



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2023

7:00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

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HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 13 February 2023
at 7:04PM
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Joseph Haweil	Mayor
		Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Chris Hollow	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Naim Kurt	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		Cr Jim Overend	
	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
		Ms Megan Kruger	Manager Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	Senior Governance Officer
		Ms Jane Mikaele	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 reminded the gallery that Council's Governance Rules requires the gallery to be silent at all times, and that members of the gallery must not interject or take part in the debate. Any person who is called to order, may be asked to leave the Chamber. The Mayor advised that notwithstanding this, 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

MINUTES

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Mayor read the following:

"Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung Willam Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and to Elders past, present and future."

2. **PRAYER**

The Mayor read the following:

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Hume City."

Amen

3. **APOLOGIES**

Cr Sam Misho was an apology 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

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 9.6 ON THE AGENDA

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That seeks Council's authorisation to move that motion to be discussed and considered now.

CARRIED

9.6 NOM23/006 - Cr Joseph Haweil

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That Council:

Notes with deep concern and sorrow the devastating earthquakes that have struck Türkiye and Syria.

That Council extends its deepest sympathies to families and communities that have lost loved ones, and those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected.

That Council expresses its firm solidarity with members of the Hume City community who are of Turkish and Syrian national background or ancestry, sharing with them its condolences at this difficult time.

That Council authorises a \$10,000 contribution to the Australian Red Cross 'Türkiye-Syria Earthquakes Appeal'.

That Council writes under the Mayor's signature to both the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Consul General of the Republic of Türkiye in Melbourne to apprise them of this motion and to offer Hume City Council's deepest sympathy and solidarity.

That Council provides in-kind support for community fundraisers (through the use of Council facilities, ie. Town Hall) should also be considered in any response given by Council.

CARRIED

5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES**CNM376 CONDOLENCE MOTION: SUAT BAYRAM**

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

I move that Hume City Council through the Mayor, write a letter to the family of Suat Bayram from Greenvale who passed away in Türkiye from the devastating earthquake as reported Saturday morning by the family.

CARRIED

CNM377 CONDOLENCE MOTION - DAGMAR GASTBURGER

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

That Council through the Mayor, writes to the family of Dagmar Gastburger who passed away on January 22nd.

CARRIED

CNM378 CONDOLENCE MOTION - ROBERT STOKES

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council writes to the family of Mr Robert Stokes to send our condolences on his recent passing.

CARRIED

CGM13 CONGRATULATIONS MOTIONS - SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council through the Mayor writes to Second Chance Animal Rescue to congratulate them on the upcoming second season of The Pet Rescuers which will begin at 12:30pm on Saturday 18th February on Channel 9.

CARRIED

CGM14 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - HUME NETBALL CLUB AND CRAIGIEBURN NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

I move that HCC through the Mayor write to both the Hume Netball Club and Craigieburn Netball Association on congratulating them and the following members highlighted in this motion at conducting a successful tournament whilst raising a large sum of money to assist a team mate in need.

CARRIED

CGM15 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - NEIL AND MARIANNE WILLIAMS OF SUNBURY

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

That Council through the Mayor write to Neil and Marianne Williams of Sunbury congratulating them on their admission to the Order of Australia as recipients of the Order of Australia Medal, as part of the Australia Day Honours on January 26 this year.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 12 December and 19 December 2022, including Confidential Minutes.

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 12 December and 19 December 2022, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ931 PUBLIC QUESTION - GLENN GLEESON**

I would like to ask a question for tonight's council meeting in regards to the lack of road infrastructure in, and around the community at the Stockland Estate, Cloverton Kalkallo as it takes 30 to 120 minutes to leave the estate in the morning

What is being done to fix this issue ?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING AND PLACES

Council understands and sympathises greatly with residents in the Cloverton and Kallo estates who experience major delays everyday leaving their estates.

The additional slip road from Donnybrook Road to the Hume Highway at Mitchell Street roundabout is a State Government responsibility. It is anticipated that construction will commence following finalisation of the planning work.

Having successfully advocated for the funding for these works in the lead up to the last State election, Council will continue to advocate for the slip lane to be constructed as soon as possible.

PQ932 PUBLIC QUESTION - SUSAN SAUNDERS

When is Donnybrook Road slip onto the Hume Highway going to be completed?

