



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2024

7.00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

(Updated 15 May 2024)

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, 13 May 2024.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 29 April 2024
at 7.00pm
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Naim Kurt	Mayor
		Cr Jarrod Bell	
		Cr Trevor Dance	
		Cr Joseph Haweil	
		Cr Chris Hollow	
		Cr Jodi Jackson	
		Cr Jack Medcraft	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		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
		Mr Joel Kimber	Acting Governance Manager
		Ms Jane Mikaele	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

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.

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

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Karen Sherry 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.

Cr Moore and Cr Hollow noted that they did not need to declare a conflict of interest in relation to item 9.3 Sports Aid Grant Program as this report is only for noting.

Cr Haweil declared a conflict of interest on item 14.1 Memorandum of Understanding - Melbourne Airport Rates in Lieu Agreement.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The chair moved Item 8 – Public Question Time to 7:07pm in the meeting.

PQ1138 PUBLIC QUESTION SUSAN IMAM AND SASHA DARA

On an Ethical and moral perspective why hasn't council contacted Maria MP (chairman of human rights committee) to voice our concerns in regards to HTA weapons manufacturing facility that violates all ethical, moral and human rights? What initiatives have councillors led to hold Maria V Fed MP to account in her advocacy or lack of, for Palestine and the HTA/BDS motion?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER AND STRATEGY

The role of Hume City Council, and indeed that of all Council's in Victoria, is highly regulated and relates specifically to the zoning and the use of land in relation to permits that have been allocated.

Unless an occupant has breached either the Planning and Environment Act 1987 or the Hume Planning Scheme, or is in breach of any planning approvals issued, Council is unable to take action against a business or operators.

To-date, Council has not been notified of any breaches with regards to the above and therefore has neither the power or policies to take any action.

PQ1139 PUBLIC QUESTION - SUSAM IMAM

Council represents Hume residents. Why hasn't council actively under (international/humanitarian law,) implemented or advocated the BDS on behalf of the indigenous Palestinians whom reside in Hume (whom are not able to grieve for their massacred loved ones) to state and federal governments?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CUSTOMER AND STRATEGY

This is a matter for Council to consider which has not yet been considered.

PQ1140 PUBLIC QUESTION - SASHA DARA

Given Hume is home to the largest Islamic population in Victoria, and in light of the rise in Islamophobia, what has the council committed to in order to combat this and educate communities and keep our people safe?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council's Social Justice Charter guides programs and services to advance equitable access and participation for all Hume residents. The Charter aims to address prejudice and racism and guides the actions of Council.

Hume City Council supports an active Hume Interfaith Network and works closely with Faith leaders to support the education of the broader community. Last weekend the HIN hosted a successful come try sports community event - providing members of the community to interact with leaders from all faiths. Events like these are hosted throughout the year.

Council also have a range of programs such as Community Hubs and Community Change Makers that aim to facilitate the inclusion of all faiths and challenge the negative stereotypes that community may face.

Council has partnered with Victoria University to address racism and are hosting workshops in May. All the initiatives mentioned are provided in more detail on Council's website.

PQ1141 PUBLIC QUESTION – MICHAEL RUSSO

Regarding the roundabout at Dawson St & Micheline St Tullamarine, council advised line marking around the central island has faded and will be re-line marked and Landscaping will also be inspected to determine whether any planting needs replacing. Can council please provide an update as to when these tasks will be completed?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

The roundabout has been inspected and line marking around the central island has been scheduled to be undertaken within four weeks. The landscaping was also reviewed and determined that the Tulbaghias that were planted two to three years ago are suitable and these plants flower multiple times from mid-spring to late-summer. The site receives monthly inspections and maintenance.

PQ1142 PUBLIC QUESTION – MICHAEL RUSSO

Regarding the two roundabouts on Broadmeadows Rd in Tullamarine, residences have noticed the roundabout has displaced in certain sections and landscaping is unsightly.

