HUME CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, 28 AUGUST 2023

7.00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

OUR VISION:

Hume City Council will be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.

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Notice of a
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
to be held on Monday, 28 August 2023
at 7.00pm
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 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

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.

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 Nilupa Jayawickrema, from the Buddhist community, on behalf of the HIN.

3. APOLOGIES

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.

5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES

Recognising 50 Years of Service at Hume City Council - Howard Mitchell

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 August 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 August 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

8. OFFICER'S REPORTS

The Mayor will ask the Councillors and gallery at the commencement of this section, which reports they wish to speak to. These reports will then be discussed in the order they appear on the notice paper.

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13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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 Contract - Supply and Delivery of Three (3) Side Loading Garbage Trucks to Westar Truck Centre

Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 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 of contractual matters.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

SHEENA FROST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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REPORT NO:	8.1
REPORT TITLE:	Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026 - Final Adoption
SOURCE:	Samuel Ferrier, Manager City Safety
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	TBC
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	1.3: Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Hume City Council Domestic Animal Managment Plan 2023* 2. *Consultation Summary Report - Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan Public Exhibition* 3. *Detailed Comments - Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan Public Exhibition*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act) requires all councils in Victoria to develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). These plans are required to provide an outline of services, programs and policies established to address the administration of the Act and Council's management of cat and dog issues in the municipality.

1.2 The DAMP is an overarching, strategic document that is required to be prepared at 4-year intervals. The Hume City DAMP (attachment 1) has been prepared for the period 2023-2026.

1.3 The DRAFT Hume City DAMP 2023-2026 was endorsed for public exhibition at Council's meeting on 26 June 2023. Feedback obtained during the public exhibition period has been considered and minor amendments have been made to the plan. The final plan is now presented for Council consideration and adoption.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Section 68A of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 requires Councils to produce a DAMP in line with the requirements below:

68A. Councils to prepare domestic animal management plans.

(1) *Every Council must, in consultation with the Secretary, prepare at 4-year intervals a domestic animal management plan.*

(2) A domestic animal management plan prepared by a Council must –

(a) Set out a method for evaluating whether the animal control services provided by the Council in its municipal district are adequate to give effect to the requirements of this Act and the regulations; and

(b) Outline programs for the training of authorised officers to ensure that they can properly administer and enforce the requirements of this Act in the Council's municipal district; and

(c) Outline programs, services, and strategies which the Council intends to pursue in its municipal district –

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(i) To promote and encourage the responsible ownership of dogs and cats; and

(ii) To ensure that people comply with this Act, the regulations and any related legislation; and

(iii) To minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals; and

(iv) To address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats; and

(v) To encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats; and

(vi) To minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance; and

(vii) To effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations; and

(d) Provide for the review of existing orders made under this Act and local laws that relate to the Council's municipal district with a view to determining whether further orders or local laws dealing with the management of dogs and cats in the municipal district are desirable; and

(e) Provide for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council's municipal district that it thinks necessary; and

(f) Provide for the periodic evaluation of any program, service, strategy or review outlined under the plan.

(3) Every Council must -

(a) Review its domestic animal management plan annually and, if appropriate, amend the plan; and

(b) Provide the Secretary with a copy of the plan and any amendments to the plan; and

(c) Publish an evaluation of its implementation of the plan in its annual report

3.2 The Hume City DAMP 2023-2026 has been developed in accordance with these requirements.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 Funding has been allocated within the 3210 - City Laws annual budget to support the delivery of key actions and activities identified within the Hume City DAMP.

4.2 This includes $58,000 in budgeted contractor and promotional expenses to support the delivery of identified community educational campaigns and resources, and $15,000 to support staff development and training activities identified within the plan.

4.3 These activities are supported, in part, by income received by Council through animal registration, and animal-related infringements.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 Poor management of domestic animals can impact severely on animal welfare and the natural environment. Feral and stray animals in particular cause significant environmental damage through the destruction of native and threatened species.

5.2 The Hume City DAMP 2023-2026 identifies a range of actions that seek to promote responsible pet ownership, reduce stray and wandering animals, ensure pets are kept

under effective control and to ensure pets are kept legally (i.e. microchipped and registered). These measures have flow-on benefits for the environment.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 There are no climate change adaptation considerations for this report.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 This report and its recommendations align with the intention of and do not limit any of the protected rights under the Victoria Charter of Human Rights.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 The development of the Hume City DAMP 2023-2026 has been informed by extensive community and stakeholder engagement including:

8.1.1 **The DAMP Community Survey 2023:** This survey was distributed via email to 10,000 households in Hume and delivered during pop-up engagement activities at key community events and local dog parks. This survey included questions relating to the awareness of the animal-related laws and services, local issues of concern relating to cats and dogs, the prioritisation of animal management services and programs, and the introduction of a cat curfew. This survey was distributed in English, Turkish and Arabic.

8.1.2 In-depth stakeholder interviews: In-depth interviews were conducted with key animal management stakeholders including local veterinary practices, shelter operators, animal welfare groups and family violence-related services. These interviews were focused on understanding current trends, opportunities for improvement and collaborative action.

8.1.3 **Social media:** During the public exhibition period, a social media campaign was delivered across Council channels. This social media campaign promoted the survey and encouraged community members to have their say. In addition to the analysis of survey results, comments made by community members on social media posts were analysed to determine key issues of concern, community sentiment and experiences.

8.1.4 Internal focus groups: A series of focus groups were delivered with internal stakeholders – with representation from a cross section of Council departments including City Laws, Customer Experience, Population Health and Social Policy, Sustainable Environments, Community Capacity Building and Open Space and Recreational Planning. The engagement of these diverse, cross-organisational stakeholders was considered necessary to support the development of a holistic and comprehensive Plan. These sessions were focused on further unpacking community engagement findings and developing and refining actions to be included within the draft Hume City DAMP.

8.2 During these consultation activities, Council received comments and responses from over 1,000 individuals, representing the most comprehensive engagement process undertaken by Council to inform its DAMP.

8.3 Over the period 26 June 2023 – 24 July 2023, the draft Hume City DAMP was placed on public exhibition providing an additional opportunity for community members and stakeholder to have their say on key priorities, directions and actions included in the plan. Key insights and outcomes emerging from the public exhibition period are detail in section 9 of this report.

9. DISCUSSION:

Public Exhibition – Overview and Feedback

9.1 During the period 26 June 2023-24 July 2024, a copy of the draft Hume City DAMP was made available on Council's participate Hume webpage, Council customer service centres and key community facilities providing the opportunity for community members to review and provide feedback on the plan. In addition to being made available across the above platforms, the draft Hume City DAMP was promoted through Council's social media channels.

9.2 A total of 105 responses were received during the public exhibition period. A consultation outcome report is included at attachment 2. A full list capturing verbatim community comments is included in attachment 3.

9.3 The below table provides a high-level summary of key themes that emerged during the public exhibition:

Theme	Overview of responses
Cat curfew	During the public exhibition period, community members expressed both support and opposition regarding the introduction of a cat curfew in the local area. Those in support highlighted the potential for a cat curfew to reduce stray and feral issues, to protect wildlife, and to reduce safety and amenity impacts – such as cats urinating/defecating on private property. Those opposed highlighted concerns for cat welfare, the possible proliferation of vermin, the limitations of such curfews in addressing cat problems, and the difficulties associated with enforcement. Others offered ideas about things that would need to be in place for a cat curfew to be effective – such as education, guidance, and support for residents. As detailed in the plan, the introduction of a cat curfew is an area that will be further explored as a key deliverable in year one.
Community education and information	Consistent with actions/directions identified in the plan, a number of responses highlighted the need for ongoing community information and education to promote and improve responsible pet ownership, safety and amenity in the local area. Many highlighted that such efforts must be targeted and tailored to meet the diverse needs of the community and must be complimented with enforcement actions and approaches to address those instances where people continue to do the wrong thing.
Enforcement and compliance activities	Several comments were received highlighting the need for ongoing Council officer training to ensure they were positioned to respond to animal matters safely and effectively. Others highlighted the need to increase staffing resources to meet the rising and changing needs within the community.

	A number of comments highlighted the need for ongoing and increased: patrols in local dog parks, enforcement of nuisance-related matters and enforcement of animal abuse/neglect. A number of comments suggested that there had been an increase in the number of dogs off-leash on streets and in other areas not designated as off-leash areas, and reinforced the need for more patrols across the city by animal management officers. Finally, a number of comments provided ideas about how Council could encourage compliance – such as through the further expansion of incentive and discounts desexing programs. While most of the above issues have been considered and are covered in the Hume City DAMP 2023-2026, it should be highlighted that animal abuse/neglect issues are managed by the RSPCA.
Pet infrastructure/amenities	A number of comments were received about equipment and infrastructure needs throughout the municipality to support the participation of dogs in public places – including more poo bag stations, bins and both dedicated off-lead and on-lead areas. It was also highlighted that more signage was required in some locations to remind people to pick up after their pet, and to remind people of areas where dogs must be kept on lead.

9.4 No substantive changes are recommended to be made or incorporated into the final Hume City DAMP. In the view of officers, many of the key themes that emerged during the public exhibition period are adequately addressed in the plan or relate to how the plan is operationalized and executed. A minor change has been made to page 10 within the plan to update the list of Hume City suburbs.

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 The Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026 has been informed by extensive consultation with the community, and delivers a robust, comprehensive, and innovative approach to the management of dogs and cats in the municipality.

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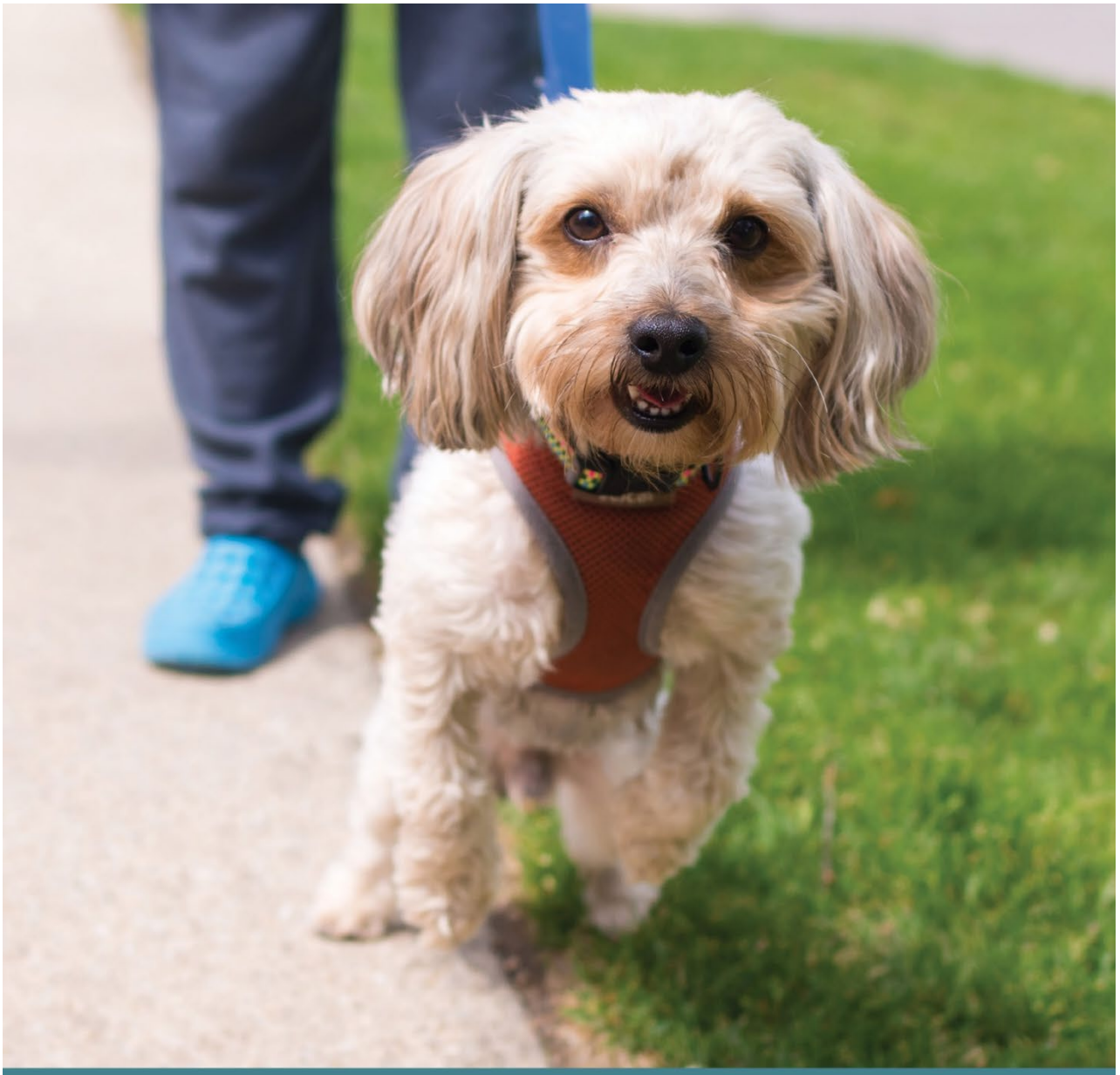

The benefits of pet ownership for people's health and wellbeing are well established. Whilst DAMPs are concerned primarily with the management of dogs and cats within the community, it is important to note that pet ownership has a range of positive outcomes for the ongoing physical and mental health of community members, including companionship, reducing loneliness and isolation.

Mayor's Foreword

Dear residents and fellow animal lovers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2023-2026 Domestic Animal Management Plan. This important plan aims to promote responsible pet ownership and strengthen the bond between humans and our beloved domestic animals.

This plan represents a significant step forward in ensuring the welfare, safety, and harmony between residents and the animals we share our lives with.

Our community has always held a deep appreciation for the companionship and joy that pets bring to our lives. With the privilege of pet ownership comes the responsibility to ensure their welfare and considerate integration into our community.

It is in this spirit that we have developed our Domestic Animal Management Plan – a comprehensive approach aimed at fostering responsible pet ownership. This plan reflects the values and aspirations of our community, emphasising the importance of education, collaboration, and proactive measures to address the challenges and opportunities associated with pet ownership.

Education forms the cornerstone of our plan. We believe that knowledge empowers responsible decision-making and compassionate actions. By providing accessible and comprehensive education programs, we aim to equip our community members with the information and resources needed to understand the needs of their pets, ensure their proper care, and foster positive relationships between other animals and humans.

Collaboration is another vital aspect of our plan. We recognise that responsible pet ownership is a shared responsibility involving the entire community. We will actively engage with local organisations, veterinary professionals, animal welfare groups, and passionate individuals who are dedicated to animal well-being.

Finally, our plan emphasises proactive measures to address the challenges associated with pet ownership. We will focus on initiatives such as pet identification and registration, responsible breeding practices, effective stray animal management, and the promotion of responsible behaviour in public spaces. Through sensible regulations, enforcement, and community outreach, we can create an environment where responsible pet ownership becomes a shared norm.

I express my thanks those who have contributed to the development of this plan, including our dedicated project working group, experts, and community members. Your insights and passion have shaped this document into a comprehensive blueprint that reflects the aspirations and needs of our community.

Together, let us embark on this exciting journey towards enhancing responsible pet ownership and nurturing a community that cherishes and safeguards the well-being of our animal companions.

Joseph Haweil
Mayor Hume City Council

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Acknowledgement of Traditional owners

Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, which includes the existing family members of 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 Elders past, present and future.

1. Introduction and context

1.1 Purpose of the Domestic Animal Management Plan

The Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act) requires councils in Victoria to develop a domestic animal management plan (DAMP), every four years. The DAMP must outline council services, programs and policies established to address the administration of the Act, and councils' management of dog and cat issues in their community. Council must review its DAMP annually and publish an evaluation of the implementation of the past year's actions in its Annual Report. This DAMP will cover the period from late 2023-2026 as opposed to the standard four-year period.

DAMPs should cover the following issues:

- Ensure that people comply with the Act, the regulations and any related legislation
- Minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals
- Address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats
- Encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats
- Minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance
- Effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations
- Provide for the review of existing orders made under this Act and local laws that relate to the Council's municipal district with a view to determining whether further orders or local laws dealing with the management of dogs and cats in the municipal district are desirable
- Provide for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council's municipal district that it thinks necessary
- Provide for the periodic evaluation of any program, service, strategy or review outlined under the plan.

1.2 Process applied in developing the plan

Hume City's DAMP was developed through extensive community and stakeholder engagement to ensure that it identified and addressed specific animal management issues across the City.

In addition to engagement with community members and stakeholders, the plan has been developed following review and consideration of historical service data, best-practice frameworks and approahes. The development of the DAMP was driven by a multi-discipline project working group across the follow stages.

Stage 1: Community Consultation

A detailed community engagement program was delivered to encourage the community of Hume to have their say on domestic animal management issues. The engagement gathered feedback from a wide cross section of the diverse areas across Hume. Approximately 1,136 people provided feedback. The main consultation method was an online survey, available in English, Turkish and Arabic and was distributed through:

An email campaign to

10,000 residents

with **5,000** households that have a registered animal and **5,000** households that do not have a registered animal

Intercept surveys

conducted at **Craigieburn Festival** and **Sunfest**

Publication on the

Participate Hume

website with promotion through **social media** campaigns

Eight key stakeholder interviews

were undertaken via **telephone** or **Zoom** and an additional **sixty-nine comments** were received via **Councils' social media campaign**

Survey responses

1,128 surveys completed

Online/Intercept

The following information provides a snapshot of the findings from the online survey. A total of 1128 surveys were completed online or through intercept surveys at the Craigieburn Festival or Sunfest.

Cat and Dog ownership

79%
have a **cat** or a **dog**

19.3%
do not have a **cat** or a **dog**

1.7%
unknown cat or a dog **ownership**

Awareness of the DAMP and Local Laws

46% were aware that Hume City Council has a DAMP.

63% were aware that Hume City Council has local laws that seek to protect the welfare of cats and dogs as well as the broader community and environment.

94.7% were aware that dog owners are required to pick up their dog droppings.

91.6% were aware all cats and dogs over 3 months old must be registered with Council.

91.6% were aware dogs must be under control of their owners at all times, even in designated dog off-leash areas and dog parks.

87.8% were aware that, all cats and dogs must be microchipped to be registered with Council.

82.9% were aware cats and dogs registrations must be renewed each year by April 10th.

81.5% were aware cats and dogs cost more to register if they are not desexed.

- Awareness of the DAMP and local laws was slightly higher among dog and cat owners than those who did not own pets.
- Awareness of the DAMP was highest in Sunbury, indicating that there is less awareness among more multicultural areas including: Meadow Heights, Greenvale, Roxburgh Park, Gladstone Park, Tullamarine, Westmeadows and Attwood.
- Awareness of local laws was higher among participants who spoke English as their first language (66%) than those who spoke other languages at home (52%).

Concerns with management of cats and dogs

The three top rated concerns in regard to animal management were:

- Impact of cats on fauna and flora.
- Cats wandering at night.
- Owners not picking up after their dog's droppings.

Promoting responsible pet management

The highest priorities identified by community members that Council should focus on in relation to domestic animal programs are:

- More enforcement action for residents who do not care for their pets.
- 24/7 emergency service to report dog attacks and stray animals.
- Discount cat desexing program.

Cat Curfews

Respondents were asked if they support the introduction of a cat curfew.

73.7%
support a cat curfew

18%
do not support a cat curfew

8.3%
don't know

- Cat owners are less likely to agree that Council should introduce a curfew for cats **(59.8%)** than those who don't own a cat **(84.0%)**.
- Level of agreement for a cat curfew is similar among those who own a dog **(74.7%)** versus those who don't own a dog **(76.9%)**.

Dusk to dawn curfew or 24-hour curfew

Respondents who supported the introduction of a cat curfew were asked if they want Council to consider a dusk to dawn curfew or a 24 hour curfew.

53.4%
support a 24/7 curfew

46.6%
dusk to dawn curfew

The feedback received from community members has been used to inform the priorities and actions outlined in the DAMP. A full engagement report which outlines the community feedback is also available.

Stage 2: Council Workshop and Focus Groups

Council officers across various departments participated in a workshop to analyse the community feedback and determine appropriate objectives and actions for the DAMP. These objectives and actions were refined and prioritised across two internal focus groups.

Stage 3: Public exhibition

The draft DAMP was developed and presented at the 26 June 2023 Council meeting where it was endorsed for Public Exhibition.

1.3 Demographic and Profile of Council

Hume City Council is located 15 kilometres north of the centre of Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing and most culturally-diverse communities in Australia.

The municipality is made up of vibrant and diverse communities including new and established areas, major industrial and commercial precincts and vast expanses of rural areas and parkland.

Hume is a city of great contrasts, including its geography, economy, backgrounds and cultural diversity. Spanning an area of approximately 504 square kilometers, the City is made up of the following suburbs:

- Attwood
- Broadmeadows
- Bulla
- Coolaroo
- Craigieburn
- Dallas
- Gladstone Park
- Greenvale
- Jacana
- Kalkallo
- Meadow Heights
- Mickleham
- Roxburgh Park
- Sunbury
- Tullamarine
- Westmeadows

Hume is bordered by the local government areas of Moreland, Whittlesea, Brimbank, Macedon Ranges, Melton and Mitchell. Council works with neighbouring municipalities to respond to shared animal management concerns, coordinate animal management investigations, and to share best-practice processes and approaches.

In 2021, Hume City was home to 246,850 residents. The population is growing rapidly and is forecast to increase to 389,417 people by 2041. In 2021, there was a higher proportion of children (under 18) and a lower proportion of persons aged 60 or older when compared to Greater Melbourne.

Hume residents come from more than 160 different countries and speak over 140 languages, with 48.8% of people speaking a language other than English at home. The most common languages spoken other than English are Arabic, Turkish and Punjabi.

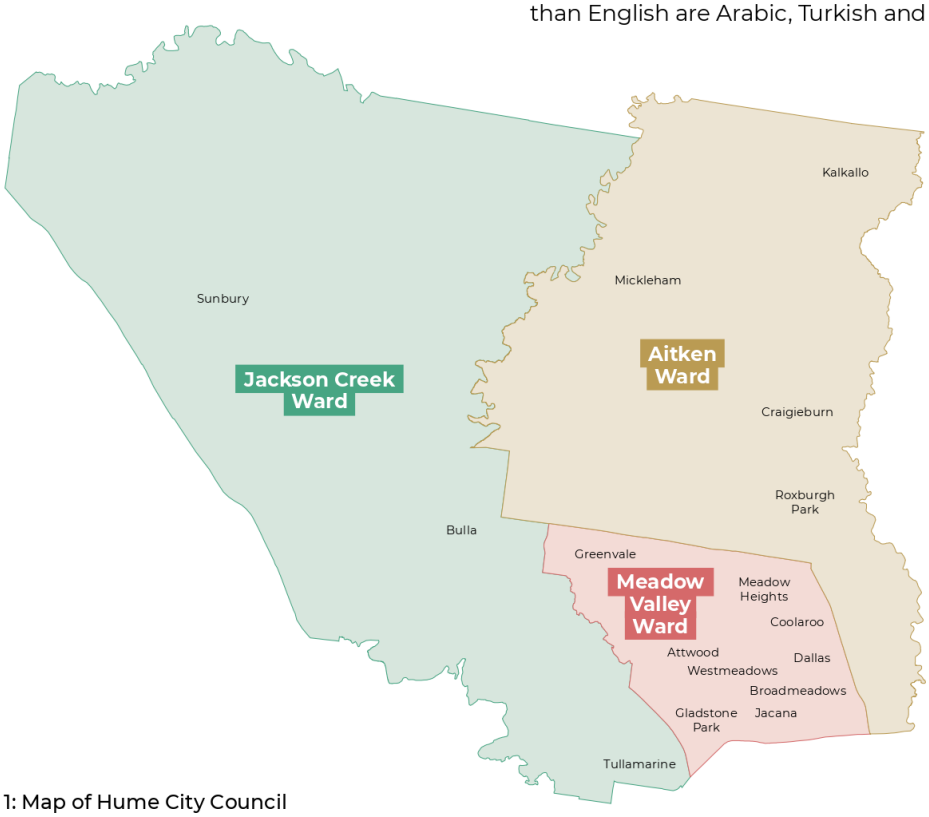


Figure 1: Map of Hume City Council

1.4 Council Plans

Council's Integrated Strategic Planning Framework (Figure 2) describes how Hume City Council will work towards achieving the vision of the community.

This planning framework consists of a number of integrated long, medium and short-term plans that consider the priorities and resources needed to achieve the strategic objectives of Council. These key Plans provide direction across the many Council services, including domestic animal management.

Figure 2: Council's Integrated Strategic Planning Framework

Hume Horizons 2040

Hume City's community plan, Hume Horizons 2040, is the foundation of Council's Corporate Planning Framework and is a plan for the whole community. Based on extensive community and stakeholder engagement, Hume Horizons 2040 outlines the long-term vision for Hume City, and clearly states the community's expectations and aspirations for the future.

Under the strategic objective, Strengthen community safety and respectful behaviour there is an expectation that ***'the health and safety of Hume residents, pets and fauna are protected through responsible and considerate animal management'.***

Hume City Council Plan 2021-2025

The Council Plan takes an integrated approach to planning and includes actions incorporated as part of Council's Disability Action Plan, Community Safety Action Plan and Pathways to sustainability. This enables Council to align strategies, actions and initiatives across Council's Strategic Objectives in an efficient and effective way in order to achieve multiple objectives at the same time.

Under Objective 1.3, Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety, there is an action ***'Finalise and commence implementation of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to support responsible animal management and safety'.***

1.5 Context and current situation

Council's role in animal management

Hume City Council City Laws Officers provide a range of services to ensure Council meets its legislative responsibilities regarding animal management across the municipality. These officers deliver a range of services, policies and functions to promote and support responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and positive health, safety and environmental outcomes for the community.

The purpose of Hume's animal management service is to:

- Implement Council's responsibilities under the Act and the General Local Laws.
- Promote the welfare of cats and dogs.
- Inform and educate the community about the benefits associated with pets, responsible pet ownership and the needs of companion animals.
- Respond to issues raised by the community about nuisance animals, e.g. barking dogs.
- Provide programs and services to support the community to be responsible pet owners, such as free desexing programs, education campaigns and park patrols.
- Provide animal welfare services through Lost Dogs Home.

A high-level summary of the current population and service numbers for domestic animals in Hume City is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Current population and service numbers for domestic animals

Program/Service	Service Level
Identification and Registration	17,865 dogs, 7,024 cats
Identification and Registration campaigns	Annually
Domestic animal complaints	Acknowledge in 2 business days
Dog attack and dog at large complaints	Immediate response
Routine street, park, reserve and creek patrols	Responsive to complaints
Lost Dogs Home	Monday-Thursday 10am-5.30pm, Friday 10am-4.45pm, Saturday 9am-3.30pm, Sunday 9am-12.30pm
Micro-chipping and/or desexing programs	Reduced fee voucher to cover part of the cost of dog or cat desexing available to Health Care and Pensioner Concession Card holders.
After hours emergency service	Lost Dogs Home/On Call City Laws Officers
Domestic Animal Businesses Registered	18

1.6 Domestic Animal Statistics

Currently there are 24,889 registered pets in Hume City, 17,865 dogs and 7,024 cats.

There has been a 3.6% decrease in pet registration since 2018. There are a total of 43 declared dogs, nine declared dangerous, 13 declared menacing, eight restricted breed dogs and 13 guard dogs in the municipality.

Hume has 18 registered Domestic Animal Management Businesses.

In 2020/2021 there were 1,473 animals brought into Lost Dogs Home by the public, surrendered by owners or brought in by City Laws Officers, where 459 have been reclaimed by owners, 132 were rehomed and 245 were euthanised.

The City Laws Officers responded to 80 barking dog complaints, 1,697 domestic animal pick up requests, 193 dogs at large, 109 cat cage requests, and 253 dog attack reports including rushes.

2. Training of authorised officers

To deliver animal services that meet the requirements of the Act, to the level that the community expects, it is crucial to ensure that all Authorised Officers are appropriately trained and have the opportunity to participate in a robust training program.

There was strong support from the community for City Laws Officers to play a role of providing education to the community as well as enforcement when required. There was a desire for increased visibility of rangers in the community.

"Visit the dog parks and off lead areas. View and discuss the issues with pet owners"

2.1 Context and Current Situation

The City Laws team consists of eight City Laws Officers and a trainee, who are supervised by the City Laws Team Leader and the City Laws Coordinator and supported by two administration officers.

All City Laws Officers are multi-skilled and carry out a range of Local Laws and Animal Management duties. Each City Laws Officer is an Authorised Officer of Council, and may enforce any of the following legislation:

- Hume City Council General Local Law 2013
- Domestic Animals Act 1994
- Impoundment of Livestock Act 1994
- Local Government Act 2020
- Road Safety Act – Road Rules
- Country Fire Authority Act 1958
- Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958
- Environment Protection Act 2017
- Public Health and Well Being Act 2008
- Summary Offences Act 1966

Officer's skills and knowledge are developed through a mix of 'hands-on' training, structured and accredited courses, and industry training, which is summarised in Table 2.

"Have a more visible presence in the community."

Table 2: Authorised Officer training status - completed and in progress

	Completed	In Progress
Qualifications		
Certificate IV in Animal Control & Regulation	5	3
Certificate IV in Statutory Compliance or Local Government	5	3
Industry Training		
DEDJTR – training and information days	3	5
AIAM Conference	3	5
Animal Handling	8	1
Canine Breed Identification (Department of Agriculture)	2	6
Interview and Statement taking	6	2
Computer skills	10	0
Privacy Training	10	0
Firearms Training	5	3
Induction for new staff	6	5
Conflict resolution	5	3
OH&S Training		
Manual Handling	1	7
First Aid	6	2
Dealing with Aggressive Customers	4	4
Family Violence Awareness	2	6
Situational Awareness Training (annual)	9	1

2.2 Our Planned Training for Authorised Officers

Hume City Council has planned a comprehensive training program for Authorised Officers to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the requirements of the Act and to deliver service in a manner that the community expects.

Table 3 shows the planned training for 2023-2026 and the expected timeframe of each.

Table 3: Planned training of Authorised Officers for the 2023-2026 period

Planned Training (2023-2026)	Expected Timeframe
OH&S	
· Dealing with aggressive customers · Defensive driving · Occupational violence prevention · Situational Awareness	Annual or as required
Industry Training	
· Animal handling · Animal assessment · Statement taking · Evidence gathering	Annual or as required
Restricted Breed Dog Identification	Every 2 years (or as offered by Department of Agriculture)
Council e-learning opportunities	Annual
Customer Service	As required
Cert IV in Animal Control and Regulation	As required
Cert IV in Local Government (Regulatory Services)	As required
Australian Institute of Animal Management workshops and training	As they are provided
Management seminars/conference	As they are provided
Animal Welfare Victoria seminars	As they are provided

2.3 Our Plan

Table 4 and 5 shows the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 2: Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 4 : Activities under Section 2 Objective 1

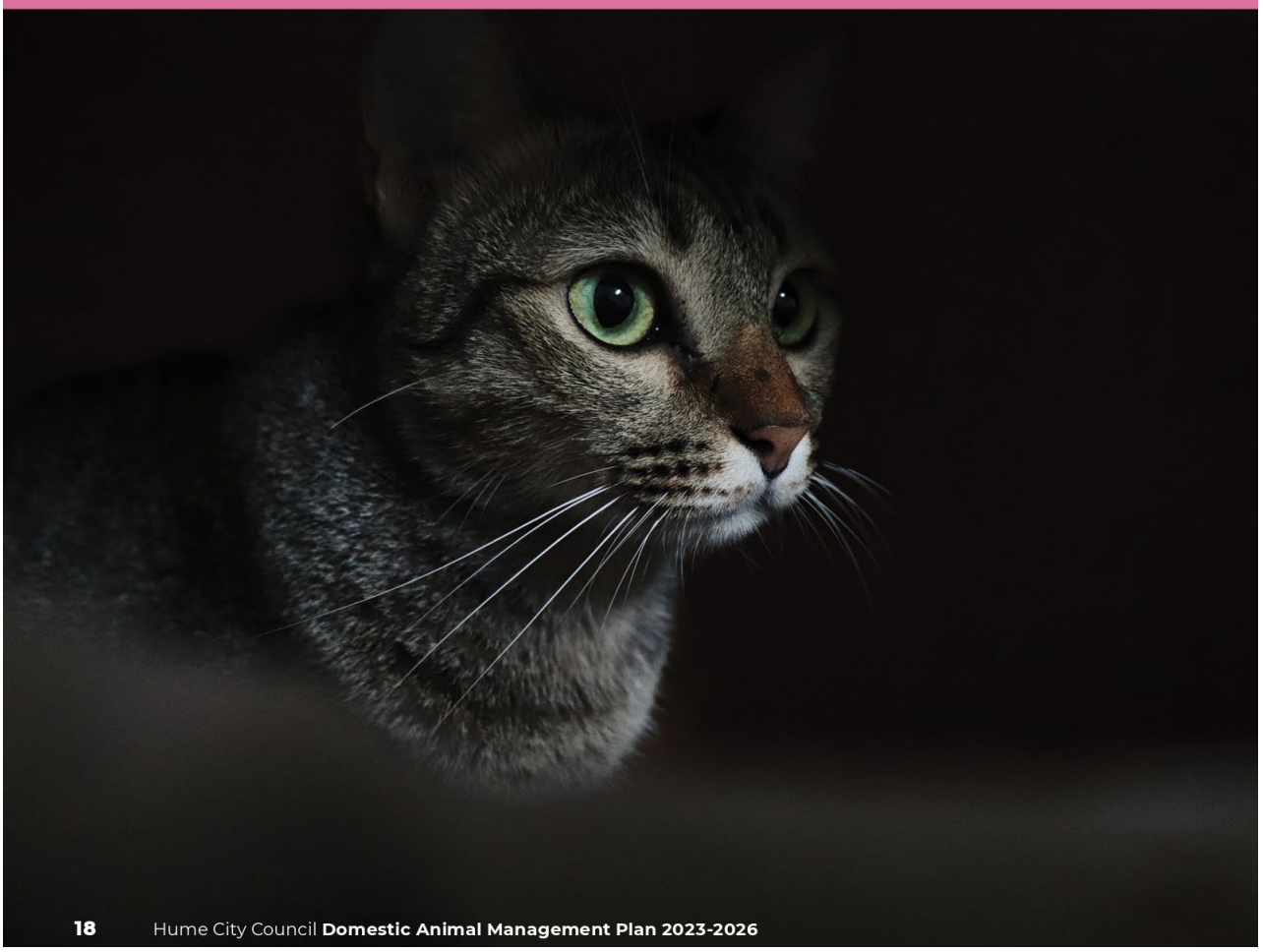
Objective 1: Ensure animal management officers have the skills necessary to support the community and effectively perform their regulatory role		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Provide planned training of Authorised Officers as outlined in Table 3. Explore other training opportunities in partnership with neighbouring Councils	Annually	No of training programs undertaken
Maintain a training register for individual officers detailing completed and proposed training	Annually	Review training register

Table 5 : Activities under Section 2 Objective 2

Objective 2: Create a culture of collaboration and knowledge sharing		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Celebrate team successes via internal and external promotions	Ongoing	Quarterly Social media campaign
Deliver training for in home care service providers focused on animal management and reporting animal welfare	Annually	No of sessions delivered
Quarterly meeting with other Council teams where their work intersects with Animal Management to understand observed trends, complaints or planned work	Ongoing	No of meetings attended

3. Programs to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership and compliance with legislation

During the engagement process, there was a mixed sentiment expressed by community members and stakeholders around responsible pet ownership with 65% of respondents feeling owners in their local area controlled their dog properly, but only 45.5% controlling their cat properly.



The communities' top priorities for services relating to domestic animal programs were:

- more enforcement of local laws for residents who don't care for their pets
- a 24/7 emergency call service to report dog attacks and stray animals and
- the provision of a discount cat desexing program.

Other opportunities identified were providing education and training to residents, providing and promoting free and/or discounted services, introducing a cat curfew and increasing the provision of bins and bags for pet droppings.

"More education initiatives, e.g. flyers to animal owners with clear info, clear basic signage, program at the library."

"Additional signage, bags and bins allocated on walking paths for dog owners to pick up after their dogs."

"Make sure the community is aware of the programs that are available."

3.1 Context and Current Situation

Council provides information to educate the community about responsible pet ownership and has a number of existing initiatives and programs in place to encourage responsible pet ownership and to address compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

Some of these programs include:

- Providing information and advice on responsible pet ownership, including the benefits of desexing, registration and microchipping.
- Following up on unpaid animal registration renewals to ensure pets are registered as per legislation.
- Providing a discounted desexing program to Hume residents who hold concession cards.
- Maintaining, promoting and patrolling the on and off-leash dog parks and fenced in dog parks across Hume City.
- Providing cat traps to residents for free and facilitating the collection of trapped cats.

> *"It will help stop cats defecating in others properties, reduce cat fights, reduce unwanted litters, reduce cats killed by cars, and above all keep our local wildlife safer"*

Cat Curfew

During the engagement process, community members expressed strong support for the introduction of a cat curfew in Hume City (73.7% support), with a slightly higher percentage preferring a 24-hour curfew to a dusk to dawn curfew. The most common drivers for community members supporting a curfew was protection of wildlife, safety for cats and preventing wandering cats doing damage to private property.

Opposition to a cat curfew was higher among cat owners (33%) and slightly higher in the Meadow Valley ward. Those who did not support a cat curfew (18%), reported it is natural for cats to wander, or cruel to keep cats inside. Others felt that cats were not an issue in their communities or felt the task of retraining or confining cats to private property was difficult or impossible.

> *"Keeps wildlife safe, keeps the cats safe, keeps the neighbours sane"*

Dog Off-leash areas

Providing dog off-leash areas is one of Council's initiatives in promoting responsible pet ownership, by providing space for dogs to be socialised and exercised. The following areas within Hume City are designated off-leash areas:

Broadmeadows

- Anderson Reserve
- Broadmeadows Valley Park (including Broadmeadows Dog Park)
- Ripplebrook Reserve
- Seabrook Reserve
- Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery

Bulla

- Bulla Recreation Reserve

Campbellfield

- Bolinda Recreation Reserve
- Seth Raistrick Reserve

Coolaroo

- Progress Reserve*

Craigieburn

- Aitken Creek Reserve
- Craigieburn Dog Park – Craigieburn Gardens
- D.S Aitken Reserve
- Hothlyn Drive Reserve*
- Hume Tennis and Community Centre*
- Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve
- Newbury Park
- Vic Foster Reserve

Dallas

- Gibb Reserve*
- Laura Douglas Reserve

Gladstone Park

- Carrick Drive Reserve
- John Coutts Reserve
- Ginifer Reserve

Greenvale

- Bradford Avenue Reserve*
- Drummond Street Reserve*
- Greenvale Recreation Reserve

Jacana

- Jacana Reserve*
- Jacana Valley

Meadow Heights

- Broadmeadows Valley Park - Northern Reach

Roxburgh Park

- Lakeside Drive Reserve

Sunbury

- Emu Bottom Wetlands (excluding Horseshoe Bend)
- Eric Boardman Reserve
- Heysen Reserve
- Langama Park
- Spavin Drive Reserve
- Stewart Lane Nature Reserve
- Sunbury Dog Park
- Sunbury Recreation Reserve
- Bicentennial Park (The Nook)

Tullamarine

- Leo Dineen Reserve
- Trade Park
- Tullamarine Reserve
- Westmeadows Reserve*
- Willowbrook Reserve

*Time restrictions apply – Dogs must be on leash between 8am-5pm Monday to Friday on school days

The following are dog prohibited areas:

Broadmeadows

- Maygar Grasslands

Craigieburn

- Amberfield Grasslands

Kalkallo

- Kalkallo Commons

Somerton

- Somerton Red Gum Reserve

Sunbury

- Albert Road Nature Reserve
- Evan Street Grasslands
- Fullwood Drive Ceremonial Ring
- Sunbury Cemetery
- Tandara Reserve
- The Parkway Reserve (Western Section)

Wildwood

- Marlin Dillion Reserve

Council regularly reviews and updates dog off-leash and prohibited areas as the community continues to grow and expand. Council's website includes an up to date list of designated off-leash areas.

Animal Registrations

Table 6 demonstrates the number of cats and dogs registered in Hume. Unlike other local councils, Hume has shown a decrease in dogs registered since 2018/19 (19,049 down to 17,865 in 2021/22). The rate of unregistered animals in Hume is further discussed in section 5, Registration and Identification.

Over the last two years of records, the figures for both dog and cat registrations have stayed relatively consistent with a small increase in dogs (+357) and cats (+185).

Table 6: Number of cats and dogs registered in Hume

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Dogs	19,049	17,928	17,508	17,865
Cats	6,786	6,824	6839,	7,024
Total	**25,835**	**24,752**	**24,347**	**24,889**

Animal related infringements

Table 7 shows the number of infringements issued in Hume. Overall, there has been a decrease since 2018/2019 to 2021/2022 (975 to 940).

Comparing 2020/21 to 2021/22 the figures were relatively stable with an increase in infringements issued for: dogs at large at daytime (305 to 367); failure to register dog/cat (378 to 393); and failure to renew registration for dogs and cats (61 to 77).

COVID-19 had a significant impact on residents and their pets. There was an unprecedented demand to adopt and foster pets during lockdown. Many community members acquired and adopted puppies, and due to an inability to attend puppy classes and obedience training, dogs have not undergone training and missed opportunities to socialise with people. This has resulted in an increase in reports relating to dog behaviour in public.

Animal surrenders have increased across Australia over the past 12 months. Animal Welfare organisations report that the rising cost of living, rental crises, rising veterinary costs and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic have contributed to this trend. In Victoria, the impact of protracted lockdowns on animal socialisation and training opportunities has led to a spike in surrenders attributed to animal behavioural issues.

Stakeholders consulted during the development of the DAMP also reported an increase in behaviour related surrenders amongst people of lower socioeconomic and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, perhaps due to the unavailability of affordable and culturally appropriate education and training resources.

Table 7: Cat and dog infringements issued in Hume

Offence Type	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Dog at large daytime	452	504	305	367
Dog at large night-time	101	110	90	69
Dog not under effective control	3	6	11	9
Fail to register dog/cat	363	628	378	393
Fail to renew registration dog/cat	49	45	61	77
Dog attack non-serious injury	7	9	28	25
Total	**975**	**1,302**	**873**	**940**

Compliance activities

- Enforcement using Notices to Comply, infringement Notices, Animal Management Agreements and, where required, court prosecution.
- Complaint investigation by Council.
- Follow up for non-renewed pet registrations.
- Random inspections of properties of declared dogs.
- Provision of cat traps to complainants in cases where education and advice has failed to prevent cat trespass.
- Impoundment of dogs or cats found wandering.
- Social media campaign around the registration renewal period.

3.2 Our Current Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Orders

- **Section 26 Domestic Animals Act 1994:** Hume City requires dogs to be kept under effective control while in a public place including in designated off-leash areas.

Local Laws

- **General Purposes Law part 41:** Dog Waste on Roads and Municipal Places, outlining management of dog waste in the community.

Policies and Procedures

- Process for issuing notices to comply, infringement notices and filing charges for prosecution.
- Standard Operating Procedure.
- Enforcement Guidelines.

3.3 Our Plan

Tables 8 and 9 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 3 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 8: Activities under Section 3 Objective 1

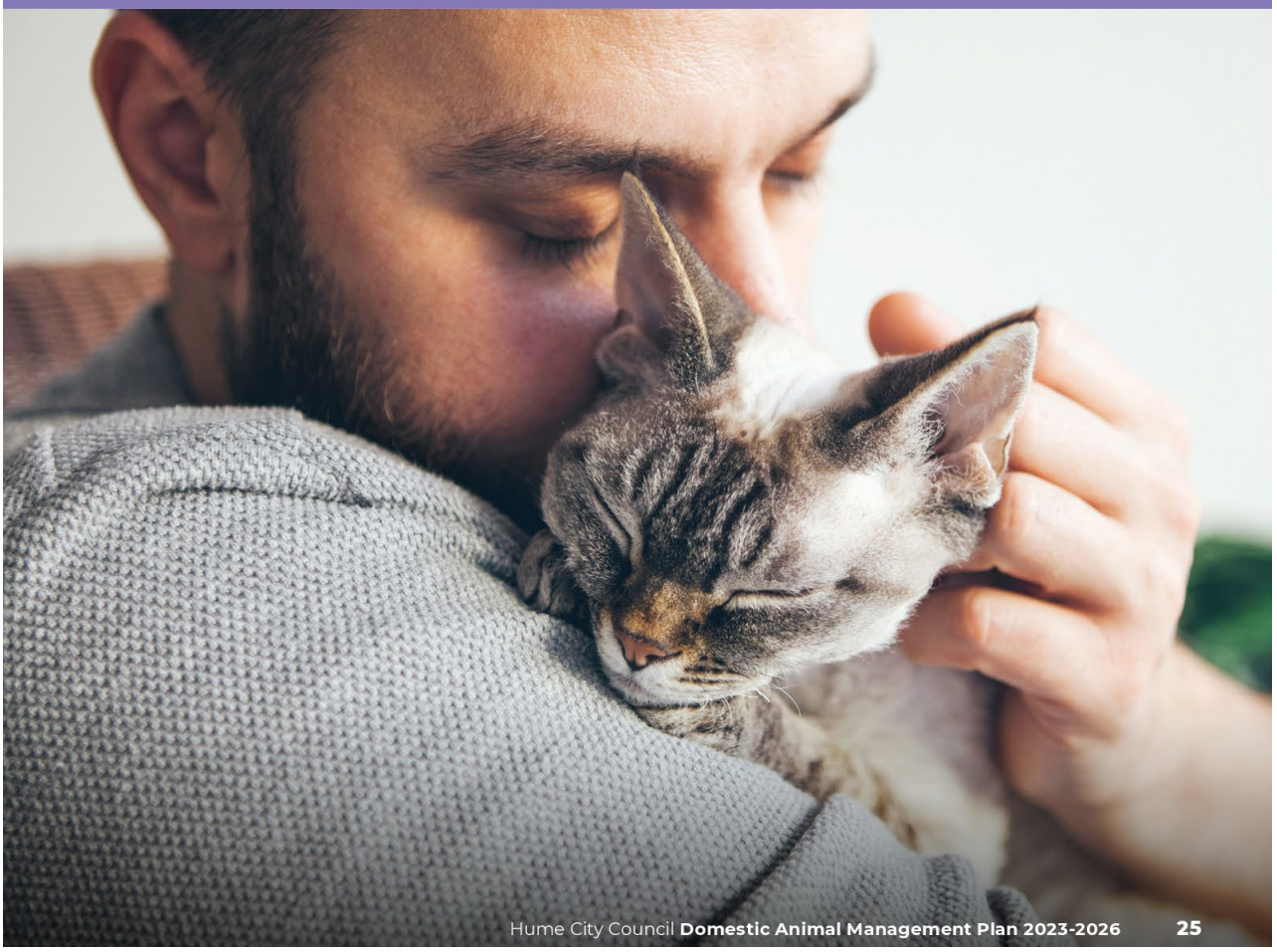
Objective 1: Explore the introduction of a cat curfew and promote an indoor lifestyle for cats		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Provide cat owners with resources and information about cat enclosures, to encourage cats to a stay at home	Year 1	Reduction in complaints
Investigate possible cat curfew models including a dusk to dawn cat curfew or 24/7 and implementation processes	Year 1	Draft model developed for Council consideration

Table 9 : Activities under Section 3 Objective 2

Objective 2: Promote responsible cat and dog ownership		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Create a social media education campaign that talks to all of the elements of responsible pet ownership (registration leading into April, desexing, picking up after your dog)	Annually	Social Media reach
Provide information on selecting the right pet for your family and living arrangement (high density areas, appropriateness of breed)	Ongoing	Social Media reach and website resource access
Review and distribute the 'Preparing for Baby Booklet' to new parents which includes pet management tips	Ongoing	No of booklets distributed
Strengthen partnerships with local dog training businesses to promote and encourage puppy/dog training and behaviour correction	Ongoing	Number of sessions/ opportunities promoted

4. Programs to address overpopulation rates and any high euthanasia rates

The overpopulation of dogs and cats is an issue that presents challenges in the community such as: impacts on wildlife, community and domestic animal health as well as the welfare of dogs and cats if they are stray, semi-owned, or malnourished due to limited capacity of owners to care for them. Particularly, the overpopulation of cats leads to challenges with rates of euthanasia within the stray cat population due to low rehoming rates.



The community expressed concern regarding local euthanasia rates, as well as a desire to explore mandatory desexing and increased education around the benefits of desexing animals to address overpopulation issues.

4.1 Context and Current Situation

The population and euthanasia rates are detailed in Table 10. There has been a significant increase in the number of cats impounded between 2019/20 and 2020/21 (250), and a slight increase in the number of cats euthanised (7) and cats rehomed (19). While noting that there has been an increase in the number of cats euthanised between 2019/20 and 2020/21, there has been an overall decrease in the percentage of cats euthanised as a proportion of all cats impounded.

Table 10: Numbers of cats and dogs impounded and subsequent outcomes

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Cats				
Impounded (brought into Lort Smith by the public, surrendered by owner or brought in by Officers)	542	497	688	938
Returned to owner	53	67	84	80
Euthanasia (feral or unsafe to rehome)	182	162	215	222
Rehomed (adopted)	117	74	99	118
Dogs				
Impounded (brought to Lort Smith by the public, Authorised Officers or surrendered by owner)	1101	986	868	535
Returned to owner	784	718	609	379
Euthanasia (feral or unsafe to rehome)	64	45	27	23
Rehomed (adopted)	81	61	38	14

The number of dogs impounded has steadily decreased each year from 1101 in 2017/18 to 535 in 2020/21. Rates of dog euthanasia are much lower due to the higher rates of reclaiming dogs (70.8%) as compared to cats (8.5%).

Hume is committed to ensuring that as many animals as possible are reunited with their owners. Pets are valued members of the family and it can be distressing for owners and animals when they are missing or being held within the pound.

If an animal can not be reclaimed and is assessed as suitable for adoption ideally, they will be rehomed through the contracted pound service, which continues to make significant improvements in rehoming animals by partnering with dog rescue organisations.Hume City Council provides the following services and programs to establish long-term and secure pet ownership in the community:

- Reduced rate and free desexing for cats through partnership with Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR) and the State government.
- Website and social media campaigns to promote responsible pet ownerships, including desexing benefits, registration and microchipping.
- Cat trapping service available to all residents.
- 24/7 hour phone service so registered dogs can be returned immediately.
- Established s84Y agreement with local shelter to rehome surrendered dogs.

From September 2021-October 2022, Hume City Council partnered with the State government and SCAR to provide an affordable cat desexing program for residents. The program also offered free microchipping and registration as well as educational materials and gifts for cat owners. The program was well received by the community and successful in desexing 546 cats: 238 male and 308 female. This could potentially have reduced the number of unwanted cats by 300 000 over a ten year period. The program will be offered in the next financial year.

4.2 Our Current Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Local Laws

- **General Purposes Local Law**
  Keeping of Animals, outlining the number of animals that can be kept.
- **General Purposes Local Law**
  Housing of Animals, outlining the conditions under which animals must be kept.

Policies and Procedures

Council has Standard Operating Procedures for the excess of animal complaints, cat trapping, cat complaints and dog surrenders.

Compliance Activities

- Investigating and recording reports of excess animals and hoarding
- Investigating backyard breeders to determine if they need to register as a Domestic Animal Business
- Annual inspections for all declared dogs
- Prosecuting regarding excess animals
- Enforcing registration, microchipping and tag-wearing requirements
- Issuing infringement notices for cats and dogs found at large.

4.3 Our Plan

Tables 11 and 12 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 4 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 11: Activities under Section 4: Objective 1

Objective 1: To decrease the number of stray, abandoned and unwanted cats.		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Consider ways to incentivise cat desexing (gift pack, promotional pack) before registration	Year 1	Incentives implemented and promoted
Educate the community in stray cat management (not feeding, reporting and availability of traps)	Ongoing	Education material produced and distributed

Table 12: Activities under Section 4: Objective 2

Objective 2: To minimise overpopulation rates.		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Research best-practice for Councils to reduce overpopulation (mandatory desexing of cats and dogs)	Year 1	Best Practice report prepared
Explore the introduction of the last litter Program (free desexing female cat if last litter is surrendered)	Year 2	Investigation report prepared
Provide community information around responsible pet breeding/breeding requirements	Year 3	Community information produced and distributed
Promote the health benefits of desexing and the long-term positive outcomes for the environment and euthanasia rates	Year 1	Social media reach

5. Registration and Identification

Pet registration and microchipping are legislative requirements. It provides Council with an understanding of the level of pet ownership and allows for the development of relevant services and programs. It also assists in the safe and quick return of any lost dogs and cats to their owners.

A number of suggestions were made by community members to improve registration uptake in Hume City. These included promoting the benefits of registration, offering discounted registration fees to vulnerable cohorts, and providing information regarding registration in community languages.

"Each year when the registration comes out an information pamphlet should be supplied with info regarding how to take care of a pet, what the animal laws are, where people can go for help and local vet information."

"Promote animal registration with an amnesty week for people to register their animals."

"Consider registration discounts for indoor-only cats."

5.1 Context and Current Situation

There are currently 17,865 registered dogs and 7,024 registered cats in Hume as shown in Table 13.

It can be difficult to capture exact data on cat and dog ownership, as not all cats and dogs are registered. Hume has shown a decrease in dogs registered since 2018/19 (19,049 down to 17,865 in 2021/22*)despite a significant increase in the number of new households in the municipality during this period, 2023 is the lowest year on record for animal registrations since 2002.

As part of the DAMP development process, Council undertook a study to identify the approximate number of unregistered cats and dogs in Hume. Based on an analysis of Council's registration database, the 2023 DAMP survey results and household pet estimates provided through the national 'Pets in Australia' survey, it is estimated that at least 43% of households in Hume City have a cat or dog.

Further extrapolation of this data reveals that at least 33% of households in Hume City have a dog, compared to 15.5% which are currently registered with Council. At least 15% of households have a cat, compared to 6.1% which are currently registered.

Based on this analysis, it is estimated that 20 to 25% of households have an unregistered animal in Hume, or approximately 20,000 unregistered dogs and 10,700 unregistered cats. This equates to $932,000 in unregistered animal fees for the municipality as shown in Table 14.

Pet registration fees are vital for Council to deliver holistic and responsive animal management services in the municipality and the loss in revenue directly impacts on the scope, scale and quality of services that can be delivered by Council.

Concession rates for registration were accessed by 20% of total registrations of dogs and 24.8% of total registrations of cats.

Table 13: Registration and microchipping numbers of cats and dogs

	Dogs	Cats
Registration Numbers		
· New	427	175
· Renewal	17,435	7,227
Concessions	3,738	1,842
Total	**17,865**	**7,402**

*Animal registration year' 10 April 2021 - 9 April 2022

Table 14: Estimated unregistered animals in Hume

	Dogs	Cats
Estimated unregistered animals	20,000	10,700 (excluding feral/ unowned cats)
Estimated animal registration fees foregone	$670,000	$262,000
Total fees	**$932,000**	

*Estimations for under registration are reliant on 'pets in Australia', averages from Council's animal registration database, DAMP community engagement and Hume's demographic profile

Education and community awareness

- Council officers undertake a proactive role within the community to address animal registration.
- Attending council run events such as festivals and awareness days.
- Development of educational videos – addressing certain aspects of the Local Laws role – including animal management and registration requirements.
- Running and attending non structured 'morning/afternoon tea with a City Law Officers at council community centres' and meeting our community in an unstructured format

5.2 Our Current Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Local Laws

- **General Purposes Local Law Part 39:** Keeping of Animals, outlining the number of animals that can be kept.

Policies and Procedures

Council has Standard Operating Procedures for investigating unregistered animals.

Compliance Activities

- Providing annual animal registration renewal notices followed up with reminder notices, SMS message, phone call.
- Investigating all unregistered animal complaints.
- Issuing infringement notices for failing to re-register/register.
- Equipping all Authorised officers with microchip scanners and laptops/tablets to check registrations when on patrol.
- Ensuring that all seized or impounded animals are registered and microchipped prior to release.
- Following up registration for cats and dogs purchased from a Domestic Animal Business or animals that have been microchipped.

Reuniting Pets

A heartwarming tale of a local Hume resident and their pet cat has captured the attention of the community. After almost three years of being separated, the owner was overjoyed to be reunited with their beloved male ginger cat, thanks to a microchip.

Initially, the owner had believed their feline friend had passed away due to the extended time since he went missing. However, a community member report about a cat they had observed wandering in their area changed everything.

Following the report from the community member, Council City Laws Officers promptly collected the cat and transported it to the Lost Dog's Home, where the microchip information was analysed. It was only then that they were able to uncover the owner's details, and the heartwarming reunion took place.

This story highlights the importance of microchipping and pet registration. Every pet owner must have their dog or cat registered and microchipped before they reach three months of age. This process ensures that in case they wander off, they can easily be returned to their rightful owner.

This heartwarming reunion story is a testament to the power of microchipping and the importance of registering your pets. Hume City Council encourages every pet owner to microchip and register their pets to ensure that they can find their way back home.

5.3 Our Plan

Table 15 and 16 shows the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 5 Objective 1 and 2.

Table 15: Activities under Section 5 Objective 1

Objective 1: Increase the number of dog and cat registrations		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Provide information on registration and microchipping in multiple languages and formats using real life case studies (videos, large public signs)	Annually	Social media reach No of translated resources provided
Review animal registration renewals to include information regarding possible infringements for not registering pets, and detailing services provided by Council utilising registration fees	Year 1	Renewal letters updated
Advocate to the Department of Agriculture to allow registration for people experiencing homelessness with a phone number or agency address only	Year 1	Correspondence sent to Department of Agriculture
Undertake an annual modelling exercise to estimate the number of unregistered cats and dogs in the municipality	Annually	Report annually
Partner with domestic animal breeders and veterinary clinics to check and collect animal registrations when an animal is presented	Ongoing	No of cats and dogs registered
Map areas where there are higher levels of unregistered animals	Ongoing	Targeted campaigns promoting registration are delivered to these areas

Table 16: Activities under Section 5 Objective 2

Objective 2: User friendly service to make it easier for residents to register their pets online		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Simplify the online registration system	Year 3	Online registration system modified and simplified

6. Nuisance

Community feedback demonstrated a number of key nuisance themes particularly relating to cat impacts on fauna and flora, cats wandering at night, owners picking up dog droppings, cats wandering or defecating on private property and owners not having their dog under control. Council has a role in protecting the community from unnecessary nuisance from cats and dogs through their services and community education.

6.1 Context and Current Situation

There has been a significant increase in complaints regarding dog attacks (including rushes) with 143 received in 2018/1019 increasing to 253 received in 2020/21. There is also a demonstrable increase in complaints regarding domestic animal pick-ups from 1,560 in 2018/19 to 1,697 in 2020/21.

There has been a decrease in complaints regarding barking dogs (101 to 80), cat cage requests (165 to 109) and dogs at large (333 to 193) when comparing 2018/19 and 2020/21 figures.

Table 17: Cat and dog complaints to Council from 2018/19 to 2020/21

Nature of Complaint	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Barking dogs	101	43	80
Domestic animal pick up	1,560	1,480	1,697
Dogs at large	333	161	193
Cat cage requests	165	150	109
Dog attacks including rushes	143	278	253
Animal violations (includes unregistered dogs/ cats, defecating, off-leash in parks/reserves, and excessive animals)	421	680	452
Total	**2,723**	**2,792**	**2,784**

"I have multiple feral cats sleeping, defecating and killing native birds in my small front yard."

"My main concerns are dog owners not picking up poo even when bags are provided at the park."

Hume's current educational and promotional activities surrounding nuisance include:

- Providing signage related to dog control placed in parks.
- Providing information and advice on methods for resolving nuisance in the community.
- Encouraging complainants to speak to the owner of the animal causing the nuisance directly.
- Conducting park patrols and educating the community on local laws.
- Providing dog waste bags and holders at festivals and events.

"Wandering cats upsetting dogs and other pets appropriately contained on private property."

6.2 Our Current Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Local Laws

- **General Purposes Local Law**
  Keeping of Animals, outlining the number of animals that can be kept.
- **General Purposes Local Law**
  Housing of Animals, outlining the conditions under which animals must be kept.
- **General Purposes Law**
  Dog Waste on Roads and Municipal Places, outlining management of dog waste in the community.
- **General Purposes Local Law**
  Feeding of Wild Animals, outlining reasons an authorised officer may direct a person to cease feeding an animal.

Policies and Procedures

Council has Standard Operating Procedures for investigating barking dog complaints, wandering dog complaints and cat complaints.

Compliance Activities

- Investigating nuisance complaints and issuing infringements and when necessary prosecuting.
- Undertaking a trial of monitoring excessive barking dog nuisance by utilising electronic monitoring of problem dog barking.
- Partnering with other agencies such as the DJPR, MAV and Victoria Police on broader nuisance issues.

6.3 Our Plan

Tables 18 and 19 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 6 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 18: Activities under Section 6 Objective 1

Objective 1: Reduce the number of nuisance complaints that arise in the Municipality		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Promote community training in responsible pet ownership and develop necessary resources	Annually	Social media reach and online resource accessed
Increase number of patrols in dog off-leash areas and on the spot fines	Annually	Number of patrols delivered on a monthly basis
Audit signage and the availability of dog waste bins in public parks to encourage cleaning up after dogs and to ensure effective control	Year 2	Audit undertaken and a signage upgrade works program established

Table 19: Activities under Section 6 Objective 2

Objective 2: Make it easier to report animal management issues to Council.		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Provide community education on how to report animal-related nuisance complaints and build awareness of Councils investigation process	Annually	Social media reach and resources distributed
Explore remote trap monitoring technology to automatically alert council when a cat is trapped	Year 3	Feasible options are identified and a report is prepared for Council consideration
Explore systems suitable to detect and monitor noise levels to assist with barking-related investigations and prosecutions	Year 2	Feasible options are identified and a report is prepared for Council consideration

7. Dog attacks

Dog attacks against people and other animals, unfortunately, do occur in the local area. Community feedback indicated on leash areas, streets and public dog parks are a particular area of concern for dog attacks and aggressive behaviour. Community feedback suggests management of dog attacks should be addressed through targeting owner behaviours and understanding of responsibilities.

63% of survey respondents were concerned about aggressive dogs in public with the primary concerns reported: wandering dogs or dogs off-leash, dog containment on private property, education and training for dog owners, clear processes and timely response to incidents and enforcement.

Community members named a 24/7 emergency service to report dog attacks and stray animals as their second highest priority for potential animal management programs Hume City Council should provide.

7.1 Context and Current Situation

Over the past year (2021-22) Council has responded to or been alerted to 154 dog attack complaints, compared to 253 in 2020-21. There are currently 43 dogs that are declared as dangerous, menacing or restricted breed dogs in Hume. Complaints were recorded via the telephone, email reporting and reporting via the dangerous dog hotline. In 2021/22 Council had 12 prosecutions, a 71% increase from 2020/21 with 7 prosecutions.

In 2021/22 there were 25 infringements for non-serious injuries dog attacks and 6 infringements for dog rushes. In the 2020/21 period there were 28 infringements for non-serious injuries dog attacks and 2 infringements for dog rushes.

The five highest offenders by breed in 2021/22 were American Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross, German Shepherds and Staffordshire Terriers.

Current activities undertaken by Council to minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals include:

- Encouraging residents to report dog attacks and near misses.
- Responding promptly to complaints about dog attacks and taking appropriate action.
- Investigating dog attack reports and taking an appropriate course of action.

Dog Attack Investigation

Preventing and investigating dog attacks is a critical function of the City Laws Department.

While Council frequently receives reports of dog attacks in the municipality, it is aware that many incidents go unreported. To address this, Council offers a range of ways for community members to report such attacks, and further information is included on Council's website.

When conducting a dog attack investigation, City Laws Officers follow a systematic approach. This typically begins with interviewing the victim, witnesses and the owner of the dog believed to be involved in the incident. During the investigation process, officers diligently review available CCTV footage, gather veterinary and medical reports detailing the injuries sustained by the victim, delve into past incidents or reports relating to the dog, and collect other evidence through surveillance and other pertinent activities.

City Laws Officers have a range of enforcement action at their disposal. These actions may include seizure of the dog responsible for the attack, the imposition of a dangerous or menacing declaration on the dog, and pursuing charges, orders, and compensation on behalf of the victim through the court system.

To ensure effective handling of dog attack cases, all City Laws Officers responsible for investigating and enforcing such incidents possess extensive knowledge and experience in enforcing provisions under the Domestic Animal Act 1994. They undergo advanced training in various areas, including interview techniques, investigation processes, evidence collection, and legal proceedings. This comprehensive training equips them with the necessary skills to navigate the complexities of dog attack cases and ensure a thorough and fair investigative process.

7.2 Our Current Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures

- Council has Standard Operating Procedures for investigating dog attacks, dog rushes and threatening dog complaints, as well as for the seizure and prosecution of dogs involved in attacks.
- Council operates a 24/7 emergency after hours service to respond to animal related issues.

Compliance Activities

- Issuing official warnings, notice to comply, and infringements.
- Declaring dogs as menacing or dangerous.
- Court prosecution.
- Seeking an order for the destruction of a dog.

7.3 Our Plan

Tables 20 and 21 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 7 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 20: Activities under Section 7 Objective 1

Objective 1: Decrease the number of confirmed dog attacks in the community		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Deliver an education campaign to assist community to identify and manage aggressive dog behaviours	Year 1	Number of education resources developed and shared
Explore the merit of implementing a diversion program for minor first-time offenders (training/education)	Year 1	Feasibility/investigation report prepared

Table 21: Activities under Section 1 Objective 2

Objective 2: Increase community awareness of how to report dog attacks		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Raise community awareness of dog attack reporting, processes and outcomes including the promotion of dangerous dog hotline	Year 1 ongoing	Community education campaign developed. No of reports pre and post awareness campaign
Undertake research to understand areas and times where dog attacks are frequent to guide targeted patrols and the allocation of resources	Year 1 ongoing	Research completed and appropriate strategies developed

> *"I think increased awareness and training are needed for dog owners. Incidents of people getting bitten by dogs while dog owners just simply walk away."*

8. Dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs

The community's understanding of what constitutes a dangerous or restricted dog may not broadly align with the classifications as per the Act, however it was clear there was community concern about dangerous dogs in the community (particularly off-leash dog parks) and poor management by owners. There was a desire for stronger regulations or restrictions to certain breeds, such as containment on private property, wearing a muzzle and identification collar when outside their property. The community identified a need for more education about dangerous dog breeds and how to care for them.

8.1 Context and Current Situation

Table 22 outlined the number of declared dogs in Hume, with 43 in total, the majority being dogs declared menacing and guard dogs (13 respectively). Seven complaints were received regarding dangerous dogs and six resulting prosecutions.

The number of declared dogs in Hume has decreased from 2016/2017 (78) to 2021/22 (43) by a total of

44%

Council administers and enforces provisions of the Act to identify and control dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs to ensure the safety of the community.

Table 22: Declared dogs in Hume City Council

Information	Number
Dogs declared dangerous	9
Dogs declared menacing	13
Restricted breed dogs	8
Guard dogs	13
Total	**43**
Complaints received re: dangerous dogs	7
Prosecutions re: dangerous dogs	6
Audits conducted re: dangerous dogs	Annually

Hume City Council's current education/ promotion activities surrounding declared dogs include:

- Providing education on Council website and Animal Welfare Victoria brochures on dangerous and restricted dog breeds.
- Ensuring owners of declared dogs are aware of their obligations under the Domestic Animals Act.
- Annual inspections for all declared dogs.

"I'd like to see more 'dangerous' breeds wearing muzzles whilst in public with a collar that denotes that they are 'dangerous' as a warning for people and people with pets."

8.2 Our Current Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures

- Hume City Council's animal registration form requires all owners to declare if their dog is a restricted breed, has been declared menacing or is a dangerous dog as required under the Act.
- Council has standard operating procedures for the identification, declaration and management of menacing, dangerous and restricted dog breeds.

> *"As dangerous breed dogs come more into fashion, the owner must be made (to) muzzle the dog in public areas."*

Compliance Activities

- Proactively inspecting dangerous and restricted breed dog sites to ensure compliance of the DAA regulation.
- Ensuring restricted breed and dangerous dog complaints are investigated by a City Laws Officer.
- Maintaining data on the Victorian Declared Dog Registry.
- Annually inspecting properties housing declared dangerous, restricted breed and menacing dogs.
- Conducting patrols by City Laws Officers of industrial areas, parks and wider municipality to monitor dog behaviour and identify unregistered guard dogs.

8.3 Our Plan

Tables 23 and 24 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 8 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 23: Activities under Section 8 Objective 1

Objective 1: Identify and register all declared dogs in the community		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Partner with Local Government Authorities to ensure that Council receives notification of dangerous dogs moving into the municipality	Ongoing	Number of notifications
Ensure all declared dogs are recorded on the Victorian Declared Dog registry (VDDR) and that the VDDR is kept up to date	Ongoing	Number of dogs recorded

Table 24: Activities under Section 8 Objective 2

Objective 2: Ensure all declared dogs are compliant to relevant legislation and regulations		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Partner with local general practitioners, medical centres and Police to raise awareness for reporting incidents of dog attacks to Hume City Council	Ongoing	Awareness campaign developed No of dog attacks reported

9. Domestic animal businesses

All Domestic Animal Businesses must register with their local council. Under current legislation (Domestic Animals Act 1994), local councils have the authority to:

- Refuse registration of a business if they fail to comply with the legislation and relevant code of practice.
- Set special conditions on the registration of any domestic animal business.

9.1 Context and Current Situation

There are 18 registered Domestic Animal Businesses within Hume. In 2021/22, Hume received 8 complaints regarding Domestic Animal Businesses. There were 4 Domestic Animal Businesses that were identified as non-registered and 4 notices to comply issued.

Table 25: Domestic Animal Businesses in Hume

Domestic Animal Business Statistics	Number
Registered Domestic Animal Businesses	18
Identified non-registered Domestic Animal Businesses	4
Complaints regarding Domestic Animal Businesses	8
Prosecutions related to Domestic Animal Businesses	0
Notices to comply related to Domestic Animal Businesses	4

Current educational, promotional and compliance activities surrounding domestic animal businesses include:

- Proactively inspecting all Domestic Animal Businesses annually to ensure compliance with the relevant Code of Practice.
- Registering all Domestic Animal Businesses.
- Providing all Domestic Animal Businesses with the relevant Code of Practice.
- Providing education about Domestic Animal Businesses on Council website.

9.2 Our Policies and Procedures

Council has standard operating procedures for investigating domestic animal business complaints and identifying unregistered animal businesses.

Compliance Activities

- Auditing Domestic Animal Businesses annually and upon complaint.
- Monitoring websites advertising the sale of puppies.
- Inspecting premises with over three fertile females registered to determine if they need to register as a Domestic Animal Business.
- Prosecuting on non-compliance.

9.3 Our Plan

Tables 26 and 27 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 9 Objectives 1 and 2.

Table 26: Activities under Section 9 Objective 1

Objective 1: Identify and register all Domestic Animal Businesses in the municipality by 2026		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Identify all domestic animal businesses (inclusive of breeding establishments) in the municipality to determine their registration status and education needs	Ongoing	No. Domestic Animal Businesses registered (100%)

Table 27: Activities under Section 9 Objective 2

Objective 2: Ensure all Domestic Animal Business comply with relevant legislation		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Conduct annual inspections and audits of domestic animal management businesses. Where required, act promptly to address matters of non compliance	Annually	No of audits conducted (100%) No of reports investigated (100%)
Increase the partnership opportunities between domestic animal businesses, shelters, vets to build connection and trust with council and each other	Ongoing	Conduct annual visits will all Domestic Animal Business
Update officer inspection templates to ensure alignment to the appropriate Code of Practice	Ongoing	Templates and updated annually

10. Other matters

10.1 Context and Current Situation

Lost Dogs Home

The Lost Dog's Home currently provides care and quality vet services to lost and stray pets on behalf of Hume City Council.

Impounded cats and dogs are housed at the Lost Dog's Home and kept for the statutory period at a minimum, during which time the Lost Dog's Home is required to make every effort to reunite the animal with its owner.

Hume Internally Operated Animal Shelter Facility

There are several benefits for Hume owning their own internally operated animal shelter facility, which were explored during the internal workshop. The benefits were:

- Being visible in the community and raising awareness of animal welfare and a services.
- Ownership and control of operations with a vision to be cost neutral.
- Providing quality in house services and reinvesting any savings into programs and services, resulting in greater service provision.
- Convenient location for residents to access services.
- Opportunity to further develop partnerships with other municipalities, animal rescue and foster groups.
- Expansion of program and service provision, resulting in higher rates of microchipping, desexing and registrations.
- Increasing animal welfare boarding in partnership with Second Chance Animal Rescue.
- Extending outreach programs offered to the community.
- Ability to facilitate education and training opportunities in partnership with Zoo Victoria and not-for-profit organisations at the facility.
- Partnerships with universities to deliver hands on training for veterinary students.

Emergency Management

Council has a Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan which addresses the organisational responsibility of Hume City Council in the planning, prevention, response, relief and recovery from emergencies. The Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee has identified grass and bushfire, flooding and extreme weather events as having a high to extreme risk that could impact upon the welfare of companion animals and livestock within the municipality.

Animal Welfare Boarding Protocol

Hume City Council is committed to supporting those experiencing family violence. The decision not to leave a family violence situation may be related to concerns about the ongoing care and welfare of domestic animals. Currently, Council provides links to an Animal Welfare Boarding Service as required however, Hume City Council is committed to developing a protocol to formalise the use of Animal Welfare Boarding in training and daily practice for Authorised Officers.

10.2 Our Current Policies and Procedures

The Lost Dog's Home has their own policies and procedures with respect to the management of animals impounded on behalf of Hume City Council.

10.3 Our Plan

Tables 29, 30, 31 and 32 show the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 10 Objective 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Table 29: Activities under Section 10 Objective 1

Objective 1: Explore restructure of Local Laws to have a dedicated animal management team		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Undertake a service plan that explores the merit of establishing a dedicated animal management team	Year 1	Service plan report prepared

Table 30: Activities under Section 10 Objective 2

Objective 2: Explore feasibility of Hume to have their own animal shelter facility		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Conduct a feasibility study to investigate the viability of council establishing and operating its own animal shelter facility in the future	Year 1	Feasibility report prepared

Table 31: Activities under Section 10 Objective 3

Objective 3: Emergency management planning for domestic animals as part of the Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Ensure animal management staff are involved in Council's Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan	Ongoing	Animal management is considered and responded to in the Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan

Table 32: Activities under Section 10 Objective 4

Objective 4: Increase community awareness of animal welfare boarding program		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Develop a protocol for animal boarding and other supports for victims/survivors of family violence	Year 1	Protocols established and promoted

11. Annual review of plan and annual reporting

In line with the Domestic Animals Act, Council must review its DAMP annually and amend the plan as needed. The following activities outline how the Council will meet these requirements.

11.1 Our Plan

Table 33 shows the activities, timeframe and method of evaluation to meet each activity under Section 11 Objective 1.

Table 33: Activities under Section 11 Objective 1

Objective 1: Comply with Section 68A(3)		
Activity	**When**	**Evaluation**
Provide the Secretary with a copy of the plan and any amendments to the plan	December 2023 Year 1 and annually	Copy provided to Secretary
Review the Domestic Animal Management Plan annually and, if appropriate, amend the plan	Annually	Plan reviewed annually
Publish an evaluation of its implementation of the plan in Council's Annual Report	Annually	Evaluation report published
Council will undertake a major review of the plan after three years	2026	Major review undertaken

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RESEARCH SUMMARY

DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

BACKGROUND

Under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (Vic), every Victorian local government must develop and implement a Domestic Animal Management Plan. A Domestic Animal Management Plan outlines how a Council will manage dogs, cats and other domestic animals within its community and aims to promote responsible pet ownership, the welfare of animals, and the protection of the community and environment from cats and dogs.

Hume City Council's *Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026* (Draft DAMP) has been developed based on extensive community and stakeholder engagement and analysis of internal domestic animal management data.

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The objectives of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan Consultation were to seek community feedback on the Draft DAMP, including any areas of concern or opportunities for improvement.

The Draft DAMP was published for community feedback on Participate Hume between 27 June – 24 July 2023. Community members were able to provide feedback by:

- using the open text form on Participate Hume
- emailing their feedback to the City Laws team
- phoning the Council directly or posting their feedback to Council.

The consultation was advertised through a social media campaign and also promoted through Hume eNews. 105 responses were received. 104 were received through the Participate Hume form and one through email.

The consultation allowed for a broad range of feedback and as a result, two levels of qualitative analysis were required for this report. The first level analysed the overarching categories of feedback and the second delved deeper into the themes of each category. This report summaries the feedback against each category.

KEY FINDINGS

Main categories of feedback

The main categories of feedback received during this consultation were:

1. Comments on the Draft DAMP

2. Feedback on the cat curfew in terms of:
    a. support for the introduction of a cat curfew
    b. opposition to the introduction of a cat curfew
    c. comments on cat curfews
3. Feedback on issues with nuisance dog behaviours.

Table 1 shows that the highest categories of feedback received were comments on the Draft DAMP and comments in support of the introduction of a cat curfew. The lowest number of comments received were in opposition to the introduction of a cat curfew.

Table 1: Main categories in Draft DAMP feedback

Main category	Count	Percent
Comments on Draft DAMP	48	46%
Support for cat curfew introduction	47	45%
Feedback on issues with dogs	27	26%
Comments on cat curfews	14	13%
Opposition to cat curfew introduction	13	12%
Total respondents	**105**	**-**

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one category of feedback.

The following sections detail the analysis of the categories of feedback outlined in Table 1.

Comments on the Draft DAMP

48 respondents provided feedback on content of the Draft DAMP. Table 2 shows that comments varied widely based on the respondent's specific concerns.

Eight comments noted various concerns with either the statistics in the Draft DAMP or how the Draft DAMP was developed, including:

- that the sample size of the survey is too small and more effort needed to be made to hear from more of the community in the development of the Draft DAMP
- the Draft DAMP was written without consideration to the feedback given on issues during the first consultation
- there are no concrete actions to address the community feedback referenced – only actions to explore or research further
- priority is placed on education however the statistics referenced suggest that most of the community are aware of their responsibilities in responsible pet ownership
- Westmeadows and Attwood are not represented in the section outlining the suburbs in Hume.

Eight comments mentioned various ideas for incentives for responsible pet ownership, such as:

- offering discounted registration fees, desexing and microchipping to all residents regardless of their income status
- desexing vouchers should be offered for both cats and dogs
- incentives are needed for people to complete basic dog training, such as reduced registration fees, or fines and removal of misbehaving dogs

- free cat desexing and mandatory vaccinations, and encouragement to have done by six months of age.

Seven comments have been coded as 'other' due to their variety. This feedback included the following:

- comments suggesting both approval and disapproval of a Hume City Council owned and run animal shelter
- residents should be able to own more than two dogs
- consideration should be given to a trap, neuter and release program, as it would reduce the number of stray and unwanted cats
- the Draft DAMP does not cater to future issues, particularly in relation to Hume's growing population.

Table 2: Themes of feedback on the Draft DAMP

Theme	Count	Percent
Concerns with stats in DAMP / how DAMP was developed	8	17%
Community education programs should be implemented	8	17%
Incentives for responsible pet ownership	8	17%
Enforcement actions need to be stronger	8	17%
Other	7	15%
Need more / keep off leash dog park	6	13%
More bins and water in parks	5	10%
Need more/better trained officers	5	10%
General positive comment	5	10%
Dog Barking and other dog issues not addressed	4	8%
Easy contact / process to report dangerous dogs / other issues	4	8%
Concerns about being able to enforce	2	4%
Total respondents	**48**	**-**

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one theme in their feedback.

Some notable comments include:

> *I thought that it was well considered, had every aspect of looking after cats and dogs in a responsible manner, it is important that people know exactly how to deal with stray animals that come onto your property. Education for all is the key to everything.*
>
> *More patrols are needed in on-leash areas, not just off-leash areas, it is in the on-leash areas that dogs are being attacked by unrestrained dogs. There is so little in this plan about actual enforcement of existing laws, and the timeframe for completion of actions is disproportionate. Is it really going to take until 2025/26 to get a bin for dog poo?*
>
> *I note there are no guidelines referring to dog barking. This causes more neighbourhood disputes than most pet issues. Please address*

A help line designed for the sole purpose of animal related matters needs to be developed. A text message line should be developed.

There is a concern with the limited options residents have when they are wanting to report (has occurred) or wish to report (risk indicator). The plan further enforces responsibility on complainants and residents, not on the irresponsible owners.

Would like to see more offleash areas, I am strongly against the idea of turning Emu Bottoms reserve into a leash-only area and Mt Holden becoming a regulated site. The urbanisation of Sunbury is having an impact on the freedom to enjoy our nature with dogs offleash. People with well socialised and trained dogs shouldn't have to deal with excess red tape due to other dog owners doing the wrong thing.

The introduction of a cat curfew

This section details the analysis of feedback on the cat curfew in terms of:

a. support for the introduction of a cat curfew
b. opposition to the introduction of a cat curfew
c. comments on cat curfews

Support for cat curfew introduction

Table 3 shows that just over half of the comments were general support for the curfew (53%), and many provided specific reasons they support curfew such as:

- cats are a threat to local wildlife (27%)
- cats are seen roaming during the day or at night (17%)
- it will be safer for the cat (less cats fighting, getting hit by cars) (10%)
- it will help with stray cats (8%)
- it will reduce cat mess on their property (8%).

Three respondents noted that they do not support the introduction of a 24/7 curfew but do support a dawn to dusk curfew.

Table 3: Themes of feedback in support of cat curfew introduction

Theme	Count	Percent
General support for curfew	25	53%
Threat to wildlife	13	27%
Roaming at night / day	8	17%
Safety for cat	5	10%
Problems with strays	4	8%
Cat poo on private property	4	8%
Support for dawn to dusk only	3	6%
Causing dogs to bark	2	4%
Community education needed	2	4%
Total respondents	**47**	**-**

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one theme in their feedback.

Some notable comments include:

> *Yes yes to a cat curfew. I caught a cat in a cat trap last week. The ranger took it away then two days later its wandering the streets again.*
>
> *Definitely for a curfew for cats. We have three houses on our street where the cats roam free at all hours. Regular loud cat fights outside our house. A few times woken up to dead animals on our front lawn that they've killed. One cat basically lives at our house because the owner let's it free to roam.*
>
> *Keeping cats safely indoors at all times unless on leash where they cannot harm our wildlife, or be injured themselves, would be the best option.*
> *Cats should not be allowed outside at all. Not just for the native flora & fauna but as a health hazard to humans and other animals due to toxoplasmosis - especially homes with their own veggie garden patch.*
>
> *I am all in favour of the cat curfew. I have been in the position numerous times to collect these poor cats off the side of the road once they have been hit. Also heartbreaking to see posts on Faceboook of people torturing these poor animals. They need to be protected along with our Wildlife.*
>
> *I am favorable to a curfew from sunset to dawn but not 24/7. Animals also suffer with depression and anxiety and don't deserve to remain locked at all times because some people are not happy with their freedom. They must still remain the responsibility of the owner that must indemnify any damage or issues caused in elation to the animal behavior, just like parents should respond for their kids actions and consequences.*

Opposition to cat curfew introduction

Table 4 shows that 13 respondents expressed opposition to the introduction of a cat curfew. 46% of the comments expressed concern that a cat curfew will not solve problems with cats for a variety of reasons, including:

- feral, stray, semi-owned and/or unregistered cats are the real problem and these won't be contained by a cat curfew
- pest wildlife such as foxes are a bigger problem
- concerns that statistics of cat kill rates of wildlife are incorrect and/or the figures are inflated.

Three respondents also had concerns that it will increase pet related crime such as breaking into yards and stealing cats to claim they were outside and trapping owned cats to then sell.

Three respondents also noted that their cats are not a problem because they are well looked after and desexed and that the problems are seen with cats that are not.

Table 4: Themes of feedback in opposition to cat curfew

Theme	Count	Percent
Curfew will not solve cat problems	6	46%
General comment against curfew	3	23%
Concern it will increase crime	3	23%
Well looked after cats are not the problem	3	23%
Concern it will increase surrenders	2	15%
Mice and rats will become a problem	2	15%
Unnatural for cats to be inside all the time	2	15%
Too hard on old strays / cats used to going outside	1	8%
Total respondents	**13**	**-**

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one theme in their feedback.

Some notable comments include:

To place a curfew imposition on registered cats is almost redundant when we have such a huge population of unregistered cats with owners who disobey the simple, and easy to comply with, rules of registration and desexing. Managing cat curfews and installing cat confinement barriers is 1000% more challenging and expensive than desexing and registration - which the majority of cat owners are already not complying with. If that is the case then they also will not comply with curfews either.

Wondering cats tend to be strays therefore making this curfew useless

There are rats and mice in Hume area the cats keep them away the domestic cats help keep Hume clean by keeping rats and mice away.

my cat has never bothered a bird she has never sprayed, your problems are related to feral cats as they are not desexed as a responsible cat owner your cat is always desexed.

What happens if people in the community struggle to retrain cats indoors and then they surrender them, you are going to create a social problem for our animals and their welfare.

The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF)…is strongly opposed to mandatory cat containment (night curfews and 24/7 curfews) because based on data form other Victorian councils, it leads to:

- *increased cat nuisance complaints*
- *increased cat impoundments*
- *increased cat and kitten euthanasia*
- *increased costs and enforcement difficulties for local governments*
- *increased mental health damage to veterinary staff and community residents associated with euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens, and no reduction in the overall number of wandering cats.*

…A more effective approach is to help people with the desexing and microchipping of their semi-owned cat and supporting them to take full ownership. This is achieved through

Community Cat Programs, i.e., high-intensity free desexing programs targeted at areas of high impoundments or complaints…

Comments on cat curfews

A number of comments on cat curfews in general were provided, both in terms of how it could or should be implemented and what the consequences of its introduction might be.

The responses in this category were quite varied and as a result, ten comments have been coded as 'other' for brevity. This feedback mentioned the following:

- the curfew needs to take cats on leashes into consideration
- the curfew should only apply to newly purchased pet cats
- people adopting strays or who semi-own cats will need support to help their cats adapt
- cat owners views should take priority in making this decision
- if a curfew comes in, the number of cats a household can own should increase as they will no longer be a bother to neighbours
- registration requirements for litters born to breeders need to be considered
- concerns the curfew will breach *Domestic Animals Act 1994, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986,* and International Standards of Husbandry.

The majority of the remaining comments focused on how Council will need to consider the cost of containment measures to cat owners (36%), a concern that the curfew will increase cat surrenders if not implemented correctly (36%) and the idea to phase in the curfew slowly.

Table 5: Themes of comments on cat curfews

Theme	Count	Percent
Other	10	71%
Need to consider cost of containment measures	5	36%
Concern curfew it will increase surrenders if not introduced properly	5	36%
Phase in curfew	3	21%
Talk to other councils that are implementing a curfew	2	14%
Education programs are needed	2	14%
Total respondents	**14**	-

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one theme in their feedback.

Some notable comments include:

If a 24/7 curfew is the preference for council, perhaps phasing it in with a dusk to dawn initially for 1-2 years and then 24/7 once people have had time to adjust to the increased responsibility of cat ownership and make the appropriate changes required for restraining their cat.

It would be to everyone's benefit, that a night curfew be introduced rather than a 24hr detainment. It would solve the complaints, but we all know there always will be complaints about everything. An introduction of the 24hr hold on the cats will cause additional problems.

Cats will be dumped, added expenditure to cat owners for cat runs (i,m sure the council would subsidise).

Could the cat curfew come into effect slowly- I.e newly registered Cats from 2024, otherwise you may end up with a surge in dumped animals.

I urge you to speak to your counterparts at the City of Whittlesea who are introducing a 24 hour curfew for cats as of the 1st of August this year. They have held information sessions and given ideas for cat enclosures.

It can also be a big problem for the people who have recently adopted stray cats as it will be difficult for them to keep them inside all the time. It can be very helpful if there is a plan or training to keep newly adapted stray cats inside the property all the time or introduce few hours of cat curfews instead of a full time curfew.

Feedback on issues with dogs

27 respondents raised concerns about nuisance dog behaviours they see in their community. Table 6 shows that most of the comments related to concerns with dogs barking (33%), owners not controlling their dogs when they are off leash in parks and on streets (33%) and owners not picking up their dog's poo (26%).

Three comments have been coded as 'other.' This feedback mentioned the following:

- if curfew exists for cats, it should also extend to when and how dogs are allowed in public, including limiting where people can walk their dogs
- dogs must be confined to owner's property at all times
- more needs to be done about dangerous dog breeds.

Table 6: Themes of feedback relating to issues with dogs

Theme	Count	Percent
Concerns with dogs barking	9	33%
Concerns with controlling dogs off leash	9	33%
Owners not picking up after their dogs	7	26%
Other	3	11%
Concerns around dog attacks	2	7%
Total respondents	**27**	**-**

Rows may not add up to 100% because respondents could provide more than one theme in their feedback.

Some notable comments include:

I don't know how you are going to police it but people that leave their dog(s) poo on footpaths to let other people walk in it should be fined. When pet registrations are sent out it should be made clear that the consequences of leaving dog poo are serious to not only adults and children walking on footpaths but to our waterways. How easy is it to keep poo bags on the lead!

Barking Dogs are a big problem. We are lucky to have a neighbour who tries hard, but is not always successful in controlling their very loud, large and quite frightening animal. Often people just don't care. The Hume process of keeping a diary is difficult and onerous. Something needs to be done to make it easier to get council intervention. Not everybody is able to speak directly to an understanding neighbour like we can, so we are grateful for that at least.

…Dog owners walk their dogs off leash on the streets of Blair Street without any consequences. We've just moved here 2 years ago and my dog and I have already been attacked.

...I've often been approached by dogs off leash. One in particular always runs aggressively at my kid in her pram while the owner yells "don't worry he's friendly" and does nothing about it.

ATTACHMENT A

See Attachment A to this report for all the verbatim feedback provided during this consultation.

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DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION REPORT – ATTACHMENT A

INTRODUCTION

Attachment A to the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan Consultation Report contains all the verbatim feedback provided.

ALL FEEDBACK RECEIVED

Table 1: Feedback received on Draft DAMP

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
Prefer not to say	45 to 54 years	Broadmeadows	I am more interested in how these will be enforced. It is well and good to have these written out but if there's no consequences, there's no need for people to follow these rules. Cats should not be allowed outside at all. Not just for the native flora & fauna but as a health hazard to humans and other animals due to toxoplasmosis - especially homes with their own veggie garden patch. Dog owners walk their dogs off leash on the streets of Blair Street without any consequences. We've just moved here 2 years ago and my dog and I have already been attacked.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Bulla	No issue with dogs in the area, but a MAJOR issue with cats and ferral cats on our and in property and we are sick to death of it. Five different cats so far, I have counted seen, taken photos. The deficate in our garden, all over our entertaining area, jump over my car, because they seem to like our garden for the wildlife, possums, beautiful little bluebirds, rosella's, then we have to clean up and disinfect! It's not hard to be a responsible pet owner and bring cats in at night. Some people are just lazy and then the cats breed like wildfire and become ferral and then it seems to be our problem once again! Yes, bring the cat curfew in. Many people have issues with cats in the city of Hume not just me. It's a major issue in this Council and their needs to be a big cull to get rid of them and get it under control! They are a MASSIVE ISSUE!!!!!
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Coburg	Very happy to hear about the management of cats at night and gaining the trust of patrons to help them understand how and why their pets need support and to be given proper care in someone else's hands. The management of unsafe dogs with training the owners as well as reporting the unsafe animal is great.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Coolaroo	As a cat owner who's cats are both indoor and outdoor, I'm against a cat curfew. My cats are desexed and well looked after. My concern is this curfew will encourage people who don't like cats to enter my yard and trap my cats and claim they were wondering into their yard. Desexed cats tend not to wonder and the majority of cats prefer the comfort of their own home. Wondering cats tend to be strays therefore making this curfew useless. I'd like to also

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
			add I've noticed people that don't live in the hume area aswell as people with a general hatred towards cats completing this survey which doesn't seem to be fair.
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Craigieburn	The Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) is very comprehensive and appears to have done well in recording all Hume city Animal and animal management statistics. However after reading through the DAMP, I noticed many issues that the DAMP doesn't seem to address and consider. Firstly, the DAMP seems to be prioritising funding for educating members of the community on responsible pet ownership. However as seen through the statistics recoding on the DAMP, such as 94.7% of people being aware that they need to pick up their dogs dropping, it can be assumed that most people are already well educated on this local law and its negative impacts. Therefore council will be wasting time and resources on prioritising such education campaigns and should rather focus on recruiting more authorised officers as well as improving the current reporting systems so that the local laws can be enforced more readily on those that refuse to follow them. Secondly even though, 65% of the DAMP survey respondents have said that people in their local area, control their dog properly, I believe this not an accurate figure and should not be relied upon when making decisions for the DAMP. My reasons for this is that: 1. The 1128 surveys recorded is a small sample size (0.43% of the Hume city population) compared to the much larger whole population of Hume city (258,000). 2. There are over twice as many registered dogs (17,865) than cats (7024) in Hume city as well as approximately twice as many estimated unregistered dogs (20,000) compared to estimated unregistered cats (10,700). I have witnessed on nearly a daily basis, multiple dog owners walking their dogs along Malcolm creek, Malcolm creek linear path and many other public spaces in Craigieburn and other Hume city suburbs without a leash, with some of these dogs being aggressive or being tripping hazards. Hume council needs to take the issue dogs not being properly controlled by their owners seriously, and needs to have its authorised officers being more vigilant in their patrols and handing out warnings and fines to these non-compliant dog owners. The DAMP also fails to properly solve the issue of dog attacks and aggressive dogs in public spaces. Too easily avoid all future dog attacks, council should be more proactive in the measures it takes to stop these attacks from happening. Solutions for this could include, ensuring that all dogs are muzzled and leashed when in public spaces or at the very least, ensure that dangerous and potentially dangerous large dogs breeds are muzzled at all times in the public.

