

# COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

**MONDAY, 28 JULY 2025** 

# 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, 11 August 2025.

# **HUME CITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 28 July 2025

at 7.03PM

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 Online

Cr John Haddad Cr Kate Hamley Cr Sam Misho Cr Jim Overend Cr Karen Sherry

Ms Rachel Dapiran Director City Planning and Places
Ms Kristen Cherry Director City Services & Living
Mr Adam McSwain Director Infrastructure and Assets

Ms Ann-Michel Greenwood Chief People Officer

- online Acting Director Customer & Strategy

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

Rev. Dr. Satvasheela Pandhare read the meeting prayer.

#### 3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore and Cr Ally Watson were apologies for the meeting.

Cr Steve Gagen supplied a notice of remote attendance to join the meeting online.

# 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.

# 5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CNM404 CONDOLENCE MOTION - JOHN ENGLART

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

That Council, through the Mayor, write to the family of John Englart expressing our condolences on his passing last week.

**CARRIED** 

## 6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 July 2025.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Daniel English

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2025, be confirmed.

**CARRIED** 

# 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### PQ1292 PUBLIC QUESTION - EMINE DONMA

Can Council advise what steps are being taken to address the lack of accessible parking around Ottoman Village Aged Care, and whether any new parking solutions are being considered to support residents, families, and staff?

# Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets

Accessible parking spaces must follow the Disability Discrimination Act 2006. Council usually doesn't provide these spaces on the road because it's hard to meet the requirements.

Private facilities should follow the National Construction Code for accessible parking. It's best to get advice from a building surveyor and consider adding more accessible parking on-site if needed.

There are some old on-street parking spaces for disabled permits still in Hume, but the Council doesn't install non-compliant spaces anymore. These older spaces are not suitable for all people with disability permits.

There are No Stopping restrictions on Coleraine Street and Cavendish Street near the Ottoman Village Aged Care facility to keep the area safe. Parked cars on bends can block drivers' views and increase the risk of accidents, so Council can't remove these restrictions

# PQ1293 PUBLIC QUESTION - MARCUS SVENDSEN

Given Hume City Council has publicly stated that Somerton Road carries approximately 25,000 vehicles per day, and that duplication is critical to the future growth and safety of Craigieburn, Greenvale and Roxburgh Park, when will Council escalate its advocacy efforts to secure State or Federal funding for the full duplication of Somerton Road between Roxburgh Park Drive and Mickleham Road and in particular, will Council

push for this project to be prioritised in the upcoming State Budget?

# **Response: Acting Director Customer & Strategy**

In recognition of the number of vehicles travelling along the road each day, the duplication of Somerton Road from Roxburgh Park Drive to Mickleham Road, has been a long-term advocacy priority for Hume City Council.

The need for funding for the duplication has regularly been raised with sitting local members of Parliament as well as State and Federal candidates seeking election or re-election to State or Federal Parliament. Council has promoted the need for this project on Council's communication channels including the website, on social media and in dedicated election campaigns.

Council officers have also discussed the importance of this project with officers from the Department of Transport and Planning.

Council will not stop advocating for this project until it is funded.

# PQ1294 PUBLIC QUESTION - MARCUS SVENDSEN

Request VicRoads urgently review the intersection between Aitken Boulevard, Somerton Road, and Kirkham Drive due to its proven design faults and peak-hour congestion and provide a clear public timeline for the next steps Council is taking to address this issue?

# **Response: Acting Director Customer & Strategy**

Council's advocacy efforts are focused on the full duplication of Somerton Road from Roxburgh Park Drive to Mickleham Road. This would address existing congestion issues on Somerton Road including a number of intersections and parts of the road that require vehicles to merge.

Council will continue to engage with both the State and Federal Government to seek funding support for the full duplication of Somerton Road and won't stop until it is fully funded.

#### PQ1295 PUBLIC QUESTION - KATHY VAN SCHEPLEN

Previous concerns on state of Konagaderra road near clean fill site.

Can you please provide an update and what action has currently been taken, on questions raised at the previous Council meeting, in reference to Konagaderra Road and the Recourse Clean fill site, dangers to motorists and the state on the road and verge.

# **Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

The site in question has a rubble pit in place as part of its planning conditions, which aims to control mud being tracked onto the road. Unfortunately, these are not 100% effective at preventing mud from entering the road in wet weather. Council continues to monitor this section of road and notes that as of this morning, there was some dirt on the road, but the majority was on the shoulders. The shoulders remain too wet to be repaired, but 'soft edges' signs are still in place.

## 8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Dallas Neighbourhood House's business case for the future management and operation of the Broadmeadows Community Hub	5
	The following members of the gallery spoke to Item 8.1 Barb Van Vlekkert, Dr Kaylene Evers and Mr John Rutherford.  Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Jim Overend	

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## **That Council:**

1. Provide in principle support for Officers to continue discussions with Dallas Neighborhood House regarding their proposed changes to the current use, operational and management arrangement at Broadmeadows Community Hub as presented in Draft Business Case requesting Council consider a changed operating model for the Broadmeadows Community Hub (BCH) (Attachment 1.)

