan V8 aligns with the Municipal Association Victoria's (MAV) recommended format.
- 2.3 having reviewed its Road Management Plan supports in principle the findings of the review with an amendment to Attachment 5 of the Plan, to change the standard for vertical displacement of a footpath from 30mm to 25mm.
- 2.4 give notice in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 54 of the Road Management Act 2004 that it proposes to amend its plan in accordance with the draft shown in Attachment 1.
- 2.5 having publicly exhibited the proposed amended Plan for at least 28 days, consider all submissions received and consider whether to adopt the reviewed Road Management Plan V8, with or without further amendment.

CARRIED

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8.3	Contract No. 30 24 3558 - Open Space Landscape Construction Panel	112

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Resolves to award contract number 30 24 3558 for Open Space Landscape Construction Panel to:
 - a) Yellowstone Landscaping Pty Ltd
 - b) Rainscapes Pty Ltd
 - c) Excell Gray Bruni
 - d) Warrandale Industries Pty Ltd
 - e) Naturform Pty Ltd
 - f) Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd
- 2.2 Awards the contract the attached tendered schedule of rates (excl. 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 2 x 2 years.
- 2.5 Authorises for variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment.

- 2.6 Delegates to the Director, Infrastructure & Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 2.7 Delegates to the Director, Infrastructure & 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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8.4	Sunbury Community Arts and Culture Precinct - Recommendation to Appoint the Community Advisory Board	120

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

2.1 That Council

- 2.1.1 Endorses the appointment of the following applicants to the Sunbury Community, Arts and Culture Precinct Community Advisory Board:
- (a) Nicholas Germano
 - (b) Jodi Kashani
 - (c) Carmen Maddison
 - (d) Raj Mann
 - (e) Georgia McKay
 - (f) Tony Rains
 - (g) Kelvin Walsh
 - (h) Sean Vagg
- 2.1.2 Notes that the term of the Board is temporary and will be for an approximate period of 18 months (expected to conclude mid-2026). The Board will cease operations upon the transition of the site from Council managed to a community managed facility.
- 2.1.3 Endorses the Terms of Reference for the Sunbury Community, Arts and Culture Precinct Community Advisory Board (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

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8.5	Friends of Aileu Annual Report (2024) and Friends of Aileu Strategy Plan 2025 -2030	138
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Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

1. **Notes the Friends of Aileu Annual Report 2024 (Attachment 1)**
2. **Endorses the Friends of Aileu Strategy Plan 2025-2030 (Attachment 2),**
3. **Endorses the renewed Friendship Agreement (Merri-bek - Hume - Aileu) 2025-2030 (Attachment 3) as the basis for continuing the friendship relationship with the Municipality of Aileu**
4. **Authorises Mayor Cr Bell, Co-Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, to sign Friendship Agreement (Merri-bek - Hume - Aileu) 2025-2030 (Attachment 3)**
5. **Notes the proposed 25-year anniversary celebration event at Coburg Town Hall on 6 May 2025 in collaboration with Port Phillip Friends of Suai and Yarra-Darebin Friends of Baucau.**
6. **Hume City Council updates its website information to better reflect Hume's partnership in this initiative, including providing more details on the Friends of Aileu, the committee's history, membership, and activities, and encouraging more Hume community members to get involved in this valuable program.**

CARRIED

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8.6	Nomination of a National Growth Areas Alliance Delegate and Strategic Advisory Committee Member	221

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 **Nominate the Mayor of the day to be the primary contact for the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA).**
- 2.1.2 **Nominate Councillor Ally Watson to submit an Expression of Interest to the National Growth Areas Alliance to be a member of their Strategic Committee.**

CARRIED

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- 8.7 Submission in Response to Infrastructure Victoria's Draft 30-year Infrastructure Strategy 226**

Moved Cr Steve Gagen, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Approves the attached submission to Infrastructure Victoria.**

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

Amendment to include the following point:

- 2.1.2 Support Recommendation 8: Extend Melbourne's trams to encourage more new homes nearby, through the extension of the existing Tram Route 59, from Airport West to Melbourne Airport, via Melrose Drive Tullamarine & Tram Route 1 from North Coburg to Campbellfield, via Sydney Rd**

The substantive motion was then put.