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			I believe that the DAMP is on the right track with introducing cat curfews, especially the 24/7 cat curfew. This will help protect the cats, protect native wildlife and prevent excessive cat breeding. This is a very strict law, but it has been shown to be successful. However as it is acceptable to implement this law for cats, I believe the council should also consider the same law for dogs. All dogs are safer when kept inside a property, and eliminate many of the problems dogs cause in the public such as excessive barking, defecating in public, dog attacks and destroying native flora and fauna. As a minimum however, council should limit the areas in which people are allowed to walk their dog and build more enclosed dog parks, this will help reduce problems with dog owners in public spaces such as people not picking up their dogs droppings and reduce the amount of dog attacks and destruction of native flora and fauna by dogs.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Craigieburn	A cat curfew is needed in Hume. The number of stray/semi owned cats has increased in my estate over the last 5 years. The curfew should be 24/7.
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Craigieburn	In my opinion cat curfews can be discouraging for the people willing to adopt stray cats, as stray cats feel a need to go outside and take alot of time to become a house cat. It can also be a big problem for the people who have recently adopted stray cats as it will be difficult for them to keep them inside all the time. It can be very helpful if there is a plan or training to keep newly adapted stray cats inside the property all the time or introduce few hours of cat curfews instead of a full time curfew. Another big issue is cost of fences around the house. Every household may not be able to afford installation of restriction fences to keep the cats inside, specially during this time when people are struggling to provide food on their tables.
Man or male	75 years or over	Craigieburn	Increase in the number of officers who actually know what they are doing sad to say but Hume appears to have only a couple
Man or male	45 to 54 years	Craigieburn	Do not waste money and time adopting a Cat curfew.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Craigieburn	Definitely for a curfew for cats. We have three houses on our street where the cats roam free at all hours. Regular loud cat fights outside our house. A few times woken up to dead animals on our front lawn that they've killed. One cat basically lives at our house because the owner let's it free to roam. Also dogs on leash. I've often been approached by dogs off leash. One in particular always runs agressivly at my kid in her pram while the owner yells "don't worry he's friendly" and does nothing about it.

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Prefer not to say	55 to 64 years	Craigieburn	All good but i think you need to put bins in the dog parks so then people will pick up there dogs droppings and dispose of them straight away. Currently we have to carry it back home with us in most of leash areas.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Craigieburn	I thought that it was well considered, had every aspect of looking after cats and dogs in a responsible manner, it is important that people know exactly how to deal with stray animals that come onto your property. Education for all is the key to everything. I do agree with a dusk to dawn cat curfew but must say that when we owned cats we kept ours inside. By doing this they are not getting into our neighbour's yard and upsetting any pets they may own. I feel that there are benefits to desexing and microchipping, desexing has a benefit for the animal's health and is a benefit to overbreeding which I consider abhorrent. Cat and Dog breeders really need to be monitored and the training up of more rangers and providing more vehicles for the rangers is also an important key. At the moment I have seen 5 cats stray into our yard and the problem with that is we just do not know who they belong to and they only come if you feel you have food and for the fact that we mainly have a high bird population in our backyard which is full of native plants and trees. This is not an ideal situation.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Craigieburn	The plan seems to lack education of dog owner on how to control their dogs.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Craigieburn	What about nuisance of dogs barking?
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Craigieburn	I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan. I strongly agree with the importance of educating the community about effective stray cat management strategies. It is evident that there has been an increase in the number of stray cats in our area. I have noticed that some individuals place plastic containers with food and water in parks out of compassion for these cats. However, it's crucial for the community to understand that this practice may inadvertently contribute to the stray cat population. To address this issue, it is essential to inform the community about appropriate actions to take when encountering stray cats, such as refraining from feeding them and instead reporting their presence to the appropriate authorities. Additionally, it would be beneficial to raise awareness about the availability of cat traps that can be requested for humane capture and removal of stray cats. Personally, I find it challenging to undertake the task of trapping cats myself, especially considering that I have a dog at home. Therefore, it is crucial to encourage community participation and provide resources that facilitate responsible and effective management of stray cats.

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Non-binary	18 to 24 years	Dallas	i think that all the suggestions are good, except for the cat curfue. what if a cat needs to go outside during the night.
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Dallas	I think it's important to introduce a cat curfew, and provide residents with training and information on how to properly register their animals. Some may have limited english and aren't aware of the requirements- reducing the fees for first time offenders where animals are unregistered is important. Also, if there could be a form available if animal's accidentally escape overnight that a resident could complete so they don't get charged a significant impound rate if animal is low risk (e.g cat).
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Dallas	No Cat Curfew the rats will breed out of control in the Dallas area.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Dallas	I have a cat(registered and desex) inside my home but i really upset every day i found dog poo at my front yard or see a cat goes my garden and do his toilet.(i take my cat outside with leash as well)
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Gladstone Park	I think it's ridiculous!,...sorry,but most of these are up to the owner & council,which has been the same for years!
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Greenvale	Need more incentive for people to complete basic dog training. - maybe reduced council registration fee! In different languages too. Not enough GOOD QUALITY Dog Obedience Clubs around! We drive down to Keilor Park! https://www.kodtc.com.au/
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Greenvale	I wholeheartedly endorse the further research of a 24 hour curfew for cats as the only responsible way to stop them using neighbouring properties as a toilet, killing birds and to push the premise that keeping a cat as a pet is a 24 hour a day responsibility just as it is for dog owners. I urge you to speak to your counterparts at the City of Whittlesea who are introducing a 24 hour curfew for cats as of the 1st of August this year. They have held information sessions and given ideas for cat enclosures. I have lived in Hume for 38 years and have always had trouble with roaming cats. Have tried the cat trapping unsuccessfully. We have just recently spent $900 on 8 CatSonic Ultrasonic cat deterrents for our property to deter neighbourhood cats from visiting. Fortunately it seems to be working but we shouldn't have had to go to that expense. I don't believe subsidies should be given to cat owners. If you want a cat and look after it responsibly you foot the

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			bill for its needs. Dog owners need to buy kennels and leads for walking and don't get any subsidies. I don't know how you are going to police it but people that leave their dog(s) poo on footpaths to let other people walk in it should be fined. When pet registrations are sent out it should be made clear that the consequences of leaving dog poo are serious to not only adults and children walking on footpaths but to our waterways. How easy is it to keep poo bags on the lead!
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Greenvale	I'm a cat owner myself and I do believe there should be a 24/7 cat curfew. People who own cats and do not support a curfew, could be due to the additional effort required to keep a cat indoors - provision and regular cleaning of litter trays, provision of toys and other stimulation and enrichment such as supervised outdoor time and catios for the cat, time and willingness to harness and leash train a cat and then to regularly walk the cat. There is a concern for the safety aspect to walk a cat, which is also an issue.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Jacana	Can we please consider a Trap Neuter Release program in Hume? This would drastically reduce the number of stray and unwanted cats within the council area.
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Kalkallo	While I have no objections to a cat Cerfew, it needs to take into consideration both cats on leads AND cats in enclosures. The aim afterall is to keep cats from running wild. If the owner has put in the effort to exercise their cat WITHOUT it running wild they should not be punished.
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Kalkallo	Council needs to become sticker with constantly barking dogs from neighbours and cats wondering around and leaving droppings/ harassing other neighbours pets
Man or male	45 to 54 years	Keilor	Great document - looking forward to the seeing some work start in relation to Cat Curfew - long overdue and very relevant to our municipality.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Meadow Heights	Cats are the biggest issue in hume for I know where there is a few stay cats and hume needs to put a curfew on cats for I am sick of the cats roaming atoud at night there is a law for dog owners with dogs roaming entering people's premises, dogs off leashes where they shouldn't be of leash but no laws for cats what's good for one should be good for all.
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Meadow Heights	It's a start. Cat and dog curfew is a must regardless of what owners say, cat owners will always say it's not natural for a cat to be locked in a house forever

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Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Mickleham	Some issues. 1,100 residents surveyed, out of a population of 250,000. How can this possibly be sufficient feedback, it need a higher percentage of residents to respond. Strategies do not include people who rent and who have lower incomes. How do you expect them to pay for any cat containment. The draft dies not seem to have considered cat curfew information from other councils who have implemented 24 hour curfews. Bottom line, they do not work in reducing the impact to flora and fauna, this is an issue, but damage is caused by feral, unhomed and neglected cats and wildlife such as foxes. Majority of cared for domestic cats make very little impact on their environment.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Mickleham	What about dog poo? It's everywhere! I pick up after my dog always, but even I have sometimes thought abut leaving it because everyone else does. Something needs to change.
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Mickleham	Cat curfew needed. Disagree with fines for dogs off leash in areas. Trained dogs pose no danger. Free or subsidised dog training should be offered and any anti social behaviour with dogs should be fine or removed from ownership.
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Mickleham	Cat curfew. Increase in bins. One should be available at every bus stop for passengers as well as dog waste. Increase in investment in to dog parks that have adequate drainage to allow year round use. Renewed enforcement of dangerous or unsocial dogs but promotion of good dog ownership. Subsidised dog training and development to get an increase in responsible dog ownership
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Mickleham	Cats should have a curfew and barking dogs should be investigated when they bark non stop they are obviously troubled
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Mickleham	Hume has large populations of people from cultural backgrounds where dogs being part of everyday society is not a norm. Therefore they do not know how to behave around dogs in a public setting, even when dogs are under effective control of their owners. Community leaders/programs should be engaged to educate people in different cultural groups, particularly elderly people, about living in a society with dogs. Parents should be taught to educate their children and elderly relatives about behaving around dogs in public parks.
Man or male	35 to 44 years	Mickleham	Definitely need cat curfew too many strays around our area, Dogs off leashes also need to be controlled And action should be taken about dog attacks

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Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Mickleham	I am all in favour of the cat curfew. I have been in the position numerous times to collect these poor cats off the side of the road once they have been hit. Also heartbreaking to see posts on Faceboook of people torturing these poor animals. They need to be protected along with our Wildlife.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Mickleham	Do you plan on doing something about noise nuisance for dogs at night? Dogs barking thru the night is a hassle when you are trying to sleep, and once one starts it tends to set off a lot.
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Roling Meadows	Looks good - but I can't reiterate enough that cats need to be contained on the owner's property - containment enclosures should be required - for the sake of wildlife - New dogs parks need to be developed to meet considerable growth in new estates.
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Roxburgh Park	Overall I think it's good and comprehensive. I like the idea of Hume having its own animal shelter. I was a respondent who is a cat owner and does not support a cat curfew. Howevever, if one were to be introduced, a dusk to dawn one would be more manageable and I'd be accepting of that now seeing that wandering cats is an issue for the majority of the respondents. I think if a 24/7 curfew is introduced council should consider the impact on owners and that surrender rates may increase due to people not having the ability to restrain their cat, affordability or space for cat enclosures and other resulting issues/disturbances to their day-to-day. If a 24/7 curfew is the preference for council, perhaps phasing it in with a dusk to dawn intially for 1-2 years and then 24/7 once people have had time to adjust to the increased responsibility of cat ownership and make the appropriate changes required for restraining their cat.
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Roxburgh Park	Cats must have a night time curfew. The main points have to be clear, many people will be unwilling or unable to read through the entire document.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Roxburgh Park	There are not enough staff on the ground/employed to cover the councils area in total. In reality how are curfews on cats going to be enforced. Or non compliance with off leash dog parks be managed. Discounted desexing and microchipping should be widened and offered to all residents regardless of their income status and discounted registration fees. Education about why its good for the animal - not the human or council - to be desexed, in different languages through community groups/schools/social media needs to be higher than it is.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	100% in support of a 24 hour cat curfew. There are so many cats roaming the streets and trespassing on our property, causing our securely confined dogs to bark and become very wound up.

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Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	100% support a 24 hour cat curfew. Please keep emu bottom an off leash dog area! It's one of the main reasons we moved to Subury.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	24 hour cat curfew should be implemented ASAP. Irresponsible cat owners should be subject to regular and proactive enforcement action by council (as opposed to burdening neighbours with the responsibility of managing other people's pets/responsibilities).
Man or male	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	All cats must be contained inside at all times.
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Sunbury	Very surprised there is no mention of any action to address the increasing number of dogs being exercised off-leash in residential areas, walking paths, sports ovals, parks and near children's playgrounds.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Cat curfew is a good idea. Cats in at all times when it's dark. Need to protect our wildlife.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	Could the cat curfew come into effect slowly- I.e newly registered Cats from 2024, otherwise you may end up with a surge in dumped animals. It is also unfair to impose upon people after they have made the decision to own an outdoor cat.
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	Dogs off leash in streets with their owners when they are soppose to be on leash. Off leash infrastructure of their own home not supervised no fence, dog charges to my dog
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	More patrols in leashed areas of dogs too many are still off leashed!
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	Too many dogs off leash in leashed areas patrols needed to enforce or fines given
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	More officers who are suitably qualified and or with prior industry experience - has been a need dating back to I would say 2013
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Sunbury	Cats should have a curfew

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Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I think there should be more off leash dog areas around . Also I do reject a full cat curfew. My 8 year old cat was a stray who spent his younger years on the streets , it was so very hard keeping him inside 24/7 , in the end we relented and let him outside , this finally calmed hom down. He spends the nights inside , and most if the day , but on a warm day , he loves laying in the sunshine in our yard , he also visits out neighbouring house , as she loves him., and he lays in the sunshine there also. If a vat curfew is introduced, it should be for newly acquired pet cars, not those who already have a taste of the outdoors. It would be cruel to all of a sudden keep them in 24/7 , especially for those like our boy who are only out laying in the sun .
Prefer not to say	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Hi .thoughts - subsidised de sexing for dogs currently is hard to work out this and find out what vet is participating then barely any vets participating. To many dangerous dogs escaping numerous times bull terriers, staffs rotweilers bigger fines. I do t understand the patrolling parks. Yes a easy contact for dangerous dogs and dog attacks would be beneficial .signs stating fines and tesponsibilities
Prefer not to say	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	Citizens should have the right to own more than two dogs
Prefer not to say	18 to 24 years	Sunbury	Would like to see more offleash areas, I am strongly against the idea of turning Emu Bottoms reserve into a leash-only area and Mt Holden becoming a regulated site. The urbanisation of Sunbury is having an impact on the freedom to enjoy our nature with dogs offleash. People with well socialised and trained dogs shouldn't have to deal with excess red tape due to other dog owners doing the wrong thing.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	Animals
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	Cats should not be allowed out of the home or enclosure. We live near native grassland and they are constantly in there hunting native wildlife. We often have cats getting in our bins and annoying our dog in our yard causing annoying barking. Make people who own cats be as responsible for them as dog owners need to be.

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Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	If my cat must be kept inside 24/7 will the neighbouring dogs that start barking at 6am every day and continue relentlessly also be required to be confined indoors?? When making decisions that directly impact the cat owner, please listen to the cat owner! To base a curfew on the opinion of those who don't even own a cat is absurd and actually leaves me upset and feeling stressed at how I could possibly be so cruel to expect my indoor/outdoor senior aged cat to suddenly live permanently indoors. Impossible and cruel. He loves sun baking on the rocks in my back yard. I've never seen him kill native wildlife. He's too well fed at home for that! To suddenly lock up an animal is pure animal cruelty. Building cages or cat runs is not financially nor aesthetically viable, and given my cat gets awfully stressed when in his basket to go to the vet, putting him in a cage would likely kill him. All because a dog owner doesn't like cats.
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	Consider cat curfew? How about enforcing all cats to be inside, caged or on a lead 100% of the time. Cats predate day and night.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	Happy to register my indoor only cats and comply with the curfew (I love them too much to risk them being outside anyway). But increase the number of indoor only cats from 2 to 3. Why should you need to talk to neighbours for a multi-animal cat permit if they are kept entirely indoors?
Man or male	75 years or over	Sunbury	Dogs not under control in off leash areas. Definate curfew for cats. Cats to remain in property boundaries of owner at all times.
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Sunbury	Everything in this draft needs to be approved and put into action. There needs to be stronger rules and enforcement of animals not being taken care of, neglected, abandoned and abused, as well as the many signs that show this is happening and the toll it takes on people that live near the animal. It should be illegal for cats to be left outside. We don't let our dogs roam the streets so why cats? It is a sign of neglect and encourages neglect of animals. It poses a threat to the environment and its native animals. Cat owners need to be held responsible. It should be illegal for pets to not be desexed, especially male cats.

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			A help line designed for the sole purpose of animal related matters needs to be developed. A text message line should be developed.
Man or male	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Extremely supportive of a cat curfew.
Man or male	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	Fully support a 24/ 7 cat curfew. It's long overdue
Woman or female	18 to 24 years	Sunbury	Cat curfew sucks and there's so much dog poo
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Hume needs a cat curfew. Cats are constantly in our yard fighting at all hrs. The cats belong to neighbors and when I have spoken to them about it their response is they are allowed to roam and its hard to contain. A curfew will at least put the responsibility on owners to contain cats during certain hrs.
Woman or female	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	I agree that more bins need to be provided to put dog droppings as sometimes you have to carry the bag all the way home Also 110% for a cat curfew as they come out at night and ruin gardens
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	There needs to be more fenced off lead dog parks for Sunbury. The Emu Bottom Wetlands off lead area is being abused by a few who don't pick up after their dogs or leave the poo bags where ever they can throw them. There is no understanding of proper dog manners when off lead dogs run up to those who choose to walk their dogs on lead with stressful & aggressive consequences. What should be a joyous exercise with your dog becomes very very stressful due to off lead dog bad behaviours.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	All cat owners should have an outdoor enclosed cat area... if their cat is not an indoors only cat. Most cats are prone to wandering, even if they do come home. On their wanders they are more likely to be hit by a car, stolen, killed, or attacking and killing local wildlife. Cat neutering should be FREE, and should be strongly encouraged to have done by 6 months of age. It's the only way to encourage widespread neutering. Vaccination and spaying should be mandatory in most cases. ALL dogs must reside in a completely fenced home. All possible avenues of escape must be reinforced. TOO MANY poor escaped dogs in Sunbury. Responsible pet ownership is severely lacking.

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			Encourage owners to keep scared dogs inside during thunderstorms and fireworks. ACTiVELY FIND AND HEAVILY FINE people setting off illegal fireworks. It's ridiculous how many idiots there are out there. At the end of the day people need to be RESPONSIBLE for the safety of their own pets and also the impact the pet has on community and wildlife. It's just frustrating how many aren't.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Please keep emu bottom wetlands as the large off leash area that it currently is. There is no where else quite like it close by and it's extensively used by the dog walking community. If you want to make money off it then try getting a coffee truck down there on a Saturday and Sunday morning. I guarantee they will make money.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I agree with desexing voucher for not just cats but for dogs also. I agree with cat curfews. More poop bags and bins in local parks.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Not sure why you need to have greater 'patrols' in off leash areas. Is this to ensure people pick up the poo? If this is what your patrolling then I'm all for it. Patrolling anything else is a waste of time.
Man or male	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	I agree with the proposals to apply a 24 hour curfew on all cats. I believe in some cases it does not far enough. 1. Dog defecation provisions should also apply to cats. And penalties increased. Repeat offenders banned from walking their animal and/or animal confined to their property. I have cats pooing and marking their territory, mainly because I choose not to have a cat or a dog. And it is dangerous: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/outdoor-pet-cats-are-spreading-a-brain-parasite-to-wildlife-180979152/ https://www.thedailybeast.com/cat-poop-parasite-disease-toxoplasmosis-is-spreading-because-of-humans 2. It should be an offence, with high penalties, for any domestic pet to kill, injure or attack any protected animal. I surprisingly had a large population of lizards and some frogs living on my property only to be totally wiped out by neighbours cats over a couple of weeks, 2 families of blue wrens were also killed. 3. Non registration fines should be increased and DNA samples to be taken on registration. Desexing to be mandatory for domestic animals and cats/dogs not to sold or swapped ownership unless desexed. Penalties introduced and or increased. 4. Except in confined "lead off" areas all domestic animals to be controlled by a hand held lead, not just "under control" and be muzzled.

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	I agree with the suggestions for more dog patrols in off leash areas. I would strongly urge action to be taken on the cat curfew and would ask that council go further in requiring cats to remain on their property. I have followed Hume Councils suggestions to grow plant for wildlife and now have several different species of native birds in my backyard. However, I now have at least three or four neighbouring cats stalking birds in the backyard during the day, leaving mess on outdoor furniture and in the garden.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I am a cat owner at Hume. Never heard of the Council collecting data about cat/dog ownership related issues. I do not agree with a 24/7 curfew for cats even if mine only stay inside the house or in my backyard. I am completely favorable to dusk to dawn curfew as owners should most of all ensure the welfare of their animals. If comes to the point of curfews to avoid cats annoying people with their walkabouts; we will need also to discuss the size of backyards and ownerships of large dogs; The time dogs should be walking around the streets and how they are allowed to do so (leach or not). We will also need to start a discussion about the council enticing animal cruelty as the owners will start to have issues with some pets due to the way they will be forced by the council to live; locked in house at all times, not being able to exercise or having sun; in the case of some bad owners, the mistreat to keep them quiet. We will soon have in our hands animals that have depression, get sick or even get aggressive. In my view I believe I have a council to deal with the area's issues but not to dictate how I live, how my kids live or even how my pets live. If any of them or myself do something wrong, then it will be the law (courts/police/etc) that will deal with the consequences of my actions or of those who I am responsible for. Having guidance rules such as the use of leach or where pets can enter or not, this is one thing, but having them locked in a place is something completely different and even cruel. Please, when making a plan like that, ensure you involve all the community. You can reach every single resident by letter as to ensure matters that affect them are cared by all.

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	If there's a cat curfew it needs to be 24/7 or not at all. The reasons that supposedly support a curfew can occur 24/7. Also cats on relatively large acreage (barn cats) do a good job with vermin, as many cats. We may solve one problem and let a vermin issue get out of hand? If the Lost Dogs Home currently provides a good service there seems no good reason for Hume to duplicate. It will be expensive to build and operate. Better to support an existing dedicated service. More education re the number of pets allowed per property would be good. Suspect some register two but own more? Just don't declare the excess? Should breeders be required to register each litter born within 2wks? Pets mean a lot to many people - can we make it work without being unreasonably prescriptive or punishing?
Man or male	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	Barking Dogs are a big problem. We are lucky to have a neighbour who tries hard, but is not always successful in controlling their very loud, large and quite frightening animal. Often people just don't care. The Hume process of keeping a diary is difficult and onerous. Something needs to be done to make it easier to get council intervention. Not everybody is able to speak directly to an understanding neighbour like we can, so we are grateful for that at least.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I do not support a curfew for my domestic cat. He is neutered. He has never ever brought home a bird as a present for me. He mainly stays in my property, but goes out at night because cats are nocturnal animals. It is incredibly unnatural for them to be cooped up inside a house and not allowed out. A better response for all the people who actually think it is domestic cats killing native birds would be to enforce that all cats wear a bell on their collar. Cheap, effective and allows the cat to be healthy.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	I'm extremely disappointed in this draft plan; the community feedback is referenced but there aren't actions to actually address the issues. Every action is about 'exploring', 'considering', 'researching' but not actually doing anything concrete. More patrols are needed in on-leash areas, not just off-leash areas, it is in the on-leash areas that dogs are being attacked by unrestrained dogs. There is so little in this plan about actual enforcement of existing laws, and the timeframe for completion of actions is disproportionate. Is it realy going to take until 2025/26 to get a bin for dog poo? We desperately need a cat curfew to protect threatened wildlife, please make this happen.

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
Man or male	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	In regards, to the cat curfew. First, it is outrageous that the cats are being blamed for attacks on the fauna and flora. The current roads, parking, commercial building and residential estates are causing far more damage than cats. Complaints of cats creating noises at night, my own experience is that it lasts for less than 5 minutes. It can be stopped by just going out. Dogs barking can and generally does go for hours. That being said I am in favour of a curfew. Sundown to sun up. It would be to everyone's benefit, that a night curfew be introduced rather than a 24hr detainment. It would solve the complaints, but we all know there always will be complaints about everything. An introduction of the 24hr hold on the cats will cause additional problems. Cats will be dumped, added expenditure to cat owners for cat runs (i,m sure the council would subsidise). Cruelty concerns. Domesticated or not, animals need to be animals, and to lock up a previously free animal does pose as cruelty. See how our zoos have changed in the past 50 years. If there is a desire to lock up cats, wouldn't it be better to try an alternative first. Trial the night curfew for four years (until next review) and based on that outcome make another decision. thank you for your time.
Non-binary	25 to 34 years	Sunbury	Introducing a cat curfew is an excellent idea that I strongly support. Keeping cats safely indoors at all times unless on leash where they cannot harm our wildlife, or be injured themselves, would be the best option.
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Sunbury	There is a concern with the limited options residents have when they are wanting to report (has occurred) or wish to report (risk indicator). The plan further enforces responsibility on complainants and residents, not on the irresponsible owners. The plan isn't at a level you expect given the increase in risk as a result of the growing population. It's does not apply proportionality to risk management, nor is it sophisticated in its goals or outcomes as it doesn't demonstrate any future indicators - it's all reactive and shows the council does not have the knowledge or skills to understand what data is telling them about future needs. This is an opportunity to demonstrate how the council and residents can work collaboratively, and adopt innovation, to address domestic animal issues and concerns. I would rather see a plan be delayed and be considered than a plan be on time and be a band aid in approach.

Gender	Age	Suburb	Comment
Man or male	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	Please make it mandatory that cats are to be keep inside or in an outside cat enclosure, as they are decimating native birds and fauna. Also, dogs need to be confined to the owner's property. Owners need to be fined after repeated offences.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	Please please bring in more curfews for neighbourhood cats wondering around the neighbourhood defecating in our gardens and destroying birds it really is a problem. Thanks
Woman or female	65 to 74 years	Sunbury	I agree with your proposals.
Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	The draft was made without hearing the majority of residents at Hume. Very little effort to discuss the issue. I am favorable to a curfew from sunset to dawn but not 24/7. Animals also suffer with depression and anxiety and don't deserve to remain locked at all times because some people are not happy with their freedom. They must still remain the responsibility of the owner that must indemnify any damage or issues caused in elation to the animal behavior, just like parents should respond for their kids actions and consequences. If animals are to be locked 24/7 due to the fact some get annoyed with their presence, let's also have rules for kids using their bicycles and other types of toys and regulate the time they can be on the streets; let's allow them to go to prison when acting illegally and making the parents to pay for the damage to others and their properties. Having guides is a very good start but making a full time curfew a rule is not correct and should not happen.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I note there are no guidelines referring to dog barking. This causes more neighbourhood disputes than most pet issues. Please address
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	1. Everything about this gives the impression that it was written before the consultation and the consultation was just window dressing. 2. The cat hatred is very strong. 3. I am shocked that more is not being done about barking dogs and dangerous breeds/dogs. It seems we can scapegoat and control cats but dogs are tolerated. 4. I'm sure that this response exercise is as tokenistic as the consultation was.

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Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	I think the draft plan is heading in the right direction but I still think pet owners will not comply. There should be harsher penalties ie. fines then they may rethink leaving their cats out all night
Man or male	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	The main concern is wandering cats. Be it day or night. Cats should be retained to the owners property unless on a lead as per dogs
Man or male	75 years or over	Sunbury	We have a Hume garden for wildlife garden, we have most nights cats roaming our front and back garden (camera video) CURFEW please.
Woman or female	75 years or over	Sunbury	Would love for there to be a cat curfew. We have so many beautiful birds in Sunbury ,cats do what cats do. I used to have lots of blue wrens in my garden…….sadly no more.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Sunbury	Yes yes to a cat curfew. I caught a cat in a cat trap last week. The ranger took it away then two days later its wandering the streets again. What hope do the native birds have of surviving.
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Sunbury	'No cat curfew No mandatory desexing. Feline, native wildlife and bird care worker and unable to contribute to draft before published. Rarely see a cat both during day and at night when on foot especially - often out at night. One of main problems not addressed adequately is: - obsessive at trappers, trapping owned cats and on selling, know of a group doing this, they are frequently breaching DAA, selling via pet shops and online, also approaching if not breaching POCTA and International Standards if husbandry. - there are some serious questions and issues with studied used for estimating the kill rate and frequency by cats - have real life experience of a relatively reasonably size sample and the hunt rate is extremely low with the successful hunt rate near statistical insignificance - native wildlife particularly birds in this survey appear to be by and large outmatching cats.

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			Another - dog mess, far worse problems than cats being out
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	Sunbury	'No cat curfew No mandatory desexing Feline and native animal and bird worker. - issues with group trapping owned cats and in selling, breach of DAA, approaching breaches of POCTA, breaches of International Standards of husbandry. Rarely see a cat either out or in a window during day or at nigh, and most work done at night on foot with other visits during day. Other issues - dog mess is a far worse issue than cats being out - dogs off lead in on lead areas of parks - dogs off leads in street. Hunt rates for cats: have run sample over a few years and statistics both for cats engaged in hunt activity and also for successful hunt are so low they are statistically irrelevant and in reality extremely rare on average. There is a serious problem with some if the studies used by welfare authorities to estimate wildlife cull by domestic animals.

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Woman or female	45 to 54 years	Sunbury	The implementation of a cat curfew is a significant concern for me. Both of my cats are registered, desexed, fed well and cared for. They rarely leave my property, but sometimes they do. For the most part they sleep in front of the TV or on our patio furniture. It would be a huge imposition to have to manage a curfew. And I wonder to what benefit it would bring. I've reviewed the stats in the draft DAMP. I'm astounded to see the only 80 cats of the 938 impounded were collected in the last reported year. Do you have data that informs us if those cats were microchipped and their owners contacted? Do we know if the owners actively decided to leave them in impound? If my cats were impounded then I would go and collect them, and I'm assuming that most cat owners who have registered and desexed their cats would do so too. So, this seems to me, that the cats being left in impound are typically not cats that are owned AND registered. Secondly, the estimate of unregistered cats is outstanding and I'm really quite shocked. It's significantly more than the number of registered cats, and doesn't include feral or unowned cats which could substantially increase this number even further. I believe these unregistered cats are where the real issues and opportunities for improvement in animal management lie. To place a curfew imposition on registered cats is almost redundant when we have such a huge population of unregistered cats with owners who disobey the simple, and easy to comply with, rules of registration and desexing. Managing cat curfews and installing cat confinement barriers is 1000% more challenging and expensive than desexing and registration - which the majority of cat owners are already not complying with. If that is the case then they also will not comply with curfews either. Also, regarding the evaluation under 3.3 of a 'reduction in complaints'… I suspect that a curfew will provide a platform for more complaints to council. More than half of the cats are unregistered so there is little chance they will be confined. If they are unregistered then they are likely to also not cared for and fed as well as registered cats. These unregistered cats are likely to roam, more likely to hunt, more likely to be seen. They are more likely to be complained about, if a curfew is imposed. I do see the Facebook posts re lost cats. People on those threads can be very passionate, but it can also be over the top, accusatory and argumentative. I'm sure you also receive complaints at council in the same tone, which would be taxing and difficult to manage so I can understand why you are considering this, and i know that other councils have implemented curfews… but please be certain that a curfew is going to actually resolve the issues. As I said above, it's a huge imposition to install cat confinement barriers. There is no way I can keep my cats inside given the design of my house with sliding doors without fly screens in various locations, so it will need to be something around the fence perimeter which is a substantial cost. For those that can't afford it, there may be a huge increase in the number of surrenders. I wonder if that's been seen by other councils? Thanks for reading my comments, and thank you for pausing on implementing a cat curfew until further investigation is conducted.

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Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Westmeadows	Id like water available at Westmeadows Oval (next to the kinder) More bins for poo bags
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Westmeadows	Hi there. Please subsidies free/low cost cat and dog Desexing programs. We are also pro cat curfew!
Woman or female	35 to 44 years	Westmeadows	Please include Westmeadows and Attwood in the section that outlines the suburbs within Hume Fully support at curfew. Tired of continually finding the neighbours cats at our house and on our roof.
Woman or female	55 to 64 years	Westmeadows	Looks very good. Hopefully local council has the staff available to implement this. I agree 100% of pet owners who neglect their pet need to be fined. Times ate tough and this is only going to get worse.
Prefer not to say	25 to 34 years		No Cat Curfew there are rats and mice in Hume area the cats keep them away the domestic cats help keep Hume clean by keeping rats and mice away. It's cruel to lock your cat indoors 24 hours a day it will cause the cat and there owner's problems as the cat will always want to go outside and the cat will be distressed. the other big issue is the amount of lies people are saying about domestic cats online my cat has never bothered a bird she has never sprayed your problems are related to feral cats as they are not desexed as a responsible cat owner your cat is always desexed. To say a animal can not walk on a footpath or cant go outside is cruel and example would be the two years of COVID lockdowns that caused people serious distress due to not been able to go outside and socialize in the community but its ok to do that to a cat I don't think so. What happens if people in the community struggle to retrain cats indoors and then they surrender them you are going to create a social problem for our animals and their welfare. Even dogs have dog parks to socialize with other dogs what do cats have nothing Be kind to cats and stop the cat curfew don't make cat owners there animals jailer. After all people didint like been locked up for a pandemic and cats wont like a lockdown for life either. Cats are sociable friendly and much less aggressive than people and dogs.
			Dear City Laws team, Please accept this email and attachments as the Australian Pet Welfare Foundation's feedback on the Hume City Council Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026. In 2018, Hume City Council investigated the viability of implementing a cat curfew in 2018 and concluded correctly,

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			that a cat curfew would not be effective in reducing nuisance cat complaints and predation of native wildlife by cats (please see attached Hume City Council document). RSPCA Australia acknowledges (Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia 2018 report): Overall, councils with cat containment regulations have not been able to demonstrate any measurable reduction in cat complaints or cats wandering at large. The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF) strongly encourages inside containment of cats at night, and where possible, contained to the owner's property during the day in a comfortable environment which meets the cat's physical and mental needs, however, the APWF is strongly opposed to mandatory cat containment (night curfews and 24/7 curfews) because based on data form other Victorian councils, it leads to: • increased cat nuisance complaints • increased cat impoundments • increased cat and kitten euthanasia • increased costs and enforcement difficulties for local governments • increased mental health damage to veterinary staff and community residents associated with euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens, and no reduction in the overall number of wandering cats. Increased cat and kitten euthanasia has a significant human cost. Many council, shelter and veterinary staff suffer severe negative mental health impacts when required to euthanase large numbers of healthy cats and kittens, often repeatedly. These impacts include trauma (perpetrator-induced traumatic stress), depression, substance abuse and increased risk of suicide. Mandatory cat containment (curfews) should be rejected. It will not protect native wildlife, the commonly cited justification, because it does not measurably reduce the number of free-roaming cats. Mandatory/mandated Cat Containment is Ineffective Mandated cat containment (also known as a curfew) has been proven to be an ineffective strategy; a failure at reducing wandering cats in the short and long term, both in Australia and internationally. Mandated cat containment is not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats because most wandering cats are strays with no owner to contain them. Even for cats with an owner, containment is often not achievable due to factors such as housing limitations, lack of financial resources and concerns about the welfare of confined cats.

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			Mandated cat containment actively prevents the resolution of the problem of wandering cats because it presents a huge barrier to cat semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding – this is the key solution to significantly reducing the number of unwanted kittens born and the number of wandering cats and associated issues. • Banyule introduced free desexing for cats, and over 3 years decreased complaint calls by 64%, impoundments by 61% and euthanasia by 74%, as well as decreasing costs. • In contrast, 3 years after Yarra Ranges introduced mandated containment, complaint calls were still increased by 143%, impoundments by 68% and euthanasia by 18%. In Casey, 20 years after introducing mandated 24/7 cat containment the number of cats impounded was still 296% higher than baseline (from 264 cats in 1998 to 1,047 cats in 2019/20), more than double the rate of the human population increase. What is Effective A more effective approach is to help people with the desexing and microchipping of their semi-owned cat and supporting them to take full ownership. This is achieved through Community Cat Programs, i.e., high-intensity free desexing programs targeted at areas of high impoundments or complaints (please see attached Key Issues - mandated containment for details including Banyule example). By significantly reducing the number of unwanted kittens born, such programs, not mandated curfews, are the key solution to the problem of wandering cats and the associated issues such as nuisance complaints, costs to local governments and potential wildlife predation. Please also see: • https://petwelfare.org.au/2023/07/17/australian-pet-welfare-foundation-position-statement-on-cat-definitions/ • https://petwelfare.org.au/2023/07/10/position-statement-on-domestic-cats-and-australian-native-wildlife-populations/ • Cat Habituation time document (a relevant issue) Could you please confirm receipt of this email and attachments as being accepted as APWF feedback on the Hume City Council Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026.

Australian Pet Welfare Foundation Position Statement on Cat Containment

Summary

The Australian Pet Welfare Foundation (APWF) strongly encourages inside containment of cats at night, and where possible, contained to the owner's property during the day in a comfortable environment which meets the cat's physical and mental needs.
However, the APWF is strongly opposed to *mandated* cat containment (night curfews and 24/7) because it leads to increased cat nuisance complaints, increased cat impoundments, increased cat and kitten euthanasia, increased costs and enforcement difficulties for local governments, increased mental health damage to veterinary staff and community residents caused by euthanasing healthy cats and kittens and no reduction in the overall number of wandering cats.

Mandated Cat Containment is Ineffective

Mandated cat containment has been proven to be an ineffective strategy; a failure at reducing wandering cats in the short and long term, both in Australia and internationally. Mandated cat containment is not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats because most wandering cats are strays with no owner to contain them. Even for cats with an owner, containment is often not achievable due to factors such as housing limitations, lack of financial resources and concerns about the welfare of confined cats.
Mandated cat containment actively prevents the resolution of the problem of wandering cats because it presents a huge barrier to cat semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding.

What is Effective

A more effective approach is to help people with the desexing and microchipping of their semi-owned cat, and supporting them to take full ownership. This is achieved through Community Cat Programs, i.e., high-intensity free desexing programs targeted at areas of high impoundments or complaints.

By significantly reducing the number of unwanted kittens born, such programs, not mandated curfews, are the key solution to the problem of wandering cats and the associated issues such as nuisance complaints, costs to local governments and potential wildlife predation.

Key issues to consider related to mandated 24/7 cat containment

Why is mandated 24/7 cat containment proposed by some groups?
Mandated 24/7 cat containment (also known as a 24-hour cat curfew) is generally proposed because of a belief that it will reduce wandering cats and associated issues such as nuisance complaints or potential wildlife predation, and protect cats from potential harm. While it seems logical and compelling that mandated 24/7 cat containment would reduce the number of wandering cats and associated issues, this assumption is not supported by the evidence.

Is mandated 24/7 cat containment effective at reducing wandering cats?
The evidence in Australia and internationally clearly shows that mandated 24/7 cat containment is not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats or associated issues such as nuisance complaints or potential wildlife predation. Mandated 24/7 cat containment is already proven to be a failure at reducing wandering cats in the short, medium and long-term.

> **RSPCA Australia** *Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia 2018 report:*
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> "Overall, councils with cat containment regulations have not been able to demonstrate any measurable reduction in cat complaints or cats wandering at large following the introduction of the regulations".

1. **City of Yarra Ranges** (Victoria), in the 3rd year after mandating 24/7 cat containment:
   - cat-related complaints increased by 143%
   - Yarra Ranges Council acknowledged that the significant increase in cat complaints, is likely to be a result of the introduction of a 24-hour cat curfew in 2014
   - impoundments increased by 68%
   - euthanasia increased by 18% (human population only increased by 2%) (Yarra Ranges 2021)

Yarra Ranges Council data

Measure	2012/13	2016/17	Difference	% Change
Resident population	149, 026	152,246	+3,220	^ 2.16%
Cat nuisance complaints	237	576	+339	^ 143 %
Cats impounded	440	738	+298	^ 67.7 %
Cats euthanased	232	273	+41	^ 17.67 %

2. **City of Casey** (Victoria), 20 years after introducing mandated 24/7 cat containment (Casey 2001, 2021):
   - the number of cats impounded was still 296% higher than baseline (from 264 cats in 1998 to 1,047 cats in 2019/20), more than double the rate of the human population increase.

Casey Council data

Measure	1998	2019/ 20	Difference	% Change
Resident population	156,128	364,600	+208,472	^ 134%
Cats impounded	264	1047	+783	^ 296%

The number of cat nuisance complaints and impoundments are important parameters because they reflect the size of the wandering cat population in the surrounding area.

3. **Merri-bek City Council** (Melbourne Victoria) supports targeted, free desexing programs (including semi-owned cats) combined with education as the approach to cat management rather than mandated cat containment/curfews (Merri-bek 2022).

4. **City of Hobsons Bay** (Melbourne Victoria) undertook an assessment of cat curfews and concluded that mandated 24/7 cat containment is not an effective strategy for reducing the number of wandering cats or associated issues and has rejected cat curfews (Hobsons Bay 2014).

5. **Hume City Council** in (Melbourne Victoria) investigated the viability of implementing a cat curfew in 2018 and concluded that a cat curfew would not be effective in reducing nuisance cat complaints and predation of native wildlife by cats (Hume Council 2018).

6. Some **USA jurisdictions** have introduced mandated 24/7 cat containment known as cat "leash laws" which have proven to be ineffective and impossible to enforce. When leash laws are passed, animal control impound more stray cats because they do not have an "owner" to contain them. This results in more cats being impounded and then killed but without reducing the overall number of roaming cats in the area. A number of **USA jurisdictions** have repealed their cat leash laws because they found they were unenforceable including Smithfield Virginia 2003, Edmonds City Council Washington 2012, and Gretna City Council LA 2014 (Hughes 2002, Alley Cat Allies 2022).

Based on data from councils, 24/7 cat containment regulations would not provide any measurable benefit in reducing cat complaints, cat impoundments, potential wildlife predation or cat-related costs and would instead increase costs to local governments.

Why is mandated 24/7 cat containment not effective at reducing wandering cats?
Mandated 24/7 cat containment is not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats because most wandering cats are strays with no owner to contain them. Even for cats with an owner, containment is often not achievable due to property limitations (for e.g. rental properties), lack of financial resources and concerns about contained cat welfare (McLeod 2015, van Eeden 2021).

Stray cats
Stray cats are usually overlooked when mandated 24/7 cat containment is proposed, even though stray cats represent the majority of wandering cats. Most cats entering animal welfare shelters and council pounds are classed as strays, originate from low socio-economic areas and were born in the preceding 6 to 12 months (Kerr 2018, Alberthsen 2013 & 2016, Miller 2014, Ly 2021, Rinzin 2008, Zito 2016).

Most stray cats are semi-owned domestic cats being fed by people who do not perceive they own the cat but have an emotional attachment to the cat (Rand 2021). When mandated cat containment is introduced it creates a significant barrier to semi-owners being willing or able to take full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding due to the imposition of an added responsibility and potential penalty associated with cat ownership. Transforming cat semi-owners into full owners represents the **key solution** to significantly reduce the number of unwanted kittens, wandering cats and associated issues, but mandated cat containment actively prevents this resolution (Banyule City Council 2020, Cotterell 2021, APWF 2021).

Mandated cat containment perpetuates the failed *Trap, adopt or kill* approach
Mandated cat containment results in more stray cats being trapped, impounded and then killed because they do not have an "owner" to contain them. However, this *Trap, adopt or kill* approach does not reduce the overall wandering cat population in the area overtime because it results in low-level *ad hoc* culling, insufficient to override the high cat reproductive rate, immigration of new cats into the area and increased survival of juveniles (Lazenby 2015, Miller 2014, Tan 2017, RSPCA Australia 2018). The result is a repetitive cycle of trapping, impounding and killing cats, followed by new cats being trapped, impounded and killed,

over and over again, but without reducing the overall number of wandering cats as the population quickly replenishes to original levels (Boone 2019, NSW Animal Seizures Pound Data Reports, Hughes 2002).

Cat admissions into NSW council pounds has remained relatively stable over the past decade reflecting a stable stray cat population with no measurable decrease despite costly *Trap, adopt or kill* being applied by many councils (NSW Animal Seizures – Pound Data Reports).

High-level culling or desexing is required to produce a sustained decrease in wandering cats. However, high-level culling is cost prohibitive for local governments and unacceptable to the majority of the community (Rand 2019) and there are no published reports of high-level culling at the suburb or city level being successful (Boone 2019).

Why is mandated 24/7 cat containment not feasible?
Enforcement of mandated 24/7 cat containment is problematic and essentially impossible for several reasons including:

- Enforcement can only be undertaken by cat trapping programs and cat-trap loan schemes.
- It is difficult or impossible to capture cats in breach of containment regulations. Animal Management Officers (AMOs) are not able to chase cats that are wandering at large in breach of containment and this present WHS risks.
- The majority of trapped and impounded cats are not owned or traceable to an owner so there is no possibility of taking any enforcement action because an owner cannot be identified (Lancaster 2015, RSPCA Australia 2018).
- The experience of councils that have introduced mandated 24/7 cat containment shows that limited infringement notices have been issued (Hobsons Bay 2014).
- Trapped unidentified cats need to be rehomed or euthanased, increasing costs for cat management and increasing the number of cats euthanased, which negatively affects the mental health of staff involved.
- Enforcement is very time-consuming and costly requiring expansion of cat-trap services, purchase of additional traps to reduce waiting times, and additional staff to deal with the increased nuisance complaints, trapping and impoundments that occur after mandated cat containment is introduced.
- Trapping by AMOs is very time-consuming because multiple trips to the site are often required including a trip to set up the trap and then trips to check the trap each morning (for animal welfare reasons) and to reset the trap each evening until the cat is caught. Times required to trap cats can range from an average of 8.9 days to 29 days per cat to trap 90% of the target cats (Nutter 2005, Lazenby 2015).

Hume City Council in Melbourne Victoria stated in 2018 that cat impoundment statistics and learnings from other councils demonstrate that a cat curfew would be largely unenforceable (Hume Council 2018). **The City of Hobsons Bay** in Melbourne also acknowledged in 2014 that introduction of mandated cat containment would lead to community expectations about enforcement that cannot be delivered. This is consistent with findings from jurisdictions in the USA (Smithfield Virginia 2003, Edmonds City Council Washington 2012, Greta City Council LA 2014, Police Chief Rowland Payson City Council Utah 2003, Alley Cat Allies 2022).

Based on the evidence in Australia and internationally, mandated 24/7 cat containment is essentially unenforceable, rendering mandated 24/7 cat containment impractical and unfeasible.

What are the negative consequences of mandated 24/7 cat containment?
Based on the evidence, mandated 24/7 cat containment has many negative consequences including:

1. Increases cat nuisance complaints to local governments because an expectation is created in the community that cats should not be seen.
2. Increases cat impoundments because increased nuisance complaints and community expectations that cats should not be seen both lead to increased cat trapping and impoundment (Yarra Ranges 2021, RSPCA SA 2022b).
3. Increases euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and kittens in council pounds, shelters and veterinary clinics because the more cats impounded, the more cats euthanased (Kreisler 2022, Marsh 2010).
4. Increases well-documented and life-threatening mental health damage to staff and community residents caused by the euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens including depression, traumatic stress and increased suicide risk (Baran 2009, Reeve 2005, Rohlf 2005, Rollin 2011, Tiesman 2015, Whiting 2011).
5. Increases costs to local government for cat trapping and management. Costs of impounding, returning to owner, rehoming or euthanasing cats are typically $500/cat ($250 to $750 or more per cat). Trapping, impounding and managing 100 more cats per year costs approximately $500,000, ultimately paid by rate-payers.
6. Increases staff burnout, staff turnover and attrition rates associated with the euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and kittens (Australian Veterinary Association 2022, Rogelberg 2007).
7. Promotes continuation of the reactive and ineffective typical approach to domestic cats in Australia known as *Trap, adopt or kill* which has failed to reduce the number of wandering cats over many decades (Boone 2019, NSW Animal Seizures – Pound Data Reports).
8. Creates a major disincentive for cat ownership, reducing cat adoption and increasing euthanasia.
9. Actively prevents resolution of the wandering cat issue because it creates a significant barrier to semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding – this is the **key solution** to significantly reduce the number of unwanted kittens born and the number of wandering cats and associated issues (Banyule City Council 2020, Cotterell 2021, APWF 2021).
    - Semi-owners represent a **huge pool of potential cat adopters** for shy and timid stray cats which are difficult to adopt and are at high risk of euthanasia in shelters, pounds and veterinary clinics. Semi-ownership of cats is common with 3% to 9% of Australian adults feeding daily an average of 1.5 cats they do not perceive they own (Rand 2019, Zito 2015).
    - **Cost is the main barrier to desexing**, not lack of education or knowledge about the benefits of desexing. Most semi-owners will take full ownership of the stray cats they are feeding, registering their details on the cat's microchip and registration databases if offered free desexing and microchipping as part of Community Cat Programs (please see below).
    - But **mandated containment is a major barrier** to this process because most semi-owners are in low socio-economic areas in low-income households unable to afford containment system costs ($700-$2000+), and many are in rental properties. On average across Australia, 20% of households (2.4 people) live on less than $650 per week (Rand 2021, ABS data 2022).
10. Criminalises cat ownership for low-income households and people with 'door-dasher' cats. Mandated 24/7 cat containment ignores social justice of legislation and the inability of low-income households and those with difficult to contain door-dasher cats to comply. Even an expensive containment enclosure does not prevent door-dasher cats from escaping.

11. Increases cat relinquishment and abandonment due to the imposition of an added responsibility and potential penalty to cat ownership (RSPCA SA 2022a).
12. Places semi-owned stray cats being fed by people who have an emotional attachment to the cat at significant risk of being impounded and killed. 42% of all cats impounded by Australian councils are euthanased (Chua 2022 MPhil thesis).
13. Increases risks to pet cats of being trapped and killed.
    - One third of cat owners lose their pet at least once in the pet's lifetime and 41% of lost cats are indoor-only cats, as pet cats can still become lost through windows or doors accidently left open.
    - Even microchipped pet cats aren't guaranteed to be safe as microchips are not necessarily found on the first scan of a cat, and it is recommended that if no microchip is found, that cats should be scanned over 3 consecutive days. Even then, microchips can be faulty or move around the cat's body and may not be found, leading to pet cats being killed (Lord 2008, Lancaster 2015).
14. Negatively impacts the welfare, quality of life, and health of some contained cats which can include obesity, immobility, lower urinary tract disease and behaviour problems increasing risk of relinquishment or abandonment (RSPCA Australia 2018, Palmer & Sandoe 2014).
15. Increases risks of cruelty towards cats, increasing animal pain and suffering.
16. Increases the number of wandering cats due to influxes of new cats after dominant resident cats are trapped and removed and increased survival of juveniles (Lazenby 2015, Miller 2014).

What are the evidence-based solutions to reduce wandering cats and associated issues?

1. Community Cat Programs

Community Cat Programs based on high-intensity free desexing and microchipping of cats targeted to areas of high cat impoundments and complaints (which are typically the low socioeconomic areas) significantly reduce the number of wandering cats and associated issues such as nuisance complaints and potential wildlife predation (fewer wandering cats means less potential wildlife predation).

Community Cat Programs are very effective at transforming semi-owners who are feeding stray cats into full official owners and preventing unwanted kittens being born.

Scientific evidence, including from Australia, repeatedly demonstrates that Community Cat Programs significantly reduce:

- the number of wandering cats impounded by councils and shelters
- cat complaints
- euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and kittens and associated negative mental health impacts on staff and community residents caring for cats.

Recent Australian data demonstrate that Community Cat Programs are cost-effective and result in a 30-50% decrease in council pound cat intake, more than an 80% reduction in cat euthanasia, and a 30-50% decrease in cat nuisance complaints over 1 to 3 years, with these parameters reflecting the decrease in the surrounding wandering cat population (APWF 2022, Banyule City Council 2020, Cotterell 2021, Spehar & Wolf 2019, Swarbrick 2018, Levy 2014, Boone 2019, Gunther 2021,).

City of Banyule

In stark contrast to Yarra Ranges and Casey which have mandated 24/7 cat containment, in the **City of Banyule** (Melbourne, Victoria) which does not have mandated cat containment, in the third year after implementing a high-intensity free desexing program (a community cat program) targeted to where cat-related calls and impoundments were occurring in Banyule (typically the low socio-economic areas):

- impoundments decreased by 61%
- euthanasia decreased by 74%
- cat-related calls decreased by 64% (from 11 to 4 cat calls/1000 residents)

Since 2013, Banyule has spent $60,000 on its free desexing program and saved $397,500 on cat impoundment costs alone (Cotterell 2021, Banyule 2020).

2. Bed-time feeding of cats

Bedtime feeding of cats is recommended as a highly effective way to assist cat owners at minimal to no additional cost to keep owned pet cats safely inside at night and prevent potential wildlife predation. This strategy involves feeding cats inside at bedtime and ensuring all doors and windows are shut for the night before feeding the evening meal. This provides owners with a way to safely confine their cat inside overnight.

Bed-time feeding should be widely promoted to raise awareness among cat owners to increase cat containment at night. However, containment should not be made mandatory because mandating containment leads to increased costs and enforcement difficulties for local governments and other negative consequences (please see above).

What about mandated night curfews?

Mandated night curfews are also not an effective strategy to reduce wandering cats because most wandering cats are strays with no owner to contain them. Even for cats with an owner, containment may not be achievable due to property limitations (for e.g. rental properties), lack of financial resources and concerns about contained cat welfare (McLeod 2015, van Eeden 2021). Mandated night curfews also create a barrier to semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding (which is the key solution to the wandering cat issue) due to the imposition of an added responsibility and potential penalty associated with cat ownership. Night containment may also be difficult to achieve with "door-dasher" cats and poorly socialised cats that are not house trained, where mandating night containment then criminalises cat ownership.

A number of councils continue to report wandering cat issues despite longstanding mandated night cat curfews such as Horsham (introduced in 1995), Geelong (introduced in 2009) and Bendigo (introduced in 2004) (Horsham Council 2021, Geelong 2021, Bendigo 2016 & 2021).

Bendigo Council introduced a night cat curfew in 2004. Despite this, cat impoundments and cat euthanasia increased from 2014/15 to 2020/21, at a higher rate than the resident population increase.

Bendigo Council

Measure	2014/15	2020/21	Difference	% Change
Resident population	109,908	121,221	+11, 313	^ 10.29%
Cats impounded	1131	1348	+217	^ 19.18 %
Cats euthanased	367	516	+149	^ 40.59 %

Do domestic cats in urban areas have an impact on wildlife populations?
Wildlife protection is an argument often proposed as a reason for mandated cat containment, critically however, there is no evidence that domestic cats in urban areas negatively impact native wildlife populations. Nor is there any evidence that cat restrictions in urban areas benefit wildlife populations.

> *An ongoing issue is that feral cat impacts are often wrongly attributed to domestic cats, even though they are two very distinct populations with different behaviour and ecology*.

The impact of feral cats on native wildlife in natural environments is well-documented. Surprisingly however, and contrary to popular belief, there is actually no scientific evidence demonstrating population viability or conservation impacts at a population level on Australian wildlife by domestic cats living around people.

Despite this lack of evidence, domestic cats in Australia still receive significant blame for negative impacts on native wildlife populations. Multiple Australian studies have been unable to detect a measurable impact in urban areas of domestic cats on native mammals (Maclagan 2018, Lilith 2010), or birds (Grayson 2007), but found that vegetation quality, housing density, distance from bushland and size of bushland were significant factors. Other studies demonstrate the positive impact cat predation has by reducing the numbers of rats that predate bird nests (Matthews 1999). Very importantly, domestic cats that are obtaining food intentionally or unintentionally from humans predate significantly fewer animals than feral cats which have to hunt to supply all their nutritional needs (Murphy 2019, Woinarski 2017).

False blame for native wildlife impacts directed at domestic cats living in the vicinity of people is very dangerous and harmful because it is used as a justification for the use of lethal control methods for domestic cats. This perpetuates the unnecessary killing of healthy cats and kittens, and associated severe mental health damage to community residents, council pound, animal shelter and veterinary staff caused by the killing of healthy cats and kittens. This false blame can also be used as a justification for cruelty towards cats, increasing pain and suffering. Given it has never been proven that the presence of cats, living in the vicinity of people, has any impact on wildlife populations, communities and governments should not assume that just because cats are present it means they are having wildlife population impacts.

Summary
It is imperative that domestic cat regulations are evidence-based reflecting the available science to ensure they are effective and humane. Mandated cat containment should be rejected because it is not an effective strategy for reducing wandering cats or associated issues such as nuisance complaints or potential wildlife predation. In addition, mandated cat containment has unintended negative consequences including causing psychological harm to people associated with the euthanasia of healthy cats and kittens, and preventing resolution of the wandering cat issue by creating a barrier to semi-owners taking full ownership of the stray cat they are feeding (the key solution to resolving the wandering cat issue). Furthermore, mandated cat containment is not a feasible strategy because it is essentially unenforceable. Instead of ineffective mandated cat containment, evidence-based solutions which do reduce the number of wandering cats including proactive Community Cat Programs and Bed-time feeding, which are non-lethal and humane, and do not cause psychological harm to people, should be implemented urgently.

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Cat Habituation time

- Cats entering shelters, pounds, private veterinary practices providing pound services, rescue groups, rehoming groups or similar facilities must be given sufficient time to habituate in an appropriate non-stressful environment, regardless of whether the cat displays fear behaviours (e.g., hissing, growling, striking or hiding) prior to habituation[1] occurring.
- **Providing sufficient habituation time (according to the science) in a non-stressful environment will significantly reduce the number of healthy and treatable cats euthanased by veterinarians.**
- **Background:**
    - Behaviour is not a valid test to differentiate between domestic and feral cats and should never be used to determine a cat is feral. Cats who live in the vicinity of where people live or frequent are domestic cats. Cats that are the cause of nuisance complaints are domestic cats. Feral cats live and reproduce in the wild remote from humans and are not associated with nuisance complaints and never enter shelters or council pounds. How and where a cat lives determines whether it is feral or domestic.
    - When cats in a trap cage or entering shelters/pounds/private vet practices or other similar facilities exhibit behaviours such as hissing, growling, striking or hiding, this represents a normal fear response to an unfamiliar environment, this does not mean the cat is a feral cat, a less socialised cat or unsuitable for adoption (Overall 2013).
- Cats trapped in the vicinity of where people live, and cats associated with nuisance complaints or entering Australian council pounds, shelters, private veterinary practices or rescue groups are all domestic cats (owned, semi-owned or unowned), they are not feral cats (RSPCA Australia 2018, Australian Government 2015, Victorian State Government 2020, RSPCA Australia Annual statistics 2022).
- Deeming domestic cats that are in traps or entering shelters/pounds/private practices or rescue groups as being 'feral', 'less socialised' or 'unsuitable for adoption' based on fear behaviours exhibited prior to habituation is scientifically invalid and inhumane, and should be legally prohibited.
- **Outcome decisions:** Outcome decisions based on behavioural characteristics must be deferred to allow the cat sufficient time to habituate to the unfamiliar environment (e.g., shelter or pound), given the likelihood that these cats will experience high levels of fear in a trap cage or unfamiliar environment, and that different behaviours will be observed ***after*** habituation has occurred.
- It is not scientifically possible for a veterinarian, animal behaviourist or any other person, regardless of their experience or training, to immediately assess the behavioural characteristics, suitability for adoption or socialisation level of a cat in a trap cage or on entry to a shelter/pound/private veterinary practice or other similar facility, with any accuracy. This is because **based on veterinary behavioural science, it is only possible to make accurate behaviour assessments *after* the cat has habituated to the unfamiliar environment**, and this requires a time period and the provision of an appropriately calm and comfortable environment for the cat.

- All cats must also receive a health assessment by a registered veterinarian to rule out any health conditions which may affect behaviour.
- Habituation time can vary between individual cats. **Scientific studies show that the average time for cats to habituate to a shelter-like environment is five days to five weeks** (Di Gangi 2022) and ranges from a minimum of 3 days to five weeks or longer to habituate (Rochlitz 1998, Kessler 1997, Ellis 2014, DiGangi 2022, Jacobsen 2022, Slater 2013, Kerr 2018). Cats should be given multiple behaviour assessments gradually over time to increase their opportunities to display socialised behaviours (Slater 2013).
- Any timid or less socialised cats should be managed using humane behavioural modification programs and where appropriate moved to a more suitable environment such as foster care where behavioural modification programs can continue and the cat is given more time to habituate (Kerr 2018).
- After provision of sufficient habituation time (according to the science) in an appropriate non-stressful enriched environment, some cats may still be very timid. Where a cat cannot be adopted as a pet or returned to their original location to be fed and cared for by cat caregivers (semi-owners) after desexing, organisations should use alternative rehoming avenues for very timid or less socialised cats such as adoption as **'Working cats'.**
- Alternative rehoming avenues should be used for less socialised, healthy or treatable cats where these cats are not adopted, such as 'Working cat' rehoming to reduce euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals and associated severe negative mental health impacts on veterinarians and other staff.
- 1. ***Habituation*** is the cessation or decrease in a response to a stimulus that is the result of repeated exposure to the stimulus (Overall 2013). In this context **Habituation** is the cessation or decrease in the cat's fear response to the unfamiliar environment (e.g., shelter) that is the result of repeated exposure to the unfamiliar environment over time.

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REPORTS – HEALTHY AND SAFE
16 APRIL 2018 **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

REPORT NO:	HE074
REPORT TITLE:	Investigation into the viability of implementing a cat curfew
SOURCE:	Gavan O'Keefe, Manager Governance; Emma Schlieff, Team Leader City Laws
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC17/795
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.2 Strengthen community safety and respectful behaviour.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

During the preparation of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-21 (DAMP), Council sought to consider a range of initiatives to address nuisance cat complaints and reduce predation of native wildlife by cats. One of these initiatives was for officers to investigate the viability of implementing a cat curfew.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council consider that a cat curfew would not be effective in reducing nuisance cat complaints and predation of native wildlife by feral and domestic cats.

2.2 That Council note the actions within the 2017-2021 Domestic Animal Management Plan that will have a positive impact on reducing nuisance cat complaints and the predation of native wildlife by feral and domestic cats. These actions being:

2.2.1 inviting local vets and shelters to become agents for registration

2.2.2 increasing the number of discounted and free de-sexing visits by the Lost Dogs Home de-sexing van

2.2.3 expanding the free cat trapping program for residents

2.2.4 promotion of the benefits of de-sexing via Councils website and social media, including the reduced registration fee for de-sexed cats.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Control of dogs and cats is regulated under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (the Act). The Act does not require cats to be confined to owner's premises. However, if a resident objects to a cat being on private property, the cat may be seized from the complainant's property and impounded. If the cat owner can be identified, a Notice of Objection may be served on the cat owner making it an offence for that cat to trespass on the objector's property.

3.2 Under Section 25 of the Act, councils are given the power to make orders (by a resolution of Council) relating to the control of cats. Under the Act, councils may

make an order that prohibits cats from being outside the premises of the owner during the hours specified in the order. Any such order must be published in the Government Gazette and a local newspaper. This power has been used by councils to introduce "night curfews" that require cats to be confined to an owner's premises during specified times.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 In implementing the DAMP action to expand the cat trapping program, Council has purchased six additional in the current financial year, at a cost of $870.

4.2 In implementing the DAMP action to increase the number of visits by the Lost Dogs Home de-sexing van, two additional de-sexing events per year have been proposed in the 2018/19 Budget at a cost of $14,000.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental sustainability implications in respect to this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no climate change adaptation implications in respect to this report.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibility has been considered and the recommendations of this report give no rise to any matters.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 From February to April 2017, Council undertook a resident survey to assist in the development of the DAMP. The purpose of the survey was to gain an understanding of community sentiment, awareness and knowledge of:

8.1.1 Councils domestic animal management regulations and programs

8.1.2 Domestic animal complaints, nuisance and resolution processes

8.1.3 Domestic animal management information channels

8.2 As part of the survey process, respondents were asked if there were any other issues which should be considered. Eight respondents specifically mentioned roaming cats.

8.3 If a cat curfew was proposed by Council, further consultation would need to be carried out prior to any implementation, to gauge the views of cat owners. Restriction of the movement of cats by cat owners could be an unnecessary burden.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The following table shows the statistics for cats impounded in Hume:

	2016/17
Registered Cats	6,497
Total number of cats impounded	1,962
Cats released to owner	40
Cats rehomed	296
Cats euthanized (predominantly feral)	1,626

Learnings from other Councils

9.2 The following table shows the number of impounded cats for 2016/17 compared to similar councils, and whether they have a cat curfew in place.

	Area	Population	Cats Registered	Cats impounded	Cats reclaimed		Curfew in place?
					No.	%	
Hume	504km	203,600	6,497	1,962	40	2%	No
Whittlesea	489km	211,629	4,978	1,278	92	7%	No
Wyndham	542km	222,656	6,050 (2015/16)	1,585 (2015/16)	142	8%	Yes
	Area	**Population**	**Cats Registered**	**Cats impounded**	**Cats reclaimed**		**Curfew in place?**
					No.	**%**	
Melton	528km	144,457	Unknown	No figure given	Unknown	7%	No
Casey	409km	311,000	7,421	1,171	133	11%	Yes

9.3 City of Casey and Wyndham City Council both have curfews in place, but the curfew and enforcement vary.

9.4 City of Casey has had a 24 hour cat curfew since 1999. Enforcement of the curfew is done solely via cat trapping by residents. Infringements of $76 are issued to any cat trapped off its own property.

9.5 Wyndham City Council had a dusk to dawn cat curfew in place from 2000-2009. In 2009, the curfew was revoked, and it was re-instated in 2014. Enforcement of the curfew is done solely via cat trapping by residents, with owners of cats caught wandering during curfew times issued a warning on the first offence and infringements on subsequent offences. Feedback from Wyndham Animal Management Officers is that it can be difficult to prove that a cat was caught during curfew times, as the officers are relying on the information provided by the person that trapped the cat.

9.6 Hobsons Bay City Council considered introducing a cat curfew in December 2014 and decided not to enact a curfew. The reasons why the curfew was not introduced at Hobsons Bay included:

9.6.1 Benchmarking information provided by councils that had introduced curfews indicated that in all cases curfews were managed by cat trap programs and loan schemes. The cost to have animal management officers rostered to work after hours to enforce the various council curfews was judged to be an inefficient use of resources. The animal management officers could only handle and transport cats if they were confined in a cage, chasing and catching cats was not practical.

9.6.2 The experience of other councils that had introduced a curfew showed that there were limited numbers of enforcement actions – few infringement notices had been issued following the introduction of a curfew.

9.6.3 The majority of cats that are trapped and impounded are not owned or released to owners. In all of those cases, there is no possibility of taking

any enforcement action. The table above reflects the same situation exists at Hume.

9.6.4 The introduction of a cat curfew would lead to community expectations in regard to enforcement and management that could not be met.

9.7 The objective of a cat curfew is to reduce the amount of cats causing a nuisance in residential areas and to reduce the predation of native fauna by cats.

9.8 It is important to distinguish between domestic cats and feral cats within Hume, as the methods to manage them will necessarily be different.

Domestic Cats

9.9 Only 2% of cats impounded by Hume in 2016/17 were reclaimed by owners. This low reclaim rate can be attributed to the large number of unowned and feral cats caught (impounded).

9.10 Complaints about nuisance cats are currently dealt with by providing cat traps to complainants. A Notice of Objection may be issued to an owner of a cat identified as being a nuisance; however this is done rarely as few trapped cats are reclaimed.

9.11 Enforcement of a curfew could only be accomplished by infringing owners of cats that were proven to be trapped during a time the curfew was in effect.

9.12 Extra patrols in the evenings would be ineffective, as cats cannot be chased and caught like dogs.

9.13 As enforcement of a curfew will be difficult and likely ineffective, education of cat owners may be a better option. Promoting programs such as Zoos Victoria's 'Safe cat, Safe Wildlife' campaigns could help educate owners about the benefits of keeping their cats confined to their property.

9.14 Enforcing a curfew may present an unjustified burden on the majority of cat owners who might be considered responsible pet owners.

9.15 Continuing to provide low-cost de-sexing events for cats and continuing to offer lower registration fees for de-sexed cats will encourage cats to be de-sexed. De-sexed cats are less likely to roam and cause a nuisance than entire cats.

Feral Cats

9.16 Feral cats are not owned, and a curfew will not have any effect on their roaming. The vast majority of cats impounded in Hume are feral.

9.17 Currently, Council provides a free cat trapping service for feral cats that are causing a nuisance in residential or industrial areas. The service involves Council lending a cat trap to a resident, who is then responsible for setting and monitoring the trap. When notified of a trapped cat, City Laws Officers attend and impound the animal.

9.18 A DAMP action for 2017/18 calls for the expansion of the cat trapping program, with the purchase of more traps. Six additional traps have been purchased so far this financial year, bringing the total number of traps to 25.

9.19 In 2016/17, as part of the Animal Shelter Contract tender, Council sought expressions of interest for a Cat Trapping Contractor. The proposed service sought to target unowned and feral cats within creek reserves and/or industrial precincts throughout Council. The tender required that the provider be responsible for setting and monitoring traps, and scanning trapped cats for microchips or identification. No bids were received for that portion of the tender.

9.20 In December 2017, the State Government announced that the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994* would be amended to classify feral cats as an established pest animal. The Government aims to amend the legislation by mid-late 2018.

9.21 If feral cats are declared a pest animal, public land managers (including Council) will be able to manage them in the same ways that foxes, wild dogs and rabbits are managed.
This would assist in protecting fauna from feral cats.

10. CONCLUSION:

Cat impoundment statistics and learnings from other councils demonstrate that a cat curfew would be largely unenforceable and would not have any effect on the feral cat population, which represents the majority of cats impounded within Hume.

REPORT NO:	8.2
REPORT TITLE:	Sports Aid Grants- August 2023
SOURCE:	Gayan Loku Bogahawattage, Sports Development & Inclusion Officer Ben Norden, Coordinator Social Planning & Healthy Communities
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC07/110
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	1.3: Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Sports Aid Grants- Current Guidelines*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Sports Aid Grants Program (SAGP) is designed to encourage high achievement and excellence in sport by financially supporting young Hume athletes with the expenses associated with attending representative level sporting events.

1.2 This report recommends Council awards 22 individual grants as part of its Round 1 2023/2024 allocation.

1.3 Following a low uptake of the SAGP program over recent years, Council officers have conducted a review of the program and the outcomes of these investigations are documented for Council's consideration as part of this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Provides Sports Aid Grants to 22 applicants as a part of the Round One 2023/24 SAGP, totaling $6,750, as detailed in Table 1.

2.2 Endorses recommendations from the Sports Aid Grant Program review as outlined in Table 2, and notes that future funding rounds will incorporate the recommendations as outlined in this report.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 The provision of the Sports Aids Grants is aligned to the Service Performance principles (Part 5, Division 1, Section 106) of the Local Government Act, 2020 specifically that:

3.1.1 Services are equitable and responsive to the diverse needs of the community.

3.1.2 Services are accessible and provide good value for money.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 Council, as part of its 2023/2024 budget, allocated $21,754 to support the delivery of its Sports Aid Grant Program. An additional $10,750 of unspent funds have been carried over from the 2022/2023 budget, allowing a total 2023/2024 budget of $32,504.

4.2 This report recommends the distribution of $6,750 as part of its Round 1 funding allocation.

4.3 Subject to Council's endorsement of the grant recipients, as outlined in this report, $25,754 remains available for future funding allocation under this grant program.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 There are no considerations that impact on the environmental sustainability.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 There are no considerations that impact on climate change adaptation.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 Human Rights have been taken into consideration in the design and delivery of the Sports Aid Grant Program. The rights that have been considered are the right to recognition and equality before the law (section 8); the right to protection of privacy and reputation (section 13); and cultural rights (section 19).

7.2 The above rights have been considered and applied through the assessment process, data collection and facilitating community participation through the funded grants.

7.3 The Community Grants Program is also underpinned by the Hume City Council Social Justice Charter.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 The Sports Aid Grant Program was promoted to potential recipients, via Council's website and direct information was provided to Sports Clubs, State Sporting Associations (SSAs), National Sporting Associations (NSAs), Community Organisations, Service Providers and Schools.

8.2 As part of the SAGP review process, Council officers engaged with previous grant applicants, relevant Council staff, and other Local Government Authorities who manage similar sports grants. Feedback gathered during Council's briefings in February and July this year has been considered and incorporated as part of the SAGP review.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The aim of the Sports Aid Grants is to assist individual participants with competitive expenses and to encourage achievement and excellence in sport.

9.2 The program seeks to:

9.2.1 provide individuals with support and encouragement that will help them to develop to their full potential within their chosen sport.

9.2.2 provide financial assistance to individuals to assist with the costs associated with attending representative level sporting events.

9.2.3 encourage greater participation in sport by promoting positive role models to the community.

9.3 Applications are open throughout the year until allocated funding is exhausted.

9.4 A total of 25 applications were received as part of the Round 1 2023/2024 Sports Aid Grants Program. Following an assessment of each application, 22 eligible applications are recommended to Council for funding consideration.

9.5 Table 1 outlines the 22 eligible applications, as determined by the current SAGP Guidelines. See Attachment 1: Sports Aid Grants- Current Guidelines.

Table 1: SAGP Eligible Applicants

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Name	Gender	Sport	Travel Category	Amount
Julian Steven Siladi	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Camryn Moore	Female	Gymnastics	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Lachlan Remeysen	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Jonah Hall	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Starlett Maybury	Female	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Jesse Dylan Mineo	Male	Basketball	National Level and International Travel	$ 150.00
Jake Lucas Marchio	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Meah Allwell	Female	Karate	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Hayley Allwell	Female	Karate	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Ryder Aldridge	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Dean Panagopoulos	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Rosemary Stowers	Female	Rugby League	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Chloe Ene	Female	Rugby League	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Nicholas Hill	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Kofi Aden	Male	Basketball	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Aitulagi Amiatu	Male	Rugby League	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Ivana Tuafuti	Male	Rugby League	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Kai Croswell	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Giada Spedicato	Female	Karate	State Level and Interstate Travel	$ 400.00
Isaac Di Biase	Male	Basketball	Regional Level and Victoria Travel	$ 150.00
Jamal Abbas	Male	Basketball	National Level and International Travel	$ 750.00
Bilal Ali Atay	Male	Taekwondo	National Level and International Travel	$ 750.00
			TOTAL	$ 6,750.00

9.6 To acknowledge the successful recipients, it is recommended that Council invites the Round One 2023/2024 Sports Aid Grants recipients to Council at its meeting on the 11 September 2023 so that they can be congratulated and presented with their certificates.

9.7 SAGP Review

9.7.1 On 27 February 2023, a report was submitted to Council outlining a need to review and enhance the SAGP. Council officers noted that there has been low uptake of the grants over recent years which warranted a review and evaluation of the program.

9.7.2 The review incorporated the following:

(a) A needs analysis to identify the gaps in the SAGP with consultation of both internal and external stakeholders.

(b) Consultation with previous recipients to determine how the SAGP assisted them and could be enhanced or refined.

(c) Marketing and promotion strategy to better promote the SAGP to a wider range of clubs, groups and individuals.

(d) Recommendation to Council for grant programs that cater for the needs of Hume residents that are already, or look to be, engaged in physical activities in the community.

9.7.3 The SAGP review and recommendations outlined in Table 2 articulate a series of changes which can be immediately implemented to enhance community uptake of the program.

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9.7.4 Table 2 below summarises the findings of the review and articulates proposed recommendations for Council consideration.

Table 2: SAGP Review Summary

	Findings	Recommendations
1.	On average, the cost to participate in representative events has significantly increased. Costs in 2018 were compared to 2023 for each of the three categories. • Regional Cost: (+$1,269) • State Cost: (+$480) • International Cost: (+1,757)	That funding amounts for categories be increased to be more reflective of the current cost of participation. Recommended amounts for categories are: • Representation in International Championships from $750 to $1,000. • Representation in National Championships from $400 to $600. • Representation in Regional Championships from $150 to $300. The total pool of funds will not change at this time. Any amendment to the total pool of funding would need to be considered as part of a formal budget review.
2.	The current age limitations restrict a range of young people who are still participating in representative sports. Current guidelines state that applicants must be under 21 years of age at the time of application.	Increase age to 24 years at the time of application to align with Council's Youth Services who service people aged 6-24 years.
3.	Categories are inconsistent/confusing and do not consider international events taking place in Australia and national/international events taking place in Victoria	Increase the categories to five to reflect the needs of athletes competing at international events in and outside of Australia and Victoria. The proposed five categories are: I. Representation in International Championships outside of Australia. II. Representation in International Championships in Australia. III. Representation in National Championships outside of Victoria. IV. Representation in National Championships in Victoria. V. Representative Championships in Victoria.
4.	There is currently no access for applicants seeking to participate in grassroot sports who are experiencing financial hardship	Widen the scope of sub-categories within the SAGP to include: **Elite Grants** Continue to assist athletes pursuing sporting excellence. **Hardship Grant**

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		To encourage individual community members who are facing financial hardship to be more active in the community.
5.	Application process discourages the wider community to apply	Widen the scope of who can submit applications on behalf of the athlete* to include: - Parent and/or legal guardian - Case/Support Worker - Coach - Employee from an organisation who has a formal relationship with applicant - School Teacher or educator of applicant *All applications will require approval by applicant, and/or parents/guardians of underage applicants. Past successful applicants can apply for another sport should they meet relevant criteria.
6.	Applicants are too restricted on when they can apply for a SAGP, and the process does not consider that some sports make final selections very late.	Applications must be received prior to the event, rather than 7 days prior as it states on the current guidelines.
7.	The current guidelines do not consider all the sports that athletes can compete at representative levels	Change criteria to reflect that applicants must compete in an 'Organised Sport' that has a recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO). This shifts from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) sporting list and enables greater reach and potential participation in the grant process.
8.	Current guidelines are very restrictive for past successful SAGP applicants to apply	Update the assessment process to: Prioritise first time applicants. Allow previous applicants to apply and be considered by funding.
9.	The gap between application and receiving funds is currently longer than desired and preclusive for some potential applicants. Since 2019, the successful SAGP applicants were required to wait on average 151 days for the assessment to be completed. Since 2022, 30% of applicants have asked for a status of their application since submission.	Endorse the Director City Services and Living to review and approval eligible applications. This "quick response process" will reduce significant waiting times for successful applicants and enable access to funding in a timely manner. Successful applicants would continue to be invited to public Council Meetings to acknowledge their achievements.

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10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 The SAGP continues to support young athletes in Hume City to pursue their chosen sport at a higher level.

10.2 Undertaking recommendations outlined above will ensure the program is relevant and impactful for young people wishing to participate in sport.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

The Sports Aid Grant Program is designed to encourage high achievement and excellence in sport by financially supporting young Hume athletes with the expenses associated with attending representative level sporting events.

1. Objectives:

1.1. To provide individuals with support and encouragement that will help them to develop to their full potential within their chosen sport.
1.2. To provide financial assistance to individuals to assist with the costs associated with attending representative level sporting events.
1.3. To encourage greater participation in sport by promoting positive role models to the community.

2. What will be funded:

2.1. Competition and tournament entry fees.
2.2. Travel and accommodation costs associated with event participation.
2.3. Other costs associated with participation in the competition/tournament may be considered.

3. What will not be funded:

3.1. Tours and competitions that are friendship/exposure competitions. Including international and interstate tours organised by schools and private tour groups.
3.2. Participation in tournaments that are not recognised by the relevant National or State Sporting organisation as a part of their athlete development pathway.
3.3. Any tournaments or competitions where the participants are not selected based on merit with a fair and transparent selection process available to all residents.
3.4. Expenses associated with the travel costs of accompanying family members.

4. Eligibility Criteria:

4.1. Applicants must be permanent residents of the City of Hume (evidence of residential address is required at the time of application).
4.2. Applicants must be under 21 years of age at the time of application.
4.3. Applications must be received seven days prior to the event taking place. Late applications will not be considered.
4.4. Applicants must be competing in a sporting event that is competitive in nature and has a set of rules and a code of conduct.
4.5. Applicants must be competing in a sport that has a recognised National Sporting Organisation as assessed by the Australian Sports Commission. This includes Disability Sports Organisations.
4.6. Applicants must provide a letter of support verifying their selection from the relevant accredited National or State sporting association. Applications at a regional level may provide a letter from their local club. School Sport Australia and School Sport Victoria events are eligible for funding.
4.7. Applicants can apply for one category of funding per application.
4.8. Athletes will be funded by Council only once in each category.
4.9. Applicants agree to supply evidence as requested by Council within 30 days following the event/competition. Evidence can be provided in the form of photos, media articles, printed results, receipts or a letter from the relevant Governing Body.

5. Funding Available:

National Representation with International Travel - Maximum grant $750
Example: An athlete representing Australia, a State Association, or Club at an endorsed international event that is a part of a recognised development pathway.

State Representation with Interstate Travel - Maximum grant $400
Example: A member of the Victorian State under 16 Soccer Team competing at the national championships in Brisbane.

Regional Representation - Maximum grant $150
Example: Member of the Broadmeadows Broncos representative basketball team competing at a State level competition within Victoria.

In cases where several Hume residents have applied for funding for the same sport, Hume City Council reserves the right to cap total funding for that sport at $2000 for the financial year.

6. Celebration Evening

A Celebration Evening will be arranged once per year to celebrate the achievements of Sports Aid Grant recipients. Attendance at this event is COMPULSORY for all successful applicants.

7. Closing Dates:

Applications are open throughout the year until allocated funding is exhausted.

Applications must be submitted seven days prior to the event taking place.

Once allocated funding is exhausted the program will be closed until the next financial year.

8. Application Procedure:

The Sports Aid Grants are administered by Hume City Council as follows:

8.1. Applicants must read the Guidelines thoroughly;
8.2. Applicants must complete and return the Grant Application form and required documents at least seven days prior to the event taking place.
8.3. Applications will be assessed by Council Officers. The selection panel will, where necessary, consult with the applicants club, coach or sporting association.
8.4. All applicants will receive notification of the outcome in writing within 28 days of receipt of their application.
8.5. Applicants that receive a Sports Aid Grant and do not attend their event must return the grant in full.

FURTHER INFORMATION
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REPORT NO:	8.3
REPORT TITLE:	Awarding of Conserving our Rural Environment Grant and Primary Producer Rate Rebate Applications for 2023-24
SOURCE:	Cassandra Borg, Rural Environment Officer Liz Turner, Sustainability Engagement Officer
DIVISION:	City Services & Living
FILE NO:	HCC14/160
POLICY:	-Land and Biodiversity Plan
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Conserving our Rural Environment Grant Projects and Budget Summary 2023-24* 2. *Conserving our Rural Environment Grant 2023/24 Guidelines* 3. *Conserving our Rural Environment 2023-24 Map* 4. *Primary Producer Rate Rebate 2023/25 Guidelines* 5. *Primary Producer Rate Rebate recommended recipients Summary*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides an overview of the Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) Grant 2023/24 application round and Primary Producer Rate Rebate (PPRR) 2023-25 assessment process. It recommends awarding 43 CoRE grants totalling $353,763.72 (Attachment 1), within allocated budget. The report also recommends awarding 74 properties the PPRR totalling $151,879.30 in lost revenue (Attachment 5).

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Awards 43 CoRE grants with a total spend of $353,763.72 (Attachment 1) and

2.2 Endorses the recommendation that 74 properties receive the PPRR with a total of $151,879.30 in lost revenue (Attachment 5).

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Council has the power to grant a rebate or concession under Section 169 of the *Local Government Act* 1989.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 Council's 2023/24 budget allocates $365,590 for the implementation of the CoRE grants. It is proposed that $353,763.72 be allocated to support the 43 recommended applications, which would result in a budget surplus of $11,826.28. The budget disbursement is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1. CoRE Budget

CoRE Budget	Total Requested Funds	Surplus
$365,590	$353,763.72	$11,826.28

4.2 The PPRR has the financial implication of a loss in overall Council revenue, due to property owners receiving a rebate on their rates. In the 2022/23 financial year there

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were 121 properties receiving the rebate. This equated to a total loss in revenue of $296,572.47. Endorsing the recommendation of 74 properties to receive the PPRR for 2023-24 will total $151,879.30 in lost revenue.

4.3 At a Council meeting on 10 August 2020, Council approved the recommendation to discontinue the Agricultural Land Use Rebate (ALUR) and replace it with the Primary Producer Rate Rebate (PPRR) (Council Report SU493). The purpose of this change was to provide a rebate for properties in the Green Wedge Zone (outside the urban growth boundary). Hume's Rural Strategy reinforces Council's strategic direction of supporting rural landholders in Hume's green wedge to maintain primary production. It was agreed that properties receiving the ALUR would have a two-year grace period before the rebate ceases. There are 46 properties coming to the end of this grace period receiving the ALUR within the urban growth boundary who will not be eligible for the PPRR in 2023/24.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The CoRE and PPRR incentives aim to conserve and improve rural land and the natural environmental values on private property in Hume. They achieve this by providing financial incentives to rural landowners to undertake environmental improvement works on their land and encourage sustainable agriculture.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The CoRE Grant assists in improving the quality and extent of native vegetation. This will improve the resilience of local ecosystems to the impacts of climate change and will decrease the risk of localised extinction of flora and fauna species.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

In line with the Social Justice Charter, Council aims to ensure an equitable approach is used for assessing and approving grant applications. A three-step assessment and review process involving officers, senior management and Councillors ensures each application is treated in accordance with the Charter.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 The CoRE Grant and PPRR application round was opened on SmartyGrants on 1 February 2023 and all past applicants were notified via email.

8.2 The CoRE and PPRR application rounds were also promoted via RE-Source Rural Environment Newsletter, which is distributed to all rural landholdings in Hume.

8.3 Three drop-in sessions were held in Craigieburn and Sunbury in March-April 2023. Drop-in sessions provided landowners with an opportunity to meet staff in person, seek guidance with their grant application and ask questions about Council's rural land management programs.

8.4 Council officers visited each landowner applying for a CoRE grant in 2023-24 to discuss their applications and clarify project details.

8.5 Council officers visited all PPRR applicants to determine eligibility and assess the property for evidence of primary production and sustainable land management.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 **Overview of the CoRE Grant and review during 2023-24:**

9.1.1 The CoRE Grant provides eligible rural landowners in Hume with up to $10,000 per property excl. GST to undertake environmental protection and improvement works on their land.

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9.1.2 Council has a capped annual budget for the program, which is $365,590 in 2023/24. As such, the program operates under a competitive application process whereby each application is assessed and ranked against criteria.

9.1.3 The CoRE Grant Guidelines (Attachment 2) outline the basic eligibility requirements and criteria.

9.1.4 The functions, guidelines and Terms of Reference for the CoRE program will undergo a review during the 2023/24 financial year. The scope of the review will include considerations about value for money, benefits and outcomes of the program, benchmarking with related programs, and possible integration of administrative functions alongside Council's other grants and awards programs.

9.2 **Assessment Process:**

9.2.1 In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the assessment of applications for the CoRE Grant includes a three-step assessment and review process, including:

a. Officer Assessment Panel (OAP) – includes Council officers
1. involved in administering the program who make recommendations to Council based on eligibility and quality of applications.
2. b. Executive Review Panel (ERP) – includes at least two Councillors and senior officers who review the recommendations made by the Officer Assessment Panel for probity and equitability of distribution.
3. c. Council – the decision to award or not award CoRE grants to individual applicants is made at a Council meeting.
4.

9.2.2 Applications closed on 5 May 2023 and 54 applications were submitted via SmartyGrants.

9.2.3 Applications related to properties of varying size and land use, within the Green Wedge Zone covering the rural area of Hume City (Attachment 3).

9.2.4 **Officer Assessment Panel (OAP):** The OAP is comprised of the Coordinator Sustainability Engagement, Senior Rural Environment Officer and Rural Environment Officers (west and east), with administrative support from the Sustainability Project Officer.

9.2.5 The OAP assessed all applications on Tuesday 30 May and Monday 5 June 2023. Applications were assessed using the selection criteria. This process determined a score for each project. Applications were ranked from highest to lowest score.

9.2.6 Project scores ranged from 39 (highest) to 10 (lowest) through the assessment process (Attachment 1).

9.2.7 Three projects were assessed with a score below 13. These projects scored low due to their limited conservation values or their proposed project not fitting within the CoRE guidelines. Council officers will work with these applicants to build their capacity to manage their land sustainably by providing one-to-one support and land management advice.

9.2.8 One project (CORE2325) is recommended for part funding of the proposed project (provision of seedlings). One part of this proposed project may result in damage to native vegetation therefore this aspect of the project is not recommended for funding. Officers will liaise with this landowner to identify alternative options and provide guidance to assist them in achieving their goals.

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9.2.9 Environmental Planners were consulted to ensure the CoRE grant does not fund any works that are, or may become, the subject of enforcement proceedings.

9.2.10 One applicant recommended for a CoRE grant is a current Council employee. No conflict of interest will arise by awarding the grant to this applicant as the grant request directly relates to conserving and enhancing the conservation assets within the property and the applicant fits the criteria for the grant.

9.2.11 **Executive Review Panel:** The ERP included Cr Medcraft and Cr Sherry. All Councillors were provided with an opportunity to self-nominate for the Review Panel. Councillors were provided with the Projects and Budget Summary 2023-24 (Attachment 1), as well as details relating to probity of the Officer Assessment Panel and equitability of grant distribution. Councillors were invited to raise questions and provide feedback.

9.3 **Overview of the PPRR:**

9.3.1 The PPRR replaced the ALUR in 2021 following a review of the ALUR.

9.3.2 The PPRR provides eligible primary producers in Hume with a 30% reduction on their annual rates to assist the retention of primary production holdings and to support sustainable land management practices in Hume's green wedge.

9.3.3 Landowners must submit an application demonstrating primary production, agriculture and sustainable land management practices. Each application is assessed and ranked against selection criteria.

9.3.4 The PPRR Guidelines (Attachment 5) outline the basic eligibility criteria and the selection criteria that each application is assessed against.

9.4 **Assessment Process:**

9.4.1 Applications closed on 31 May 2023 and 79 applications were submitted via SmartyGrants.

9.4.2 Applications related to properties of varying size and land use, primarily within the Green Wedge Zone covering the rural area of Hume City (Attachment 4).

9.4.3 Each application was assessed by a Rural Environment Officer against the selection criteria. This assessment process includes a property inspection with the applicant.

9.4.4 Five properties did not meet the eligibility of the program which included insufficient land management or proof of primary production. Council officers will work with these applicants to build their capacity to manage their land sustainably by providing one-to-one support and land management advice.

10. CONCLUSION:

The Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) Grant and the Primary Producer Rate Rebate (PPRR) are integral components of Council's support to the rural community of Hume City. These incentives help protect and improve the natural environment and encourage sustainable agricultural practices. It is expected that the 43 recommended CoRE projects and 75 PPRR rebates will make a significant contribution to the health of Hume's rural environment. These programs assist landowners to maintain a healthy and productive green wedge.

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Projects and Budget Summary 2023-24

SMARTY GRANTS APPLICATION NUMBER	ASSESSMENT SCORE	PROPERTY ADDRESS	FUNDING ACTIVITY	FUNDING REQUEST	INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	RECOMMENDED
CORE239	**39**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$8,628.00**	$8,628.00	YES
CoRE2312	**36**	KEILOR	REVEGETATION, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**	$18,628.00	YES
CORE2333	**34**	KEILOR	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$4,545.46**	$23,173.46	YES
CORE2316	**34**	WILDWOOD	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**	$33,173.46	YES
CORE2336	**34**	WILDWOOD	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$10,000.00**	$43,173.46	YES
CORE2331	**33**	BULLA	WEED CONTROL, RABBIT EXCLUSION FENCING, HABITAT CREATION	**$6,000.00**	$49,173.46	YES
CORE2339	**33**	WILDWOOD	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$9,985.00**	$59,158.46	YES
CORE2330	**33**	BULLA	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,800.00**	$68,958.46	YES
CORE236	**31**	MICKLEHAM	REVEGETATION	**$6,026.00**	$74,984.46	YES
CORE2335	**31**	KEILOR	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$4,000.00**	$78,984.46	YES
CORE2323	**31**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, REVEGETATION, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,630.00**	$88,614.46	YES
CORE2325	**31**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	EROSION CONTROL REMEDIATION, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$3,824.00**	$92,438.46	YES
CORE2332	**31**	SUNBURY	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, EROSION WORKS	**$10,000.00**	$102,438.46	YES

CoRE233	**30**	SUNBURY	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$9,999.50**	$112,437.96	YES
CORE2329	**30**	BULLA	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$8,680.00**	$121,117.96	YES
CORE2349	**30**	MICKLEHAM	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$10,000.00**	$131,117.96	YES
CORE2321	**29**	CLARKEFIELD	FENCING OF CONSERVATION AREA. NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,968.00**	$141,085.96	YES
CORE2342	**29**	SUNBURY	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PEST ANIMAL CONTROL NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL MATERIALS FOR RABBIT PROOF FENCE EROSION CONTROL	**$9,139.11**	$150,225.07	YES
CORE2317	**28**	SUNBURY	CONSTRUCT SQUARE TIMBER TREE GUARDS TO ESTABLISH PADDOCK TREES, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$9,546.25**	$159,771.32	YES
CORE234	**28**	WILDWOOD	REVEGETATION, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, FENCING OFF EXISITING PADDOCK TREES	**$9,778.18**	$169,549.50	YES
CORE2346	**28**	SUNBURY	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PEST ANIMAL CONTROL, RABBIT PROOF FENCING MATERIALS, NEST BOXES, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, EROSION CONTROL MATERIALS	$10,000	$179,549.50	YES
CORE232	**27**	WILDWOOD	HERBICIDE PURCHASE, REVEGETATION. MACHINARY HIRE TO REINSTATE ACCESS TRACK AND RIP RABBIT WARRENS	**$6,648.31**	$186,197.81	YES
CORE2350	**27**	BULLA	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**	$196,197.81	YES
CORE2353	**27**	BULLA	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**	$206,197.81	YES
CORE2345	**26**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$8,259.00**	$214,456.81	YES
CORE2322	**25**	KEILOR	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$4,582.00**	$219,038.81	YES
CORE2327	**25**	WILDWOOD	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEGETATION	**$9,223.00**	$228,261.81	YES
CORE 2344	**25**	BULLA	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND REVEGETATION, TALLER GUARDS TO PROTECT FROM ROOS AND WALLABIES	**$9,875.00**	$238,136.81	YES

CORE2347	**25**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL. REVEGETATION	**$9,997.00**	$248,133.81	YES
CORE2354	**25**	SUNBURY	SUPPLY OF RABBIT PROOF NETTING, PEST ANIMAL CONTROL. LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN	**$9,660.00**	$257,793.81	YES
CORE2341	**25**	SUNBURY	REVEGETATION, FENCING FOR RABBIT EXCLUSION AND REVEG PROTECTION	**$8,420.00**	$266,213.81	YES
CORE2338	**24**	MICKLEHAM	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$7,700.00**	$273,913.81	YES
CORE2361	**24**	DIGGERS REST	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,090.91**	$283,004.72	YES
CORE2355	**24**	WILDWOOD	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**	$293,004.72	YES
CoRE237	**23**	SUNBURY	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$3,360.00**	$296,364.72	YES
CORE2328	**22**	SUNBURY	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$5,360.00**	$301,724.72	YES
CORE2334	**22**	SUNBURY	FENCING TO EXCLUDE STOCK TO PROPOSED HABITAT CORRIDOR	**$2,229.69**	$303,954.41	YES
CORE2337	**22**	KEILOR	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, REVEG, KANGAROO STAKES AND BIGGER GUARDS	**$9,955.00**	$313,909.41	YES
CoRE238	**19**	SUNBURY	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$2,400.00**	$316,309.41	YES
CORE2343	**17**	DIGGERS REST	HERBICIDE PURCHASE	**$7,850.91**	$324,160.32	YES
CORE2352	**17**	CLARKEFIELD	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,899.00**	$334,059.32	YES
CORE2360	**17**	DIGGERS REST	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,720.00**	$343,779.32	YES
CORE2363	**16**	DIGGERS REST	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, FENCING FOR REVEG	**$9,984.40**	$353,763.72	YES
CORE2326	**14**	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$9,997.00**		NO
CORE2315	**13**	BULLA	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL	**$10,000.00**		NO

CORE231	10	BULLA	CYPRESS POST RABBIT PROOF FENCING ALONG WESTERN BOUNDARY	$10,000.00		NO
CORE2319		CLARKEFIELD	WITHDRAWN, WILL BE FUNDED BY MELBOURNE WATER.		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2320		DONNYBROOK	WITHDRAWN, WILL BE FUNDED BY MELBOURNE WATER		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2324		OAKLANDS JUNCTION	UPDATE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, REVEGETATION, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, FENCE MAINTENANCE		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2356		OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2357		OAKLANDS JUNCTION	NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2358		OAKLANDS JUNCTION	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2359		CLARKEFIELD	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL		WITHDRAWN	
CORE2313		BULLA	LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL		WITHDRAWN	

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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.

