



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025

7:00PM

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

CONFIRMED MINUTES

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 26 May 2025

at 7:00pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

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

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 Iman Ibrahim Karaisil, from the Quba Mosque, on behalf of the HIN.

Iman Ibrahim Karaisil read the following prayer:

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
All praise belongs to You, O God, Lord of the Worlds, the Compassionate, the Merciful.
Praise to Allah, Lord of all existence. Who created the heavens and the earth and taught man what he knew not.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude, O Most Generous, as we gather in unity tonight, humbly seeking your blessings for the Hume municipality and every soul working within its embrace. Let every second, every breath spent in this place be adorned with Your blessings and counted among righteous deeds before You.

O Loving Creator, illuminate this council with endless compassion, kindness, and peace. Let every person who enters become a light of wisdom, a healer of burdens, and a fountain of goodness, serving humanity sincerely and selflessly.

Make this council a sanctuary of solutions, a haven of comfort, and a heart of joy and prosperity for every resident. Fill every interaction here with mercy and understanding, and let happiness and welfare flow abundantly in its halls.

O Most Merciful, bestow wisdom, patience, and strength upon all who serve here. Inspire their hearts with sincerity and humility, guiding them to always act justly, honorably, and compassionately, moved by love for Your creation and devotion to Your way.

Protect our city from all calamities and misfortunes, from harm known and unknown. Shield us from fires, floods, and diseases. Envelop us with Your infinite mercy, safeguarding this city and its people from sorrow and hardship.

Finally, we humbly send peace and blessings upon the Messenger whose guidance brightens our path and whose life inspires our hearts.

Ameen, Ya Rabbal Alameen.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

Cr Jim Overend advised that he is not required to declare a conflict of interest on item 8.3 as no decisions will be made as this report is only for noting.

Cr Daniel English 9.3 NOM25/33 Cr Kate Hamley - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy as this notice of motion relates to my working conditions.

Cr Carly Moore 9.3 NOM25/33 Cr Kate Hamley - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy as I have a close family member who is the Deputy Chair of the SES who would directly benefit from this notice of motion.

Cr Ally Watson 9.3 NOM25/33 Cr Kate Hamley - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy as I am a CFA member and also on a brigade management team for a local CFA.

Cr Jarrod Bell 9.3 NOM25/33 Cr Kate Hamley - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy as my operational capacity as a volunteer with the Victoria SES and a member of the unit management team would be seen as a direct beneficiary of this levy going through.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 May 2025.

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 May 2025, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PQ1275 PUBLIC QUESTION – AHMED KUCUKALI

These questions have been combined and have been provided one response.

Has there been any work or review carried out since July 2024 on Council parking restriction on railway crescent between King William Cres and Kilmore Cres to ease the parking burden during Friday prayer hours?

AND

Can you please outline the outcome of that review

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Since July 2024, Council has received requests from the community relating to parking on this section of Railway Crescent, particularly regarding illegal parking during busy periods. These requests have been assessed and reviewed by Council officers.

The review concluded that the existing restrictions remain appropriate given the current traffic volumes and road function. Railway Crescent is classified as an access street but carries a relatively high volume of traffic, approximately 3,000 vehicles per day. To ensure safe and efficient two-way traffic flow, 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place along much of the west side of the road. Additional restrictions along the bend on the south side of the road are in place for safety reasons. At this stage, there are no plans to amend these restrictions, as doing so would likely compromise traffic safety and flow on the street.

PQ1276 PUBLIC QUESTION - KIMBERLEY MOORE

Kangaroos in Sunbury Field

There has been an increased number of kangaroo deaths in the Sunbury Fields area over the past two weeks, particularly along Elizabeth Drive between Wildflower Drive and Brigade Street. What immediate and urgent support is needed from the local community, to help quickly address this issue and protect the safety and survival of our local kangaroo population?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING

We acknowledge your concern about the recent increase in kangaroo deaths across Sunbury Fields and the wider municipality.

Council is currently conducting an internal review of the management of kangaroos across the municipality and are looking at process improvements and proactive considerations for wildlife.

Council encourages the community to:

Report: Timely community reports of kangaroo collisions or injured animals are critical. This data helps support our assessments and inform targeted interventions. Reports can be made to Wildlife Victoria by calling (03) 8400 7300 for hit, injured or deceased wildlife. This reporting adds to a database that supports ongoing assessments.