Residences have made several requests to look into this but have no response. Can you please provide some information about what is being done?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

Maintenance inspections of the roundabouts on Broadmeadows Road at the intersections of Dalkeith Avenue and Spring Street have been undertaken. The roundabout kerbs were found not to be displaced however there is some minor displacement of a section of the internal concrete within the island of one of the roundabouts, but it does not exceed road management plan intervention levels.

Some sections of the line marking at the roundabouts have faded and have been scheduled to be re-line marked within the next 4 weeks. A stormwater pit lid within one of the roundabouts was found to be damaged and arrangements have been made for its repair. Regarding landscaping, the roundabouts have limited area for landscaping to take place. As a result, the roundabouts have been planted with Lomandra 'Tanikas' which provide strappy foliage. These receive an annual prune which will generate new growth. These sites are serviced monthly.

PQ1143 PUBLIC QUESTION - DAVID NEWTON

In the 2021 Hume City council indoor sports plan adopted by council shows that courts within the Jacksons creek ward were operating at peak capacity (97%). Since the reports adoption what investment has Hume City Council made in the Jacksons creek ward to alleviate pressure on Eric Boardman courts.

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Council is aware of the high demand on indoor sports courts in the Jacksons Creek Ward during peak times and is developing its Active Living Service and Infrastructure Plan to guide and assess future availability in growth area locations. The Plan will also assist Council to explore future funding opportunities to meet the significant costs associated with the provision of new stadium infrastructure.

Council continues to invest annually in existing facilities including the Eric Boardman Courts to ensure they remain available for the community, clubs and user groups. Officers have also worked with user groups to expand all abilities and pre-school programs to maximise usage at existing facilities during off peak times which has increased participation across Hume.

PQ1144 PUBLIC QUESTION - DAVID NEWTON

Since 2015 developers have contributed approximately AUD\$27M in levies to Hume City Councils Budget. What are the forecasted total developer levies (\$AUD) for the Jacksons creek ward over the next 10 years to 2034?

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Over the next 10 years from 2024/25 to 2033/34, the Council anticipates receiving cumulative developer contributions of \$183.19 million for the Jacksons Creek Ward. This sum includes contributions for Community and Recreation, Transport, and Supplementary Transport. In addition, an extra \$73.4 million is projected to be paid to the Council as a land equalisation levy, which will be used to reimburse developers (or other property owners) who provide more land than specified in the Sunbury Infrastructure Contributions Plan (ICP).

PQ1145 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL

How did the council identify the need to remove the SALC outdoor toddler pool and replace it with 0m depth water play equipment?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

The positioning for the Outdoor Water Play Park was identified as the preferred location by the project team, which included Council Officers and specialist design consultants. In determining the position regard was had to the utilization of toddler pool, its construction and accessibility concerns.

The new outdoor water play park aims to redevelop the outdoor toddler pool space to upgrade access, new seating, water features and water play equipment to meet current and future community needs.

PQ1146 PUBLIC QUESTION - MELINDA O'NEILL

Following the community consultation for the SALC outdoor toddler area works, what changes were made based on community feedback?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

Consultation was conducted in September 2023 with 486 people providing feedback.

The Outdoor Water Play Park features to be installed were selected based on public feedback preference.

The most popular elements identified by the community through the consultation were incorporated into the design. These include a tipping bucket, slides, spraying loops and various water jets.

PQ1147 PUBLIC QUESTION - BRIAN MILLET

Following the approval of the 50m pool (SALC) to be open all year round. Why does the 50m pool need to be closed now prior to the commencement of the outdoor works?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND LIVING

The trial will commence once works associated with the outdoor water play space are complete. These works commence shortly.

Council extended the outdoor pool season by two weeks to accommodate the school holiday period.

PQ1148 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

Can council provide a list of the 3 largest new capex spends for each ward in the Hume city council draft budget 2024/25.? In the table please provide Name of project, Cost of project, Ward and a short description of what the spend is for.

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The draft 2024/25 Budget is scheduled for approval for public exhibition following the council meeting on 27 May 2024. Information will be available after this date.