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1. GRANT OVERVIEW

1.1 Program introduction

The Conserving our Rural Environment grant aims to conserve and improve the natural environmental values on private rural property. This will be achieved through the support and funding of on-ground environmental works, training activities and community engagement initiatives.

1.2 Who can apply?

- Landowners or managers with property larger than 0.4 hectares that is zoned: Green Wedge, Green Wedge A, Rural Living and Farming.
- Landowners or managers with property identified as *conservation* within the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors.
- Landcare groups and other community groups.

1.3 Project Grant — up to $10,000 (GST exclusive)

A Project Grant assists applicants to undertake on-ground environmental works, capacity-building or community engagement initiatives. This grant is offered through a competitive process. Applicants will need to demonstrate the merits of their project against the selection criteria with a focus on investing in high quality natural environmental values and applicants or community groups working together.

Applicants must have a Land Management / Project Plan that is less than five years old, or apply for the development of one in their application. Alternately, land managers may wish to consider developing their own Land Managment Plan using the Council template and seeking advice from a Council Officer. Applicants must obtain a quote for each activity proposed as part of their project. Council officers will undertake a property visit with applicants to discuss projects after the application has been submitted.

2. GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must complete an application form by the due date to be eligible for the Project Grant. The Project Grant operates under a competitive grant process. Applications that don't meet the criteria will not be successful. Applicants may be offered part funding for projects or may be recommended to reapply the following financial year.

Projects must be additional to applicant's obligations under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act* 1994 and obligations under other incentive or grant programs such as Council's Primary Producer Rate Rebate Program (PPRR).

The following criteria will be used to assess and prioritise projects.

- **Environmental Conservation Significance** – environmental conservation significance relates to the extent and condition of the environmental asset that the project aims to protect or improve. This includes the presence of a threatened animal or plant species or a threatened native vegetation type. Priority is given to projects that focus on enhancing and improving the quality of the vegetation as well as increasing its size.
- **Project Outcomes** – project outcomes must have a focus on achieving long-term results. Long-term outcomes include revegetation works following on from weed control, fencing of an area of environmental significance from stock, or securing property protection through a conservation covenant. Priority is given to projects that focus on outcomes that can be measured several years after completion.

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- **Project Location** – project location relates to where the project is located on the property and proximity to areas of environmental significance such as a waterway, a public conservation reserve or overlays that are a form of protection within the State and Local Planning Policy Framework. Priority will be given to projects that are within or near areas of environmental value, significance and importance at a local and landscape scale.
- **Landscape Connectivity** – landscape connectivity is the degree to which wildlife can move between patches of native vegetation such as woodlands and grasslands or along creeks. Priority is given to projects that aim to better support wildlife to move across the landscape.
- **Project Contributions** – project contributions relate to the applicants provision of their own funds or time into the project. A minimum of 50 per cent of the total grant request must be contributed to the project by the applicant. The contribution must relate to the project or conservation area and cannot be claimed for past investments or as part of another grant program. The in-kind for physical labour is to be calculated at $50 per hour.
- **Project Collaboration** – project collaboration can include applicants working with their neighbours or within a community. Collaboration on projects is strongly encouraged as similar projects often need to occur beyond a boundary fence or within local communities. The environmental benefits and outcomes of the project significantly increase when applicants work together rather than in isolation.

For more information about the selection criteria or the application assessment process, please email Council at coregrant@hume.vic.gov.au or contact the Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200.

3. ELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Council will fund a range or combination of activities for on-ground environmental works, capacity-building and community engagement initiatives. All activities must be directed by a land management plan or project plan that is less than five years old. If the applicant does not have a plan then one must be applied for in the first year. .

Stream Frontage Projects

Council will not fund projects proposing works along stream frontages, including banks and riparian areas. Melbourne Water's Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways incentivie offers funding to landholders to conduct environmental works within the stream frontage. For more information visit

https://www.melbournewater.com.au/ or call 131 722 or email incentives@melbournewater.com.au.

3.1 On-ground environmental works

Noxious and environmental weed control – to assist in the control and spread of priority weeds in an area of environmental conservation significance undertaken by the applicant or a qualified contractor. For applicants who would like to undertake their own weed control, Council will fund the material and equipment costs, not the labour. Labour is to be included in the application as an in-kind contribution.

Pest animal control – to assist in the control and spread of priority pest animals in an area of environmental conservation significance undertaken by the applicant or a qualified contractor. For applicants who would like to undertake their own pest animal control, Council will fund the material and equipment costs, not the labour. Labour is to be included in the application as an in-kind contribution.

Revegetation works – to assist with rehabilitating degraded areas, enhance an area or to establish and link native vegetation. For applicants who would like to undertake their own revegetation works, Council will fund the material and equipment costs, not the labour. Labour is to be included in the application as an in-kind contribution.

Materials and equipment – to assist applicants with the purchase of materials or equipment to undertake works in an area of environmental conservation significance. Examples include materials to install a rabbit-proof fence, the hiring of specialised equipment to undertake priority weed control or the purchase of herbicide.

3.2 Capacity building and community engagement

Training and development – to support applicants with fees to attend workshops and conferences or to undertake relevant natural resource or land management tertiary studies, certificates or short courses such as the farm chemical users course or property management planning.

Management plans – applicants may apply for funding to engage a qualified consultant to develop a five year land management plan using Council's guideline on Preparing a Land Management Plan. The plan must identify the environmental values on the property and aim to conserve and improve these values.

Community group activities – to assist Landcare groups and other community groups to develop relevant educational or capacity-building materials such as fliers, brochures or land management guides. Council will fund other activities associated with organising workshops, field days or group training for members and the community.

Volunteer recruitment activities – to assist environmental community groups to undertake recruitment and membership activities such as information sessions, field days and event stalls. Other activities associated with increasing community group memberships such as marketing and promotional materials may be funded.

3.3 Other items and activities

Council may consider funding other items and activities if they meet the objectives of the grant. Please discuss any activity not listed with a Council officer prior to a Project Grant application being submitted. To discuss activities, contact the Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200.

3.4 List of eligible and non-eligible project activities

On-Ground Environmental Works	Yes	No
Noxious weed or declared pest animal control carried out by a qualified contractor	✓	
Purchase of herbicide and weed control materials and equipment	✓	
Revegetation with indigenous (locally native) plants (Council will not fund any revegetation works within 50 metres of a dwelling)	✓	
Purchase of materials and equipment to undertake revegetation	✓	
Fencing to exclude stock and pest animals carried out by a contractor	✓	
Native flora and fauna surveys and assessments	✓	
Purchase of fencing materials and equipment to exclude stock or pest animals	✓	
Burning to manage weeds and regenerate native vegetation (A burning permit must be attained from Council prior to undertaking a burn)	✓	
Works or materials to control native animals or non-declared pest animals in Victoria		✖
Revegetation with non-indigenous plants (not locally native to the area)		✖
Removal of native vegetation or other environmental values		✖
Works or equipment for landscaping with no environmental conservation benefit		✖

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Capacity building and community engagement	Yes	No
Consultant fees to develop a land management plan or project plan	✓	
Consultant fees for property management advice	✓	
Fees to attend courses or workshops relevant to natural resource & land management	✓	
Fees for certificates or licenses related to natural resource and land management	✓	
Fees for subjects relevant to land management at TAFE or a university	✓	
Purchase of natural resource and land management books or educational resources	✓	
Development of educational or capacity-building materials	✓	
Fees for trainers and expert speakers at community group events	✓	
Costs associated with community group events including venue hire and catering costs	✓	
Activities not related to natural resource, rural land or property management		✘
Purchase of infrastructure such as rain tanks		✘

4. PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

4.1 How can I apply?

- Complete an application via SmartyGrants, an online grant management portal, from the 1 February to the 5 May 2023.
- Council will acknowledge receipt of the application via email to the applicant within 10 working days.
- All applications must have quotes or estimates for each activity with an ABN, goods or service description, hourly rates, personnel and the GST amount.
- Council will arrange a property visit to discuss projects in detail. If a project is deemed not suitable, Council can provide advice on how to improve the project.
- Council will assess all applications using the selection criteria. Projects will be prioritised and allocated in order of merit until funding is spent. Part-funding may be offered to applicants.
- Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome. Please note that successful applicants will have their property details and funded activities reported to Council and available publicly.
- Council can only commit to funding one year at a time and applications will be assessed every year.
- Upon completion and auditing of the approved project by Council, tax invoices must be sent to the Sustainability Engagement Team for payment. Council will not pay for approved projects up front or prior to an application being approved.
- All projects must be completed by 31 May 2024. If a project is not going to be completed by this date or the applicant decides to withdraw from the program, the applicant must send all requests in writing to Council.
- Council's terms of payment is 30 days from the date the tax invoice is received by Council. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure contractors and suppliers are aware of these terms.

Time-frame	Activity
1 February 2023	Project Grant applications open
5 May 2023	Applications close (applications not accepted after this date)
June 2023	Applications assessed by the Officer and Executive Assessment Panels
July 2023	Recommendations taken to Council for endorsement
August 2023	Applicants notified of the outcomes and enter into funding agreement
31 May 2024	Projects to be completed and tax invoices submitted to Council

5. APPLICATION TIPS

5.1 Project planning

- Discuss the project with a Council's Rural Engagement Officers.
- Only projects that are linked to an exisiting Land Management Plan will be approved.
- Consider discussing project ideas with neighbours or a local Landcare group and work together on a joint project.
- Determine if the project requires a planning permit and obtain before submitting an application.
- A permit may be required for native vegetation and soil movement or disturbance.

5.2 Supporting Documentation:

5.2.1 Quotes and estimates

- Provide quotes for each activity with the application.
- Quotes need to have the business ABN, goods or service description, hourly rates and the GST amount.
- Fencing quotes need to include the type of materials, the length and any proposed gates.
- If quotes are considered too high, applicants may be requested to supply another to ensure value for money.

5.2.2 Plans and permits

- Provide an excert of the Action Plan from your Land/Property Management Plan, indicating the proposed activity. For example: LMP 2021-26 for XXX Hume Rd, Humeville, Year 2 Revegetation of shelter belt on northern fence boundary
- If the applicant does not have a Council endorsed plan then one must be applied for in the application.
- If required obtain any necessary permits from the relevant Council department or agency.
- Where a permit is required for the project, it must be submitted with the application.
- If the applicant is leasing or managing the property, a signed letter of support from the landowner is required.

5.2.3 Aerials and maps

- An aerial or map must be included in the application with the project area clearly identified. Aerial photos can be provided by Council on request, contact the Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200
- Include additional information on the map such as the area of treatment or length of an activity.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with Council. This agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of Council and the applicant when implementing the approved project. The agreement cannot be changed, unless a written request is approved by Council. To discuss these roles and responsibilities, contact the Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200.

Where the project relates to on-ground works the applicant must agree for five years within the project area to:

- Not apply fertiliser, disturb soil, construct dams, alter drainage, and/or remove rock or logs.
- Not remove, destroy or lop native vegetation including trees (dead or alive).
- Only plant indigenous (locally native) plant species.
- Maintain all plants planted to ensure their optimum survival.
- Monitor any areas treated for weed control and undertake any follow-up management activities.
- Monitor any areas treated for rabbit control and undertake any follow-up management activities.
- Maintain all fencing constructed under this agreement to the highest standard reasonably possible.
- Not graze stock unless this is an existing activity and only graze for short intervals.
- Allow Council Officers and contractors to audit the project and approved works.

7. INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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Priority weeds and pest animals

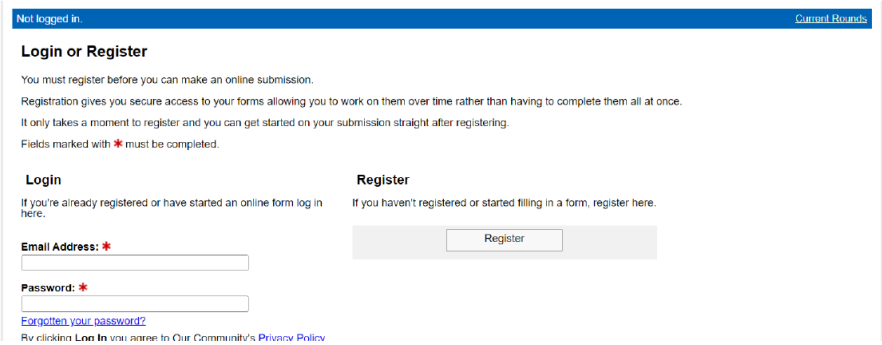
Council's WEEDeck is a waterproof durable weed identification guide that covers the priority weeds in the Hume area.

8. Smarty Grants Application Guide

8.1 New Users

If this is your first time completing an online application, you will need to register an account.

Click Register and complete the registration. It is a good idea to write down your login details so you can directly login next time once you have registered.



8.2 Exisiting Users

Simply fill in your details and Login.

If you already have a SmartyGrants account and have forgotten your password click on the link **Forgotten your password** to have your password reset.

8.3 Navigation

You will see three options:

- **Fill Out Now** - Click this when you are ready to complete the application
- **Preview the Form** - If you would like to view the form before completing
- **Download Preview Form** – Download the form in PDF format to view before completing the online application

When you are ready click **Fill Out Now**.

If you cannot finish the application in one go you can Save Progress and come back to the application at a later date.

8.4 Application Details

Applicant Details

This includes basic location details about the property.

Project Description

You will need to include the activities you are applying for and outline the expected long term goals of the project. Keeping in mind that each application needs to be assessed against the grant criteria. It is a good idea to put some thought and detail into your responses.

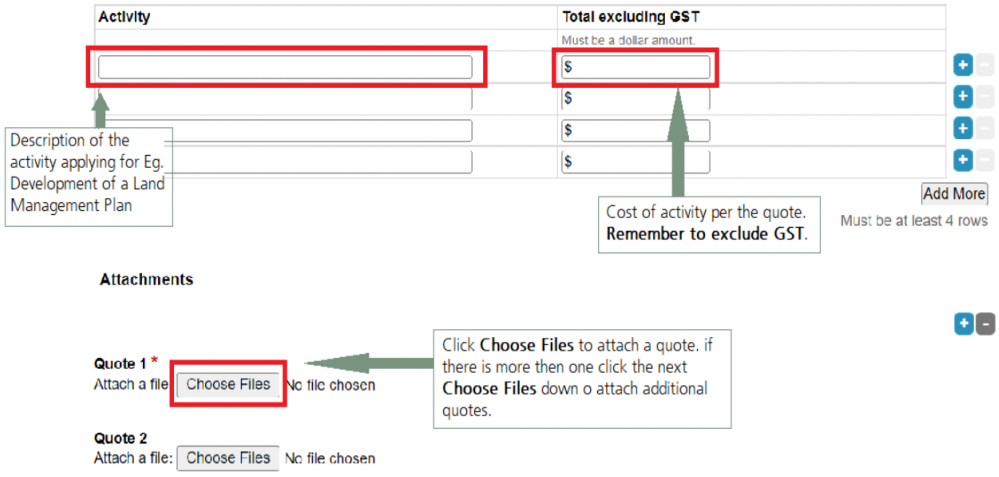
* indicates a required field. When you see a red asterisk, it means that you will need to provide an answer to the question.

Projects Activities and Quotes

All applications must have at least one quote or estimate for each activity with an ABN, goods or service description, hourly rates, personnel and the GST amount.

Fencing quotes need to include the type of materials, the length and any proposed gates.

If quotes are considered too high or lack enough detail, applicants may be requested to supply another to ensure value for money.



In-Kind Contribution and Costs	You will need to provide a description of how you will be contributing towards the project. This can be cash or labour. Labour is to be calculated at $50 per hour. Total Expenditure Amount is calculated automatically.
Project Map and Photo Points	The purpose of the map is for the applicant to identify the proposed project area and the proposed activities (length of fence, revegetation or weed control areas). The map can then be scanned or copied into your computer, tablet or phone and attached to the application by clicking **Choose Files** button. It is a requirement of the Grant to provide Council with at least 2 photos of the project area before and after the project.
Project Checklist	The project checklist is to ensure that the applicant has included everything that is requested for a completed application. Please read through and answer appropriately. The Conserving our Rural Environment Guidelines can be accessed through clicking the blue Hyper-link Conserving our Rural Environment Grant Guidelines.
Privacy Statement and Declaration	The privacy statement outlines Councils policy regarding collection and use of your personal data and set forth your privacy rights. Please carefully read the Privacy Statement and Declaration, also making sure to have read the Conserving our Rural Environment Guidelines before signing.
Review and Submit	Once you have reviewed the application form you can click **Submit**. You will receive a confirmation email with a PDF of your submitted application.

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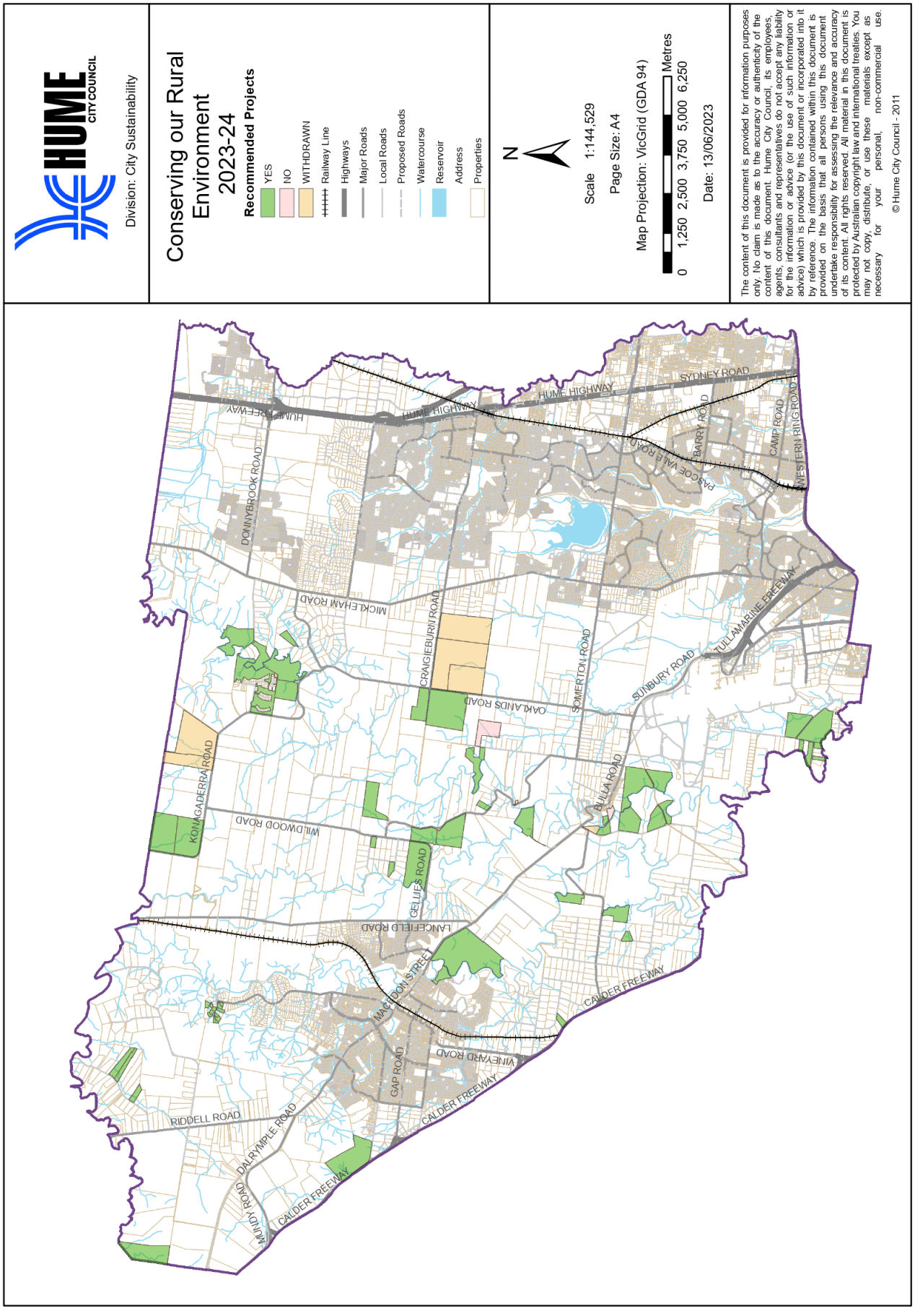
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Guidelines

Primary Producer Rate Rebate Program

2023-2025

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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.

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1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1.1 Program Purpose

Council is committed to ensuring that the City's Green Wedge which includes natural heritage, environment values and rural spaces are protected, enhanced, maintained and valued. For this reason, Council supports and invests in a range of programs and projects that support rural residents to manage their land sustainably. This includes field days and workshops, fauna monitoring, technical assistance, the Conserving our Rural Environment Project grant (CoRE), Rural Land Management grant (RLMG) and the Primary Producer Rate Rebate (PPRR).

The PPRR supports investment in sustainable agricultural land use and sustainable land management activities, by providing approved applicants with a discount on the annual rates levied on eligible properties.

1.2 Primary Producer Rate Rebate

The objective of the PPRR is to encourage the retention of primary production holdings and to support sustainable land management practices. The rebate is calculated as a 30 per cent discount on the general rate for approved properties, which is calculated against the Capital Improved Value of the property. The discount is applied on an annual basis, following an assessment and approval of an application. An application must be received for each property; multiple properties cannot be considered as a group application.

To receive a rebate, it is a requirement that a property has a Land/Property Management Plan or similar which will need to be provided to Council outlining how the property is being managed sustainably, including the control of noxious weeds.

1.3 Who can apply?

- Landowners or managers with property larger than two hectares that is zoned: Green Wedge, Green Wedge A, Rural Living and Farming outside the urban growth boundary, or Rural Conservation, Special Use or Rural Living zones within the urban growth boundary.
- The owner or manager primarily uses the property for an agricultural purpose and is used as a business. Agricultural purpose will be based on the definition of "Farm Land" under the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960

Farm Land definition

"Farm land" means any rateable land that is:

a) not less than two hectares in area;

b) used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities;

c) used by as a business:

i. having a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character;

ii. seeking to make a profit on a continuous or repetitive basis from its activities on the land;

iii. has a reasonable prospect of making a profit from its activities on the land if it continues to operate in the way that it is operating.

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PRIMARY PRODUCER RATE REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2023-2025

2. REBATE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to assess each property for the Rebate:

2.1 Property size

The property must be two hectares or more in size. Properties that are smaller than two hectares cannot apply for a rebate, though may be eligible for Council's Rural Land Management Grant. For further information contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200.

2.2 Evidence of agricultural business

The activity being conducted on a property must be an agricultural business as opposed to a hobby or recreational activity. The activity being carried out on a property must be a business for the purpose of earning an income on an ongoing basis in accordance with the definition of "Farm Land". Council will consider the following as evidence of an agricultural business:

- Income Tax Assessment showing Primary Producer
- letter from accountant determining Primary Producer
- Property Identification Code
- ABN (Australian Business Number)
- evidence of registered primary producer with the Australian Taxation Office
- other business records to Council's satisfaction.

A current copy of this evidence must be provided with the application. Please contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Team on 9205 2200 if you are unsure about what evidence you need to provide.

2.3 Sustainable land management

Sustainable Land Management refers to the use of land resources, including soils, water, animals and plants, for the production of goods while simultaneously ensuring the long-term productive potential of the land and its environmental functions. Land managers must seek to manage their land sustainably, including the control of noxious weeds and preventing their spread to neighbouring properties, protecting soils, native vegetation and creeks, and managing pest animals.

The Victorian *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994* (CaLP Act) legislates several requirements to ensure land is managed sustainably. This includes preventing the spread of and, as far as possible, eradicating noxious weeds such as Serrated Tussock and Artichoke Thistle and declared pest animals such as Rabbits, Feral Cats and Foxes, protecting soils and protecting water resources. Further information about the CaLP Act is included in section 4.1.

To be considered eligible a Council Officer must see evidence during their property inspection that the property is being satisfactorily managed in accordance with the objectives of this program. In addition, all participants must submit a Land/Property Management Plan or similar to Council with their application outlining how the property will be managed sustainably, including:

- what the business and land management goals for the property are
- how noxious weeds and pest animals will be managed
- how environmental values such as native vegetation and creeks will be protected
- how soil and any other natural resources are being managed / protected.

3. PRIMARY PRODUCER RATE REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATION

3.1 Rebate application process

Applicants must complete an application form every **two years** which includes the required supporting documentation by the due date to be eligible for the Rebate. A Council Officer will arrange a property visit to discuss an application as part of the approval process.

If a property owner or occupier has more than one eligible property, an application must be submitted for each property; multiple properties cannot be considered as a group application. The rebate applies to one rating year and is itemised on the annual rates notice mailed out during August.

3.2 How can I apply?

- Previous years' applicants will be notified of the new application process in February 2023. For the 2023/2024 financial year.
- Applications must be completed through Council's on-line portal, known as Smarty Grants. Users must log in to an existing account or create a log in, then draft, submit and manage their applications on-line. Council officers can assist with the application process.
- All supporting documents must be provided as part of the application. If evidence of primary production business operation cannot be supplied, the property will not be eligible.
- Council will contact you to arrange a property visit to assess your application.
- Following a property visit by a Rural Engagement Officer, the applicant will be notified of the outcome of the application.
- The rebate on the rates will occur after the application form has been approved; it will be provided to the landowner on their annual rates notice.
- If the application is received after the due date, approved properties will receive the discount in the following quarter of the rating year. Applications that are received at other times of the year will be assessed and if eligible, have the rebate applied in the following quarter of the rating year.

• 3.3 Application steps

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3.4 Time-frames

Time-frame	Activity
February 2023	Applications open.
February-May 2023	Applications assessed, property visits organised and conducted.
May 31 2023	Application close. Applications submitted after this date will be processed in the next rating quarter.
June 2023	Applications presented to the Council for consideration.
August 2023	Successful applicants will receive their rate notices with the discounted rate.

4. INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

4.1 Legislation:

Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994

The main legislation covering noxious weed and pest animal management in Victoria is the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994* (CaLP Act). Under this Act species of plants and animals can be declared as noxious weeds and pest animals.

The main objective of the CaLP Act is to protect primary production, Crown land, the environment and community health from the effects of noxious weeds and pest animals. The CaLP Act defines roles and responsibilities and regulates the management of noxious weeds and pest animals.

In relation to his or her land, a landowner must take all reasonable steps to:

- avoid causing or contributing to land degradation which causes or may cause damage to land of another land owner
- conserve soil
- protect water resources
- eradicate regionally prohibited weeds
- prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds
- prevent the spread of, and as far as possible eradicate, established pest animals.

Planning and Environment Act 1987

This Act sets up a system of planning schemes to regulate the use and development of land in Victoria. Clause 52.17, outlines the requirement for a permit to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, unless the removal is exempt under the planning scheme that applies to the land.

4.2 Council resources

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PRIMARY PRODUCER RATE REBATE

Recommended Properties 2023-25

SMARTY GRANTS APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	SIZE OF PROPERTY	PRIMARY PRODUCER ACTIVITIES PRESENT	ANIMALS KEPT	PRODUCE THESE ANIMALS ARE KEPT FOR	REBATE	INCREMENTAL AMOUNT
PPRR543	SUNBURY	2.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-988.40**	-988.40
PPRR604	YUROKE	2.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	GOAT, OTHER: DONKEYS	MEAT, STUD	**-3,351.00**	-4,339.40
PPRR592	MICKLEHAM	3.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,494.70**	-5,834.10
PPRR613	MICKLEHAM	3.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT	**-1,374.20**	-7,208.30
PPRR541	KEILOR	4.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE, POULTRY	MEAT, EGGS	**-1,542.90**	-8,751.20
PPRR594	YUROKE	5.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	HORSE	AGISTMENT	**-1,591.10**	-10,342.30
PPRR526	MICKLEHAM	6.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT	**-1,687.60**	-12,029.90
PPRR548	MICKLEHAM	6.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,591.10**	-13,621.00
PPRR572	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	6.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	HORSE, POULTRY	AGISTMENT	**-1,711.70**	-15,332.70
PPRR552	SUNBURY	6.2	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP, POULTRY	MEAT, WOOL, EGGS	**-1,229.50**	-16,562.20
PPRR522	DIGGERS REST	6.3	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-1,567.00**	-18,129.20

PPRR596	YUROKE	6.3	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP		**-1,687.60**	-19,816.80
PPRR540	DIGGERS REST	6.5	CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)			**-1,784.00**	-21,600.80
PPRR559	MICKLEHAM	6.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,542.90**	-23,143.70
PPRR595	DIGGERS REST	6.8	CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)			**-1,181.30**	-24,325.00
PPRR601	DIGGERS REST	6.8	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE, BEE KEEPING	MEAT, HONEY	**-2,049.20**	-26,374.20
PPRR577	WILDWOOD	6.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT HORSE		STUD	**-1,856.30**	-28,230.50
PPRR529	MICKLEHAM	7.2	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, TREE FARMING (SILVICULTURE AND AGROFORESTRY)	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,422.40**	-29,652.90
PPRR602	DIGGERS REST	7.3	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE, BEE KEEPING	MEAT, HONEY	**-1,735.80**	-31,388.70
PPRR574	MICKLEHAM	7.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,555.40**	-33,944.10
PPRR571	YUROKE	8.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT, STUD	**-2,102.20**	-36,046.30
PPRR593	MICKLEHAM	8.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-896.80**	-36,943.10
PPRR534	GREENVALE	8.8	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-1,518.80**	-38,461.90
PPRR576	MICKLEHAM	9.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	OTHER: AGISTMENT	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-1,518.80**	-39,980.70
PPRR607	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	9.4	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	HORSE	AGISTMENT	**-1,518.80**	-41,499.50
PPRR539	SUNBURY	9.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE	MEAT, STUD	**-3,278.60**	-44,778.10
PPRR528	SUNBURY	10.2	CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)			**-1,422.40**	-46,200.50
PPRR620	SUNBURY	10.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT, HONEY	**-2,217.90**	-48,418.40

PPRR512	SUNBURY	10.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-1,181.30**	-49,599.70
PPRR511	SUNBURY	10.8	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-1,446.50**	-51,046.20
PPRR563	MICKLEHAM	12.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT	**-1,784.00**	-52,830.20
PPRR561	SUNBURY	12.2	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	HORSE	STUD	**-3,751.10**	-56,581.30
PPRR599	CRIAGIEBURN	13.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,808.10**	-58,389.40
PPRR589	MICKLEHAM	13.3	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-2,844.70**	-61,234.10
PPRR515	BULLA	13.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-3,760.80**	-64,994.90
PPRR603	YUROKE	16.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	GOAT, OTHER: DONKEYS	MEAT, STUD	**-2,820.60**	-67,815.50
PPRR588	SUNBURY	17.2	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,832.20**	-69,647.70
PPRR521	SUNBURY	17.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, GOAT, BEE KEEPING	MEAT, WOOL, HONEY	**-2,025.10**	-71,672.80
PPRR556	SUNBURY	18.4	CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)			**-1,784.00**	-73,456.80
PPRR569	MICKLEHAM	19.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-3,162.90**	-76,619.70
PPRR523	SUNBURY	20.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,398.30**	-78,018.00
PPRR609	SUNBURY	25.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-1,253.60**	-79,271.60
PPRR591	SUNBURY	25.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,301.80**	-80,573.40
PPRR582	WILDWOOD	34.8	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-1,446.50**	-82,019.90
PPRR546	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	37.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-1,567.00**	-83,586.90
PPRR517	WOODSTOCK	40.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-4,218.80**	-87,805.70
PPRR584	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	40.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP, CATTLE, HORSE	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-1,615.20**	-89,420.90

PPRR583	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	41.4	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE, HORSE	MEAT, AGISTMENT	**-704.00**	-90,124.90
PPRR542	SUNBURY	43.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-7,521.50**	-97,646.40
PPRR558	OAKLANDS JUNCTION	43.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT, WOOL	**-1,976.80**	-99,623.20
PPRR525	GREENVALE	44.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE		**-964.30**	-100,587.50
PPRR519	WILDWOOD	46.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE, GOAT, OTHER: PRE EXPORT QUARANTINE	MEAT	**-887.20**	-101,474.70
PPRR575	GREENVALE	50.4	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,711.70**	-103,186.40
PPRR598	GREENVALE	50.8	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,483.10**	-105,669.50
PPRR562	BULLA	52.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,181.30**	-106,850.80
PPRR547	WILDWOOD	53.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,025.10**	-108,875.90
PPRR535	SUNBURY	55.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT, WOOL	**-964.30**	-109,840.20
PPRR565	MICKLEHAM	62.6	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT, STUD	**-2,145.60**	-111,985.80
PPRR513	WILDWOOD	67.2	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	HORSE	AGISTMENT	**-1,567.00**	-113,552.80
PPRR554	YUROKE	67.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	STUD	**-1,711.70**	-115,264.50
PPRR570	YUROKE	77.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT, STUD	**-1,518.80**	-116,783.30
PPRR580	SUNBURY	80.5	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,784.00**	-118,567.30
PPRR550	WILDWOOD	81.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, TREE FARMING (SILVICULTURE AND AGROFORESTRY)	CATTLE, BEE KEEPING	MEAT, HONEY	**-1,928.60**	-120,495.90
PPRR564	WILDWOOD	94.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP	MEAT, WOOL	**-5,742.40**	-126,238.30
PPRR549	SUNBURY	100.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE, POULTRY	MEAT, EGGS	**-10,139.60**	-136,377.90
PPRR586	SUNBURY	100.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,362.60**	-138,740.50
PPRR605	BULLA	105.0	CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)			**-241.10**	-138,981.60
PPRR555	SUNBURY	105.4	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,290.20**	-141,271.80

PPRR578	SUNBURY	136.7	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,663.50**	-142,935.30
PPRR509	SUNBURY	151.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	SHEEP, CATTLE	MEAT	**-2,941.10**	-145,876.40
PPRR560	SUNBURY	158.1	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,711.70**	-147,588.10
PPRR590	SUNBURY	159.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	CATTLE	MEAT	**-1,591.10**	-149,179.20
PPRR608	SUNBURY	224.9	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT, CROP PRODUCTION AND HORTICULTURE (GRAINS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES)	SHEEP	WOOL	**-1,711.70**	-150,890.90
PPRR537	SUNBURY	321.0	ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGISTMENT	CATTLE	AGISTMENT	**-988.40**	-151,879.30

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REPORT NO:	8.4
REPORT TITLE:	Council Plan 2021-2025: Final Progress Report 2022/23 Actions
SOURCE:	Karen Curson, Senior Lead Integrated Planning & Reporting Joel Farrell, Manager Organisational Performance & Strategy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC21/988
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Attachment 1 - Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022-23 Actions) Final Progress Summary* 2. *Attachment 2 - Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022-23 Actions) Final Progress Report*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report and attachments outline the final progress report for the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* - for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the progress of:

2.1 actions and indicators of the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* [refer Attachments One and Two]

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Nil.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Council Plan 2021-2025 incorporates Council's Pathways to Sustainability Framework. Theme 2 and Strategic Objective 2.2 of the Council Plan provide particular focus and attention to minimising Council's environmental impact.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The Council Plan 2021-2025 considers mitigating and planning for climate change risks and incorporates the action "2.2.3 Enhance Council's response to climate change including the development of a climate action plan to cover actions within Council operations and to support the Hume community and businesses adapt to climate change".

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Themes, Strategic Objectives, Community Expectations, Actions, and Indicators of the Council Plan 2021-2025 were developed within the policy context of the *Hume City Council Social Justice Charter (2021)* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.*

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8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Nil.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* contains the three Themes, 11 Strategic Objectives and 45 Strategies/Actions to be delivered in 2022/23 financial year.

9.1.1 The *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* was adopted by Council on 22 August 2022.

9.1.2 This Council Plan also incorporates the Disability Action Plan, the Community Safety Action Plan and the Pathways to Sustainability Framework.

9.1.3 Twenty-one Strategic Indicators have been developed to monitor progress with the achievement of each Strategic Objective of the Council Plan.

- Of the 21 Strategic Indicators, 23.8% (5) are currently meeting or exceeding the June 2025 Target.

9.1.4 Progress on the Council Plan is reported quarterly to Council and the community. The final quarter ended on the 30 June 2023.

9.1.5 Reporting on the progress of actions for the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)* is assessed using the following status indicators:

- Completed – Expected work towards this action has been completed by 30 June 2023.
- Not Completed – Action has not been completed within 2022/23.
- Deferred – Action has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

9.1.6 A progress summary of the 45 Council Plan actions for 2022/23 are outlined below.

Progress	Number of actions at this stage	Per cent of actions at this stage
Completed	36	80%
Not Completed	8	18%
Deferred	1	2%

9.1.7 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions) Final Progress Summary – Attachment One which provides a Summary of Highlights by each Council Plan Theme.

9.1.8 Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions) Final Progress Report - Attachment Two which provides the Progress Report for 2022/23.

9.1.9 Following presentation of these documents to the Council Meeting on 28 August 2023, both the Third Quarter Progress Report and Summary Document will be made available on Council's website.

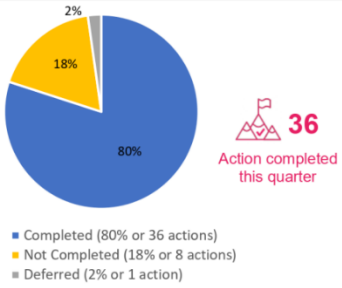
10. CONCLUSION:

This report and attachments provide the 2022/23 progress of actions and indicators in the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)*. The report aims to provide transparency in the reporting of Council's commitments to the community and stakeholders of Hume City.

HUME CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 (2022/23 Actions)

2022/23 Highlights
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Our Progress (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)



Our advocacy highlights

- Council continued to advocate for the redevelopment of Banksia Gardens housing estate and policy changes to minimise gambling harm.
- The Build a Better Hume State Election advocacy campaign was delivered throughout August to November 2022. During the campaign, 13 events were held at venues throughout the municipality. Members of the public were invited to vote on the projects that they thought were the highest priority for funding. During the campaign we received over 5,700 votes (2,200 in-person and over 3,500 online).
- Residents were encouraged to get involved in the RACV road safety survey, to highlight road issues in Hume.
- Council was recognised at the National Growth Areas Alliance Awards, winning in the Advocacy category. This award was the result of a collaborative effort with our neighbours, City of Whittlesea, and Mitchell Shire Council, to ensure support for the delivery of the Beveridge Intermodal Freight Terminal.

Theme 1: A community that is resilient, inclusive, and thriving

- The Stolen Generations Marker was completed, over 150 people attended the launch. A Sorry Day event at the Stolen Generations Marker was led by the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.
- To mark National Volunteers Week in May, a Volunteer Civic Reception was held, approximately 300 volunteers were recognised.
- Work placements commenced as part of the Industry Practical Placement (IPP) program in partnership with Kangan Institute for Hume residents with a mild intellectual disability.
- Four hundred people attended the Refugee Week event in June 2023. The event was organised by five local young people with lived refugee experience in partnership with Council.
- Sixteen art exhibitions were presented across Council's three galleries. 300 people participated in public programs supporting exhibitions.
- A new Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy adopted in July 2022, providing clear links to the Child Safe Toolkit, and processes and procedures in line with new 11 Child Safe Standards.
- The 2022/23 Hume Multiversity Tertiary Education Scholarship Program awarded 99 scholarships to Hume residents enrolling in study with La Trobe University, Victoria University and Deakin University, Kangan Institute and Melbourne Polytechnic.
- Delivered two Jobs Expo's in partnership with: Melbourne Airport Corporation, NORTH Link. A third, Women in Construction and STEM Careers and Jobs Expo, was delivered in partnership with the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, SheForce, Kangan Institute and the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN).
- 'Change Starts with You' youth resource in partnership with DPV Health, Good People Act Now and Man Cave, were some of the initiatives delivered as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
- Council, Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation and Sunbury Cobaw Community Health worked in partnership to deliver a rainbow flag raising event on IDAHOBIT Day that celebrated our LGBTIQA+ community.
- Council signed a long-term lease agreement with State Government to facilitate improved community infrastructure outcomes for the Sunbury arts community and residents (Jacksons Hill, Sunbury).
- The Kindergarten Infrastructure Building Blocks Pipeline partnerships agreement with the Victorian Government has been approved. The agreement has identified expansion work at five locations that will increase licensed Kindergarten places by 198 by 2026.
- Over 100 work placements have been offered with 84 work experience placements being undertaken within the financial year.

Theme 2: A City that cares about our planet, is appealing and connected

- A feasibility process to determine the best service and infrastructure delivery option for a youth crisis facility in Hume City was completed.
- Work continues with Stockland and neighbouring Councils to advance the planning of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre, including the preparation of a Regional Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment.
- To support rural landowners to manage land sustainability and protect environmental assets grants and rebates of over $600 thousand were distributed to the community.
- Progress Reserve, Coolaroo Stage One active and passive open spaces upgrade has been completed, and officially opened in April 2023. Further improvements are underway at: Hamilton Hume Reserve, Greenfield Reserve and Cimberwood Drive Reserve.
- Hume's Draft Climate Action Plan was endorsed by Council for public exhibition in June 2023.
- Forty sustainability themed community workshops were held, including Let's Grow Hume food growing workshops at community centres, libraries, kindergartens, and community gardens.
- Residents participated in a Citizen Science program by undertaking a Latham's Snipe bird surveys across Craigieburn/Mickleham. This threatened wetland bird migrates between Japan and Australia each year and one population has made Hume its Spring/Summer home.
- Initiatives to enhance walking and cycling included work on Moonee Ponds Creek Trail and Greenvale to Attwood shared path.
- The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2022. The Strategy focuses on increasing the diversion of material from landfill, reducing litter and dumped rubbish to decrease pollution and impacts on human health and wildlife.

Theme 3: A council that inspires leadership, is accountable and puts the community first

- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) – regular fortnightly meetings held between July 2022 to June 2023. Rolling recruitment to the YAC has been delivered this year, with twelve members regularly attending and inputting into the direction of YAC projects.
- The Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) hosted a Harmony Sports Day in April 2023 and supported faith leaders to provide a blessing of the seedlings at the Interfaith Planting Day in June 2023.
- The organisation launched a new set of Corporate Values and guiding behaviours to enhance organisational performance in the way we deliver services to our community.
- Gender Impact Assessments (GIA) for the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, Craigieburn and Valley Park Community Centres General Local Law, Craigieburn Community Garden Upgrade, and Community Grants Program have been undertaken.
- The Sustainability Taskforce has provided input to the Community Design Guidelines, made recommendations for inclusion in the Land and Biodiversity Plan, and the implementation of the Hume's Waste Strategy.
- More than 93 consultation, engagement and evaluation projects were completed. Almost 25,000 unique visitors accessed Council's community engagement platform in the last 12 months. The number of visitors to Council's participate.hume site increased by 53% compared to 2021/22.
- The Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) was adopted by Council in May 2023.
- Work continues to progress on the upgrade/replacement of Council's Enterprise Resource Planning Solution. Council will be considering implementation costs and potential benefits as part of the 2023/24 budget process.
- Implementation of Council Request Management Process, designed to streamline the handling of Councillor enquiries and ensuring timely resolution.

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Final Progress Report
2022/23 Actions

HUME CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

INCORPORATING THE:
- DISABILITY ACTION PLAN
- COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN
- PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

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PROGRESS DESCRIPTIONS

Year to date progress is indicated with the percentage completion for each action.

The progress indicators displayed are based on the status as follows:

- **Completed** – Expected work toward this action has been completed by 30 June 2023.
- **Not Completed** – Action has not been completed within 2022/23
- **Deferred** – Action is not being completed this financial year.

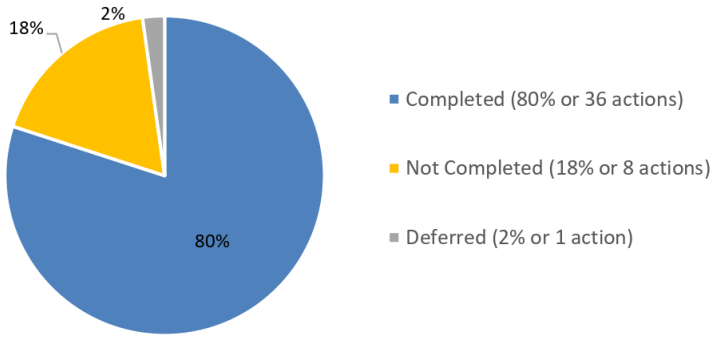
The Council Plan incorporates the Disability Action Plan, the Community Safety Action Plan and the Pathways to Sustainability. The following symbols are used to specify the corresponding plans:

Disability Action Plan

Community Safety Action Plan

Pathways to Sustainability

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS – 1 JULY 2022 – 30 JUNE 2023



COUNCILS ROLE

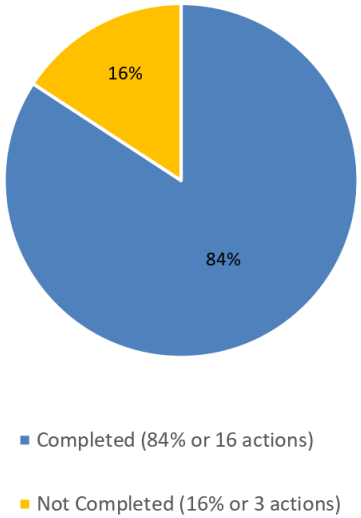
The role Council has in contributing to the community expectations (strategies) can be defined as one or more of the following:

- **Statutory Authority** – Council has a legislated responsibility under Victorian law to ensure compliance and delivery of services related to these community expectations.
- **Service Provider** – Council is a leading provider of services which support these community expectations. Responsibility for providing these services is often shared between Council and other government agencies, non-for-profit organisations and commercial businesses.
- **Facilitator** – Council facilitates, partners and plans with other service providers to achieve these community expectations.
- **Advocate** – Council's primary role is to advocate on behalf of (and represent) the community to other levels of government, service providers and business organisations around these community expectations.

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING

Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR THEME 1 1 JULY 2022 – 30 JUNE 2023



STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 30 JUNE 2023

Strategic Objective 1.1: Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential through all stages of their lives

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Active library borrowers per head of municipal population	Target by 2025 = 10%	Active borrowers for 2022/23 is 20,741 (Result = 8.2%). The result for 2021/22 is 7.10%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Kindergarten participation rates (includes non-Council services).	Target by 2025=93%	94% is the most recent kindergarten participation rate (2021), the previous result in 2020 was 94%. (Source: Department of Education)

Strategic Objective 1.2: Provide opportunities, and support business growth and visitor economy to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Number of student placements supported by Council	Target by 2025 = 100	There were 84 student work experience placements between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. (Source: Hume City Council, CHRIS21)
Percentage gap between the Greater Melbourne and Hume LGA unemployment rates.	Target by 2025 = 3.5%	Latest data on the unemployment rates show a gap of 2.8% between Hume City (6.6%) and Greater Melbourne (3.8%). For the same period last year, the gap was 3.5% (Source: Department of Employment Small Area Labour Markets)

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
Completed Not Completed Deferred

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING

Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

Strategic Objective 1.3: Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Participation rates in Maternal Child Health	Target by 2025 = 75%	The 2022/23 participation rate is 74.12%. The participation rate in the MCH service in 2021/22 was 73.36%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Percentage of community who are satisfied with their health	Target by 2025 = 85%	70.7% is the 2022/23 result which is a decrease from the previous result of 88.8% in 2020/21. This indicator is collected every two years and will next be published in 2024/25. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators)
Percentage of community who believe it's a good thing for a society to be made up of people from different cultures	Target by 2025 = 85%	92% of people agreed it's a good thing for a society to be made up of people from different cultures in 2022/23 compared to 85% in 2020/21. This indicator is collected every two years and will next be published in 2024/25. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators)

Strategic Objective 1.4: Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Average overall community satisfaction rating for Council led events and festivals	Target by 2025 = 80%	The average overall community satisfaction score for Council led events and festivals in 2022/23 is 87.3%. The result for 2021/22 was 79%. (Source: Hume City Council, Event Evaluations)

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
■ Completed ■ Not Completed □ Deferred

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING.

Strategic Objective 1.1: Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential through all stages of their lives.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.1.1 Strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connections. *Council's Role: Service Provider, Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Actions to strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connection included: • Volunteering for All Expo held in November 2022, with 92 residents in attendance and 25 organisations were represented as stallholders. • Two workshops were held in May and June 2023 to develop a Hume Volunteering Charter that will shape a vision for a sustainable volunteering future. The Charter will be presented to Council in December 2023. • Council's Volunteer Charter (Volunteering for All) development is well progressed, which will shape a vision for a sustainable volunteering future. The Charter will be presented to Council in December 2023. • Council hosted a Volunteer Civic Reception event in May as part of National Volunteers Week to celebrate and acknowledge Hume residents' contribution to the community. Approximately 300 volunteers were recognized on the night. Three Hume volunteers were invited to be present their projects highlighting the contribution to the broader community. • Interest in volunteering is returning following COVID19 with an additional 697 people, and 20 community organisations having registered their interest. • Nineteen community organisations and groups participated in Volunteering Victoria free webinars and workshops. • Five community engagement activities delivered. • 2024 Community Grant program includes a Specialist Partnership Grant category for volunteer engagement. • The Annual Tax Help program supported 201 resident calls and 134 client appointments. • Commenced partnership with Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN).

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
■ Completed ■ Not Completed □ Deferred

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING.

Strategic Objective 1.1: Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential through all stages of their lives.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.1.2 Continue to review Council's early years services and explore future infrastructure requirements for the short, medium and long term needs to support continued service growth and changing government policy direction. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	The Kindergarten Infrastructure Building Blocks Pipeline partnerships agreement with the Victorian Government has been approved. The agreement has identified expansion work at five locations that will increase licensed Kindergarten places by 198 by 2026. The current Kindergarten infrastructure plan (KISP) is under review and will consider the impacts of 30 hours of Pre-Prep. Further investigating is being undertaken to consider infrastructure works that will support increased licensed capacity in high need areas.

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
Completed Not Completed Deferred

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING.

Strategic Objective 1.2: Provide opportunities, and support business growth and visitor economy to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.2.1 Provide a range of Council-led initiatives and work experiences to strengthen employment pathways and vocational education opportunities, particularly for those of diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Chief People Officer	Initiatives and work experience to consolidate, develop and strengthen employment pathways and vocational education opportunities included: • Over 100 work placements have been offered with 84 work experience placements being undertaken within the financial year. • Work placements commenced as part of the Industry Practical Placement (IPP) program in partnership with Kangan Institute for Hume residents with a mild intellectual disability. • Two hundred and thirty-eight new hires (56%) during the 2022/23 financial year were Hume residents. • The 2023 Passport to Work program was delivered in collaboration with Juno Institute and DPV health. Fifteen Hume residents participated with 64% of the protégés (Hume residents) securing employment. The program supports community members to develop the skills necessary to gain employment. • Council provided a letter of support to the Northern Councils Alliance (NCA) Inclusive Employment project to advocate for funding from the State Government. to deliver an Inclusive Employment Program for local residents who face barriers to employment. Council will continue to advocate and share support for this project. • In December, Hume collaborated with other local governments to participate in a LGPro Inclusive Employment Job Summit. This summit provided the opportunity to connect with local job seekers and promote Hume City Council as an employer of choice.

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
Completed Not Completed Deferred

THEME 1 A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING.

Strategic Objective 1.2: Provide opportunities, and support business growth and visitor economy to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.2.2 In partnership with the Victorian Government and business, progress the revitalisation of Broadmeadows and Hume Central to facilitate a vibrant town centre, places for people to work, learn, live and enjoy and advocacy for renewal of the Broadmeadows Train Station. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	The Hume Central project continues to progress through key projects within the broader program of works including: • Advocacy campaign to gathering local feedback on Broadmeadows Train Station and Banksia Gardens Renewal priorities. • Supported provided to Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKI) as they progress renewal works at their Broadmeadows campus. • Community information and consultation sessions occurred in February 2023. • The Broadmeadows multi-deck carpark design has reached completion of the design development phase. • An Expression of Interest (EOI) process was completed for a key development site within the Hume Central precinct. The project will now prepare documentation to undertake a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to start in Q1 2023/24. • As part of the Broadmeadows Hume Global Learning Centre Expansion project, an Architect has been engaged and finalised concepts for a ground floor refurbishment to accommodate new Council chambers, public gallery, and community meeting space. The design work will continue into Q1 of 2023/24.

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1.2.3 Strengthen tertiary education opportunities in Hume City through the Multiversity Program and advocacy for a university or TAFE to be established in Hume's growth areas. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Strengthening tertiary education opportunities in Hume City have included: • The 2022/23 Hume Multiversity Tertiary Education Scholarship Program was launched in December with a total of 99 scholarships awarded to Hume residents enrolling in study with La Trobe University, Victoria University and Deakin University, Kangan Institute and Melbourne Polytechnic. • Victoria University delivered three training programs: Introduction to Emotional Intelligence, Effective Communication Skills and Communicating with Influence A total of 41 participants attended from local businesses. • A successful Illuminate nextgen Challenge was delivered in August 2022. Eight Hume secondary schools participated (15 teams consisting of 87, Year 9 and 10 students from a diverse range of backgrounds.) The topic for the challenge was Social Enterprise and top honours were taken out by the Hume Anglican Grammar team 'Second Chance' with their business proposal for a hard waste and clothing upcycling and redistribution service. • Advocacy for tertiary education to be established in the growth areas is well advanced with a Tertiary Education provider in discussions with a major developer delivering in the Northern Growth Corridor.

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1.2.4 In partnership with stakeholders, advocate for, and strengthen Hume City's economy by building business capability, promoting the visitor economy and attracting innovative business, support and facilitate business growth and local employment outcomes. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Council continued to strengthen Hume City's economy through; **Facilitating business growth, capabilities, innovation and investment attraction** • As of June, StartNorth has 93 members; an increase of, 12% from June 2022, this is a record high of memberships. • In collaboration with ygap, Council delivered the Sustainability in Business six weeks Program which worked with ten local entrepreneurs and helped them to consider business growth with a sustainability lens. • Participation in the ongoing development of the Melbourne's North Regional Investment Attraction Strategy in collaboration with NORTH Link and Regional Northern LGA's. A redevelopment is underway of the Hume Investment Attraction Framework, Hume Investment Prospectus and Virtual room. Visitor economy and liveability has been integrated into the Strategy, Framework and Prospectus. • Establishment of financial incentive has been granted to a new business investor by Hume City Council. **Facilitating local employment outcomes:** • A total of 23 Hume Businesses joined the Employment and Economic Development SEED project . • The Hume SEED Inclusive Employment Framework has been finalised and available to all Hume Businesses considering adapting their recruitment and employment practices to be more inclusive and diverse. • A total of 107 unemployed Hume residents were directly supported by the Local Employment Partnerships Team into employment with Hume businesses. • A total of 13 employer led information sessions were delivered with a total of 310 Hume residents participating.

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1.2.4 cont.	City Planning and Places	• Delivered two Jobs Expo's in partnership with: Melbourne Airport Corporation, NORTH Link. A third, Women in Construction and STEM Careers and Jobs Expo, was delivered in March in partnership with the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, SheForce, Kangan Institute and the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN). 88 women attended the event including participants from four secondary schools. • Facilitating the rezoning of land at 45 Donnybrook Road to facilitate the development of the new industrial estate within the State significant industrial precinct in line with the Hume Corridor. **Visitor Economy (VE)- promotion, investment, growth and advocacy** • Delivered two promotional campaigns thorough: TimeOut and Winter 'Official Visitor's Guide' (OVG) promoting Hume as a destination. • @discoverhume Instagram page has 5,000 followers. Since January 2023 over 100 cafes and restaurants have been promoted on this platform. • A range of confidential investment enquiries and planning applications are being delivered in the VE investment attraction space, as well as planning pre-approvals, stakeholder meetings and internal referrals. • Six and a half thousand people attended the 2023 Hume Winter Lights Festival - of those who attended, 32% lived outside of Hume City.

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Strategic Objective 1.3 Promote a healthy, inclusive, and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.3.1 In partnership with Victoria Police, continue to identify and deliver initiatives to improve driver/road safety, including reducing hoon driving and illegal dirt bikes. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Council Officers continue to actively engage in the Victorian Government's 'Hooning Community Reference Group'. A series of clauses relating to hoon driving and dirt bikes are currently being considered for inclusion in the General Local Laws. Temporary CCTV cameras have been installed across several community locations with high reported incidence of hoon driving. Since installation, five reports have been made to Victoria Police regarding hooning behaviour and property damage. Through the VicRoads annual grant program Council has applied for grants to support a number of road safety initiatives including safe walking routes to school, cycle education and pre-learning support for young people seeking to apply for the learning permit. Planning is underway for a Road Safety Forum on the 19 July in Mickleham. The forum will focus on collating shared experiences of unsafe driving behaviours observed at school pick up and drop up times, before promoting safer driving behaviours. This forum will be delivered in collaboration with the Victorian road policing division.

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Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.3.2 Facilitate initiatives and partnerships to raise awareness around the impact of family violence, and support prevention of violence against women campaigns. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	During October 2022, Council delivered a range of activities as part of 16 Days of Activism. This included a launch of the 'Change Starts with You' youth resource in partnership with DPV Health, Good People Act Now and Man Cave, financial independence workshops for migrant and refugee women, a Walk Against Violence event and a community event featuring a panel discussion focused on addressing family violence within diverse communities. Planning for the 2023 16 Days of Activism has started in partnership with Libraries, Community Centres and external organisations such as Northern Community Legal Centre. Council has completed an organisational assessment of existing family violence prevention initiatives in order to identify gaps, areas of duplication and opportunities for improvement. Based on the findings of this assessment, the following initiatives have occurred; • Consultation took place in April 2023 with key internal stakeholders on family violence prevention priorities. • A review of Council's Family Violence Support Policy is underway in partnership with Women's Health in the North (WHIN). • A recommendation for responding to family violence disclosures training for supervisory staff is being considered. • Establishment of an internal Family Violence Prevention Working Group.

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Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.3.4 Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Initiatives to address barriers to access and participation and support community members to feel included and safe included: • In July, the NAIDOC event was attended by over 200 people, this included the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) members contributed to and attended a Video Exhibition: Stories of Connection, Stories of Us by James Henry. • In December, the Education Scholarships were completed with 55 students being awarded a total of $60,500, and 235 people in attendance. • In December and January, Council partnered with Arabic Welfare to deliver Human Rights Ambassador training sessions. • As part of Harmony Week in late March, 16 Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Week activities were delivered in partnership with community centres and local services/organisations. The Hume Interface Network Harmony Sports Day concluded Harmony Week in April 2023. • Eighteen participants successfully completed the 2023 Change Makers program in June. This year's program also built skills and capacity of past Change Makers who took on roles in facilitation and developing program content. • Four hundred people attended the Refugee Week event in June 2023. The event was organised by five local young people with lived refugee experience in partnership with Council. The event featured a cultural fashion parade, music, dance, service providers information stalls and children's activities with the aim of advancing fairness and equity in the community by celebrating cultural diversity and the richness people from refugee background have contributed to Hume City's cultural vibrancy. • One hundred people attended events to mark Sorry Day at the Stolen Generations Marker and a Reconciliation Week film screening. The events were lead by the RAP Working Group.

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1.3.4 cont.		• Approximately 100 people attended a rainbow flag raising event on IDAHOBIT Day in May 2023. Council, Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation and Sunbury Cobaw Community Health worked in partnership to deliver the event that celebrates our LGBTIQA+ community. The aim of celebrating IDAHOBIT was to raise awareness of the systemic challenges that prevent or limit members of the LGBTQIA+ community participation in broader community life. • A range of disability accessibility works have been completed – for further information see item 1.3.12. Initiatives that had provided an intersection that support sustainability: • Welcome to Hume Tour was developed to address social justice barriers to participation in Health and wellbeing services. Fifteen community leaders attended the May tour and learned about Council's recycling, waste, customer service, libraries and energy efficiency services. The pilot project has contributed to the development of on ongoing program that aims to address access and participation barriers, three more Welcome Tours are planned for next quarter. • Members of the Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) provided a blessing of the plants at the Interfaith Planting Day and planted native seedlings at Jack Roper Reserve in June 2023. • Monthly open days, working bees and gardening workshops at all Community Gardens continue. The garden workshop provide the opportunity for community members from varied backgrounds to meet new people and engaged in community life. • Twenty five free food growing workshops were held at Hume community centres throughout the year, engaging 150 residents in education about low-cost food growing. • Planning took place for linking emergency relief providers with local food growers.

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1.3.5 Establish an ongoing compliance model across Council that ensures our operational, reporting and investigation obligations, required under the Child Safe Standards and the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) are met. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 90%	City Services and Living	A new Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy adopted in July 2022, replacing the previous Child Safe Policy 2020. This revised policy provides clear links to the Child Safe Toolkit, and processes and procedures in line with new 11 Child Safe Standards. The Child Safe eLearning module has also been updated and rolled out to all permanent, temporary and casual staff in March 2023. The Project Officer - Child Safe Standards has commenced and is developing a five-year action plan based on the findings from the FamSafe Report and a review of policies and procedures currently in place.
1.3.6 Finalise a review of General Local Law No. 1, including community and stakeholder engagement. *Council's Role: Statutory Authority* **Progress Indicator** 95%	Chief Financial Officer	Following public exhibition of the draft local law in February and March 2023, the final Hume City General Purpose Local Law 2023 has been scheduled for adoption at Council's meeting in August 2023.

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1.3.7 Finalise and commence implementation of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to support responsible animal management and safety. *Council's Role: Statutory Authority* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Community consultation to inform Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan was undertaken. This has included consultation at local festivals and events, at local dog parks, online and via social media. An analysis of animal-related customer service request, complaint and service performance data has been delivered. A further round of consultation occurred with key stakeholders, internal staff and community members in April and May 2023 to assist in the identification of key action. The draft plan has been endorsed for public exhibition, with feedback open until the 24 July. The final plan is expected to be adopted at Council's meeting in August 2023.

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1.3.9 Continue to undertake initiatives and advocacy to reduce gambling related harm and gambling reform. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator:** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	A community gambling attitudinal survey was developed and implemented. The survey results will provide Council with greater insights into how gambling is impacting the Hume community and will be used to support a range of advocacy efforts relating to gambling reform and the prevention of gambling harm. Other notable efforts undertaken during this period include: • In August 2022, Council officers attended and supported contributions to a research project hosted by Deakin University about the normalisation of gambling amongst various vulnerable demographic groups. In October 2022, Council partnered with Banyule Community Health Services to promote Gambling Harm Awareness Week. • In February 2023, the Annual Gambling Report was presented to Council. • Council's submission to the Public Accounts & Estimates Committee inquiry into the VAGO report no.99: Follow up of Regulating Gambling and Liquor (2019) and no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021). • A letter sent to local MPs advocating for cashless gambling cards • Advocacy work around the community benefits statement. • Additionally, Council hosted a workshop late June for external gambling-harm service providers to support the Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy review process and begin to enhance the collective voice community organisations within the policy review. • Council Officers are continuing to attend and support gambling networks and working groups, as convened by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA). • The Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy is currently being reviewed, and expected to be finalised in 2023/24. As part of this review, community and stakeholder consultation is currently being planned, including a community behavioural survey on gambling related activities.

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1.3.10 Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	The Year One Action Plan has been delivered, a core part of Quarter 4 was establishing structures that enable health and wellbeing actions that are inclusive and beyond business as usual. A cross-organisational steering group has been established to provide ongoing oversight to the implementation and evaluation of the plan and supporting annual action plans. The Year Two Action Plan is expected to be submitted to adoption in August. The following priority areas are also reported on in separate sections of the Council Plan: • Healthy and respectful relationships (see action 1.3.2) • Gambling harm minimisation (see action 1.3.9) • Housing (see actions 1.3.11; 2.1.2; and 2.1.3), and • A healthy environment, climate action and community resilience (see actions 2.2.1 and 2.2.3).
1.3.11 In partnership with local agencies, provide assistance and support to people sleeping rough within Hume City, including adopting a rough sleeping response protocol. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	The following actions were completed during the financial year: • In August 2022, Council worked in collaboration with multiple agencies to raise community awareness and provide information for Homelessness Week 2022. • Rough Sleeping Protocol and supporting procedures completed • Connect/Respect Training Program delivered • Council webpage indicating contacts for local homelessness services as part of community awareness building designed and implemented • Summer pilot of the Hume Shower Access Program delivered and evaluated Discussions with agencies to improve service delivery for at risk groups; including women and young people experiencing domestic and family violence and people with disabilities have occurred.

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1.3.12 Continue undertaking accessibility works at Council facilities, and other public-realm improvements to support people with disabilities. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Access audits and planning continues to ensure responsiveness of accessibility works and the implementation of improvements to support people with a disability. Accessibility works have been carried at the following council facilities: • Sunbury Aquatic Leisure Centre (SALC) – including access, pathways doorway and signage • Banks Street Kindergarten, Craigieburn – completed paving to outdoor play space • Craigieburn Men's Shed - completed paving between work sheds • Craigieburn Community Garden - completed access path from car park to gardens and upgraded parking bays • Homestead Community and Learning Centre, Roxburgh Park – completed paving and access ramps upgrade. Concept designs are underway for work at Mitford Kindergarten, Craigieburn and Lynda Blundell Seniors Centre, Dallas. Scoping has commenced for work at Tarcoola Kindergarten, Meadow Heights and Bradford Kindergarten, Greenvale.

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Strategic Objective 1.4 Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.4.1 Undertake initiatives to strengthen local arts, including the adoption and implementation of the Creative Places Arts Infrastructure Plan. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	In October, Council adopted the Creative Places and Spaces Plan following community and stakeholder consultation. In November, Council endorsed the 2023 Arts Grants Program Guidelines, applications were open between February and March and resulted in the distribution of $47,150 to 15 recipients. Initiative to strengthen local arts included: • Sixteen exhibitions were presented across Council's three galleries. 300 people participated in public programs supporting exhibitions. • Six murals were installed. Eighty people attended mural activation events. • Arts officers provided support to five other public art projects across Hume. • The Stolen Generations Marker was completed and launched with over 150 people attending the launch. • Activation Fund projects including Hume Slow Pavilion (over 200 participants), Cubby Towns (120 participants), Here We Walk (over 30 participants). • Seventy-three community members attended workshops as part of the Community of Practice professional development workshops for artists. • Seventy-one community members participated in the George Evans Collection Spaces Review.

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Strategic Objective 1.4 Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
1.4.2 Develop an Events and Festivals Strategy/Service Plan to strengthen access to and support of local community events and festivals. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 90%	City Services and Living	Community engagement to inform the development of an Events and Festivals Strategy and review of the existing Events and Sponsorship Policy was undertaken in October 2022 The draft Strategy (Vibrant and Inclusive) was endorsed by Council in May 2023, community and stakeholder engagement occurred from May to June 2023. A report recommending adoption of the Strategy is planned to go to Council for consideration in August 2023.
1.4.3 Subject to the land exchange agreement for the Jacksons Hill site, commence design and delivery of improvements to develop a Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct at Jacksons Hill. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Council signed a long-term lease agreement with State Government to facilitate improved community infrastructure outcomes for the Sunbury arts community and residents. A celebratory Christmas event was held on site for community in December. Progress is being made toward the redevelopment of Building 22 (previous Women's Refractory) for the future Sunbury Arts and Cultural Precinct on Jacksons Hill. Initial works include slate roof and chimney repairs, roof plumbing and drainage upgrades, weather, and pest proofing. A Community Advisory Group meeting was held in May 2023. Project planning continues with ongoing consultation and engagement activities to ensure the precinct brings great value to Sunbury and the surrounding community.

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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

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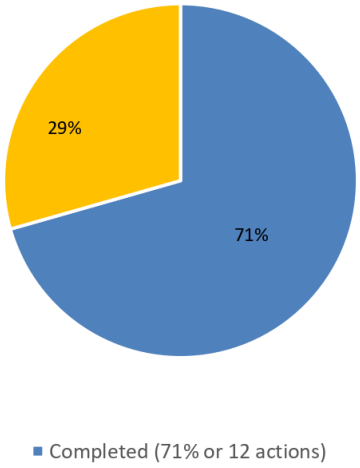

STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 30 JUNE 2023

Strategic Objective 2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Percentage of Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT	Target by 2025 = 60%	0% of decisions were upheld at VCAT. In 2021/22 the result was 67%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Percentage of planning applications decided within required timeframes	Target by 2025 = 60%	45% of planning applications were decided within required timeframes. The 2021/22 result was 42%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)

Strategic Objective 2.2: Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Percentage of kerbside waste collection diverted from landfill	Target by 2025 = 45%	The 2022/23 waste diversion rate is 34.1%. The diversion rate for 2021/22 is 35.1%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)

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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

Strategic Objective 2.3: Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Net increase in street and park trees per year	Target by 2025 = 5,000	During the 2022/23 financial year, there has been a net increase of 1,192 trees, with 2,019 trees having been removed and 3,211 trees planted. The previous result in 2021/22 was a net loss of 38 trees (this was impacted by the significant storm event in November 2021). (Source: Hume City Council)

Strategic Objective 2.4 Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Community satisfaction rating with sealed local roads	Target by 2025 = 62	2022/23 Result: 54/100. Previous result was 61/100 in 2021/22. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey 2021/22, Community Indicators Survey 2022/23)

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Strategic Objective 2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.1.1 Review and implement improvements to further enhance the delivery of services within the Planning and Development Department. *Council's Role: Statutory Authority* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Customer Journey Mapping and the finalisation of the Procedurals Operations Manual, reviewing of the Internal Referrals and Town Planning Conditions and Post Permit Approvals processes has been completed with key recommendations and next steps identified. Building control processes including: pool registration process, report and consent and building complaints management have been reviewed with improvements to be implemented from 2023/24.

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Strategic Objective 2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.1.2 Undertake planning to improve housing diversity (including housing design guidelines), and advocate for improvements to social housing. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Two key initiatives were progressed: • a Planning Scheme Amendment C263 which seeks to facilitate greater housing diversity and choice, and • the draft Good Design Guide which seeks to improve the design and sustainability of new medium density housing in Hume. Community consultation on these will occur in 2024. Advocacy for improvements to social housing have included: • Council's Build a Better Hume consultation and advocacy campaign run in a variety of locations including Broadmeadows Central Shopping Centre and Banksia Gardens Community Services in the lead up to the State Election Community feedback from the advocacy campaign on the need for renewal at Banksia Gardens Estate was gathered and relayed to Homes Victoria. • Homes Victoria provided Council with a briefing in February 2023, including providing opportunity for Councillors to provide feedback for Homes Victoria's consideration. • Council is working with Homes Victoria on communications plans for community and stakeholder engagement on Master Plan for Banksia Gardens Estate.

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Strategic Objective 2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.1.3 Deliver Stage Two of the youth crisis facility needs assessment, including determining and pursuing feasible options for facilitating its delivery. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100%	City Services and Living	A feasibility process to determine the best service and infrastructure delivery option for a youth crisis facility in Hume City was completed, taking into consideration at risk groups, including those experiencing domestic and family violence, people with disabilities, people that have lived experience from Government care and criminal justice systems. The findings were presented to Council and will inform future work that explores potential advocacy and funding for a facility. The recommendations captured insights into evidence and data for a facility, a review of best practice models and consideration of potential locations for a facility.
2.1.4 In partnership with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and adjoining councils, continue to advance planning for the City consistent with the vision and directions of Council's integrated growth area plans, including the planning for new town centres in Cloverton and Merrifield. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Council officers and the Victorian Planning Authority have continued to work on finalising the technical studies and the draft plan for Greenvale North R1 Investigation Area and the 800 Somerton Road Amendment. Further investigations into the strategic issues for Merrifield North PSP are underway by the VPA with Council officer input as appropriate but have been delayed due to VPA resourcing. Officers have continued to work with Stockland and neighbouring Councils to advance the planning of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre, including the preparation of a Regional Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment.

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Strategic Objective 2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.1.5 Support rural landowners to manage land sustainably and protect environmental assets by implementing the new Rural Engagement Program, including the Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE) Grant, Primary Producer Rate Rebate, Rural Land Management Grant, and capacity building activities. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Grants, rebates and initiatives to support rural landowners to manage land sustainability and protect environmental assets included: • CoRE projects for 2022-23 financial year are now completed. • CoRE Grants – Applications for 2023-24 grants was open from February to May 2023, 54 applications were received. Council endorsement with be sought for the recommended applicants in August 2023. • Seventy-nine applications for the Primary Producer Rate Rebate (PPRR) were received, with recommended applicants progressing for Council endorsement in August 2023. • Applications for Rural Land Management Grant (RLMG) are open (ongoing). One hundred and seventy-nine applications have been received, with officers progressively processing applications. • A range of community events were held including: weed control drop-in sessions an information stall at the Sunbury Agricultural Show, a rabbit management field day, and an equiculture workshop.

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Strategic Objective 2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhancing natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.1.6 Implement the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Framework by progressively developing individual plans for each of the conservation reserves. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 35% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Infrastructure and Assets	The management plan for Mt Ridley Reserve is being finalised and will be operational by August 2023. Four draft plans (Princes Nature Reserve, Kalkallo Public Reserve, Harper Creek Parklands and The Parkway Nature Reserve) will be finalised by October 2023. Two draft plans (Maygar Greybox Nature Reserve and Malcolm Creek Parklands), will be finalised by November 2023. Two plans, Albert Rd Nature Reserve and Mumilam Korobine Nature Reserve, have been deferred and added to the 2023-24 schedule.

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Strategic Objective 2.2 Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.2.1 Implement programs to support environmental sustainable leadership including Enviro Champions, Gardens for Wildlife, and Environmental Scholarship programs. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Services and Living	Programs to support environmental sustainable leadership included: • Twenty application have been received for round three of Gardens for Wildlife, applications are currently open. Forty-five visits have taken place in rounds one and two. Five additional garden guides recruited and trained, bringing the total number of garden guides to 14. Evaluation surveys sent to gardeners in rounds one and two, with a 50 percent response rate and overall positive feedback received. • In August, the 2022 cohort of Enviro Champions graduated. Ten community members trained in the 2023 Feb to May program, with five new community-led sustainability projects initiated. Great Green Get Together graduation scheduled for 17 August 2023 • Six environmental scholarships were distributed between July 2022 and June 2023 • Forty sustainability themed community workshops held between July 2022 and June 2023, including Let's Grow Hume food growing workshops at community centres, libraries, kindergartens and community gardens. • In September, residents participated in a Citizen Science program for 2022/23 by undertaking a Latham's Snipe bird surveys across Craigieburn/Mickleham. This threatened wetland bird migrates between Japan and Australia each year and one population has made Hume its Spring/Summer home in recent years.

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Strategic Objective 2.2 Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.2.2 Finalise the review of the Land and Biodiversity Plan and commence implementation. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 75%	City Services and Living	Consultation has taken place with stakeholders regarding draft actions aligning with Rural Engagement, Reconciliation Action Plan and Open Space Strategy. The Draft Land and Biodiversity Plan is in final stages of development. A draft plan will be presented to Council in August 2023, seeking endorsement to present the draft for public exhibition during August and September. The Plan is expected to be adopted by Council in late 2023.
2.2.3 Enhance Council's response to climate change including the development of a climate action plan to cover actions within Council operations and to support the Hume community and businesses adapt to climate change. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100%	Infrastructure and Assets	Initial community and stakeholder consultation to inform the development of the Draft Climate Action Plan has now been completed, and internal consultation and consideration of community feedback was finalised. An additional workshop to capture guidance from Wurundjeri Elders occurred in April 2023. Hume's draft Climate Action Plan was endorsed by Council for public exhibition in June 2023. Public exhibition closes in July and Council will consider the Plan for endorsement in September 2023.

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Strategic Objective 2.2 Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.2.4 Undertake investigations and progress initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting, including at Cloverton, and subject to funding, Jack Roper Reserve Broadmeadows and/or John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Broadmeadows. and/or O'Brien Street retarding basin Sunbury. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100%	Infrastructure and Assets	Initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting have included: • Functional design for the Cloverton Stormwater Harvesting tank site has been completed. • A draft stormwater supply agreement has been prepared and Sunbury Cemetery Trust are reviewing the final changes. This agreement is for the supply of stormwater to Sunbury Cemetery from the O'Brien Street retarding basin stormwater harvesting project. • Detailed design for Jack Roper stormwater harvesting scheme is complete. • A Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been drafted for the John Ilhan stormwater harvesting scheme. Complex testing at the proposed rain garden site has been completed and the consultant is preparing the final report. The flora and fauna assessment at John Ilhan Reserve has commenced. The consultant will complete a further site assessment before completing the report
2.2.5 Support the transition of the Hume economy to a Circular Economy. *Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Initiatives to support the transition to a Circular Economy have included: • The Hard Waste Design Sprint was completed in November 2022. It was delivered by Circular Economy Victoria in collaboration with RMIT Activator. • A second Innovation Design Activity was completed in May 2023. This developed a business case for a Hume Hard Waste Smart Cycle Centre to support and encourage circularity and reduce waste to landfill. • The Circular Advantage Program 2022 was completed in February 2023. Planning has now commenced for the next program for delivery in the 2023/24 financial year. • An EOI for a new program to support local business transition to Circulatory (Circular Essentials) will be released in July 2023. • Planning is completed for a Council staff training program on Circular Design, Circular Construction and Circular Procurement to be delivered in July 2023.

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Strategic Objective 2.3 Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.3.1 Finalise the suburb boundary review and implement approved changes. *Council's Role: Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100%	Chief Financial Officer	At its meeting held in December 2022, Council resolved to finalise its review of locality boundaries located within the Hume City municipality, to take no further action to review locality boundaries located within the Hume City municipality. Council also noted that no changes to any existing locality boundaries within the Hume municipality, or the creation of any new suburbs, are proposed.

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Strategic Objective 2.3 Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.3.2 Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 45%	City Planning and Places	Engagement with community for Draft Open Space Strategy was completed in March, and is expected to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows Masterplan state of the art Play and picnic area has been completed with the official opening in March 2023. A car park and three Rugby league pitches are also completed with use of the pitches by local team Northern Thunder and Melbourne Storm. The construction of the State Rugby league centre and community centre is substantially progressed and scheduled for completion by mid 2024. Improvements to active and passive open spaces include: • Progress Reserve, Coolaroo Stage One has been completed, with the official opening in April 2023. • Hamilton Hume Reserve, Greenfield Reserve, and Cimberwood Drive Reserve open space upgrades are nearing completion of construction, and will be completed in July 2023. • Andlon Court Reserve, Tullamarine – contractor appointed, construction to commence in July 2023. • Grove Road Reserve, Craigieburn, procurement under way; construction in late 2023/24. • Highgate Recreation Reserve, Craigieburn playspace – detailed design development underway. • Balyang Park, Craigieburn - design commenced. • Grey Box Woodlands Park, Broadmeadows – a targeted flora & fauna survey is required to be completed in spring; pending findings design documentation to commence in early 2024. Construction scheduled for 2024/25. • Hatty Court Reserve, Campbellfield – a Cultural Heritage Permit is required to be undertaken in spring. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are adopted to promote positive interaction and a sense of safety

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Strategic Objective 2.3 Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.3.4 Develop open space masterplans for Merlynston Creek and Aitken Creek *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 35%	City Planning and Places	In developing the master plans, community and stakeholder engagement will be undertaken to understand how the site is currently used and what improvements are needed to facilitate positive interaction and activity. The master plans will consider enhancements to Council's walking and cycling networks, access to open space, activation at key locations, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. To support the sustainability of the area operational and maintenance practices will be considered, while enhancing and protecting the local environment. **Progress to date on Merlynston Creek Master Plan** • Feature survey is completed. • Initial plans for site improvements have been prepared for community consultation. • A community and stakeholder engagement plan is currently being developed. with engagement expected to commence in August 2023, it is expected that the master plan will be completed in mid-2024. **Progress to date on Aitken Creek Master Plan** • Feature survey field work is completed. • Currently seeking a quote for an Aboriginal and Historic Cultural Heritage Assessment to inform the master plan. • Currently procuring consultancy services to undertake the master planning process, aiming for completion in early 2024.

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Strategic Objective 2.3 Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.3.5 Finalise a 10-year waste strategy and implement initiatives to reduce the incident of illegal dumped waste in Hume City. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Infrastructure and Assets	The Recovery Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2022 following an engagement process which involved speaking to over 21 thousand households, and incorporating feedback from more than 3,700 people. The Strategy focuses on increasing the diversion of material from landfill. It also focuses on reducing litter and dumped rubbish to decrease pollution and impacts on human health and wildlife. In March 2023, the Mayor Cr Haweil launched Hume's new Keep Hume Clean campaign at a Clean Up Australia Day community event. A Waste Response team has been formed and will focus on education, enforcement and infrastructure to support the residents to dispose of waste correctly. with some roles to focus on proactive patrolling for illegally dumped waste, recruitment will commence shortly. Council have begun to deliver illegally dumped waste postcards to households within some of our illegally dumped waste hot spots, promoting legal waste disposal options for residents.

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Strategic Objective 2.4 Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.4.1 Progress preliminary works for the construction of Yirragan Road connection to Buckland Way, Sunbury. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 50%	Infrastructure and Assets	In June 2022 Council voted to proceed with the project, and an update was provided in July to Jacksons Hill residents. In November 2022, a meeting was held with the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Cultural Heritage Council to discuss the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) application. This project has not been able to progress while external approvals are being considered. Council Officers are continuing to work with partner organisations to resolve issues with the external approvals.

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Strategic Objective 2.4 Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
2.4.2 Develop and commence implementation of a Transport Strategy to improve transport networks, and continue to undertake initiatives to enhance walking and cycling. *Council's Role: Service Provider, Facilitator* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	City Planning and Places	Hume's existing transport strategy, the Hume Integrated Transport and Land Use (HILATS) Strategy, has been reviewed to provide guidance on developing a new Transport Strategy. A Transport Seminar was held in November 2022 with internal teams where potential transport priorities and futures for the city were presented by transport planning experts. Work on a technical background paper is well advanced along with a project plan. Work has commenced on a community and stakeholder engagement plan. A Project Management Plan, including Terms of Reference for a Project Control Group and Project Working Group with reference to the Disability Action Plan, Community Safety Action Plan and Pathways to Sustainability has been finalised. A schedule of workshops has been established to inform the development of the Strategy. These will inform the project management and future directions for the new Transport Strategy. Initiatives to enhance walking and cycling included: • Greenvale to Attwood shared path construction 95% completed by end June 2023. • Aitken Creek Shared Path/Rail Trail: awaiting further advice from Yarra Valley Water, a draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) was completed in June 2024. • Kismet Creek Shared Path: waiting traffic advice regarding timing for Spavin Drive upgrade works, a draft CHMP was completed in June 2023. • Northern Trails - Plans for a path connection on Cooper Street, Campbellfield (a VicRoads managed road) have been completed and is awaiting approval from the Department Transport and Planning. Following approval construction will be scheduled. • Moonee Ponds Creek Trail line marking completed.

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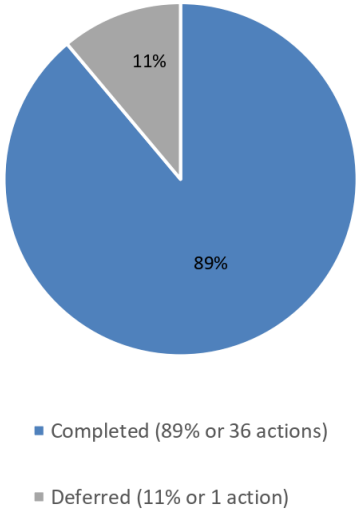
Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR THEME 3 1 JULY 2022 – 30 JUNE 2023



STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 30 JUNE 2023

Strategic Objective 3.1: Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Community satisfaction with Council decisions	Target by 2025 = 60%	2022/23 result is 55/100. Previous year result was 57/100 in 2021/22. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey 2021/22, Community Indicators Survey 2022/23)
Percentage of Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public	Target by 2025 = 15%	14.1% is the result to date in 2022/23. This result in 2021/22 was 13.7%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement	Target by 2025 = 55%	2022/23 result is 53/100. Previous year result was 57/100 in 2020/21. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey 2021/22, Community Indicators Survey 2022/23)

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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

Strategic Objective 3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Adjusted underlying surplus as a percentage of underlying revenue	Target by 2025 = 5.33%	Result for 2022/23 is -0.31%. In 2021/22, the result was 2.19%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation	Target by 2025 =82.94%	Result for 2022/23 is 84.15%. In 2021/22, the result was 66.89%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Percentage of Council Plan Actions completed	Target by 2025 = 80%	Thirty-six actions (80%) have been completed in 2022/23. Forty-three actions (68%) were completed in 2021/22. (Source: Hume City Council, Council Plan Quarterly Reports)

Strategic Objective 3.3: Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

Indicator	Target	2022/23 Result
Employee Retention Rate	Target by 2025 = 92%	Employee retention rate was 91.7% for 2022/23. The result for 2021/22 financial year was 87.2%. (Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework)
Satisfaction with Council's overall performance	Target by 2025 = 65	2022/23 result is 60/100. Previous year result was 68/100 in 2021/22. (Source: Hume City Council, Community Survey 2021/22, Community Indicators Survey 2022/23)

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Strategic Objective 3.1 Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.1.1 Implement and support programs and advisory committees/reference groups to foster community leadership and increase community participation into Council decision making processes including: • Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) • Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) • Multicultural Advisory Group (MAG) • Hume Community Safety Advisory Committee • Hume Jobs and Skills Taskforce • Hume Sustainability Taskforce (HST) • Youth Advisory Committee • Hume Clean Taskforce Advisory Committee *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100%	City Services and Living, City Planning and Places, Infrastructure and Assets	Support for programs and advisory committees/reference groups during the year included: • RAPWG – a planning day was held in April to review Terms of Reference and set key priorities for the coming year, including development of a new RAP 2023 - 2025 and events to mark significant dates. The RAPWG planned and supported the delivery of: ○ The Video Exhibition: Stories of Connection, Stories of Us by James Henry as part of NAIDOC 2022. ○ Supporting the organisation of the Sorry Day event (see 1.3.4). ○ A Reconciliation Week film screening and panel discussion was held in June. The film explored topics of colonisation and panel discussion included members of the RAPWG and film, theatre and media expert Bryan Andy. • HIN – in December a combined Merri-bek and Hume HIN meeting was held to explore opportunities for joint activities, The HIN hosted a Harmony Sports Day in April 2023 and supported faith leaders to provide a blessing of the seedlings at the Interfaith Planting Day in June 2023. • MAG - in October 2022 a workshop was held with 30 service providers and council officers to identify the purpose of the group and areas of focus for 2023. In February 20 new members were inducted into the group. The MAG is completing a review of Council's Multicultural Action Plan to identify future priority areas and has provided input into the draft Multicultural Communications Framework and continues to work to identify ways to strengthen service delivery to multicultural communities across the municipality. • Safety Advisory Committee – three meetings were held between July 2022 to June 2023. Council, in partnership with the committee delivered a range of events and activities as part of 16 Days of Activism in late 2022. A Hume Road Safety Forum has been delivered with participants from Council, Victoria Police and VicRoads. This forum focused on reviewing and exploring serious road incidents that occurred through the Christmas Holiday period and to identify opportunities for road safety prevention activities. At the June meeting Victoria Police presented an area wide update on crime.

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Strategic Objective 3.1 Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.1.1 cont.		• Hume Jobs and Skills Task Force – four meetings have been held between July 2022 and June 2023. • Sustainability Taskforce - six meetings have been held July 2022-June 2023. The taskforce has provided input to the community Design Guidelines, made recommendations for inclusion in the Land and Biodiversity Plan. and for implementation of the Hume's Waste Strategy. • Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) – regular fortnightly meetings held between July 2022 to June 2023. Rolling recruitment to the YAC has been delivered this year, with twelve members regularly attending and inputting into the direction of YAC projects. • Hume Clean Taskforce Advisory Committee – three meetings have been held July 2022-June2023 the Terms of Reference of the Hume Clean Taskforce have been reviewed. Due to the decline of membership numbers, a recruitment drive for new members will be undertaken in the second half of 2023.

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Strategic Objective 3.1 Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.1.3 Undertake initiatives to enhance Council consultation and engagement practices, in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Customer and Strategy	Council's Annual Community Survey (Community Indicators Survey) was completed and presented to Council in November 2022, with an interactive dashboard of results published on Council's website. Results from this survey highlight a slight decline (not statistically significant) in community satisfaction with Council's level of consultation and engagement with the community. Key factors contributing to poorer satisfaction include a desire for more information about key projects and greater opportunities to provide meaningful engagement which influence the outcomes of Council decisions. Work progressed for the development of a new online engagement platform, providing new features and tools to enhance Council's engagement practice and improve user experience. The new platform is expected to be launched in August 2023. From the 1 July to 30 June, more than 84 consultation, engagement and evaluation projects were completed. Almost 25,000 unique visitors accessed Council's community engagement platform in the last 12 months, visiting a total of approximately 38,500 times. The number of visitors to Council's participate.hume site increased by 53% compared to 2021/22.

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Strategic Objective 3.1 Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.1.4 Develop and implement Council's State Election Advocacy Strategy to inform and engage the community, business and key stakeholders on Council's position on issues of local importance in the lead up to the Election. *Council's Role: Advocate* **Progress Indicator** 100%	Customer and Strategy	Council's State Election advocacy campaign 'Build a better Hume' was conducted between August and November. This included an online Virtual Hub, which provides engaging information about our advocacy priorities and encourage people to support our campaign. • Billboards were erected in early September 2022 highlighting our two advocacy projects within the area – the Banksia Gardens and Broadmeadows Train Station redevelopments. • A range of social and digital promotions were rolled out, including video interviews with community members and drone footage of all priority sites. • Campaign through organic and paid content saw high engagement rates with many people commenting and sharing our content to Hume community groups. Community activations and free coffee sessions were held weekly from September to November at targeted shopping centres and Council facilities. This has allowed Council to provide information about each of the priorities and why the State Government needs to provide funding, create greater community awareness of Council's role as an advocator, provide details of how community members can get involved in the campaign and increase Councillor and community engagement. At the activations, community were encouraged to vote on the advocacy priorities that matter to them. An evaluation of the State Election campaign was presented to Council in February 2023 and is being used as part of the development of Council's new Advocacy Strategy.

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Strategic Objective 3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.2.2 Enhance service efficiencies and improve transparency and performance accountability by undertaking initiatives to enhance Council's enabling information technology and corporate performance reporting. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Customer and Strategy	Through the adoption of the 2023/4 Council Budget, Council allocated a net total of $29.2 million over five years to implement the Technology One 'One Council' CI Anywhere solution to digitally modernise our core enabling technology to support improved customer service experience to meet the needs of our growing city. Work is underway to prepare for the execution of the transformation program which will commence in 2024.

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Strategic Objective 3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.2.3 Plan for, deliver, and undertake initiatives to improve utilisation of community infrastructure and facilities: including finalising the Community Infrastructure Plan, Community Facilities Strategic Review and Youth Facilities Review. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	• City Planning and Places, City Services and Living	**Community Infrastructure Plan:** A draft Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) was endorsed by Council in November 2022, community engagement occurred from January to March 2023. The final Community Infrastructure Plan was adopted by Council in May 2023. The principles within the CIP and forward planning for the identified actions within the CIP have taken into consideration the actions and strategic direction of the Disability Action Plan, Community Safety Action Plan and Pathways to Sustainability action plan. **Community Facilities Strategic Review:** • The Fees and Charges working group has developed a new fees and charges model, which is being referred to the 2024/25 budget process for inclusion. • A separate working group has been convened to identify customer experience improvements. • The Booking System has been formally awarded to the preferred supplier. Final contract negotiations are underway, implementation is expected in late 2023. **Initiatives to improve utilisation of Youth Facilities:** • Activation of both Sunbury Youth Centre and Youth Central are underway, this has included consultation with young people, schools, and service providers. • Proposal developed for the activation of Craigieburn Youth Centre. • Expression of Interest distributed to youth sector in Hume for hireage of spaces at the Sunbury Youth Centre.

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Strategic Objective 3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.2.4 Establish processes and procedures for Gender Impact Assessments that consider the effects that new (or changes to existing) Council policies, programs or services may have on different genders of Hume City's community. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100%	Customer and Strategy	Gender Impact Assessments (GIA) for the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, and Craigieburn and Valley Park Community Centres have been completed. GIAs for the General Local Law, Craigieburn Community Garden Upgrade, and Community Grants Program have been undertaken. A GIA process and templates was be endorsed by ELT in February 2023. Council is continuing to work with the Commissioner for Gender Equality to support the implementation of Gender Equality Reporting, including Council's compliance with the completion of GIAs, which is due in February 2024.