Council understands and sympathises greatly with residents in the Cloverton and Kallo estates who experience major delays everyday leaving their streets.

Major transport works are planned to alleviate this congestion that are the responsibility of Stockland and / or State Government to deliver.

The first is the construction of a new bridge over the Merri Creek that will facilitate access to the existing intersection of Donnybrook Road at Cloverton Boulevard. Stockland have commenced the works for this bridge and it is due to be complete in the middle of 2024.

The second is the construction of the new Hume Freeway interchange at Gunns Gully Road. Stockland, subject to final approvals from the State Government, are due to commence works on this interchange later this year with the works anticipated to be complete in 2025 / 2026.

A pedestrian / cycle bridge is also planned at Toyon Road across Merri Creek that will facilitate improved access to Donnybrook Station, particularly as Donnybrook Road does not have any pedestrian or cycle infrastructure. Subject to approvals, this is anticipated to be constructed by Stockland in 2024.

Council has worked extensively with Stockland and Department of Transport and Planning to find solutions to ease congestion prior to the second and third exits being constructed. This includes introducing temporary signals at the Mitchell Street / Donnybrook Road roundabout and adjusting the sequencing of signals at the Dwyer Street / Donnybrook Road intersection. This has provided some limited but valuable reduction in the delay.

Council will continue to assist the timely delivery of the roads leading to these new exits and also continue to advocate to the State Government for increased capacity along Donnybrook Road, including new pedestrian and cycle paths.

PQ933 PUBLIC QUESTION - KRISTINA LARSON

Surrounding councils offer individual grants for short and mid-term access for community members who may face barriers accessing leisure centres, or where they would experience a significant benefit to their well-being through membership.

Does Hume currently offer individual membership grants to its leisure centres, and if not, is this something Hume can implement to improve community health and well-being?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES & LIVING

Council currently offers a range of affordable options at Hume Leisure Centres for community members who may be facing barriers to participation. This includes a 50% membership discount for eligible concession card holders and asylum seekers, as well as short term membership options.

Community health and wellbeing remains an important consideration, and Council will continue to work with community members to facilitate their individual support and access needs.

PQ934 PUBLIC QUESTION - KRISTINA LARSON

Banksia gardens has notoriously faced disadvantage, high crime rates, and many residents report feeling very unsafe. Hume Council has been lobbying the state for more funding to improve resident's circumstances. Is there a role for Hume to co-design and partner with residents to publicly submit project plans to housing which could improve community well-being?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING & PLACES

Council continues to advocate and seek investment from the State Government in the renewal of Banksia Gardens and new housing for Hume. Homes Vic is leading the development of a masterplan for the Banksia Gardens and Council is collaborating on this important renewal activity for Broadmeadows. In this advocacy Council has outlined that the expectation that the Banksia Gardens community are actively engaged and supported to contribute to the design process for all improvements.

PQ935 PUBLIC QUESTION - STEPHEN KING

According to Wikipedia a speed bump “are a class of traffic calming devices that use vertical deflection to slow motor-vehicle traffic in order to improve safety conditions” and “they are most commonly used to enforce a low speed limit, under 40 km/h or lower”

Why then would the Hume Council bother removing the speed humps/bumps in Carnoustie Drive Sunbury and spend who knows how many dollars replacing them with humps that are easier to speed over?

Place a mobile speed checking device along this street and see if I’m wrong.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Carnoustie Drive between Francis Boulevard and Gleneagles Drive has existing on road cycling lanes and is a public bus route. This section of Carnoustie Drive was treated about 15- 20 years ago with rubber road cushions to reduce traffic speeds and improve safety. The rubber road cushions had reached their end of life and required replacement. Current standards and guidelines approve the use of raised safety platforms on bus routes which are an effective treatment at reducing traffic speeds. Raised safety platforms are similar to a flat top road hump but have longer ramps and a longer flat top to enable them to be bus friendly. Raised safety platforms are currently the preferred treatment on bus routes by local bus companies and PTV.

The rubber road cushions on Carnoustie Drive were also problematic for cyclists usually requiring them to navigate into the kerb tray or traffic lane to pass the treatment. The raised safety platforms allow cyclists to stay within their lane as they travel over the treatment providing a safer environment for cyclists.