- 2. Authorises Officers to undertake further assessment and due diligence in relation to DNH proposal, including but not limited to the following:
  - 2.2.1 Financial, service and operational impact analysis
  - 2.2.2 Associated stakeholder consultation
  - 2.2.3 Community benefit and alignment with Council priorities
  - 2.2.4 Legal and governance implications
  - 2.2.5 Leasing and licensing arrangements
- 3. Confirms its commitment to retaining Council operated Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Early Years (EY) programs at Broadmeadows Community Hub regardless of any future changes to use, operational or management arrangements.
- 4. Notes that a further report in October 2025 will be presented to Council outlining the outcomes of these discussions and investigations, along with any formal recommendations for decision.

Report No. Report Page in Agenda
8.2 VisyCares Learning Centre – Future use/operations at 3-13 Hudson Circuit, Meadow Heights

Moved Cr John Haddad, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Notes the status of the Visy Cares Learning Centre (VCLC), and its current limited use and community access.
- 2. Confirms its commitment to retaining Council-led Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Immunsiation services at the facility.
- 3. Endorses
  - 3.1 The commencement of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to reactivate the Centre and ensure the facility is activated to meet the needs of the Meadow Heights community.
  - 3.2 Options for a Council-run facility; and options for a Council-managed Neighbourhood House model.
  - 3.3 Council to undertaken the interim management of the Centre until the EOI process is Finalized, noting the financial impacts to Council.
- 4. Seeks confirmation from Visy regarding their ongoing support for the Centre and the Meadow Heights community, and explores additional partnership opportunities with other philanthropic and not-for-profit providers before commencing the process of changing the name of the Centre.

5. Requests a further report to Council following the conclusion of the EOI process, outlining the recommended future user(s), proposed activation model and proposed future name for the Centre.

**CARRIED** 

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Response to NOM 24/43 George Evans Museum Future Site Investigations	114
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The CEO read a public comment received from Mr Mark Moore on Item 8.3.

# Moved Cr Kate Hamley, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.3 Response to NOM 24/43 George Evans Museum Future Site Investigations, the time being 7:55pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.3 Response to NOM 24/43 George Evans Museum Future Site Investigations, the time being 7:59pm.

That Council notes the findings in response to NOM24/43 George Evans Future Site Investigations:

- That the Hume Global Learning Centre Sunbury has been identified as the most suitable future space to maximise the display and accessibility of historical items from the George Evans Museum and the Hume Civic Collection, based on its existing infrastructure, recent investments, and integration with community services.
- 2. That, following the opening of the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct at Jacksons Hill (scheduled in late 2025), the existing gallery space at the Hume Global Learning Centre Sunbury will be transitioned to focus exclusively on heritage and history exhibitions, to deliver on these findings, and enhance the visibility, preservation, and educational value of the George Evans Collection and broader Civic Collection to the Hume community.

**CARRIED** 

Report No.	Report	
8.4	Proposed Road Discontinuance and Sale of part Kinloch Court Craigieburn	Agenda 119

Moved Cr Daniel English, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

That Council acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 (Act):

1. Resolves, having followed the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the road abutting 50, 60 and 70 Kinloch Court, Craigieburn, being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 9769 folio 560 (as shown cross-hatched on the plan attached to this report)

- (Road), is not reasonably required for public use for the reasons set out in this report, to discontinue the Road;
- 2. Directs that a notice pursuant to clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 to the Act is to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- 3. Directs that, once discontinued, the Road be transferred to Australand C&I Land Holdings Pty Ltd (Purchaser) for no less than market value (plus GST), being the amount of \$390,000 plus GST.
- 4. Directs that the CEO sign any transfer or transfers and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance and sale of the Road and its subsequent transfer to the Purchaser:
- Directs that any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over the Road by any authority be created or saved over the Road by any authority be done so and not be affected by the discontinuance and sale of the Road; and
- 6. Directs that the Purchaser be required to consolidate the title to the discontinued Road with the title to the Purchasers land, by no later than 6 months after the date of transfer of the discontinued Road.

Report No.	Report	Page in
8.5	Contract No. 30 25 3601 - Provision of Liquid Waste	Agenda
	Collection and Disposal	257

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

Councillor Daniel English left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.5 Contract No. 30 25 3601 - Provision of Liquid Waste Collection and Disposal, the time being 8:01pm.

Councillor Daniel English returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.5 Contract No. 30 25 3601 - Provision of Liquid Waste Collection and Disposal, the time being 8:04pm.

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Awards Contract No. 30 25 3601 for the Collection and Disposal of Liquid Waste to:
  - 1.1 Stows Waste Management
  - 1.2 Remondis Australia Pty Ltd
  - 1.3 Cleanaway Waste Management Pty Ltd
- 2. Awards the contract the attached tendered schedule of rates (incl. GST).
- 3. Notes that the contract term will commence on 1
  September 2025 for an initial period of three (3) years, with
  the option of a further two (2), one-year extensions.