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Strategic Objective 3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.2.5 Develop 'Living Local'/'Neighbourhood' community plans to improve alignment of Council services, programs and activities to the needs of local communities and to better maintain and realise the qualities of local areas. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** **Deferred** This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Customer and Strategy	The development of 'Living Local/Neighbourhood' community plans has been deferred, however ongoing work continues to progress with regards to developing localised responses to community need. This has included the development of an Arts Infrastructure Plan, community engagement on the Community Infrastructure Plan and Open Space Strategy and progression of Hume Central. The concept of 'Living Local/Neighbourhood' Community Plans will be re-examined as part of the deliberative engagement process for the update of the Community Vision, following the 2024 Council elections and as part of Council's Integrated Corporate Planning and Reporting Framework.

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Strategic Objective: 3.3 Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.3.1 Undertake a range of initiatives and programs to enhance the skills and capabilities of Council's workforce, including developing and implementing a Future Workforce Strategy, Workforce Plan, Gender Equality Action Plan and a Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Chief People Officer	Initiatives to support the Diversity and Inclusion Governance Framework, Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) and Gender Equality progress reporting have included: • Progression of Council's commitment to gender equality for staff and community, through communications and participation in International Women's Day, Melbourne Pride and Midsumma. • Aligning activities of the Gender Equality and LGBTIQA+ working groups. • Foundational gender equality and intersectionality training provided to 42 staff, with 75% of participants recommending training to others and an enhancement of their knowledge pre and post training. • Launching an 'Inclusive Workplace' intranet page, providing practical tips for inclusion of all people in the workplace. • Preparation for the Commission of Gender Equality progress reporting, due February 2024, including participation in the Victorian Public Sector Commission's People Matter Survey. Additionally, in March, the organisation launched a new set of Corporate Values and guiding behaviours to enhance organisational performance in the way we deliver services to our community.

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
Completed Not Completed Deferred

THEME 3 A COUNCIL THAT INSPIRES LEADERSHIP, IS ACCOUNTABLE AND PUTS THE COMMUNITY FIRST

Strategic Objective: 3.3 Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.3.2 Undertake service reviews, business process improvements and initiatives to improve the Customer Experience provided across Council services, programs and activities. *Council's Role: Service Provider* **Progress Indicator** 100% This is a multi-year action. The status reflects the percentage of the initiatives expected to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.	Customer and Strategy	A range of service planning activities continue to progress, including: • A review of Council's early years services (Kindergarten Expansion Program) has now been completed, and Council has entered into an infrastructure building partnership agreement with the Victorian Government. • Work has commenced to update the Kindergarten Infrastructure Service Plan (KISP) with the Department of Education to consider the impacts of 30 ours of pre-prep (See 1.1.2) • The Draft Vibrant and Inclusive Strategy (to strengthen access and support to local community events and festivals) was endorsed by Council for community feedback in between May and June. The final strategy is expected to be adopted in August (See 1.4.2). • Phase Two of the Building Services Review project has been completed, and the next phase focusing on business process improvements is underway (See 2.1.1). • An independent Internal Audit on Council's Service Planning Framework was completed, with recommendations for improvements made to Management and Council's Audit and Risk Committee on the 26 May 2023. Work has now commenced on the implementation of these recommendations. Initiatives to improve the Customer Experience have included: • Implementation of a new structure and allocation of additional resources. • In March 2023 the Customer Experience Maturity report was complete. An action plan to improve Customer Experience across council will be completed by late 2023 • Implementation of Council Request Management Process, designed to streamline the handling of Councillor enquiries and ensuring timely resolution.

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
Completed Not Completed Deferred

THEME 3 A COUNCIL THAT INSPIRES LEADERSHIP, IS ACCOUNTABLE AND PUTS THE COMMUNITY FIRST

Strategic Objective: 3.3 Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

Major Strategy or Action	Division	Description of Progress (Year to date)
3.3.2 cont.		• Progress continues on a new customer self-service portal, enhancing accessibility and empowering customers to access information and services. Work commenced to establish a new multilingual service 'Speak to us in your language', allowing customers to book time with a Council Officer who speaks their preferred language. This service is being introduced in July 2023.

The progress indicator displayed above is based on the status as follows:
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REPORT NO:	8.5
REPORT TITLE:	Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)
SOURCE:	Joel Farrell, Manager Organisational Performance & Strategy
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC21/988
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Hume City Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

In accordance with Sections 88 and 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), the *Council Plan 2021-2025* (including the Community Vision) was adopted by Council on the 25 October 2021.

As part of Council's annual review of the Council Plan, a minor revision of the Council Plan has been undertaken to ensure that actions outlined in the plan remain current and meet any changes in priorities.

The Council Plan incorporates the Disability Action Plan, the Community Safety Action Plan and the Pathways to Sustainability.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the revised Council Plan 2021-2025 incorporating the 2023/24 update [refer Attachment One].

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Local Government Act 2020:

Section 9 - Overarching governance principles and supporting principles

Section 55 – Community Engagement Policy

Section 88 – Community Vision

Section 89 – Strategic Planning Principles

Section 90 – Council Plan

3.2 Disability Act 2006

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 In accordance with Section 89 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must undertake the preparation of the Council Plan and other strategic plans as per the strategic planning principles.

4.2 Once adopted, the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Update)* comes into effect from the 1 July 2022.

4.3 The 2023/24 Budget (adopted 26 June 2023) gives effect to the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)* and provides the funding to support the delivery of the actions and services identified by Council as priorities in the Council Plan. With this minor revision, no major changes are being proposed within the Council Plan Actions beyond what has already been resourced within the 2022/23 Budget.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 Sustainability, including environmental sustainability, is a guiding principle of Council's Integrated Corporate Planning and Reporting Framework.

5.2 The Council Plan 2021-2025 incorporates Council's Pathways to Sustainability. Theme 2 and Strategic Objective 2.2 of the Council Plan provide particular focus and attention to minimising Council's environmental impact and recognises the community support for further action, as well as our obligations under Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* that the "mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted".

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The development of the Council Plan 2021-2025 considers mitigating and planning for climate change risks as required under Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020.*

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Themes, Strategic Objectives, Strategies/Actions and Strategic Indicators of the Council Plan 2021-2025 were developed within the policy context of the Hume City Council Social Justice Charter and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 In accordance with Sections 55, 88(4) and 90(3) of the Act, the Community Vision and *Council Plan 2021-2025* were developed in accordance with the deliberative engagement practices and Hume City Council's Community Engagement Policy. Details of this engagement process are outlined on pages 26-29 of the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)* [Attachment One].

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The Council Plan 2021-2025 was adopted by Council on Monday 25 October 2021 and outlines the Strategic Objectives of Council, the Strategies/Actions for achieving the objectives and the Strategic Indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives over the Council term (2021-2025).

9.2 As the Council Plan represent the four-year term of Council, actions which were completed in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years remain within the Council Plan, and are marked as completed in accordance with the final Council Plan Progress Report for 2022/23.

9.3 Revisions to Council Plan Actions for 2023/24 reflect changes to timeframes, further clarity to existing actions or to make the wording of the actions more succinct. Two additional actions and one new strategic indicator have been added, and one action has been removed, as noted below:

<u>New Actions:</u>

4.1.5 Work with the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) for the preparation of the 2024 Council Elections, including supporting VEC in their electoral boundary review for Hume City.

3.3.3 Facilitate regional outcomes for the benefit of Hume City's community through innovate partnerships, shared procurement and actively contributing to strategic networks and alliances.

<u>New Strategic Indicator:</u>

- Completion of Capital Works Projects.

<u>Removed Actions:</u>

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3.2.5 Develop 'Living Local'/'Neighbourhood' community plans to improve alignment of Council services, programs and activities to the needs of local communities and to better maintain and realise the qualities of local areas.

- This item has been removed as it will not be able to be completed before the next Community Visioning process as part of the Council Plan 2025 – 2030 development process. This action will be reconsidered following Council elections.

9.4 The *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2022/23 Update)* contains three Themes, 12 Strategic Objectives and 51 Strategies/Actions to be delivered in 2023/24 financial year.

9.5 Progress on the Actions and Strategic Indicators of the *Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)* will be reported quarterly throughout 2023/24, and through the Annual Report.

10. CONCLUSION:

The Council Plan is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update) incorporating the Disability Action Plan, the Community Safety Action Plan and the Pathways to Sustainability outlines the outcomes to be achieved during the Council term and indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives.

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HUME CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

2023/23 UPDATE

INCORPORATING THE:

- DISABILITY ACTION PLAN
- COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN
- PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

COMMUNITY VISION

A SUSTAINABLE AND THRIVING COMMUNITY WITH GREAT HEALTH, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the existing family members of 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 Elders past, present and future.

In the spirit of reconciliation Council acknowledges the role past federal and state government policies have played in the social, cultural and economic dispossession of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the ongoing intergenerational trauma experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a result of this, the impact of racism on this trauma and the ways in which these forces combine to reinforce entrenched disadvantage, poor health outcomes, increased contact with the justice system and economic disadvantage.

Council acknowledges the importance of self-determination, meaning that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples hold the knowledge and expertise about what is best for themselves, their families and their communities, and have the right to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

Council plays a role in healing and building positive relationships between Council and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, as well as educating the broader public about the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, cultures and history.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

We're pleased to provide the 2023/24 update to our four-year Council Plan 2021-2025.

We want to ensure that what we do today is aligned to our Community Vision for Hume City to be sustainable and thriving – and that starts with having the community at the heart of this plan.

Hume City is unique – we're a large municipality both geographically and by population. We have one of the most diverse communities in Australia, and we're continuing to experience large population growth. This plan helps drive our response to community needs, local issues, and opportunities.

The plan, and our supporting Budget, will see us move ahead with the biggest infrastructure program in our history.

This includes a $600 million investment for community facilities, road , footpaths, parks and reserves over the next four years, including $128.33 million in 2023/24 – bringing employment opportunities, new infrastructure, and new services to our community.

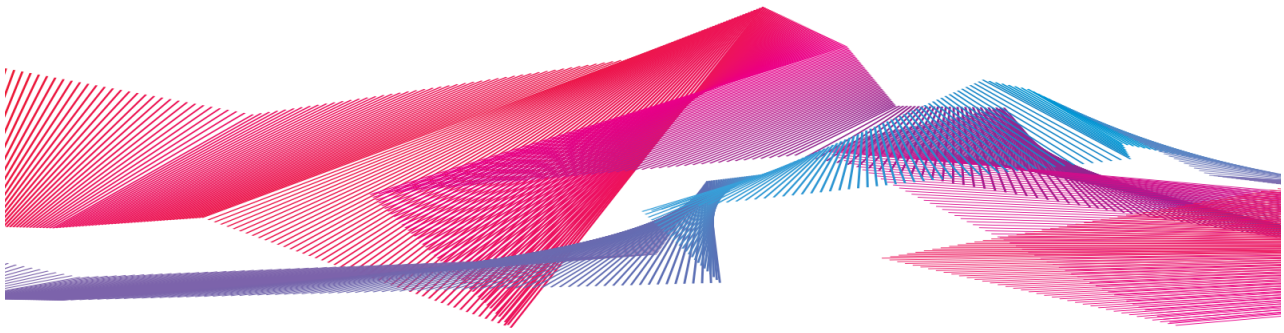
Council will provide $305.88 million to meet the growing demand for a variety of day-to-day services over the next 12 months.

Given the challenging financial climate we are all facing, Council will maintain an economic approach that foucses on delivering critical services to our community, based on good governance, sound financial management and is informed by principles of social justice and environmental sustainability.

The objectives, strategies and actions outlined in this document have been determined by the Council and informed by our long-term Community Vision.

Our Community Vision outlines the community's aspirations for Hume City's future. This vision was developed through extensive consultation with people who live, work, visit or own a business or residence in Hume City.

Thanks to everyone who helped develop our Community Vision and helped shape Hume's future.



In response to the Community Vision, Council has developed a series of strategic objectives under three main themes for our four-year Council Plan:

THEME 1:
A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING

THEME 2:
A CITY THAT CARES ABOUT OUR PLANET, IS APPEALING AND CONNECTED

THEME 3:
A COUNCIL THAT INSPIRES LEADERSHIP, IS ACCOUNTABLE AND PUTS THE COMMUNITY FIRST

During the Council Plan development, we identified a range of strategic objectives under each of these themes and outlined the strategies and actions to be undertaken during the four-year term.

We also outlined the strategic indicators used to help monitor and evaluate Council's success in achieving its objectives.

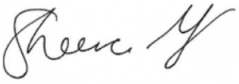
Under this plan, Council aims to provide a balance to ensure we deliver the services, facilities and infrastructure that families and businesses need today, while planning for future generations.

With more people choosing to call Hume home each year, we expect to welcome almost 70,500 residents over the next decade. Council has undertaken significant planning for this growth, so that we can continue to provide high quality services that meet the needs of our growing community.

We will also continue to advocate to the state and federal governments, as well as pursue partnerships with service providers and businesses, to create opportunities for our community to grow and prosper.

We look forward to implementing the strategies outlined in the Council Plan 2021–2025 and working to help our community thrive, now and into the future.

Councillor Joseph Haweil
Mayor of Hume City



Sheena Frost
Chief Executive Officer

OUR COUNCIL

Hume City Council consists of 11 Councillors who represent almost 260,000[1] people across the three wards – Aitken, Meadow Valley and Jacksons Creek. Council works closely with Hume's CEO and Executive Leadership Team, to set directions and priorities for the municipality. All decisions are made to meet the objective of enhancing the social, economic and environmental prosperity of our community.

AITKEN WARD

Includes the suburbs of Craigieburn (part of), Kalkallo, Mickleham, Oaklands Junction (part of), Roxburgh Park and Yuroke.

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Mayoral Portfolios

Customer Service; Communications and advocacy; Council and Service Planning; Early Childhood Education and Care, Finance and Procurement Services, Family Support and Health, Leisure, Health and Wellbeing, Organisation and Community Intelligence, Governance and associated statutory services.

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[1] id Consulting, Hume City Population Forecasts at the 30 June 2023

JACKSONS CREEK WARD

Includes suburbs of Attwood (part of), Bulla, Clarkefiled (part of), Diggers Rest (part of), Keilor (part of), Melbourne Airport, Oaklands Junction (part of), Sunbury, Tullamarine (part of), Westmeadows (part of) and Wildwood.

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MEADOW VALLEY WARD

Includes suburbs of Attwood (part of), Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Craigieburn (part of), Dallas, Fawkner (part of), Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Jacana, Meadow Heights, Somerton and Westmeadows (part of).

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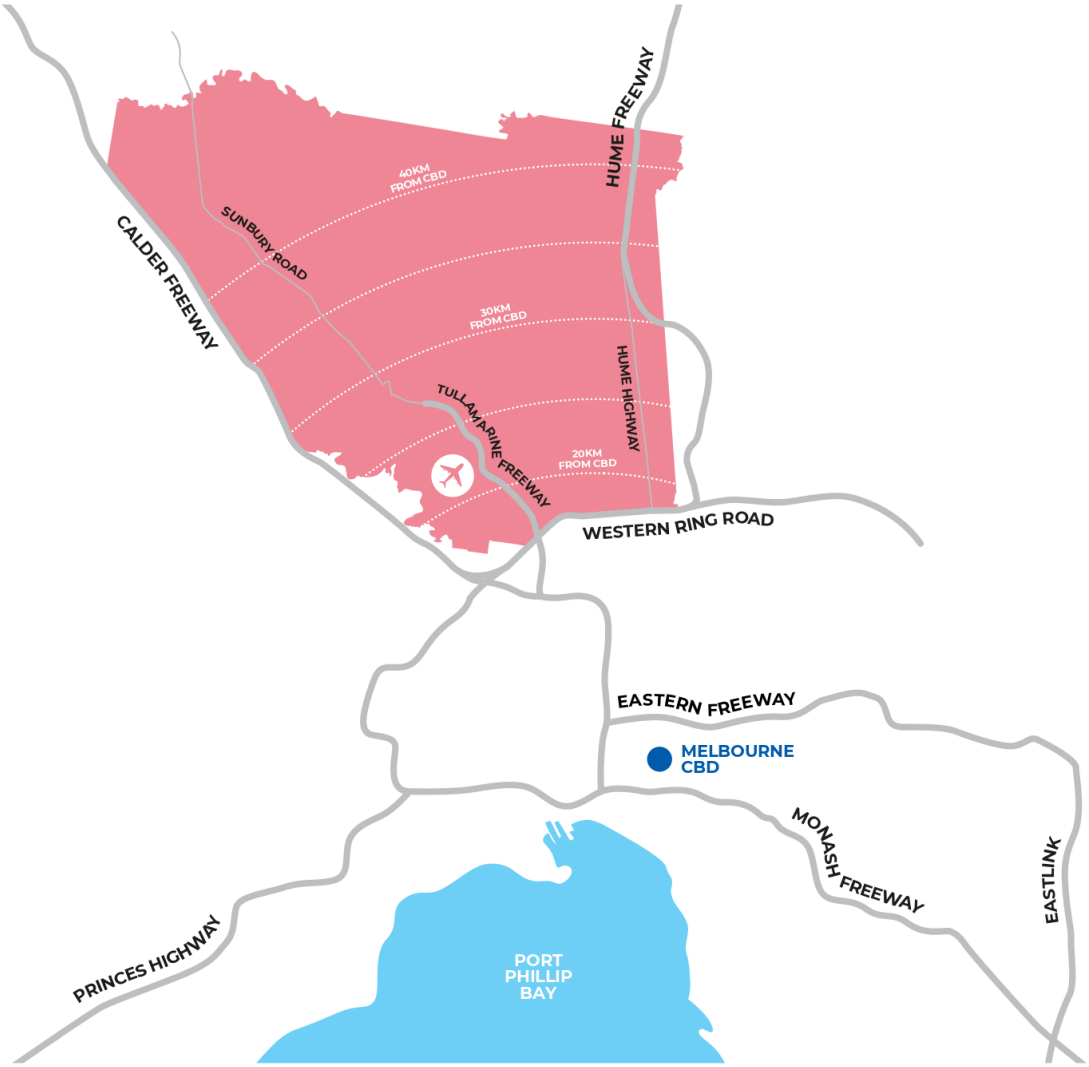
OUR CITY

OUR LOCATION

Hume is a place of great contrasts – in geography, economy, background and cultural diversity. Located just 15 kilometres north of the centre of Melbourne, Hume City is one of the fastest growing and most culturally-diverse communities in Australia.



Spanning a total area of 504 square kilometres, Hume City is built around the established suburbs of Broadmeadows, Tullamarine and Gladstone Park in the south, the developing residential suburbs of Craigieburn, Greenvale, Mickleham, Kalkallo and Roxburgh Park in the north-east and the Sunbury township in the north-west.

The municipality is made up of vibrant and diverse communities; including new and established residential areas, major industrial and commercial precincts and vast expanses of rural areas and parkland. The Melbourne International Airport accounts for 10 per cent of the total area of Hume City.

Hume City is also home to major road transit routes including the Tullamarine Freeway, Western Ring Road, Hume Highway and the Craigieburn Bypass and is abutted by the Calder Freeway to the west.

Hume City Council is bound by the local government areas of Moreland, Whittlesea, Brimbank, Macedon Ranges, Melton and Mitchell.

OUR HISTORY

Hume City has a long, rich and exceptionally significant past.

Hume City's rich and diverse history stretches back over 40,000 years when the first Aboriginal communities of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan first inhabited the region.

Although significant cultural knowledge was lost following European invasion and settlement, we are rich in Aboriginal cultural heritage. The municipality has more than 700 registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Places including burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees and stone features. Publicly known Cultural Heritage Places include Holy Green Mound, the Sunbury Rings and Sunbury Quarries.

About 10 years after Hamilton Hume and William Hovell explored the area in 1824 – 1825, the first Europeans settled along the Maribyrnong River, Jacksons Creek and Deep Creek waterways.

Our City is home to some of Victoria's most significant landmarks including Rupertswood Mansion and Emu Bottom Homestead in Sunbury as well as the historic Maygar Barracks in Broadmeadows – the training base for our troops during World War I.

Hume City Council was formally created on 15 December 1994 to incorporate the Shire of Bulla, most of the City of Broadmeadows, a section of the City of Whittlesea along Merri Creek and a north-east section of the (former) City of Keilor.

OUR CITY TODAY

Current population
260,000*

Population growth by **2041**
389,000*

More than
ONE QUARTER†
(just over 1 in 4) of the population
is **aged under 18 years**

ONE IN NINE†
persons are **65 years or older**

HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, RETAIL TRADE, TRANSPORT, POSTAL & WAREHOUSING#
are the **top industries** for **employed** Hume residents

TWO OUT OF FIVE#
employed residents
work within the
municipality

21,000°
businesses in Hume
employing **128,000 people**

Residents come from
170 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES†
with **40%** of all residents **born overseas**

Residents speak over
155 LANGUAGES†
with **49%** speaking a language **other than English** at home

78% OF 20-24†
year olds have completed **Year 12** or equivalent

More than
4 OUT OF 5≈
people agree that it is a good thing for a society to be made up of people from **different cultures**

More than **60** primary/secondary **schools** across Hume teaching over
44,000 STUDENTS↑

27.1% OF 30-34#
year olds have completed a **bachelor degree or higher**

Current Hume **households**
AROUND 88,000△

Forecast Hume households in **2041**
129,600*

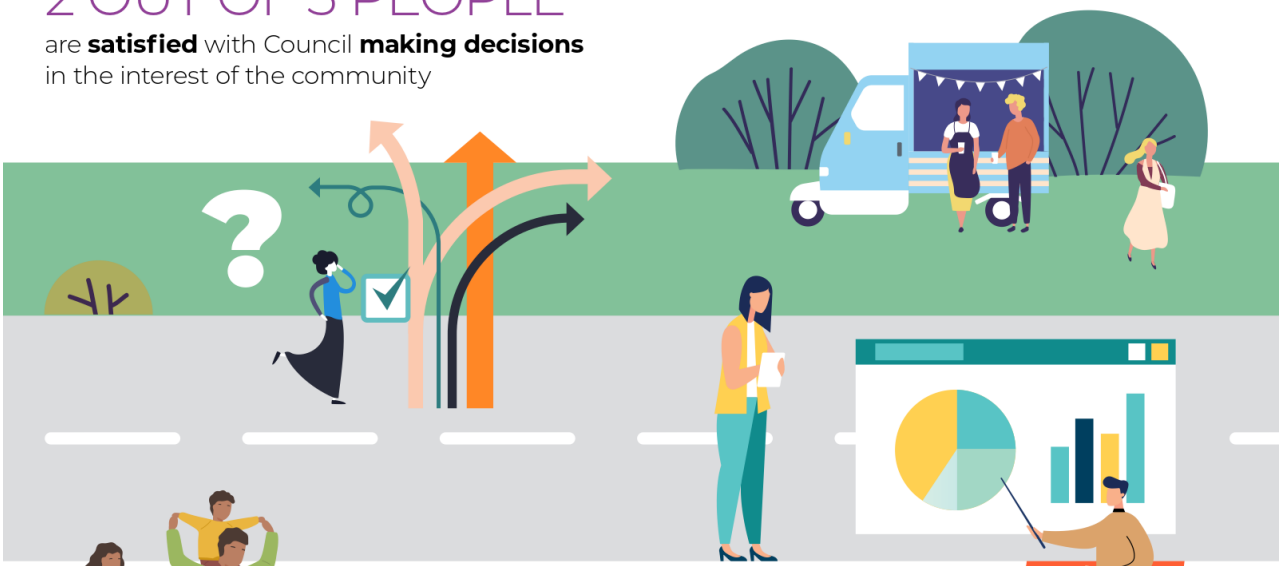
▫ Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population
* Source: ForecastID
† Source: ABS 2021 Census
# Source: ABS 2016 Census
° Source: Economyld
≈ Source: 2020/21 CIS
△ Source: Hume City Rates Database, June 2023
↑ Source: Dept of Education
◇ Source: Victorian Building Authority

There are around
250 PLAYGROUNDS/ PLAYSPACES
in Hume, this equates to around **1 playground** per **155 children** aged 0-9 years*

A total of
1,250,000
visits were made to Council's **three major leisure facilities** in 2022/23.

Almost
1 IN 2 PEOPLE≈
are involved in **community or sporting** groups

More than
2 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE≈
are **satisfied** with Council **making decisions** in the interest of the community



TWO THIRDS≈
of people rate Council's overall **performance** as **good**

More than
HALF OF PEOPLE≈
visit **parks, gardens, ovals** or **green spaces** at least once a week

7 OUT OF 10≈
people rate the availability of **walking** and **bike tracks** in their area as **good**

4,500 DOMESTIC/ RESIDENTIAL◇
building approvals in **2021** calendar year

More than
1 IN 5 PEOPLE≈
participate in **civic engagement** activities

More than
HALF OF PEOPLE≈
feel their community is good at getting involved in **local issues** and **activities**

THREE QUARTERS≈
of people are **happy** with **Hume's facilities** and services such as shops, childcare, recreation and leisure facilities and urban design

OUR ORGANISATION

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

To support the Mayor and Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer is appointed to ensure the implementation of Council decisions, manage the day-to-day operations of Council and is responsible for all staffing related matters.

SHEENA FROST
Chief Executive Officer

Sheena Frost joined Hume City Council as CEO in July 2021. In her 16-year career in local government, she has developed extensive experience across both service delivery and corporate services functions. She has a background in leading change programs to uplift capabilities within organisations to deliver improved service outcomes to the community.

She has formal qualifications in Communication and Workplace Coaching and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

CARL SIDIROPOLOUS-MULLER
Director Customer & Strategy

Carl joined Hume City Council in July 2022 in the role of Director Customer and Strategy, bringing his extensive experience in organisational transformation, program delivery, strategy development and implementation, gained through working in environment and transport sectors. Prior to joining Hume, Carl was the Executive Director, and later the Head of Road Safety Victoria within the Department of Transport in 2019 which led to the development of the state's 10-year Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and the launch of the state's first Action Plan 2021-2023.

Customer and Strategy leads advocacy on behalf of the community and engages community to help inform Council decisions, all while driving continual improvement and innovation. The division also delivers customer experiences and services, IT infrastructure, security, project management support, service reviews, and information management. It manages media relationships and provides vital news and information to staff and the community.

Council employees ensure services and projects are carried out in accordance with the Council Plan, and supporting documents in accordance with the Integrated Strategic Planning Framework. The Chief Executive Officer, Sheena Frost, is supported by the Executive Leadership Team.

HECTOR GASTON
Director City Services & Living

Hector Gaston joined Hume City Council in 2011 as Manager Aged Services & Public Health. Prior to this he worked at Moonee Valley City Council as well as the former City of Keilor. With over 30 years of experience in health, regulatory and community services in Local Government, he was appointed to the role of Director Community Services in 2018 and Director City Services and Living in 2022. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health), a Graduate Certificate of Business (Applied Business) and is an Australian Institute of Company Directors member.

City Services and Living advocates, plans and provides support, services and programs that enhance community wellbeing, promote healthy living and safety, while providing opportunities to participate in Hume City life. This includes services such as maternal and child health, immunisation, public health, preschool, childcare, youth services, libraries, aged care services, arts and events and leisure facilities. This division is also responsible for sustainability engagement, community safety, city laws, emergency management, community capacity building and social and health planning.

ADAM MCSWAIN
Director Infrastructure & Assets

Adam joined Hume City Council in July 2022 with more than 14 years' experience in local government. Prior to joining Hume, he was the Director Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure at Bayside City Council, and previously held executive roles at Edward River Council and Swan Hill Rural City Council. Adam has experience across capital delivery, strategy development and implementation and service review and transformation. Adam holds a Master of Business Administration, Master of Politics and Public Policy and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Infrastructure and Assets is responsible for managing a diverse range of community infrastructure and services for Council and the community, project managing of Council's capital works program and subdivisional development, and maintaining Council's assets including footpaths, roads, parks, bridges, and buildings. The division is also responsible for waste management and landfills, maintaining parks and gardens, rural land support, and protecting Hume City's biodiversity.

RACHEL DAPIRAN

Director City Planning & Places

Rachel joined Hume City Council in July 2022 after 20 years of experience working in planning, policy and strategy roles in local government and state government developing complex policy, pursuing reform and managing change. She held various Executive Director positions at the Victorian Planning Authority, leading teams responsible for planning, infrastructure, strategy and engagement. She is passionate about creating great places for people – having worked closely with Hume City Council on plans for Broadmeadows and Jacksons Hill in previous roles. Rachel has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

The City Planning and Places directorate focuses on the sustainable development of Hume, fostering economic prosperity, promoting urban design excellence and recreation planning. The division is responsible for Council's land use planning portfolio, including planning and building control, transport and infrastructure planning, economic development, environmental planning, and urban and open space planning and design.

FADI SROUR

Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Governance

Fadi Srour joined Hume City Council in 2005 as Manager Finance & Property Development. His extensive background in accounting and auditing includes experience in financial and tax planning, risk mitigation and internal and external auditing of a range of organisations including ASX listed companies and local governments. Since joining the organisation, internal controls and the robustness with which the annual budget and financial statements have been strengthened, in conjunction with the development of a long-term Financial Plan, have created a financially sustainable and debt free Council. He is a qualified chartered accountant, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has completed the Professional Property Development Programme with the UDIA.

The Finance and Governance directorate is responsible for the management of Council's finances including the development of a long-term financial plan and annual operational and capital works budgets for use in planning, performance evaluation and operational control as well as providing strategic direction to ensure the Council Plan can be funded. It is also responsible for Council's compliance with corporate business obligations including governance and risk management, rates and valuations, grants, procurement and property management. The division also provides guidance to Council and the Executive Leadership Team in legislative and statutory issues, especially the implementation and operation of the Local Government Act.

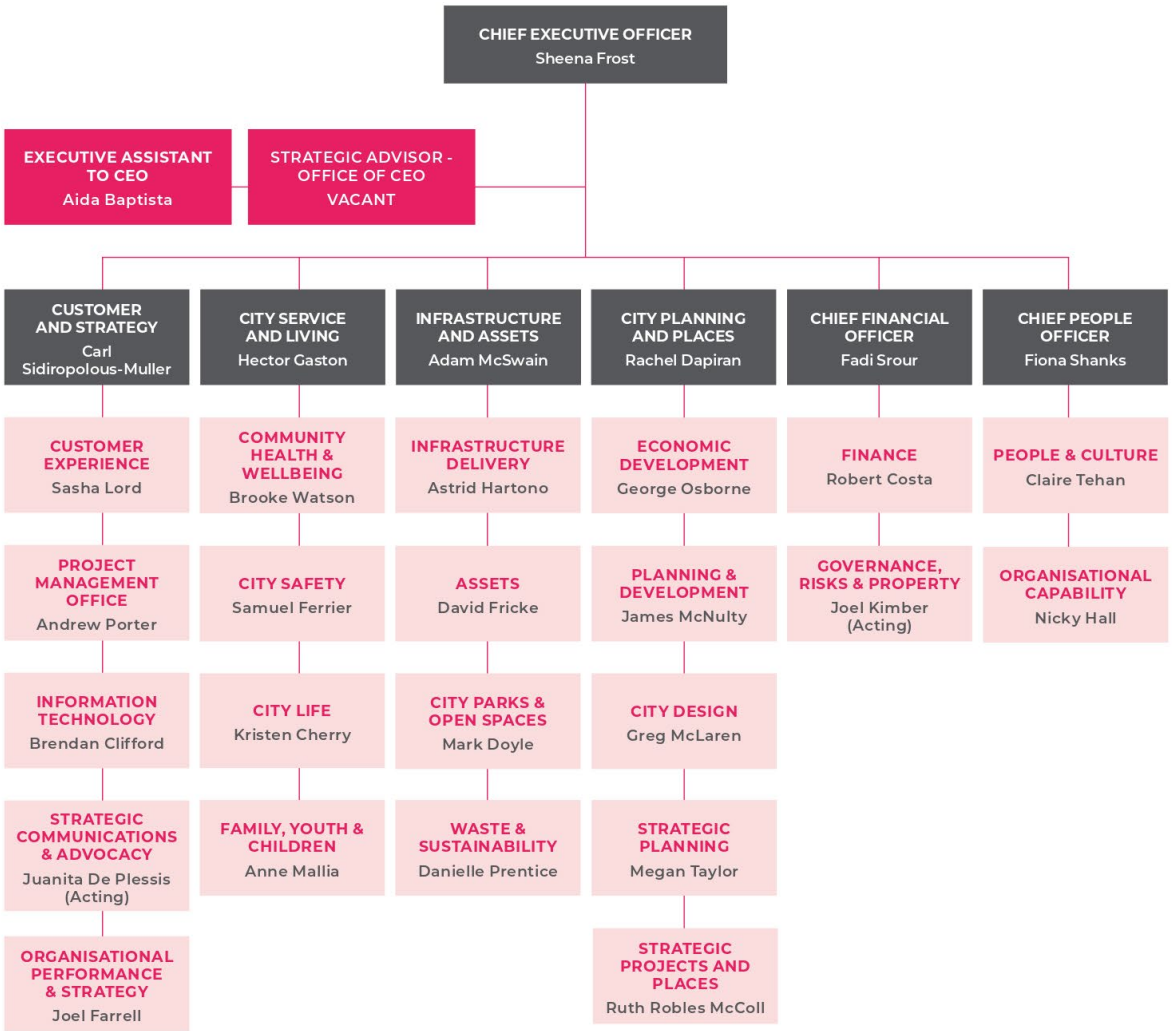
FIONA SHANKS
Chief People Officer

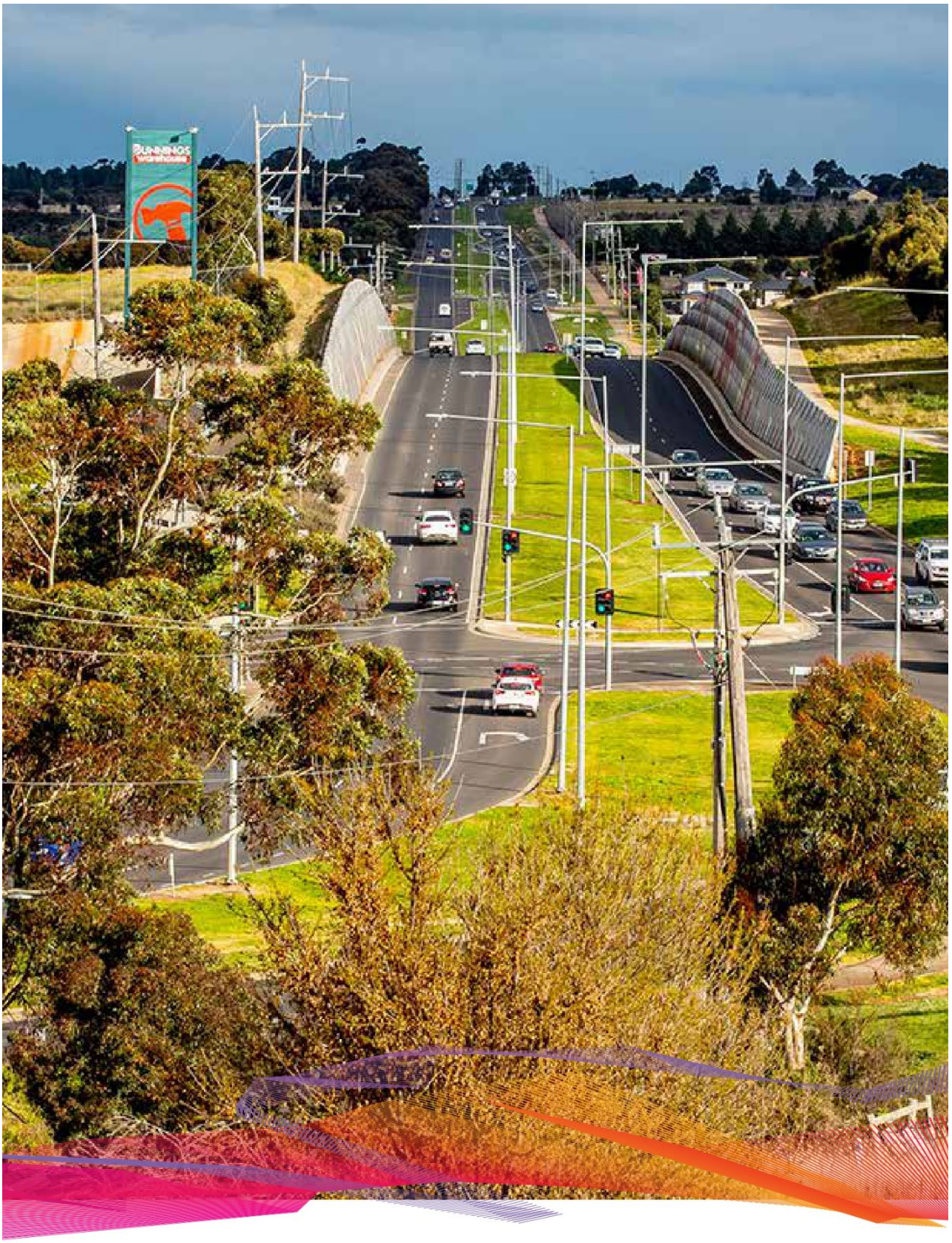
Fiona joined Hume City Council in November 2021 as Human Resources Manager before leading the One Hume organisational realignment as Interim Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy. Fiona was appointed to the role Chief People Officer in July 2022. With 15 years' experience as a People & Culture practitioner, Fiona's expertise also includes risk, governance, and business management. Her previous roles include Manager Organisational Development, Rural City of Wangaratta, Interim Chief Executive Officer at Northeast Health Wangaratta, and she is the current Chairperson of BankWAW.

People and Culture directorate provides strategic and operational advice on all matters relating to our people. We lead and oversee the implementation of the people and culture strategy, talent acquisition, leadership development and organisational development, workforce planning, and the Gender Equity Action plan. The directorate is responsible for all general employee services, learning and development, IR/ER, Workcover and payroll and work, health, and safety throughout Council's diverse work environments.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Hume City Council's organisational structure is based on six divisions that work to manage and coordinate the full range of activities and services to the Hume community.





ORGANISATIONAL VALUES

Our organisational values are We're better every day, and these values are displayed in the way we work and in everything we do to serve the Hume community.

We have a set of guiding behaviours to help staff and volunteers display our values, and these underpin the way we make choices and decisions and work with each other. Our dynamic and forward-thinking culture is a key to our organisation's success.

We're better, every day

We give things a go and value progress over perfection. We have permission to go for it and are expected to reflect and learn.

We're in it together

At Hume, everyone matters. We welcome and include all. Respect and safety are expected.

We show up

We empower and trust others and own our work. We rise to the challenges and are expected to do what we say we will.

All for Hume

We strive to achieve our best for the Hume Community. We are proud and passionate about working towards better outcomes and expect that they are at the centre of everything we do.

OUR INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Our Integrated Strategic Planning Framework describes how Hume City Council will work towards achieving the vision of our community.

This planning framework consists of a number of integrated long, medium and short-term plans that consider the priorities and resources needed to achieve the strategic objectives of Council.

As demonstrated in Figure 1 below, each of these document and plans should outline how they support and contribute to the delivery of the Community Vision, and are underpinned by Council's guiding principles of Sustainability and Social Justice.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLANS – PLANNING FOR HUME CITY OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS AND BEYOND

Community Vision

Outlines the community's aspirations for Hume City's future – all of Council's integrated strategic planning documents aim to support the delivery of this vision.

Financial Plan

Outlines financial resources, decisions and assumptions required to support the delivery of the Council Plan and other strategic plans of the Council.

Asset Plan

Outlines how Council will strategically manage our assets and infrastructure, including our obligations to maintain and upgrade existing assets or renew, expand or acquire new assets, or decommission or dispose of assets which are no longer required to support service delivery.

Municipal Strategic Statement

Focuses on the physical, social, economic, and environmental land-use planning and development strategies aimed at achieving the Community Vision. It provides the basis for planning application under the Hume Planning Scheme.

Figure 1: Integrated Strategic Planning Framework

MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGIC PLANS – PLANNING FOR HUME CITY'S FUTURE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND BEYOND

Council Plan 2021–2025 (this plan)

Sets the strategic direction of Council in helping support the delivery of the Community Vision and outlines the themes, strategic objectives, strategies/actions that Council will be undertaking during their four-year term in order to achieve the community's vision and aspirations. This plan also outlines the strategic indicators used to help monitor and evaluate the success of Council in achieving its objectives

Budget

Provides for the financial resource planning of Council to ensure the strategic direction commitments and services outlined in the Council Plan can be delivered, consistent with the Long-term Financial Plan, Asset Plan and Community Vision.

Revenue and Rating Plan

Outlines Council's appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach, in conjunction with other income sources in order to finance the strategic objectives in the Council Plan and maintain financial viability over the medium and long term.

Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Aims to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing within Hume City, and create a healthy environment for a thriving community consistent with the strategic direction of the Council Plan and Community Vision.

Workforce Plan

sets out the organisation's staffing requirements to achieve delivery of the Council Plan, including seeking to ensure gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness.

Service Plans and Strategic Plans

Document how specific services, programs and activities of Council are going to be delivered. These documents outline specific actions which are required to respond to changes in legislation, best practice and changing and evolving community need. These plans may vary in timeframes, but typically plan for services between three and ten years horizon.

ANNUAL PLANS AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING – DELIVERING ON COUNCIL'S COMMITMENTS OVER THE FINANCIAL YEAR (OR 12-MONTH PERIOD)

Staff Performance Plans

Outlines individual annual workplans and objectives for Hume City Council's workforce in delivering against the strategic objectives of the Council Plan and other plans within the Integrated Strategic Planning Framework. This includes learning and development plans to strengthen the skills and capabilities of our workforce to help support the realisation of the Community Vision.

Annual Report

Focuses on transparent and accountable reporting of Council's performance in delivering against the Community Vision, Council Plan and other plans as part of this Integrated Strategic Planning Framework. The Annual Report includes Council's Annual Financial Statements and the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework Performance Statement.

Quarterly Reporting

Provide regular monitoring and reporting of Council's performance in the delivery of the Council Plan and Budget.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Hume City Council's approach to integrated strategic planning is guided by a set of underlying principles which apply to the development of all policies, strategies, action plans and service plans.

SUSTAINABILITY

While sustainability means different things to different people, at its core is a common understanding that our social, financial and environmental resources will be utilised in a fair, responsible, transparent and efficient way.

Our commitment to sustainability will support a thriving community and ensure that we are living within the limits of the systems on which we depend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice seeks to promote a fair and just community that respects every citizen. A key focus of this commitment is to reduce disadvantage while strengthening community wellbeing and increasing community participation and sense of belonging.

In planning for the delivery of Council services and programs, and in the pursuit of social justice, Hume City Council will:

- Improve standards of access and inclusion for all residents.
- Deliver policy, programs and services that support equity and fairness.
- Nurture opportunities for engagement and participation.
- Measure the advancement of social justice across Hume's policies, services and programs to support rights and accountability.

OUR COMMITMENTS

Statement of Commitment to Child Safe Standards

Hume City Council is a child safe organisation with zero tolerance for child abuse. Council provides a safe working environment that values child safety, diversity and inclusion for all children aged 0-18 and adheres to the Victorian Child Safe Standards and related legislation. Council acknowledges the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of all children, especially children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, or culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and those with a disability.

Statement of Commitment to Gender Equality

In line with our Guiding Principle for Social Justice, Hume City Council will promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women and gender diverse people within our community. In delivering on this commitment, Council will take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality, and ensure that our staff consider gender equality when we plan for, and deliver services and programs.

COMMUNITY VISION

> **"A SUSTAINABLE AND THRIVING COMMUNITY WITH GREAT HEALTH, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING."**

Our Community Vision is supported by three themes that guide what Council and the community can do together to achieve our long-term aspirations:

1. A community that is resilient, inclusive, and thriving.
2. A city that cares about our planet, is appealing and connected
3. A Council that inspires leadership, is accountable, and puts the community first.

This vision has been written by our community, for our community, and will shape Hume City Council's long-term direction, priorities, and values.

The vision is unique to Hume City and highlights where we want to be in the future. It has been informed by the insight, knowledge, and stories of more than 8,500 local residents and groups – the people who know Hume best.

We are a community that is resilient, inclusive and thriving

We are lifelong learners who value education. We enable economic growth through the creation of local jobs and by supporting local industries. We acknowledge that the diversity of our people is not just an asset to our community, but one that is worth celebrating. We know our neighbours, support each other, and actively participate in the community.

We are a city that cares about our planet, is appealing and connected

We grow in a way that is both sustainable and sensitive to the open, natural, and rural spaces we are fortunate to have at our doorstep. We lead the charge for creating a place that will benefit future generations, while protecting our environment and building or advocating for sustainable neighbourhoods. We keep Hume City's rich heritage in our hearts and minds while designing spaces that are accessible and fill our community with pride.

We are a Council that inspires leadership, is accountable and puts the community first

Hume City Council are the custodians and champions for the Community Vision in both the work we do and in our voice as an organisation. We empower our community, amplify their voice and engage with them on what they want and need. We are transparent, responsible and responsive, while driving action through innovative services, excellent customer experience and asset delivery. We leverage the power of partnerships, relationships and innovation to improve the way we work for the community.

The Community Vision will help us to continue to be a liveable and prosperous city, and prepare us for the opportunities that the future will bring.

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY TO SHAPE HUME'S FUTURE TOGETHER

Council has a strong commitment to providing genuine and meaningful opportunities for the community to contribute to decision making processes that impact them. This includes consulting with, and engaging our community and stakeholders in the planning, design and delivery of Council services.

Council engages with Hume City's community on a daily basis, listening to, and responding to a broad range of community needs. These formal and informal conversations help to guide our planning for the services we deliver to our community. To further support our daily interactions, Council also undertakes more than 100 separate community consultation and engagement activities each year, ranging from community surveys to focus groups, to online discussions and face-to-face workshops.

Leading to the development of the Community Vision, Council Plan, Budget and Long-term Financial Plan, Hume City Council began with the collection of community views through a range of surveys including the Community Indicators Survey, the New Household Survey, the Community Satisfaction Survey and a range of targeted research to better understand the experiences and aspirations of our community.

Further to this, the Community COVID Survey and the Noticing the Changing use of Public Spaces Survey sought to understand the impacts of the pandemic on our community. The Climate Change Community Views Survey informs our response to the impacts of climate change.

Building on the short and long priorities gathered through surveys, Hume City Council then undertook a broad engagement speaking with our community about the long-term priorities seen as most important for Hume. We facilitated workshops across different places in Hume and held ten workshops facilitated in range of other languages. There were online forum boards, postcards and popups. All planned in a way to engage with a broad range of Hume residents, from all walks of life.

Our community provided views about the long-term financial priorities of Council using a 'budget simulator'. This tool allowed residents to further understand the allocation of financial resources to services and priority projects in Hume. Respondents shared views on key principle decisions informing the development of the Hume Long-Term Financial Plan and made recommendations for changes to the allocations of resources into the future.

Key to the development of the Community Vision, Council Plan and Long-term Financial Plan was the Hume Community Vision Deliberative Panel. It was broadly representative of Hume's community in terms of demographic composition, with panel members being randomly selected via an Expression of Interest process.

As shown in the following diagram, feedback was received from more than 8,500 people across Hume City during the various stages of the project.

A summary report from the engagement process around the Community Vision, Council Plan and Long-term Financial Plan is available on Council's Website.

Figure 2: Community engagement process for the development of the Community Vision, Council Plan and Long-term Financial Plan

PRE-VISIONING ENGAGEMENT (PAST CONSULTATIONS ON ASPIRATIONS)

- Climate Change Community Views Survey
- Community COVID Survey
- Community Indicators Survey
- Community Satisfaction Survey
- New Household Survey
- Noticing changing use of public spaces in Hume Survey
- Rural Strategy Survey and Workshops

Feedback from over **5,700 people** have been included as part of this stage

STAGE 1: BROAD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community surveys on long-term priorities
- 10 workshops (online, bilingual and place-based)
- 3 online ideas boards
- 12 popups at events across Hume City
- Postcard campaign with feedback

Feedback from over **2,600 people** have been included as part of this stage

STAGE 2: COMMUNITY PANEL

- Randomly selected as representative of Hume's demographics
- Work with ideas and feedback from the community to develop a draft Community Vision for Hume City and work with Council to shape the themes and strategic objectives.

STAGE 3: TESTING COMMUNITY VISION AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

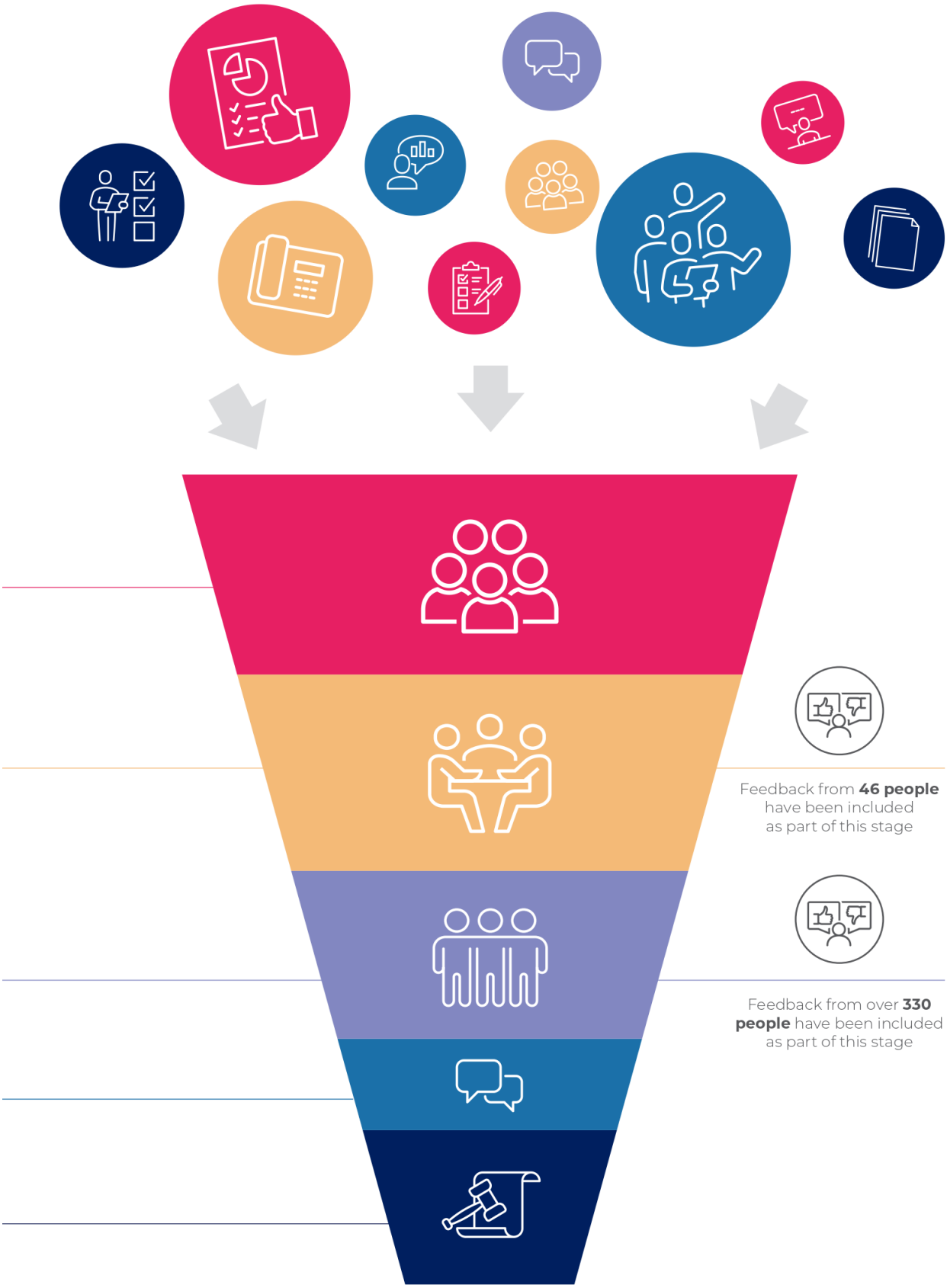
- Let's Shape Together Community Event brings people together to consider how Council can respond to the draft Community Vision, Themes and Strategic Objectives
- Budget Simulator test community views about long-term financial principles and the allocation of resources
- Deliberative Panel reconvenes to consider community feedback and results of budget simulator

STAGE 4: FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY VISION, COUNCIL PLAN & LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- Community submissions and feedback on the final draft of the Community Vision, Council Plan and Financial Plan

STAGE 5: COUNCIL CONSIDERATION & ADOPTION

- Deliberative Panel presents Draft Vision to Council for consideration
- Council is presented the Council Plan and the Financial Plan for adoption



Feedback from **46 people** have been included as part of this stage

Feedback from over **330 people** have been included as part of this stage

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

Incorporating the:

- Disability Action Plan
- Community Safety Action Plan
- Pathways to Sustainability

In response to the Community Vision, Council has developed a series of strategic objective under three main themes for the next four-year Council Plan.

THEME 1:
A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.1
Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential through all stages of their lives.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.2
Provide opportunities, and support business growth to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.3
Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.4
Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts.

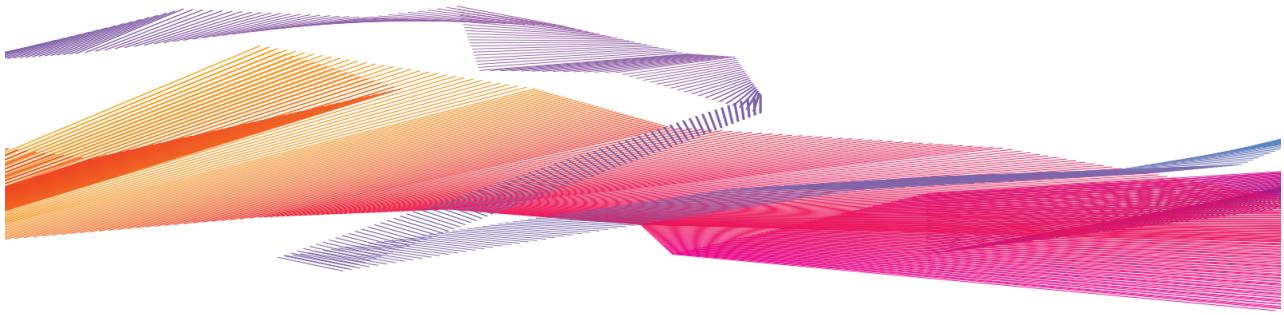
THEME 2:
A CITY THAT CARES ABOUT OUR PLANET, IS APPEALING AND CONNECTED

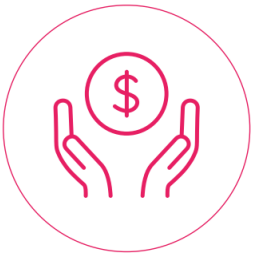
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.1
Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.2
Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.3
Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.4
Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks.





In 2023/24, Council will invest

$306 MILLION

to provide some **28 key services** across Hume City. Over the next four years, we will deliver **new capital works projects** to the value of

$600 MILLION

THEME 3:
A COUNCIL THAT INSPIRES LEADERSHIP, IS ACCOUNTABLE AND PUTS THE COMMUNITY FIRST

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.1
Engage and empower our community through advocacy and community engagement.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.2
Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and assets that respond to community needs.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.3
Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships.

The Council Plan takes an integrated approach to planning and includes actions incorporated as part of Council's Disability Action Plan, Community Safety Action Plan and Pathways to sustainability. This enables Council to align strategies, actions and initiatives across Council's Strategic Objectives in an efficient and effective way in order to achieve multiple objectives at the same time.

These strategies/actions are highlighted throughout the document with following symbols:

DISABILITY ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN
PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

The strategies/actions outlined for the following three financial years are proposed only, and subject to change in order to respond to changing Council and community priorities. Council will review these actions as part of the annual Council Plan and Budget review process.

A series of addendums at the end of this Council Plan provide a consolidated summary for each of these incorporated plans and additional information.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

The role Council has in contributing to the strategies/actions varies and is defined for each of the community expectations, which include:

Council has a range of roles and functions when supporting the delivery of various strategies, programs and activities. Within this Council Plan, the following roles and functions have been defined in delivering the major strategies/actions of Council to achieve our Strategic Objectives:

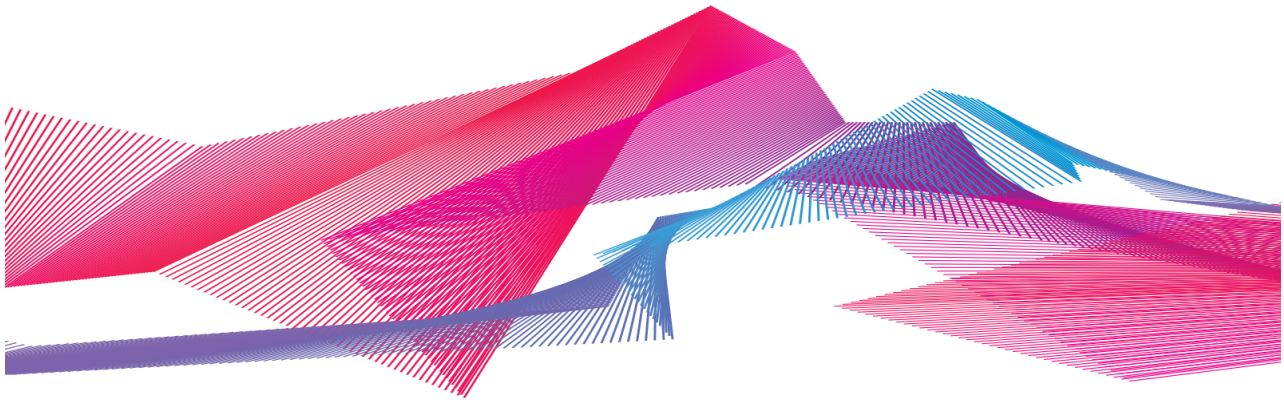
STATUTORY AUTHORITY	Council has a legislated responsibility under Victorian law to ensure compliance and delivery of services related to this activity.
SERVICE PROVIDER	Council is a leading provider of services related to this activity. Responsibility for providing these services is often shared between Council and other government agencies, not-for profit organisations and commercial businesses.
FACILITATOR	Council facilitates, partners and plans with other service providers to achieve these strategies/activities.
ADVOCATE	Council's primary role is to advocate on behalf of (and represent) the community to other levels of government, service providers and businesses. This may include working with Hume City's community to support community-led advocacy.

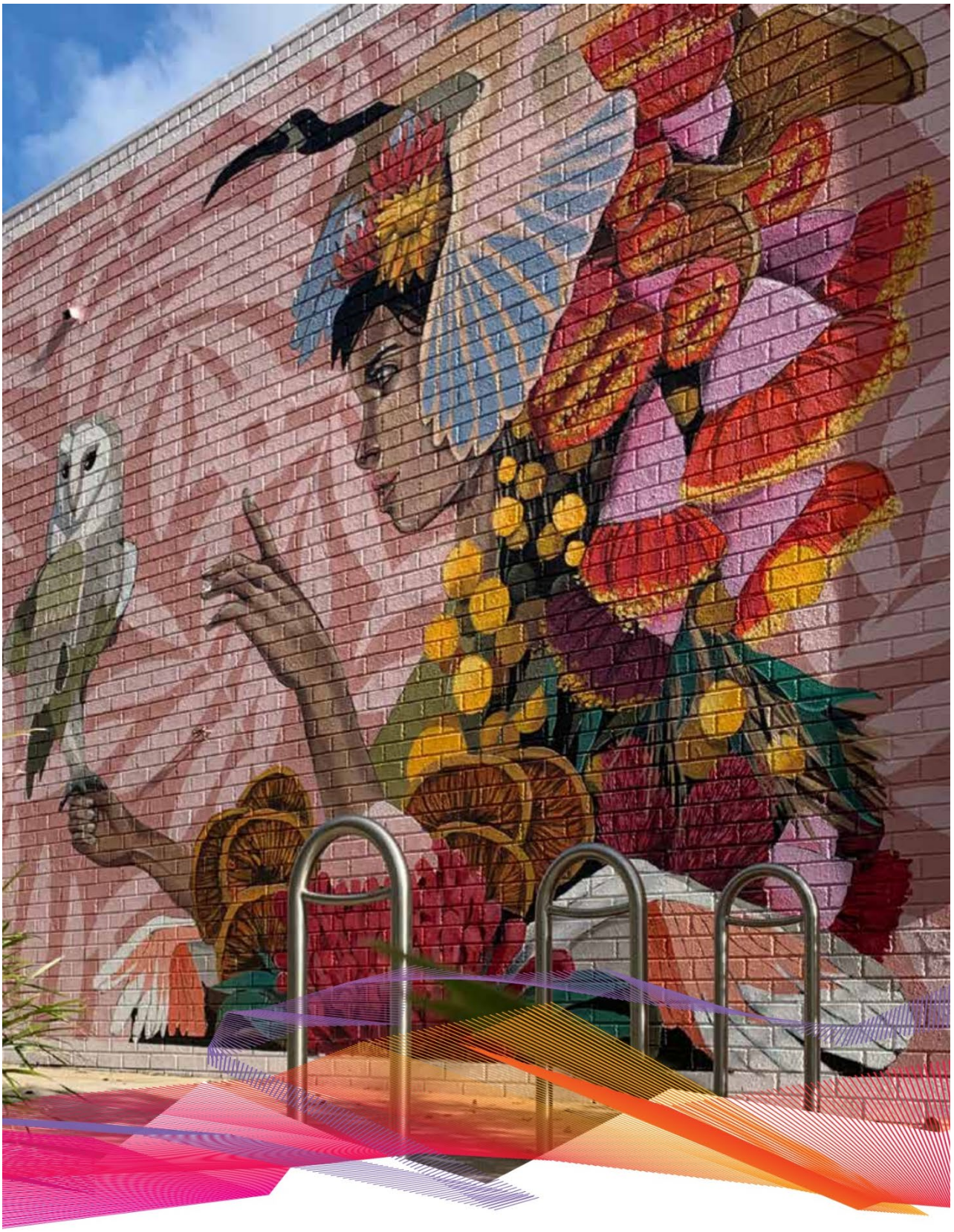
MONITORING AND REPORTING

Council evaluates performance throughout the year by monitoring and reporting each quarter against the planned actions outlined in the Council Plan 2021–2025. These reports will be included in the Council meeting agenda and available on our website, fully disclosing our achievements and actions.

By understanding our achievements and challenges we learn and reflect on our performance and incorporate these learnings into our plans for the future.

Each September we produce an Annual Report; this includes our audited financial statements and performance statement against the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework. This report is available via our website.





THEME 1:
A COMMUNITY THAT IS RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND THRIVING

SERVICES PROVIDED

- AGED SUPPORT SERVICES
- ARTS AND CULTURE
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY SAFETY
- CREATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY
- DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES
- ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIGHT ISLANDER SUPPORT
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- FAMILY SUPPORT AND HEALTH
- LIBRARIES AND LEARNING PROGRAMS
- LIBRARIES AND LEARNING SERVICE PLAN
- LEISURE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
- YOUTH SERVICES

SUPPORTING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017–2021
- Employment Pathways Action Plan
- Hume 0-24 Framework 2019-2029
- Hume Central 'The Vision'
- Hume City Council Multicultural Framework
- Hume City Council Social Justice Charter
- Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021–2025
- Hume Heat Health Plan
- Investment Attraction Framework
- Learning Together 2030
- Leisure Strategy
- Municipal Emergency Animal Welfare Plan
- Positive Ageing Strategy 2014–2024
- Reconciliation Action Plan 2020–2022
- Safe in Hume – Our Community Safety Plan
- Creative Community Strategy 2020-2025

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.1:
CREATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL, THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1.1.1	Strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connections. **Council's Role: Service Provider, Facilitator**	♿ 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
1.1.2	Continue to review Council's early years services and explore future infrastructure requirements to support continued service growth and changing government policy direction. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿	✓	✓	●	●

♿ Disability Action Plan 🛡 Community Safety Action Plan 🌿 Pathways to Sustainability

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.2:
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, AND SUPPORT BUSINESS GROWTH TO CREATE ACCESSIBLE LOCAL JOBS FOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1.2.1	Provide a range of Council-led initiatives and work experiences to strengthen employment pathways and vocational education opportunities, particularly for those of diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿	✓	✓	●	●
1.2.2	In partnership with the Victorian Government and business, progress the revitalisation of Broadmeadows and Hume Central to facilitate a vibrant town centre, places for people to work, learn, live and enjoy and advocacy for renewal of the Broadmeadows Train Station. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**	♿ 🛡	✓	✓	●	●
1.2.3	Strengthen tertiary education opportunities in Hume City through the Multiversity Program and advocate for a university and TAFE opportunities to be established in Hume's growth areas. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**		✓	✓	●	●
1.2.4	In partnership with stakeholders, advocate for, and strengthen Hume City's economy by building business capability, promoting the visitor economy and attracting innovative business, support and facilitate business growth and local employment outcomes. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**		✓	✓	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.3:
PROMOTE A HEALTHY, INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS COMMUNITY PRIDE AND SAFETY

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1.3.1	In partnership with Victoria Police, continue to identify and deliver initiatives to improve driver/road safety, including reducing hoon driving and illegal dirt bikes. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.2	Facilitate initiatives and partnerships to raise awareness around the impact of family violence, and support prevention of violence against women campaigns. **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.3	In partnership with the Victorian Government and other stakeholders, deliver a range of initiatives and support to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	●	●	●
1.3.4	Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation. **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.5	Establish an ongoing compliance model across Council that ensures our operational, reporting and investigation obligations, required under the Child Safe Standards and the Commission for Children and Young People are met. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.6	Finalise a review of General Local Law No. 1, including community and stakeholder engagement. **Council's Role: Statutory Authority**		✓	●	●	●
1.3.7	Finalise and commence implementation of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to support responsible animal management and safety. **Council's Role: Statutory Authority**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.8	Increase Maternal and Child Health participation rates, including for vulnerable clients, through expansion of service delivery, with a focus on exploring responsive service models such as outreach programs and flexible service hours. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	●	●	●
1.3.9	Continue to undertake initiatives and advocacy to reduce gambling related harm and gambling reform, including reviewing Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**		✓	✓	●	●

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1.3.10	Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.11	In partnership with local agencies, provide assistance and support to people sleeping rough within Hume City, including adopting a rough sleeping response protocol. **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	✓	●	●
1.3.12	Continue undertaking accessibility works at Council facilities, and other public-realm improvements to support people with disabilities. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●

Disability Action Plan Community Safety Action Plan Pathways to Sustainability

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1.4:
STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS THROUGH LOCAL EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND THE ARTS

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1.4.1	Undertake initiatives to strengthen local arts, including the adoption and implementation of the Creative Places Arts Infrastructure Plan. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
1.4.2	Develop an Events and Festivals Strategy/Service Plan to strengthen access to and support of local community events and festivals. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
1.4.3	Commence design and delivery of improvements to develop a Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct at Jacksons Hill. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●

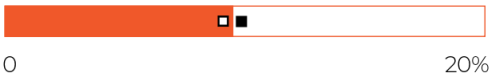
Disability Action Plan Community Safety Action Plan Pathways to Sustainability

THEME 1
STRATEGIC INDICATORS

1.1 Create learning opportunities for everyone to reach their potential through all stages of their life

Active library borrowers per head of municipal population

8.2% 2022/23 | 1.1% move



Previous Result **7.1%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **10%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Preschool participation rates (including non-Council services)

94% 2021 | 0% move

Previous Result **94%** 2020

Target by 2025 **93%**

Level of influence: **Medium**

Source: Department of Education, Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring System

1.2 Provide opportunities, and support business growth to create accessible local jobs for our diverse community

Number of student placements supported by Council

84 2022/23 | -10 move

Previous Result **94** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **100**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, CHRIS21

Percentage gap between the Greater Melbourne and Hume LGA unemployment rates

2.8% 2022/23 | 0.7% move

Previous Result **3.5%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **3.5%**

Level of influence: **Medium**

Source: Hume City Council derived from Department of Employment Small Area Labour Markets

1.3 Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters community pride and safety

Participation rates in Maternal Child Health

74.1% 2022/23 | -0.7% move

Previous Result **73.4%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **75%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Percentage of community who are satisfied with their health

71% 2022/23 | -18% move

Previous Result **89%** 2020/21

Target by 2025 **85%**

Level of influence: **Low**

Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators

Percentage of community who believe it's a good thing for a society to be made up of people from different cultures

92% 2022/23 | 7% % move

Previous Result **85%** 2020/21

Target by 2025 **85%**

Level of influence: **Low**

Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators

1.4 Strengthen community connections through local events, festivals and the arts

Average overall community satisfaction rating for Council led events and festivals

87% (2022/23) 8.3% move

0% 100%

Previous Result **79%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **85%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, Event Evaluations

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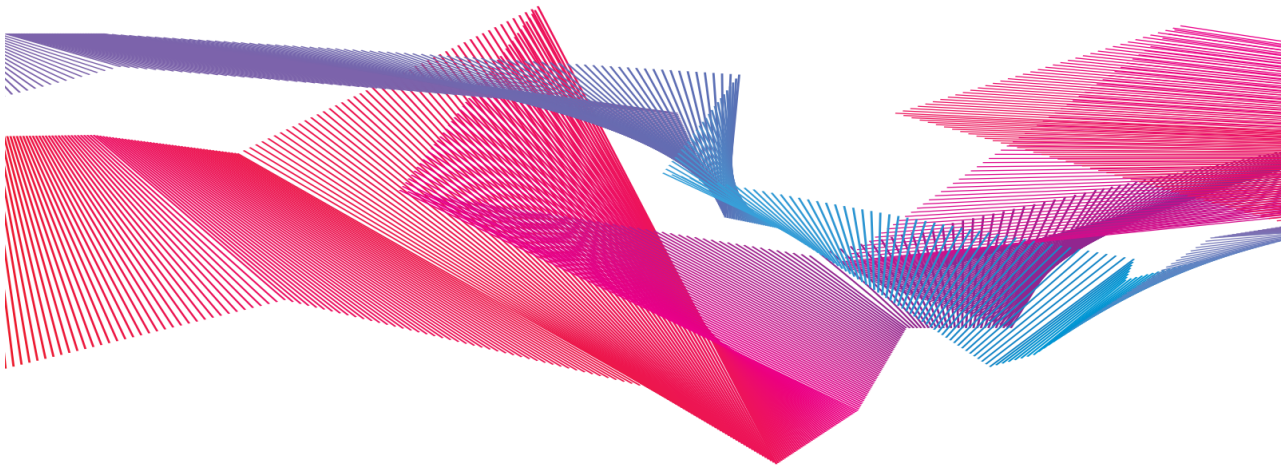

THEME 2:
A CITY THAT CARES ABOUT OUR PLANET, IS APPEALING AND CONNECTED

SERVICES PROVIDED

- CITY AMENITY AND APPEARANCE
- CITY DEVELOPMENT
- FACILITY MANAGEMENT/FACILITIES HIRE
- PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
- TRANSPORT, ROADS AND DRAINAGE
- WASTE MANAGEMENT

SUPPORTING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

- Asset Plan
- Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan
- Greenhouse Action Plan 2018–2022
- Hume Bicycle Network Plan
- Hume Corridor HIGAP
- Hume Integrated Land Use and Transport Strategy 2011–2020
- Hume Rural Strategy
- Indoor Sports Plan 2021-2031
- Land and Biodiversity Plan
- Municipal Emergency Management Plan and Fire Prevention Plans
- Municipal Emergency Relief and Recovery Plan
- Municipal Fire Management Plan 2020–2023
- Municipal Flood Emergency Plan
- Municipal Strategic Statement
- Outdoor Sports Lighting Policy and Plan
- Open Space Master Plans (various)
- Road Management Plan 2021
- Skate, Scooter & BMX Plan
- Sports Pavilion Plan
- Stronger Hume: COVID-19 Adaptation and Resilience Plan
- Sunbury HIGAP
- Transport Advocacy Plan

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.1:
FACILITATE APPROPRIATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE, LANDSCAPES AND RURAL PLACES

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2.1.1	Review and implement improvements to further enhance the delivery of services within the Planning and Development Department. **Council's Role: Statutory Authority**		✓	✓	●	●
2.1.2	Undertake planning to improve housing diversity (including housing design guidelines), and advocate for improvements to social housing. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**	Pathways to Sustainability	✓	✓	●	●
2.1.3	Progress Stage Three of the youth crisis accommodation facility with the support of an external partner, and identify potential site locations for a facility which can accommodate crisis accommodation with wrap-around services and 24/7 onsite support. **Council's Role: Facilitator**	Community Safety Action Plan	✓	✓	●	●
2.1.4	In partnership with Mitchell and Whittlesea councils and the State Government, continue to advance planning for the City consistent with the vision and directions of Council's integrated growth area plans, including the planning for new town centres in Cloverton (Kalkallo) and Merrifield (Mickleham). **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	✓	●	●
2.1.5	Support rural landowners to manage land sustainably and protect environmental assets by implementing the new Rural Engagement Program, including the Conserving our Rural Environment Grant, Primary Producer Rate Rebate, Rural Land Management Grant, and capacity building activities. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	Pathways to Sustainability	✓	✓	●	●
2.1.6	Implement the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Framework by progressively developing individual plans for each of the conservation reserves. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	Pathways to Sustainability	✓	✓	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.2:
DEMONSTRATE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2.2.1	Implement programs to support environmental sustainable leadership including Enviro Champions, Gardens for Wildlife, and Environmental Scholarship programs. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	✓	✓	✓	●	●
2.2.2	Finalise the review of the Land and Biodiversity Plan. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	✓	✓	✓	●	●
2.2.3	Enhance Council's response to climate change including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 and support Hume's community and businesses to adapt to climate change. **Council's Role: Facilitator**	✓	✓	✓	●	●
2.2.4	Undertake investigations and progress initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting, including at Cloverton, and subject to funding, Jack Roper Reserve Broadmeadows and/or John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Broadmeadows. and/or O'Brien Street retarding basin Sunbury. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	✓	✓	✓	●	●
2.2.5	Support the transition of the Hume economy to a Circular Economy. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**	✓	✓	✓	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.3:
DESIGN AND MAINTAIN OUR CITY WITH ACCESSIBLE SPACES AND A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2.3.1	Finalise the suburb boundary review and implement approved changes. **Council's Role: Facilitator**		✓	✓	●	●
2.3.2	Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
2.3.3	In partnership with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and other stakeholders, progress the development of the Jacksons Creek Regional Parkland Plan and Merri Creek Regional Parkland. **Council's Role: Facilitator**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
2.3.4	Develop open space masterplans for Merlynston Creek and Aitken Creek. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
2.3.5	Continue the implementation of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy, and implement initiatives to reduce the incidence of illegal dumped waste in Hume City. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	🌿 🛡	✓	✓	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2.4:
CONNECT OUR CITY THROUGH EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WALKING, CYCLING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND ROAD NETWORKS

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2.4.1	Subject to completion of external approvals, progress the construction of Yirragan Road connection to Buckland Way, Sunbury. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	●	●	●
2.4.2	Develop and commence implementation of a Transport Strategy to improve transport networks, and continue to undertake initiatives to enhance walking and cycling. **Council's Role: Service Provider, Facilitator**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●

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THEME 2
STRATEGIC INDICATORS

2.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places

Percentage of Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT

0% 2022/23 | -67% movement

Previous Result **67%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **60%**

Level of influence: **Medium**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Percentage of planning applications decided within required time-frames

45% 2022/23 | 3% move

Previous Result **42%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **60%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

2.2 Demonstrate environmentally sustainable leadership and adapt to climate change

Percentage of kerbside waste collection diverted from landfill

34.1% 2022/23 | -1% move

Previous Result **35.1%** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **45%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

2.3 Design and maintain our City with accessible spaces and a strong sense of place

Net increase in street and park trees

1,192 2022/23 | 1,230 move

Previous Result **-38** 2021/22

Target by 2025 **5,000**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council

2.4 Connect our City through efficient and effective walking, cycling and public transport and road networks

Community satisfaction rating with sealed local roads

54	-7%
2022/23	move

0% 100%

Previous Result	Target by 2025
61	62
2021/22	

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators

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THEME 3:
A COUNCIL THAT INSPIRES LEADERSHIP, IS ACCOUNTABLE AND PUTS THE COMMUNITY FIRST

SERVICES PROVIDED

ASSET MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL AND SERVICE PLANNING

CUSTOMER SERVICE

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES

GOVERNANCE AND ASSOCIATED STATUTORY SERVICES

HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE

SUPPORTING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

- Asset Management Plans (various)
- Asset Management Strategy
- Business Continuity Plan
- Community Engagement Framework and Planning Guide
- Four-Year Advocacy Plan
- Information Technology Strategy
- Revenue and Rating Plan
- Risk Management Strategy
- Service Plans (various)

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.1:
EMPOWER AND ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
3.1.1	Implement and support programs and advisory committees/ reference groups to foster community leadership and increase community participation into Council decision making processes. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
3.1.2	Finalise the development of a new Community Vision, Council Plan and Financial Plan through deliberative engagement with Hume's community, in line with the requirements under the Local Government Act 2020. **Council's Role: Statutory Authority**		✓	●	●	●
3.1.3	Undertake initiatives to enhance Council's consultation and engagement practices, including strenthening engaegment and communication with our multicultural communities. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡	✓	✓	●	●
3.1.4	Develop and implement Council's State Election Advocacy Strategy to inform and engage the community, business and key stakeholders on Council's position on issues of local importance in the lead up to the Election. **Council's Role: Advocate**	🌿	✓	✓	●	●
3.1.5	Work with the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) for the preparation of the 2024 Council Elections, including supporting VEC in their electoral boundary review for Hume City. **Council's Role: Advocate**		●	●	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.2:
DELIVER RESPONSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE, SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE ASSETS THAT RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
3.2.1	Develop the long-term Asset Management Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	●	●	●
3.2.2	Commence implementation of the organisation's transformation reform program to enhance service efficiencies and improve transparency and performance accountability. **Council's Role: Service Provider**		✓	✓	●	●
3.2.3	Plan for, deliver, and undertake initiatives to improve utilisation of community infrastructure and facilities; including finalising and implementing the Community Infrastructure Plan, Community Facilities Strategic Review and Youth Facilities Review. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡 🌿	✓	✓	●	●
3.2.4	Establish processes and procedures for Gender Impact Assessments that consider the effects that new (or changes to existing) Council policies, programs or services may have on different genders of Hume City's community. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡	✓	✓	●	●

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3.3
ADVANCE ORGANISATIONAL HIGH-PERFORMANCE THROUGH INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

	MAJOR STRATEGY OR ACTION	PLAN	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
3.3.1	Undertake a range of initiatives and programs to enhance and uplift the skills, capabilities and workplace safety of Council's workforce, including developing and implementing a People & Culture Strategy, Workforce Plan and the Gender Equality Action Plan and a Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿ 🛡	✓	✓	●	●
3.3.2	Undertake service reviews, business process improvements and initiatives to improve the Customer Experience provided across Council services, programs and activities. **Council's Role: Service Provider**	♿	✓	✓	●	●
3.3.2	Facilitate regional outcomes for the benefit of Hume City's community through innovate partnerships, shared procurement and actively contributing to strategic networks and alliances. **Council's Role: Facilitator, Advocate**	♿	●	●	●	●

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THEME 3
STRATEGIC INDICATORS

3.1 Empower and engage our community through advocacy and community engagement

Community satisfaction with Council decisions

55	2
2022/23	move

Previous Result	Target by 2025
57	60
2021/22	

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators

Percentage of Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public

14.1%	0.4%
2022/23	move

Previous Result	Target by 2025
13.7%	15%
2021/22	

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement

53	-4%
(2022/23)	move

Previous Result	Target by 2025
57	55
2021/22	

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, Community Indicators

3.2 Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs

Adjusted underlying surplus as a percentage of underlying revenue

-0.31% 2022/23 | -2.5% move

Previous Result **2.19%** 2021/22 | Target by 2025 **5.33%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Asset renewal and upgrade compared to depreciation

84.15% 2022/23 | 17.26% move

Previous Result **66.89%** 2021/22 | Target by 2025 **82.94%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Percentage of Council Plan Actions completed

80% 2022/23 | 12% move

Previous Result **68%** 2021/22 | Target by 2025 **80%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: : Hume City Council, Council Plan Quarterly Reports

Percentage of Captial Works Program Completed

-% (new for 2023/24) | - % move

Previous Result **-** | Target by 2025 **90%**

Level of influence: **High**

Source: : Hume City Council, Council Plan Quarterly Reports

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3.3 Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships

Employee Retention Rate

91.7%
2022/23

4.5%
move

0% 100%

□ Previous Result
87.2%
2021/22

■ Target by 2025
92%

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Local Government Performance Reporting Framework

Satisfaction with Council's overall performance

60
2022/23

-8
move

0% 100%

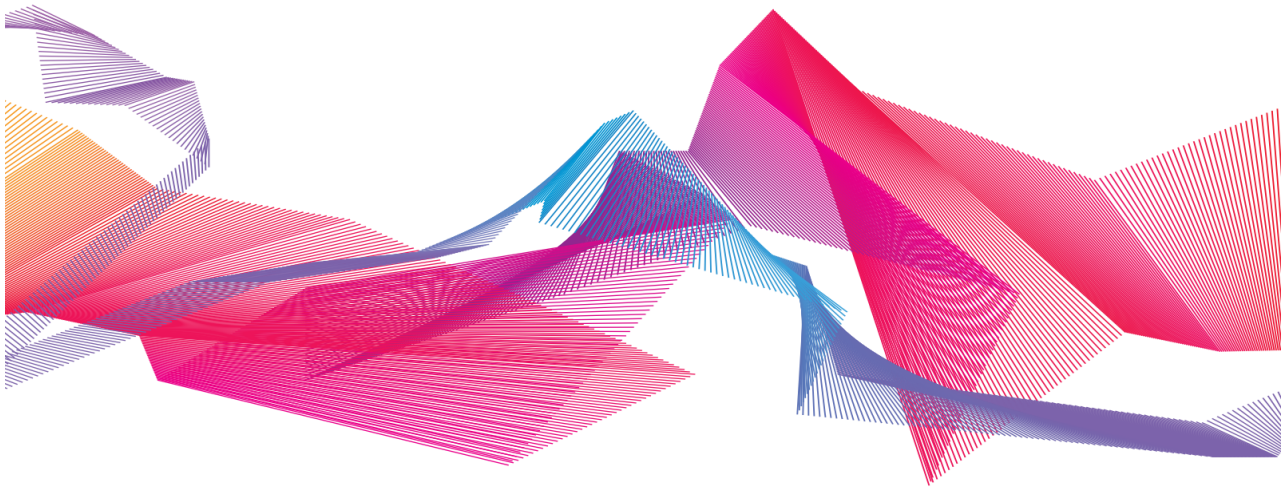
□ Previous Result
68
2021/22

■ Target by 2025
65

Level of influence: **High**

Source: Hume City Council, Hume Horizons 2040 Community Indicators

ADDENDUM 1:
DISABILITY ACTION PLAN



Hume City Council's commitment to participation and wellbeing of people with disabilities has been a feature of the Council Plan since 2017.

In accordance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, the *Victorian Disability Act 2006*, and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, Hume City Council has prepared the *Council Plan 2017–2021* to incorporate the requirements of the Disability Action Plan.

Under Section 38(1) of the *Victorian Disability Act 2006*, a public sector body must ensure that a Disability Action Plan is prepared for the purpose of:

a. reducing barriers to persons with a disability accessing goods, services and facilities;

b. reducing barriers to persons with a disability obtaining and maintaining employment;

c. promoting inclusion and participation in the community of persons with a disability;

d. achieving tangible changes in attitudes and practices which discriminate against persons with a disability.

In accordance with Section 38(5) of the *Victorian Disability Act 2006*, the development of the Council Plan ensures 'that the matters referred to in subsection (1) [outlined above] are addressed in the Council Plan prepared under the Local Government Act 2020'.

Since the adoption of the Hume Social Justice Charter in 2001, Hume City Council has been a leader in promoting access and inclusion for all. Integration of the Disability Action Plan into the Council Plan ensures the disability remains a priority of all Council activities and services and ensures the actions are monitored by the Council and the community.

DISABILITY IN HUME CITY

According to the 2021 Census, there were 9,374 Hume City residents aged 0-64 years and 7,521 residents aged 65 years or older, who identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities. This equates to 6.9 per cent of Hume residents that have a need for assistance with day-to-day activities including self-care, mobility and communication because of a disability, long-term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

In comparison to other Melbourne Metropolitan Councils, Hume City Council has the highest proportion of residents aged 0-64 years and fourth highest proportion of residents aged 65 years or older who identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities.

The proportion of Greater Melbourne residents who identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities is 5.5 per cent (ABS, 2021 Census).

Suburbs within Hume City with the highest proportions of population requiring a need for assistance with core activities are Coolaroo (13.3 per cent), Campbellfield (12.2 per cent), Meadow Heights (10.6 per cent) and Dallas (10.5 per cent).

While these areas typically have ageing communities, the area of Sunbury has the highest proportion of children (aged 0-14 years) with a need for assistance with core activities at 6.4 per cent, compared to 3.6 per cent for Hume City and 3.1 per cent for Greater Melbourne.

Hume City contains six of the top fifteen suburbs in Greater Melbourne (with populations over 500), that have the highest proportions of residents aged 0-64 years identified as requiring a need for assistance with core activities. These suburbs are Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Dallas, Campbellfield, Roxburgh Park and Broadmeadows.

In 2020/21, Council's Commonwealth Home Support Program was funded to provide 72,889 hours of care (personal care, domestic assistance, respite care, access and support, social support and home maintenance) to people over the age of 65.

Council continues to provide advocacy for residents who live with a temporary or permanent disability who are under the age of 65 that have been assessed as not eligible to receive funding through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Council will continue through funding from the State Government to provide 14,500 hours of direct support to these residents.

COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS

It is recognised that all Council activities and services actively consider and comply with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Victorian Disability Act 2006. However, the Council Plan provides a number of specific actions that directly target outcomes for people with disabilities, therefore forming the Disability Action Plan. Actions that are specifically related to the Disability Action Plan are highlighted throughout the documents with a ♿ symbol.

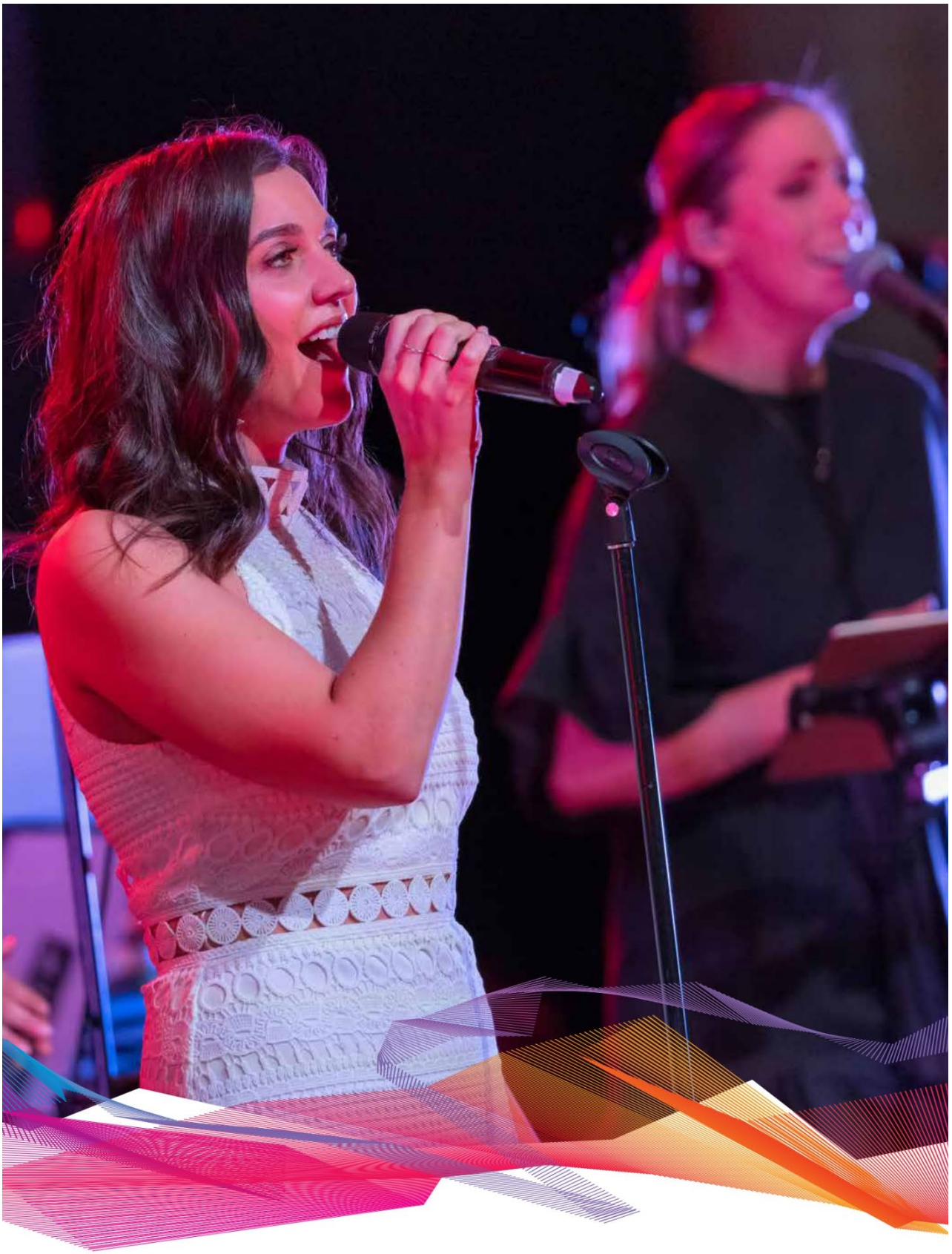
2021-2025 DISABILITY ACTIONS

1.1.1 Strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connections.

1.1.2 Continue to review Council's early years services and explore future infrastructure requirements to support continued service growth and changing government policy direction.

1.1.4 Deliver and monitor a range of parenting education programs to build the capacity of parents to support children from 0-24 years.

1.2.1 Provide a range of Council-led initiatives and work experiences to strengthen employment pathways and vocational education opportunities, particularly for those of diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds.



1.2.2 In partnership with the Victorian Government and business, progress the revitalisation of Broadmeadows and Hume Central to facilitate a vibrant town centre, places for people to work, learn, live and enjoy and advocacy for renewal of the Broadmeadows Train Station.

1.3.4 Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation.

1.3.10 Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

1.3.11 In partnership with local agencies, provide assistance and support to people sleeping rough within Hume City, including adopting a rough sleeping response protocol.

1.3.12 Continue undertaking accessibility works at Council facilities, and other public-realm improvements to support people with disabilities.

2.3.2 Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces.

2.3.3 In partnership with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and other stakeholders, progress the development of the Jacksons Creek Regional Parkland Plan and Merri Creek Regional Parkland.

2.3.4 Develop open space masterplans for Merlynston Creek and Aitken Creek.

2.4.2 Develop and commence implementation of a Transport Strategy to improve transport networks, and continue to undertake initiatives to enhance walking and cycling.

3.1.1 Implement and support programs and advisory committees/reference groups to foster community leadership and increase community participation into Council decision making processes.

3.1.3 Undertake initiatives to enhance Council's consultation and engagement practices, including strengthening engagement and communication with our multicultural communities.

3.2.1 Develop the long-term Asset Management Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

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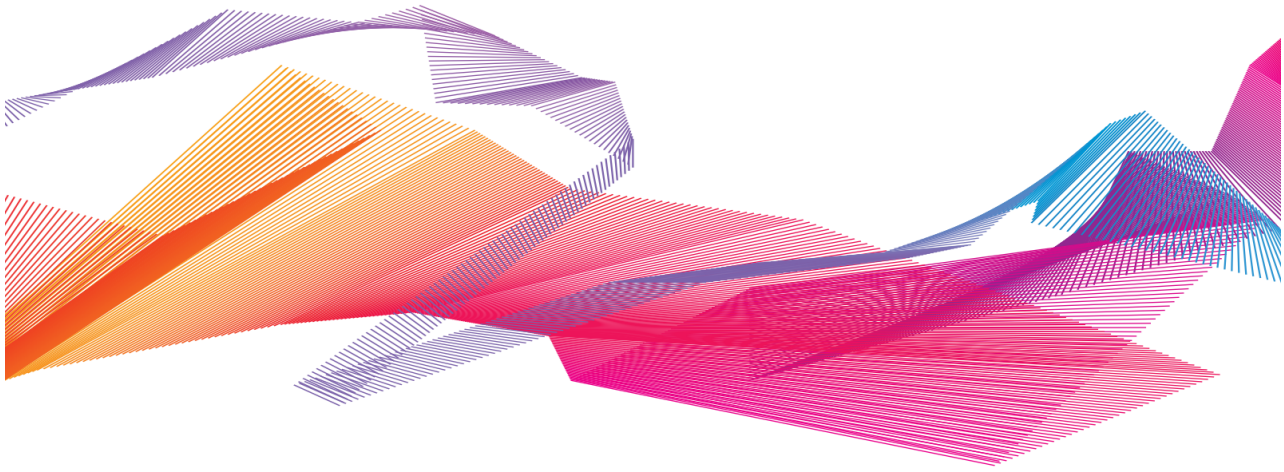
ADDENDUM 2:
COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN



100% SUCCESS
rate for **animal management** prosecutions

3.72 DAYS
is the **average time to action** animal management requests
Source: LGPRF 2020/21

ALMOST 1 IN 2
people feel **safe walking** alone during the **night**
(Source: 2020/21 CIS)

6,300
criminal incidents per **100,000** population, compared to **5,800** for Vic
(Source: Crime Statistics Agency)

More than
4 OUT OF 5
people feel **safe in the community** in general
(Source: 2020/21 CIS)

1,700
family incidents per **100,000** population, compared to **1,400** for Vic
(Source: Crime Statistics Agency)

92.8% OF FOOD
premises safety assessments notifications completed
(Source: LGPRF Reporting 2020/21)

Community safety is of great importance to people in Hume City. We have heard safety described in terms of wellbeing, low rates of crime and injury as well as feeling safe in our community throughout the Let's Shape Hume Together consultation.

Community safety is characterised by community-wide participation in developing and delivering initiatives to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of populations at the local level in order to reduce the impact of unintentional injury, crime, violence and emergency situations on communities.

Speaking with community members at Community Vision consultations, 'community safety' was identified as one of the top ten long term priorities. Our community told us that they had concerns about crime rates, wanted to see police engaging with community and looked for action so that crimes, such as family violence, were addressed. We also heard that people want Hume City to be 'a community that promotes health and safety'. Examples included connecting pathways would provide active travel as well as safety for cyclists and pedestrians off busy roads.