Drive to the conditions: Keeping to the speed limits, or where possible, reducing speed in areas of known kangaroo populations will reduce the occurrence and severity of collisions. Where possible, avoid or be more alert during the dawn and dusk periods when animals are most active.

In addition to this, site specific assessments and solutions are required to tackle this complex issue regarding kangaroos. As such, we are committed to working alongside the Sunbury Fields community to improve safety outcomes for both kangaroos and residents.

PQ1277 PUBLIC QUESTION – CHRIS O’NEILL

The indoor pool at SALC has two safety cones marking faults within the structure of the indoor pool shell. One of these relates to a pipe sticking out, the other to expansion joints failing.

When will Hume City Council be doing repairs to the identified issues?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING

The works were completed overnight on Thursday 22 May 2025. Safety cones have all been removed from the area, and community members have been able to use the pool unobstructed since Friday 23 May 2025.

PQ1278 PUBLIC QUESTION - MAHER HANA

Why has Hume City Council knowingly failed to submit a funding application for the Gibb Reserve Master Plan despite confirmed availability of State and Federal funds thereby knowingly jeopardising the delivery of long-promised community infrastructure, including female change rooms, for one of the most culturally diverse, under-resourced suburbs in this municipality?

RESPONSE – DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING

Thank you for your question regarding the Gibb Reserve Master Plan and the external funding application process.

Despite feedback that local groups may have received, Council is never guaranteed funding from either the State or Federal Governments.

State and Federal grant applications require detailed documentation including what the project scope is, as well as confirmed project timelines and an accurate assessment of costs, which Council does not have at this time.

Regarding Gibb Reserve Masterplan Council has included funding in its Capital Works Program to support the next stages of planning and design, which is subject to the outcomes of the Soccer Plan. The information collated to date for Gibb Reserve will inform the plans development which will be presented to Council later this year

PQ1279 PUBLIC QUESTION - MAHER HANA

Why does Hume City Council continue to hide behind “Governance Rules” and digital feedback portals to suppress public scrutiny—forcing community voices into submission forms, blocking real discussion at council meetings, and filtering our questions through the Mayor’s voice, all while excluding Gibb Reserve from the budget and erasing our needs from the Master Plan pipeline?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Council is proud to have Governance Rules which support direct feedback and engagement of community in is council meetings. Community are able to participate in Council meetings via Public Question Time, by submitting a public comment or by joining Councillors in the Chamber to speak to an item directly.

Digital channels are one way we engage with our community, however many choose to write or engage in person as is evidenced by those joining the Chamber this evening.

In particular, the budget process this year received 108 submissions from the community, with speakers welcomed at the Council meeting on 11 March 2025. These are some recent examples of where community were welcomed to speak to Council in a direct and unfiltered way.

8. OFFICERS’ REPORTS

Cr Bell requested that item 8.12 Hume Central Lot E – be moved to the first report of the night as there were members of the gallery in attendance to speak to this item.

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8.12	Hume Central Vision - Lot E	400
	The following submissions for Item 8.12 Hume Central Vision – Lot E were read by the Chief Executive Officer: Professor Theo Farrell – Vice Chancellor, La Trobe University Sally Curtain – CEO Bendigo Kangan TAFE Erika Hughes – Integra Systems Andrew Clarke – Living Legends Members of the Broadmeadows Suburban Revitalisation Board – Ms Kathleen Matthews-Ward MP Co chair, Ms Gina Dougall, Mr Don Tidbury, Ms Sally Curtain, Emeritus Prof. Gregory Baxter, Mr Jeroam Whittington, Ms Kim Stadtmiller, Ms Rebecca Power and Ms Jenni Smith.	
	The following speakers addressed the gallery on item 8.12 Hume Central Vision – Lot E: Ms Gina Dougall – Banksia Gardens Mr Don Tidbury – CEO DPV Health Mr Greg Baxter	
	Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry	

That Council:

- 2.1 Endorse the key terms outlined in Confidential Attachment 1 and authorise Council officers to negotiate a final Project Delivery Agreement, including final Underwrite Agreement, with Wilbow Group and Deal Corporation (Consortium), consistent with the key terms and broad risk allocation outlined in Confidential Attachment 1.**
- 2.2 Note that a further report will be presented to Council outlining the proposed final terms of the Project Delivery Agreement, including the underwrite commitment, for approval prior to execution.**
- 2.3 Note that under the Project Delivery Agreement the land will only transfer to the developer once it has all necessary approvals in place and they are ready to commence construction.**
- 2.4 Approve the developer to actively market the project and seek agreements with potential anchor tenants noting that this marketing activity is non-binding on both the developer and Council.**
- 2.5 Resolve to commence the statutory process for disposal of land under Section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 for proposed Plan of Subdivision Lot 1 PS921713A (Pearcedale Parade), Broadmeadows VIC 3047 known as Lot E, including:**
 - Public notification of Council's intention to sell the land.**
 - Provision for public submissions in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.**
 - If submissions are received, a further report to be presented to Council following completion of the consultation process to consider submissions and determine whether to proceed with the sale.**
 - If no submissions are received, proceed with intention to sell the land in accordance with Council approved parameters.**
- 2.6 Endorse the progression of the Broadmeadows Car Park on Dimboola Road, currently at planning and design development stage, as a related strategic infrastructure project that supports the development of Lot E.**
- 2.7 Note the completion of further work including assessments outlined in Confidential Attachments 2, 3 and 4 relating to sub-leasing strategy, car parking needs, and Council's office accommodation requirements as required by Council prior to entering into any Project Delivery Agreement.**
- 2.8 Note that Council will provide an update on the status and next steps of the Hume Central program through its official communication channels.**

LOST

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

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

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8.1	Third Quarter Report 2024/25 - Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions	6
	<p>Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Carly Moore</p> <p>Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting, during discussion on Item 8.1 <i>Third Quarter Report 2024/25 - Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions</i>, the time being 8:17pm and did not vote on the item.</p> <p>That Council notes the Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
8.2	Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Budget	37
	<p>Moved Cr Sam Misho, Seconded Cr Carly Moore</p> <p>Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.2 <i>Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Budget</i>, the time being 8:22pm.</p> <p>That Council notes the Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Quarterly Budget Report (Attachment1).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
8.3	Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program	63
	<p>Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Steve Gagen</p> <p>Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.3 <i>Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program</i>, the time being 8:23pm and did not vote on this item.</p> <p>That Council notes the Third Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program (Attachment 1).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	
8.4	Monthly Capital Works Update	85
	<p>Moved Cr Steve Gagen, Seconded Cr Ally Watson</p> <p>2.1 That Council receive and note the report.</p>	

CARRIED

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8.5	2025 Arts Grant Program Recommendations	87

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

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during item 8.5 2025 Arts Grant Program Recommendations, the time being 8:27pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorses the distribution of \$74,300 to the 2025 Arts Grants Program categories in the following manner:**
 - (a) **\$43,345 (total) for 3 applications for Creative Project Grants (Attachment 1 -Table 1).**
 - (b) **\$30,955 (total) across 11 applications for Creative Activity Grants (Attachment 1 – Table 1).**
- 2.2 **Notes that dispersal of funds identified in 2.1 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**

CARRIED

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8.6	2025/26 Event Grant Program Round 1 Recommendations	95

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

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorse the distribution of \$144,410 to 18 applicants in Round One of the 2025/26 Event Grant Program as shown in Attachment 1.**
- 2.2 **Notes that in addition to the cash grant amount, 10 applicants (as shown in Attachment 1) will also receive in-kind support, supporting them with costs associated with permit fees and/or Council venue hire.**
- 2.3 **Notes that dispersal of funds identified in 2.1 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**

CARRIED

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8.7	Planning Scheme Amendment C274 - Somerton Road Precinct Structure Plan - 800-870 Somerton Road, Greenvale – Adoption	105

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

That Council having considered the independent Planning Panel Report in accordance with Section 27(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- 2.1 Adopts Planning Scheme Amendment C274 with changes, found in Attachment 7 of this report, in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
- 2.2 Authorises officers to enter the agreement to secure transport, community and recreation and affordable housing contributions associated with the development of the new neighbourhood under Section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
- 2.3 Submits the adopted amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, after entering into the section 173 agreement in accordance with 2.2 above.**

CARRIED

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8.8	Glass Recycling and Kerbside Reform	333

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting prior to Item 8.8 *Glass Recycling and Kerbside Reform* being moved, the time being 8:54pm.

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

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.8 *Glass Recycling and Kerbside Reform*, the time being 9:02 pm.