- 2.1.1 Approves the attached submission to Infrastructure Victoria.**

- 2.1.2 Support Recommendation 8: Extend Melbourne's trams to encourage more new homes nearby, through the extension of the existing Tram Route 59, from Airport West to Melbourne Airport, via Melrose Drive Tullamarine & Tram Route 1 from North Coburg to Campbellfield, via Sydney Rd**

CARRIED

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8.8	Monthly Capital Works Update	246

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

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8.9	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - March 2025	249

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in March 2025.**
- 2.1.2 Notes the list of matters that have not been responded to as outlined in Table 4.**

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM25/26 - Cr Jarrod Bell - North West FM Assessment of Options for Broadcast Site Viability	285

Cr Jarrod Bell vacated the chair at 9:15pm

Cr Naim Kurt took over the chair at 9:15pm

Mr Bob Rau spoke to the chamber in favour of NOM25/26 North West FM Assessment of Options for Broadcast Site Viability

Background information:

Community radio plays a vital role in fostering local identity, amplifying diverse voices, and delivering accessible, grassroots media content. In the City of Hume, stations such as North West FM and Sunbury Radio provide invaluable services to residents of all ages, cultures, and abilities—many of whom are not well represented in mainstream media. North West FM in particular has served the north-western suburbs for over three decades, offering multilingual programming, local news, and volunteer-led content that strengthens social cohesion and civic engagement.

North West FM has a long and cooperative relationship with Hume City Council, having previously transmitted its signal from council-owned infrastructure without incident. However, changes to Council buildings and policy have inadvertently restricted the station's broadcasting capacity. This has contributed to a sharp decline in its reach and financial sustainability. The intent of this motion is to explore practical and immediate solutions, in partnership with the station, to safeguard this vital community asset before irreversible damage is done.

2. **Moved:** Cr Jarrod Bell **Seconded:** Cr Steve Gagen

THAT Council:

1. **Acknowledges the critical role of community broadcasting in connecting diverse and isolated communities within the municipality of Hume, with particular recognition of North West FM and Sunbury Radio as volunteer-led and operated stations dedicated to serving the Hume community.**
2. **Recognises the longstanding, meaningful, and productive relationship Council has shared with North West FM over several decades.**

3. Notes that:

- a. For many years, North West FM broadcast its radio signal without issue, incident, or problem from the roof of the then Broadmeadows Town Hall.
- b. During the design and inception of the current Municipal Office Building in Broadmeadows, Council worked with North West FM to relocate their broadcast site to the new building to avoid signal shadowing.
- c. Despite these efforts and Council's role in supporting the relocation, Council has been unable to permit sustained broadcasting from this site.
- d. The loss of the primary broadcast site forced North West FM to move to its backup site at the roof of its studio building, significantly impacting the station's reach and its ability to connect with listeners and attract sponsors.
- e. This has decimated its ability to generate revenue, and the ongoing loss of income has now reached a critical stage where the station is not confident in its ability to continue operating without urgent action.
- f. The alternative broadcast location project currently listed in Council's capital works program is not suitable for broadcast purposes, does not have required approvals and has not progressed to date.
- g. Current council policy makes it difficult to allow the antenna to be used for its intended purpose or testing without a resolution of Council.

4. Resolves to instruct Council Officers to:

- a. Contact the management of North West FM to make arrangements for a test broadcast from the intended site on the roof of the Municipal Office Building or other agreed site in the Hume Central precinct.
- b. Ensure the purpose of the test broadcast is to confirm the viability and appropriateness of the proposed broadcast site.
- c. Schedule the test broadcast to occur as soon as is practical from this resolution.
- d. Co-author a report in collaboration with North West FM and/or its consultants, outlining the findings of the test

broadcast, and submit it to Council. The report should:

- i. Assess the impact and viability of the broadcast site.
- ii. Provide recommendations for next steps including options for entering into an appropriate arrangement to support and provide for the ongoing use of the site by North West FM, should the agreed findings indicate no adverse impacts.

CARRIED

Cr Naim Kurt vacated the chair at 9:34pm

Cr Jarrod Bell took over the chair at 9:34pm

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

10.1 PJJ314 - PETITION - Removal of 1 Hour Parking Restrictions on Gordon Street Tullamarine, East Side Until Hume City Council Provide Residents with Permits

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

That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the nominated contact of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to Manager Assets.

CARRIED

10.2 PJJ315 - PETITION - Request to Install Exercise Equipment in Aston Fields Craigieburn

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That the petition/joint letter be received, circulated to Councillors, and the nominated contact of the petition be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manger City Strategy.

CARRIED

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

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

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 Confidential Update – Legal Matter

Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. The specified grounds apply because they contain personal information.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed and did not reopen to the public at 9:40pm.

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:18pm