Hume City Council aspires to be a safe community, where individuals living, working and visiting Hume actively participate in the community without fear or risk of harm. Our commitment to community safety has been demonstrated for many years through accreditation as a World Health Organisation Safe Community since 1989 (and redesignated multiple times since).

Safe in Hume: Our Community Safety Plan has been developed to guide Council to achieve this vision. The plan aims to enhance people's feelings of safety, their perceptions of safety, prevent the likelihood of crime as well as coordinate community actions across the City.

The goal of Safe in Hume is to assist 'Hume City to be an active, harmonious, safe city where everyone who lives, works or visits participates responsibly without fear or risk of injury'. Four themes have been identified in the Plan:

1. Community Safety in the public realm
2. Safety around the home
3. Transport safety
4. Family violence and women's safety

Council's commitment to community safety is reflected in the Strategic Objective 1.3: Promote a healthy, inclusive and respectful community that fosters a sense of community pride and safety.

Council Plan Actions which reinforce Council's commitment to community safety are listed below:

1.2.2 In partnership with the Victorian Government and business, progress the revitalisation of Broadmeadows and Hume Central to facilitate a vibrant town centre, places for people to work, learn, live and enjoy and advocacy for renewal of the Broadmeadows Train Station.

1.3.1 In partnership with Victoria Police, continue to identify and deliver initiatives to improve driver/road safety, including reducing hoon driving and illegal dirt bikes.

1.3.2 Facilitate initiatives and partnerships to raise awareness around the impact of family violence, and support prevention of violence against women campaigns.

1.3.3 In partnership with the Victorian Government and other stakeholders, deliver a range of initiatives and support to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.3.4 Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation.

1.3.5 Establish an ongoing compliance model across Council that ensures our operational, reporting and investigation obligations, required under the Child Safe Standards and the Commission for Children and Young People are met.

1.3.6 Finalise a review of General Local Law No. 1, including community and stakeholder engagement.

1.3.7 Finalise and commence implementation of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan to support responsible animal management and safety.

1.3.9 Continue to undertake initiatives and advocacy to reduce gambling related harm, including reviewing Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy.

1.3.10 Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

1.3.11 In partnership with local agencies, provide assistance and support to people sleeping rough within Hume City, including adopting a rough sleeping response protocol.

1.3.12 Continue undertaking accessibility works at Council facilities, and other public-realm improvements to support people with disabilities.

2.1.3 Progress Stage Three of the youth crisis accommodation facility with the support of an external partner, and identify potential site locations for a facility which can accommodate crisis accommodation, with wrap-around services, and 24/7 onsite support..

2.3.2 Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces.

2.3.3 In partnership with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and other stakeholders, progress the development of the Jacksons Creek Regional Parkland Plan and Merri Creek Regional Parkland.

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3.1.3 Undertake initiatives to enhance Council consultation and engagement practices, including strenthening engagement and communication with our multicultural communities.

3.2.1 Develop the long-term Asset Management Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

3.2.3 Plan for, deliver, and undertake initiatives to improve utilisation of community infrastructure and facilities; including finalising and implementing the Community Infrastructure Plan, Community Facilities Strategic Review and Youth Facilities Review.

3.2.4 Establish processes and procedures for Gender Impact Assessments that consider the effects that new (or changes to existing) Council policies, programs or services may have on different genders of Hume City's community.

3.3.1 Undertake a range of initiatives and programs to enhance and uplift the skills, capabilities and workplace safety of Council's workforce, including developing and implementing a People & Culture Strategy, Workforce Plan and the Gender Equality Action Plan and a Workplace Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.

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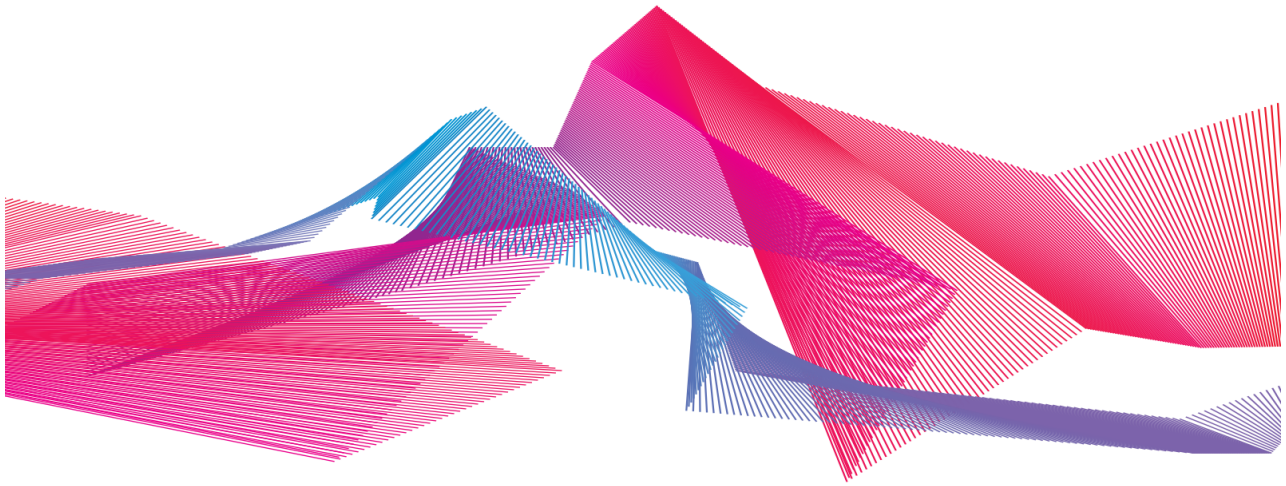
ADDENDUM 3: PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK



Hume City Council has a long history of commitment to environmental sustainability, with our first *Environmental Sustainability Framework* being adopted in 2002. Recognising the importance of community input and partnerships, following adoption of this framework, Council formed the Hume Sustainability Taskforce.

Since this time, we have developed two iterations of the *Pathways to Sustainability Framework* and supporting documents to guide environmental planning and management and to enhance our approach to key trends and issues. This iteration of *Pathways* is integrated into the Council Plan.

Sustainability is a key focus in our Community Vision, and by integrating environmental considerations in all Council and community activities, and working together, will ensure that the natural environment is protected, and negative environmental impacts are reduced.

HUME'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Traditional Owners of the Hume area are the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, who maintain their connection and custodianship of the land. The environment we enjoy has been shaped by their influence and management over many thousands of years.

The landscape is largely a product of past volcanic activity; mainly basalt overlaying older sediments and granite. Deeply incised waterways such as the Moonee Ponds, Jacksons, Deep and Emu creeks frame the landscape. In many areas sodic and dispersive soils occur, increasing risk of erosion and sedimentation movement.

Most of Hume's original vegetation has been removed for agricultural and urban development. The remaining scattered woodland and grassland remnants are among the most critically endangered vegetation types in Australia[2]. Hume's waterways have all been impacted by human use and activities, including changing the natural hydrological cycle. Several sites in Hume continue to support both common (Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Black-shouldered Kites) and threatened (Platypus, Growling Grass Frog, and Golden Sun Moth) native wildlife.

A significant proportion of land in Hume is rural in nature and provides a Green Wedge set aside to retain and accommodate non-urban character, agricultural and recreational uses and strong landscape and environmental values.

LIVING SUSTAINABLY IN HUME

The goal of sustainable living is to enable people everywhere (and future generations) to enjoy a good quality of life within their fair share of the planet's resources. Council's challenge is to develop and grow the Hume community at the same time as reducing our impact on the environment. We need to work together to find ways to improve the quality of life for everyone, affordably and fairly, while living within the limits of what Earth can provide.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The *Local Government Act 2020* outlines that one of the key guiding principles for local government is that 'the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted'. Climate change and its effects are already evident. Hume should expect and prepare for:

- Hotter, drier conditions.
- An increase in frequency and intensity of climatic events
- Deterioration in water quality in waterways.

These impacts will create many challenges for management of our natural environment, community well-being, health and safety, and pose a significant economic burden to Council, replacing infrastructure, emergency response and recovery, insurance, environmental rehabilitation.

[2] Assessing the effectiveness of Local Government Planning Scheme controls in protecting native vegetation in the Port Phillip and Westernport Region, The State of Victoria, 2009.

STRATEGIC PATHWAYS

The Pathways represent Hume's approach to and current best practice for environmental sustainability, while looking to the future.

PATHWAY 1: DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP

- Strong champions and advocates both within and beyond municipal boundaries.
- Demonstrate environmental best practice.
- Commitment to bold targets/goals to drive change and innovation.
- Embed sustainability into organisational culture, governance, and service delivery.
- Sustainability focused relationships, partnerships and initiatives with key stakeholders.
- Actively engage the community in environmental sustainability activities and practices.
- Integrated planning and decision-making based on both short-term and long-term impacts and opportunities.

PATHWAY 2: SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK SUSTAINABLY

- Healthy people in a healthy environment connected with nature.
- Circular economy community, minimal/zero waste to landfill, resource and energy efficient.
- Intergenerational equity, affordable and accessible solutions.
- Support localised food initiatives for positive health and wellbeing.
- A resilient community able to adapt to a changing climate.

PATHWAY 3:
PROVIDE STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Biodiversity values are protected, enhanced, and well-integrated within the built environment.
- Risks to both short- and long- term ecosystem health and landscape values are factored into planning and decision making.
- Support the community to manage land sustainably.
- Non-compliance with environmental regulations is pursued via capacity building, education and/or legal approaches.
- Natural assets are valued and included in Council's asset management systems and procedures.
- Conservation assets are well integrated within the built environment and the community can access and enjoy these spaces.

PATHWAY 4:
CREATE SUSTAINABLE PLACES

- Planning and facilitation of sustainable communities where local employment, recreational opportunities and use of sustainable transport are supported, and biodiversity values are conserved and enhanced.
- Application of Environmentally Sustainable Design and Development (ESD) principles: integration with the natural environment; design for sustainable transportation; optimise energy use, passive solar and renewable energy sources; protect waterways and use water efficiently; use environmentally preferable products; enhance indoor environmental quality; optimise operational and maintenance practices
- Design for resilience and adaptation to the current and future impacts of climate change.
- Work at the subdivisional scale to achieve community-wide outcomes and impacts.
- Apply Circular Procurement to Council infrastructure.

PATHWAY 5:
RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- Actions are science-based and aim to limit global warming to less than 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.
- Actions are inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the need for a just transition.
- All Council operations, planning, and decision-making will address the climate emergency (by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate impacts).
- Advocate and influence other levels of government, business, and the community.
- Support and empower the Hume community and businesses to take positive climate actions.
- Council staff are accountable for embedding climate emergency response into their everyday actions, strategies, policies, and act as champions of change.

PATHWAY 6:
MANAGE WASTE AND RESOURCES AS PART OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Design out waste and pollution; change our mindset to view waste as a design flaw.
- Keep products, materials, and resources in use through quality design and manufacture, reuse, repair, remanufacture, and recycling.
- Regenerate natural systems: mimic natural cycles that operate in a closed loop.
- Power our economy with renewable energy.
- Focus our procurement on circular economy principles.
- Actively engage the business community to transition our local economy to a circular, low, or no carbon economy model.
- Ensure compliance with statutory regulations for waste recovery facilities.
- Provide services that capture and return material to the system.
- Work with our community to enable their participation in the circular economy.
- Use wastewater, rainwater, and stormwater preferentially for non-drinking water uses and support the investigation and enabling of treatment for drinking water where required.

PATHWAY 7:
SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND OTHER ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

- Work with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to share knowledge of cultural significance.
- Build strong, long-term partnerships and relationships with Traditional Owners based on trust and respect.
- Reflect the presence of Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures through naming of sites of cultural and environmental significance.
- Explore opportunities to increase the participation of Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in biodiversity conservation works on Council land.
- Deliver environment and sustainability initiatives in partnership with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Support Traditional Owners' access to water for economic development and increase Traditional Owners' participation in water management.

PATHWAY 8:
RECOGNISE THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

- Acknowledge that all life on Earth has a right to exist, thrive, and evolve in its natural habitat.
- Acknowledge that there are unique species and habitats that only occur within Hume and prioritise them in our programs and policies.
- Value and protect nature for its inherent worth.
- Learn about ecologically sustainable custodianship from Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and incorporate into our own practices.
- Challenge the idea that nature is property.
- Put the health of nature at the centre of our decision-making.

2021-2025 SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS

1.1.1 Strengthen volunteering to enhance vocational and social learning opportunities and community connections.

1.3.3 In partnership with the Victorian Government and other stakeholders, deliver a range of initiatives and support to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.3.4 Advance Social Justice outcomes through delivering targeted initiatives to address barriers to access and participation.

1.3.10 Implement actions from the Hume Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

1.4.2 Develop an Events and Festivals Strategy/Service Plan to strengthen access to and support of local community events and festivals.

2.1.2 Undertake planning to improve housing diversity (including housing design guidelines), and advocate for improvements to social housing.

2.1.5 Support rural landowners to manage land sustainably and protect environmental assets by implementing the new Rural Engagement Program, including the Conserving our Rural Environment Grant, Primary Producer Rate Rebate, Rural Land Management Grant, and capacity building activities.

2.1.6 Implement the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Framework by progressively developing individual plans for each of the conservation reserves.

2.2.1 Implement programs to support environmental sustainable leadership including Enviro Champions, Gardens for Wildlife, and Environmental Scholarship programs.

2.2.2 Finalise the review of the Land and Biodiversity Plan.

2.2.3 Enhance Council's response to climate change including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 and support Hume's community and businesses to adapt to climate change.

2.2.4 Undertake investigations and progress initiatives to improve stormwater harvesting, including at Cloverton, and subject to funding, Jack Roper Reserve Broadmeadows and/or John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Broadmeadows. and/or O'Brien Street retarding basin Sunbury.

2.2.5 Support the transition of the Hume economy to a Circular Economy.

2.3.2 Finalise a new Open Space Strategy and continue to implement improvements to active and passive open spaces and playspaces.

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3.1.1 Implement and support programs and advisory committees/reference groups to foster community leadership and increase community participation into Council decision making processes.

3.1.4 Develop and implement Council's State Election Advocacy Strategy to inform and engage the community, business and key stakeholders on Council's position on issues of local importance in the lead up to the Election.

3.2.1 Develop the long-term Asset Management Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

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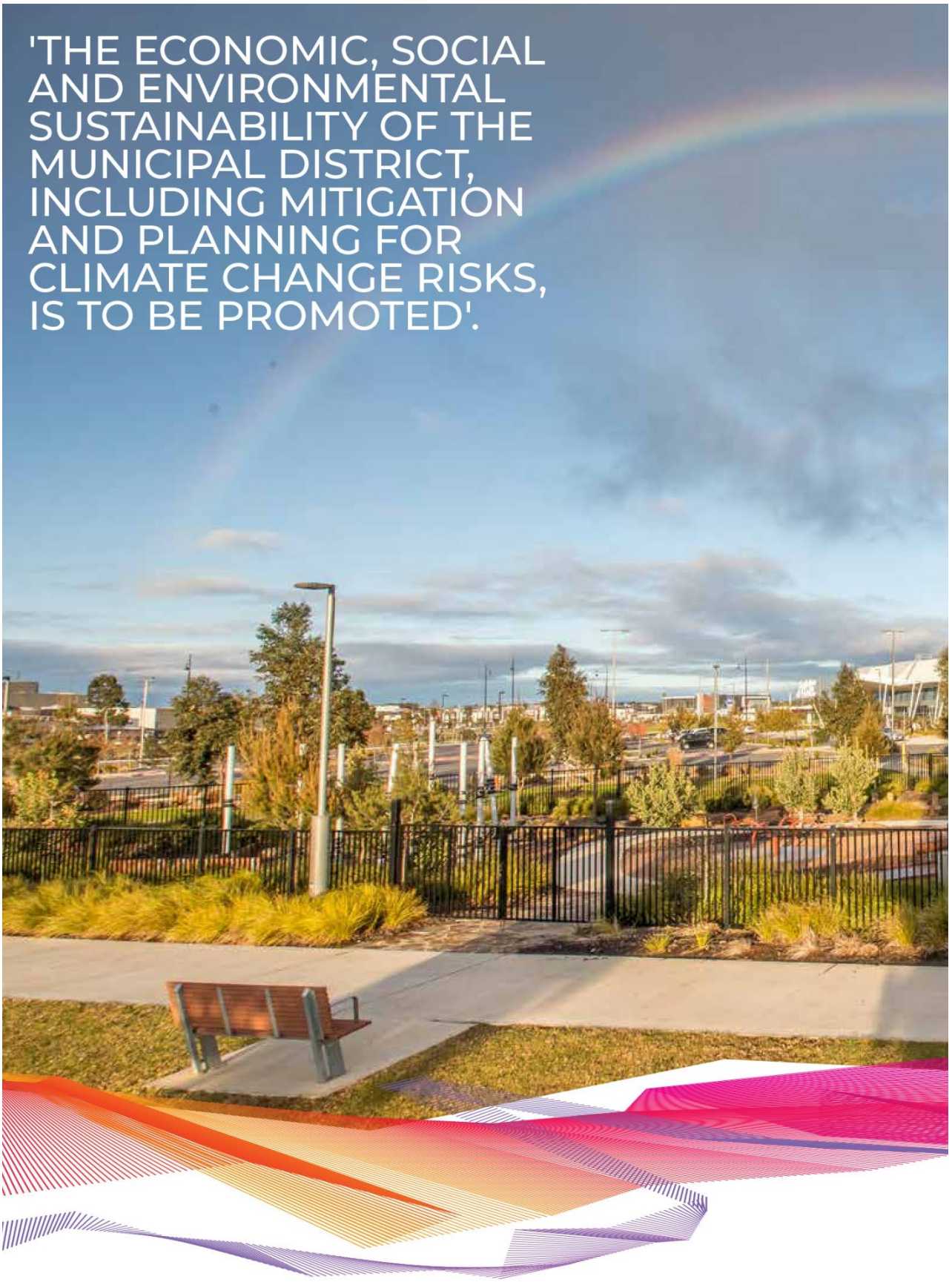
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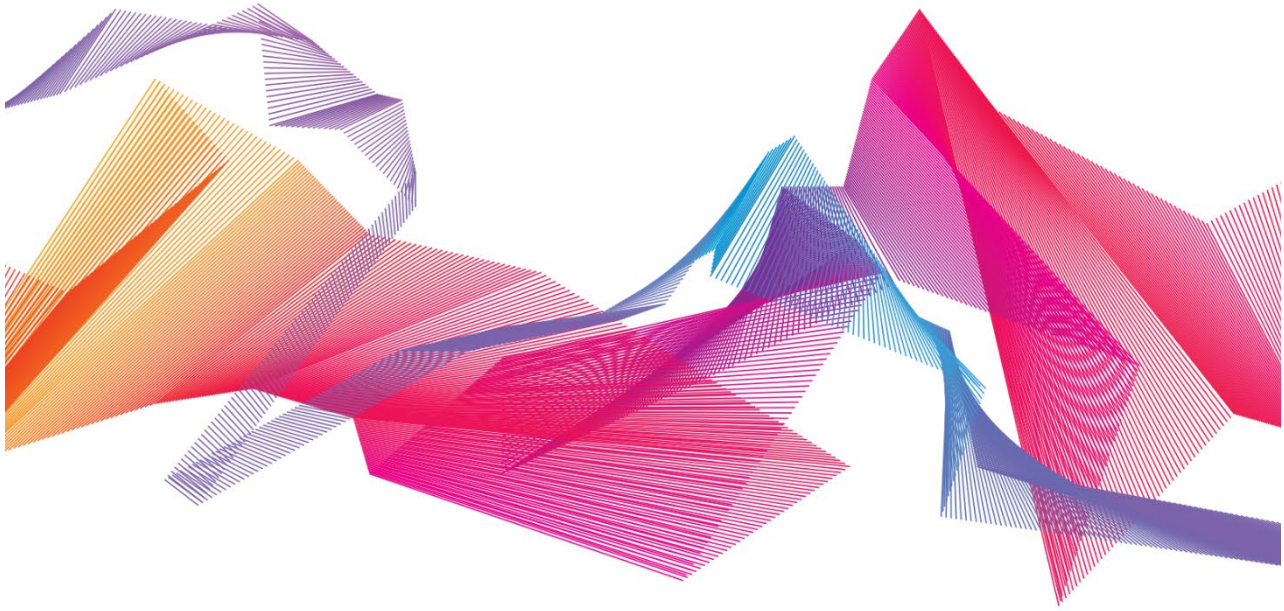

INCORPORATING THE:

- DISABILITY ACTION PLAN
- COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN
- PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

HUME CITY COUNCIL

REPORT NO:	8.6
REPORT TITLE:	Housing Amendment C263 and Draft Good Design Guide
SOURCE:	Andrea Taylor, Coordinator Strategic Planning Projects
DIVISION:	City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	HCC22/929
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Housing Diversity Strategy (updated August 2023)* 2. *Preferred Future Neighbourhod Character Study (August 2023)* 3. *Residential Development Framework Plan* 4. *Proposed planning provision summary* 5. *Proposed planning ordinance* 6. *Proposed NCO1 location map* 7. *Draft Good Design Guide (August 2023)*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 Council's *Housing Diversity Strategy* (Hume City Council, updated August 2023) aims to guide and manage housing change in established areas over the next 20 years to ensure that everyone in Hume has access to a home that meets their needs.

1.1.1 The Strategy aims to do this by:

(a) directing housing growth to the most appropriate locations,

(b) increasing housing choice and diversity, including affordable housing,

(c) facilitating well designed and sustainable housing.

1.1.2 The Strategy (originally adopted June 2020) has been updated to include:

(a) actions that have now been completed;

(b) recent changes to State policy; and

(c) to reflect the recent translation of the Hume Planning Scheme to the Statewide Planning Policy Framework (PPF).

1.1.3 It is recommended that Council adopts the updated *Housing Diversity Strategy*.

1.2 A Residential Development Framework Plan (RDFP) has been prepared and informed by the updated *Housing Diversity Strategy* and a *Preferred Future Neighbourhood Character Study* (Hansen Partnership, August 2023).

1.3 Planning Scheme Amendment C263 (the Amendment) seeks to incorporate the RDFP into the Hume Planning Scheme to implement Council's strategic housing work.

1.3.1 The Amendment seeks to apply:

(a) seventeen (17) new residential zone schedules;

(b) Neighbourhood Character Overlay – Schedule 1 (NCO1);

(c) new and updated strategic directions in the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS); and

(d) new and updated local policy in the Planning Policy Framework (PPF).

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1.3.2 The Amendment also removes:

(a) superseded local policy; and

(b) outdated controls from areas that are fully developed.

1.3.3 These changes result in consequential administrative changes to the Hume Planning Scheme.

1.3.4 It is recommended that Council seeks authorisation from the Minister of Planning to prepare and exhibit the Amendment.

1.4 To support the Amendment, a draft *Good Design Guide* (Hume City Council and Hansen Partnership, August 2023) has been prepared to assist in the design and assessment of different housing options. These design guidelines will sit outside of the Hume Planning Scheme and will be used to influence and encourage better design, liveability and sustainability outcomes in future permit applications.

1.4.1 It is recommended that Council endorse the draft *Good Design Guide* for consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 adopts the updated *Housing Diversity Strategy* (Hume City Council, August 2023);

2.2 seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Amendment C263 to incorporate the Residential Development Framework Plan and implement Council's strategic housing work into the Hume Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987;*

2.3 subject to Ministerial Authorisation, prepares and exhibits Amendment C263 to the Hume Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for an extended period of six weeks;

2.4 authorises Council Officers to make necessary changes to Amendment C263 to ensure consistency with the requirements of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP);

2.5 authorises Council Officers to request the Minister for Planning to appoint a Planning Panel for Amendment C263 to consider unresolved submissions if necessary; and

2.6 endorses the draft *Good Design Guide* (Hume City Council and Hansen Partnership, August 2023) for consultation.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 The Amendment will incur standard costs associated with the planning scheme amendment process required under the Act. If a Planning Panel is required to consider submissions, additional costs will be incurred. These costs will be covered by the City Strategy budget. There may be some additional costs associated with the industry consultation of the draft *Good Design Guide* (Hume City Council and Partnership, August 2023). These costs will also be covered by the City Strategy budget.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 The Amendment seeks to achieve a more sustainable city by promoting housing growth in existing urban areas and supporting the development of a more compact and environmentally sustainable urban form. This is supported by the draft *Good Design Guide* which provides specific guidance on how new housing should be designed to achieve improved ESD outcomes.

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6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 The Amendment will not result in any undue climate change impacts as a result of introducing new planning controls and local policy to support preferred housing and neighbourhood character outcomes. Application and consideration of the draft *Good Design Guide* in the design and assessment of future planning permits will result in new housing that is more sustainable and resilient to climate change impacts.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 The Amendment will meet the principles of Hume's *Social Justice Policy* by engaging the community through a formal exhibition process.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 Housing Diversity Strategy

8.1.1 Community consultation was undertaken on the original draft *Housing Diversity Strategy* from 12 August to 15 October 2019. The final Strategy (adopted June 2020) considered feedback from the community. The changes to the updated HDS are considered to be administrative and therefore do not require additional consultation.

8.2 The Amendment

8.2.1 Subject to Ministerial authorisation, the Amendment will be exhibited in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Act, and include the following notice:

(a) Prescribed Ministers and relevant agencies via mailout.

(b) Landowners within High change areas (proposed to be rezoned to the Residential Growth Zone) and the proposed Neighbourhood Character Overlay area via mailout.

(c) Landowners within the Comprehensive Development Zone proposed to be rezoned to a non-residential zone via mailout.

(d) All affected landowners and occupiers via advertisement in The Age newspaper (multiple weeks) and Government Gazette.

8.2.2 Due to the scale of the Amendment, it is not economically feasible to notify all affected landowners and occupiers via mail. Council will notify those landowners who have email addresses on file via email. Exhibition of the Amendment will also be promoted through Council's website and social media channels.

8.2.3 The Act requires exhibition of amendments for at least one month, however due the scale of the Amendment, it is proposed that the exhibition period be extended to six weeks to provide additional time for community input.

8.2.4 During exhibition, information on the Amendment will be provided on Council's website and the Hume Participate page, and at Council's customer service centres (Broadmeadows, Craigieburn and Sunbury).

8.2.5 Information available will include:

(a) copies of the Amendment documentation;

(b) a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's);

(c) fact sheets; and

(d) short videos explaining why the Amendment is needed and what the Amendment proposes to do.

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8.2.6 Council's website will be used to provide an interactive map that will show the current and proposed planning provisions/controls for individual properties.

8.2.7 Community information sessions will be held to provide an overview of the proposed Amendment and the opportunity to ask Council officers questions.

8.2.8 Residents with specific queries will be provided the opportunity to have one on one conversations with officers via an online appointment booking system.

8.2.9 Internal engagement on Council's strategic housing work has commenced with council officers who support external community interest groups, such as the Multicultural Advisory Group, Interfaith Group, Registered Aboriginal Party Working Group and the Youth Advisory Group. This approach will ensure that information on the exhibition of the Amendment reaches hard-to-reach community members.

8.2.10 The consultation process will ensure that the community and all affected parties are provided the opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment.

8.2.11 Should Council receive submissions that are unable to be resolved, the Amendment will be referred to an independent Planning Panel for consideration. This process will allow all submitters the opportunity to present their submission to the Panel. The Panel will then provide Council with their recommendation that can be used to inform Council's subsequent decision on the Amendment.

8.3 Good Design Guide

8.3.1 Concurrent to the formal amendment exhibition process, Council Officers will undertake targeted consultation with the community, local design experts and development industry on the draft *Good Design Guide*.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Background

9.1.1 Existing controls in the Hume Planning Scheme do not provide for the range of housing options the community needs over their lifetime. They also provide little guidance on preferred neighbourhood character outcomes or the preferred location for different levels of housing change (currently allowing for three storey development in most of Hume's existing residential areas).

9.1.2 In December 2019, the State Government released Planning Practice Notes to provide guidance on how councils should plan for and manage housing change. The Practice Notes specify that councils should develop a Residential Development Framework Plan (RDFP) that is underpinned by a local housing strategy and other relevant strategic work (such as neighbourhood character work) to implement local housing directions.

9.1.3 Figure 1 illustrates how the different parts of the Council's strategic housing work fit together to be consistent with the Practice Notes.

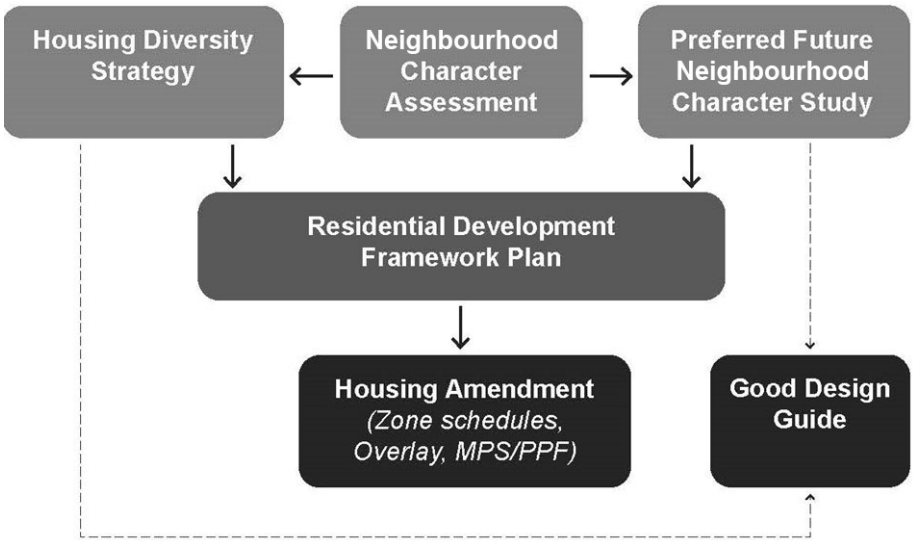

Figure 1: Hume strategic housing work

9.2 Housing Diversity Strategy

9.2.1 In June 2020, Council adopted the original *Housing Diversity Strategy* (the Strategy) which seeks to guide and manage housing change in Hume over the next 20 years.

9.2.2 The Strategy identifies a significant and growing mismatch between the supply and demand for smaller and more diverse housing that will suit the community over their lifetime. This is driven by changing trends in society such as an ageing population who want to age in their local community, the growth of lone and couple households, and worsening housing affordability.

9.2.3 To ensure that everyone in Hume has access to a home that meets their needs whilst managing the impacts of housing change, the Strategy aims to:

(a) direct housing growth to the most appropriate locations,

(b) increase housing choice and diversity, including affordable housing,

(c) facilitate well designed and sustainable housing.

9.2.4 The Strategy seeks to achieve the first two through a framework that applies four different levels of housing change – High, Moderate, Gradual and Limited – to all of Hume's established residential areas.

9.2.5 The first three are consistent with the Practice Notes, while the fourth reflects Hume's context. In particular, this additional level of change has been applied to areas that are substantially constrained such as, semi-rural areas on the fringe of metropolitan Melbourne, recent growth areas, or areas affected by Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) controls.

9.2.6 In line with State policy, the Strategy provides for the greatest level of housing growth (High and Moderate change) in areas best serviced by the infrastructure and amenity needed to support increased households. It then seeks to limit growth (Gradual and Limited change) elsewhere.

9.2.7 Since the Strategy was originally adopted there has been changes to State and local policy, the Hume Planning Scheme has been translated to the new Statewide Planning Policy Framework (PPF), and some of the actions identified in the Strategy have now been completed.

9.2.8 To ensure Council's housing Amendment is underpinned by current and up-to-date strategic work, the Strategy has been updated and it is recommended that

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Council adopt the updated version for implementation in the Hume Planning Scheme (refer **Attachment 1**). The key changes include:

(a) Updated demographic and housing data to reflect 2021 census information, which has confirmed the mismatch between supply and demand is increasing at a faster rate than what the 2016 census data showed.

(b) Reference to new local strategy and policy, including:

(i) *Hume Community Vision 2021-2025* (October 2021)

(ii) Clause 22.21 (Environmentally Sustainable Development) in the Hume Planning Scheme.

(iii) *Affordable Housing Policy* (September 2021).

(c) Updated policy references to reflect the new PPF format of the Hume Planning Scheme.

(d) Updated discussion on affordable housing to reflect new Council policy.

(e) Updated discussion on neighbourhood character to reflect the work that Hansen Partnership has undertaken – see discussion at Section 9.3.

(f) Changes to the Housing Diversity Framework Plan and updated discussion on the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) to reflect the 2021 State government MEO boundary update, which extended the previous overlay further east over areas of Jacana, Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.

(g) Reference to current work being undertaken by Council.

(h) Minor grammatical and terminology updates.

9.3 Neighbourhood Character

9.3.1 Council engaged Hansen Partnership to undertake a *Neighbourhood Character Assessment* (the Assessment) (June 2020) to ensure that the change levels in the Strategy were suitable and would not have a detrimental impact on existing neighbourhood character.

9.3.2 The Assessment found that all of Hume's existing residential areas fell into seven broad character types and confirmed that the change levels in the Strategy were appropriate.

9.3.3 The Assessment also highlighted an area in Campbellfield and Broadmeadows with a highly consistent and intact character defined by the predominance of original Post War dwellings, noting that this possibly warranted extra protection. This is discussed further in Section 9.5.7 of this report.

9.3.4 Following the adoption of the Strategy, Hansen Partnership were engaged to prepare a *Preferred Future Neighbourhood Character Study* (the Study) (August 2023) (refer **Attachment 2**) to identify preferred neighbourhood character and design outcomes for all the areas covered by the Strategy.

9.3.5 The Study outlines preferred character statements for each residential area, taking account of existing valued character qualities and the designated change level. It also identifies objectives and variations to ResCode to be incorporated into schedules to the residential zones, to better facilitate preferred housing and character outcomes.

9.3.6 The Amendment proposes to introduce this guidance into the Hume Planning Scheme, significantly increasing its capacity to ensure that new development considers and is aligned to preferred neighbourhood character outcomes.

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9.4 Residential Development Framework Plan (RDFP)

9.4.1 As previously illustrated in Figure 1 and consistent with the Practice Notes, the Strategy and the Study have informed the development of a Residential Development Framework Plan (RDFP) (refer **Attachment 3**).

9.4.2 The RDFP identifies seventeen (17) different change/character areas, each with corresponding preferred future character and design objectives. This includes:

(a) 51% of land as Limited change;

(b) 39% as Gradual change;

(c) 8% as Moderate change; and

(d) 1.5% as High change.

9.4.3 The RDFP also identifies 0.5% of land as Moderate and High change but within an 'Airport Environs' area, discussed further below.

9.4.4 Much of the southern end of the Hume Corridor is included within the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) which severely limits the development that can occur in these areas. The Strategy has reflected this by generally applying Limited change to areas where development is prohibited (under MAEO1) and Gradual change to areas where development is restricted (under MAEO2).

9.4.5 The current MAEO boundary (updated in 2021) is based on the *Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2018* which assumes most flights will use the east-west runways. However, the new *Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2022* has now been approved and assumes most flights will use the north-south runways.

9.4.6 The Strategy identifies two areas where Moderate change (adjacent to the Campbellfield Activity Centre) and High change (adjacent to the Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre) should occur if the MAEO is updated to reflect the 2022 Masterplan. The RDFP and Amendment allows for this by identifying these areas within an 'Airport Environs' area which proposes no change to the current zoning at this time. This will enable Council to easily apply the appropriate zone and schedule should the MAEO change in the future.

9.5 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment (the Amendment)

9.5.1 The Amendment proposes to implement the RDFP and strategic directions of the updated Strategy and Study into the Hume Planning Scheme through the introduction of:

(a) seventeen (17) new residential zones schedules (corresponding to the 17 different change/character areas in the RDFP) that articulate the desired level of housing change and preferred housing and neighbourhood character objectives for an area;

(b) the Neighbourhood Character Overlay – Schedule 1 (NCO1) to an area with highly consistent and intact character in Campbellfield and Broadmeadows; and

(c) new and updated strategic directions in the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and new and updated local policy in the Planning Policy Framework (PPF).

9.5.2 To achieve this, the Amendment also proposed the following consequential changes to the Hume Planning Scheme:

(a) removal of existing local policy from the PPF that has been superseded by the new strategic housing work; and

(b) removal of the Comprehensive Development Zone (CDZ) and Development Plan Overlay (DPO) from areas that have been fully developed.

9.5.3 The Amendment also makes administrative changes to the operational provisions at Clause 72.03, 72.08 and 74.04 of Hume Planning Scheme as a result of the Amendment.

9.5.4 These changes are discussed below and outlined in more detail in **Attachment 4** with the proposed planning ordinance provided at **Attachment 5**.

9.5.5 Based on advice sought from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), transitional provisions are not required.

9.5.6 New residential zones and schedules

(a) The preferred outcomes for each change/character area will be facilitated through the application of 17 individual zone schedules across the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ), Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ), General Residential Zone (GRZ) and Residential Growth Zone (RGZ).

(b) Where appropriate, variations to the ResCode standards have been proposed in some schedules to assist in facilitating preferred outcomes. All schedules specify landscape and front fence height requirements to maintain Hume's open garden character, encourage greater retention of existing trees and enhance opportunities to request new tress to improve canopy cover across the city. Variations sought in the schedules are supported and reinforced by new local policy in the PPF.

(c) The main elements of the zones and new schedules include:

Zone	**Change level**	**Building height**	**Preferred future neighbourhood character**	**Policy variation sought in schedule**
LDRZ	Limited	n/a	Maintain existing character. Enhance semi-rural landscape character.	Minimum sub-division requirement of 0.6ha in Rolling Meadows.
NRZ	Limited and Gradual (Gradual aligns with minimal change in Planning Practice Notes)	2 storeys (9m)	Maintain existing character in Limited change areas. Reflect existing character in Gradual change areas. Enhance open landscape character.	Minimum sub-division requirement of 2700sqm in Rolling Meadows. Decrease in maximum site coverage requirement in Lifestyle Lots and Large Estate areas. Increased private open space requirement. Reduced front setback requirement in most Gradual change areas.

Zone	Change level	Building height	Preferred future neighbourhood character	Policy variation sought in schedule
GRZ	Moderate (Moderate aligns with incremental change in Planning Practice Notes)	3 storeys (11m)	Introduce new character that complements the existing character and provides a sensitive transition to NRZ (Limited and Gradual change) areas. Enhance open landscape character.	Reduced front setback requirement. Increased private open space requirement. Increased side and rear setback requirement.
RGZ	High (High aligns with substantial change in Planning Practice Notes)	4 storeys (13.5m)	Introduce new character that is more intensive and active. Enhance open landscape character.	Reduced front setback requirement. Increased side and rear setback requirement.

(d) The implementation of the RDFP and corresponding objectives and ResCode variations in the new zone schedules provides the community, planning applicants and decision makers greater certainty and guidance around the preferred housing, character and design outcomes that are sought in each of Hume residential areas.

(e) If the Amendment is approved, the Hume Planning Scheme will be one of the first planning schemes to apply a consistent, municipal wide approach for articulating preferred neighbourhood character outcomes through the residential zones schedules.

9.5.7 Neighbourhood Character Overlay – Schedule 1 (NCO1)

(a) The NCO1 is proposed to be applied to two areas – one to the east of the Campbellfield Activity Centre around Roebourne Crescent and the other between Camp Road and Fashion Parade in Broadmeadows (refer **Attachment 6**).

(b) Whilst the features of these areas (including subdivision pattern and street design, building siting and roof forms, materiality, front fence and garden treatments) are largely representative of Hume's modern-day suburbs, they present a level of consistency and intactness that is not found elsewhere in Hume.

(c) The overlay seeks to ensure that any new built form in these areas respects the preferred neighbourhood character, defined by prevailing characteristics in the precinct.

9.5.8 Rezoning of Comprehensive Development Zone (CDZ) areas

(a) The CDZ has been applied to greenfield areas in Hume that required a development plan to be prepared to guide the initial subdivision and development of these areas.

(b) Now that CDZ areas in Jacksons Hill, Greenvale Lakes East and Craigieburn have been fully developed (in accordance with their respective development plans) these controls are now redundant. Rezoning these areas in line with the RDFP (and corresponding zone schedules) aligns these areas with broader Council policy and enables

setting the new direction for preferred future housing and character outcomes.

(c) Some land parcels within the CDZ contain non-residential uses including commercial development in activity centres, schools, community facilities, open space, and infrastructure (such as railway and road reserves). It is proposed that these land parcels also be zoned to their appropriate zone.

9.5.9 Removal of redundant Development Plan Overlay (DPO)

(a) Large parts of Hume's residential areas that have been developed in the last 20 years are included within the DPO, which requires a development plan to be prepared to coordinate and guide the initial development of these greenfield areas. Similar to the CDZ, now that these areas have been fully developed in accordance with their respective plans, the DPO is no longer required.

(b) The proposed provisions summary identifies the areas proposed to be removed from the DPO at **Attachment 4**.

9.5.10 Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)

(a) To align the MPS with Council's strategic housing work and provide the strategic basis for local policy proposed in the PPF, the Amendment proposes new and updated strategic directions at Clause 02.03. This includes incorporating the first two aims of the updated HDS in Clause 02.03-1 (Settlement), introducing strategic directions for neighbourhood character in Clause 2.03-5 (Built environment and heritage) and updating the strategic directions for housing in Clause 2.03-6 (Housing).

(b) A table that outlines the preferred housing outcomes sought in each of the change levels in the HDS is proposed at Clause 02.03-6.

9.5.11 Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

(a) New and updated local policy to incorporate the RDFP and implement the directions of the updated HDS and PFNCS is proposed at Clause 15.01-5L (Neighbourhood character), Clause 16.01-1L (Housing supply) and Clause 16.01-2L (Affordable housing).

(b) This policy applies to residential development and provides guidance for decision makers that supplements the objectives in the new residential zone schedules. What the policy seeks to achieve is outlined in greater detail at **Attachment 4**, and includes the following key components:

(i) Objectives and strategies to facilitate development that is consistent with the RDPF and the character statements in the PFNCS.

(ii) Further guidance on how particular character and design objectives in zone schedules should be achieved.

(iii) Diversity targets, including a minimum of 30% one and two-bedroom dwellings in Moderate change areas, and a minimum of 80% in High change and activity centres areas at Clause 16.01-1L.

(iv) Policy guidance that seeks the provision of at least 10% affordable housing through the rezoning of land for residential development at Clause 16.01-2L.

(c) The Amendment proposes to remove existing local policy relating to neighbourhood character in parts of Westmeadows, Tullamarine and Sunbury. This policy was introduced into the Hume Planning Scheme via Amendment C45 (2005) and is based on the *Hume City Council Neighbourhood Character Study* (Hume City Council, Planisphere and

John Curtis, 2002) which has now superseded by the neighbourhood character work prepared by Hansen Partnership underpinning this Amendment.

9.6 Good Design Guide

9.6.1 To address the third aim of the Strategy which seeks to facilitate well designed and sustainable housing in Hume, a draft *Good Design Guide* (Hume City Council and Hansen Partnership, August 2023) has been prepared to guide the design and assessment of new medium density housing (refer **Attachment 7**). The design guidelines will sit outside of the Planning Scheme and be used to influence and encourage better design, liveability and sustainability outcomes in permit applications. The guidelines will be able to be updated as the development market evolves to ensure they are addressing current design challenges.

9.6.2 The draft *Good Design Guide* outlines preferred design outcomes, and the things to avoid, for different housing typologies, including dual occupancies (side by side and front and back), multi-unit developments, attached townhouses and apartments (up to four storeys). Detailed guidance is provided under the following sections:

(a) *Site layout*, which relates to the overall design and configuration of the development including its building footprint and orientation, vehicle and pedestrian access, location of private open space and landscape provision. It also addresses how development should respond to the site's context and immediate interfaces.

(b) *Building design and streetscape presentation*, which relates to the overall height and massing of development, how the building presents and interacts with the street and how the design responds to landform to capitalise on available outlook and minimise visual bulk.

(c) *Communal areas and parking*, which relates to all shared areas, including shared access to the site for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, as well as the provision of car and bicycle parking in both the public and private realm.

(d) *Amenity and internal layout*, which relates to the level of comfort and liveability of the dwelling generated from the features (such as storage) and internal layout of dwellings, design of private open spaces, access to daylight and ability to heat and cool passively.

(e) *Landscaping design*, which relates to what and how landscape should be provided and designed to maximise environmental, character and amenity outcomes.

9.6.3 Whilst the draft *Good Design Guide* does not form part of the Amendment, given the design of medium density (multi-unit) development is often a major community concern, officers propose to consult on the guidelines in parallel with the exhibition of the Amendment. This will allow the community to see the full package of work Council is doing to get better housing and design outcomes across Hume.

9.6.4 Council officers propose to undertake consultation (in addition to the community) on the draft *Good Design Guide* with the local design and development industry, particularly targeting those who are involved with multiple applications.

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10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 Council's *Housing Diversity Strategy* aims to guide and manage housing change in established areas to meet Hume's housing needs over the next 20 years. It is recommended that Council adopts the updated Strategy to ensure Amendment C263 is underpinned by current and up-to-date strategic housing work.

10.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C263 seeks to implement the RDFP and strategic directions of the updated Strategy and Study into the Hume Planning Scheme through the application of seventeen (17) new residential zones schedules, the Neighbourhood Character Overlay – Schedule 1 (NCO1) as well as new and updated strategic directions and local policy in the MPS and PPF. It is recommended that Council seeks authorisation from the Minister of Planning to prepare and exhibit the Amendment.

10.3 A draft *Good Design Guide* (Hume City Council and Hansen Partnership, August 2023) has been prepared to assist in the design and assessment of different housing options in Hume. It is recommended that Council endorses the guidelines for community and stakeholder consultation.

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Glossary

	Description
Activity Centre	Higher order activity centres include Metropolitan and Major Activity Centres defined by State policy. Broadmeadows is a Metropolitan Activity Centre that provides a diverse range of jobs, activities and housing for regional catchments and are well served by public transport. Sunbury, Roxburgh Park, Craigieburn and Gladstone Park are Major Activity Centres.
Affordable Housing	Housing, including social housing, that is appropriate for the housing needs of any of the following: very low-income households; low income households; and moderate-income households.
Apartment	A self-contained dwelling in a building that is divided to accommodate several different dwellings across two or more of floor levels.
Dual Occupancy	Two dwellings on the block either side by side fronting the street or one behind the other to the rear of the block.
Dwelling	A building used as a private place of residence. This could be in the form of different housing types and must include kitchen and bathroom facilities.
Empty Nester	A household in which one or more parent is living without any children with them.
Housing Change	The extent of change expected to the housing in an area. This includes a change to the type and mix of housing.
Housing Mismatch	The difference or gap between the number of small homes and small households based on Census data and forecasts.
Hume Planning Scheme	A statutory document which contains all of Councils state and local planning policies and controls for use and development of land in the municipality.
Housing Types	Dwellings in various forms including units, townhouses, apartments and detached dwellings.
Small/er Households	Households with one or two persons living in a dwelling.
Smaller Dwellings	A place of residence that is made up of one or two bedrooms maximum.
Municipal Strategic Statement	A local policy in the Hume Planning Scheme which details objectives and strategies for land use and development across the municipality. This policy provides the broad strategic direction for the Council area
Neighbourhood Character	The combination of various aspects and features of private and public realms that define the look and feel of an area. It includes the pattern of development, scale and form of buildings as well as landscape and architectural features.
Planning Policy Framework	Sets out the State, regional and local planning policies for the use and development of land and is contained within the Hume Planning Scheme.
Public Land	Land that either Council, the State Government or the Federal Government own.
Unit	Multiple dwellings on a site. They can be built either on one site or across two or more consolidated sites according to planning rules and can be in the form of either detached or attached houses.

Figure 1: Diverse Housing for Diverse Households

Students and young people

"I want to move out on my own or with friends, somewhere small and cheap that doesn't require much work."

1&2

Older people

"I want to stay in my local community close to friends and family, however I can no longer maintain my large house and garden, and I find it difficult to climb stairs."

1&2

First home buyers

"I need something that I can afford, and am happy to buy something small just to enter the property market and upgrade later when I need more space or can afford something bigger."

1&2

Single parent families

"It's just the kids and me so we need a house that is affordable, size would be a bonus."

2&3

Divorcees and separated people

"When I separated from my partner I didn't have much money. I wanted something small and affordable in the same area so I can be close to my kids."

1&2

Empty nesters

"Now the children have gone we don't need as much space, in fact it would make sense to downsize to something smaller which requires less effort to maintain and will help us top up our super."

1&2

People with low levels of mobility and a disability

"My house needs to be easy to live in, I need to be able to get around easily and not have to do too much work on it."

People and families on low household incomes

"I need housing that is cheap as I can't afford much, and it would be good if it is close to transport and services."

2&3

New Migrants

"I've just arrived so I can't afford much right now. Longer term my wider family will be living with me so I need something with lots of bedrooms."

1&2 (4+ if larger/composite families)

Part 1 – Context and Background

1. Introduction

Council has prepared a Housing Diversity Strategy (Strategy) to meet the growing and changing housing needs of its community and deliver upon our community's desire for more well located, diverse and affordable housing options in Hume's established areas. The Strategy was originally adopted by Council in June 2020 and has been updated in March 2023.

Hume's population is anticipated to grow by more than 130,000 people in the next 20 years. Whilst much of the housing to meet this growth is set to occur in our new suburbs and estates, some of the housing will occur in our established areas. Data shows that the fastest growing populations in our existing suburbs are couples without children and lone person households, but the housing market continues to deliver larger housing stock of three or more bedrooms. Just 9% of current housing in Hume is one and two bedrooms compared to 25% in Greater Melbourne.

This mismatch in supply and shortage of one and two-bedroom homes means that it is more difficult and more expensive for people to buy and rent a smaller home in Hume than it should be. This is particularly a problem for the smaller household groups who currently live in Hume but want or need a smaller home and don't want to have to leave the area.

It is the purpose of this Strategy to provide greater housing diversity in appropriate locations so that the housing choices in Hume are improved, particularly for these smaller households.

The Strategy does this by allocating different rates of housing change (Low, Gradual, Moderate and High) with associated preferred housing typologies and sizes to different locations based on accessibility to transport and services, and constraints like narrow streets and aircraft noise.

As required by State planning policy, the Strategy plans for the housing needs over the next 15 to 20 years and facilitates new housing throughout Hume with a focus on areas that are close to existing services, jobs and public transport.

Council recognises that the location and form of housing development proposed in this Strategy will have a range of positive impacts but will also introduce changes to the appearance of neighbourhoods and create demands on infrastructure. Chapters 6 and 7 identify how Council will ensure that these changes and demands are appropriately managed.

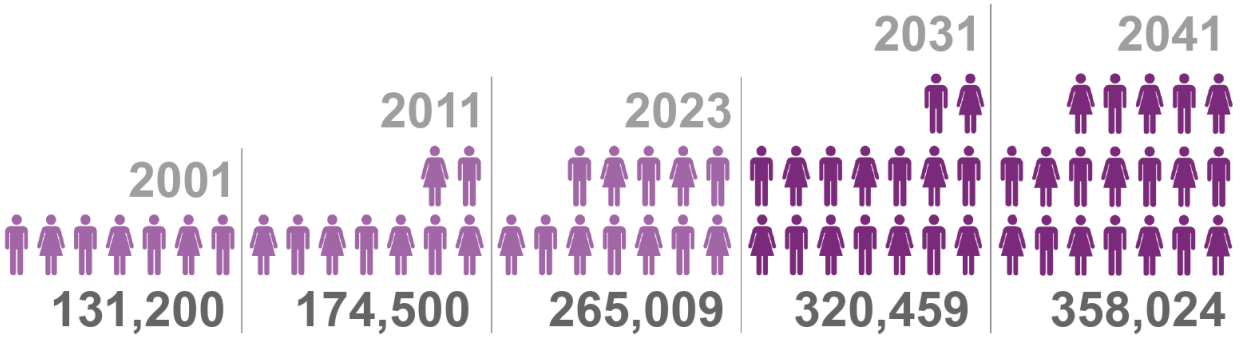


Figure 2. Hume's Population Growth – 2001 to 2041
Hume Council projections
Source: Profile .id

1.1 Where does this Strategy apply?

This Housing Diversity Strategy applies to the established areas of the Hume municipality – refer Figure 3. This includes all the residentially zoned land, and some commercial land in activity centres where housing at upper levels may be possible.

Existing industrial and other commercial zoned land is not included as this land is currently identified to provide opportunities for businesses and the provision of jobs. Newer residential areas (developed under a Master Plan or Precinct Structure Plan since 2010) are also outside of the study area because most are still being developed and have been planned to provide a range of housing options and sizes. However, the population and household statistics of these newer areas are included and counted towards the housing need of the Hume community discussed in Chapter 2 and it is expected that these areas will assist in meeting housing diversity to meet the short and long term needs of future communities.

Public land has generally not been considered as part of the study area although underutilised public land may provide an opportunity for housing development in the future that contributes to housing diversity and the amenity of the local area – see Chapter 7.

1.2 What is Housing Diversity?

Housing diversity is where there is a mix of housing options that are accessible to the community at all stages of life. When there is a good diversity of housing, people have access to a range of living choices at an affordable price. Housing diversity is made up of a mix of the following factors:

- Types of Home: Detached dwellings, dual occupancies, town houses, apartments, shop top housing etc.
- Size of Homes: Number of bedrooms, as well as amount of indoor and outdoor space.
- Tenure: Rental (public and private), mortgage and owned properties.

Diversity is created by providing a variety of these factors. Ideally this diversity is provided everywhere so people have the choice to live wherever they choose rather than just where they can find a home to suit their needs and budget.

Having a diverse range of housing allows people to stay and age in their local communities – from children to young adults, to families and into old age. This is important to maintain social connections and community vitality. By encouraging more one and two-bedroom homes to be developed, people will have a choice to downsize into a smaller home when they need to, allowing for bigger households to use existing large family homes.

1.3 Why has a Housing Diversity Strategy been prepared?

The housing that people choose to buy or to rent will be based on a myriad of decisions that are unique to their particular needs. In Hume, a particularly important influence is the different preferences and values that our culturally diverse community places on housing and family living.

However, population trends, housing market data and living cost data shows that:

- Smaller households including older people (65+), couples without children and lone persons will be the fastest growing household type and demographic over the next 20 years.
- Smaller housing options for these growing household types are very limited in Hume at present.
- Some older people are not downsizing to smaller homes because there is a lack of choice of suitable smaller homes at a price that enables them to realise their desired capital return.
- Housing is becoming more expensive to buy and to rent meaning more people are looking for lower cost housing.
- Living costs are continuing to rise making affordable and sustainable housing very important.

This clearly points to a need for greater housing diversity in our established areas if the community are to have access to housing that meets their needs and wants without having to leave the area.

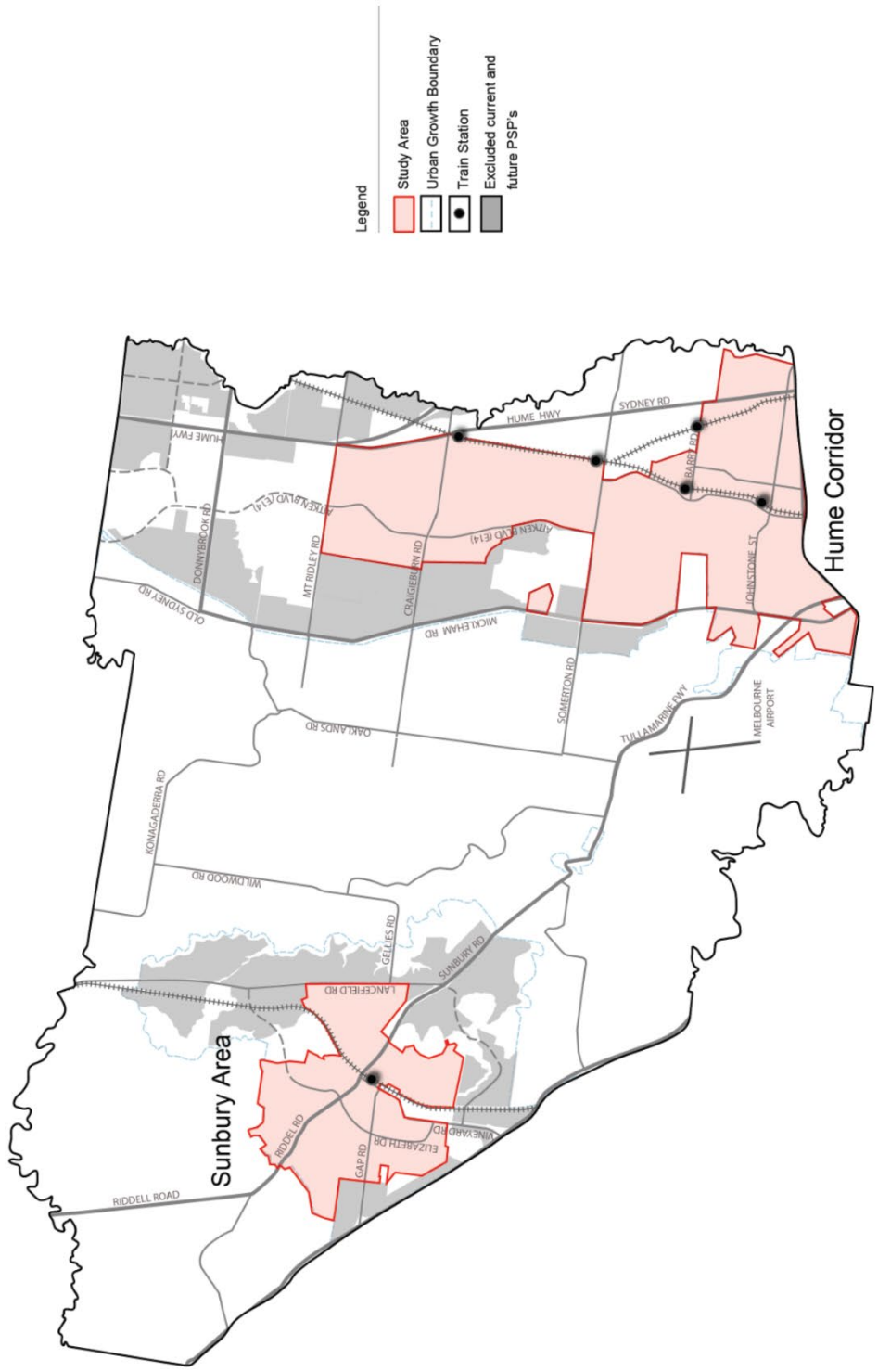


Figure 3: Study Area

1.4 What do we want the Housing Diversity Strategy to achieve?

The Housing Diversity Strategy seeks to guide residential development responsibly for our existing and future community, and achieve the following aims:

- Aim 1 – Manage change to direct new housing to the most appropriate and sustainable locations.
- Aim 2 – Increase choice to increase the choice and diversity of housing in Hume, including affordable housing.
- Aim 3 – Design well to facilitate well designed and sustainable housing.

With this Strategy, Council will be able to better:

- Guide new housing development to the locations that are better suited to accommodate the change.
- Influence developers, builders and private parties to deliver housing outcomes that more closely meet the diversity of housing needs and aspirations of our community.
- Introduce new planning policy and direction in the Hume Planning Scheme to ensure new housing development is better located and targeted at meeting the community's housing needs whilst reflecting important qualities of the current neighbourhood character.
- Advance other policies and measures to support affordable and sustainable housing.
- Plan for the impacts of more housing, particularly demand for new and upgraded infrastructure and services.

These are all aspects that the community have identified as important to them through community consultation in Council's community plan – Hume Community Vission 2021 - 2025.

1.5 Project Stages

The Housing Diversity Strategy involves several important stages from investigation, strategy development, and consultation with the community through to implementation.

Previous Council projects and background research has identified a critical need for housing diversity and community aspiration for more well-located diverse housing options.

Community Consultation for the draft Strategy was completed between 2 September and 15 October 2019. The purpose of this community consultation was to achieve an understanding of the level of community support for the draft Strategy, particularly the '10 Principles for Housing Change' proposed, and the proposed Change Areas.

Next stages will involve implementing the final strategy.

Figure 4. Housing Diversity Strategy Project Stages

1.6 Community Feedback

Community feedback was received in response to a Draft Housing Diversity Strategy.

Key issues across both surveys and submissions revealed the following key things to be considered in the final Strategy:

- Impacts to residential car parking and traffic in streets.
- Impacts to infrastructure, including public transport and open spaces for a growing population.
- Impacts to neighbourhood character and the quality of new housing.
- Support for more Affordable Housing.

Feedback on the changes areas included:

- The extent of Moderate Change in Tullamarine.
- Mixed views about High Change in Sunbury Town Centre.
- Consider High Change in Craigieburn close to the train station.

This community feedback was considered as part of the finalisation of the Strategy.

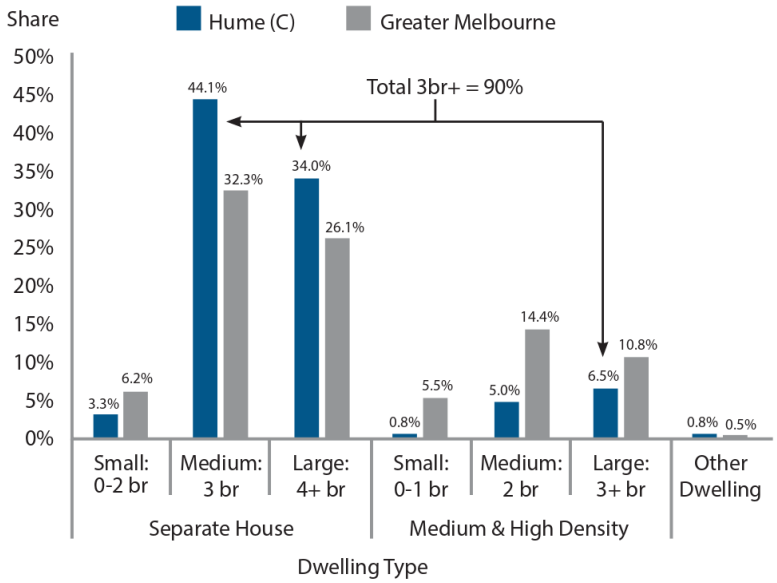
2 Understanding Our Housing Need

The housing that people choose to buy or to rent will be based on a myriad of decisions that are unique to their particular needs. However, evidence and discussions with Hume's community over the last ten years has identified a growing housing need and desire for smaller dwellings as increasing numbers of residents live in smaller households and the cost of housing increases.

2.1 Lack of One and Two Bedroom Homes

Housing in Hume is dominated by larger, detached family homes with few smaller dwellings and little diversity in terms of dwelling typology. In Hume, 91% of homes have three or more bedrooms (refer Figure 5). The majority of these have three bedrooms (44%), followed by those with four bedrooms (36%) and five or more bedroom homes (6%). The remaining 9% of homes in Hume are one or two-bedroom homes. T is significantly lower than the 26% average for the rest of Greater Melbourne[1].

Figure 5. Dwelling types by bedroom, City of Hume, 2021



[1] 5% were 'not stated'.

2.2 Who needs small homes?

2.2.1 Hume's Small Households

Figure 6 shows the range of household types and individuals who may require and choose to live in a dwelling that is different to a large, traditional freestanding home.

Most of Hume's households are families with children at home (56%) (refer Figure 6). However, more than one third of the households in our community are small households of either a single person or couples without children living at home. There is a high level of diversity in this group, with Hume having an equal share of 'older' and 'younger' small household types. These smaller households of two people or less may prefer a small one or two-bedroom home which meets their lifestyle needs and is likely to be more affordable to purchase and manage.

The 56% of households that are classified as family households includes single parent families or a couple that may have small children. These households may also prefer a smaller home, particularly if it is more affordable.

The household mix varies across the different areas of Hume. The established areas have a very similar mix to Hume overall. In the growth areas, over half of all households are couples with children, and there are very few small households (couples without children and lone persons). On the other hand, the Sunbury Corridor has a higher proportion of small households, a reflection of its older population.

Figure 7 shows family households will continue to make up the largest proportion of the community in 2004. However, the most significant proportional increase will be in the small households. Over the next 20 years in Hume, small households are forecast to grow at a faster rate than family households, at 3.8% per annum compared to 2.9%. This highlights the demand for smaller dwellings in the municipality will increase over the next 20 years.

Figure 6. Household Types from 2021 Census Hume and Greater Melbourne

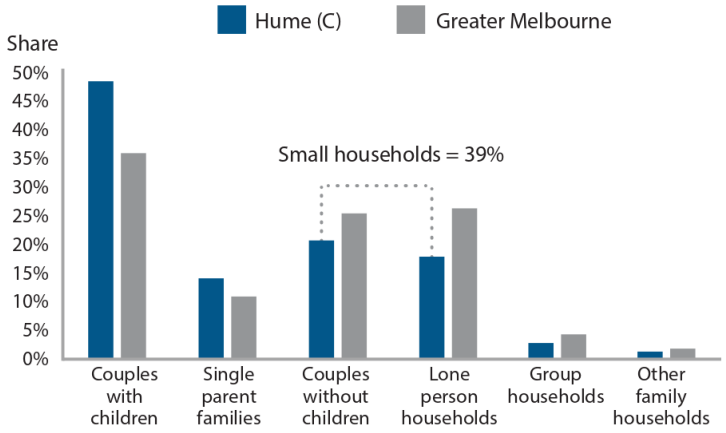


Figure 7. Hume's Mix of Household Types in 2021 Census and projected for 2041

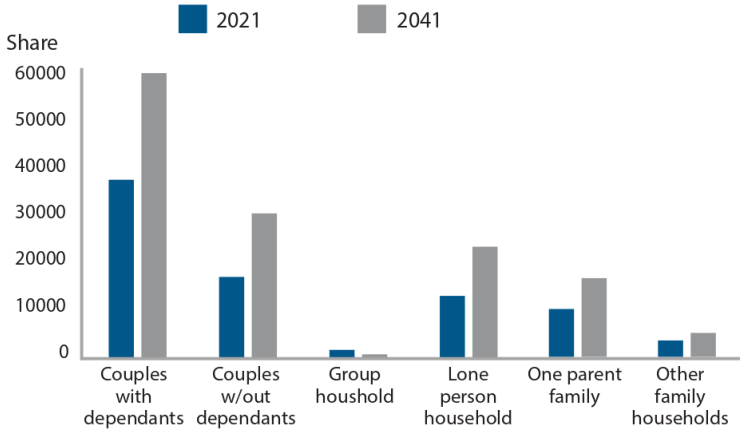


Figure 8. Household Types and Housing Preferences

Household type or individual					Typical housing preference(s)
Students and young people		$			1 2] If living alone or in a couple
Older persons					1 2
First time home buyers		$			1 2] If living alone or in a couple 3 – If starting a family
Single parent families		$			2 3 – If larger family
Divorcees and seperated people		$			1 2 3 – If larger family
Empty nesters					1 2 – If larger family
People with low levels of mobility or a disability		$			
People and families on low household incomes		$			2 3 – If larger family
New migrants		$			1 2] If living alone or in a couple 4+ If larger family

$ = Affordable
= Accessible
= Low maintenance
= Number of bedrooms

2.2.2 Hume's Ageing Population

Hume's projected age profile (Figure 9) shows the youth population, aged 19 and younger, is expected to continue to be the largest age group in Hume as young families move into Hume's growth areas. However, by 2041 this age group will begin to decrease as development of new residential estates slows. The decline in the 20-29 age group between 2021-2041 reflects youth growing into adulthood and moving out of the municipality.

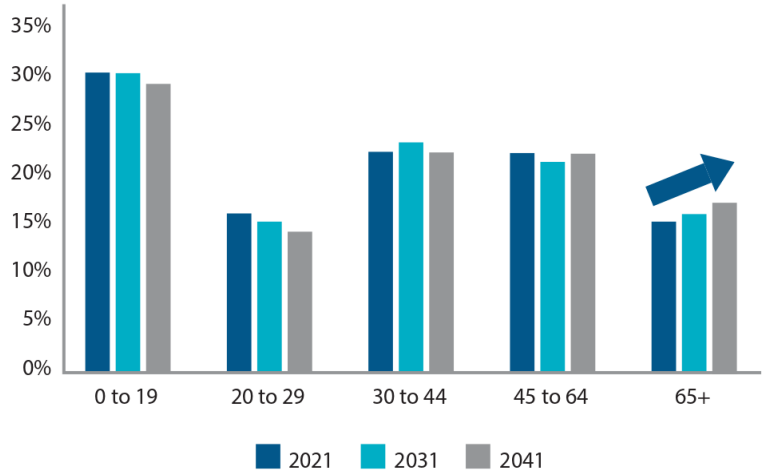


Figure 9. Age groups in Hume - current and projected population

The 30-64 age group representing young families through to empty nesters will remain relatively stable throughout the next 20+ years. Combined, this adult population makes up almost half of Hume's existing and future residents.

The over 65 population is currently the smallest group in Hume however has the most expected growth over the next 10-20 years. Residents in this age group have often lived in a local area for several decades where they have deep links to the community and local neighbourhood. They would prefer to stay in the local area which is familiar and close to friends and family.

The areas with the greatest proportion of people over 65 are in Gladstone Park, Tullamarine, Campbellfield and Westmeadows. These areas are expected to continue to have large proportions of over 65 years olds in future decades with large numbers also expected in Craigieburn in the future.

Sunbury has a large proportion of people aged over 65 that will more than double from 5,751 to 13,019 between 2021 and 2041.

Increasing downsizing options within and close to locations with residents over 65 will allow them greater choice for ageing in place.

2.2.3 Spatial Implications of Household Type and Residents Age

Current and future population and household profiles of Hume are, and will increasingly, generate a demand for more diverse (and smaller) housing products.

Within each suburb these profiles are creating slightly different demands:

- The established areas in the south-west of Hume and the older parts of Craigieburn contain high numbers of older persons and lone and couple only households.
- Sunbury, particularly central areas of Sunbury, have high numbers of older persons and lone and couple only households.
- In the growth areas, couples with dependants and one parent families are the dominant household groups which is consistent with the established trend for families to locate in growth areas. As the current population ages over the next 20 years, the growth areas, particularly around Craigieburn, are anticipated to see increasing proportions and numbers of young adults (20-29), older people (65+) and couple and lone person households.

2.3 Housing affordability and affordable housing

Access to housing that is affordable goes beyond fulfilling a need for shelter, it supports residents in building their lives, connecting with neighbours, and developing inclusive and resilient communities. The opposite to this is true, that housing that is unaffordable, can lead to experiences of inequality, poor health outcomes and socio-economic disadvantage for households and the wider community.

Affordable housing is often associated with the term 'housing affordability', however they are not the same. Affordable housing specifically refers to housing that is appropriate for the needs of very low to moderate income households as defined in the Planning and Environment Act 1987[2]. For these households the only housing options unlikely to force them into rental stress are offered by the social housing sector, either in public housing or rental housing managed and controlled by registered Community Housing Associations.

It is important to note that affordable housing is not the same as cheap housing or housing diversity. It is quality, secure and accessible housing, suitable for a range of people and rented at a price which is affordable comparative to household income.

Housing affordability, on the other hand, describes the relationship between housing costs and household incomes for all households. It is commonly considered that paying up to 30% of household income towards housing is affordable. Housing affordability is increasingly an issue for households as house price growth far exceeds wage increases.

The Hume municipality historically had comparatively good levels of housing affordability within the Melbourne metropolitan area. However, this has rapidly been eroded over the last decade, with only 15.6% of all rentals in Hume City being deemed affordable in March 2021[3].

[2] Statutory Income Levels for Very Low to Moderate Households in Metropolitan Melbourne at 23 June 2022

	Very Low income	Low income	Moderate income
Single adult	Up to $26,680	$26,681 to $42,680	$42,681 to $64,020
Couple, no dependants	$40,010	$40,011 to $64,030	$64,031 to $96,030
Family (one or two parents)	$56,010	$56,011 to $89,630	$89,631 to $134,450

[3] DHHS Rental Report March quarter 2021
https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/past-rental-reports

3 A Mismatch between Housing and Community Need

The data in Chapter 2 demonstrates that the perception of Hume being an outer suburban family area masks an existing and growing issue of limited dwelling diversity and a mismatch* in the demand and supply of housing.

3.1 Hume's Housing Mismatch

Currently, 40% of households are small, but only 8.8% of dwellings are classified as small (one-two bedrooms). This highlights a mismatch in the demand for, and supply of, small dwellings in Hume.

Gladstone Park, Sunbury and Westmeadows have the largest mismatch between small households and small dwellings. The smaller households in these areas are generally older single or couple residents, which can bring significant challenges, such as safety and maintenance of a large home and garden.

Older residents may have less ability to move as they often have lower incomes and cannot afford the upfront costs of moving to a small dwelling. These factors are heightened by the lack of small homes in Hume which due to their scarcity are very similar in price to larger three-bedroom homes. Because of this there may be no financial benefit to downsize.

This mismatch can be calculated by comparing the number of small households to small homes now and into the future. The mismatch can only be discussed as "potential housing need" as it cannot be assumed that all small households would choose a smaller product if it was available.

As shown in Table 1 there was a significant housing mismatch in 2021 with a gap between the supply of one and two-bedroom dwellings and more than 25,000 households that would 'potentially' need or choose a smaller dwelling. This means that 25,716 households (79% of all small households) would not be able to live in a one or two-bedroom home in Hume if they wanted to.

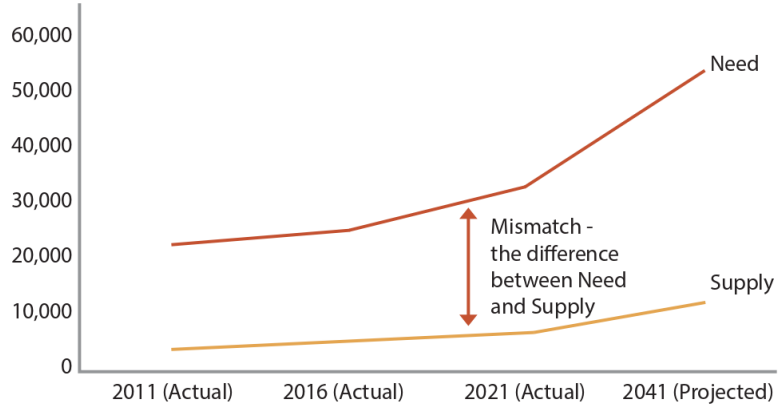
Table 1. Potential housing mismatch in Hume (total number of households) in 2011, 2016, 2021, 2041

	2011	2016	2021	2041
NEED (No. of one or two resident households - enumerated)	22,452	25,602	32,687	53,157
SUPPLY (No. dwellings with one and two bedrooms)	4,498	5,898	6,971	11,917
POTENTIAL MISMATCH / POTENTIAL HOUSING NEED	-17,954	-19,704	-25,716	-41,240
% of unmet need	-80%	-76%	-79%	-78%
Potential mismatch/ potential housing need at 50%	-8,977	-9,852	-12,858	-20,620
% of unmet need	-40%	-38%	-40%	-39%

*Housing Mismatch is the gap between the number of small homes and small households based on Census data and forecasts – refer Figure 10.

Assuming that only half of the small households would prefer a smaller home, Table 1 shows that the housing choice of nearly 10,000 households is currently unable to be met.

Figure 10. The Increasing small housing mismatch over time



The current and future housing demand in Table 1 can be compared to the current and future supply of one and two-bedroom dwellings to identify the potential mismatch in housing supply or the "potential housing need"– see Figure 10. The mismatch can be expressed as a number, and as a percentage of 'need met'.

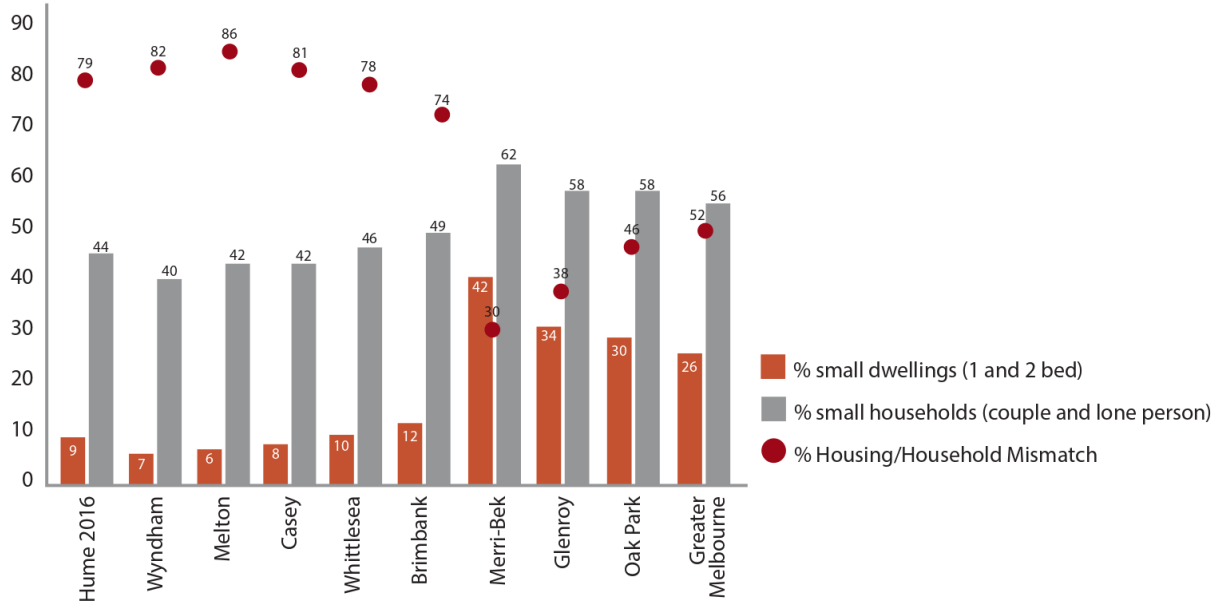
Figure 11. Calculating Hume's housing need

3.2 How does Hume's Housing Mismatch Compare?

Figure 12 illustrates that Hume has a similar small household to small home mismatch (78%) when compared with most other growth municipalities (Wyndham, Melton, Casey and Whittlesea).

Compared to nearby established suburbs and the Greater Melbourne average, the mismatch in Hume is significantly greater – see Figure 11. The percentage of small homes in Glenroy and Oak Park is more than triple that supplied in Hume. These suburbs also have more small households than Hume but the much greater diversity in dwelling sizes means the local housing mismatch in these areas is just 38% and 46% of small households.

Figure 12. Meeting Housing Need – Hume compared to Growth and Merri-Bek Councils, Glenroy and Oak Park Suburbs



3.3 How many small dwellings will we need in Hume at 2041?

Based on recent development and demographic trends, if all of Hume's small households desired a small home in 2041, up to 53,000 small homes would be needed.

For a range of reasons some small households may prefer an extra bedroom or two for a guest room, study or just to provide some extra space. Given this, and the low level of mismatch achieved across Greater Melbourne and in surrounding areas, a 40% mismatch in 2041 is considered reasonable and appropriate.

Part Two of the Strategy presents a Housing Diversity Plan that identifies opportunities to increase the diversity of housing in Hume and estimates the potential supply that the Housing Diversity Plan could create to better manage Hume's current housing mismatch.

4 Policy Context

This Housing Diversity Strategy has been prepared in line with existing State, metropolitan and local planning policies which currently guide housing growth in Hume. All levels of policy set out the importance of providing housing for the needs of our growing population and recognise community changes such as the ageing population and increasing numbers of smaller households.

4.1 State Government Policy

4.1.1 Plan Melbourne 2017-2050

Plan Melbourne (The Plan) is the metropolitan plan for Melbourne. The Plan sets out a series of policies for how Melbourne will respond to an expected population of 10 million people by 2051 (almost double the current population).

A strong focus of The Plan is to provide housing that capitalises on existing infrastructure, jobs, services and public transport.

Plan Melbourne aims to create walkable neighbourhoods by encouraging development around a hierarchy of activity centres. It supports new housing in activity centres and other places that offer good access to jobs, services and public transport. This recognises that activity centres are usually well catered for by public transport and offer access to a range of services and facilities.

The Plan requires councils to prepare a housing policy that provides certainty by defining Change Areas supporting long term housing choice and diversity for a range of households.

4.1.2 (State) Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Contained within all planning schemes across Victoria, the PPF is the State's strategic basis for how land is controlled across Victoria and how planning controls (such as zones and overlays) are applied to land. Relevant strategies in the PPF specifically require all planning in Victoria to:

- Encourage a diversity of housing types at higher densities in and around activity centres.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of new housing, including access to services, walkability to activity centres and public transport.

These State planning policies implement the strategies of Plan Melbourne. Council must also ensure its local planning strategies align with the PPF to gain support for any future local policies or land controls it wishes to introduce.

Specific policy at Clause 02.03-1S relates to supply of urban land with an objective to ensure a sufficient supply of land is available for residential, commercial, retail, industrial, recreational, institutional and other community uses. This Policy requires strategic planning to accommodate projected population growth over at least a 15-year period and provide clear direction on locations where growth should occur. Residential land supply will be considered on a municipal basis.

4.1.3 Residential Zones and State Guidance

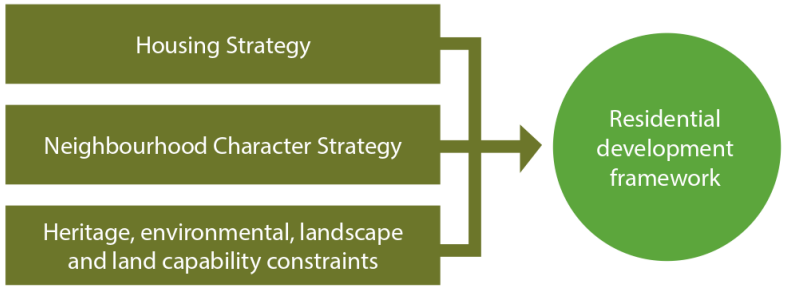
The State Government released a new set of residential zones in March 2013 which seek to provide greater clarity around the type of development that can be expected in different residential areas. The new zones provide tools which allow Council to more clearly articulate to developers and the community where housing change is most encouraged.

In December 2019, the State Government released two Planning Practice Notes (PPN's) which provide guidance about how to prepare, use and apply Victoria's planning provisions for residential development.

PPN90- Planning for Housing

PPN90 advises Councils to develop a 'residential development framework' that is informed by a Housing Strategy, and other relevant strategic work or studies, such as a Neighbourhood Character Study (Figure 13). The framework provides a mean to balance the directions of these strategies and provide certainty around preferred growth and future character outcomes.

Figure 13. Inputs for a residential development framework.



One of the key actions associated with developed a residential framework is the identification of housing change areas. PPN30 notes that a framework for managing change typically comprises the delineation of three levels of housing change (minimal, incremental and substantial) however additional levels of change may be acceptable provided there is a strong basis for the approach and the additional housing change areas reflect preferred development outcomes.

PPN90 – 'Planning for Housing' outlines that any strategic work related to Housing and Neighbourhood Character play a role as follows:

Housing:

- ensures a range of housing opportunities are available across the municipality to meet the needs of the projected population
- outlines the strategies and implementation mechanisms to accommodate the projected population and household needs
- identifies where and how the housing needs of the future population will be met across the municipality identifies suitable locations for housing growth including those areas close to services, jobs, public transport and activity centres, and strategic development areas.

Neighbourhood Character:

- considers both the public and private realms
- provides strategic direction for neighbourhood character to guide future development through preferred neighbourhood character statements or neighbourhood character objectives
- identifies the comparative significance of each neighbourhood character area.
- forms the basis for neighbourhood character statements, policies, objectives and local variations to Clause 54 and Clause 55 being included in residential zone schedules, a Neighbourhood Character Overlay or other overlay.

PPN91 – Reforms to the Residential Zones

PPN 91 outlines the role of each of the new zones and how they should be applied to implement strategic goals associated with a residential development framework - refer to Table 2.

Table 2. The role and application of the residential zones

Zone	Role and application
Residential Growth Zone	Applied to areas suitable for housing diversity and housing at increased densities in locations offering good access to services, jobs and public transport, and to provide a transition between areas of more intensive use and development such as activity centres, and other residential areas. The zone has a default discretionary height limit of 13.5 metres (four storeys).
General Residential Zone	Applied to areas where housing development of three storeys exists or is planned for in locations offering good access to services and transport.The zone has a maximum height limit of 11 metres (three storeys).
Neighbourhood Residential Zone	Applied to areas where there is no anticipated change to the predominantly single and double storey character. Also to areas that have been identified as having specific neighbourhood, heritage, environmental or landscape character values that distinguish the land from other parts of the municipality or surrounding area. The zone has a maximum height limit of 9 metres (two storeys).

Source: Planning Practice Note 91,
Department of Land, Water, Environment and Planning, Dec 2019

PPN91 – 'Reforms to the Residential Zone' sets out five Principles underpinning the residential zones include:

1. Housing and neighbourhood character plans need to be consistent and align with one another when specifying preferred future housing and neighbourhood character outcomes for an area.
2. All residential zones support and allow increased housing, unless special neighbourhood character, heritage, environmental or landscape attributes, or other constraints and hazards exist.
3. The Residential Growth Zone promotes housing intensification in locations close to jobs, services and facilities serviced by public transport including activity centres.
4. The General Residential Zone is a three-storey zone with a maximum building height of 11 metres.
5. The density or number of dwellings on a lot cannot be restricted in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone unless special neighbourhood character, heritage, environmental or landscape attributes, or other constraints and hazards exist.

Source: Planning Practice Note 91, Department of Land, Water, Environment and Planning, Dec 2019

4.2 Local Council Policy

4.2.1 Hume Horizons 2040

Hume Horizons 2040 is Council's plan and vision for the future. The plan identifies Hume's role historically in providing affordable family homes in the housing market, and the growing and changing needs of the community based on the population growth trends. The plan specifically identifies the growing needs of the older segments of the community (65+), as well as the simultaneous growth in young people.

Hume Horizons 2040 was developed from extensive stakeholder consultation. While initially starting in late November 2012 with the annual community survey, the main consultation began in February 2013 and was completed in late September 2013.

In 2021, Hume Horizons 2040 was reviewed in line with the new Local Government Act 2020 that requires Councils to develop a Community Vision and Community Plan. The Hume Community Vision was developed through extensive community consultation with over 8,500 residents and was adopted by Council in October 2021.

The Hume Community Vision is for Hume to be 'A sustainable and thriving community with great health, education, employment, infrastructure, and a strong sense of belonging'. The Vision specifically identifies the need for Council to advocate for and facilitate planning to improve housing diversity.

4.2.2 Affordable Housing Policy

In September 2021, Council adopted the Affordable Housing Policy that provides a framework to guide and facilitate the provision of affordable housing on public and private land through appropriate and effective advocacy, decision making and facilitation. The policy was developed to respond to a significant need for more affordable housing in Hume and is used to guide and inform all Council decisionand actions pertaining to affordable housing in Hume.

4.2.3 Sunbury and Hume Corridor, Hume Integrated Growth Area Plan (HIGAPs)

The Sunbury (2011) and Hume Corridor (2014) Hume Integrated Growth Area Plans (HIGAPs) are integrated plans prepared by Council for the established areas of Sunbury and the Hume Corridor inclusive of a spatial strategy and an associated infrastructure delivery strategy. The aim of these strategies is to guide the work of Hume City Council to responsibly manage change.

In consultation on the draft Hume HIGAP, the community spoke of a need for greater housing diversity and suggested a need for a greater mix and quality of housing. In response to this, a key aim in the Hume Corridor HIGAP is to increase the diversity and choice of housing by developing a housing strategy. The Sunbury HIGAP similarly seeks to provide a broader range of housing stock.

4.2.4 The Hume Planning Scheme

The Hume Planning Scheme implements the State's Planning Policy Framework (PPF) and contains a range of local policies which are specific to achieving those objectives in Hume's suburbs. Relevant policies include Clause 02.03-5 (Built Environment and Heritage), Clause 02.03-1 (Activity Centres) and Clauses 15.01-5L (Neighbourhood Character in Sunbury, Tullamarine and Westmeadows) and Clause 15.01-2L-03 (Environmentally Sustainable Development).

The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) at Clause 2 of the Hume Planning Scheme is the strategic framework for our local policies. The MPS outlines the key issues and influences for Hume, including those related to housing and infrastructure needs. The demand for greater housing diversity is specifically identified for areas where there is a larger ageing population and smaller households.

5 Where can Housing Diversity be accommodated in Hume's established areas?

Based on a review of relevant State and Local Planning Policy and controls, this chapter of the Strategy identifies the key considerations of relevance to accommodate housing diversity in Hume's established areas. This includes both Planning Policy and controls, as well as important land characteristics to define the land capability of Hume's established areas.

Table 3 summarises the opportunities and constraints when considering areas suitable for Housing in Hume, and these are further detailed in this chapter of the Strategy.

Table 3. Summary of Key Opportunities and Constraints

Opportunities	Constraints
■ Activity centres encouraged to provide more housing in 'Plan Melbourne' ■ Grid subdivision patterns that offer permeability for traffic flow and direct walking routes ■ Large lot sizes (over 500sqm) ■ Older housing that is more likely to be redeveloped ■ Areas with slope provide opportunity for outlook to surrounding landscapes	■ Areas affected by the subdivision restrictions in the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay with subdivision restrictions ■ Activity centres and areas around train stations affected by the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay ■ Areas in a Low Density Residential Zone with subdivision restrictions ■ Areas with significant slope that limits walkability ■ Curvilinear subdivision patterns that limit traffic flow and direct walking routes ■ Small lot sizes (under 500sqm) ■ Newer sites that are unlikely to be redeveloped

5.1 Activity Centres and Walkability

The State Government's plan for Melbourne 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050' is based on creating a walkable network of 'activity centres' across Melbourne, by directing new housing to existing activity centres where people have access to daily needs, employment and public transport.

Based on research conducted for Plan Melbourne, good walkability has been defined by the State Government as a distance of around 800 metres as a measure of the distance most people are willing to walk to meet their daily needs locally.

What is 'Good Walkable Access?'

'Good walkable access' in this Strategy has been calculated around all of Hume's activity centres based on a distance of around:

- 800 metres (about a 10 – 20 minute walk) where this is both a higher order activity centre or a train station.
- 400 metres (about a 5 minute walk) to lower order activity centres.

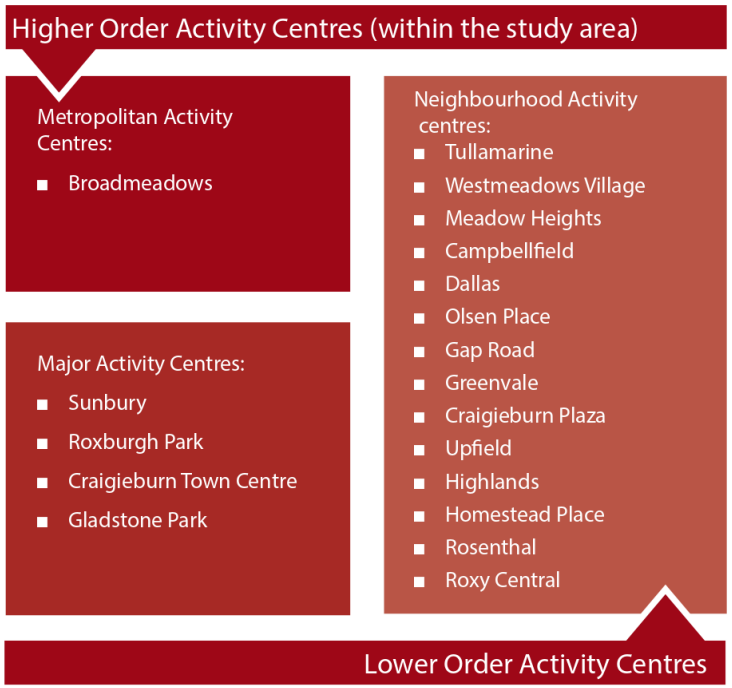
Hume's Activity Centre Hierarchy

For the purpose of this Strategy, activity centres in Hume can generally be described as either a higher order or lower order activity centre (See Figure 14).

Higher order centres are those that are designated as either a Metropolitan or Major Activity Centres in 'Plan Melbourne' and lower order are neighbourhood activity centres.

Based on the hierarchy of activity centres in Hume, some may provide greater opportunities for nearby housing change than others. Each present unique attributes related to overall layout, land ownership, access to public transport, road interfaces and neighbourhood character.

Figure 14. Activity Centres Hierarchy



Higher Order – Metropolitan and Major Activity Centres:

Metropolitan Activity Centres - Broadmeadows is one of seven Metropolitan Activity Centres in the Plan Melbourne. This means it has a broader purpose of providing housing at increased densities, as well as jobs and activities for regional catchments that are well served by public transport, health, justice and education services as well as retail and commercial opportunities.

The Broadmeadows MAC benefits from good walkability within the general precinct due to the colocation of its shopping centre, train station and local, metropolitan and regional government uses. The Broadmeadows Activities Area Structure Plan 2012 sets some guidance for housing within the Broadmeadows MAC broader precinct.

Government owned land provides the greatest potential for housing in the MAC, such as at upper levels or through redevelopment of underutilised ground level car parks within Hume Central (Council owned land) and the redevelopment of State-owned land at Banksia Gardens and Kangan TAFE.

Development of the large format shopping centre is dependent on the intentions of a single land owner, given this, residential outcomes are not anticipated. Shop-top housing may be an opportunity for separately owned commercial properties on Pascoe Vale Road. There is also an opportunity to deliver more affordable, diverse and inclusive high-quality housing as part of future mixed-use development in the Town Centre. Residential areas to the east of the MAC have been nominated for high change to capitalise on its regional civic, transport and shopping facilities.

Strategic redevelopment sites within the Broadmeadows MAC include Hume Central, Banksia Gardens, Kangan TAFE and the Northmeadows Strategic site. These will continue to be investigated for future redevelopment opportunities and the inclusion of diverse housing products, including affordable housing.

Major Activity Centres - Sunbury and Craigieburn Town Centres and Roxburgh Park and Gladstone Park Shopping Centre are identified as Major Activity Centres in Plan Melbourne. Most of these activity centres are large format shopping centres, in single ownership which limits their potential to accommodate new housing without significant redevelopment of the shopping centres. Sunbury Town Centre however is a more traditional format of commercial main streets, consisting of smaller properties and multiple landowners. Buildings in the Sunbury MAC are also older. These factors make Sunbury more likely to achieve shop-top housing on individual sites. Any larger scale housing change in Sunbury MAC will need to be carefully managed and respect its 'rural town' feel, wide and generous streetscapes, rural vistas and heritage buildings.