PQ1149 PUBLIC QUESTION - CHRIS O'NEILL

In the Hume city council 24/25 draft budget, what is the total spend broken down by ward? In the table please provide a breakdown of total spend, percentage of total spend and ward.

RESPONSE: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The draft 2024/25 Budget is scheduled for approval for public exhibition following the council meeting on 27 May 2024. Information will be available after this date.

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

CGM57 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – CR JARROD BELL

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

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during item 5 Congratulations and Condolences, the time being 7:28pm.

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during item 5 Congratulations and Condolences, the time being 7:31pm.

Councillor Naim Kurt called for an adjournment to the meeting, the time being 7:32pm

Councillor Naim Kurt called for an end to the adjournment and resumed the meeting, time being 7:40pm

That Council writes to congratulate the organisers of each of the various ANZAC Day Services across Hume City thanking them for their efforts.

CARRIED

CGM58 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION- CR JARROD BELL

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

That Council writes to and congratulates Sunbury local, Riley Coughlan on his recent success at the World Athletics race walking teams championships in Turkey.

CARRIED

CNM390 CONDOLENCE MOTION - CR JACK MEDCRAFT

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

That Council writes to the Mayor of Ballarat expressing our condolences due to recent events.

CARRIED

MINUTES

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 15 April 2024 held on the 15 April 2024, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 15 April 2024, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

Nil

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	Monthly Capital Works Update	7

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

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	Draft Open Space Strategy	9

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

2.1 That Council endorses the draft Hume Open Space Strategy to be released for community feedback for a period of six weeks.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.3	Sports Aid Grants Program- 2023/24 Batch 1 Report	134

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council:

2.1 Notes that \$26,366.77 has been awarded for 2023/24 Batch 1 from 1 July 2023 until 30 January 2024 as listed in Attachment One.

2.2 Notes that 2023/24 Batch 2 is currently open until 30 June 2024 or until funds are exhausted.

2.3 Notes that a SAGP Recognition Certificate Event will be conducted in 2024 to recognise all the SAGP Recipients.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.4	Proposed Hume Planning Scheme Amendment - Somerton Road Precinct Structure Plan – 800-870 Somerton Road, Greenvale - Authorisation	147

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

That Council:

- 2.1 Following the finalisation of a section 173 agreement for developer and housing contributions, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment that includes a new Schedule to the Urban Growth Zone, incorporates the Somerton Road PSP and NVPP into the Hume Planning Scheme, applies a PAO and amends the Schedule to Clause 53.01 in accordance with Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 2.2 Prepares and exhibits the Amendment in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, subject to Ministerial Authorisation.
- 2.3 Authorises Council Officers to make necessary changes to the Amendment to ensure consistency with the requirements of the Department of Transport and Planning.
- 2.4 Authorises Council Officers to request the Minister for Planning appoint a Planning Panel to consider unresolved submissions to the exhibition of the Amendment.

CARRIED

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9.5	2025 Community Grants Program	245

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

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Notes that Round 1 of the Annual Community Grant program will open for applications on Monday 13 May and close Friday 21 June 2024.
- 2.1.2 Endorse the 2025 Community Grants Program Guidelines (Attachment One)
- 2.1.3 Endorse the updated 2024 Community Grants Assessment and Review Panels Terms of Reference (Attachment Two)
- 2.1.4 That Council nominates the following three Councillors for the 2025 Community Grant Program Councillor Review Panel, representing one per ward, and with gender and cultural diversity considered.

1. Councillor Joseph Haweil
2. Councillor Chris Hollow
3. Councillor Jarrod Bell

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during item 9.5 2025 Community Grants Program and did not vote, the time being 8:23pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.6	Jacksons Hill Community Arts and Cultural Precinct - Future Plan	279

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

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during item 9.6 Jacksons Hill Community Arts and Cultural Precinct - Future Plan, the time being 8:30pm.