- 4. Authorises CPI adjustments to occur in accordance with the conditions of contract.
- 5. Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment.
- 6. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 7. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets the authority to review, and approve the contract extensions, in accordance with the contract provisions. The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within 3 months.

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8.6	Contract No. 30 25 3616 - Supply and Haulage of Bulk	Agenda
	Bins	264

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Daniel English

#### That Council:

- 1. Awards contract number 30 25 3616 for the Supply and Haulage of Bulk Bins to Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd.
- 2. Awards the contract at the attached tendered schedule of rates (incl. GST).
- 3. Notes that the contract term will commence on 1 September 2025 for an initial period of five (5) years, with the option of a further two (2), one-year extensions.
- 4. Authorises CPI adjustments to occur in accordance with the conditions of contract.
- 5. Authorises for Variations to be managed in accordance with the confidential attachment.
- 6. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 7. Delegates to the Director Infrastructure and Assets the authority to review, and approve the contract extensions, in accordance with the contract provisions. The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within 3 months.

**CARRIED** 

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Monthly Capital Works Update	269
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Sam Misho	
	That Council receive and note the report.	

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.8	Correspondence received from or sent to Government	Agenda
	Ministers or Members of Parliament - June 2025	271

Moved Cr Jim Overend, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

# **That Council:**

- 1. Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in June 2025.
- 2. Write to the Minister for Local Government to issue an apology for mistaking correspondence as unanswered where correspondence had been received (see Attachment 8).
- 3. Notes that correspondence that are listed bimonthly as Unanswered are those that are not responded to via the relevant Government Minister or Member of Parliament on government letterhead.

**CARRIED** 

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in
9.1	NOM25/42 - Cr Karen Sherry - Renaming Waterways in	Agenda
	Hume	300

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Kate Hamley

# **That Council**

- Write to the relevant authorities such as Geographic Names Victoria and Melbourne Water asking that the historical error of naming waterways as drains rather than creeks be corrected.
- 2. Seek written support from the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung to be included in the letter.

**CARRIED** 

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	NOM25/43 - Cr Naim Kurt - 25th Anniversary of Hume	Agonaa
	City Council's Social Justice Charter	301

Mr Drew Jessop OAM addressed the gallery on this item.

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Kate Hamley

# **That Council:**

- 1.1 Recognises that 2026 will mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of Hume City Council's Social Justice Charter the first of its kind in Australian local government -and a 20th anniversary of the introduction of Hume's Citizens Bill of Rights in 2004;
- 1.2 Notes that these initiatives placed Hume as a national leader in embedding social justice, civic participation, and community wellbeing into local government practice;
- 1.3 Acknowledges that whilst significant progress has been made over the past 25 years to lift social outcomes across our municipality, entrenched disadvantage and inequalities persist in some communities, and further collective effort is needed;
- 1.4 Requests officers to investigate organising a civic event in 2026 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Social Justice Charter, including:
  - 1.4.1 A formal celebration of Hume's history in advancing social justice;
  - 1.4.2 A relaunch of the Hume Citizens Bill of Rights to reflect contemporary community values and aspirations;
  - 1.4.3 An opportunity to reflect on progress made and outline future commitments to social justice;
  - 1.4.4 A platform to invite Members of Parliament and key stakeholders to engage with Council on the ongoing needs and challenges facing our municipality, particularly ahead of the next Victorian State Election;
- 1.5 Further notes that this event should align with the civic themes championed by Her Excellency the Governor-General of Australia, including promoting civic engagement, democratic participation, and community inclusion, and that the Mayor write to Her Excellency to formally invite her to participate in this milestone event.

**CARRIED** 

Report No. Report Page in Agenda
9.3 NOM25/44 - Cr Naim Kurt - City of Hume Entry Points 303

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

#### **That Council**

- 1.1 Investigates the installation of themed "Welcome to Hume" signage at key Tullamarine entry points, including but not limited to Airport Drive and Keilor Park Drive where signage doesn't exist, and replacement of other entryway points.
- 1.2 Ensures that the signage reflects:
  - 1.2.1 The Indigenous heritage and naming origins of Tullamarine, including its connection to Wurundjeri leader Tullamareena; and
  - 1.2.2 The suburb's longstanding association with Melbourne Airport and aviation.
- 1.3 Explores complementary landscaping treatments, including the use of native flower beds and plantings, that may reflect the possible floral origins of the name Tullamarine.
- 1.4 Undertakes necessary consultation with Wurundjeri & Council's RAP Working Group
- 1.5 Considers these works as part of Council's broader Outdoor Signage Audit and Place Identity strategies with design concepts, and potential delivery timelines to be brought back to a future Councillor Briefing or Council Meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED** 

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

#### 12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Karen Sherry provided a report on the first MAV Northern Metropolitan Region held on 23 July 2025.

Cr Jarrod Bell and Cr Sam Misho provided reports on the ALGA conference in Canberra that was attended during June this year.

# 13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry

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)(e) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

The specified grounds apply because of personal and legal reasons.

**CARRIED** 

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:55pm.

# 14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:04pm