Lower Order – Neighbourhood Activity Centres:

Neighbourhood Activity Centres - The Hume Planning Scheme identifies 'Neighbourhood Activity Centres' that are intended to meet community day-to-day shopping and service needs (e.g. small supermarket or convenience shop, post office, etc). Some of these are currently less established than others and require additional time and housing growth to provide opportunity for them to develop and service their catchment. Most of these centres are in the form of outdoor shopping strips either with internal pedestrian areas (i.e. Dallas shops and Olsen Place), small indoor shopping centres (i.e. Greenvale, Campbellfield, Meadows Heights) or fronting a main road (i.e. Melrose Drive).

Whilst housing can support and invigorate activity centres, it is important that the commercial functions of activity centres are not compromised by residential development and that amenity issues are managed appropriately. It is also important that new housing is respectful of adjoining residential land and responsive to its setting within the activity centre.

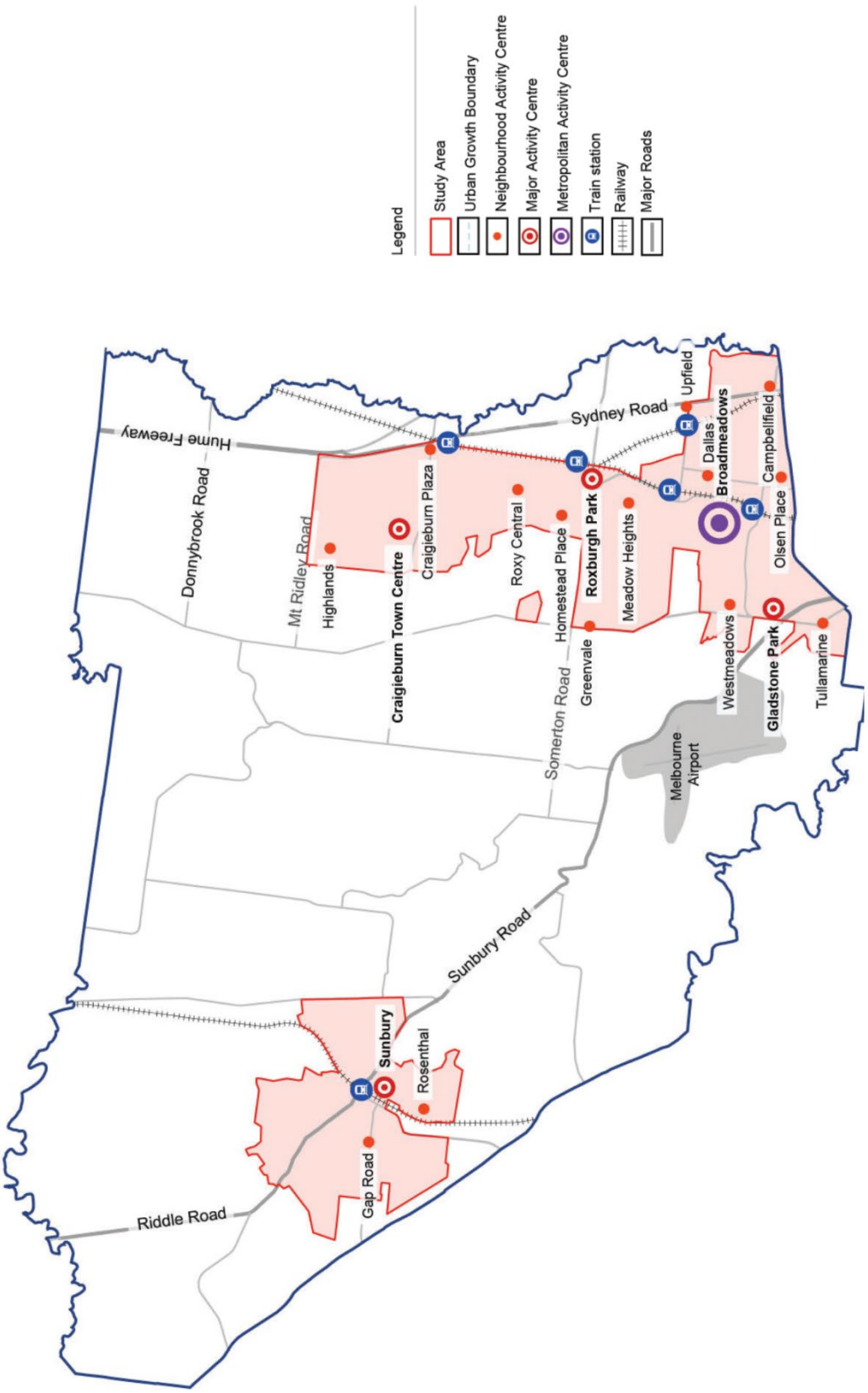


Figure 15. Activity Centres Hierarchy in Hume

5.2 Land Controls

5.2.1 The Melbourne Airport Environments Overlay (MAEO)

Because of Hume's proximity to the airport, large parts of Hume's more established suburbs to the east of the airport, including Gladstone Park, Westmeadows, Dallas and Coolaroo are affected by the MAEO which limits the potential for new housing. In 2021 the State Government updated the MAEO to reflect a preferred (east-west) alignment of the future third runway as proposed in the Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2018. This extended the MAEO further east over the suburbs of Jacana, Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.

However, since the recent update to the MAEO, the new Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2022 has been approved which identifies a future north-south runway to be the preferred third runway alignment, rather than the proposed east-west. If the State Government pursues a subsequent update to the MAEO to reflect the new preferred third runway alignment, then parts of the Hume Corridor with significant amenity that are well placed to accommodate intensification, particular around Broadmeadows MAC, will potentially no longer be affected by the MAEO controls.

5.2.2 Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ)

The LDRZ areas in Hume are mainly on the outskirts of the established areas in Greenvale and Sunbury and provide a transition to the rural parts of the municipality. Properties in the LDRZ are restricted by how much they can be subdivided and serve a role in providing a range of lifestyle opportunities; where the land is small enough to manage without agricultural techniques and equipment. These areas also play a role in meeting the demand for larger family households who need larger homes and/or properties.

5.2.3 Master Planned Estates

There are various parts of Hume where masterplans have been prepared to coordinate development outcomes and set out how the land should develop over time. Some of these have very recently been fulfilled, and others are still developing, such as Highlands Craigieburn; Roxburgh Park; and in Sunbury, Jacksons Hill, Goonawarra and Rolling Meadows Estates.

Most of these masterplans also identify areas for housing diversity, generally by providing for a range of lot sizes, and/or designating areas for medium or high-density development. These are generally located around current or future local activity centres.

5.3 Land Characteristics

5.3.1 Lot Size

The size of a lot can influence the number of houses that can be built on the land, taking into consideration planning requirements that must be met. In Hume, there is a great diversity of lot sizes. For example, larger lots over 800 square metres are found in Greenvale and parts of Sunbury. Moderately sized lots between 500 and 800 square metres are more commonly found in (old) Craigieburn, Broadmeadows, Dallas, Coolaroo, Meadow Heights and Tullamarine and smaller lots under 500 square metres in newer areas in Roxburgh Park and Craigieburn.

Lots over 500 square metres, depending on their shape and any site-specific factors are generally able to accommodate a dual occupancy development that can meet planning scheme ResCode requirements. Smaller lots may find this more challenging and pose greater risk of amenity impacts to adjoining lots.

5.3.2 Age of Housing

The age of housing can give an indication about whether an area is likely to begin redeveloping in the near future. Older housing is generally more suitable for re-development once many of its built elements need replacing and/or the layout or style of the home may not match current household needs or trends.

While many property owners may choose to renovate, property developers and some property owners may rebuild one or more new houses depending on factors such as the size of the block, individual needs and the market.

Much of the southern portion of Hume in Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana and Coolaroo areas were developed before 1970 with a proportion also dating pre 1950's. Older housing of this period is also found in the inner areas of Sunbury, and in Craigieburn near the Craigieburn Plaza.

More recent housing in Hume is found in Roxburgh Park (post 1995, and over the last decade in northern and western areas of Craigieburn and Sunbury).

5.3.3 Subdivision pattern

The way an area has been subdivided, including the arrangement of lots and layout of a road network can impact its suitability for new housing.

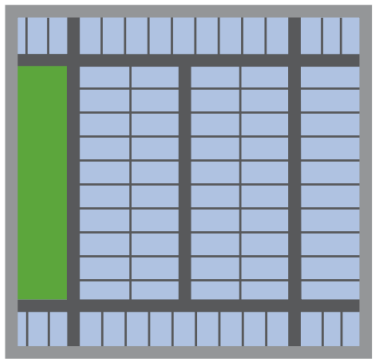
In Hume, there are generally two types of subdivision patterns which are either a grid network pattern (such as parts of Tullamarine, Craigieburn and Broadmeadows) or a curvilinear subdivision where roads are more winding and include court bowl streets (such as parts of Gladstone Park, Meadow Heights, Roxburgh Park and Greenvale).

A grid pattern is more walkable with more options for walking and cycling connections to local amenities (such as shops and public transport). It also disperses the traffic more evenly and efficiently through more continuous road connections. Properties in grid pattern areas are also more regular in shape meaning that amenity impacts on adjoining properties of taller housing form can more consistently be managed and minimised through standard design treatments.

In contrast, curvilinear pattern areas with court bowls have less road, walking and cycling connectivity making them less walkable and more prone to traffic issues, particularly where parking is limited. They also have irregular shaped properties which can result in more amenity impacts on adjoining properties and more complex design mitigation measures.

These factors make grid pattern areas more suitable locations for new housing development than curvilinear areas.

Figure 16. Grid and curvilinear street typologies



Grid Typology

Curvilinear Typology

5.3.4 Slope

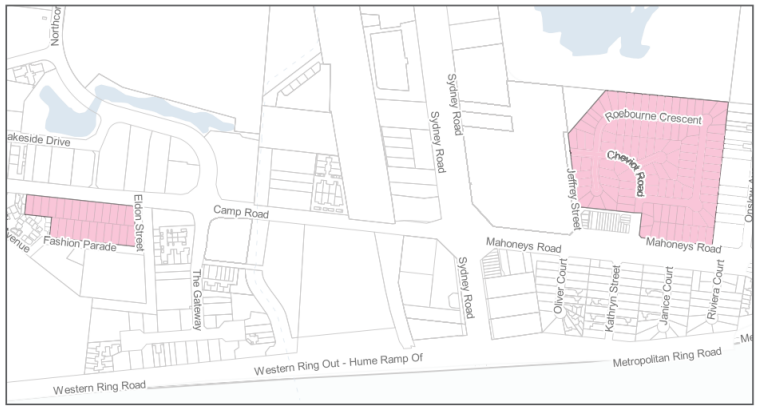
The terrain in Hume is varied, and the design of many of Hume's established suburbs have been influenced by landscapes of hills and valleys. Certain parts of Hume's residential areas have steep sloping streets and roads.

Areas with steep road networks include parts of Meadows Heights, Broadmeadows, Jacana, Westmeadows, Sunbury and Greenvale.

Slope affects how easy it is to walk to nearby amenities and the likelihood that streets will be used as a walking route. Slope can also contribute to higher expenses to develop land, presenting challenges for building design and construction. On this premise, these areas are not a preferred location for housing change.

While affecting walkability to a degree, it is acknowledged that slope can also provide opportunities to integrate new buildings into the established built environment and landscape, and in some circumstances, it provides attractive visual outlooks to valued natural features such as creeks and open spaces.

Figure 17. Neighbourhood Character Overlay (NCO) Boundaries



5.3.5 Neighbourhood Character

Consideration of neighbourhood character is a fundamental objective of the residential development provisions in the Hume Planning Scheme.

Neighbourhood character is the combination of features in the public and private realm that makes one area different to another. It includes pattern of development, scale and form of buildings, setback of buildings and the extent of garden areas, architectural features of buildings, and other elements of the area like landscaping, fencing and trees.

A Neighborhood Character Study that assessed the existing character and key qualities of the residential areas included within this strategy was undertaken by Hansen Partnership in 2020. The Study identified Hume's residential areas comprised of 43 distinct precincts that fell into seven broad character areas, including Lifestyle Lots, Large Estates, Sloping Hilltops, Suburban Curvilinear, Suburban Grid, New Estates and Traditional Grid precincts.

The Study found that much of Hume's established suburbs are predominately defined by detached dwellings set behind open front gardens. Areas on flat land in traditional grid subdivisions generally have a stronger character of consistent front and side setbacks (I.e. parts of Craigieburn and Tullamarine) as opposed to areas on sloping hilltops or in curvilinear streets where setbacks may be more varied (I.e. parts of Greenvale, Meadow Heights and Roxburgh Park). Some older areas in Hume are also seen to have more landscaped front gardens and streets, compared to newer areas where front setbacks are smaller and there is less established tree canopy.

The Study also found that the main qualities that created a difference in character from one area to the next related to street pattern, landscape and topography. In many areas the character was defined by features in the public realm, particularly the street trees, rather than dwellings themselves. Importantly, the Study found that there were no areas where more intense housing was not considered suitable based on existing neighbourhood character.

The Study did identify a precinct within the Suburban Curvilinear character area as having a highly consistent and intact character defined by the predominant of the original Post War dwellings. This precinct is made up of two separate areas, one to the east of the Campbellfield Activity Centre around Roebourne Crescent and the other on the south side of Camp Road in Broadmeadows (Figure 17).

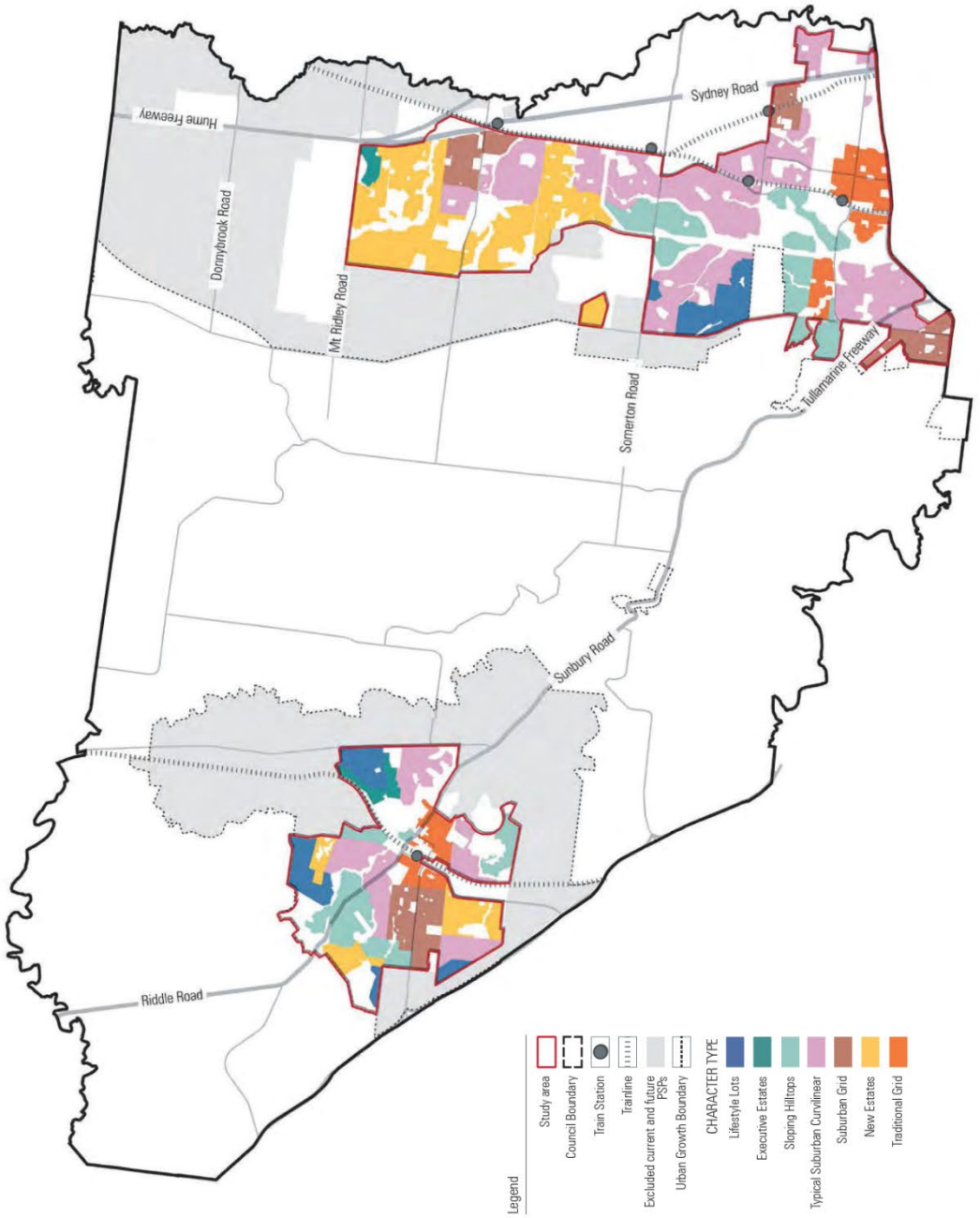


Figure 18. Neighbourhood Character Assessment (Hansen, 2020)

Part 2 – Housing Strategy

Part 1 of this Strategy identified that Hume's population is growing and that some of the resultant demand for housing will be in our established areas. It also identified the need to significantly increase the supply of smaller housing options (one and two-bedroom dwellings) to meet the existing and future housing needs of smaller households in Hume.

This part of the Strategy outlines the strategy developed in response to the housing need and mismatch having regard to the existing policy context and characteristics of the Hume municipality outlined in Chapter 2 to 5.

Each Chapter addresses one of the aims identified in Chapter 1.4:

- Aim 1 – To direct housing growth to the most appropriate locations
- Aim 2 – To increase the choice and diversity of housing in Hume, including affordable housing
- Aim 3 – To facilitate well designed and sustainable housing.

6 Direct housing growth to the most appropriate locations

The strategy seeks to achieve Aim 1 -
To direct housing growth to the most appropriate and sustainable locations through:

- A hierarchy of future housing change and ten principles for housing change in Hume.
- A Housing Diversity Framework Plan for Hume suitable for inclusion in the Hume Planning Scheme that includes these different change levels.
- A clear picture of the preferred housing outcomes in these change areas.
- Consideration of the impact of housing on the 24 hour curfew free status of Melbourne Airport.
- A commitment to plan for the infrastructure and services needed to support this housing change.

6.1 A Housing Diversity Framework Plan

Ten Principles for Housing Change that apply 'Four Levels of Housing Change' have been developed (Figure 18) based on existing State and Local planning policy described in Chapter 4 and the opportunities and constraints for new housing described in Chapter 5.

The four levels of housing change have been applied to different parts of Hume to create a Hume Housing Diversity Framework Plan (Figure 18) that spatially shows areas for:

- High Change
- Moderate Change
- Gradual Change
- Limited Change

The four change levels reflect the three that are identified in PPN30 (discussed in Chapter 3) with an additional change level that reflects Hume's growth area context on the north-western edge of Melbourne. The additional level of change, 'Limited', has been applied to areas that are substantially constrained in providing for future change due to being semi-rural areas on the fringe of metropolitan Melbourne, recent growth areas, or affected by MEAO controls.

The extent of the change areas has been primarily informed by:

- Measuring the walking distance in accordance with benchmark standards and with adjustments made for steep topography and major barriers such as rail lines and main roads which limit walkability.
- The extent of existing planning controls and subdivision pattern of properties – see Chapter 3.

Built form testing and modelling has been undertaken to confirm the suitability of high change areas to accommodate apartments of up to four storeys and facilitate two-way traffic and on street parking should this be required.

New developments in our growth areas have not been included in the Hume Housing Diversity Framework as different levels of housing change are guided by existing and future Precinct Structure Plans for these areas – refer Chapter 1.1.

Figure 19. Hume's Ten Housing Change Principles

Principle 1.	Seek more one and two bedroom homes and greater diversity of housing types throughout Hume with a focus on High and Moderate Change Areas.
Principle 2.	Support High Change in areas with good walkable access to a train station and a higher order activity centre.
Principle 3.	Support High Change in Activity Centres.
Principle 4.	Support High Change with good walkable access to high frequency public transport along main roads.
Principle 5.	Support Moderate and Gradual Change in areas where housing is more than 25 years old and lots are larger than 500m2.
Principle 6.	Support Moderate Change in areas with good walkable access to shops or public transport services.
Principle 7.	Allow Gradual Change in areas with limited walkable access to shops and/or public transport, and an indirect road network.
Principle 8.	Limit housing change in Master Planned estates developed in the last 25 years.
Principle 9.	Limit housing change within the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlays.
Principle 10.	Limit housing change in existing low density residential areas.

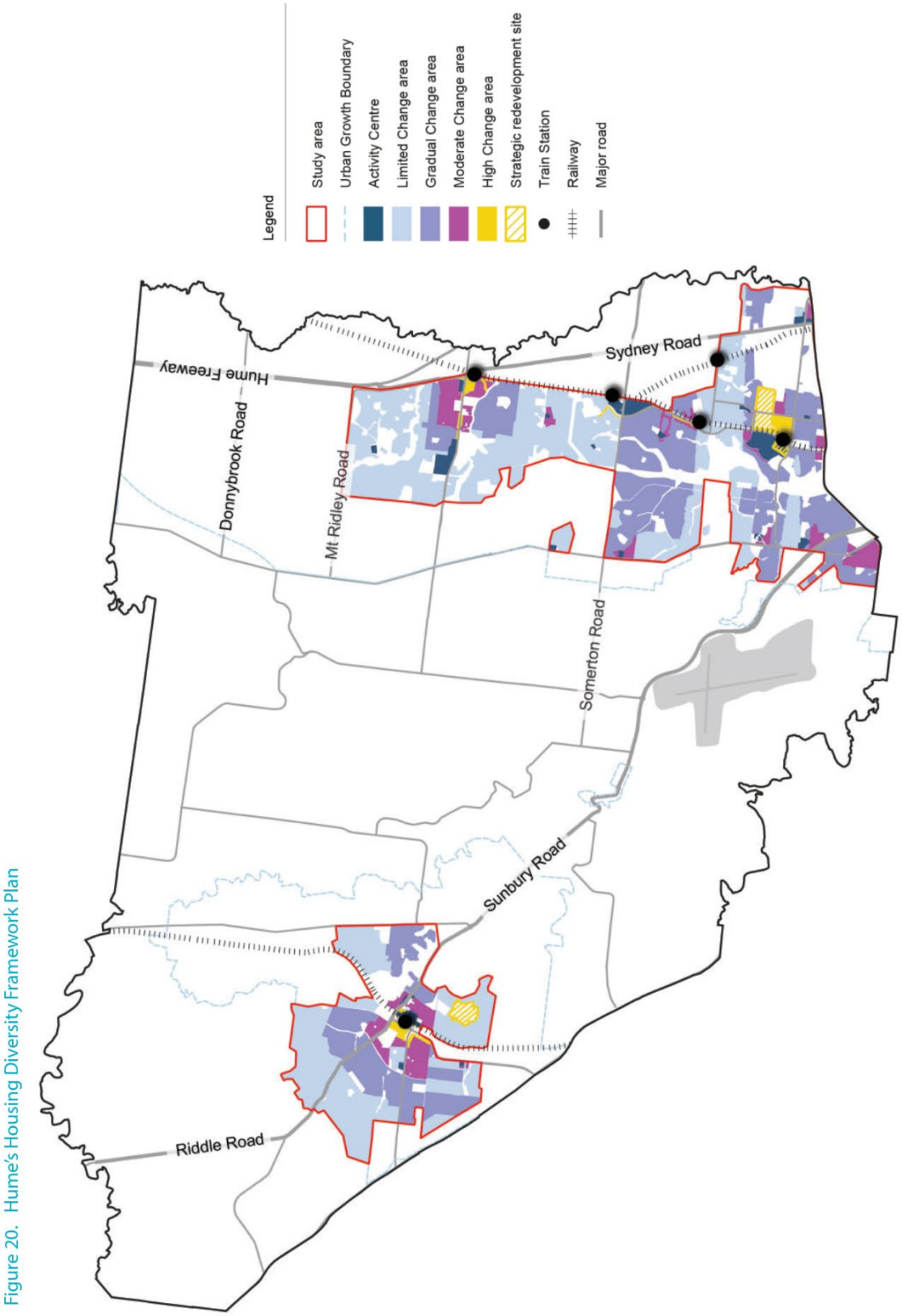


Figure 20. Hume's Housing Diversity Framework Plan

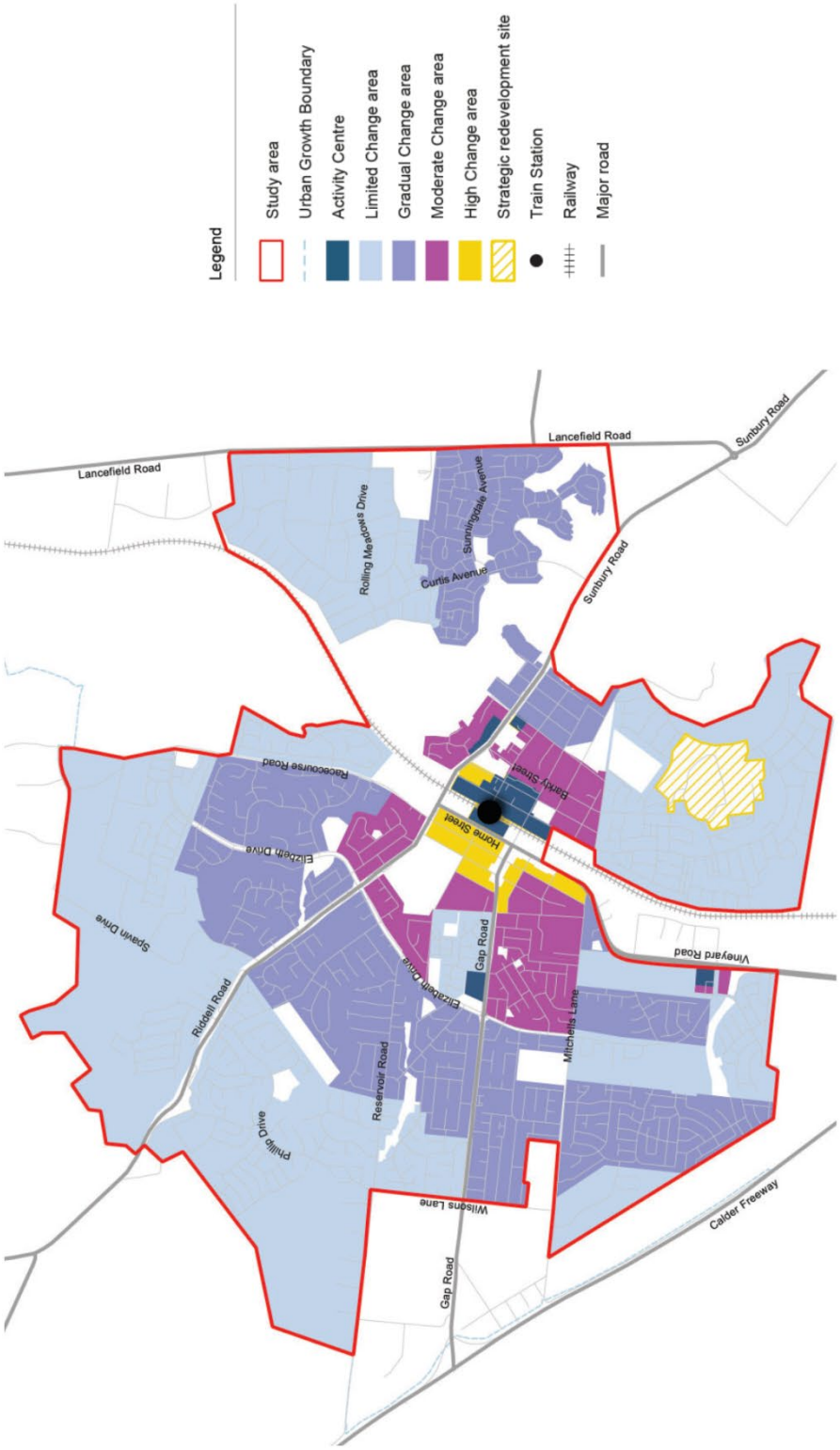


Figure 21. Hume's Housing Diversity Framework Plan – Sunbury Corridor

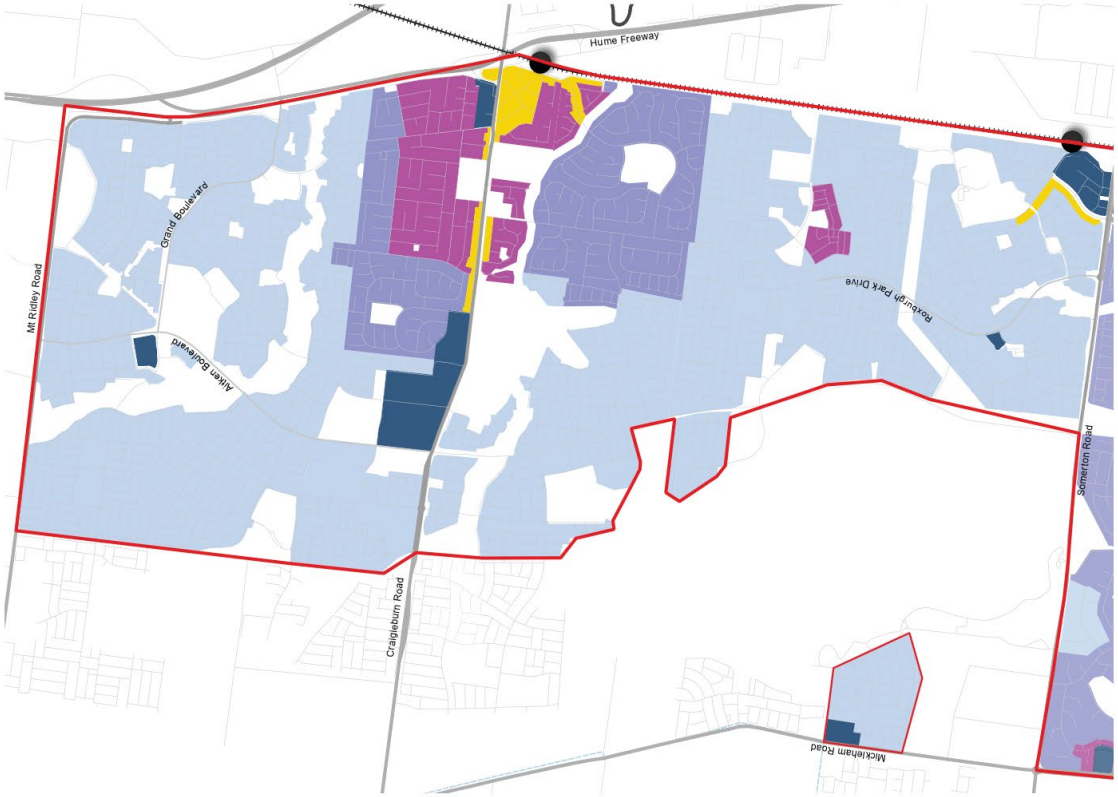


Figure 22. Hume's Housing Diversity Framework Plan – Hume Corridor (north of Somerton Road)

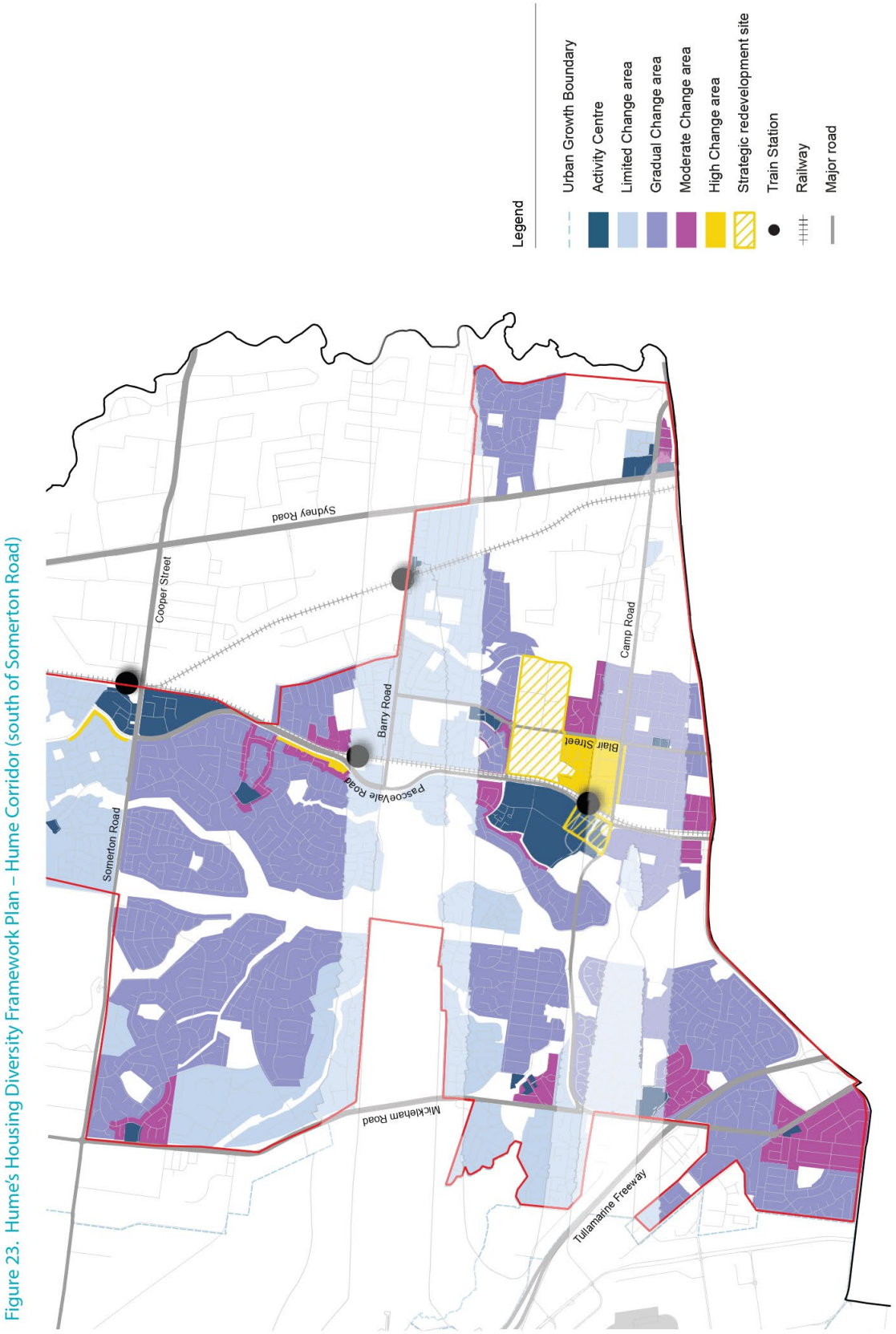


Figure 23. Hume's Housing Diversity Framework Plan – Hume Corridor (south of Somerton Road)

6.2 Hume's Housing Change Areas

Preferred development outcomes for each of the Change Areas are summarised in Table 4 below, including building height, typology, bedroom mix and future character. It also illustrates the rate at which housing change is anticipated to occur and the contribution each area makes to diversity.

Table 4. Preferred Housing Outcomes for Our Housing Change Areas

	Limited Change Area	Gradual Change Areas	Moderate Change Area	High Change Residential Area	Activity Centres
Preferred typology of new housing	Mostly detached houses with some dual occupancies and units	Mostly detached houses, dual occupancies, units and townhouses	Mostly units and townhouses with some apartments	Mostly townhouses and apartments	Mostly apartments above commercial premises and townhouses
Preferred Bedroom mix of new housing	Mostly 3+ bedroom	Mostly 3+ bedroom	Mix of sizes, including 1 and 2 bedroom	Mostly 1 and 2 bedroom	Mostly 1 and 2 bedroom
Preferred Height of new housing development	Mostly 1 and 2 storey	Mostly 1 and 2 storey	Mostly 2 storey with some 3 storey	Mostly 2 to 4 storeys	Mostly 3 to 6 storeys dependent upon the activity centre
Preferred Future Neighbourhood Character	Similar to today	Similar to today	Some changes to today	Changes to today	Changes to today
Rate of housing change	Slow	Gradual	Incremental	Incremental	Incremental
Contribution to Housing Diversity at 2041	2%	10%	42%	45%	

6.2.1 Limited Change Areas

Limited Change has generally been applied to areas to reflect MAEO and LDRZ planning controls that restrict or control residential development and areas within new masterplanned estates. The MAEO protects the operations of the Melbourne Airport and the LDRZ provides for large lifestyle blocks (see section 5.2 for more detail about these controls).

New masterplanned estates that have been developed in the last 25 years include estates in Sunbury, Craigieburn and Roxburgh Park subject to master planned development outcomes. Some of these areas also have narrow streets which also contribute to traffic and parking issues.

Many of the areas in Limited Change are also distant from public transport and activity centres.

An area in Campbellfield around Roebourne Crescent with good walkability to the Campbellfield Activity Centre and an area in Broadmeadows on the south side of Camp Road, have been included as a Limited Change Area owing to the existing neighbourhood character of highly consistent and highly intact housing form.

Limited Change Areas make up the majority of Hume's established areas due to the extent of the MAEO and the significant number of masterplanned areas in the municipality developed over the last 25 years.

Due to these existing planning controls and their limited walkability, it is preferred that detached housing remain the dominant housing form in Limited Change Areas with few units and townhouses. The rate of change in Limited Change areas is expected to be slow.

Illustrative Limited Change Streetscape

6.2.2 Gradual Change Areas

Gradual Change has generally been applied to areas that are outside a walkable distance to an activity centre or train station. It has also been applied to areas with access constraints including winding and indirect roads or cul-de-sac's that make it more difficult to exit a residential area and easily walk to local shops or public transport.

These areas therefore have poor walkable access to daily needs, meaning that residents may be reliant on cars for most of their trips

While Gradual Change Areas do not have any existing planning controls restricting subdivision and new housing, these areas are not a priority for housing change and they are not expected to significantly contribute to housing diversity over the next 20 years.

It is preferred that large detached family housing continue be the main housing typology in these gradual change areas but with some new units and townhouses to provide housing diversity opportunities. This means that the pattern, scale and look of housing will become a little more mixed. The rate of change is expected to be gradual as individual properties are slowly sold and some are bought by residents to live in and some redeveloped with units and townhouses.

Illustrative Gradual Change Streetscape

6.2.3 Moderate Change Areas

Moderate Change has generally been applied to areas that are in a walkable distance to either an activity centre or a train station, and that were principally developed more than 25 years ago. These areas usually have a grid street pattern and a walking route that provides a direct link to either of these amenities. This provides good walkable access to daily needs.

Because of their good walkable location, new housing and housing diversity is encouraged in Moderate Change areas.

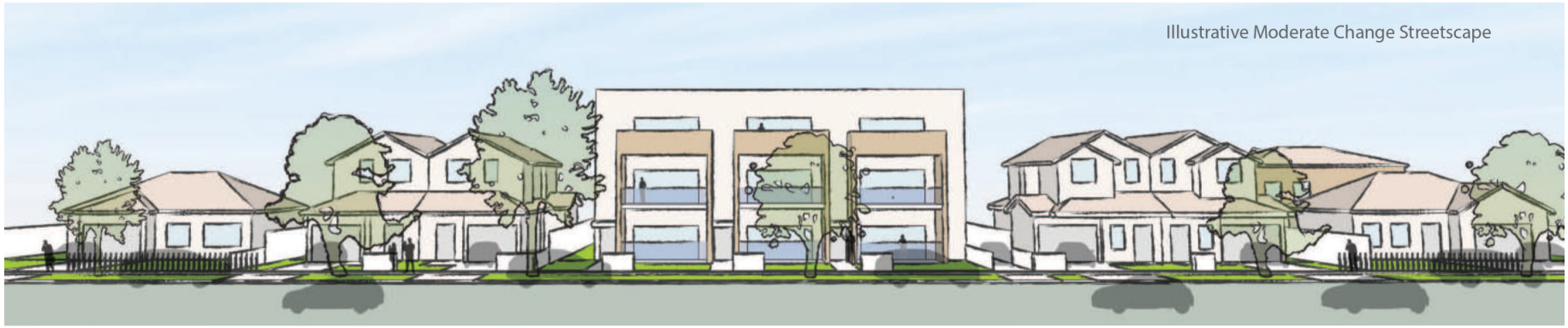
Moderate Change has been applied to areas in Sunbury, Craigieburn and Tullamarine where grid pattern subdivisions provide good walking routes and lots with redevelopment capacity of over 500 square metres. These areas are also well serviced by local connections and employment opportunities. Tullamarine benefits from direct access to the Western Ring Road, Tullamarine and Hume Freeways, greater choice in local shopping centres at Airport West and Gladstone Park Shopping Centres and proximity to Melbourne Airport. Craigieburn similarly has access to two local shopping centres and a proposed metropolitan health precinct on Craigieburn Road as well as Craigieburn Station. Sunbury town centre provides walkable access to a wide range of shops and services and a metropolitan train station.

Where there is an activity centre in areas characterised by indirect road network (that limits walkable access and presents traffic issues), Moderate Change has been allocated to the most direct streets and roads to the activity centre. This includes areas in Meadow Heights, Gladstone Park, Tullamarine and Dallas with concentrated areas of Moderate Change.

Moderate Change has been applied to land in Fawkner that is within walkable distance to the Campbellfield Activity Centre, but is affected by the recent update to the MAEO associated with the Melbourne Airport Masterplan 2018. If the State Government applies the same methodology to update the MAEO to reflect the Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2022, this area would no longer be affected by the MAEO – see Section 6.3.

Moderate Change also provides a transition between High Change and other change areas helping to manage the amenity impacts on these other change areas.

It is preferred that Moderate Change Areas provide for housing change and housing diversity. Housing should be a mix of two and three storey units and townhouses as well as some three storey apartments. New housing will also be encouraged to provide for smaller dwellings. This range of housing typologies means that the pattern, scale and dwelling styles in Moderate Change areas is expected to be more mixed. New housing development is expected to occur at an incremental rate.



Illustrative Moderate Change Streetscape

6.2.4 High Change Areas

High Change has generally been applied to areas that are in a good walking distance to both a higher order activity centre and a train station. This includes the areas near to the higher order activity centres of Craigieburn, Roxburgh Park, Sunbury and Broadmeadows which benefit from easy access to a range of shops, services and employment, as well as to the Principal Public Transport Network (PPTN). This provides good walkable access to all daily needs.

Land immediately north of Johnston Street and Camp Road in Broadmeadows has been identified as High Change due to being exceptionally well located to Broadmeadows train station and the Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre – see Figure 18. This area is now affected by the update to the MAEO associated with the 2018 Master Plan. If the State Government applies the same methodology to update the MAEO to reflect the 2022 Master Plan, this area would no longer be affected by the MAEO – see Section 6.3.

Some properties that front roads have also been included in High Change based on having a direct route to a train station and/or an activity centres. This includes Pascoe Vale Road where there is good walkability to the Coolaroo train station, and Craigieburn Road between the Craigieburn Plaza and the Craigieburn Shopping Centre.

While only allocated in these specific areas and accounting for the smallest proportion of Hume's established areas, it is preferred that the High Change Areas contribute the most to housing supply and housing diversity. New housing developments are therefore preferred to provide for a high number of one and two-bedroom homes.

Housing is preferred to be in the form of apartment buildings and townhouses at heights up to four storeys. The rate of change is expected to be incremental with development preferred to occur on consolidated sites.

Illustrative High Change Residential Streetscape

6.2.5 Activity Centres

Activity centres provide a highly suitable location and opportunity for housing change. These locations provide excellent access to daily needs, public transport and housing in the form of apartments and mixed-use developments are encouraged. New housing within activity centres can make a significant contribution to their vibrancy and help sustain a wide range of uses throughout the day and evening.

Activity centres in Hume are a mixture of traditional high street centres, purpose built large scale shopping centres and supermarkets with adjoining shops and services. These present different opportunities for housing change and so the suitability and scale of new housing development, and the rate of change will depend on the unique context of each activity centre.

It is preferred that new housing in activity centres be in the form of apartments located above commercial uses. All housing should provide a high number of one and two-bedroom homes.

6.2.6 Strategic Redevelopment Sites:

The Northmeadows area (refer Figure 22) within the Broadmeadows MAC is identified in the Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan 2017 for some housing development as part of future mixed-use development. This area has the potential to provide additional housing diversity in Hume and is currently subject to further investigations and planning.

In Sunbury, land at Jacksons Hill (refer Figure 20) has been subject to a master planning process and has been identified for a range of uses, including housing.

Future planning for these areas will confirm the preferred level and form of housing change in these areas.

In the future, other strategic sites may be identified by Council for future housing.

6.3 What will this achieve?

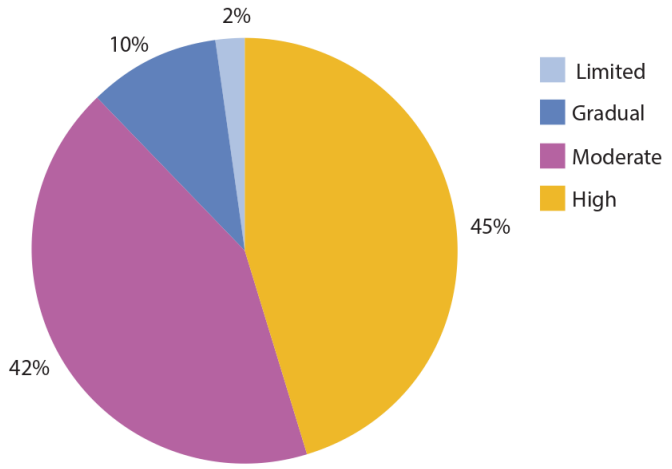
A housing model has been prepared to identify what the Hume Housing Diversity Framework Plan could achieve in the coming 20 years to direct housing change to appropriate locations.

It identified estimates that:

- 45% of new housing change could occur in High Change Areas
- 42% of new housing change could occur in Moderate Change Areas
- 10% of new housing change could occur in Gradual Change Areas
- 2% of new housing change could occur in Limited Change Areas.

If this was achieved, it would mean that the vast majority of new housing would be located in highly suitable locations with good walkability to everyday needs.

Figure 24. Share of Housing by Change Area to 2041



What are our goals for our Housing Change Areas?

- To use the different change levels to direct housing change to suitable locations within Hume's established areas.

What will we do to achieve these goals?

- Reflect the Preferred Housing Outcomes into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Introduce the Housing Diversity Strategy into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Introduce appropriate residential zoning controls to achieve the preferred housing outcomes for each change area.
- Facilitate housing above commercial premises and on underutilised land in activity centres.
- Discourage multi unit housing in narrow streets.
- Advance the planning for the Northmeadows and Jacksons Hill Strategic Redevelopment Site.

6.4 Safeguarding Melbourne Airport's curfew free status

State and Local Planning Policy recognises the importance Melbourne Airport as an infrastructure asset and has long planned for it operate safely and curfew free with a four runway operation (two north south and two east west). It supports the airport's expansion whilst protecting urban amenity, particularly for areas affected by aircraft noise.

One of the primary ways these planning objectives are implemented is through the application of the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay (MAEO) to areas with a modelled Australian Noise Exposure Forecast contour of 20 or higher. The MAEO seeks to limit the density of housing and requires noise attenuation measures as part of the construction of new homes in these areas.

State Planning Policy also seeks to avoid changes to the zoning or controls that would result in intensification of housing in such areas.

In areas outside of the MAEO but still affected by frequent aircraft noise events, State planning policy encourages measures to reduce the impact of aircraft noise for residents in these areas.

This approach is reflective of the National Airport Safeguarding Framework (NASF) which provides information to State, Territory and local governments to assist in regulating and managing factors which may affect airport operations, including but not limited to aircraft noise impacts.

The Strategy recognises the direction in State Planning Policy and in the NASF by applying mostly Limited and Gradual Change to the areas subject to the MAEO. This will help to minimise the number of people potentially affected by aircraft noise and help to safeguard the ongoing operations of Melbourne Airport and its curfew free status.

6.4.4 Potential Changes

The current extent of the MAEO is based on the modelled Australian Noise Exposure Forecast contours identified in the 2018 Melbourne Airport Masterplan which assumes the east - west runways to be the primary runways.

The updated 2022 Melbourne Airport Masterplan assumes greater use of the north - south runways and less use of the east - west runways compared to the 2018 Masterplan.

This change significantly reduces the extent of the area of southern Hume that is in an Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) contour of 20 or above, particularly around Broadmeadows and Campbellfield.

If the MAEO is amended to reflect this change, the following locations would be suitable for a higher level of change than the MAEO currently allows:

- Land within and immediately adjoining the Broadmeadows MAC would be suitable for High Change given its access to the Broadmeadows Train Station and the services and amenity within the MAC.
- Land in Fawkner within the walkable catchment of the Campbellfield Activity Centre would be suitable for Moderate Change given its access to services in the activity centre.

As these areas would still be affected by aircraft noise events, Council will consider measures to manage aircraft noise impacts in the planning for these areas in keeping with State Planning Policy and the National Airports Safeguarding Framework (NASF). This could include requirements for noise attenuation in new housing.

What is our goal for allowing housing change whilst protecting Melbourne Airport's curfew free status?

- To limit new housing in areas forecast to experience high aircraft noise exposure.
- To enable greater housing change within and around Broadmeadows MAC and the Campbellfield Activity Centre if the ultimate and long term modelled Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF) is reduced to below 20.

What will we do to achieve this goal?

- Continue to apply State Planning Policy at Clause 18.02 of the Hume Planning Scheme and the current MAEO when assessing planning permits for housing in areas affected by aircraft noise.
- Review the findings of the Melbourne Airport Environs Safeguarding Standing Advisory Committee before preparing a planning scheme amendment to facilitate high housing change in areas identified to be subject to aircraft noise associated with the proposed east west runway.
- Ensure new housing subject to existing or potential aircraft noise incorporates adequate noise attenuation.
- Encourage new housing outside of the MAEO but affected by aircraft noise events to incorporate noise attenuation
- Support measures that help purchasers and renters be more informed about the potential for their dwelling to be affected by frequent aircraft noise events.
- Advocate for increased support for residents to incorporate noise attenuation within existing homes in areas affected by frequent aircraft noise events for areas around Broadmeadows MAC and Campbellfield Activity Centre in Figure 23.
- Recognise that the current MAEO applies and limits the density of development.
- Plan for the potential for these areas to enable a higher level of change in the event that the MAEO is removed and ultimate capacity or long-range noise modelling indicates these areas are within an ANEF contour of below 20.

6.4 Infrastructure to Support Housing Change

The Strategy directs the majority of housing change to locations with good access to infrastructure and services.

Community feedback received in preparing the Strategy identified a clear expectation that housing change be supported by upgrades to open space, community, health and transport infrastructure and services.

This Strategy will assist Council and other infrastructure and service providers to identify and plan where future asset and or service responses may be required to appropriately respond to this change and to meet community needs and expectations.

It is expected that the housing change proposed in this strategy will build gradually over time allowing Council and agencies to plan for infrastructure needs in advance.

What is our goal for infrastructure to support housing change?

- To proactively plan for infrastructure and services to support sustainable housing change in Hume's established areas.

What will we do to achieve our goals?

- Monitor the open space, community and transport and service needs in Hume's established areas.
- Prepare transport, open space and community infrastructure and service plans that consider the demands from proposed housing change in Hume's established areas.
- Work with State Government to identify the demands on State transport, health, education and support infrastructure and services from proposed housing change in Hume's established areas.
- Work with relevant agencies and providers to identify the demands on utility and drainage infrastructure and services from proposed housing change in Hume's established areas.

7 Increased choice, diversity and affordable housing

The strategy seeks to achieve Aim 2 – To increase the choice and diversity of housing, including affordable housing through:

- Targets for smaller housing typologies to better align new housing with community needs.
- An understanding of the level of diversity and choice that could be achieved if these targets are met.
- A commitment to the objectives of Hume's Affordable Housing Policy.
- The consideration of surplus public land for diverse and affordable housing.

7.1 Improving housing diversity

As discussed in Part 1, the housing being built in Hume does not provide sufficient choice for smaller households and other households to live in a small home if they choose.

Housing change provides opportunities for a greater diversity of housing typologies and configurations to be provided that better meet the needs of the community.

Figure 24 illustrates that housing for different households will be available throughout Hume's Change Areas, however some households will be better catered for in the Moderate and High Change Areas.

To help ensure that these preferred housing diversity outcomes are achieved, the following targets have been established for housing developments of three of more dwellings in Moderate, High Change and Activity Centre Areas on the Hume Housing Diversity Framework Plan:

- Moderate Change Areas – 30% should be one and two bedroom homes
- High Change and Activity Centres – 80% should be one and two bedroom homes

Housing development in Gradual and Limited Change areas will also be encouraged to provide some smaller homes. Combined these targets will decrease the housing mismatch in Hume.

Proposals for new housing will be expected to achieve these targets. If this facilitative approach does not result in developments with this level of diversity, then changes to the Hume Planning Scheme may be prepared to mandate these targets.

Figure 25. How the Change Areas provide Housing Diversity

	Students and young people	Older people	First home buyers	Single parent families	Divorcees and separated people	Empty Nesters	People with low mobility/ disability	Low income households	New Migrants
Limited Change	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓
Gradual Change	✓	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓✓
Moderate Change	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓
High Change	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓

✓ Low number of options ✓✓ Medium number of options ✓✓✓ High number of options

What are our goals for housing diversity?

- To improve housing choice and affordability by increasing housing options for small households.
- To support development of one and two bedroom homes throughout Hume's established areas to enable smaller households to find appropriate housing in their preferred neighbourhood.

What will we do to achieve our goals?

- Introduce appropriate residential zoning controls to achieve the preferred housing diversity outcomes for each change area into the Hume Planning Scheme
- Retain the existing areas of NRZ and LDRZ to provide options for those seeking larger properties.
- Support different housing typologies and one and two bedroom dwellings in Limited and Gradual Change areas.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to ensure new housing developments of three or more dwellings in High Change areas and Activity Centre to provide a minimum of 80% one and two bedroom dwellings.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to ensure new housing developments of three or more dwellings in Moderate Change Areas to provide a minimum of 30% one and two bedroom dwellings.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to encourage some three bedroom and more family friendly apartments in Moderate and High Change Areas

7.2 What Will this Achieve?

Estimates from the Housing Model have been developed to understand the potential housing diversity outcomes the Strategy could achieve. This is based on development achieving the minimum benchmarks for one and two-bedroom dwellings in High and Moderate Change areas and Activity Centres.

It is important to recognize that the clear majority of new housing is delivered by the private sector and influenced by economic and market trends. Therefore, the type and scale of new housing that will be delivered may be different to these projections.

7.2.1 Diverse housing opportunities for Hume

Estimates of the number and diversity of new dwellings that might be achieved if development occurs as proposed in this Strategy indicate that:

- Approximately 40% of new dwellings in established areas could be smaller housing typologies suitable for smaller households.
- Over the next 20 years the proportion of smaller homes could double to be 20% of all homes in Hume.
- The current mismatch could be reduced from 76% to approximately 50%

If achieved, this would meet the housing needs in Hume's established areas for the next 15 years and beyond, and provide a significant increase in the availability of new and diverse housing for existing and future residents. It could bring housing choice closer in line with the surrounding areas and Melbourne's average. It would particularly assist in providing new housing opportunities for the growing number of smaller households while continuing to provide for family housing. As a result of this change the housing choices available in Hume would be more consistent with the Greater Melbourne average.

7.2.2 Diverse housing opportunities within Hume

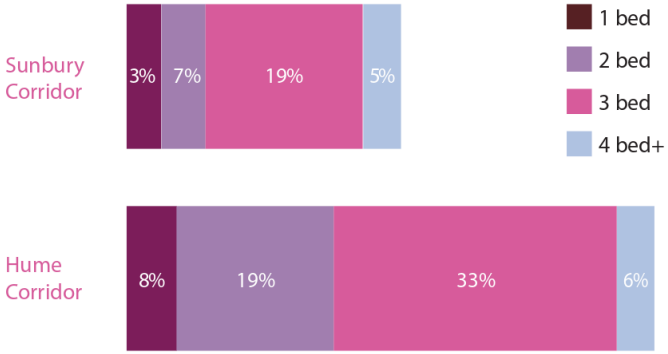
The Strategy proposes a mix of housing change levels throughout the study area. Figure 26 shows that approximately 33% of all new housing in the established areas will be small, one and two-bedroom homes.

The Hume Corridor will provide around 27% of the small homes and a further 10% will be created in the Sunbury Corridor, development that is anticipated to occur at an even pace over the next 20 years.

If the level of housing diversity projected is achieved, it would assist greatly in enabling existing households to continue living in Hume and in their local area as their housing needs change, helping to maintain their involvement in the community. This is particularly important for the increasing number of older members of our community.

Figure 26. Housing Mismatch Comparison – Hume 2016 and 2041

Figure 27. Forecast Dwelling Change 2016-2041 by bedrooms – Sunbury and Hume Corridors



7.3 Affordable Housing

Council acknowledges that the primary responsibility for the provision of affordable housing, matched with funding capability, lies with the Federal and State Governments. However, Council also acknowledges that it has an important role to play in advocating, facilitating and encouraging affordable housing outcomes.

In September 2021, Council adopted the Affordable Housing Policy to help guide and facilitate the provision of affordable housing in Hume through public and private development. The Policy outlines key priorities in the realization of affordable housing in Hume including:

- Advocacy to Federal and State Government for changes to legislation and funding
- Negotiating voluntary affordable housing agreements with developers
- Consideration of opportunities to facilitate affordable housing provision on Council land.

What are our affordable housing goals?

- To increase the supply of affordable housing in Hume through public and private development.

What will we do to achieve our goals?

In line with Council's Affordable Housing Policy, Council will :

- Advocate for greater funding for and provision of social housing in Hume.
- Advocate for existing social housing to be replaced or upgraded, particularly housing in the Banksia Gardens area.
- Advocate for policy reform including the introduction of Statewide inclusionary zoning controls.
- Negotiate an affordable housing contribution when land is being rezoned for a residential use.
- Explore opportunities for affordable housing on Council suitable landholdings considered for redevelopment or disposal.

8 Well designed and sustainable housing

The strategy seeks to achieve Aim 3 – To facilitate well designed and sustainable housing through:

- The implementation of preferred neighbourhood character and design objectives and requirements through local policy and zoning schedules in the Hume Planning Scheme.
- The preparation and and use of Good Design Guidelines to achieve improved design outcomes for two or more dwellings on a block.
- Ensuring proposals that require a planning permit meet the objectives of Hume's ESD policy.
- The provision of appropriate on-site parking and management of on street parking.

8.1 Importance of Good Design

Design plays a crucial role in ensuring that new housing contributes to: the character and sense of place of neighbourhood; minimises impacts on neighbouring properties; and provides comfortable, sustainable and affordable living for it residents.

Community feedback in the preparation of the Strategy identified the importance of considering neighbourhood character and sought good quality and sustainably designed homes.

8.1.1 Neighbourhood character

The Hume Planning Scheme identifies that new residential development should have regard to the neighbourhood character of an area. Importantly, this does not mean that new development that is different to the existing neighbourhood character should not be allowed.

The Neighbourhood Character Study (Hansen Partnership 2020)that assessed the character of Hume's residential areas confirmed that the levels of change in the Hume Housing Diversity Framework and the preferred housing outcomes could be achieved with some appropriate changes to neighbourhood character in the Moderate and High Change Areas.

The Study identified the various character values of Hume's established areas that should be considered in new development proposals. These have been reflected in the Preferred Future Neighbouhood Character Study (Hansen Partnership, 2023) that identifies the preferred future character for Hume's residential areas.

Consistent with the preferred housing outcomes articulated in Chapter 6, the preferred future character for the Limited and Gradual Change Areas is to protect and reflect existing important neighbourhood character values, whilst anticipating some low scale change.. In Moderate and High Change Areas, where great er housing change is directed, the preferred future character is to create a new and more intensive built form character that complements valued existing character.

8.1.2 Design

High quality housing design improves the liveability of an area and its sense of place. Well-designed homes also contribute to the comfort and wellbeing of residents through well-proportioned spaces, well designed private open space, access to natural light, and effective shading and ventilation. Good design can also provide adaptability to allow for changes in resident's mobility as they age and in household composition, such as multi-generational households.

Good housing design is also important in ensuring safety of local streets and parks through the appropriate internal layout of homes and the location of windows to encourage passive surveillance and a sense of safety.

Planning Policy at Clause 2.03 supports well designed medium and higher density residential development that protects the amenity of existing residents and responds to preferred neighbourhood character. However, community feedback continues to identify issues with the consistency of the design quality of new housing.

Council is preparing the Good Design Guidelines that will seek to improve design outcomes for new medium and high density housing in Hume.

8.1.3 Activity Centres

Hume has an established hierarchy of activity centres which form part of and respond to the objectives of Plan Melbourne. This is also embedded in the Hume Planning Scheme which recognises the importance of managing and planning for a hierarchy of activity centres to meet community needs and create a sense of space and character for an area.

Housing development should facilitate their growth and contribute to their vibrancy by occurring at a scale that is complementary to each activity centre. This will ensure housing contributes to their ongoing viability and expansion.

Due to its traditional grid streets and fine grain buildings, the Sunbury Activity Centre has potential for shop top housing in the short to medium term. Any new housing in this activity centre should respect its 'rural town' feel, wide and generous streetscapes, rural vistas and heritage buildings.

Council will consider the need to develop design guidance specific to activity centres, particularly the more traditional town centre context of Sunbury.

Council is currently undertaking a Built Form Study of the Sunbury Activity Centre that will identify a future preferred built form character for the area. It will include recommendations on building heights, including setbacks of upper levels and design outcomes that officers will convert into planning scheme controls through a future planning scheme amendment.

8.1.4 Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD)

Environmentally Sustainable Designed neighbourhoods and housing have less impact on the natural environment and are more resilient to climate change impacts.

Energy requirements for heating and cooling can be significantly reduced in environmentally sustainable designed and constructed buildings, which reduces the running costs for households and improves thermal comfort. Integrated water management, including stormwater will also significantly reduce impacts to natural waterways and improve water efficiency.

Plan Melbourne commits the State Government to introducing a new Statewide ESD planning policy to ensure that new housing development is environmentally sustainable. Whilst Planning Policy Framework (PPF) recognises the importance of ESD principles, it fails to provide specific guidance and direction on its implementation.

To address this, Council prepared and introduced Clause 15.01-2L-03 Environmentally Sustainable Development into the Local Planning Policy Framework of the Hume Planning Scheme, which was Gazetted in November 2021. The policy enhances ESD outcomes in new, multi-dwelling developments, seeks to minimise environmental impacts from developments and will benefit the comfort and affordability of housing for future Hume residents.

What are our housing design goals?

- To ensure that new housing is well designed, sustainable and contributes to a preferred future neighbourhood character.
- To minimise amenity impacts of larger townhouse and apartment developments on neighbouring residential properties and adjoining low rise residential areas.
- To facilitate high quality housing in activity centres.

How will we achieve this goal?

- Introduce policy and schedules to the relevant residential zones in the Hume Planning Scheme to guide how new development should achieve preferred neighbourhood character and design outcomes.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme that encourages lot consolidation to create large development parcels suitable for apartment and townhouse developments in Moderate and High Change areas.
- Prepare and apply the Good Design Guide in the assessment of residential permit applications to support the provisions in the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Prepare a Built Form Study of the Sunbury Activity Centre to identify preferred future built form outcomes that can be translated into built form controls in the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Consider introducing built form controls in the Hume Planning Scheme to facilitate well designed housing in Hume's other established activity centres.
- Ensure future development meets the requirements of Clause 15.01-2L-03 (ESD) of the Planning Scheme.
- Advocate for and support improved ESD outcomes, including carbon zero buildings, in new development.

8.2 Managing traffic and parking in residential areas

New development will create additional demand on the transport network and create more demand for on street parking.

Community feedback in preparing the Strategy identified concerns with the potential impact of new housing on traffic and on street parking.

Focussing housing change in the High and Moderate Change Areas in and around activity centres and train stations will help to minimise increases in traffic and demand for car parking but other interventions to manage traffic and on-street parking demand are likely to be required.

These interventions will be made in accordance with the requirements in the Hume Planning Scheme and Hume's parking management policies.

Parts of Hume have narrow streets where on street parking can severely limit the function and safety of these roads, particularly for emergency vehicles. This is a cause of great frustration and concern for the community. The Strategy has mostly identified these locations for Limited Change in recognition of this and to minimise potential exacerbation of the problem. Council will also continue to implement its Parking on Narrow Streets Policy.

Council is currently preparing a Transport Strategy that will provide an integrated, whole of Council guide for all roles in the planning and delivery of transport infrastructure and information.

What are our goals to manage traffic and parking in residential areas?

- To minimise the impact of new housing development on-street car parking.

How will we achieve our goals?

- Manage demand and provision for car parking in accordance with the policies in the Hume Planning Scheme and Council's parking policies.
- Require adequate on-site parking to be provided in new housing development in accordance with the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Ensure new development does not result in any net loss of on street car parking or established street trees through the design and location of vehicle crossings, particularly in High and Moderate Change Areas.
- Manage the availability of on street parking permits and consider a policy that restricts parking permits for additional dwellings, particularly in High and Moderate Change Areas.
- Monitor local parking issues.
- Communicate details of parking restrictions to potential residents.

Part 3 – Implementation and Key Directions

The components of this section include:

- An Implementation chapter which outlines approaches that will be implemented to achieve the Housing Strategy.
- A discussion of Key Directions that explore additional Council actions that may further support the objectives of the Strategy.

9 Implementing & Monitoring the Strategy

9.1 Changes to the Hume Planning Scheme

The primary means by which Council will achieve the three aims of this Strategy and their respective goals is through changes to the planning provisions in the Hume Planning Scheme.

These changes were identified in Part 2 of the Strategy and are reflected below:

Aim 1 – To direct housing change to the most appropriate and sustainable locations

- Reflect the Preferred Housing Outcomes into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Translate the Hume Housing Diversity Strategy into a Residential Framework Plan that can be incorporated into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Introduce appropriate residential zoning controls to achieve the preferred housing change outcomes for each area into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Introduce appropriate residential zoning controls that safeguard the operation of Melbourne Airport whilst facilitating appropriate housing growth in areas identified for Moderate and High levels of housing change.
- Review existing strategies within the Planning Scheme to minimise conflict between areas of High or Moderate Change and neighbourhood character.

Aim 2 – To increase the choice and diversity of housing, including affordable housing

- Introduce appropriate residential zoning controls to achieve the preferred housing diversity outcomes for each change area into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to ensure new housing developments of three or more dwellings in High Change areas and Activity Centre to provide a minimum of 80% one and two-bedroom dwellings.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to ensure new housing developments of three or more dwellings in Moderate Change Areas to provide a minimum of 30% one and two-bedroom dwellings.
- Introduce policy into the Hume Planning Scheme to encourage some three bedroom and more family friendly apartments in Moderate and High Change Areas

Aim 3 – To facilitate well designed and sustainable housing

- Introduce policy and schedules to the relevant residential zones to guide how new development should achieve preferred neighbourhood character and preferred design outcomes.
- Consider introducing built form controls into the Hume Planning Scheme to facilitate well designed housing in Hume's established activity centres.
- Ensure that all new housing applications are assessed against the objectives of Environmentally Sustainable Development as outlined in the Hume Planning Scheme.

All amendments to the Hume Planning Scheme to introduce these changes would be subject to community consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act, 1987.

9.2 Evaluation and Monitoring

Council will regularly review census data, housing approvals data and .id Consulting population projections to identify:

- Where housing change is occurring.
- Whether housing diversity needs are being met.
- Whether housing needs or demands are changing.

Community preferences for housing will be monitored through updates to the Council's Community Vision 2021-2025 and in feedback to Council's general community surveys.

Where necessary, the Housing Strategy will be updated to reflect this data and evidence.

Appendix

Appendix: Methodology for determining capacity

1. How much is land available to be developed in each change area?

To determine land that has development potential the following criteria have been used:

- Site areas less than 600m2.
- Strata titled/shared lots, i.e. Common property.
- Land within the Airport Overlay Schedule 1.
- Community and civic land.
- Within zones where residential uses are not permitted including Commercial 2 Zone, Industrial 3 Zone, Public Conservation and Resource Zone, Public Park and Recreation Zone, Public Use Zone and Special Use Zone.
- Recent development (all development after 2005 excluded).

All lots that meet any of these criteria have been considered undevelopable for the purposes of estimating potential dwelling yield.

2 How many dwellings could be created for different development outcomes?

The Strategy recommends support for different types of housing such as apartments, attached townhouses, units and detached dwellings. Apartments will provide the greatest opportunity to provide new dwellings particularly smaller, one and two bedroom homes. To determine how many new dwellings can be created by the changes proposed in Chapter 6, a range of density assumptions have been applied. These density assumptions are summarised in Table 2. Rates of development have been developed for modelling purposes and are indicative only. They are not designed as future development targets that will be dependent on dwelling size, mix and other design factors.

Table 1. Housing Mix and Diversity

Description	Approximate density (homes per hectare)	Average Lot size (m2)
Detached – limited low density: Eg. Single detached dwellings in LDRZ on large lots with significant garden areas	5	2000
Detached – gradual change: Eg. 3 unit redevelopment with minimum garden areas	30	300
Attached – moderate change: Eg. townhouse style developments	50	180
Attached - moderate change: Eg. 2 and 3 storey apartments with limited or communal only outdoor space (based on 15 apartments on 2000m2 lot)	72	125
Apartment: high change low rise: Eg. low rise apartment developments (3-4 storeys) with communal outdoor areas (based on 30-35 apartments on 2000m2 lot)	150	60
Apartment: high change mid-rise: Eg. mid-rise apartment developments (5-6 storeys) with communal outdoor areas (based on 50 apartments on 2000m2 lot)	225	40

Note: Rates of development are for modelling of potential supply and not intended to be development targets.

3 How quickly development is likely to occur?

Whilst the Housing Diversity Strategy will theoretically allow all land to be developed, change will occur gradually and many properties will remain as single dwellings, particularly in the Limited and Gradual areas. In the High Change and Moderate Change areas, which have the best access to public transport, shops and services, the take up rate will be far greater than the Gradual and Limited Change area.

Within the study area the take up rate has been an average of 2% each year. The highest rates of change have been experienced around Broadmeadows with an annual take up rate of 3% between 2005-2016.

In the Gradual and Limited Change areas low take up rates are proposed that reflect the lower take up rate of Hume overall between 2016-2026. A faster take up rate in the following ten years.

The development outcomes anticipated for Moderate change areas are similar in density and typology to the recent development in Meadow Valley Ward, Oak Park and Glenroy. Annual growth rates in Oak Park and Glenroy for ten years between 2001-2016 were 1.5% and 2.1% respectively. Meadow Valley Ward have experienced similar take up rates of 2.6% in High and 1.2% in Moderate Change Areas over the last ten years. Based on this a 2% take up rate has been applied for moderate change areas between 2016 and 2026 increasing overtime to 0.4% for the period from 2026-2036.

The multi storey apartment development preferred for High Change areas is very limited in Hume and therefore a future yield cannot be based on an established trend. Instead a similar take up rate of 2% throughout the 20-year period between 2016-2036 has been applied in High Change Areas in Meadow Valley and Aitken Wards.

A lower take up rate has been applied to the High Change areas in Sunbury (Jacksons Creek Ward) as residential supply in Sunbury continues to be concentrated in new residential estates on the fringe and unit development close to the town centre. In addition, most of the High Change areas of Jacksons Creek Ward are within the town centre with a Commercial 1 Zone. The Commercial 1 zone currently allows dwelling development at upper levels including apartment development. Despite this, no upper level apartments have been developed.

In summary, the following variable take up rates have been applied:

Table 2. Take Up Rates for Change Areas

	Take up rate 2016-2026	Take up rate 2026-2036
Limited	0.5%	1.0%
Gradual	1.0%	2.0%
Moderate	2.0%	4.0%
High	2.0%	2.0%

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HUME PREFERRED FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER STATEMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

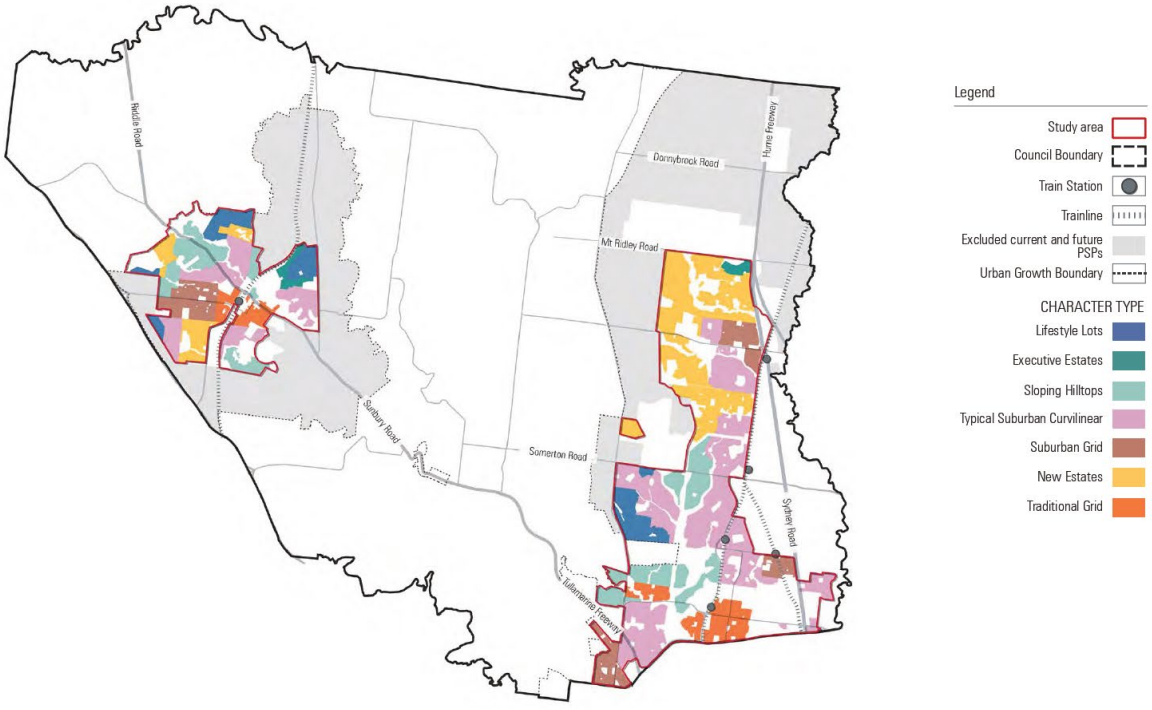
Preferred Future Character Statements

In 2020, Hansen Parternship undertook a neighbourhood character assessment for Hume City Council to document the existing valued character qualities of Hume's residential areas included within Hume's Housing Diversity Strategy.

The assessment identified seven broad character areas across the study area, including Lifestyle Lots, Large Estates, Sloping Hilltops, Suburban Curvilinear, Suburban Grid, New Estates and Traditional Grid (refer Figure 1).

These statements outline the preferred future character of each of these character areas, as they apply to the change levels identified in Hume's Housing Diversity Strategy.

Figure 1. Neighbourhood Character Assessment (Hansen, 2020)



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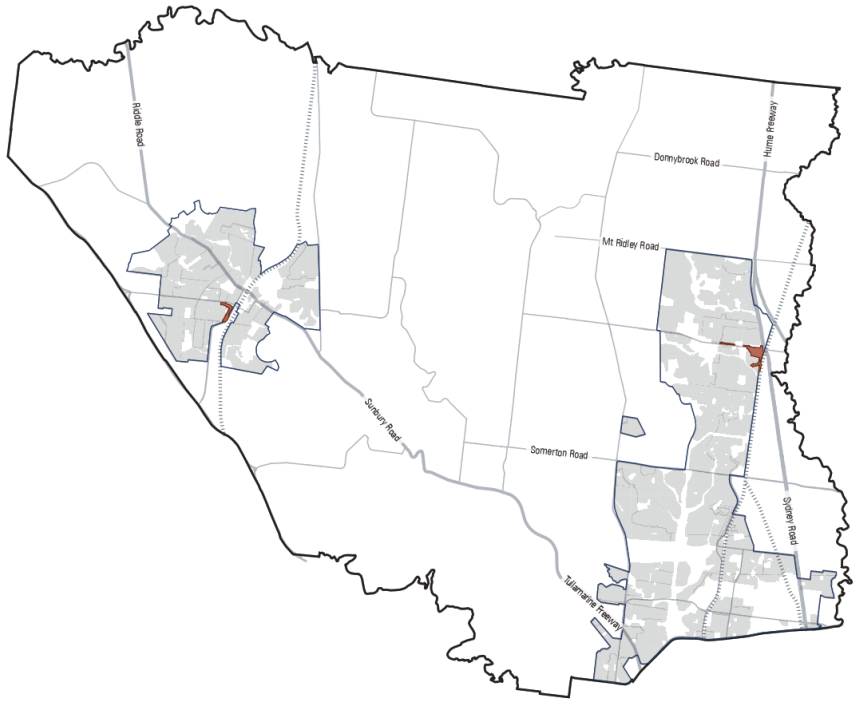
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN GRID: HIGH CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will undergo considerable transformation to create new more intense multi storey, diverse neighbourhoods comprising contemporary built form character which responds to the prevailing open garden setting. The linear and gridded street pattern will reinforce the uniformity of the streetscape.

Expected Housing Typologies

Townhouses\partments



LEGEND
Suburban Grid - High Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

Suburban Grid are residential areas often located closer to established activity centres. Developed since the 1950s, lots are broadly similar in shape and size with infill development in smaller subdivisions occurring along major roads and intersections. Dwellings are predominantly single storeyed; however, two storey forms are present in newer developments. Although a mix of architectural styles exist in these residential areas, front and rear setbacks and its treatment are generally consistent within the street.

The gridded street pattern with its extensive segments of linear roads and terminating cul-de-sacs as well as the streetscape presentation establishes uniformity to areas. Major streets comprise landscaped central verges. A variety of front fences exist including a combination of opaque to permeable

Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent era of development
- Open garden setting
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Varied setbacks
- Low brick front fences

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Grid

(High Change) seek to:

1. To facilitate housing growth in the form of apartment developments of a high-quality design and finish.
2. To allow the formation of a new and smaller more urban front setback provision.
3. To ensure that the height, scale and form of development respects any sensitive residential interfaces and minimises the appearance of visual bulk.
4. To provide for diverse housing development with larger side setbacks to allow for landscaping and canopy trees.
5. To encourage contemporary, well-articulated and designed multi-dwelling and apartment developments with smaller, well-landscaped front setbacks.
6. To encourage consolidation of adjoining lots to facilitate contemporary dwelling design that makes efficient use of land.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	Standard A10 & B18	▪ Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

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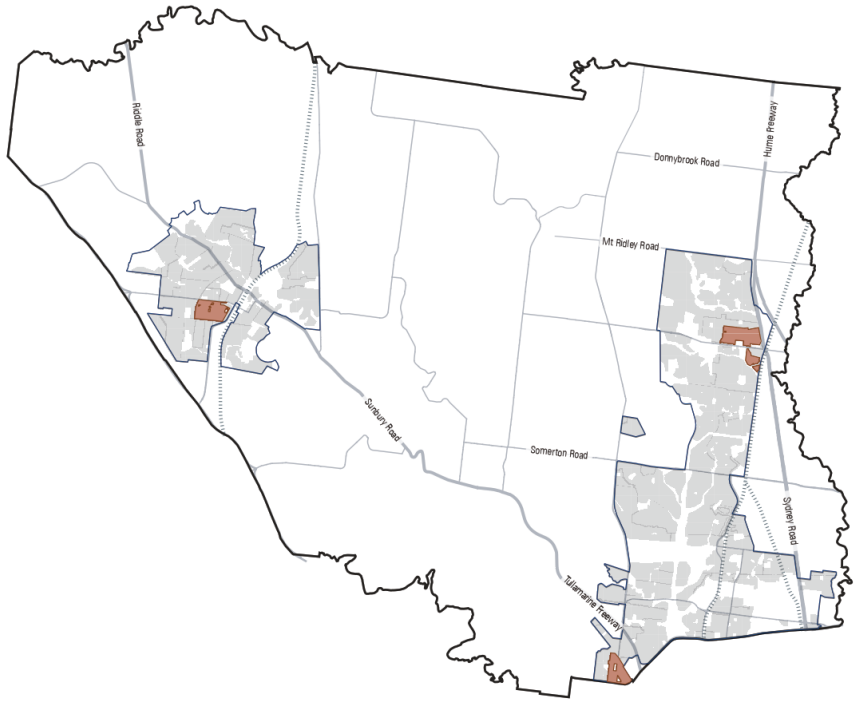
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN GRID: MODERATE CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will evolve and continue to comprise mostly unit and townhouse dwellings with some apartments which respond to the prevailing character. The linear and gridded street pattern will reinforce the uniformity of the streetscape.

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses\partments



LEGEND
Suburban Grid - Moderate

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Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent era of development
- Open garden setting
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Varied setbacks
- Low brick front fences

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Grid

(Moderate Change) seek to:

1. To encourage modest change which responds to the existing single storey forms.
2. To respond to the prevailing front and side setbacks.
3. To respect the open garden setting.
4. To encourage lot consolidation to facilitate development.
5. To provide for a diversity of housing types.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

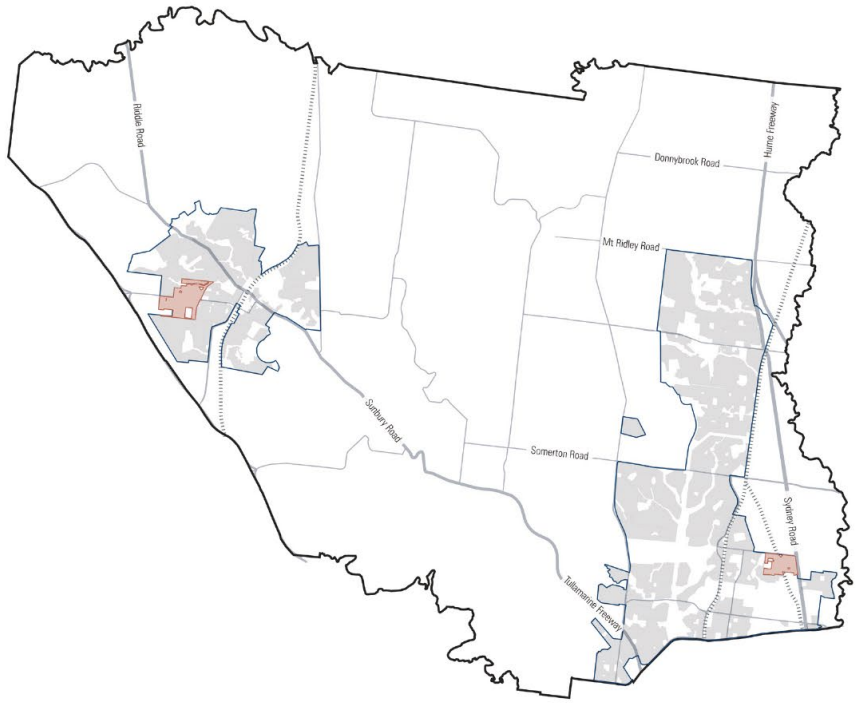
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN GRID: GRADUAL CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will gradually evolve and continue to comprise predominantly detached dwellings with the addition of some unit and townhouse dwellings which respect the prevailing character. The linear and gridded street pattern will continue to reinforce the uniformity of the streetscape.

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses



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Existing Character Summary

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Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent era of development
- Open garden setting
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Varied setbacks
- Low brick front fences

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Grid

(Gradual Change) seek to:

1. To respect the predominately single storey detached forms.
2. To respect the existing front and side setbacks.
3. To enhance the open garden setting.
4. To ensure upper levels are visually recessive.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 6 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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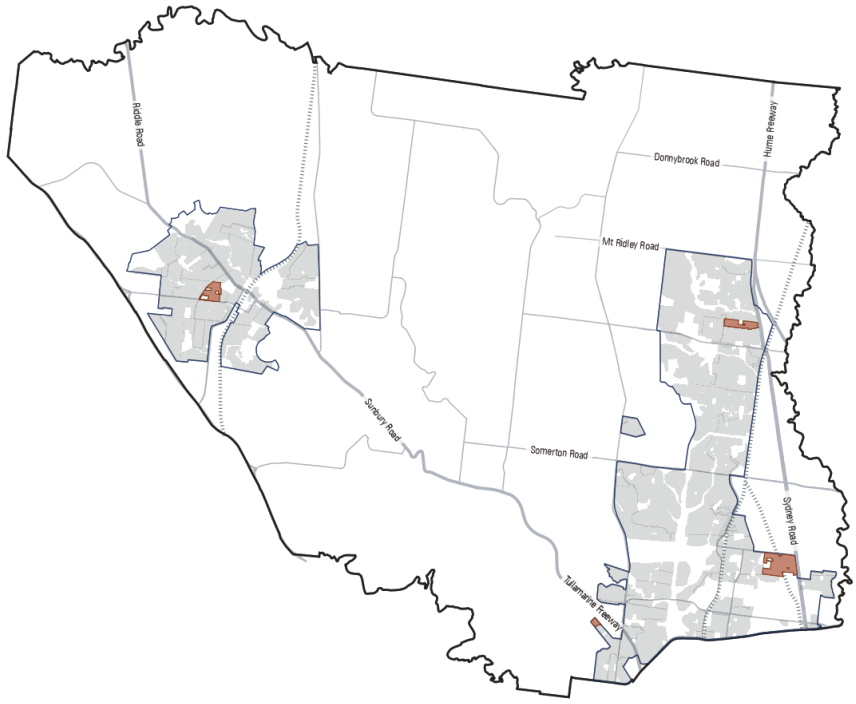
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN GRID: LIMITED CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will continue to comprise predominantly detached dwellings of mixed architectural styles. The linear and gridded street pattern will continue to reinforce the uniformity of the streetscape.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units



LEGEND
Suburban Grid - Limited

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

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Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent era of development
- Open garden setting
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Varied setbacks
- Low brick front fences

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Grid

(Limited Change) seek to:

1. To maintain the predominantly single storey detached dwelling forms.
2. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
3. To maintain existing front and side setbacks.
4. To maintain existing open garden settings.
5. To ensure upper levels are visually recessive.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
None	None	▪ None

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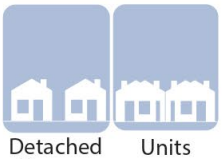
CHARACTER TYPE LIFESTYLE LOTS: LIMITED CHANGE

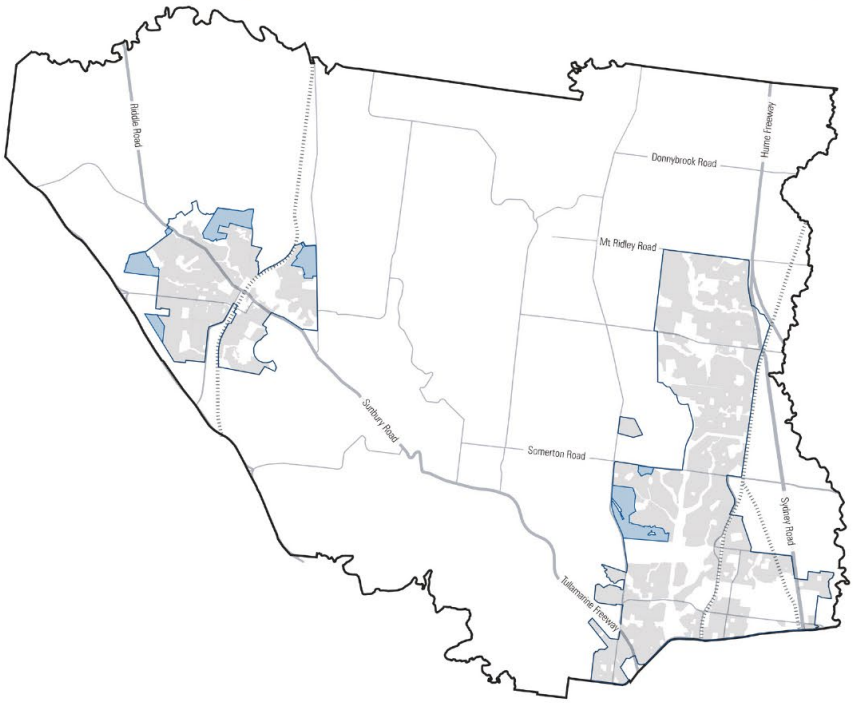
Preferred Future Character Statement

Lifestyle lots are anticipated to experience limited change with their valued open setting with large detached dwellings to be retained. The existing sense of spaciousness is expected to be maintained and enhanced over time as gardens continue to mature within these semi-rural locations. The considerable setbacks of dwellings is to be maintained, to ensure that built form is recessive to the landscape, while ensuring the protection of remnant vegetation within both private and public land. The general informality of the public realm is to be maintained,

Expected Housing Typologies



Detached Houses | Units



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Existing Character Summary

Lifestyle lots have an open setting with large detached dwellings mostly masked by its natural environment and/ or topography. Owing to the significantly large allotments in comparison to building footprint and deep front setbacks, the area offers a sense of spaciousness that is complemented by its landscape quality. The siting of buildings within allotments vary from wide primary frontages being positioned parallel to the street to at an angle. This differs from that of newer developments where primary frontages are consistently parallel to the street. However, siting does not impact the public realm due to considerable setbacks and the presence of screening vegetation within the public and private realm.

Generally, the curvilinear streets are informal, road pavement siting within broader road reserves with undefined with swale drains on either side, but newer developments may have kerbs defining the edges of the carriageway. Footpaths are typically absent in these areas bringing a perception of informality into the public realm. The

Key Value Qualities

- Open rural setting
- Remnant Vegetation
- Large front setback
- Prominent driveways
- Period reproduction
- Diverse architectural styles
- Formal garden designs

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Lifestyle Lots

(Limited Change) seek to:

1. To experience limited built form change, with existing dwellings expected to be maintained.
2. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
3. To maintain and enhance the open and spacious landscape setting of large detached dwellings within a semi-rural setting at the urban fringe.
4. To provide dwelling entrances oriented towards the street providing a sense of address.
5. To provide large front, side and rear setbacks and garden areas with adequate space for landscaping, including canopy trees, so that built form is recessive to the landscape.
6. To ensure the protection of remnant vegetation within private land.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Site Coverage	Stardard A5 and B8	▪ Site coverage should not exceed 30%
Landscaping	Stardard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 and B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	Standard A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

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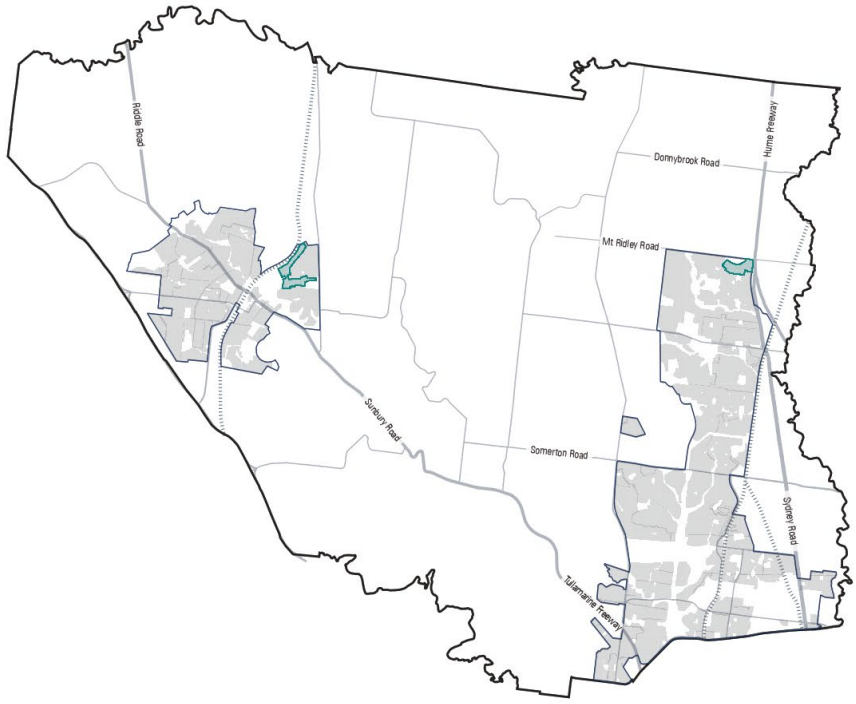
CHARACTER TYPE LARGE ESTATES: LIMITED CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

Large estates are anticipated to experience limited change with their existing large dwellings to be retained. The diversity of dwelling design and architectural styles is encouraged within a formal garden settings comprising generous front and rear gardens to ensure a dominant landscape character. Low or open front boundary treatments are encouraged. Consistent street tree provision should be maintained.

Expected Housing Typologies



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Existing Character Summary

Large Lot estates are characterised by large scale dwellings within sizeable allotments sited on sloped to flat terrain. The topography of the area influences the scale and massing of the dwelling with more than one storey forms seen in areas of steeper slope in order to maximise views. Generally consistent front and side setbacks accompanied by uniform siting and widths of primary dwelling frontages establishes a clear and defined street rhythm.

Typically, front setbacks are characterised by low lying established gardens comprising of lawn and exotic species with driveways that are linear or semicircular in shape depending on the setback depth. Instances of ornamental features and planting within nature strips are also seen in some areas.