That Council:

- 1. Rejects the mandatory implementation of a glass-only bin service for households, citing concerns about cost, inefficiency, duplication of existing programs, and lack of flexibility in addressing local community needs.**
- 2. Advocate to the group of 32 Victorian Councils to call on the Victorian Government to abandon or fundamentally revise the current glass bin mandate in favour of more efficient, locally tailored waste management solutions.**
- 3. Writes to the 15 Victorian Councils named in the advocacy group to propose a unified stand against the mandatory glass bin roll-out and initiate a sector-wide campaign to explore practical and cost-effective alternatives.**

4. Writes to the Minister for Environment, the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos, expressing Council's strong opposition to the mandated glass bin program, highlighting the financial burden on ratepayers, duplication with the Container Deposit Scheme, and the absence of adequate flexibility for local implementation.
5. Acknowledges the successful uptake of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) across Hume, which is already achieving significant glass recovery, reducing the necessity for a separate, expensive glass-only bin system.

CARRIED

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8.9	Submission to Inquiry into Wildlife Roadstrike in Victoria	342

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Approves the attached submission to send to the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee.

CARRIED

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8.10	Independent Member to the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	375

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

That Mr Phil Shanahan be appointed as the independent member to the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee until May 2027.

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting during discussion on item 8.10 *Independent Member to the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee*, the time being 9:15pm and did not vote on the item.

CARRIED

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8.11	Response to Victoria's Multicultural Review	378

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

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.11 *Response to Victoria's Multicultural Review*, the time being 9:17pm.

Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting during discussion on Item 8.11 *Response to Victoria's Multicultural Review*, the time being 9:18pm.

Councillor Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 8.11 *Response to Victoria's Multicultural Review*, the time being 9:20pm.

2.1 That Council:

2.1.1 Approves the attached submission to send to.

CARRIED

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8.13	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - April 2025	409

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That Council:

Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament in April 2025.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	Notice of Motion - NOM25/31 - Cr Ally Watson - Kalkallo and Mickleham Request for Increased Bus Service	463

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

Councillor Jim Overend left the meeting during discussion on *NOM25/31 - Cr Ally Watson - Kalkallo and Mickleham Request for Increased Bus Service*, the time being 9:29pm.

Councillor Jim Overend returned to the meeting during discussion on *NOM25/31 - Cr Ally Watson - Kalkallo and Mickleham Request for Increased Bus Service*, the time being 9:32pm.

THAT Council:

- 1. Write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport seeking a review of bus services in and around Kalkallo and Mickleham, including timetables and bus stop shelters to better cater for the growing population.**
- 2. Write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport to request the latest plan to extend the 525 route into Kalkallo North.**

Councillor John Haddad left the meeting and did not vote on item *NOM25/31 - Cr Ally Watson - Kalkallo and Mickleham Request for Increased Bus Service*, the time being 9:32pm.

CARRIED

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9.2	Notice of Motion - NOM25/32 - Cr Naim Kurt - Gladstone Park Community Facilities Upgrades	464

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

Councillor John Haddad returned to the meeting during discussion on *NOM25/32 - Cr Naim Kurt - Gladstone Park Community Facilities Upgrades*, the time being 9:37pm.

That Council resolves:

1. **Officers undertake an investigation and report back to Council on:**
 - a. **The compliance and condition of the Gladstone Park Senior Citizens Centre.**
 - b. **Any identified opportunities for future building improvement works that would bring the facility up to an improved standard. This would include an estimate of costs to ensure the facility, and its surrounding gardens, remain fit for purpose and continue to meet both the current and future community needs of the Gladstone Park community.**
2. **That Council consult with the local community regarding the future of the remainder of vacant land on Carrick Drive/Elmhurst Drive Reserve, including identifying any future community infrastructure needs or requirements to support the growing and changing needs of the Gladstone Park community and wider area.**

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

9:39pm Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

That time be extended by 30 minutes.

CARRIED

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9.3	Notice of Motion – NOM25/33 – Cr Kate Hamley – Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy	466

The following Councillors declared a conflict of interest on item NOM25/33 – Cr Kate Hamley – Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Levy:

Cr Daniel English, Cr Carly Moore, Cr Ally Watson and Cr Jarrod Bell.

Councillor Daniel English left the meeting, the time being 9:40pm.

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting, the time being 0:00 9:40pm.