8. OFFICER’S REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Hume City Draft General Purpose Local Law 1 - Public Exhibition	9
	Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry	
	That Council:	
	2.1 Endorse the Draft Hume City General Purpose Local Law 2023 and supporting documents for Public Exhibition during the period 14 February 2023 – 31 March 2023.	
		CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre - (Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund - Round 2 Funding)	109
	Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell	
	That Council endorses the preparation of a funding application to the Round 2 Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund to support the redevelopment of the Sunbury Senior Citizens project, requesting the amount of \$600,000 from the fund.	
		CARRIED

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8.3	Hume Event Grant Program 2023/2024	113

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

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorse the Hume Event Grant Program 2023/24 including the Program Guidelines (Attachment 1) and Terms of Reference (Attachment 2).**
- 2.2 **Notes that applications for the 2023/24 Event Grant Program will be open as follows:**
 - **Round 1 (for events held between 1 July 2023 – 31 December 2023) applications open 4 March – 2 April 2023**
 - **Round 2 (for events held between 1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024) applications open 17 July – 16 August 2023**
- 2.3 **Notes that \$170,000 is allocated to the 2023/24 Event Grant Program. Confirmation of program funding is pending the adoption of the 2023/24 Council Budget.**
- 2.4 **Notes a report recommending the distribution of Round 1 Event Grant Program funds will be presented to Council on 26 June 2023.**
- 2.5 **Nominates three Councillors (one from each ward) to the Councillor Review Panel for the 2023/24 Hume Event Grant Program and the 2023 Hume Arts Grants Program.**
- 2.6 **Cr. Jarrod Bell, Cr Jim Overend and Cr Chris Hollow were nominated to the Councillor Review Panel for the 2023/24 Hume Event Grant Program and the 2023 Hume Arts Grants Program.**

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 *Hume Event Grant Program 2023/2024*, the time being 8:04pm.

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 *Hume Event Grant Program 2023/2024*, the time being 8:06pm.

CARRIED

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8.4	Free Tipping for Charitable Organisations Policy	139

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council:

- 2.1 **Approves the updated Free Tipping for Charitable Organisations Policy (Attachment 1).**
- 2.2 **Notes that the changes within the Free Tipping for Charitable Organisations Policy will commence from 1 July 2023.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Load Limits and Truck Bans	145

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 note that Bardwell Drive, Wildwood Road (North), Konagaderra Road, and Gellies Road are carrying higher than desirable levels of industrial trucks.
- 2.2 commence the statutory procedures to install “No Trucks” with advisory “Over 4.5t or 7.5m” signage on Bardwell Drive, Wildwood Road (North), Konagaderra Road (between Havelock Road and Craigieburn Road West), and Gellies Road.
- 2.3 write to the Department of Transport seeking in principal support to install the “No Trucks” signage.
- 2.4 calls for submissions from the public under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 by publishing its notice of intention to install “No Trucks” signage on these roads via a public notice in the Northern Star Weekly and on Council’s website if in principal support is received from the Department of Transport.
- 2.5 consult with the directly affected properties on Bardwell Drive, Wildwood Road (North), Konagaderra Road, Gellies Road and other abutting roads including Southern Plains Road, Emu Creek Road, Emu Flats Road, Wildwood Road (south), St Johns Road, Feehans Road, Havelock Road, Deep Creek Road, Red Gum Road, Peregrine Road, The Ridge, The Dress Circuit, Brassey Court, Parkland Crescent, Mt Ridley Road (west of Mickleham Road) and Farleigh Court regarding the proposed “No Trucks” signage.
- 2.6 schedules a submission hearing to be held to consider any submissions received pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 at a place, time and date to be advised within the public notice in 2.3.

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during discussion on item 8.5 Load Limits and Truck Bans, and did not vote on the item, the time being 8:10pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Proposed acquisition of Meadowlink land from Minister for Planning	157

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

That Council resolves to:

- 2.1 **Acquire the land known as 56 Blair Street Broadmeadows on TP969520E Volume 12430 Folio 088 Crown Allotment 2058 Parish of Will-will-rook (Subject Land 1).**
- 2.2 **Acquire the land known as 72 Railway Crescent and 61 Blair Street Broadmeadows also described as Gosford Crescent Broadmeadows on TP969521C Volume 12430 Folio 089 Crown Allotment 2059 Parish of Will-will-rook (Subject Land 2).**
- 2.3 **Agree to acquire Subject Land 1 and Subject Land 2 for the value of \$1 plus GST.**
- 2.4 **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or an approved delegate to sign any other documents required in connection with the acquisition and transfer of Subject Land 1 and Subject Land 2.**