The curvilinear street pattern is looped to form a warped grid layout; however, some areas are dominated by cul-de-sacs terminating in allotments of consistent shape and size. Streets are usually narrow and may have grassed nature strips or verges depending on the presence of footpaths. Street trees are highly consistent in terms of species and planting regime within the street and native species have been employed

Key Value Qualities

- Consistent built form rhythm
- Predominately 2 storey dwellings
- Presence of porticos
- Well maintained gardens

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Large Estates

(Limited Change) seek to:

1. To experience limited built form change, with existing dwellings expected to be retained.
2. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
3. To provide a mix of building forms and styles with consistent, generous setbacks that retains the dominance of the landscape setting.
4. To maintain and enhance the predominant built form rhythm and large garden setting.
5. To ensure the protection of remnant vegetation within private land.
6. To provide vegetated front setbacks with no front fencing or the use of low, visually permeable front boundary treatments which enhance the spaciousness and strong avenue planting of the streetscapes.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Site coverage	A5 and B8	▪ Site coverage for Rolling Meadows should be 30%
		▪ Site coverage for Highlands should be 40%

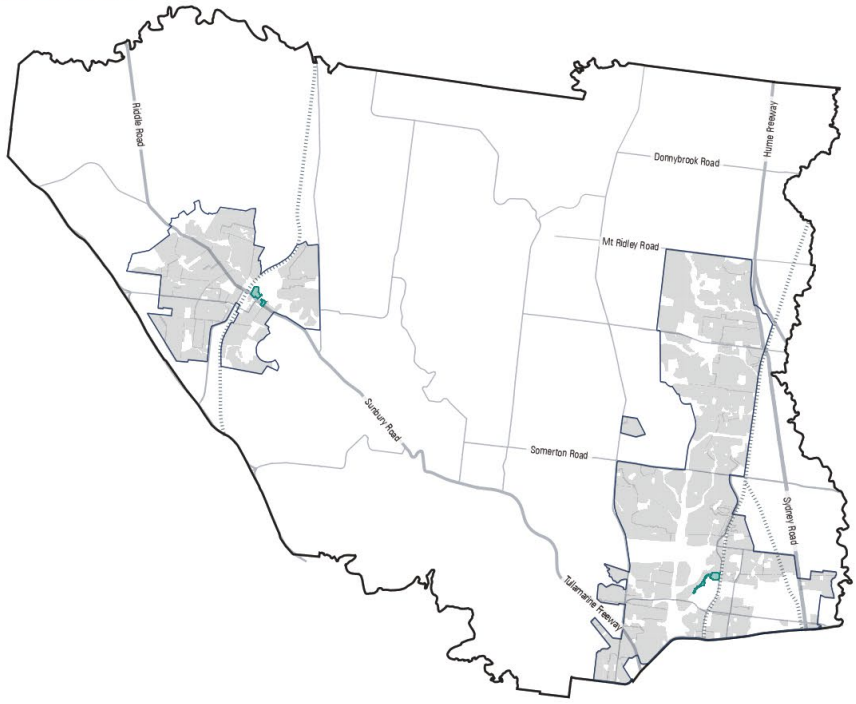
CHARACTER TYPE SLOPING HILLTOPS: MODERATE CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Sloping Hilltop areas are anticipated to experience moderate change with some existing dwellings to be retained. The existing front setbacks and open garden setting must be responded to. Any new built form should be sensitively designed and sited in response to land form and sloping sites. Panoramic and tree-top views should be maintained to reinforce the distinctive landscape backdrop.

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses\partments



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Existing Character Summary

Sloping Hilltops comprise of residential areas dictated by the landscape setting and views enabled by the undulating topography. Areas in this character type have developed since the 1960s and have varied lot areas and development patterns depending on the steepness of the slope. Narrow winding or curvilinear streets assist in negotiating the slope in most parts with exception to some newer areas comprising of wide main streets with secondary streets that loop to form a warped grid.

Generally, the public realm presentation with respect to sloped or layered garden frontages, tree-lined streetscapes of varying species and grassed nature strips provide uniformity to this character type. Carriageways are defined by kerb and channels, with unmarked on street parking. In areas where footpaths are absent, gardens often spill into the public realm contributing to the perceived "lushness". Panoramic and tree-top views

Key Value Qualities

- Steeply sloping typography
- Undulating terrain
- Consistent setbacks
- Diverse architectural style
- Well maintained gardens
- Open Garden setting

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Sloping Hilltops

(Moderate Change) seek to:

1. To sensitively accommodate moderate change which respects the prevailing front setbacks and open garden setting.
2. To ensure new built form responds to land form and sloping sites.
3. To respect the distinctive landscape backdrop characterised by panoramic vistas and tree-top views.
4. To encourage lot consolidation to facilitate development.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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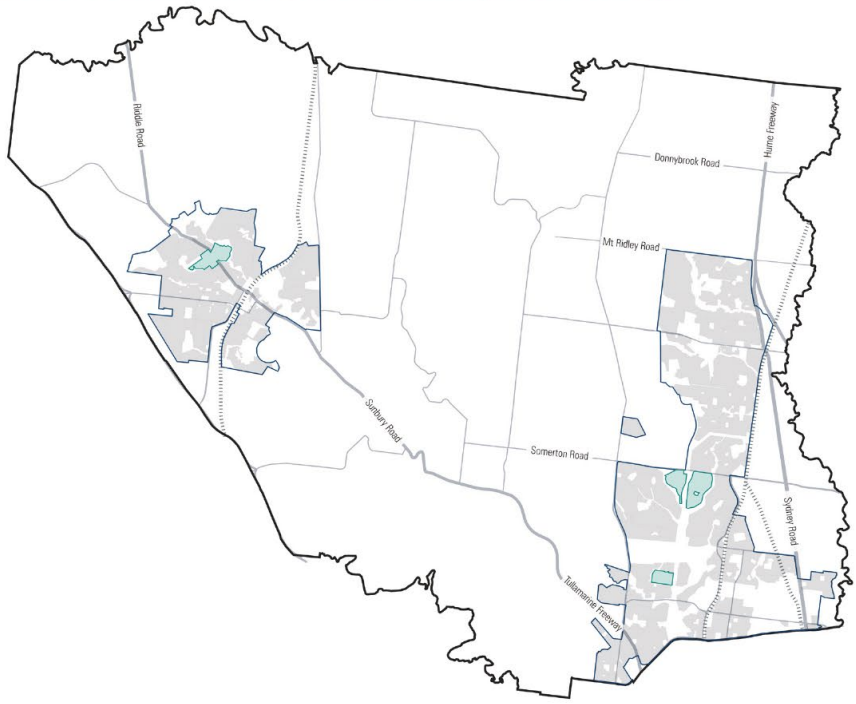
CHARACTER TYPE SLOPING HILLTOPS: GRADUAL CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Sloping Hilltop areas are anticipated to experience gradual change with most existing dwellings to be maintained. The existing large front setbacks and open garden setting should be maintained and enhanced with canopy tree planting. Any new built form must be sensitively designed and sited in response to land form and sloping sites. Panoramic and tree-top views must be maintained to reinforce the distinctive landscape backdrop.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units | Townhouses



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Key Value Qualities

- Steeply sloping typography
- Undulating terrain
- Consistent setbacks
- Diverse architectural style
- Well maintained gardens
- Open Garden setting

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Sloping Hilltops

(Gradual Change) seek to:

1. To sensitively accommodate gradual change which respects the prevailing front setbacks and open garden setting.
2. To ensure new built form sensitively responds to land form and sloping sites.
3. To maintain the distinctive landscape backdrop characterised by panoramic vistas and tree-top views.
4. To enable buildings sited closer to the street and make a positive contribution to the public realm.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 6 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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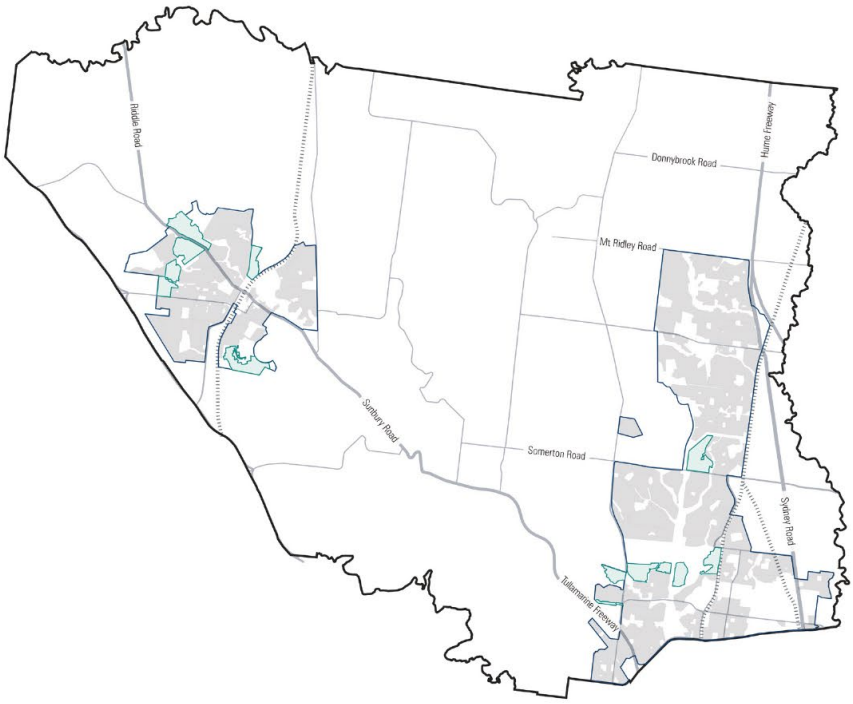
CHARACTER TYPE SLOPING HILLTOPS: LIMITED CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Sloping Hilltop areas are anticipated to experience limited change with their existing dwellings to be retained. The existing front setbacks and open garden setting is to be maintained and enhanced. Any new built form must be sensitively designed and sited in response to land form and sloping sites.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units



LEGEND
Sloping Hilltops - Limited

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

Sloping Hilltops comprise of residential areas dictated by the landscape setting and views enabled by the undulating topography. Areas in this character type have developed since the 1960s and have varied lot areas and development patterns depending on the steepness of the slope. Narrow winding or curvilinear streets assist in negotiating the slope in most parts with exception to some newer areas comprising of wide main streets with secondary streets that loop to form a warped grid.

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Key Value Qualities

- Steeply sloping typography
- Undulating terrain
- Consistent setbacks
- Diverse architectural style
- Well maintained gardens
- Open Garden setting

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Sloping Hilltops (Limited Change) seek to:

1. To experience limited built form change, with existing dwellings expected to be retained.
2. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
3. To reinforce existing building line and streetscape rhythm.
4. To maintain and enhance existing front setbacks and open garden setting.
5. To ensure new built form sensitively responds to land form and sloping sites

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

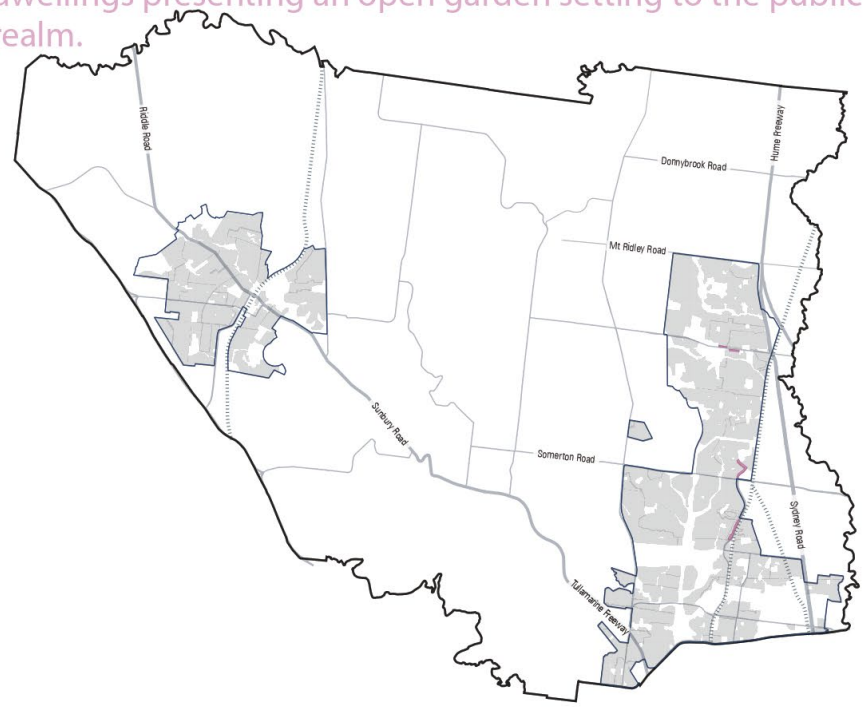
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR: HIGH CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Curvilinear areas will undergo considerable transformation to create a more intense multi storey, contemporary built form character set within generally flat topography. They will primarily be defined by the curved street alignments and associated subdivision pattern, comprising cul-de-sacs. The predominate form of housing is to be attached townhouses or apartment forms. Generally consistent front and side setbacks will be encouraged to prevail, with dwellings presenting an open garden setting to the public realm.

Expected Housing Typologies

Townhouses\apartments



LEGEND
Suburban Curvilinear - High Change

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Existing Character Summary

Suburban Curvilinear is the most common Character Type within extents of Hume City Council. The terrain is generally flat in most residential areas, however in the presence of ridgelines the land gently slopes affording treetop views. Although the era of development and lot sizes are highly varied, a consistent street presentation in terms of architectural form, front and rear setback treatment and roof line provides uniformity. Predominantly comprising of single storey detached dwellings, instances of two and three storey forms can be seen in allotments closer to open spaces and at street intersections in newer areas.

The curvilinear street pattern is one of the defining attributes of this Character Type. Some areas are dominated by secondary streets that terminate in cul-de-sacs. Streets are defined by an eclectic mix of fencing and edge treatments that may allow views into the front gardens.

Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent dwelling design
- Consistent era and setbacks
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Strong garden setting
- Prominent garages
- Open garden setting
- Low brick front fence

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Curvilinear

(High Change) seek to:

1. To encourage new multi-storey forms of residential development and the provision of dwelling diversity.
2. To allow the formation of a new and smaller more urban front setback provision.
3. To encourage the creation of new contemporary architectural forms and associated built form character.
4. To provide housing at increased densities in buildings up to and including four storey buildings.
5. To ensure development is sympathetic and responsive to its surroundings and provides an appropriate transition to lower-scale residential areas.
6. To encourage lot consolidation to facilitate development.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side & Rear Setback	Standard B17	▪ Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.

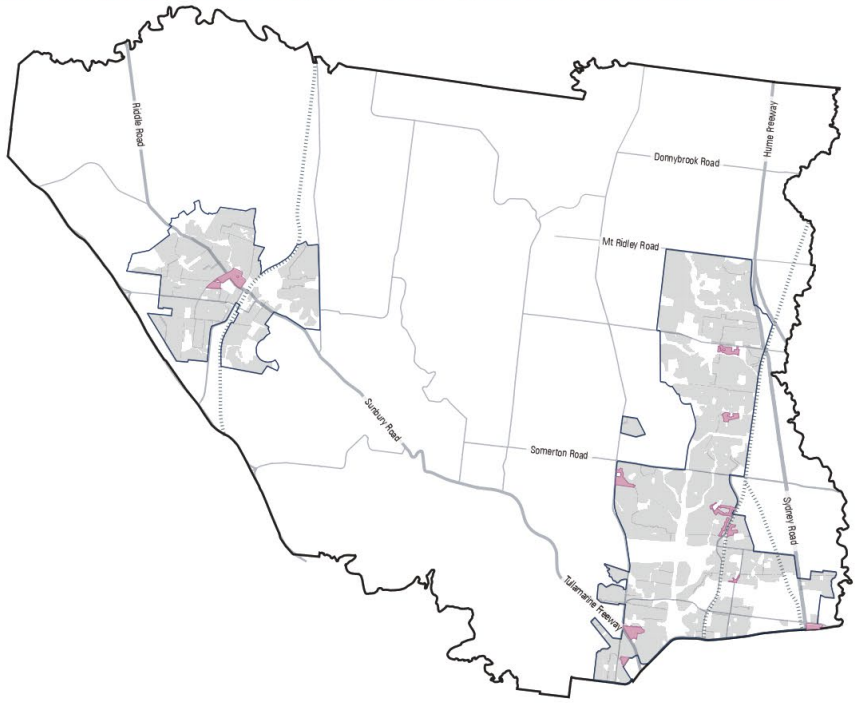
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR: MODERATE CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Curvilinear areas will evolve and display an even greater diversity of dwellings set within generally flat topography are primarily defined by the curved street alignments and associated subdivision pattern, comprising cul-de-sacs. The predominate form of housing is to be units or attached townhouses and some apartment forms. Generally consistent front and side setbacks will be encouraged to prevail, with dwellings presenting an open garden setting to the

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses\partments



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Existing Character Summary

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The curvilinear street pattern is one of the defining attributes of this Character Type. Some areas are dominated by secondary streets that terminate in cul-de-sacs. Streets are defined by an eclectic mix of fencing and edge treatments that may allow views into the front gardens.

Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent dwelling design
- Consistent era and setbacks
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Strong garden setting
- Prominent garages
- Open garden setting
- Low brick front fence

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Curvilinear

(Moderate Change) seek to:

1. To accommodate moderate change that delivers diversity of housing which respects the prevailing front setbacks and open garden setting.
2. To ensure new built form responds to the prevailing single storey forms.
3. To seek recessive upper most level from the streetscape.
4. To respect the open garden setting.
5. To support new development that locates garages and carports behind the front walls of dwellings.
6. To encourage lot consolidation to facility development.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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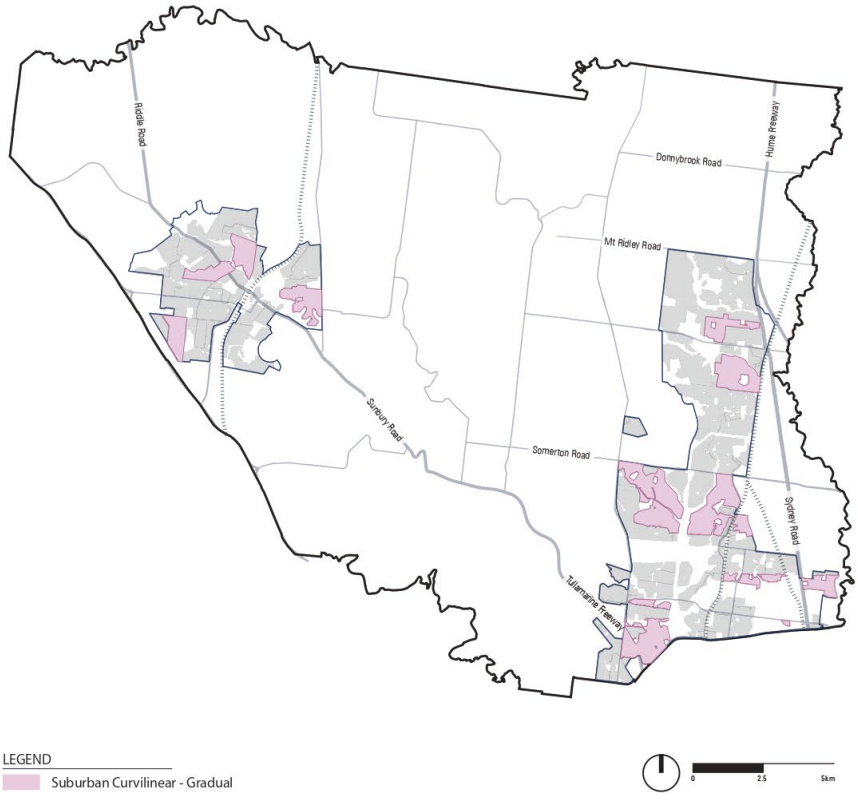
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR: GRADUAL CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Curvilinear areas will gradually evolve and display an even greater diversity of dwellings set within generally flat topography are primarily defined by the curved street alignments and associated subdivision pattern, comprising cul-de-sacs. The predominate form of housing is to remain detached housing with infill townhouse and unit development anticipated. Generally consistent front and side setbacks will prevail, with dwellings presenting an open

Expected Housing Typologies



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Existing Character Summary

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The curvilinear street pattern is one of the defining attributes of this Character Type. Some areas are dominated by secondary streets that terminate in cul-de-sacs. Streets are defined by an eclectic mix of fencing and edge treatments that may allow views into the front gardens.

Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent dwelling design
- Consistent era and setbacks
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Strong garden setting
- Prominent garages
- Open garden setting
- Low brick front fence

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Curvilinear

(Gradual Change) seek to:

1. To sensitively accommodate gradual change which respects the prevailing front setbacks and open garden setting.
2. To ensure new built form sensitively responds predominantly single storey forms.
3. To seek recessive upper level presentation from all boundaries.
4. To enhance the open garden setting.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 6 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.

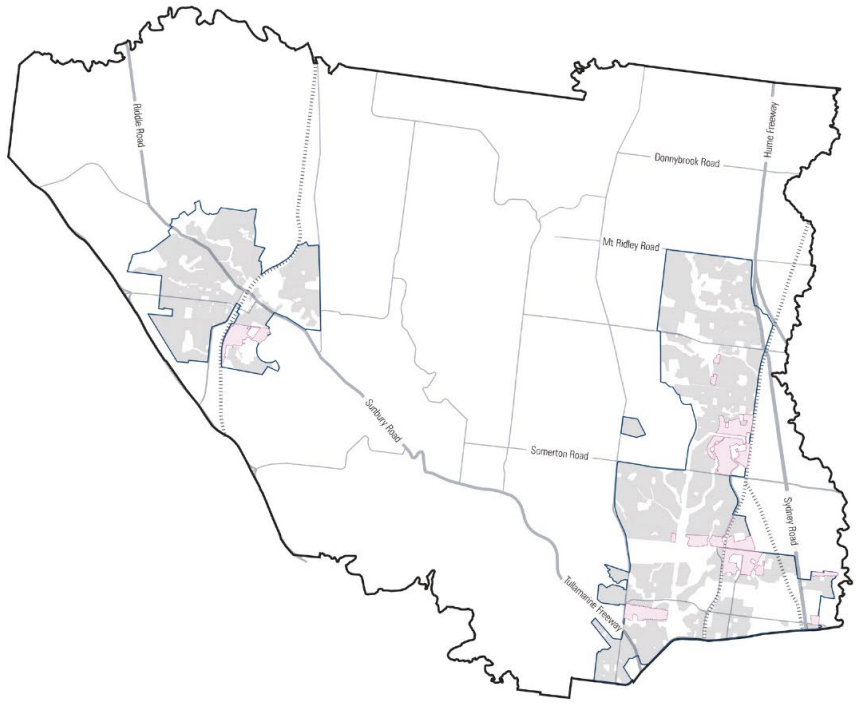
CHARACTER TYPE SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR: LIMITED CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Curvilinear areas will continue to display a diverse era of dwellings set within generally flat topography are primarily defined by the curved street alignments and associated subdivision pattern, comprising cul-de-sacs. The predominate form of housing is to remain single storey detached housing with consistent front and side setbacks, which generally present an open garden setting to the public realm.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units



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The curvilinear street pattern is one of the defining attributes of this Character Type. Some areas are dominated by secondary streets that terminate in cul-de-sacs. Streets are defined by an eclectic mix of fencing and edge treatments that may allow views into the front gardens.

Key Value Qualities

- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Consistent dwelling design
- Consistent era and setbacks
- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Strong garden setting
- Prominent garages
- Open garden setting
- Low brick front fence

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Suburban Curvilinear

(Limited Change) seek to:

1. To experience limited built form change, with existing dwellings expected to be maintained.
2. To maintain the predominant single storey forms by ensuring upper levels are designed to be visually recessive.
3. To maintain the prevailing open garden setting.
4. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
5. To maintain consistent front and side setbacks.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private open space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

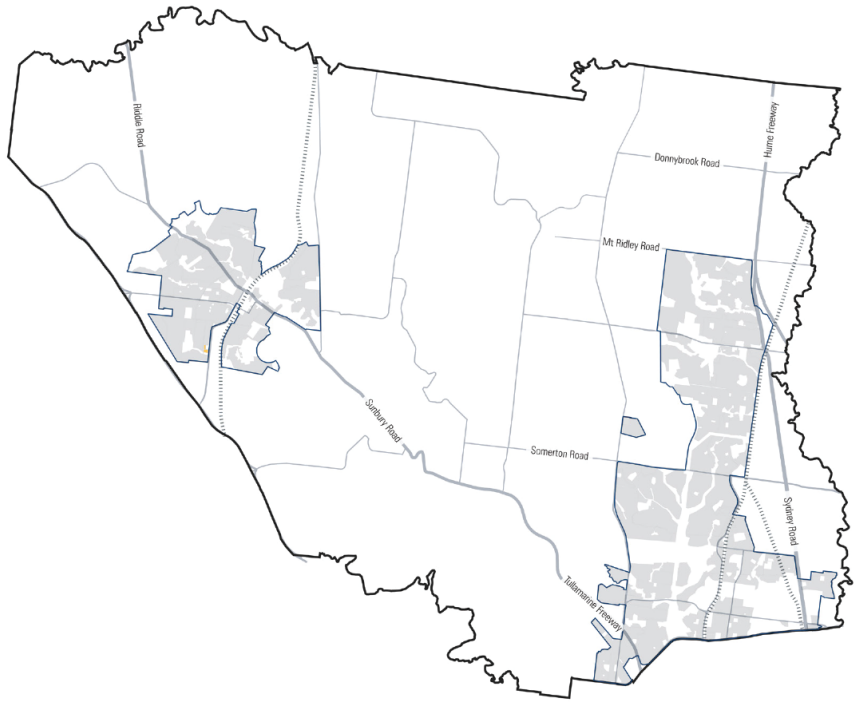
CHARACTER TYPE NEW ESTATE: MODERATE CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will evolve and continue to comprise predominantly detached dwellings of mixed architectural styles.

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses\partments



LEGEND
New Estate - Moderate Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

New Estates are residential areas developed since the early 2000s resulting from the surge in population within Melbourne. Lot sizes are highly consistent with topography varying from undulating to flat terrain. The architectural style is extremely homogeneous as areas were built all at once from a predefined number of designs or layouts. Building heights range between 1, 2 and sometimes 3 storeys comprising of detached dwellings, townhouses or dual occupancies depending on their proximity to open spaces and activity centres.

The streets are defined by the built form owing to limited garden frontage, restricted side setbacks and narrow carriageways. The highly repetitive architectural form, massing and siting of dwellings provide a rhythm to the street which is lost when side setbacks are highly reduced. Subsequently it presents a continuous impenetrable screen to the street. Considering that the

Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Small and open front gardens
- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Undulating terrain
- Contemporary architectural styles
- Prominent garages

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for New Estate (Moderate Change) seek to:

1. To encourage modest change which responds to the existing single storey forms.
2. To respond to the prevailing front and side setbacks.
3. To encourage lot consolidation to facilitate efficient use of land that delivers well designed buildings and greater diversity of housing types.
4. To respect the open garden setting.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a new development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

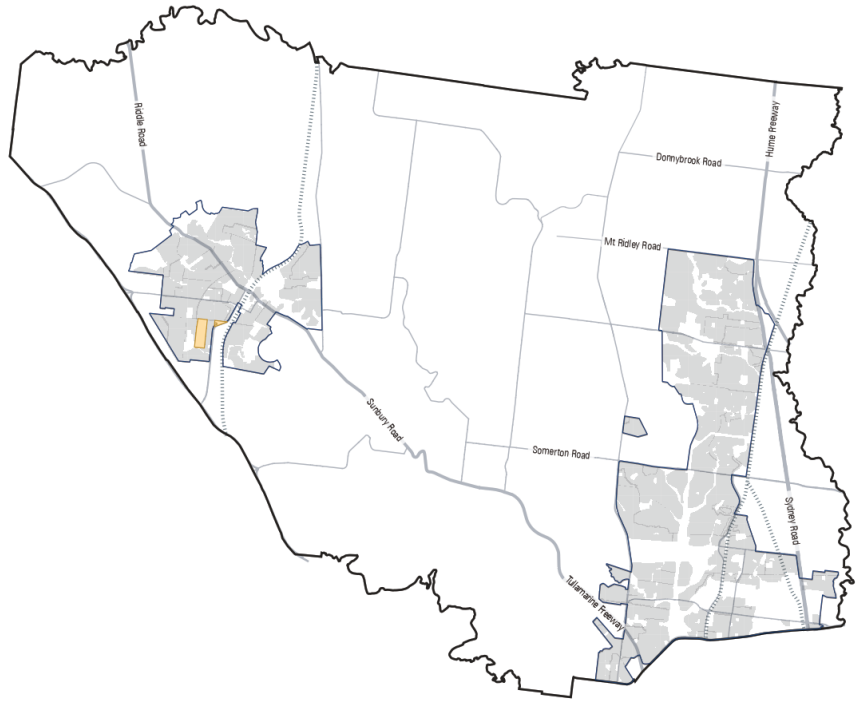
CHARACTER TYPE NEW ESTATE: GRADUAL CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Suburban Grid areas will gradually evolve and continue to comprise predominantly detached dwellings of mixed architectural styles.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units | Townhouses



LEGEND
New Estate - Gradual Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

New Estates are residential areas developed since the early 2000s resulting from the surge in population within Melbourne. Lot sizes are highly consistent with topography varying from undulating to flat terrain. The architectural style is extremely homogeneous as areas were built all at once from a predefined number of designs or layouts. Building heights range between one, two and sometimes three storeys comprising of detached dwellings, townhouses or dual occupancies depending on their proximity to open spaces and activity centres.

The streets are defined by the built form owing to limited garden frontage, restricted side setbacks and narrow carriageways. The highly repetitive architectural form, massing and siting of dwellings provide a rhythm to the street which is lost when side setbacks are highly reduced. Subsequently it presents a continuous impenetrable screen to the street. Considering that the

Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Small and open front gardens
- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Undulating terrain
- Contemporary architectural styles
- Prominent garages

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for New Estate (Gradual Change) seek to:

1. To respect the predominantly single storey forms.
2. To enhance the consistent front and side setbacks.
3. To reinforce the established building line and streetscape rhythm.
4. To maintain and enhance the open front gardens.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
None	None	▪ None

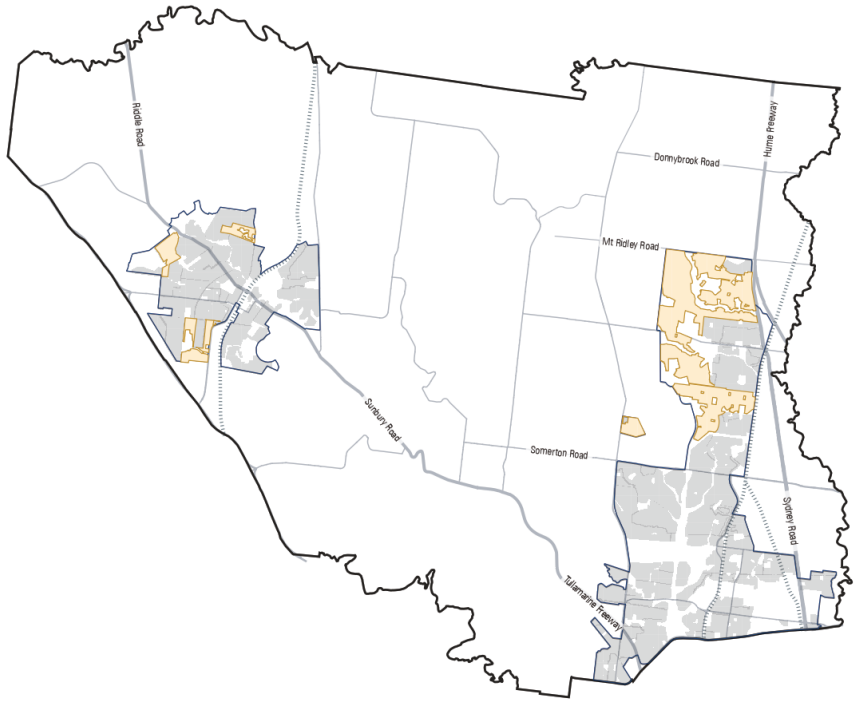
CHARACTER TYPE NEW ESTATE: LIMITED CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These New Estate areas will continue to comprise predominantly detached dwellings of mixed architectural styles. Their consistent character will be maintained through consistent front and side setbacks.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units



LEGEND
New Estate - Limited Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

New Estates are residential areas developed since the early 2000s resulting from the surge in population within Melbourne. Lot sizes are highly consistent with topography varying from undulating to flat terrain. The architectural style is extremely homogeneous as areas were built all at once from a predefined number of designs or layouts. Building heights range between 1, 2 and sometimes 3 storeys comprising of detached dwellings, townhouses or dual occupancies depending on their proximity to open spaces and activity centres.

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Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling styles
- Consistent setbacks
- Small and open front gardens
- Predominately single storey dwellings
- Undulating terrain
- Contemporary architectural styles
- Prominent garages

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for New Estate (Limited Change) seek to:

1. To maintain the predominantly single storey forms.
2. To maintain the existing subdivision pattern.
3. To maintain consistent front and side setbacks.
4. To maintain and encourage the open front gardens.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a new development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

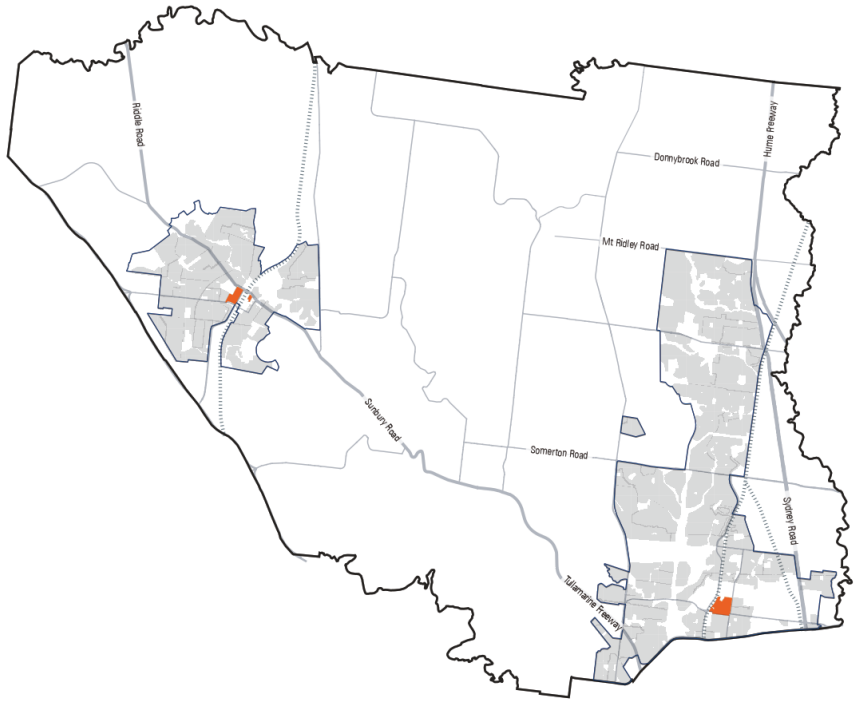
CHARACTER TYPE TRADITIONAL GRID: HIGH CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Traditional Grid areas will undergo considerable transformation to create a new more intense multi storey, contemporary built form character. The traditional townscape public realm attributes will continue to prevail through the maintenance of wide nature strips and tree lined streetscapes.

Expected Housing Typologies

Townhouses\partments



LEGEND
Traditional Grid - High Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

Traditional Grid includes residential areas that are a part of the original townships of Hume City Council. The topography is predominantly flat; however, some areas are influenced by its undulating terrain as seen in Sunbury and creek environment as seen in Westmeadows. A number of infill developments through the 80s up until now can be seen scattered throughout these areas suggesting that the neighbourhoods are undergoing rapid transformation. This could be a result of generous lot sizes in older neighbourhoods that are vital for medium density living. Architectural styles are highly varied and include traditional 1950s post war dwellings in older lots to more recent infill developments of duplexes and townhouses on smaller subdivided allotments. Pockets of remnant dwellings from early 19th Century exists in Sunbury.

The positioning of allotments along a gridded street network, large front and rear setbacks with garden frontages and consistent tree planting regime within wide nature strips in the public realm provides uniformity to the streetscape setting. Extensive linear segments of streets provide corridor views. A variety of front fences of varying materiality

Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling era and forms
- Consistent built form rhythm
- Sloping terrain
- Open garden setting
- Consistent setbacks

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Traditional Grid

(High Change) seek to:

1. To facilitate housing growth in the form of apartment developments of a high-quality design and finish.
2. To encourage contemporary, well-articulated and designed multi-dwelling and apartment developments with smaller, well-landscaped front setbacks.
3. To encourage consolidation of adjoining lots to facilitate contemporary dwelling design that makes efficient use of land.
4. To encourage a diversity of dwelling sizes and built form outcomes.
5. To respect the open garden setting and provide

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 5 metres ▪ Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Private Open Space	Standard A17 & B28	▪ An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Side & Rear Setback	Standard B17	▪ Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

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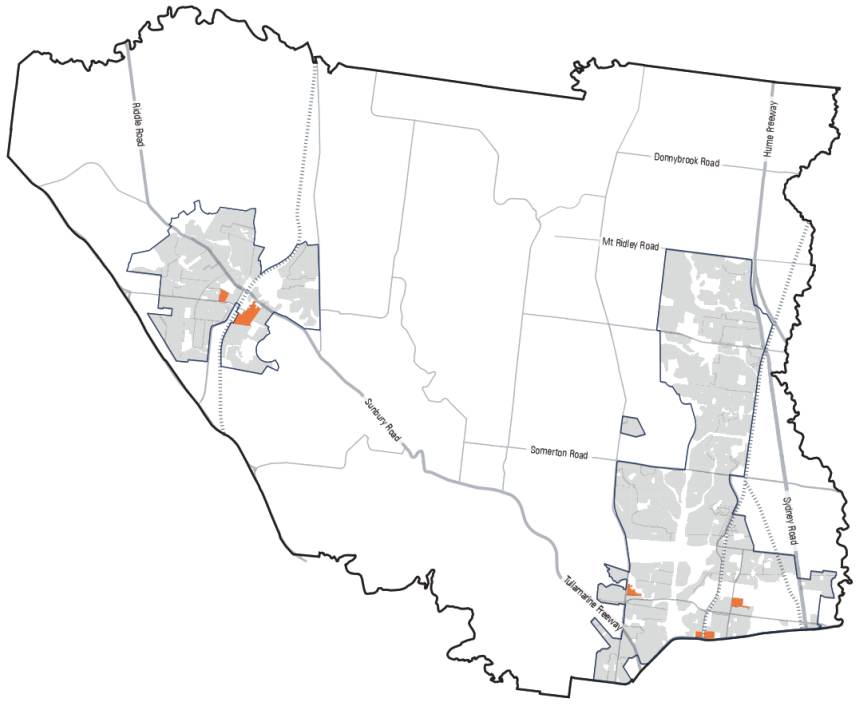
CHARACTER TYPE TRADITIONAL GRID: MODERATE CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Traditional Grid areas will continue to evolve and comprise of diverse dwelling styles. The traditional townscape public realm attributes will continue to prevail through the maintenance of wide nature strips and tree lined streetscapes.

Expected Housing Typologies

Units Townhouses\partments



LEGEND
Traditional Grid - Moderate Change

0 2.5 5km

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Existing Character Summary

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Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling era and forms
- Consistent built form rhythm
- Sloping terrain
- Open garden setting
- Consistent setbacks

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Traditional Grid

(Moderate Change) seek to:

1. To encourage modest change which responds to the prevailing detached storey forms.
2. To respond to the prevailing front and side setbacks.
3. To encourage dwellings with simple pitched roofs and gable ends to the street.
4. To respect the open garden setting.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
Minimum street setback	Standard A3 and B6	▪ Minimum setback from front street 6 metres ▪ Where a new development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Landscaping	Standard B13	▪ Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	▪ 0.9 metres

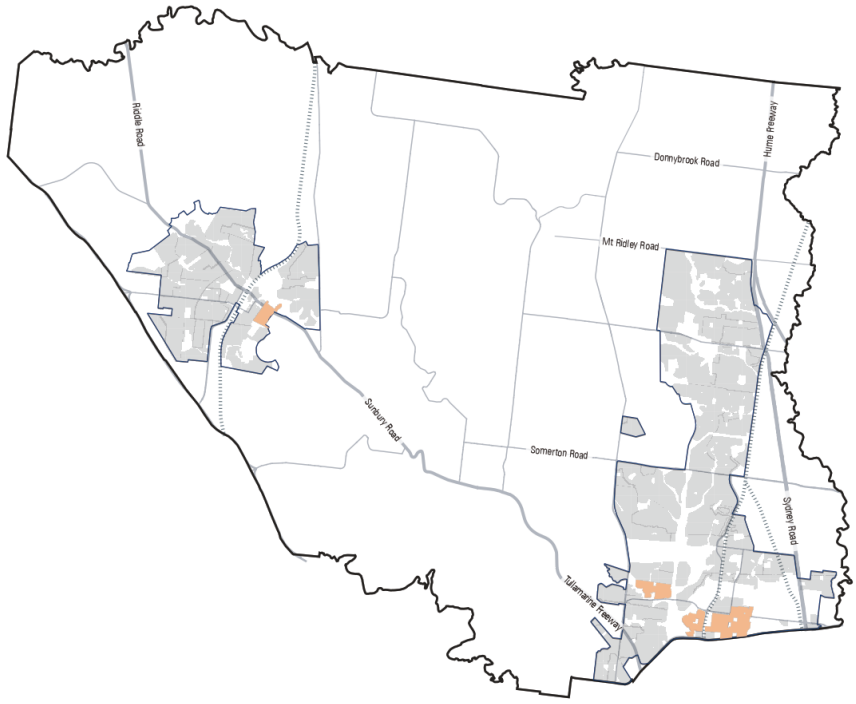
CHARACTER TYPE TRADITIONAL GRID: GRADUAL CHANGE

Preferred Future Character Statement

These Traditional Grid areas will continue to gradually evolve and comprise a diverse dwelling styles. The traditional townscape public realm attributes will continue to prevail through the maintenance of wide nature strips and tree lined streetscapes.

Expected Housing Typologies

Detached Houses | Units | Townhouses



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Key Value Qualities

- Diverse dwelling era and forms
- Consistent built form rhythm
- Sloping terrain
- Open garden setting
- Consistent setbacks

Preferred Future Character Objectives

The key preferred character outcomes for Traditional Grid

(Gradual Change) seek to:

1. To encourage gradual change which responds to the prevailing detached storey forms.
2. To enhance to the prevailing front and side setbacks.
3. To encourage dwellings with simple pitched roofs and gable ends to the street.
4. To maintain and enhance the open front gardens.

Policy Recommendations

ResCode Variation		Recommendation
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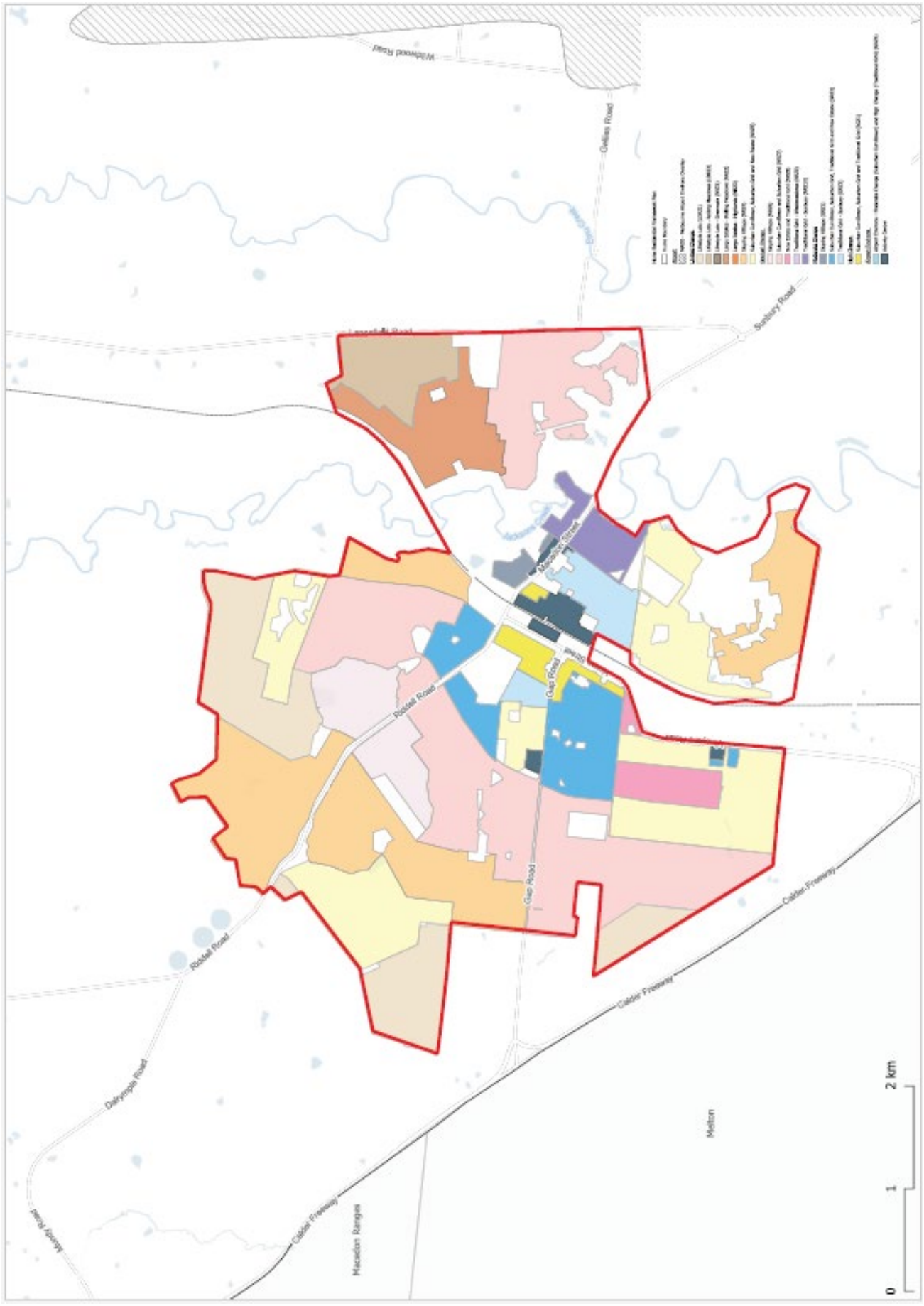
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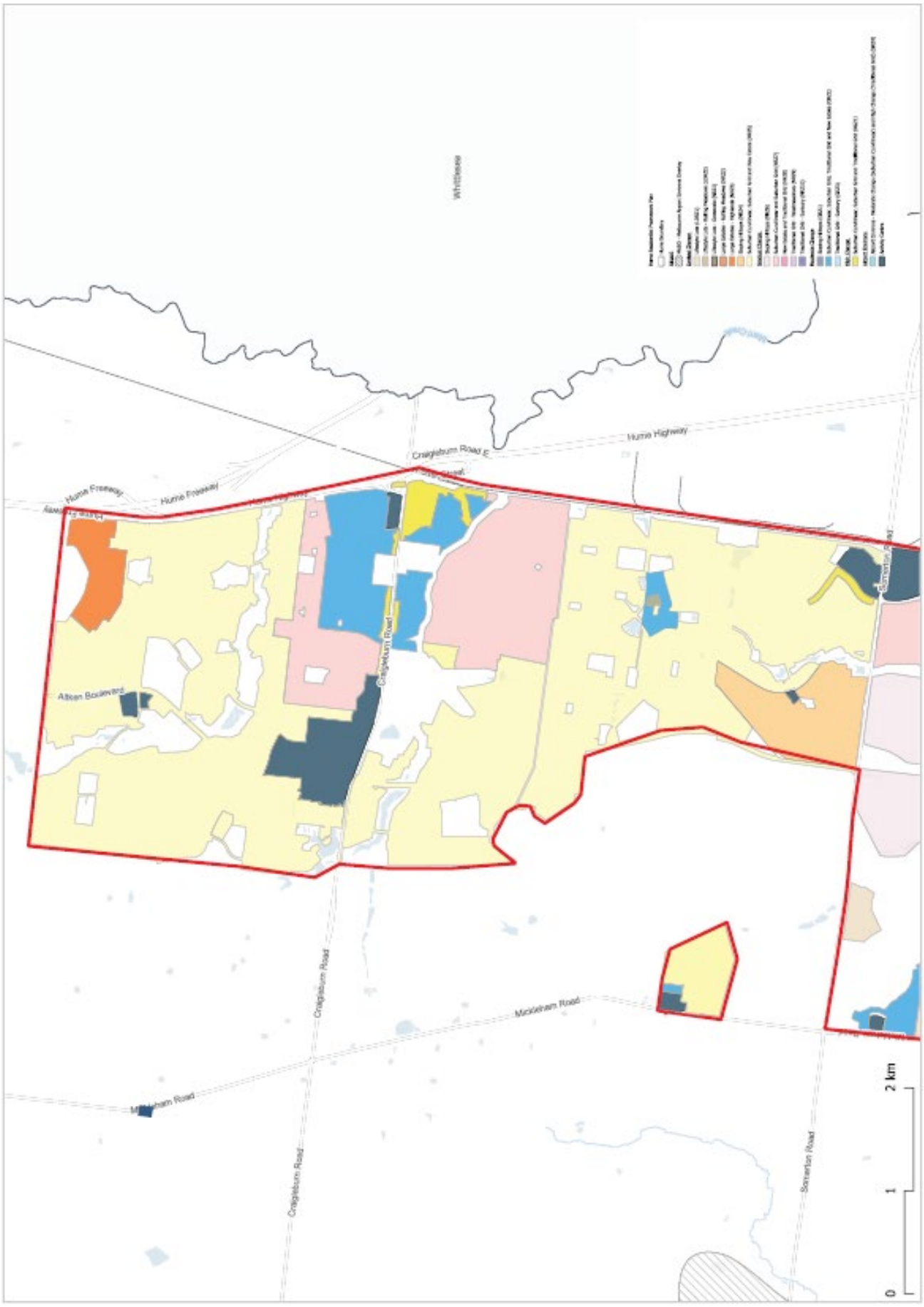
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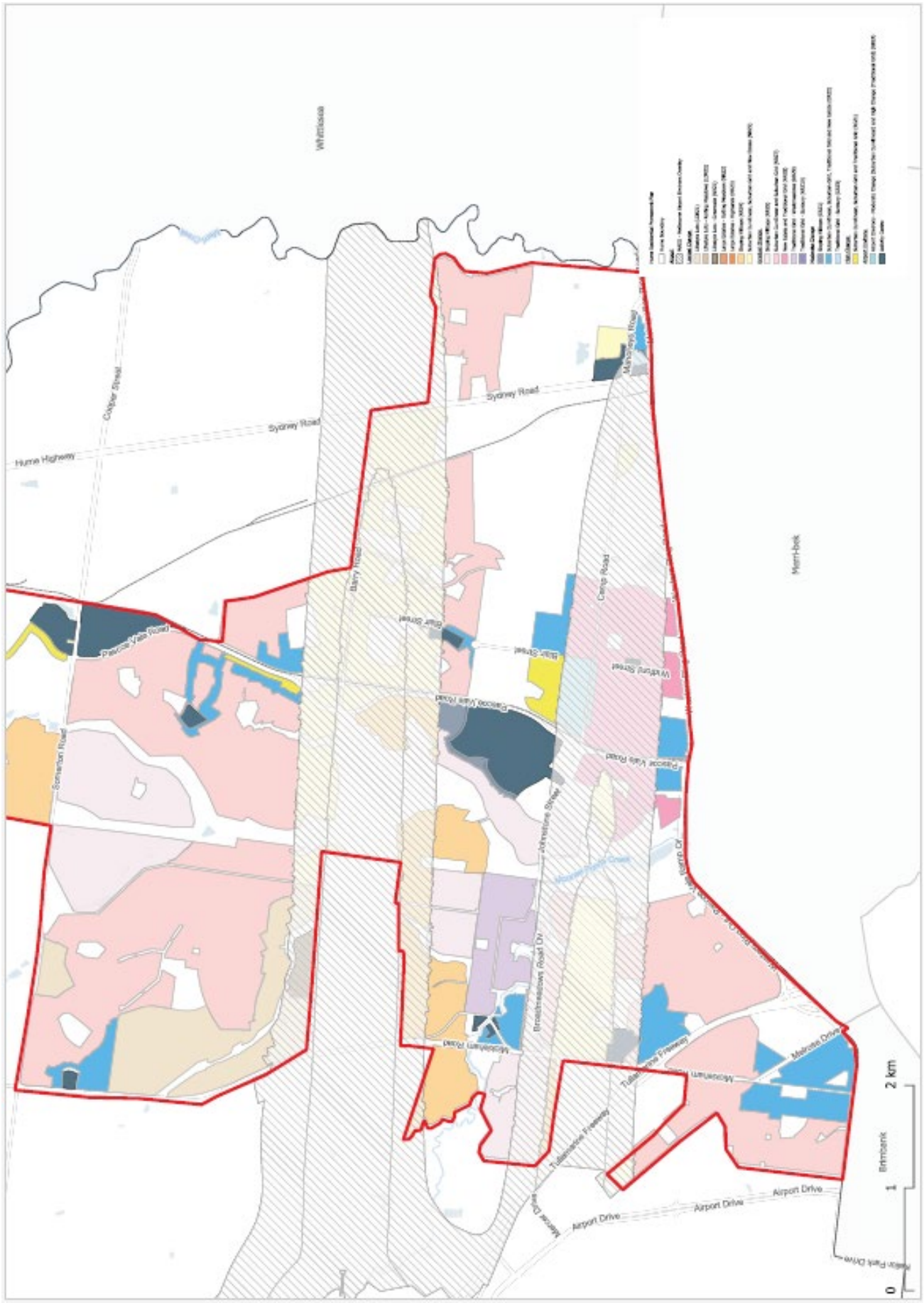
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Attachment 4 – Proposed provisions

Proposed Zone schedule			Existing Zone	Comments	Area and Sub-precinct in NCA (Hansen, 2020)	Existing DPO proposed to be removed	Proposed Overlay
Zone	Schedule						
LDRZ	1	Limited Change – Lifestyle Lots	LDRZ	These areas are all currently within the LDRZ, with Rolling Meadows included within the existing Schedule 1 (LDRZ1) which specifies a minimum subdivision area of 0.6 hectares, applied through Amendment C217 in 2018. Due to the format of the LDRZ schedule (which does not allow for the inclusion of objectives), preferred neighbourhood character objectives that seek to protect the open and semi-rural character of these two change/character areas are proposed to be included at Clause 15.01-5L (Neighbourhood Character). This includes three objectives that apply to both schedules, and two objectives that apply specifically to Rolling Meadows. The new schedule that applies to Rolling Meadows (LDRZ2) also retains the existing minimum subdivision requirement in LDRZ1.	Sunbury – Emu Bottom/Barrington Lane (P1), Reservoir Road/Spavin Drive (P2) Greenvale (P3/4)	DPO1 – Emu Bottom (P1), Spavin Drive (P2)	
	2	Limited Change – Lifestyle Lots (Rolling Meadows)	LDRZ1		Sunbury – Rolling Meadows (P2)		
NRZ	1	Limited Change – Lifestyle Lots (Greenvale)	GRZ1	These areas are currently within the GRZ/CDZ, with the exception of Rolling Meadows which is included within the NRZ – Schedule 1 (NRZ1). Approximately 83 percent of residential land within the RDFP is proposed to be zoned to NRZ. Significantly, this will reduce the maximum building height allowed in these areas from their current height of three storeys (11 metres) to two storeys (9 metres). In Lifestyle Lots and Large Estates schedules (NRZ1, NRZ2, NRZ3) variations to site coverage requirements have been specified to retain the low-density character of these areas characterized by large front and rear setbacks. The new schedule that applies to Large Estates (Rolling Meadows – NRZ3) also retains the existing minimum subdivision requirement in NRZ1 (2700sqm) to maintain the existing subdivision pattern, also applied through Amendment C217 in 2018. All schedules include a variation to private open space requirements that increases the minimum area from 25sqm to 35sqm to facilitate limited and gradual change by slightly restricting two or more dwellings on a block. The new requirement will also increase side and rear setbacks to improve amenity outcomes and provide more opportunity for canopy trees and landscaping. Some schedules that apply to Gradual change areas include a variation to slightly reduce minimum street setback requirements to facilitate gradual change by enabling buildings to be sited closer to the street whilst still making a positive contribution to the public realm though improved active and passive surveillance outcomes	Greenvale (P4)		
	2	Limited Change – Large Estates (Rolling Meadows)	NRZ1		Sunbury – Rolling Meadows (P2/5)		
	3	Limited Change – Large Estates (Highlands)	GRZ1		Craigieburn – Highlands (P6)	DPO7 – Highlands (P6)	
	4	Limited Change – Sloping Hilltops	GRZ1 CDZ1		Sunbury – Canterbury Hills/Mt Holden (P7), Strathearn Glen (P8), Kismet Creek surrounds/Fullwood Drive surrounds (P9), Dyson Drive surrounds (P10), Sherwood Hills (P11), Jackson Hill (P12) Roxburgh Park (P13), Attwood (P14/15), Westmeadows (P15/16), Broadmeadows (P15)	DPO2 – Kismet Creek surrounds (P9) DPO7 – Canterbury Hills (P7), Jacksons Hill (P12)	
	5	Limited Change – Suburban Curvilinear, Suburban Grid, New Estate and Traditional Grid	GRZ1 CDZ1 CDZ3		Sunbury – Jackson Hill (P20), The Grange Estate (P21), Sunbury West (P31), Sunbury Fields/Rosenthal (P36), Mt Holden (P37) Campbellfield (P22/23/32), Dallas (P24/29/30), Gladstone Park (P25), Meadow Heights (P25), Coolaroo (P30), Greenvale (P26), Roxburgh Park (P27), Craigieburn (P28/36), Tullamarine (P33), Providence (36), Jacana (P43)	DPO7 – Jacksons Hill (P20), The Grange Estate (P21), Craigieburn (P28), Craigieburn north and south (P36) DPO13 – Mt Holden (P37) DPO22 – Roxburgh Park (P36)	NCO (P22)
	6	Gradual Change – Sloping Hilltops	GRZ1		Sunbury – Strathearn Glen (P8), Kismet Creek surrounds (P9) Greenvale (P13), Attwood (P14/15), Westmeadows (P15/16), Broadmeadows (P15), Meadows Heights (P17)		
	7	Gradual Change – Suburban Curvilinear and Suburban Grid	GRZ1		Sunbury – Blind Creek surrounds (P18), Goonawarra Estate/Kismet Creek surrounds (P19), Ashfield Estate (P20), Sunbury West (P31) Gladstone Park (P25), Greenvale (P4/26), Meadow Heights (P25), Coolaroo (P30), Craigieburn (P28/31), Tullamarine (P33/34/35)		
	8	Gradual Change – New Estate and Traditional Grid	GRZ1		Sunbury – Rosenthal (P36)		

	9	Gradual Change – Traditional Grid (Westmeadows)	GRZ1			Broadmeadows (P42), Jacana (P43) Westmeadows (P41)		
	10	Gradual Change – Traditional Grid (Sunbury)	GRZ1			Sunbury – Central Sunbury (P38)		
GRZ	1	Moderate Change – Sloping Hilltops	GRZ1	These areas are all currently within the GRZ, however the new schedules provide greater direction for the outcomes that should be delivered in Moderate change areas, particularly in relation to housing diversity and the provision one and two-bedroom dwellings, as well as improved amenity, design and landscaping outcomes. The maximum building height of these areas will remain at three storeys (11 metres) to facilitate fully attached townhouse and low-rise apartment development. Character objectives support an increase in building heights, whilst providing a sensitive transition to adjoining NRZ (Gradual and Limited change) areas. All schedules include a variation to increase side and rear setbacks to common boundaries from balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows at upper levels to improve amenity outcomes by removing the need for privacy screens. The variation seeks to split the space needed to achieve this outcome equally across abutting properties. All schedules also include the same variations to minimum street setback and private open space requirements as those proposed in the NRZ (Limited and Gradual change areas). The Airport Environs schedule (GRZ4) has been applied to areas where Moderate and High change could occur if the MAEO is updated to reflects 2022 Masterplan. The objectives in the schedule align with those applied to other Moderate and High change areas, however, include reference to the 'airport environs' which acknowledges the limitations imposed on development by the MAEO controls.	Sunbury – Ardcloney Drive surrounds (P9) Broadmeadows (P15)		
	2	Moderate Change – Suburban Curvilinear, Suburban Grid, New Estate and Traditional Grid	GRZ1			Sunbury – Central Sunbury (P40) Gladstone Park (P25), Meadow Heights (P25), Greenvale (P26), Roxburgh Park (P27), Coolaroo (P30), Craigieburn (P31), Tullamarine (P33/34), Providence (P36), Westmeadows (P41), Broadmeadows (P42), Jacana (P43)	DPO28 – Roxburgh Park (P27)	
	3	Moderate Change – Traditional Grid (Sunbury)	GRZ1			Sunbury – Central Sunbury (P38/39/40)		
	4	Airport Environs – Moderate Change (Suburban Curvilinear) and High Change (Traditional Grid)	GRZ1			Campbellfield (P22), Broadmeadows (P42)		
RGZ	1	High Change – Suburban Curvilinear, Suburban Grid and Traditional Grid	GRZ1	There areas are all currently within the GRZ and rezoning to RGZ will increase the maximum building height allowed in these areas from their current mandatory height of three storeys (11 metres) to a discretionary height of four storeys (13.5 metres). Whilst High change areas only make up approximately 1.5 percent of residential land within the RDFP, they are intended to do the lifting in providing housing diversity, particularly in delivering one and two-bedroom dwellings. To do this, objectives in the schedule seek to facilitate a new future character that is more intensive (through increased building heights and apartment development) and more active (through greater density and improved design outcomes). These objectives are proposed to be supported by diversity targets at local policy in the PPF.	Sunbury – Central Sunbury (P39/40) Meadow Heights (P25), Roxburgh Park (P27), Craigieburn (P28/31), Broadmeadows (P42)		

PPF policy	Comments
Clause 15.01-5L (Neighbourhood character)	New objectives and strategies are included to facilitate development that is consistent with the preferred housing outcomes identified in the table at 02.03-6 and character statements in the PFNCS. This will enable housing growth that maintains the existing character of Limited and Gradual change areas, introduces some change to the existing character of Moderate change areas, and introducing a new character in High change and activity centre areas. Strategies have been included to provide greater guidance for how particular character and design objective in zone schedules should be achieved. Strategies have also been included to support the ResCode variations in the schedules. Together, the strategies seek to improve design, character, amenity, and landscaping outcomes in new residential development. Preferred neighbourhood character outcomes for Limited change – Lifestyle Lots (within in the LDRZ) are included at Clause 15.01-5L-02 due to the structure of the LDRZ. These strategies seek development to protects the existing character of large, detached dwellings within open semi-rural landscape settings and precludes subdivision in Rolling Meadows (LDZR2). With the introduction of new policy, the Amendment also proposes to remove existing local policy relating to neighbourhood character in parts of Sunbury, Tullamarine and Westmeadows (see proposed ordinance at Attachment 5). This policy was introduced into the Hume Planning Scheme in 2005 through Amendment C045 and is based on the Hume City Council Neighbourhood Character Study (Hume City Council, Planisphere and John Curtis, 2002) which is now considered redundant as it has been superseded by the neighborhood character work underpinning this Amendment. It is noted that the outcomes sought in the policy proposed to be removed has been reflected in the new policy, and more importantly, in the objectives to the zone schedules. This approach provides greater statutory weight to the outcomes that are sought.
Clause16.01-1L (Housing supply)	This clause incorporates the RDFP with new and updated strategies to facilitate the preferred housing outcomes identified in the table at 02.03-6, particularly in regard to housing diversity. This includes the provision of diversity targets by number of bedrooms which seek developments of three or more dwellings in Moderate change areas to provide a minimum of 30% one and two-bedroom dwellings, and a minimum of 80% in High change and activity centres areas. These targets are identified in the HDS to ensure housing growth delivers the housing diversity that is needed to meet existing and future demand. Given Hume's current medium density housing market is made up of predominantly three and four bedroom dwellings, it is evident that the market is not responding to housing need and greater intervention is required. As only 10% of residential land in the RDFP is included in Moderate and High change areas, the diversity targets apply to a relatively confined area and their inclusion in the Planning Scheme is considered appropriate. This is particularly the case for High change areas which comprise of only 1.5% of the land but need to deliver 45% of the housing diversity needed over the next 20 years. For these areas, stronger policy intervention is also required to avoid under-development (status quo of multi-unit development) and incentivise apartment typologies
Clause16.01-2L (Affordable housing)	New strategies and policy guidance are included to provide greater weight to Council's Affordable Housing Policy (Hume City Council, 2021), including the provision of at least 10% affordable housing and when land is being rezoned for residential development

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02.03 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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02.03-1 Settlement

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Proposed C263hume

Hume's settlement pattern is made up of two urban corridors, the Hume Corridor and Sunbury Township, with Rural Areas separating the corridors and extending to the north and west of Sunbury.

The settlement patterns within the Hume and Sunbury corridors are complex and multi-layered including three development phases:

- Established urban areas.
- Recent growth areas.
- Greenfields land planned for future urban development.

Bulla township sits within the Rural Areas between the Tullamarine Airport and Sunbury while the old Kalkallo township is surrounded by greenfield development.

Most growth within the municipality will be accommodated within the two urban corridors driven by greenfield development in the growth areas of Greenvale, Craigieburn, Mickleham, Kalkallo and Sunbury supported by intensification of established suburbs. The Rural Areas provide separation between the corridors and protection for Melbourne Airport which is located on Commonwealth land in Hume.

Hume Corridor

The pattern of settlement within the Hume Corridor is predominantly residential development surrounding activity centres and employment land located along major transport corridors.

The Inter Urban Break provides a permanent separation between Craigieburn and Mickleham that protects biodiversity and landscape values in private and public land provides for the ecological connectivity between the Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve and conservation and open space areas in Craigieburn.

- Housing is primarily detached dwellings, with some infill units and townhouses as well as low density residential areas in Greenvale and within the Inter Urban Break. Older housing stock is located in the south of the corridor and older parts of Craigieburn near Craigieburn train station. Larger lots in these areas provide opportunities for infill redevelopment to accommodate increased population.

Within the Hume Corridor there are six existing and proposed metropolitan and major activity centres.

- Broadmeadows Metropolitan Activity Centre will provide a regional hub for offices and services supported by a mix of retail, leisure, commercial educational, cultural, community, leisure and transport facilities.
- Gladstone Park Major Activity Centre is principally contained in a large internal shopping centre that has several adjoining community facilities. It benefits from passing trade along Mickleham Road, a large local catchment and good proximity to Melbourne Airport and the large employment areas west of Mickleham Road.
- Roxburgh Park is a Major Activity Centre centred around a large shopping centre consisting of both internal and external shopping areas. It benefits from passing trade on Somerton Road and direct access from Roxburgh Park train station.
- Craigieburn town centre is developing into a Major Activity Centre centrally located within the Hume Corridor adjacent to Aiken Boulevard. Its proximity to new residential areas makes it highly suitable for a range of local and regional facilities. It provides a significant opportunity to provide a strong sense of identity and focal point for residents in the Craigieburn area.

- Donnybrook (Cloverton) is designated as a future Metropolitan Activity Centre to service a large regional catchment with a full mix of retail, higher order office, health, education and civic services and facilities.
- Mickleham (Merrifield) is designated as a future Major Activity Centre on the Aitken Boulevard alignment to meet the retail, employment and service requirements of residential and employment areas immediately surrounding it and to the north-west of Beveridge up to Wallan.

Employment land is an important part of the Hume Corridor supporting Hume's manufacturing, transport and logistics sectors. Industrial land along the Hume Highway, around the airport and along Sydney Road and Hume Highway proximate to the existing Somerton intermodal freight terminal in Somerton are regional and predominantly State Significant Industrial Precincts (SSIP). New employment areas along the Hume Freeway and Donnybrook Road will form an extension to the regional and predominantly State Significant Industrial Precincts and provide further employment and business opportunities.

Sunbury Township

Sunbury Township is physically separated from Melbourne and the Hume Corridor by Rural Areas which gives the township a distinct character.

Sunbury Township has generally grown in a radial pattern out from the Sunbury train station and Sunbury Town Centre. Most housing is detached dwellings on large lots with infill units and townhouses close to the town centre. The radial growth of Sunbury will continue with substantial growth areas planned to the north and west along Sunbury and Lancefield Roads as well as smaller pockets of growth to the east and south.

Sunbury Town Centre supports office, retail and leisure activities with further employment areas extending along and east of Vineyard Road. New growth areas will release additional employment opportunities close to Vineyard Road and Sunbury Road.

Within Sunbury Township, Sunbury Town Centre is the primary retail and commercial centre for the region comprising a mix of convenience and comparison retailing, commercial, entertainment, community and leisure facilities. It has a historic and 'rural town' character and ambience with which people can relate. The Centre is reasonably compact and well-structured.

The form of the Centre has been modified by the development of a network of mid-block plazas, arcades and laneways. These laneways encourage development to have dual frontages, enhance the Centre's pedestrian scale, and provide an opportunity to utilise a considerable area of land that would otherwise be under-utilised.

Encouraging the development of the Sunbury Town Centre as a major activity centre comprising a retail core with a mixture of higher order retailing and entertainment facilities, convenience and comparison retailing, and commercial, office and community facilities is a key strategy in the MSS.

Beyond the retail core, retail and light industry uses that have larger development footprints area extend along Horne Street and Vineyard Road outside of the town centre. Sunbury New growth areas will release additional employment opportunities close to Vineyard Road and Sunbury Road.

Sunbury South (Redstone Hill) is designated as a future Major Activity Centre and will service the east and north development areas of Sunbury. The centre will provide for retail and leisure land uses and opportunities for local businesses and community services. Its street and pedestrian network will provide easy access from adjoining residential areas and local community facilities to a 'main street' that maximises views to Redstone Hill.

The growth in the population of Sunbury and the wider region offers significant potential to increase self-containment of Sunbury for a range of needs and uses.

Rural Areas including the Green Wedge areas and Melbourne Airport

Rural Areas make up over half of Hume and provide a permanent break between the urban areas of Hume Corridor and Sunbury Township, create a distinct rural landscape character and outlook to the edge of the urban areas and contain important conservation, natural resources and landscape features. The Rural Areas include Green Wedge Zone land, Special Use Zone (i.e. quarries), Public Use and Recreation Zones and the Bulla township (Township Zone).

The rural areas protect the curfew free status of Melbourne Airport by limiting land uses that are affected by aircraft noise. Farming has traditionally been a major land use in the rural areas, however over time a number factors have combined to reduce its feasibility and profitability, and as a result farming has declined through the majority of the municipality.

The township of Bulla is a small, isolated pocket of urban development on Deep Creek surrounded by the Green Wedge Zone.

The Bulla and Kalkallo townships were established in the pre-1851 squatting era and are excellent examples of early rural town settlements. They contain many natural and cultural heritage sites of significance, including churches, hotels, monuments, bridges, waterways and, in the case of Kalkallo, important grasslands. These sites, together with the town's essentially subdivision grid layout, location on a main road and near creeks, predominance of low-rise building forms and surrounding rural landscape, contribute greatly to their historic ambience and character. It is important, therefore, that new development in the towns is designed and sited in a manner sympathetic with these features and complements this 'rural town' character.

Strategic directions

The strategic directions for settlement are:

- Develop the Hume Corridor to be a sustainable urban area with high quality development in new growth areas.
- Maintain the inter urban break in the Hume Corridor for, larger detached housing and low density rural residential development that supports the conservation of biodiversity and landscape values.
- Develop Hume's regional and predominantly State Significance Employment Areas as major employment locations for manufacturing, logistics and transport.
- Maintain the character of Sunbury Township as a town separated from Melbourne by non-urban areas while accommodating planned growth.
- Limit the expansion of Bulla township.
- Protect Melbourne Airport's curfew free status from encroachment by development.
- Direct housing growth to the most appropriate and sustainable locations.
- Facilitate different levels of housing change across Hume's residential areas to increase housing choice and diversity, including affordable housing.
- Facilitate medium and high density residential development within and around activity centres and Broadmeadows, Coolaroo, Craigieburn and Sunbury train stations.
- Sequence development so that it provides communities with access to local infrastructure and services when they move into new housing.
- Facilitate improved street networks and pedestrian amenity through subdivision and redevelopment of large land parcels to create walkable communities and minimise car dependence.

Activity Centres

Hume has more than 20 activity centres providing a range of retail, commercial, entertainment and community services. The location of activity centres is shown in the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04 and the larger ones are described in the preceding section. The role and function of each type of activity centres in Hume is set out in the table below.

Type of centre	Centres	Characteristics
Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC)	Broadmeadows Donnybrook (Cloverton) –– future	Provide regional level services to serve a catchment beyond the municipality. Well served by existing public transport or on future principal public transport (PPTN) routes.
Major Activity Centre	Sunbury Town Centre Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre Gladstone Park Shopping Centre Craigieburn Town Centre Mickleham (Merrifield) – future Sunbury South (Redstone Hill) – future	Provide a regional or municipal level retail, entertainment, recreational and civic role, with significant opportunities for residential growth. Well served by existing public transport or on future PPTN routes.
Neighbourhood and Local	Campbellfield Plaza Craigieburn Plaza Meadow heights Greenvale Westmeadows Village Dallas Olsen Place, Broadmeadows Tullamarine Upfield (Barry Road) Highlands Shopping Centre Homestead Place Gap Road, Sunbury Roxy Central, Roxburgh Park Future NACs and town centres identified in Precinct Structure and Development Plans	Include a limited mix of uses aimed at meeting local convenience needs. Generally include a supermarket anchored as well as a collection of small shops. Accessible by walking and cycling and provide public transport links to other, higher order activity centres.

The strategic directions for Activity Centres are:

- Develop existing and planned activity centres in accordance with the hierarchy for retail, office, health, entertainment, leisure, educational, community and cultural activities.
- Facilitate a network of specialist bulky goods-based centres that service a regional catchment.
- Minimise out of centre use and development that weakens the role of activity centres.

- Ensure the early delivery of activity centres in growth areas and in locations that provide for multiple land ownership opportunities to meet local convenience needs.
- Develop vibrant and attractive activity centres that contribute to the character of an area and create a sense of place.

02.03-2 Environmental and landscape values

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Natural, landscape features are prominent throughout Hume with hilltops, creek corridors, creek escarpments and ridgelines retained in rural areas or protected in open space throughout the pattern of Hume's urban areas.

Remnant vegetation

Hume's remnant vegetation is amongst the most endangered in Victoria and consists of scattered trees, woodlands, grasslands, scrublands and riparian vegetation. Much of this remnant vegetation is contained within the rural areas and protected in open space in urban areas with both playing an important conservation role. Hume's remnant landscape continues to support both common and threatened native plants and animals.

Sites of particular note include Organ Pipes National Park, Woodlands Historic Park, Cooper Street Grassland, Evans Street Wildflower Grassland Reserve, Kalkallo Commons Grasslands, Mt. Ridley Nature Reserve and the waterways of Deep, Emu, Jacksons, Merri and Moonee Ponds Creeks and their associated tributaries.

Improving public access to a greater number and diversity of natural landscapes has the potential to improve the overall health and wellbeing of Hume's community and increase their understanding of its natural heritage values.

Landscape character

The rural landscape is a key characteristic of Hume's image and identity. It includes wide expanses of flat open woodland and grassland, cleared grazing land and natural features such as largely undeveloped hills and ridges, and very steep creek valleys. These features are highly valued by the community and are often highly visible, providing an important backdrop to urban areas within the Hume Corridor and the Sunbury township.

Development which is highly visible and insensitive to the surrounding landscape has the potential to diminish the visual qualities of these features and fundamentally change the rural landscape character of Hume. It is therefore important that development is sited and designed to manage any adverse visual impacts and integrate with the natural characteristics of the site and surrounding area.

Strategic directions for environment and landscape values are:

- Plan use and development to:
  - Preserve the diversity and long-term security of terrestrial and aquatic environments.
  - Protect and restore biodiversity, natural habitats, ecological linkages and native vegetation, including scattered indigenous trees.
  - Protects significant and unique landscape values that contribute to Hume's character and identity.
- Plan new areas to connect areas of native vegetation identified for protection with the wider landscape and open space network.
- Integrate conservation assets in existing and future urban areas well with the built environment and incorporate opportunities for the community public to access and enjoy these spaces.
- Ensure new areas contribute towards an increase in tree canopy throughout the landscape.

- Protect significant views and vistas of hilltops, escarpments, ridgelines, and creek valleys and waterways, including views towards the Melbourne CBD and surrounding mountain ranges.
- Protect the significant waterways, conservation and open space areas identified in the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04.

02.03-3 Environmental risks and amenity

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Bushfire and flood risks

The municipality encompasses areas of significant bushfire (grassfire) and flood risk. It has been impacted by bushfire and floods in the recent past and the risks persist today.

Environmental land management

Areas of the municipality, particularly around Sunbury, are highly susceptible to soil erosion due to the steep landforms and fragile soil types. Risk of erosion may be increased in these areas through inappropriate land management and development.

Amenity - social

Certain uses have potential to create social amenity issues including the sale of alcohol from licensed premises and gaming.

Inappropriate sale and consumption of alcohol is associated with a range of social, economic and health harms, particularly for vulnerable groups and individuals. The concentrated location of licensed premises can have negative cumulative impacts.

Gaming is a legal form of recreational but problem gambling leads to adverse consequences for the gambler, their family members and for the community. There is a demonstrated link between social disadvantage, problem gambling and proximity to gaming venues. Gaming machines should be fair and equitably distributed so to be reasonably accessible to the community as a form of entertainment, but not be convenient.

Amenity – noise, odour and visual impact

Animal boarding and dog breeding establishments fulfill an important community need, but have the potential to cause detriment to surrounding uses through noise, odour and visual impact. It is important that animal boarding and similar activities are sited and designed to avoid potential conflicts with surrounding uses.

- Minimise the risk to life, property and the environment from flood and bushfire.
- Ensure development avoids, minimises or mitigates the impacts of erosion.
- Minimise the social impacts of liquor premises and gaming venues on Hume's community.
- Manage licensed premises and gaming venues so that they contribute positively to the activity, appearance, character and image of the area they are located and do not cause cumulative impacts.
- Ensures an average gaming machine density for Hume is no greater than metropolitan Melbourne.
- Ensure that animal boarding and dog breeding establishments avoid detriment to surrounding uses through noise, odour or visual impacts.
- Discourage the location of gaming machines in disadvantaged areas.
- Ensure the location of gaming machines and the design and operation of facilities containing gaming machines minimise opportunities for convenience gaming and the incidence of problem gambling.
- Locate gaming machines where the community has a choice of non-gaming entertainment and recreation facilities and activities within the gaming venue and in the local area.

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02.03-4 Natural resource management

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Water quality

Hume is located within the Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment region and falls within both the Maribyrnong and Yarra River catchments. Significant waterways include Deep, Emu, Blind, Kismet, Jacksons, Merri, Merlynston, Aitken, Malcolm, Yuroke and Moonee Ponds Creeks. Hume's waterways provide habitat corridors, support a variety of flora and fauna species, and contain cultural heritage values and a range of environmental services.

Land use and development within the municipality, especially industrial and commercial, significantly effects local waterways and the overall health of both the Yarra and Maribyrnong catchments. The intensification of urban development will inevitably result in the increased discharge of water in local waterways. Development design and mitigation measures can ensure that the quality and quantity of this discharge is controlled.

The strategic directions for natural resource management are:

- Minimise wastewater and stormwater discharge from development and maximise water sensitive urban design including stormwater reuse.
- Mitigate the detrimental effect of development on downstream waterways.
- Ensure that development within the Greenvale Reservoir catchment area is compatible with the protection of the reservoir and provides for the integration of protection measures.

02.03-5 Built environment and heritage

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Urban design

The image and appearance of the Hume Corridor has been characterised by its industrial history. This presents poor visual and amenity outcomes to long sections of the southern arterial road network and to key gateways into the municipality. It is important that investment in the public realm and the redevelopment of housing, industrial and commercial development achieves better urban design outcomes and improves the image and appearance of Hume. New development in growth areas presents an opportunity to achieve high quality and the best urban design outcomes right from the start of their design and layout.

Industrial and commercial design

Industry and large-scale business are key contributors to the City's strong employment base. The appearance and amenity of development strongly influences business and industry investment and people's impressions of the City.

Haphazardly developed or poorly designed industrial areas adversely affect the amenity and appearance of the City, particularly if the area is close to residential areas, major roads or natural heritage sites. It is important that industrial areas achieve a high standard in terms of architectural and landscape design, stormwater management, car parking provision and vehicular access.

Building design

There is significant opportunity to ensure that new buildings and development in Hume set high environmental standards and are designed to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change and to be more resource, energy and water efficient. This will also improve the long-term affordability of housing in the region, particularly in light of anticipated increasing utility costs.

Signs

Hume is an area of significant natural beauty and an important gateway to Melbourne. It contains many rural and urban landscapes and streetscapes that are visually unique and highly valued by the community.

While there is a need for the effective identification of businesses, a proliferation of signs and signs that are poorly sited and designed, significantly detract from the attractiveness and amenity of the urban and rural environments and major approach roads. Sign clutter reduces the effectiveness of individual signs.

Neighbourhood Character

Hume's residential areas contain a variety of housing styles and types ranging from large dwellings on semi-rural blocks to post war suburban homes, through to modern dwellings in new housing estates. The preferred future neighbourhood character of each area will vary according to the level of housing change identified in the Residential Development Framework Plan at Clause 16.01-1L-01.

The strategic directions for neighbourhood character are:

- Maintain valued character qualities while accommodating housing change.
- Protect and enhance the open landscape character of Hume's established and new residential areas.

Heritage

Hume has a rich and diverse cultural heritage that includes ceremonial rings, middens, scar trees, heritage bridges, ruins of bluestone cottages and flour mills, pastoral homesteads, the former Industrial School and Asylum, Emu Bottom Homestead, Rupertswood Mansion, wineries, sites reputedly associated with early explorers, and sites associated with community events of state and national significance. This heritage is integral to Hume's identity and is a significant tourism and education resource.

Many of Hume's heritage places are of regional and state significance.

The strategic directions for built environment and heritage are:

- Improve the image and appearance of Hume Corridor's established areas.
- Deliver high quality development in new growth areas across Hume.
- Enhance the visual and streetscape amenity and appearance of industrial and commercial areas to attract investment, provide businesses and works with a high quality working environment, and quality interfaces with residential areas.
- Support well designed medium and higher density residential development that protects the amenity of existing residents and sensitively responds to identified preferred neighbourhood character.
- Facilitate accessible, functional, well-designed and innovative community buildings.
- Encourage environmentally sustainable design and development including in precinct wide master planning and large- scale development in new growth areas.
- Minimise the contribution of new development to the Urban Heat Island effect.

- Protect places of heritage, cultural and social significance.
- Ensure signs are displayed in a manner that is compatible with the character of the area, and avoids visual clutter.

02.03-6 Housing

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Housing

Hume's housing is overwhelmingly dominated by large, detached dwellings with limited provision of smaller one- and two-bedroom dwellings. This has created a mismatch between Hume's current housing supply and the growing demand for different types of housing, generated by an increase in smaller, older, and more diverse households.

Whilst Hume's growth area housing market will continue to deliver larger dwellings primarily aimed at family households, the pressure and appetite for different housing options in established suburbs will continue to grow.

The Residential Development Framework Plan at Clause 16.01-1L-01 identifies the levels of housing change sought across the city to respond to the existing and future housing needs of Hume's community. It is anticipated that all of Hume's residential areas will accommodate housing change, with areas with better access to infrastructure and services able to support higher levels of change.

The strategic directions for housing are:

- Increase housing choice and diversity, including affordable housing, to meet the needs of Hume's growing and changing population.
- Encourage well-designed and sustainable infill residential development that provides housing options for smaller households.
- Encourage housing that can be adapted for different life stages and abilities.
- Support housing that is consistent with the preferred residential development outcomes identified in Table 1.

	Limited Change	Gradual Change	Moderate Change	High Change	Activity Centres
Preferred Housing typology	Mostly detached houses with some dual occupancies and units	Mostly detached houses, dual occupancies, units and townhouses	Mostly units and townhouses with some apartments	Mostly townhouses and apartments	Mostly apartments above commercial premises and townhouses
Preferred Bedroom mix	Mostly 3+ bedroom	Mostly 3+ bedroom	Mix of sizes, including 1 and 2 bedroom	Mostly 1 and 2 bedroom	Mostly 1 and 2 bedroom
Preferred Building Height	1 and 2 storeys	1 and 2 storeys	Mostly 2 and 3 storeys	Mostly 2 to 4 storeys	Mostly 3 to 6 storeys

Aged accommodation

Older people often have specific health, safety and lifestyle needs that require accessible internal building design, open space and car parking arrangements in developments. Access to a range of community facilities is also desirable to support independence, social inclusion and participation of older people in the community.

The strategic directions for aged accommodation are:

- Encourage the development of attractive, well-designed accommodation for older people that meets the needs of future occupants, in appropriate locations throughout the residential areas.
- Locate and design aged accommodation to be accessible to a range of community facilities.

02.03-7 Economic development

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Hume's economy currently generates $32 billion worth of output and contributes significantly to Victoria's economic performance making Hume's employment and economic base of state significance. As the population of Hume and the Northern Sub Region grows, increasing the number and diversity of employment opportunities in Hume is critical. Plans are in place to enable the development of large areas of employment land north of Donnybrook Road, along the Hume Freeway, around Melbourne Airport and in parts of Sunbury. These will be capable of increasing employment in Hume to over 180,000 jobs. The majority of this growth is to be in transport and logistics, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, education, training, retail and professional services.

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Melbourne Airport is one of Victoria's key strategic assets and economic drivers. Directly employing around 12,500 people, it is one of the largest employment generators in Melbourne.

The City of Hume contains state significant industrial land including waste and resource recovery facilities that are important infrastructure essential to meet the waste and resource recovery needs of the State and Metropolitan Melbourne.

The strategic directions for economic development are:

- Facilitate the delivery of jobs across a broad range of employment sectors, including within the existing and future employment land identified in the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04.
- Facilitate economic growth and job diversity through the continued support of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses.
- Encourage site consolidation and integrated development on small sites within existing employment areas to improve their functionality.
- Reinforce the role of Melbourne Airport as one of Victoria's key economic assets.
- Provide a network of specialist bulky goods based centres that service a regional catchment in the locations shown in the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04.
- Ensure industrial land remains available for industrial uses, including opposing the establishment of non-industrial uses that may compromise the continued operation of existing industrial uses.
- Support best practice management of industrial and resource recovery uses to better manage onsite storage and minimise offsite amenity impacts on the community and environment from upset conditions including fires or other emergency management events.

02.03-8 Transport

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Connectivity and choice

Safeguarding adequate land for new and upgraded roads at the strategic, master planning and subdivision stages of decision making is critical to unlocking and servicing new development areas. The delivery of the future road network is reliant on the upgrade of Craigieburn Road, Mount

Ridley Road, Summerhill Road, Gunns Gully Road, English Street and the extension of Cameron Street over the Hume Freeway, the train line and Merri Creek and Aitken Boulevard to the Western Ring Road in the south and northwards to Wallan.

New train stations, train and bus services, and walking and cycling infrastructure will be required to provide the level of connectivity and mode choice required to manage this demand fully and sustainably. Improved connectivity and travel choice between residential areas, activity centres, employment areas, train stations and Melbourne Airport is particularly important.

There are several creeks, train lines and freeways that present significant barriers to transport connectivity, notably in Sunbury and the southern and eastern areas of the Hume Corridor. Overcoming these barriers is expensive but necessary to connect communities, increase accessibility to jobs and provide genuine travel choice.

Failure to deliver this transport connectivity and mode choice will lead to increased congestion, long and unreliable journeys, and increased pollution. This will impact the health and well-being of the community, the environment and businesses. Keeping congestion on roads to a minimum is particularly important for the Hume Corridor, given the large number of freight and manufacturing businesses reliant on good transport connectivity. Any increase in travel time will impact upon their competitiveness and productivity.

Integrated land use and transport

The integration of land use and transport provides opportunities to create sustainable and well-connected communities with a broad range of genuine travel mode choices. Concentrating high trip generating uses, employment opportunities, community uses and an increasing proportion of new housing close to activity centres and public transport corridors provides the greatest potential to reduce reliance on the private vehicle.

The planning of the growth areas in Hume provides opportunities to achieve this land use and transport integration at the outset of new developments. The intensification of established areas and the upgrade of transport infrastructure offer significant opportunities to achieve this integration and higher density development within established areas.

The strategic directions for transport are:

- Facilitate the delivery of the transport network shown in the Strategic Transport Plan to Clause 02.04.
- Improve the connectivity and capacity of the transport network.
- Provide genuine mode choice for travel within Hume, particularly to activity centres, train stations, major employment areas and Melbourne Airport.
- Ensure that the design of the transport infrastructure within and around activity centres and train stations supports and facilitates higher density development and activity.

02.03-9 Infrastructure

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Liveable communities and open space

Liveability is the sum of factors that shape the 'quality of life' experienced in an area and the wellbeing of a community including economic prosperity and social equity. It also includes access to a choice of everyday things that people require, including housing, employment, public transport and retail, health, education, recreation and cultural services and facilities. The built and natural environment, including its environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change plays a major role in shaping liveability.

While Melbourne's inner areas are seen to be highly 'liveable', Hume's community, like most growth areas, does not experience the same level of access and choice to the things that they require. It is vital that the growth of Hume provides existing and future populations with the level of access experienced in other areas of Melbourne.

This includes meeting the infrastructure and service needs of young families in new growth areas and mature families and older persons in established areas.

The strategic directions for infrastructure are:

- Ensure the provision of local infrastructure and services that meets the needs of the local community.
- Ensure industrial and commercial land uses incorporate stormwater treatment measures into the design of development.
- Facilitate a network of well-designed and connected open spaces and waterway corridors and increase community and public access to natural landscapes.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

15.01 BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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15.01-1S Urban design

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VC148

Objective

To create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.

Strategies

Require development to respond to its context in terms of character, cultural identity, natural features, surrounding landscape and climate.

Ensure development contributes to community and cultural life by improving the quality of living and working environments, facilitating accessibility and providing for inclusiveness.

Ensure the interface between the private and public realm protects and enhances personal safety.

Ensure development supports public realm amenity and safe access to walking and cycling environments and public transport.

Ensure that the design and location of publicly accessible private spaces, including car parking areas, forecourts and walkways, is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.

Ensure that development provides landscaping that supports the amenity, attractiveness and safety of the public realm.

Ensure that development, including signs, minimises detrimental impacts on amenity, on the natural and built environment and on the safety and efficiency of roads.

Promote good urban design along and abutting transport corridors.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)

15.01-1R Urban design - Metropolitan Melbourne

31/07/2018
VC148

Objective

To create a distinctive and liveable city with quality design and amenity.

Strategies

Support the creation of well-designed places that are memorable, distinctive and liveable.

Integrate place making practices into road space management.

Strengthen Melbourne's network of boulevards.

Create new boulevards in urban-growth areas and selected existing road corridors across Melbourne.

Provide spaces and facilities that encourage and support the growth and development of Melbourne's cultural precincts and creative industries.

15.01-1L-01 Urban design – Transport corridors

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Strategies

Establish and maintain boulevard treatments along the entire length of Aitken Boulevard, Donnybrook Road, Sunbury Road/Macedon Street, Riddell Road, Vineyard Road/Horne Street, Gap Road and Lancefield Road.

Ensure the widening and upgrade of Mickleham Road, Riddell Road, Gap Road, Macedon Street and Craigieburn Road retains existing trees in the road reserve and provides space for additional planting.

Ensure a strong landscaping treatment in the upgrade of Craigieburn Road, Donnybrook Road, Somerton Road, Sunbury Road, Lancefield Road and Vineyard Road.

Ensure a strong informal landscape treatment is established along the north-south connector road through the western end of the Inter Urban Break that reflects a rural landscape character.

Ensure upgrades of rural roads to an urban standard retains existing vegetation in the road reserve.

Establish new streetscape planting which enhances and reinforces Hume's landscape character.

15.01-1L-02 Urban design - Horne Street, Gap Road and Macedon Street, Sunbury

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Policy application

This policy applies to the use and development of land on the:

- West side of Horne Street between Riddell Road and Mitchells Lane and land along both sides of Gap Road between Horne and Darbyshire streets as shown on the map to this Clause.
- North side of Macedon Street, between Jacksons Street and Ardcloney Drive, Sunbury.

Strategies

Ensure development provides built form and facade detail that interprets the traditional building form and rural town character present in Sunbury through the use of:

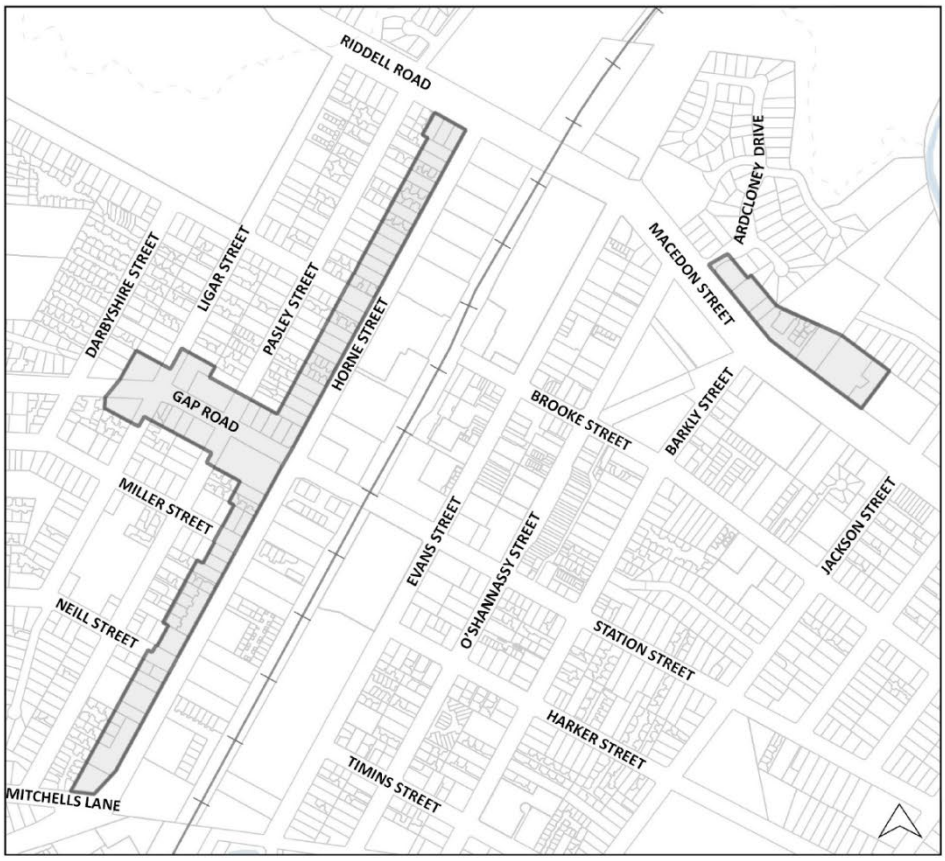
- Verandahs.
- Facia/parapet treatment.
- Articulated use of windows and doors.
- Pitched, hipped and gabbled roofs.
- Vertical rectangular windows and openings.