Councillor Ally Watson left the meeting, the time being 0:00 9:40pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting, the time being 9:41pm.

Cr Jarrod Bell vacated the chair at 9:41pm

Cr Naim Kurt took over the chair at 9:41pm

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

THAT Council:

1. **Receives a briefing on the anticipated impact that the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy will have on our community; including suburban households, our rural landowners and farmers, and on Council land; including any options that we may have to oppose the levy increases.**
2. **Writes to the relevant Department or Minister to express our concerns on the impact the ESVF levy will have on our community, request that the implementation is paused, and that consultation is undertaken with Councils and affected communities to find appropriate solutions.**
3. **Prepares communications materials to keep our community informed of the situation around the ESVF levy and the impact that it may have on their household - clearly stating that this is not a Council directed levy.**

CARRIED

Councillor Daniel English returned to the meeting, the time being 9:52pm.

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting, the time being 9:52pm

Cr Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting, the time being 9:52pm

Cr Ally Watson returned to the meeting, the time being 9:52pm.

Cr Naim Kurt vacated the chair at 9:53pm

Cr Jarrod Bell returned to the chair at 9:53pm

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9.4	Notice of Motion - NOM25/34 - Cr John Haddad - Meadow Heights Shopping Centre Amenity Improvements	468

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

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussion on NOM25/34 - Cr John Haddad - Meadow Heights Shopping Centre Amenity Improvements, the time being 9:52pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussion on NOM25/34 - Cr John Haddad - Meadow Heights Shopping Centre Amenity Improvements, the time being 9:54pm.

That Council:

- 1. Write to the owners of the vacant land adjacent to Meadow Heights Shopping Centre and work with them to request the immediate installation of fencing or other appropriate infrastructure around the vacant land adjacent to the shopping centre to:**
 - a. Prevent unauthorised vehicle access.**
 - b. Protect Council assets and infrastructure, including nature strips; and**
 - c. Deter further damage to land and improve overall amenity in the area.**
- 2. Request Council officers to write to the shopping centre's central management to:**
 - a. Raise serious concerns regarding the alleged poisoning of birds on or near the vacant land and seek clarification on any pest control practices being undertaken.**
 - b. Request an immediate investigation and a commitment to cease any harmful or inhumane practices; and**
 - c. Explore any opportunities to update or activate the vacant land to improve safety, aesthetics, and environmental outcomes for the community.**
- 3. Request Council officers to bring forward funding consideration for the installation of a pedestrian safety crossing on Hudson Circuit, Meadow Heights from the shopping centre to the adjacent religious facilities, as part of the 2025/26 Budget process, in response to increased pedestrian activity and community safety concerns.**

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

PJL316

JOINT LETTER – INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON ELIZABETH DVE SUNBURY

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

That the joint letter be received, circulated to Councillors, and the nominated contact of the joint letter be advised that the matter has been referred to the appropriate Manager for action.

CARRIED

PJL317 PETITION – RAY ESTATE ATTWOOD

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

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

CARRIED

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Ally Watson gave an update on the Northern Study Hub Advisory Committee.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **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:

8.4 Monthly Capital Works Update

Confidential Attachment:

- 1. *Monthly Capital Works Report - April 2025***

8.5 2025 Arts Grant Program Recommendations

Confidential Attachment:

- 2. *2025 Arts Grants Summary of Application Recommendations***

8.6 2025/26 Event Grant Program Round 1 Recommendations

Confidential Attachment:

- 2. *2025/26 Summary of Applicant Recommendations***

8.10 Independent Member to the CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee

Confidential Attachments:

- 1. *Minutes CEMAC - 26-3-2025***
- 2. *Minutes CEMAC - 05-05-2025***

8.12 Hume Central Vision - Lot E

Confidential Attachments:

- 1. *Key Terms***
- 2. *Car Parking Assessment***
- 3. *Subleasing Strategy***
- 4. *Office Needs Assessment***
- 5. *Proposed Plan of Subdivision PS921713A***

13.1 Toyon Road Pedestrian Bridge Project - Funding Confirmation

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 the arrangement struck between Victorian Government and Stockland, Council are not a formal party to and it is not appropriate to expose that in an open Council meeting.

13.2 Contract No. 30 24 3590 - End User Computing Equipment Contract - DGS-ICT-04-2024

Item 13.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(d.) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is contractual matters.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 10:01pm

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10:06pm