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during the discussion on item 8.6 *Proposed acquisition of Meadowlink land from Minister for Planning*, the time being 8:13pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.7	Proposed Appointment of New Members to the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management	167

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

THAT Council appoints Andrew Musgrove and Leigh Hattenfels as members of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION**9.1 NOM23/001 - Cr Jack Medcraft**

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the meeting prior to discussion on item NOM23/001, the time being 8:16pm.

Councillor Joseph Haweil left the chair at 8:16pm

Councillor Karen Sherry took over the chair at 8:16pm

Councillor Joseph Haweil took over the chair at 8:17pm

Councillor Joseph Haweil returned to the meeting, the time being 8:17pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussion on the item NOM23/001, the time being 8:17pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting discussion on the item NOM23/001, the time being 8:19pm.

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

That Council writes to the relevant Assistant Commissioner for the Broadmeadows, Sunbury and Craigieburn stations:

- 1. expressing Council's concern about graffiti within the Hume municipality; and**
- 2. seeking further information regarding the monitoring and enforcement approach for small retailers selling aerosol paints.**

CARRIED

9.2 NOM23/002 - Cr Joseph Haweil

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council:

- 1. The Hume City municipality is a State significant powerhouse of economic activity with more than \$45 billion of annual economic output representing nearly 6% of Greater Melbourne's output.**
- 2. Hume City is home to many large, national and multinational employers with existing internal Corporate Social Responsibility policies and programmes.**
- 3. Hume City Council has a long history of mutually beneficial philanthropic partnerships with industry that have addressed social and economic disadvantage in Hume. These partnerships have supported the community in which industry operates and thrives or where the mission/vision of the organisation aligns with a community/City-led initiative. Past examples of such partnerships include those with the Pratt Foundation, Visy and (formerly) Fairfax Media, among others.**
- 4. Having seen the value in past partnerships and the need to renew Hume City Council's success in this space, that a philanthropy framework be prepared including guiding principles, a prospectus and other related information.**
- 5. A preliminary report detailing opportunities and timeframes for delivery of (4.) above be presented to the Strategy and Policy Briefing of Council on 17 April 2023.**

CARRIED

9.3 NOM23/003 - Cr Jack Medcraft

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

That Council investigates and implements modifications to the fountain at the Village Green Sunbury to reduce the vandalism to the jets.

CARRIED

9.4 NOM23/004 - Cr Trevor Dance

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council directs Officers to undertake a full cost analysis of all projects in the current capital works program for the 2022-23 period and 2023-2024 periods, providing Council with:

- 1) the current known cost increases, and**
- 2) forecast cost increases,**
- 3) advice regarding any projects affected by cost increases which may need to be re- assessed or cancelled for cost benefit analysis.**
- 4) Total budget over run for all projects**

CARRIED

9.5 NOM23/005 - Cr Jarrod Bell

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

That Council:

- 1) Acknowledges the sense of loss by the Sunbury community of the George Evans Museum space located in the former Council Chambers building in Sunbury, particularly by the many historical and heritage community groups in the Sunbury area.**
- 2) Instructs officers to provide a report to Council outlining a path forward in consultation with key stakeholder groups; this report should include:**
 - a) An assessment of what space and facilities would be required to meet the needs of the Sunbury community adequately, to the utility and standard of the former George Evans space.**
 - b) Options for alternative accommodation sites (both current facilities and future) for dedicated community local history museum space.**
 - c) An analysis of operations models including community or (volunteer) operated spaces.**
 - d) The reopening on a temporary or ongoing basis of the George Evans Museum space and how this may be achieved, or why this is not possible.**

CARRIED

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting during discussion on item NOM23/005 and did not vote, the time being 8:49pm.

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Joseph Haweil advised of his recent election to the following committees and positions:

- Member of the Strategic Advisory Committee of the National Growth Areas Alliance
- Chair of Northern Council's Alliance
- Board member of the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting, the time being 8:53pm.

13. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

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

13.1 Chief Executive Officer Strategic Performance Objectives

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

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:54pm.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 9:01pm.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:01pm.