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorse a change to the 2014 Sunbury Community Arts and Culture precinct vision statement in response to community feedback:**
 - 2.1.1 *Create a destination that preserves and celebrates Sunbury's significant cultural heritage and supports arts, community, cultural, social and learning activities that are connected, creative, vibrant, inviting, inclusive and valued.*
- 2.2 **Endorse updated wording to the key principles of the Sunbury Arts and Culture precinct in response to community feedback as detailed in Attachment 1.**
- 2.3 **Endorse the release of the draft concept design for Building 22, Building 24 and surrounding open space known as Stage 1 of the Sunbury Community Arts and Culture precinct, for community consultation in May 2024.**
- 2.4 **Note that following the consultation period, a report will be prepared for consideration at a Council meeting in mid-2024 to endorse the final concept plan and proceed to design development.**
- 2.5 **Note next steps planned for temporary activation of the Sunbury Arts and Culture precinct as detailed design development of Stage 1 progresses.**
- 2.6 **Note officers will investigate potential management models for the operation of Sunbury Community Arts and Culture Precinct and report back to Council by mid-2024.**

CARRIED

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9.7	Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	289

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

That under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises the officer listed in Attachments 1 be an authorised officer under that act.

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during item 9.7 Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and did not vote. The time being 8:35pm.

CARRIED

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9.8	Gap Road/Station Street Sunbury Realignment Proposal (Community Consultation Results)	293

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

Councillor Jack Medcraft returned to the meeting during item 9.8 Gap Road/Station Street Sunbury Realignment Proposal (Community Consultation Results), the time being 8:37pm.

THAT Council:

- 2.1 Notes the results of the community consultation on a proposal to extend a section of Station Street Sunbury to the corner of Horne Street Sunbury.**
- 2.2 Endorses the submission of a proposal of the realignment of Station Street to the Registrar of Geographic Names for their approval.**
- 2.3 Notes that the community will be advised of Council's decision which will consist of sending correspondence to the same affected property owners and residents who originally received a consultation pack on this proposal and by placing information of Council's website.**
- 2.4 Notes that if this proposal is approved by Registrar of Geographic Names, that new signage will be installed.**

CARRIED

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9.9	70 Sunset Boulevard Jacana - Development of Land for multiple dwellings	297

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Trevor Dance

That the item be deferred.

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9.10	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - March 2024	331

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

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during item 9.10 Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - March 2024, the time being 8:50pm.

That Council notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament.

CARRIED

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9.11	Proposed naming of Valley Park Community Centre	421

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during item 9.11 Proposed naming of Valley Park Community Centre, the time being 8:54pm.

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during item 9.11 Proposed naming of Valley Park Community Centre and did not return to the meeting, the time being 8:54pm.

That Council approves the name Valley Park Community Centre, for the new community centre being constructed at 44 Village Crescent, Westmeadows.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
10.1	NOM24/19 - Cr Jack Medcraft	423

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

That Council:

1.1 Writes to the Victorian Premier, the Hon. Jacinta Allan:

1.1.1 Expressing Council's concern regarding the persistence of family violence rates in Hume City and elsewhere across Victoria.

1.1.2 Expressing Council's ongoing commitment to prevent family and gender-based violence through the delivery of coordinated action across specialist family violence services, primary

prevention agencies, the community, and other levels of government.

- 1.1.3 Calling on the Victorian Government to:
- (a) Sustainably fund the specialist family violence response sector
 - (b) Increase safe and affordable housing to facilitate escape and recovery from family violence
 - (c) Maintain primary prevention work – including a commitment to sustain grant funding for local governments through the Free From Violence Local Government Program, particularly for those Councils whose funding is expected to cease in 2025.

CARRIED

11. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

13. DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, Seconded Cr Jarrod Bell

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

9.1 Monthly Capital Works Update

Attachment 1 - CONFIDENTIAL – Monthly Capital Works.

9.3 Sports Aid Grants Program- 2023/24 Batch 1 Report -

Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL – SAGP 2023/24 Batch 1 Recipients.

14.1 Memorandum of Understanding - Melbourne Airport Rates in Lieu Agreement

Item 14.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) and (g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, and because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because This report is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a) (g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it contains information relating to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released; AND private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

14.2 CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee

Item 14.2 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 9:10pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.