Ensure front boundary treatments of development are consistent in style and appearance with the building on site and provide clear views of the building facade.

Maintain the efficient and safe operation of Horne Street by minimising the number of crossovers along Horne Street and Gap Road.

Maintain the importance of Macedon Street as a major entry to Sunbury in the use and development of land.

Horne Street, Gap Road and Macedon Street Precincts



15.01-1L-03 Urban design - Kalkallo and Bulla townships

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Policy application

This policy applies to the use and development of land in the Township Zone in Bulla and as shown on the attached plan of Kalkallo.

Strategies

General

Ensure buildings are constructed of materials and painted in colours that blend with the surrounding landscape.

Site and design development to reflect the prevailing scale, orientation and setbacks of existing buildings in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Design buildings intended for a commercial, business or other similar use in a rural town style, incorporating such features as bull-nose verandahs, brick face work and colourbond style roofing.

Encourage rural-style fencing such as post and wire.

Limit the number of dwellings to preserve the amenity of the townships and reduce the environmental impacts of development.

Bulla

For development and subdivision within the Deep Creek valley:

- Encourage access roads and service lines to follow contour lines.
- Avoid strong 'architectural statements' and buildings that are not residential in scale.
- Design development to be unobtrusive and blend into the contours of the valley.

Kalkallo

Protect the environmental and visual significance of Kalkallo Creek and its environs and the Kalkallo grasslands.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- A maximum of one dwelling per restructured allotment.
- For development within the Bulla Township, designing single-storey or split-level buildings.

Locality Plan for Kalkallo township

15.01-1L-04 Industrial areas and business parks

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Policy application

This policy applies to:

- Land located in the Industrial 1 and Industrial 3 Zones.
- The following land in the Commercial 2 Zones shown on Map 1 and Map 2 to this clause and identified below as:
  - Precinct 1: Land bounded by Camp Road, Upfield Railway Line, Geach Street and Dallas Drive, Broadmeadows (known as Northcorp Industry Park).

- Precinct 2: Land bounded by Jack Roper Reserve and Merlynston Creek, Camp Road, Upfield Railway Line, and Western Ring Road, Broadmeadows.
- Precinct 3: Land to the north of the Tullamarine Freeway within Westmeadows and bounded by the Tullamarine Freeway to the south,Mickleham Road to the east and residential properties to the north.
- Precinct 4: Land to the south of the Tullamarine Freeway within Tullamarine and bounded by Mickleham Road, Derby Street, and Springbank Street.
- Precinct 5: Land within Tullamarine bounded by Melrose Drive, Post Office Street, Airport Drive, and Trade Park Reserve.
- Precinct 6: Land within Tullamarine bounded by Annandale Road, Keilor Park Drive, Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, and Commonwealth land.

Land at 640 and 700 Hume Highway, Craigieburn covered by Schedule 16 to the Development Plan Overlay is excluded from this policy.

To create attractive park-like settings in the City's business parks focussing on ample landscaped open areas complemented by high quality architecture and urban design.

Strategies

Subdivision design

Design new subdivisions to provide a range of lot sizes that cater for different types of employment uses.

Design subdivisions so that natural heritage places become a feature or focus of the development, rather than concealing backing onto these places.

Discourage groupings of small allotments along major road frontages or adjacent to non-industrial zones.

Locate large lots on service roads or along roads in a Road Zone.

Encourage high amenity, larger scale developments that will benefit from close proximity to the metropolitan freeway network and Melbourne Airport to locate on Annandale Road.

Architecture

Design development adjacent to open space areas and waterways to complement the scale and appearances of the environs.

Ensure that office components of industrial and warehouse development front the street.

Ensure outbuildings and/or ancillary installations in business parks are compatible with the design theme established by primary buildings on the respective site.

Conceal plant and equipment in developments located in business parks or, in the case of freestanding plant and equipment, screen the structures from view.

Design buildings in Area A of the Northcorp Industrial Park to be responsive to their prominent position in Camp Road, including addressing this frontage and Northcorp Boulevard and/or Lakeside Drive, where relevant.

Ensure development located at key gateways into and within the municipality shown in Clause 2.04 Strategic Framework Plans – (Regional context map) enhances the visual appearance of that location.

Building materials and finishes

Construct buildings in masonry or other material suited to the type of building and its use with appropriate use of glazing incorporated into street frontages.

Finish external walls with a quality textured coating.

Avoid the use of timber as a dominant building material.

Except in the Cooper Street precinct, avoid constructing buildings with colourbond materials.

In the Cooper Street Precinct, utilise a combination of colourbond steel and precast concrete and avoid constructing buildings with galvanised iron unless they are adequately screened from roadways and abutting properties.

Fencing

Design fencing along the frontage of a site to be low, highly transparent and located behind a front landscape setback.

Ensure a consistent, unobtrusive fencing character for the precinct.

Car Parking and access

Design the site layout to facilitate visual contrast and safe vehicular movements.

Design large car parking areas to include shade trees and shrubs.

Encourage loading and service areas to be located at the rear of sites, screened from the street and the public realm.

Discourage car parking in site frontages and encourage car parking areas to be located at the rear, softening the visual appearance of these areas through landscaping treatments including canopy trees.

Ensure loading and servicing areas are integrated into the development of each site.

Ensure that land uses generating regular truck movements provide designated truck parking in addition to spaces provided within loading bays.

Storage

Integrate storage areas into the design of buildings.

Screen and design outside storage areas to prevent the proliferation of litter and other material within and beyond the site.

Ensure front setbacks are not used to store goods, materials or waste.

Lighting

Locate and direct lighting to limit light spill beyond the site boundaries.

Ensure premises provide external lighting, including for car parking areas and accessways, to facilitate site security and the safety and security of users after dark.

Landscaping

Ensure high quality landscaping that is proportionately scaled in the front setback, and includes shade trees.

Establish landscape screens to side and rear setback areas.

Development abutting Cooper Street

Establish street trees within centre median and nature strips, utilising tree species recommended in the Cooper Street Precinct Strategy Landscape Design Guidelines.

Position planting in new developments to enhance entry walls at road intersections, using tree species recommended in Cooper Street Precinct Strategy Landscape Design Guidelines.

Utilise understorey planting arranged in a massed formation at entry/signage walls to create a visually striking groundplane.

Balance of Cooper Street precinct

Ensure development at the intersection of Cooper Street with the Hume Highway incorporates gateway features to identify the Cooper Street precinct.

Provide a consistent built form and landscaping character along Cooper Street.

Provide landscape buffers incorporating landforming and planting along street frontages.

Provide street tree planting in nature strips, utilising species recommended in Cooper Street Precinct Strategy Landscape Design Guidelines.

Ensure new roads should have a footpath on at least one side.

Pave roundabout aprons with local basalt, bluestone or with a material that is related to local basalt, such as exposed aggregate concrete. Avoid brick, segmental pavers and other similar materials. Ensure roundabout aprons are of sufficient width to protect planting in roundabout centre.

Ensure signs do not project above the building line.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- Designing car parking and accessways to provide:
  - A 1.5 metre wide landscaped area between car parking and buildings / side property boundaries.
  - Landscape islands to break up large car parking areas.
  - A minimum of one (1) shade tree for every 10 car parks, distributed evenly across the site.
- Designing new lots to:
  - Be at least 4000 square metres in area, where adjoining a road included in a Road Zone.
  - Be at least 800 square metres in area, where adjoining any other road.
  - Have a frontage to a road that is at least 21.2 metres wide.
  - Have a depth of at least 30 metres.
- Designing side and rear boundary fences to consist of black plastic-coated cyclone wire.
- For development in the Cooper Street Precinct, designing fencing to consist of:
  - Security fencing: Black chainmesh or steel.
  - Screen fencing: Solid timber, avoiding 'earthy' coloured colourbond steel fencing.
- Designing the roadway to include basalt walls:
  - At the intersection of the Hume Highway and Cooper Street and at collector road intersections to act as signage walls and entry statements.
  - Along the Hume Highway and Cooper Street frontages.
- Utilising bluestone threshold paving at roads that intersect with Cooper Street.
- Establishing boulevard planting along the full length of Cooper Street, using similar planting styles and species.
- Utilising basalt plinths or endwalls, and solid timber or earthy 'coloured' colourbond steel fencing along property frontages to Cooper Street.
- Utilising lighting in a simple boom and mast style powdercoated design that reflects the contemporary nature of the surrounding area.

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- Utilising bollard style fencing that is reminiscent of rural post and rail fencing but constructed of materials reflective of the contemporary nature of surrounding development.
- Ensuring steel work in new development is in non-reflective earthy colours.
- Paving road entrances to new estates with local basalt or bluestone cobbles to indicate an entry or gateway.
- Applying the following setbacks to new developments, except in established industrial areas where existing developments have established an alternative consistent character:

Location	Setback
Roads included in a Road Zone	20 metres from a front boundary (including at least a 3 metre landscape strip)
Any other road	6 metres (including a 3 metre landscape strip) plus 0.5 metre per 1000 square metres of site area above 4000 square metres
Vineyard Road frontage	A 20 metre wide, with a densely planted landscape strip to screen new development from view
Side boundaries	5 metres (including a 1.8 metre wide landscape strip)
Northcorp Industrial Park	
Area A – Camp Road	As shown in the attached Northcorp Industry Building Areas plan
Area A – Northcorp Boulevard	9 metres
Lakeside Drive	6 metres
Areas B, D-G	6 metres
Area C	5 metres
Annandale Road	
Keilor Park Drive and Annandale Road	A landscaped area of at least 5 metres
All other frontages and sideages to a road	A landscaped area of at least 3 metres

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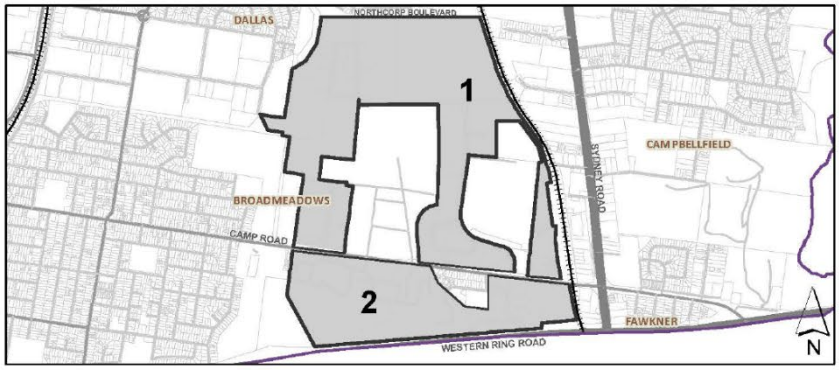
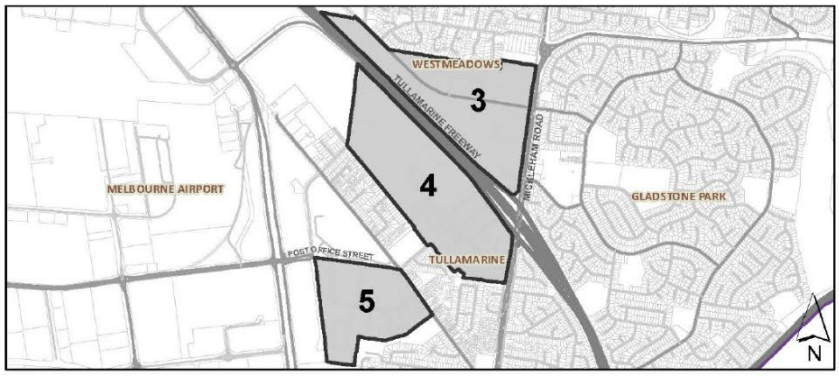
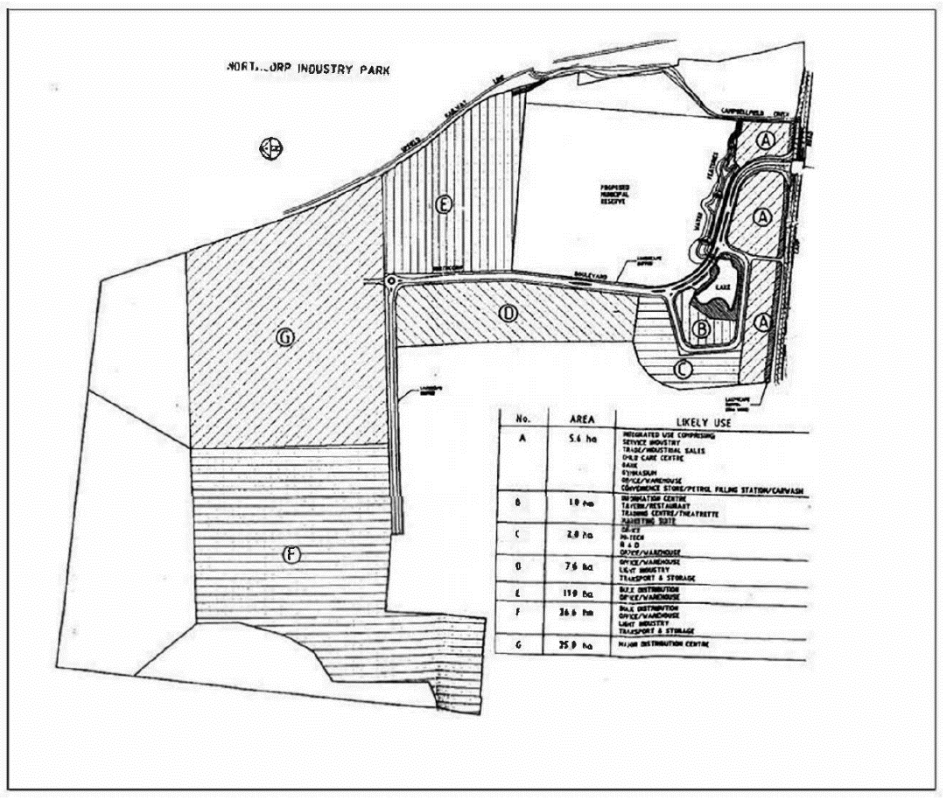
Map 1: Location of Commercial 2 Zone land





Map 2: Northcorp Industry Building Areas plan



15.01-1L-05 Signs

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Strategies

Encourage signs to be located on the land to which they relate.

Ensure signs displayed on buildings do not:

- Cover up any important facades or parapets.
- Protrude above the height of the building roofline.

Ensure any multi-premises bulky goods development provides appropriate directional signage to assist with the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Avoid signs in the Sunbury Town Centre that:

- Obscure views of the steam locomotive water towers, Sunbury Railway Station, Mt. Holden or surrounding hills.
- Are flashing or animated.

Avoid promotion, animated, sky, floodlit, reflective and pole signs in Neighbourhood Activity Centres.

Support 'off-site estate promotion signs' (signs related to new subdivision estates that are not located on the subject land) that avoid dominating their surroundings and avoid visual disorder or clutter.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- Providing for off-site estate promotion signs that:
  - Do not exceed six metres width or height.
  - Have an individual panel area no greater than eight square metres.
  - Provide an unobstructed area of two metres below the sign panel.
  - Are located at least 150 metres from any other subdivisional promotion sign and 250 metres from a sign advertising the same estate.
  - Are limited to a maximum of four for a particular subdivision.
  - Are located within four kilometres of the subdivision to which they relate.
  - Avoid locations along freeways and highways.
- Providing for illuminated signs in Industrial or Business Park areas that is:
  - Enclosed within an internally lit box or sensitively designed with spot lighting.
  - Freestanding, low level and integrated with planting in front setback areas.
- Limiting signs in Business Parks to one sign located in the front setback area (not including any standard business signage provided by the park's developer).
- Providing for under-verandah signs that are:
  - At least 2.7 metres above the ground to ensure that adequate clearance from footpath level is provided.
  - Limited to one sign per shop entry.
- Providing for pole signs that:
  - Do not overhang any part of a road reserve.
  - Are not be erected closer to a road than a distance equal to half the height of the sign.
- Limiting signs external to activity centres to:
  - The name of the centre.
  - Identification of the major tenancies or 'anchor' businesses.
  - A brief description of minor tenancies (for example, "20 specialty shops").

15.01-2S Building design

10/06/2022
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Objective

To achieve building design and siting outcomes that contribute positively to the local context, enhance the public realm and support environmentally sustainable development.

Strategies

Ensure a comprehensive site analysis forms the starting point of the design process and provides the basis for the consideration of height, scale, massing and energy performance of new development.

Ensure development responds and contributes to the strategic and cultural context of its location.

Minimise the detrimental impact of development on neighbouring properties, the public realm and the natural environment.

Improve the energy performance of buildings through siting and design measures that encourage:

- Passive design responses that minimise the need for heating, cooling and lighting.

- On-site renewable energy generation and storage technology.
- Use of low embodied energy materials.

Ensure the layout and design of development supports resource recovery, including separation, storage and collection of waste, mixed recycling, glass, organics and e-waste.

Encourage use of recycled and reusable materials in building construction and undertake adaptive reuse of buildings, where practical.

Encourage water efficiency and the use of rainwater, stormwater and recycled water.

Minimise stormwater discharge through site layout and landscaping measures that support on-site infiltration and stormwater reuse.

Ensure the form, scale, and appearance of development enhances the function and amenity of the public realm.

Ensure buildings and their interface with the public realm support personal safety, perceptions of safety and property security.

Ensure development is designed to protect and enhance valued landmarks, views and vistas.

Ensure development considers and responds to transport movement networks and provides safe access and egress for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

Encourage development to retain existing vegetation.

Ensure development provides landscaping that responds to its site context, enhances the built form, creates safe and attractive spaces and supports cooling and greening of urban areas.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)
- *Apartment Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2021)
- *Waste Management and Recycling in Multi-unit Developments* (Sustainability Victoria, 2019)

15.01-2L-01 Building design - Hume

15/06/2023
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Strategies

General

Ensure that the siting and design of development on hillsides responds to contours to minimise its visual impact on the landscape and avoid extensive earthworks which will substantially alter the natural landform.

Ensure development in rural areas is sited and designed to:

- Consolidate building footprints.
- Minimises visual bulk.
- Follow the natural land form, minimising the need for cut and fill.
- Retain and protect the existing vegetation.
- Complements the surrounding landscape.

Encourage built form to incorporate architectural treatments and use of colours, materials and finishes that are visually interesting and engaging, particularly for industrial, commercial and high density residential development, key gateway sites as identified within the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04 and in areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic.

Ensure development maintains uninterrupted views in all directions from Redstone Hill, Jacksons Hill, Bald Hill, Mount Holden, Mount Ridley and Mount Aitken.

Ensure landscaping is used to soften the visual appearance of development on hillsides.

Encourage front fencing that is low and/or permeable.

Ensure the redevelopment of corner sites includes side fencing that is designed to achieve a balance between providing privacy and maintaining visual connections to the public realm.

Encourage basement car parking in multi-level development.

Design development to highlight Macedon Street as a major entry to Sunbury.

Activity centres

Ensure development provides active frontages to the public realm and incorporates a high level of glazing at the ground floor.

Ensure multi storey developments provide windows and balconies that overlook the public realm.

Encourage on-street dining and entertainment spaces that promote street edge activity.

Ensure that building facades incorporate design detailing and articulation that reflects a human scale at street level.

Ensure development presents a defined street wall and incorporates appropriate weather protection.

Ensure development minimises the adverse effects of wind down drafts and provides wind protection in public spaces.

Ensure large scale loading, storage and servicing areas are:

- Located at the rear of development.
- Integrated with the main building.
- Accessed via vehicle access ways that are separated from primary pedestrian and cycling routes.

Ensure there are clear pedestrian routes through car parking areas and car park entries/exits are clearly marked to avoid conflict between vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

15.01-2L-02 Energy and resource efficiency - Hume

15/06/2023
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Strategies

Ensure the design of new subdivisions and the siting of buildings maximises passive solar design outcomes.

Encourage the use of sustainable building materials including recycled materials.

Encourage the retention of buildings, or parts of buildings, that can be adapted to a variety of uses.

Support development that incorporates opportunities for local food production.

Encourage development to maximise the use of permeable surfaces.

Incorporate and protect existing vegetation, including scattered trees within open space, road reserves and tree reserves and ensure these areas are linked through the subdivision and connected to the wider landscape.

Ensure the retention of existing vegetation incorporates the necessary buffers to appropriately manage its ongoing protection.

Incorporate drought tolerant plants into landscape treatments.

Ensure development contributes towards an increase in canopy cover across Hume.

15.01-2L-03 Environmentally sustainable development - Hume

15/06/2023
C257hume

Policy application

This policy applies to residential and non-residential development, excluding subdivision, in accordance with the thresholds detailed in this policy.

Objective

To achieve best practice in environmentally sustainable development from the design stage through to construction and operation.

Strategies

Facilitate development that minimises environmental impacts.

Encourage environmentally sustainable development that:

- Is consistent with the type and scale of the development.
- Responds to site opportunities and constraints.
- Adopts best practice through a combination of methods, processes and locally available technology that demonstrably minimise environmental impacts.

Energy performance

Reduce both energy use and energy peak demand through design measures such as:

- Building orientation.
- Shading to glazed surfaces.
- Optimising glazing to exposed surfaces.
- Inclusion of or space allocation for renewable technologies.

Integrated water management

Reduce total operating potable water use through appropriate design measures such as water efficient fixtures, appliances, equipment, irrigation and landscaping.

Encourage the appropriate use of alternative water sources (including greywater, rainwater and stormwater).

Incorporate best practice water sensitive urban design to improve the quality of stormwater runoff and reduce impacts on water systems and water bodies.

Indoor environment quality

Achieve a healthy indoor environment quality, including thermal comfort and access to fresh air and daylight, prioritising passive design over mechanical heating, ventilation, cooling and lighting.

Reduce indoor air pollutants by encouraging use of low-toxicity materials.

Minimise noise levels and noise transfer within and between buildings and associated external areas.

Transport

Design development to promote the use of walking, cycling and public transport, in that order; and minimise car dependency.

Promote the use of low emissions vehicle technologies and supporting infrastructure.

Waste management

Promote waste avoidance, reuse and recycling during the design, construction and operation stages of development.

Encourage use of durable and reuseable building materials.

Ensure sufficient space is allocated for future change in waste management needs, including (where possible) composting and green waste facilities.

Urban ecology

Protect and enhance biodiversity by incorporating natural habitats and planting indigenous vegetation.

Reduce urban heat island effects through building design, landscape design, water sensitive urban design and the retention and provision of canopy and significant trees.

Encourage the provision of space for productive gardens, particularly in larger residential developments.

Policy guidelines

Residential

A Sustainable Design Assessment (including an assessment using BESS, STORM or other methods) for:

- 2-9 dwellings.
- A building used for accommodation other than dwellings with a gross floor area between 100 square metres and 1000 square metres.

A Sustainability Management Plan (including an assessment using BESS/Green star, STORM/MUSIC or other methods) and a Green Travel Plan for:

- 10 or more dwellings.
- A building used for accommodation other than dwellings with a gross floor area of more than 1000 square metres.

Non-residential

A Sustainable Design Assessment (including an assessment using BESS and STORM/MUSIC or other methods) for:

- A non-residential building with a gross floor area of 300 square metres to 1000 square metres.
- An extension to an existing non-residential building creating between 300 square metres to 1000 square metres of additional gross floor area (excluding outbuildings).

A Sustainability Management Plan (including an assessment using BESS/Green star, STORM/MUSIC or other methods) and a Green Travel Plan for:

- A non-residential building with a gross floor area of more than 1000 square metres.
- An extension to an existing non-residential building creating more than 1000 square metres of additional gross floor area (excluding outbuildings).

Mixed use

Applicable assessments for the residential and non-residential components of the development.

Consider as relevant the following tools to support a Sustainable Design Assessment or Sustainability Management Plan:

- *Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process*(IMAP, 2015)
- *Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard 'BESS'* (Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment 'CASBE')
- *Green Star* (Green Building Council of Australia)
- *Model for Urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation 'MUSIC'*(Melbourne Water)
- *Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme 'NatHERS'* (Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency)
- *Stormwater Treatment Objective - Relative Measure 'STORM'*(Melbourne Water)
- *Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines* (Victorian Stormwater Committee, 1999)
- *Waste Management and Recycling in Multi-Unit Developments - Better Practice Guide* (Sustainability Victoria, 2018).

Commencement

This policy does not apply to applications received by the responsible authority before the gazettal date of this clause.

Expiry

This policy will expire when it is superseded by a comparable provision of the Victoria Planning Provisions.

15.01-3S Subdivision design

10/06/2022
VC216

Objective

To ensure the design of subdivisions achieves attractive, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable neighbourhoods.

Strategies

In the development of new residential areas and in the redevelopment of existing areas, subdivision should be designed to create liveable and sustainable communities by:

- Creating compact neighbourhoods that have walkable distances between activities.
- Developing activity centres in appropriate locations with a mix of uses and services and access to public transport.
- Creating neighbourhood centres that include services to meet day to day needs.

- Creating urban places with a strong sense of place that are functional, safe and attractive.
- Providing a range of lot sizes to suit a variety of dwelling and household types to meet the needs and aspirations of different groups of people.
- Creating landscaped streets and a network of open spaces to meet a variety of needs with links to regional parks where possible.
- Protecting and enhancing habitat for native flora and fauna, and providing opportunities for people to experience nature in urban areas.
- Facilitating an urban structure where neighbourhoods are clustered to support larger activity centres served by high quality public transport.
- Reduce car dependency by allowing for:
  - Convenient and safe public transport.
  - Safe and attractive spaces and networks for walking and cycling.
  - Subdivision layouts that allow easy movement within and between neighbourhoods.
  - A convenient and safe road network.
- Minimising exposure of sensitive uses to air and noise pollution from the transport system.
- Being accessible to people with disabilities.
- Creating an urban structure that:
  - Responds to climate related hazards.
  - Incorporates integrated water management, including sustainable irrigation of open space.
  - Minimises peak demand on the electricity network.
  - Supports energy efficiency and solar energy generation through urban layout and lot orientation.
  - Supports waste minimisation and increased resource recovery.
- Providing utilities and services that support the uptake of renewable energy technologies, such as microgrids and energy storage systems, including batteries.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)

15.01-3L Subdivision design - Hume

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Strategies

Ensure properties have road frontage and walking and cycling paths are provided as part of new development adjoining ridgelines and escarpments along Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek, Sunbury.

Maintain views to hilltops, escarpments, ridgelines and creek valleys through the alignment of local subdivision roads.

Locate and align open space areas to capture significant views.

Border conservation reserves with road frontage where possible.

15.01-4S Healthy neighbourhoods

31/07/2018
VC148

Objective

To achieve neighbourhoods that foster healthy and active living and community wellbeing.

Strategies

Design neighbourhoods that foster community interaction and make it easy for people of all ages and abilities to live healthy lifestyles and engage in regular physical activity by providing:

- Connected, safe, pleasant and attractive walking and cycling networks that enable and promote walking and cycling as a part of daily life.
- Streets with direct, safe and convenient access to destinations.
- Conveniently located public spaces for active recreation and leisure.
- Accessibly located public transport stops.
- Amenities and protection to support physical activity in all weather conditions.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)

15.01-4R Healthy neighbourhoods - Metropolitan Melbourne

31/07/2018
VC148

Strategy

Create a city of 20 minute neighbourhoods, that give people the ability to meet most of their everyday needs within a 20 minute walk, cycle or local public transport trip from their home.

15.01-5S Neighbourhood character

09/10/2020
VC169

Objective

To recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character, cultural identity, and sense of place.

Strategies

Support development that respects the existing neighbourhood character or contributes to a preferred neighbourhood character.

Ensure the preferred neighbourhood character is consistent with medium and higher density housing outcomes in areas identified for increased housing.

Ensure development responds to its context and reinforces a sense of place and the valued features and characteristics of the local environment and place by respecting the:

- Pattern of local urban structure and subdivision.
- Underlying natural landscape character and significant vegetation.
- Neighbourhood character values and built form that reflect community identity.

15.01-5L Hume preferred neighbourhood character

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Proposed C263hume

Policy application

This policy applies to land shown on the Residential Development Framework Plan in Clause 16.01-1L.

Objective

To facilitate housing change that contributes to the preferred neighbourhood character of Hume's residential areas.

Strategies

Ensure development in Limited Change areas is consistent with the table at Clause 02.03-6 and protects the existing neighbourhood character.

Ensure development in Gradual Change areas is consistent with the table at Clause 02.03-6 and responds to the existing neighbourhood character.

Ensure development in Moderate Change areas is consistent with the table at Clause 02.03-6 and introduces a more intensive built form that complements the existing neighbourhood character and provides a transition to sensitive interfaces.

Ensure development in High Change and activity centres areas is consistent with the table at Clause 02.03-6 and introduces a new built form character that creates more intensive and active neighbourhoods.

Objective

To ensure development is designed to facilitate to the preferred neighbourhood character of Hume's residential areas.

Strategies

Use building materials, articulation or setbacks to upper levels in Limited and Gradual Change areas where the preferred character is to reflect or complement the established low-scale character.

Provide smaller front setbacks in Gradual, Moderate and High Changes areas that will provide a positive contribution the public realm through increased activity and surveillance.

Provide side setbacks that minimise the need for screening to windows, balconies and decks.

Provide rebates and articulation to upper levels to break up the appearance of visual bulk down the length of blocks.

Provide larger side setbacks on consolidated lots in Moderate and High Change areas that enable improved landscaping outcomes to break up the rhythm of built form.

Minimise hard pavement areas and maximise permeable surfaces through landscaping, including canopy trees, to enhance the garden setting of Hume's residential areas.

Provide rear vehicle access where possible in Moderate and High Change areas that interface a connector or arteria road to maximise an active pedestrian frontage.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Hume Preferred Neighbourhood Character Study* (Hansen Partnership 2023)

15.01-5L Preferred neighbourhood character – Limited Change (Lifestyle Lots)

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Proposed C263hume

Policy application

This policy applies to land within both the Low Density Residential Zone and the Limited Change – Lifestyle Lots character areas identified on the Residential Development Framework Plan in Clause 16.01-1L.

Strategies - General

Provide for Limited Change that protects the existing neighbourhood character of large, detached dwellings within open semi-rural landscape settings.

Provide large setbacks that can accommodate significant landscaping, including canopy trees, around buildings to ensure built form is recessive to the landscape.

Protect remnant vegetation within private land.

Strategies - Rolling Meadows

Maintain the existing subdivision pattern.

Maintain the rural servicing infrastructure (including narrow road pavements, grassed verges, an absence of footpaths, and open swale or underground drainage systems) and recognise its role in creating the open rural character of the streetscape.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Hume Preferred Neighbourhood Character Study* (Hansen Partnership 2023)

15.01-6S Design for rural areas

31/07/2018
VC148

Objective

To ensure development respects valued areas of rural character.

Strategies

Ensure that the siting, scale and appearance of development protects and enhances rural character.

Protect the visual amenity of valued rural landscapes and character areas along township approaches and sensitive tourist routes by ensuring new development is sympathetically located.

Site and design development to minimise visual impacts on surrounding natural scenery and landscape features including ridgelines, hill tops, waterways, lakes and wetlands.

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16.01 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

31/07/2018
VC148

16.01-1S Housing supply

20/12/2021
VC174

Objective

To facilitate well-located, integrated and diverse housing that meets community needs.

Strategies

Ensure that an appropriate quantity, quality and type of housing is provided, including aged care facilities and other housing suitable for older people, supported accommodation for people with disability, rooming houses, student accommodation and social housing.

Increase the proportion of housing in designated locations in established urban areas (including under-utilised urban land) and reduce the share of new dwellings in greenfield, fringe and dispersed development areas.

Encourage higher density housing development on sites that are well located in relation to jobs, services and public transport.

Identify opportunities for increased residential densities to help consolidate urban areas.

Facilitate diverse housing that offers choice and meets changing household needs by widening housing diversity through a mix of housing types.

Encourage the development of well-designed housing that:

- Provides a high level of internal and external amenity.
- Incorporates universal design and adaptable internal dwelling design.

Support opportunities for a range of income groups to choose housing in well-serviced locations.

Plan for growth areas to provide for a mix of housing types through a variety of lot sizes, including higher housing densities in and around activity centres.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Homes for Victorians - Affordability, Access and Choice* (Victorian Government, 2017)
- *Apartment Design Guidelines for Victoria* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2021)

16.01-1R Housing supply - Metropolitan Melbourne

09/10/2020
VC169

Strategies

Manage the supply of new housing to meet population growth and create a sustainable city by developing housing and mixed use development opportunities in locations that are:

- In and around the Central City.
- Urban-renewal precincts and sites.
- Areas for residential growth.
- Areas for greyfield renewal, particularly through opportunities for land consolidation.
- Areas designated as National Employment and Innovation Clusters.
- Metropolitan activity centres and major activity centres.
- Neighbourhood activity centres - especially those with good public transport connections.
- Areas near existing and proposed railway stations that can support transit-oriented development.

Identify areas that offer opportunities for more medium and high density housing near employment and transport in Metropolitan Melbourne.

Facilitate increased housing in established areas to create a city of 20 minute neighbourhoods close to existing services, jobs and public transport.

Provide certainty about the scale of growth by prescribing appropriate height and site coverage provisions for different areas.

Allow for a range of minimal, incremental and high change residential areas that balance the need to protect valued areas with the need to ensure choice and growth in housing.

Create mixed-use neighbourhoods at varying densities that offer more choice in housing.

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16.01-1L-01 Housing supply - Hume

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Proposed C263hume

Policy documents

This policy applies to land shown on the Residential Development Framework Plan to this clause.

Objective

To increase housing diversity, including the number of one and two-bedroom dwellings, to meet the growing needs of smaller and different households.

Strategies

Ensure residential development is consistent with the table at Clause 02.03-6 and the preferred character areas identified in the Residential Development Framework Plan.

Support different housing typologies and one and two-bedroom dwellings in Limited and Gradual Change areas.

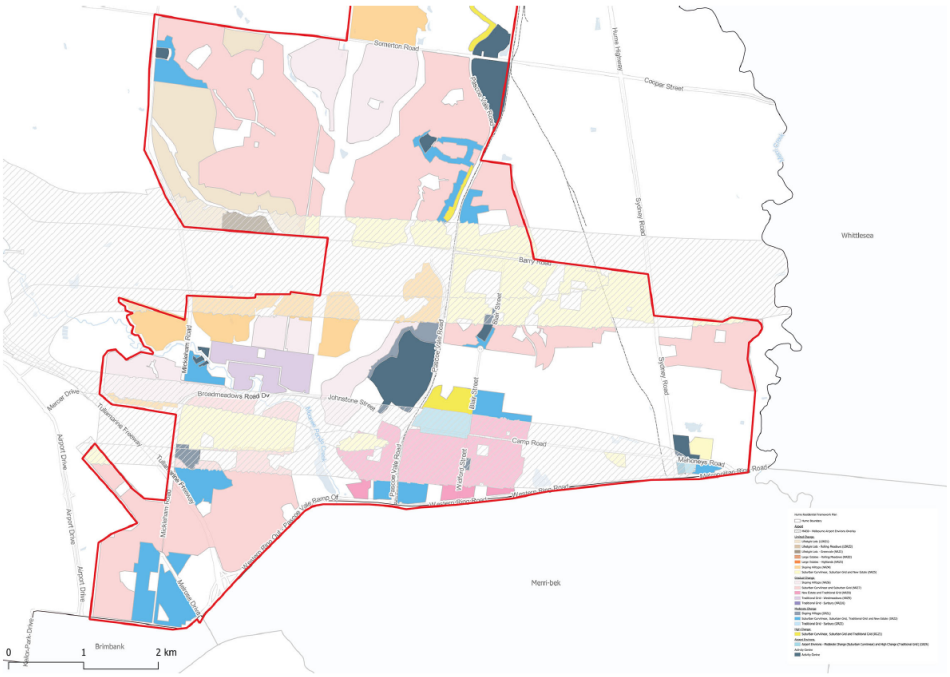
Promote a minimum of 30 per cent one and two-bedroom dwellings in multiunit developments in Moderate Change areas.

Promote a minimum of 80 per cent one and two-bedroom dwellings in multiunit development in High Change areas and activity centres.

Discourage developments that do not provide the preferred minimum percentage of one and two-bedroom dwellings in Moderate and High Change areas.

Promote lot consolidation that enables apartment development in Moderate and High Change areas.

Promote apartment development above the ground floor in activity centres.



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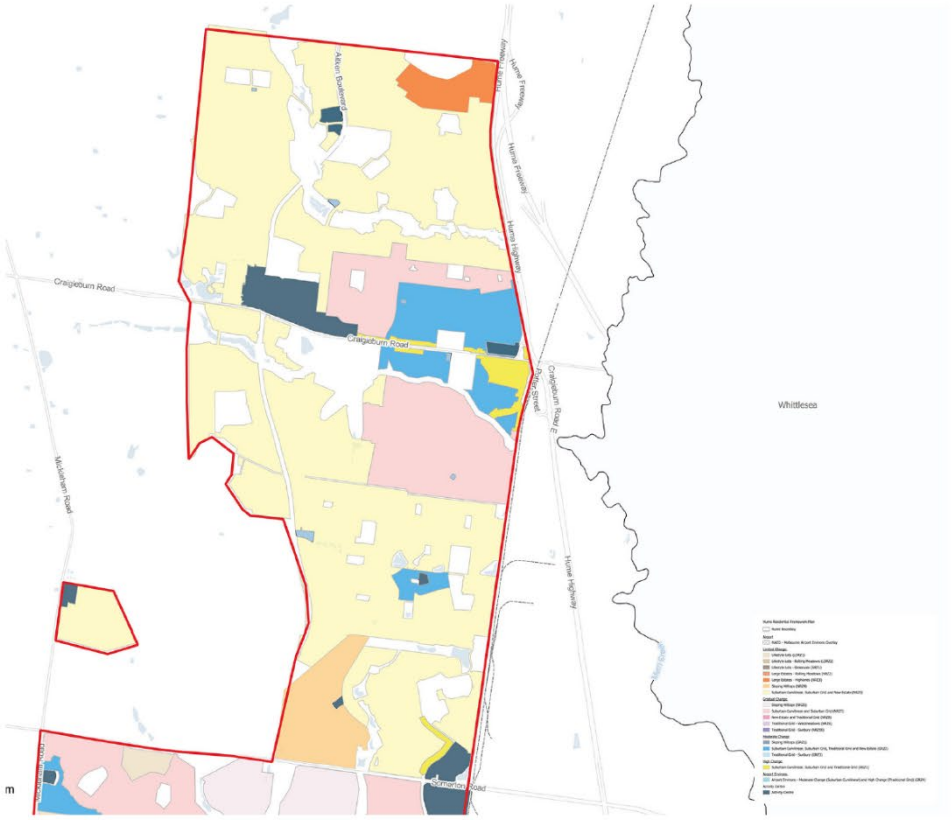

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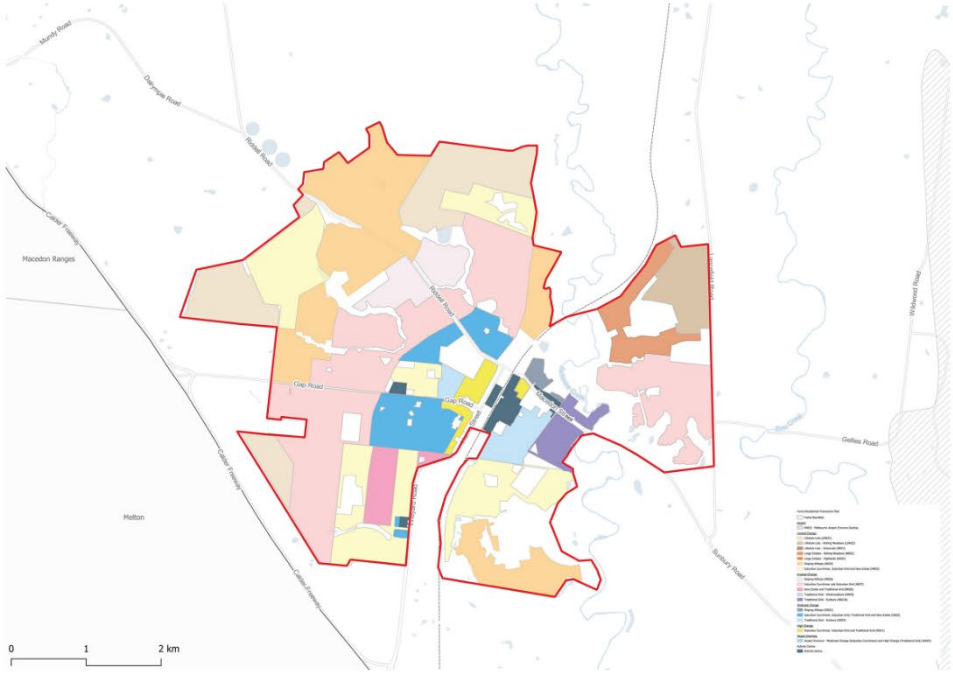

Residential Development Framework Plan – Sunbury

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Hume Housing Diversity Strategy* (Hume City Council, August 2023)

16.01-1L-02 Housing for older people

15/06/2023
C257hume

Policy application

This policy applies to the use and development of land for accommodation intended to specifically accommodate aged or older persons (such as a retirement village or residential aged care facility).

Strategies

General

Ensure housing for older people is located:

- Within walking distance of at least a convenience shop or public transport stop and preferably within walking distance of a range of community facilities.
- Away from high levels of traffic and other noises.
- On sites that have a minimal slope.

Design housing for older people to:

- Include generous communal landscaped areas with seating.
- Provide residents with a reasonable level of privacy and protection from overlooking and noise.
- Make provision for indoor and outdoor recreation facilities.
- Provide protection from heat and wind.
- Provide access to sunlight.

Residential Aged Care Facility

Integrate residential aged care facilities with other forms of housing for older people.

Site and design residential aged care facilities to assist residents in retaining contact with community life for example, by designing rooms to allow views of some form of community activity or people interaction, such as a park.

Retirement Villages

Ensure retirement villages provide a range of community, recreation and health facilities to maximise the quality of life of residents.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- Designing retirement villages to provide:
  - A minimum of 2 bedrooms for all dwellings to facilitate flexibility for residents and room for family visitors.
  - Ancillary services such as garden maintenance, home maintenance, a emergency personal alarm system linked to a Manager's residence, live-in manager, convenience store, postal service, mini bus and hairdressing.
  - At least one under cover or enclosed car space for each dwelling.
  - A centrally located open space area that occupies at least 10 per cent of the total site area.
  - A private open space area and clothes drying facilities for each dwelling.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

16.01-2S Housing affordability

09/10/2020
VC169

Objective

To deliver more affordable housing closer to jobs, transport and services.

Strategies

Improve housing affordability by:

- Ensuring land supply continues to be sufficient to meet demand.
- Increasing choice in housing type, tenure and cost to meet the needs of households as they move through life cycle changes and to support diverse communities.
- Promoting good housing and urban design to minimise negative environmental impacts and keep costs down for residents and the wider community.
- Encouraging a significant proportion of new development to be affordable for households on very low to moderate incomes.

Increase the supply of well-located affordable housing by:

- Facilitating a mix of private, affordable and social housing in suburbs, activity centres and urban renewal precincts.
- Ensuring the redevelopment and renewal of public housing stock better meets community needs.

Facilitate the delivery of social housing by identifying surplus government land suitable for housing.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Homes for Victorians - Affordability, Access and Choice* (Victorian Government, 2017)

16.01-2L Affordable housing in Hume

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Proposed C263hume

Strategies

Promote development that includes the provision of affordable housing.

Provide affordable housing through the rezoning of land for residential development.

Policy guidance

Consider as relevant:

- achieving the inclusion of at least 10 per cent affordable housing in the rezoning of land for residential development.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Affordable Housing Policy* (Hume City Council, September 2021)

16.01-3S Rural residential development

09/10/2020
VC169

Objective

To identify land suitable for rural residential development.

Strategies

Manage development in rural areas to protect agriculture and avoid inappropriate rural residential development.

Encourage the consolidation of new housing in existing settlements where investment in physical and community infrastructure and services has already been made.

Demonstrate need and identify locations for rural residential development through a housing and settlement strategy.

Ensure planning for rural residential development avoids or significantly reduces adverse economic, social and environmental impacts by:

- Maintaining the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resource attributes in activities including agricultural production, water, mineral and energy resources.
- Protecting existing landscape values and environmental qualities such as water quality, native vegetation, biodiversity and habitat.
- Minimising or avoiding property servicing costs carried by local and state governments.
- Maintaining an adequate buffer distance between rural residential development and animal production.

Ensure land is not zoned for rural residential development if it will encroach on high quality productive agricultural land or adversely impact on waterways or other natural resources.

Discourage development of small lots in rural zones for residential use or other incompatible uses.

Encourage consolidation of existing isolated small lots in rural zones.

Ensure land is only zoned for rural residential development where it:

- Is located close to existing towns and urban centres, but not in areas that will be required for fully serviced urban development.
- Can be supplied with electricity, water and good quality road access.

16.01-4S Community care accommodation

04/11/2022
VC226

Objective

To facilitate the establishment of community care accommodation and support their location being kept confidential.

Strategies

Planning schemes should not require a planning permit for or prohibit the use of land in a residential area for community care accommodation provided no more than 20 clients are accommodated and the use is funded by, or carried out by or on behalf of, a government department or public authority, including a public authority established for a public purpose under a Commonwealth Act.

Facilitate the confidential establishment of community care accommodation through appropriate permit, notice and review exemptions.

16.01-5S Residential aged care facilities

09/10/2020
VC169

Objective

To facilitate the development of well-designed and appropriately located residential aged care facilities.

Strategies

Recognise that residential aged care facilities contribute to housing diversity and choice, and are an appropriate use in a residential area.

Recognise that residential aged care facilities are different to dwellings in their purpose and function, and will have a different built form (including height, scale and mass).

Ensure local housing strategies, precinct structure plans and activity centre structure plans provide for residential aged care facilities.

Ensure that residential aged care facilities are located in residential areas, activity centres and urban renewal precincts, close to services and public transport.

Encourage planning for housing that:

- Delivers an adequate supply of land or redevelopment opportunities for residential aged care facilities.
- Enables older people to live in appropriate housing in their local community.

Provide for a mix of housing for older people with appropriate access to care and support services.

Ensure that proposals to establish residential aged care facilities early in the life of a growth area are in locations that will have early access to services and public transport.

Ensure that residential aged care facilities are designed to respond to the site and its context.

Promote a high standard of urban design and architecture in residential aged care facilities.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- The Commonwealth Government's Responsible ratios for the provision of aged care places under the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 1 TO CLAUSE 32.03 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **LDRZ1.**

LIMITED CHANGE - LIFESTYLE LOTS

1.0 Subdivision requirements

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	Land	Area (hectares)
Minimum subdivision area (hectares).	None specified.	

2.0 Outbuilding permit requirements

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Proposed C263hume

Dimensions above which a permit is required to construct an outbuilding (square metres)
None specified

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 32.03 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **LDRZ2.**

LIMITED CHANGE - LIFESTYLE LOTS (ROLLING MEADOWS)

1.0 Subdivision requirements

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Proposed C263hume

	Land	Area (hectares)
Minimum subdivision area (hectares)	Rolling Meadows	0.6 ha

2.0 Outbuilding permit requirements

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Proposed C263hume

Dimensions above which a permit is required to construct an outbuilding (square metres)
None specified

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 1 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ1**.

LIMITED CHANGE - LIFESTYLE LOTS (GREENVALE)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for limited change that protects the existing neighbourhood character of large, detached dwellings within open semi-formal garden settings.

To respect the existing pattern of subdivision that presents single dwellings to the street.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to maintain the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To provide large front and rear setbacks that can accommodate significant landscaping, including canopy trees, to ensure built form is recessive to the landscape.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	Site coverage should not exceed 30%
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ2**

LIMITED CHANGE - LARGE ESTATES (ROLLING MEADOWS)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for limited change that maintains the existing pattern of subdivision and protects the existing neighbourhood character of low-scale, detached dwellings within semi-rural settings.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to reflect the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To provide large front and rear setbacks that can accommodate significant landscaping, including canopy trees, to ensure built form is recessive to the landscape.

To protect remnant vegetation within private land and maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

To maintain the rural servicing infrastructure (including narrow road pavements, grassed verges, an absence of footpaths and open swale or underground drainage systems) and recognise its role in creating the open semi-rural character of the area.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

The minimum lot size for subdivision is 2700 square metres.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	Site coverage should not exceed 30%
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 3 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ3.**

LIMITED CHANGE - LARGE ESTATES (HIGHLANDS)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for limited change that protects the existing neighbourhood character of large, detached dwellings within open formal garden settings.

To respect the existing pattern of subdivision that presents single buildings to the street.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to sensitively respond to landform and sloping sites to minimise the need for cut and fill.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	Site coverage should not exceed 40%.
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 4 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ4.**

LIMITED CHANGE - SLOPING HILLTOPS

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for limited change that protects the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings with a distinctive landscape backdrop, including areas with panoramic vistas and tree top views.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to sensitively respond to landform and sloping sites to minimise the need for cut and fill.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain the enhance existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 5 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ5.**

LIMITED CHANGE - SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR, SUBURBAN GRID, NEW ESTATE AND TRADITIONAL GRID

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for limited change that protects the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to maintain the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

	Standard	Requirement
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 6 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ6.**

GRADUAL CHANGE - SLOPING HILLTOPS

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for gradual change that responds to the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings with a distinctive landscape backdrop, including areas with panoramic vistas and tree top views.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to sensitively respond to landform and sloping sites to minimise the need for cut and fill.

To reinforce the established rhythm of the street by maintaining existing side setbacks.

To enable buildings to be sited closer to the street that make a positive contribution to the public realm through improved active and passive surveillance outcomes.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 6 metres. Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified

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	Standard	Requirement
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 7 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ7.**

GRADUAL CHANGE - SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR AND SUBURBAN GRID

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for gradual change the responds to the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to reflect the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To reinforce the established rhythm of the street by maintaining existing side setbacks.

To enable buildings to be sited closer to the street that make a positive contribution to the public realm through improved active and passive surveillance outcomes.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 6 metres. Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 4 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 8 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ8**

GRADUAL CHANGE - TRADITIONAL GRID AND NEW ESTATE

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for gradual change that responds to the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings in open garden settings.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to reflect the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

	Standard	Requirement
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

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HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 9 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ9.**

GRADUAL CHANGE - TRADITIONAL GRID (WESTMEADOWS)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for gradual change that responds to the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings with a distinctive landscape backdrop, including areas with panoramic vistas and tree top views towards Moonee Ponds Creek environs.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to retain vegetation and sensitively respond to landform and sloping sites to capture views and minimise the need for cut and fill.

To ensure buildings adjoining a significant heritage building are designed to complement and sensitively integrate with the building and roof form of the heritage place.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain and enhance the established garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas, and native canopy trees that complement the creek environs.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

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	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 10 TO CLAUSE 32.09 NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **NRZ10.**

GRADUAL CHANGE - TRADITIONAL GRID (SUNBURY)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for gradual change that responds to the existing neighbourhood character of detached dwellings within open garden settings and traditional treelined streetscapes.

To ensure upper levels are designed to be visually recessive to reflect the low-scale character of the area established by predominantly single storey buildings.

To encourage buildings with simple pitched roofs and gable ends to the street.

To reinforce the established building line and rhythm of the street by maintaining existing front and side setbacks.

To maintain and enhance the existing garden setting characterised by openness and minimal delineation between the public and private realms, with absent, or low and permeable front fences and views to front garden areas.

2.0 Minimum subdivision area

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

	Requirement
Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot	None specified
Permit requirement to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot	None specified

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	None specified
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	None specified
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.

	Standard	Requirement
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 1 TO CLAUSE 32.08 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GRZ1**.

MODERATE CHANGE - SLOPING HILLTOPS

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for moderate change that delivers a diversity of housing types, including one and two-bedroom dwellings, that complements and strengthens the areas distinctive landscape backdrop created by open gardens, panoramic vistas and treetop views.

To encourage lot consolidation that facilitates the efficient use of land and well-designed medium density housing that provides larger side setbacks for landscaping and canopy trees.

To facilitate contemporary and well-designed buildings that provide high amenity outcomes for residents, make a positive contribution to the public realm, and introduces an increase in building heights that provide a sensitive transition to adjoining low-scale areas.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to retain vegetation and sensitively respond to landform and sloping sites to capture views and minimise the need for cut and fill.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to retain significant vegetation and maximise landscaping throughout the site, are set closer to the street to provide activity and surveillance, and ensure landscaping within smaller front setbacks include canopy trees that provide shade to the public realm, contributes to the areas open garden setting, and softens the streetscape.

2.0 Construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building - minimum garden area requirement

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Proposed C263hume

Is the construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building exempt from the minimum garden area requirement?
No

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

Is a permit required to construct or extend one dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

Is a permit required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 5 metres Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified

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	Standard	Requirement
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to new upper-level balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

--/--/---- Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

--/--/---- Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

--/--/---- Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.
- The provision of one and two bedroom dwellings.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 2 TO CLAUSE 32.08 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GRZ2.**

MODERATE CHANGE - SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR, SUBURBAN GRID, NEW ESTATE AND TRADITIONAL GRID

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for moderate change that delivers a diversity of housing types, including one and two-bedroom dwellings, that complements and strengthens the areas open garden setting.

To encourage lot consolidation that facilitates the efficient use of land and well-designed medium density housing that provides larger side setbacks for landscaping and canopy trees.

To facilitate contemporary and well-designed buildings that provide high amenity outcomes for residents, make a positive contribution to the public realm, and introduces an increase in building heights that provide a sensitive transition to adjoining low-scale areas.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to maximise landscaping throughout the site and are set closer to the street to provide activity and passive surveillance to the public realm.

To ensure landscaping within smaller front setbacks include canopy trees that provide shade to the public realm, contributes to the areas open garden setting, and softens the streetscape.

2.0 Construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building - minimum garden area requirement

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Proposed C263hume

Is the construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building exempt from the minimum garden area requirement?
No

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

Is a permit required to construct or extend one dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

Is a permit required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 5 metres Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.

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	Standard	Requirement
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to new upper-level balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.
- The provision of one and two bedroom dwellings.

HUME PLANNING SCHEME

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 3 TO CLAUSE 32.08 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GRZ3**

MODERATE CHANGE - TRADITIONAL GRID (SUNBURY)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for moderate change that delivers a diversity of housing types, including one and two-bedroom dwellings, that complements and strengthens the areas open garden setting and traditional treelined streetscapes.

To encourage lot consolidation that facilitates the efficient use of land and well-designed medium density housing that provides larger side setbacks for landscaping and canopy trees.

To facilitate contemporary and well-designed buildings that provide high amenity outcomes for residents, make a positive contribution to the public realm, and introduces an increase in building heights that provide a sensitive transition to adjoining low-scale areas.

To encourage buildings with simple pitched roofs and gable ends to the street.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to retain significant vegetation and maximise landscaping throughout the site, are set closer to the street to provide activity and surveillance, and ensure landscaping within smaller front setbacks include canopy trees that provide shade to the public realm, contributes to the areas open garden setting, and softens the streetscape.

2.0 Construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building - minimum garden area requirement

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Proposed C263hume

Is the construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building exempt from the minimum garden area requirement?
No

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

Is a permit required to construct or extend one dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No
Is a permit required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
Yes

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 5 metres. Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 4 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified

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	Standard	Requirement
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to new upper-level balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.
- The provision of one and two bedroom dwellings.

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE 4 TO CLAUSE 32.08 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **GRZ4.**

AIRPORT ENVIRONS - MODERATE CHANGE (SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR) AND HIGH CHANGE (TRADITIONAL GRID)

1.0 Neighbourhood character objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To provide for a diversity of housing types within the airport environs that complements and strengthens the areas open garden setting.

To support lot consolidation that facilitates the efficient use of land within the airport environs to deliver well-designed housing that provides larger side setbacks for landscaping and canopy trees.

To facilitate contemporary and well-designed buildings that provide high amenity outcomes for residents, make a positive contribution to the public realm, and introduces an increase in building heights that provide a sensitive transition to adjoining low-scale areas.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to maximise landscaping throughout the site and are set closer to the street to provide activity and passive surveillance to the public realm.

To ensure landscaping within smaller front setbacks include canopy trees that provide shade to the public realm, contributes to the areas open garden setting, and softens the streetscape.

2.0 Construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building - minimum garden area requirement

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Proposed C263hume

Is the construction or extension of a dwelling or residential building exempt from the minimum garden area requirement?
No

3.0 Permit requirement for the construction or extension of one dwelling or a fence associated with a dwelling on a lot

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Proposed C263hume

Is a permit required to construct or extend one dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

Is a permit required to construct or extend a front fence within 3 metres of a street associated with a dwelling on a lot of between 300 and 500 square metres?
No

4.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 5 metres Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.

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	Standard	Requirement
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to new upper-level balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or the rear of the dwelling with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
	B28	An area of 40 square metres, with one part of the private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or residential building with a minimum area of 35 square metres, a minimum width of 3 metres and convenient access from a living room.
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

5.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

6.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

7.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.
- The provision of one and two bedroom dwellings.

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Proposed C263hume

SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 32.07 RESIDENTIAL GROWTH ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **RGZ.**

HIGH CHANGE - SUBURBAN CURVILINEAR, SUBURBAN GRID AND TRADITIONAL GRID

1.0 Design objectives

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Proposed C263hume

To facilitate high change that creates more intensive and active neighbourhoods and provides for housing diversity through the provision of mostly one and two-bedroom dwellings.

To encourage lot consolidation that facilitates the efficient use of land and well-designed apartment buildings that provides larger side setbacks for landscaping and canopy trees.

To facilitate contemporary and well-designed buildings that provide high amenity outcomes for residents, make a positive contribution to the public realm, and introduces an increase in building heights.

To ensure buildings are sited and designed to retain significant vegetation and maximise landscaping throughout the site, and are set closer to the street to provide activity and passive surveillance to the public realm.

To ensure landscaping within smaller front setbacks include canopy trees that provide shade to the public realm, contributes to the areas open garden setting, and softens the streetscape.

2.0 Requirements of Clause 54 and Clause 55

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Proposed C263hume

	Standard	Requirement
Minimum street setback	A3 and B6	Minimum setback from front street 5 metres. Where a development is located on a corner site the setback to the side street is the same distance as the setback of the front wall of any existing building on the abutting allotment facing the side street or 3 metres, whichever is the lesser.
Site coverage	A5 and B8	None specified
Permeability	A6 and B9	None specified
Landscaping	B13	Retain or provide at least one canopy tree with a minimum mature height equal to the height of the roof of the proposed building or 10 metres, whichever is greater.
Side and rear setbacks	A10 and B17	Require a minimum 4.5m setback from common boundary to new upper-level balconies, living rooms and habitable room windows.
Walls on boundaries	A11 and B18	None specified
Private open space	A17	None specified
	B28	None specified
Front fence height	A20 and B32	0.9 metres.

3.0 Maximum building height requirement for a dwelling or residential building

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

4.0 Application requirements

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Proposed C263hume

None specified.

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5.0 Decision guidelines

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Proposed C263hume

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider:

- Whether the buildings or works meet the objectives of this schedule.
- The objectives and strategies of Clause 15.01-5L-01.
- The objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-1L-01.
- The provision of one and two bedroom dwellings.

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43.05 NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER OVERLAY

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Shown on the planning scheme map as **NCO** with a number.

Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To identify areas of existing or preferred neighbourhood character.

To ensure that development respects the neighbourhood character.

To prevent, where necessary, the removal of buildings and vegetation before the neighbourhood character features of the site and the new development have been evaluated.

43.05-1 Neighbourhood character statement and objectives

19/01/2006
VC37

A schedule to this overlay must contain:

- A statement of the key features of the neighbourhood character.
- The neighbourhood character objectives to be achieved for the area affected by the schedule.

43.05-2 Permit requirement

28/10/2022
VC224

A permit is required to:

- Construct a building or construct or carry out works. This does not apply to:
  - The construction of an outdoor swimming pool associated with a dwelling unless a specific requirement for this matter is specified in a schedule to this overlay.
  - The construction or extension of an outbuilding normal to a dwelling unless a specific requirement for this matter is specified in a schedule to this overlay.
- Demolish or remove a building if specified in a schedule to this overlay.
- Remove, destroy or lop trees if specified in a schedule to this overlay. This does not apply:
  - To a tree that is less than 5 metres in height or has a trunk circumference of less than 0.5 metre measured 1 metre above ground level.
  - To any action which is necessary to keep the whole or any part of a tree clear of an electric line provided the action is carried out in accordance with a code of practice prepared under Section 86 of the *Electricity Safety Act 1998*.
  - If the tree presents an immediate risk of personal injury or damage to property.
  - If the removal, destruction or lopping of the tree is necessary for emergency access and emergency works by a public authority or municipal council.

VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Remove, destroy or lop one tree provided:	Clause 59.06

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
▪ A permit has not been granted for a VicSmart application to remove, destroy or lop a tree on the same land within the last 12 months. ▪ There is no other current VicSmart application to remove, destroy or lop a tree on the same land.	
Construct, demolish or remove a fence.	Clause 59.05
Construct a building or construct or carry out works for: ▪ A carport, garage, pergola, verandah, deck, shed or similar structure. ▪ A domestic swimming pool or spa and associated mechanical equipment and safety fencing. ▪ A rainwater tank. The buildings and works must be associated with a dwelling.	Clause 59.05
Demolish or remove an outbuilding (including a carport, garage, pergola, verandah, deck, shed or similar structure).	Clause 59.05

43.05-3 Modification to Clause 54 and Clause 55 standards

13/04/2017
VC136

A schedule to this overlay may modify:

- The requirements of any standard of Clause 54, including any requirements specified in the schedule to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone, Mixed Use Zone or Township Zone. This does not apply to Standards A1, A12, A13, A14 and A16 of Clause 54.
- The requirements of any standard of Clause 55, including any requirements specified in the schedule to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone, Mixed Use Zone or Township Zone. This does not apply to Standards B1, B2, B3, B4, B19, B20, B21, B27 and B35 to B49 of Clause 55.

43.05-4 Exemption from notice and review

31/07/2018
VC148

An application under this overlay for any of the following classes of development is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1) (a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act:

- Demolition or removal of an outbuilding normal to a dwelling.
- Construction of a swimming pool.

43.05-5 Decision guidelines

31/07/2018
VC148

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines of Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The statement of the key features of the neighbourhood character and the neighbourhood character objectives contained in a schedule to this overlay.
- Whether the location, layout and form of the proposed development respects the neighbourhood character.
- The contribution that the existing building makes to the neighbourhood character.

- Whether the site is to remain vacant or is to be developed for another purpose.
- The contribution that the tree makes to the neighbourhood character.
- The health of the tree.
- Any proposed landscape improvements.
- Any matter specified in a schedule to this overlay.

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SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 72.03 WHAT DOES THIS PLANNING SCHEME CONSIST OF?

1.0 Maps comprising part of this planning scheme:

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SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 72.08 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1.0 Background documents

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Name of background document	Amendment number - clause reference
Amaroo Business Park, 700 Hume Highway, Craigieburn, Victoria: Net Gain Assessment, (Biosis Research, 2007)	C97 Clause 42.01s08
Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, 2013)	Amendment C207 Clause 43.03s03 Clause 43.03s04
Broadmeadows Structure Plan (Hume City Council, 2012)	C176
Evans Street Native Grassland Management Plan (Hume City Council, 1995)	NFPS Clause 42.01s03
Final Flora and Fauna Assessment: 700 Hume Highway, Craigieburn (Ecology Australia 2008)	C97 Clause 42.01s08
Flora, Fauna and Net Gain Assessment, 650 Hume Highway, Craigieburn (Brett Lane & Associates, 2008)	C111 Clause 42.01s08
Greenvale Reservoir Catchment: Drinking Water Quality Risk Management Plan (March 2008)	C130 Clause 42.01s09 Clause 43.04s19
Horne Street, Sunbury Urban Design Guidelines (Hume City Council,2007)	C79 Clause 43.02s02 Clause 43.02s03
Hume Affordable Housing Policy (Hume City Council, September 2021)	C263
Hume Bicycle Network Plan (Hume City Council, 2015)	C176
Hume Biodiversity Planning Policy (Hume City Council, 2020)	C176
Hume Central: The Vision (Lab Oculus, 2014)	C176
Hume City Council Guidelines for Commercial, Industrial and Residential Landscapes (Hume City Council, 2005)	C176
Hume City Council Industrial Development Strategy (Hume City Council, Amended version, April 1995)	NFPS
Hume City Council Kalkallo Development Principles, Statement of Strategic Planning Policy, Rural Areas Strategy Plan (Hume City Council,1993)	NFPS
Hume Corridor Integrated Growth Area Plan (HIGAP) Infrastructure and Delivery Strategy (Hume City Council, 2015)	C176
Hume Corridor Integrated Growth Area Plan (HIGAP) Spatial Strategy (Hume City Council, 2015)	C176
Hume Economic Development Strategy 2030 (Hume City Council, 2012)	C176
Hume Housing Diversity Strategy (Hume City Council, August 2023)	C263
Hume Land and Biodiversity Plan 2015-2019 (Hume City Council, 2015)	C176

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Hume Open Space Strategy 2010-2015 (Hume City Council, 2010)	C176
Hume Parking Management Policy 2015 (Hume City Council, Re-Adopted 2021)	C176
Hume Preferred Neighbourhood Character Study (Hansen Partnership, 2023)	C263
Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice (Hume City Council, 2008)	C134
Jacksons Hill Master Plan (Victorian Planning Authority, October 2018)	Amendment C232hume
Mount Ridley Local Structure Plan for Inter Urban Break Mickleham (Greenaway and Katz Pty Ltd, 1997)	NFPS Clause 42.01s05
Remnant Native Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands of the Melbourne Area: An action plan for conservation based on biological values (Department of Conservation and Environment,1990)	NFPS Clause 42.01s02 Clause 42.01s03 Clause 42.01s04 Clause 42.01s06 Clause 42.02s03
Rural Areas Strategy Plan - Towards 2011 (Henshall Hansen Associates,1993)	NFPS Clause 42.01s01
Sunbury HIGAP Delivery and Infrastructure Strategy (Hume City Council, 2012)	C176
Sunbury Town Centre Study Final Report (Perrott Lyon Mathieson Pty Ltd, 1991)	NFPS
The Gateway, 700 Hume Hwy, Craigieburn, Victoria: Golden Sun Moth Survey, (Biosis Research, 2006)	C97 Clause 42.01s08

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SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 74.01 APPLICATION OF ZONES, OVERLAYS AND PROVISIONS

1.0 Application of zones, overlays and provisions

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This planning scheme applies the following zones, overlays and provisions to implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the objectives and strategies in Clauses 11 to 19:

- **Low Density Residential Zone** to provide for low-density residential development on lots that, in the absence of reticulated sewerage, can treat and retain all wastewater.
- **Mixed Use Zone** to provide for a range of residential, commercial, industrial and other uses that complement the mixed-use function of the locality.
- **Township Zone** to residential development and a range of commercial, incudstrial and other uses in small towns.
- **Residential Growth Zone** to locations offering good access to services and transport including activity centres and town centres.
- **General Residential Zone** to residential areas offering good access to services and transport.
- **Neighbourhood Residential Zone** to areas of predominantly single and double storey residential development.
- **Industrial 1 Zone** to manufacturing industry, the storage and distribution of goods and associated uses in a manner that does not affect the safety and amenity of local communities.
- **Industrial 3 Zone** to industries and associated uses in specific areas where special consideration of the nature and impacts of industrial uses is required or to avoid inter-industry conflict.
- **Commercial 1 Zone** to vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.
- **Commercial 2 Zone** to commercial areas for offices, appropriate manufacturing and industries, bulky goods retailing, other retail uses, and associated business and commercial services.
- **Rural Living Zone** to residential uses in a rural environment that protect and enhance the natural resources, biodiversity and landscape values of the area.
- **Green Wedge Zone** to recognise, protect and conserve green wedge land for its agricultural, environmental, historic, landscape, recreational and tourism opportunities, and mineral and stone resources.
- **Green Wedge A Zone** to protect, conserve and enhance the biodiversity, natural resources, scenic landscapes and heritage values of the area.
- **Rural Conservation Zone** to protect and enhance the natural environment and natural processes for their historic, archaeological and scientific interest, landscape, faunal habitat and cultural values.
- **Farming Zone** to land for agricultural uses.
- **Public Use Zone** to public land used for public utility and community services and facilities.
- **Public Park and Recreation Zone** to public open space reserves.
- **Public Conservation and Resource Zone** to larger parcels of land in public ownership that have an environmental focus.
- **Special Use Zone** to provide for use and development of land for specific purposes.
- **Comprehensive Development Zone** to provide for a range of uses and the development of land in accordance with a comprehensive development plan incorporated in this scheme.
- **Urban Floodway Zone** to waterways, major floodpaths, drainage depressions and high hazard areas within urban areas which have the greatest risk and frequency of being affected by flooding.

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- **Urban Growth Zone** to manage the transition of non-urban land into urban land in accordance with a precinct structure plan.
- **Environmental Significance Overlay** to areas where the development of land may be affected by environmental constraints.
- **Vegetation Protection Overlay** to protect areas of significant vegetation.
- **Heritage Overlay** to heritage places of natural or cultural significance.
- **Design and Development Overlay** to areas that are affected by specific requirements relating to the design and built form of new development.
- **Neighbourhood Character Overlay** to protect areas of existing neighbourhood character.
- **Floodway Overlay** to waterways, major floodpaths, drainage depressions and high hazard areas within urban areas that have the greatest risk and frequency of being affected by flooding.
- **Land Subject to Inundation Overlay** to land in a flood storage or a flood fringe area affected by the 1 in 100 year flood or any other area determined by the floodplain management authority.
- **Special Building Overlay** to land in urban areas liable to inundation by overland flows from the urban drainage system as determined by, or in consultation with, the floodplain management authority.
- **Bushfire Management Overlay** to areas where the bushfire hazard warrants bushfire protection.
- **Public Acquisition Overlay** to land that is proposed to be acquired by a Minister, public authority or municipal council for a public purpose.
- **Environmental Audit Overlay** to ensure potentially contaminated land is suitable for a use that could be significantly adversely affected by any contamination.
- **Development Contributions Plan Overlay** to areas that require the preparation of a development contributions plan for the purpose of levying contributions for the provision of works, services and facilities before development can commence.
- **Infrastructure Contributions Overlay** to areas where an infrastructure contributions plan applies for the purpose of imposing contributions for the provision of infrastructure.

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SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 74.02 FURTHER STRATEGIC WORK

1.0 Further strategic work

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Prepare plans for existing activity centres to manage and guide their ongoing change.

- Review the appropriateness of land use zoning to accommodate the identified bulky goods centres the Strategic Framework Plan to Clause 02.04.
- Prepare a non-urban (rural) Hume Corridor Integrated Growth Area Plan (HIGAP) spatial and delivery strategy.
- Work with Melton Shire Council to facilitate the delivery of a new employment area north of Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road.
- Work with VicTrack in designing walking and cycling links along the rail line to link residential areas of Sunbury and Diggers Rest with the train station, the neighbourhood activity centre and other facilities within this precinct.
- Work with VicRoads to extend the existing shared path along Vineyard Road to connect to (and over) the Calder Freeway.
- Investigate long term land uses for the closed Tullamarine landfill and associated buffer land.
- Prepare plans for the development of Maygar Barracks and the Ford site to enable their renewal and reuse for employment generating uses.
- Review and update approved precinct structure plans where necessary to meet identified community needs.
- Prepare structure plans to:
  - Safeguard heritage features.
  - Enable boulevard treatments.
  - Safeguards significant landscape features, maintain views, protect vegetation, and provide open space and landscape connectivity.
- Prepare a structure plan for Craigieburn West that protects the areas of woodland identified in the *Biodiversity Conservation Strategy* (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, 2013) along with other scattered trees and remnant patches of local significance, and integrates and connects them as part of the wider open space network in the Mickleham and Craigieburn precincts.
- Prepare a structure plan for the western end of the Inter Urban Break that protects the biodiversity values, including scattered trees, across the site in conservation and open space areas, and connects them into the wider open space network in the Mickleham and Craigieburn precincts.
- Prepare a structure plan for Kalkallo Township that protects the Kalkallo Commons, the Kalkallo Creek and the Kalkallo Cemetery with the provision of appropriate public access.
- Prepare structure plans for the Sunbury area that protect Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek and their tributaries and escarpments and integrates "nature conservation" and "open space" areas identified in the *Biodiversity Conservation Strategy* (Department of Environment and Primary Industries, 2013) with the wider open space network.
- Prepare a non-urban HIGAP spatial and delivery strategy to guide the planning of Hume's rural areas, including the application of overlays to protect sites and areas of environmental and landscape significance and identify areas at risk of significant erosion.
- Review the planning controls of identified sites of environmental and landscape value to update existing overlays and apply new zones and overlays where relevant.

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- Identify opportunities to improve transport connectivity in new structure plans and place frameworks, and through large scale redevelopments.
- ~~Prepare a housing strategy to guide the future planning for housing growth and diversity, including the application of zones and overlays to facilitate preferred housing outcomes.~~
- Prepare a heritage local policy to guide the consideration of applications for use and development in areas covered by a heritage overlay.
- Update Council's Scenic Hilltops and Major Ridgelines Policy to identify and confirm significant view lines and areas of significant landscape value that warrant protection, and to determine the appropriate controls to achieve this.
- Prepare masterplans for Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek to facilitate a regional scale parkland outcome that enables public access whilst protecting the visual, environmental and landscape qualities of the creek corridors and tributaries.
- Investigate sites of known or potential contamination to apply the Environmental Audit Overlay.
- Identify locations for office space to facilitate business and employment development as part of plans for new and existing centres.
- Facilitate open space connections to maintain view lines and physical connections from the Redstone Hill Town Centre to Redstone Hill and from Jacksons Creek to Redstone Hill.
- Ensure land is identified for the delivery of a university and hospital or equivalent facilities in the Donnybrook (Lockerbie) Metropolitan Activity Centres.
- Facilitate the extension of the Merri Creek Marran Baba Regional Park from Campbellfield to Lockerbie North.
- Facilitate the planning of the former Victoria University Site at Jacksons Hill to recognise, protects and retains its historical and cultural significance.
- Safeguard land for a hospital or equivalent and a tertiary education facility in proximity to the proposed Sunbury North train Station.
- Facilitate a new bulky goods node and employment area along Vineyard Road adjoining the Calder Freeway.
- Facilitate new regional parks along Jacksons Creek and Emu Creek, and at Redstone Hill and Mount Holden.
- Ensure land is identified for a regional sports facility in the vicinity of the proposed Sunbury North train station.
- Facilitate the development of a State scale sports and leisure hub at Merrifield Park.
- Ensure that planning for the major new employment area on Sunbury Road adjoining the Hi-Quality Quarry provides for a range of manufacturing, transport and logistics, and business service uses.
- Ensure land is identified for the Attwood Connector to provide improved road and public transport access to Melbourne Airport.
- Ensure land is identified for a new train station at Campbellfield and Lockerbie.

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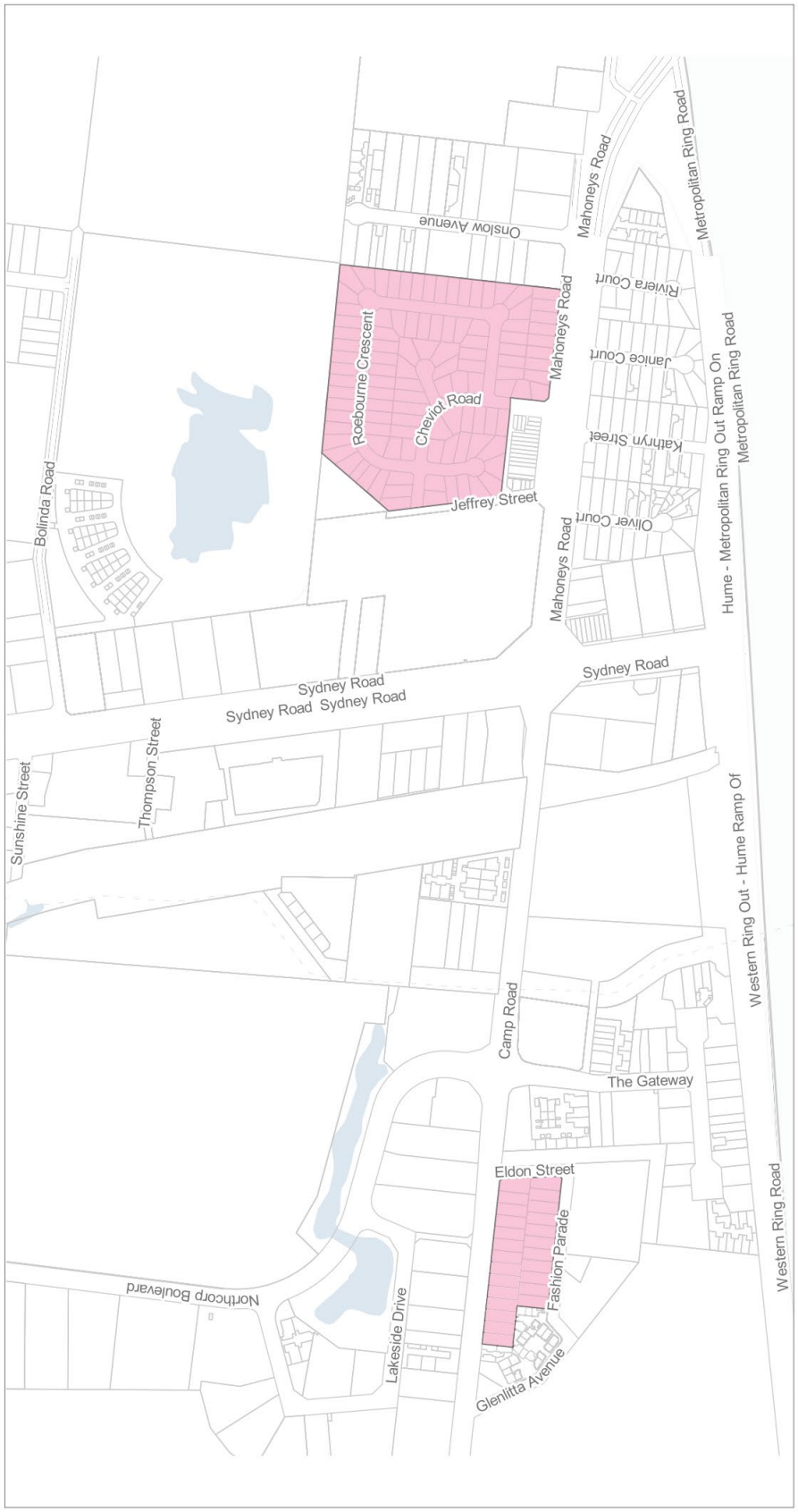
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Introduction

Purpose

Hume City Council is seeking to encourage a higher standard of residential development that can meet the social, economic and environmental needs of our diverse and growing population.

The purpose of the Good Design Guide is to:

- Provide clear expectations and design direction for new residential infill development within Hume's established residential areas to facilitate improved design, liveability and sustainability outcomes.
- Encourage the provision of more diverse forms of housing (particularly attached townhouse and apartments) though preferred site and development layout guidance.
- Ensure new development does not cause adverse amenity impacts and is consistent with preferred future character.

How to apply the Good Design Guide

The Good Design applies to all residential development applications from two dwellings on a block up to four storey apartment buildings.

The *Good Design Guide* is to be read in conjunction with the relevant policy and Residential Zone Schedules in the Hume Planning Scheme, the *Housing Diversity Strategy* (Hume City Council, August 2023) and the *Preferred Future Neighbourhood Character Statements* (Hansen Partnership, March 2023).

Development Typologies

This section of the *Good Design Guide* outlines the six most common forms of medium density housing, where it is encouraged and preferred layout options.

Issues and Threats

There are a number of design outcomes that should be discouraged for all medium density housing to ensure that new development it designed well, is more sustainable and makes a positive contribution to the public realm. This includes:

1. **High site coverage**
2. **Minimal side setbacks**
3. **Multiple or wide crossovers**
4. **Complicated and cluttered roof forms**
5. **Poor sense of address**
6. **Garages joined along a common driveway**
7. **Highly visible garages at the end of common driveways**
8. **Overhanging upper levels needing support along common driveways**
9. **Informal car parking within front setback**
10. **Private open space exposed within front setback**
11. **Poorly located and narrow private open space**
12. **Tall and solid front fences**

Fronts & Backs

Two detached or semi-detached dwellings arranged on a site with one dwelling sited behind the other.

Key Characteristics

- Mid-block or corner site.
- On mid-block sites, orientate dwellings to the street and shared driveway.
- On corner sites, orientate dwellings to either street.
- Living areas and private open space generally at ground level.
- Garages set back from or obscured by dwellings.
- Consolidated crossover for mid-block and separated crossovers for corner site.
- Similar design and material palette (not necessarily identical).
- 1 – 2 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Limited and Gradual change areas.
- Single lots.

Layout Options

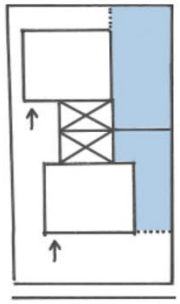

Figure 1: Mid-block site

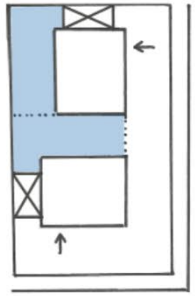

Figure 2: Corner site

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Duplex

Two attached dwellings fronting the street with a shared central wall.

Key Characteristics

- Mid-block or corner site.
- On mid-block sites, orientate dwellings to the street.
- On corner sites, orientate dwellings to either street.
- Living areas and private open space generally at ground level.
- Garages set back from or obscured by dwellings.
- Separate crossovers for both mid-block and corner site.
- Attached under one roof line.
- Similar design and material palette.
- 1 – 2 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Limited and Gradual change areas.
- Single lots.
- Minimum lot width of 15m.

Layout Options

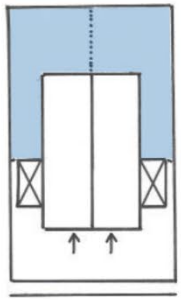

Figure 3: Mid-block site

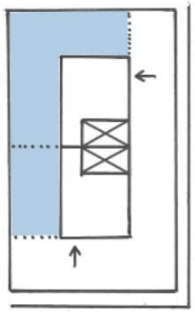

Figure 4: Corner site

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Courtyard

Multiple semi-detached and attached dwellings arranged around a central informal courtyard with a common driveway.

Key Characteristics

- Mid-block consolidated site.
- Orientate front row of dwellings to the street with access to dwellings at the rear via common driveway.
- Orientate rear row of dwellings to the common driveway/shared courtyard space.
- Consolidated single crossover for common driveway.
- Mix of ground level and reverse living.
- Private open space in reverse living should front the street or common driveway/shared courtyard space.
- Rows of dwellings attached under one roof line preferred.
- Similar design and material palette.
- 1 – 2 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Limited, Gradual and Moderate change areas.
- Two or more consolidated lots.

Layout Options

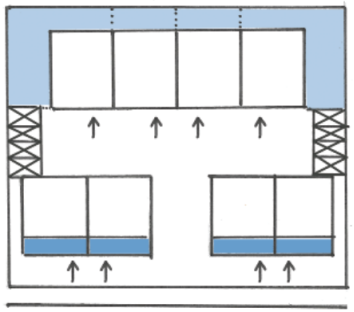

Figure 5: Mid-block site

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Gun Barrel

Multiple semi-detached dwellings fronting the street or common driveway.

Key Characteristics

- Mid-block or corner site.
- On mid-block sites, orientate the front dwelling to the street with rear dwellings orientated to the common driveway.
- On corner sites, orientate dwellings to the street with vehicle access to the rear along the internal shared boundary.
- Garages not visible from the street.
- Consolidated crossover for single common driveway.
- Mix of ground level and reverse living.
- Similar design and material palette (not necessarily identical).
- 1 – 2 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Limited, Gradual and Moderate change areas.
- Single lots.
- Minimum lot width 15m.

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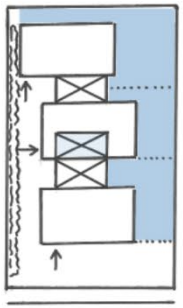

Figure 6: Corner site

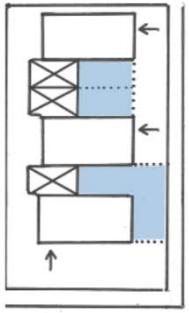

Figure 7: Mid-block site

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Attached Townhouse

Three or more attached houses with shared walls sited along a street frontage or common driveway.

Key Characteristics

- Single lot or consolidated lot on mid-block or corner site.
- On single mid-block sites, orientate the front dwelling to the street with rear dwellings oriented to the common driveway or common pedestrian access.
- On single corner sites, orientate dwellings to the street with vehicle access to the rear along the internal shared boundary.
- On consolidated mid-block sites:
  - Orientate front row of dwellings to the street and rear row of dwellings to the common driveway; or
  - Orientate two parallel rows of dwellings along either neighbouring side boundary with a common driveway down the middle and private open space either at ground level on side boundaries or in balconies oriented to common driveway.
- On consolidated corner lots:
  - Orientate one row of dwellings to the street (with private open space in balcony) and a second parallel row of dwellings to open common driveway (with private open space at ground level); or
  - Orientate two rows of dwellings with shared side and rear walls to the street and neighbouring side boundary with all private open space in balconies and an enclosed and secure consolidated garage at ground level.
- Mix of ground level and reverse living.
- Car parking in either individual closed garage or open secured garage.
- Attached under one roof line.
- Similar design and material palette.
- 2 - 3 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Gradual and Moderate Change Areas
- Minimum lot width of:
  - 15m for consolidated vehicle and pedestrian access; and
  - 18m for separated vehicle and pedestrian access.

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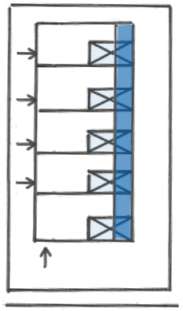

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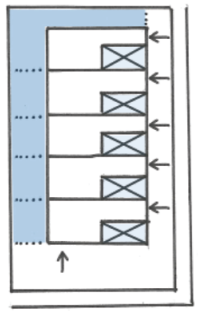

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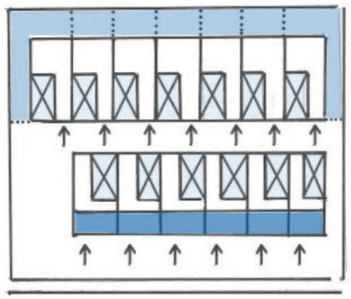

Figure 10: Mid-block site

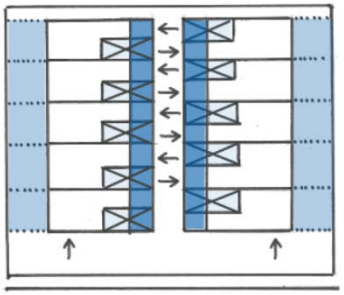

Figure 11: Corner site

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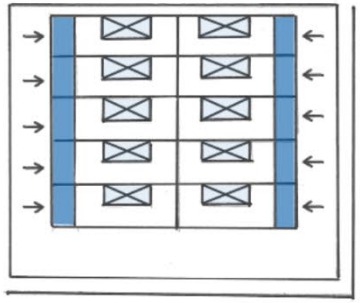

Figure 12: Mid-block site

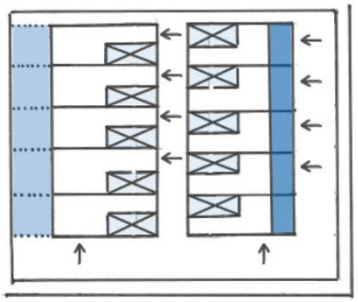

Figure 13: Mid-block site

Good Example

Apartment

A building containing two or more dwellings where there are dwellings above or below another dwelling.

Key Characteristics

- Larger lot or consolidated parcel.
- Sited along the street frontage.
- Dwellings oriented to arrange balconies to the front or rear.
- Consolidated car parking at ground level or basement.
- Generous side setbacks with landscaping preferred in residential streets.
- Commercial tenancy at ground level with higher ceilings for apartment developments in activity centres.
- Up to and including 4 storeys.

Where Encouraged

- Moderate and High change areas and activity centres.
- Minimum lot width of 18m.

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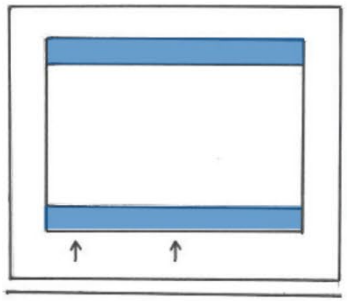

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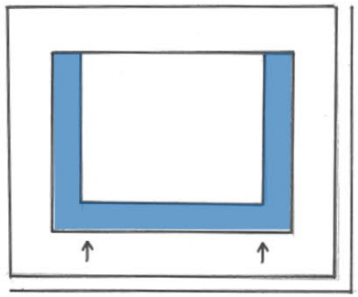

Figure 15: Corner site

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Design Guidelines

Site Layout

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Site Layout

Site layout relates to the overall design and configuration of the development including its building footprint and orientation, vehicle and pedestrian access, location of private open space and landscape provision. It also addresses how development should respond to the site's context and immediate interfaces.

Design objectives:

- To ensure an efficient and functional arrangement of dwellings on the site that promotes liveability and maximises access to amenity.
- To ensure development enhances the safety and amenity of the public realm.
- To ensure development is designed to respond appropriately to a site's context, including preferred neighbourhood character, immediate abuttals, and individual attributes.
- To ensure development in High Change areas does not compromise the future development potential of adjoining sites.

1. Ensure development layouts maximise available solar access.

a. Arrange and orientate dwellings to maximise solar access to private open space and windows to habitable rooms.

b. Arrange and orient roof forms to encourage visually integrated solar cell arrays and maximise their solar access.

Figure 16: Guideline 1b

2. Ensure dwellings are arranged to face the street and maximise passive surveillance of the public realm and any common property areas.

a. Orientate dwellings to street frontages and adjoining public open space.

b. Arrange and position front entries and habitable rooms with windows and balconies towards the public realm and common property areas.

c. Encourage ground level private open space and living rooms to be located at the rear of properties.

d. Discourage primary ground level private open space fronting the street that result in high fences and screening.

e. In Moderate and High Change areas, encourage reverse living arrangements with upper-level habitable rooms that have direct access to secluded private open space (such as balconies) which overlook the public realm and common property areas.

f. Maximise the provision of balconies and windows at upper levels.

Figure 17: Guideline 2a and 2e

3. Ensure development layouts responds to the preferred built form rhythm of the street.

a. In Limited Change areas, arrange development to maintain the prevailing front setback within the streetscape.

b. In Gradual, Moderate and High Change areas where variations within ResCode are encouraged, set development closer to the street if it provides a positive contribution to the public realm through increased activity and passive surveillance outcomes.

c. Encourage side setbacks that provide space for landscaping.

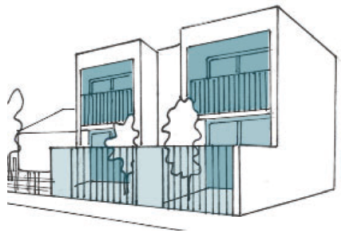

Figure 18: Guidelines 3b

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4. Ensure development layouts make the most of the landform

a. Ensure development responds to topographic change and minimize the height and extent of retaining walls.

b. Encourage basements and semi-basements on lots which rise from the street frontage to the rear boundary.

c. Encourage driveways to incorporate sloped and flat sections of hardscape

Figure 19: Guideline 4a

5. Ensure the physical and visual presence of vehicle access and garages are minimised from the public real

a. Encourage the provision of car storage at basement/semi basement levels or to the rear of sites.

b. Encourage car parking to be consolidated and accessed from rear laneways or secondary street frontages.

c. Arrange common driveways with garage doors perpendicular to the street frontage to minimise their visibility from the public realm.

d. Avoid ending common driveways with garage doors.

e. Separate garages to avoid the presentation of double garage doors and 'garagescapes'.

f. Recess garage doors at least 0.5m behind front walls of building façades facing the street to reduce their prominence.

g. Separate garages along the same elevation by front doors and windows to avoid dead interfaces.

Figure 20: Guideline 5b

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6. Ensure development layouts retain existing mature canopy trees of value and provide space to achieve the preferred landscape character of the street

a. Arrange development to protect (including root structure) and maintain any existing canopy trees of value within the site, on neighbouring sites, and within the street reserve.

b. Encourage perimeter setbacks to maintain and enhance the provision of landscape planting including canopy trees around development to soften and filter views towards its elevations.

Figure 21: Guideline 6b

7. Encourage lot consolidation that uses land more efficiently and delivers good design outcomes that would be harder to achieve on smaller sites

a. Support lot consolidation that enables an increase in density (i.e. building height and/ or number of dwellings) through the provision of apartment or fully attached townhouse development.

b. Support lot consolidation that allows improved livability outcomes (i.e greater access to solar amenity, more functional internal layouts and/ or increased size ofh private open space).

c. Support lot consolidation that enables basement car parking or more dwellings to be accessed via a consolidated shared driveway.

d. Support lot consolidation that enables greater communal open space and/or more space for landscaping (especially on side setbacks).

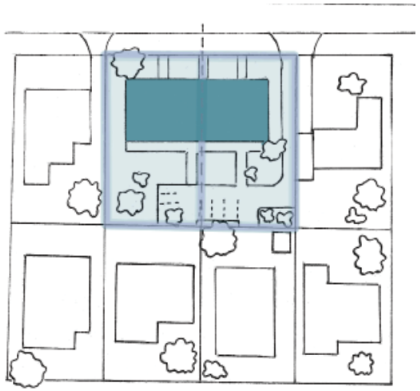

Figure 22: Guideline 7a

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Building Design & Streetscape

Building design and streetscape presentation relates to the overall height and massing of development, how the building presents and interacts with the street and how the design responds to landform to capitalise of available outlook and minimum visual bulk. Good design comprises simple expression, balanced building composition which follows the natural landform, considered use of materials and the activation of the public realm.

Design objectives:

- To encourage simple and high-quality contemporary buildings that will contribute towards the preferred character of the streetscape.
- To ensure buildings are integrated into sloping sites and minimise the need for unnecessary earth works.
- To ensure buildings provide a clear sense of address.
- To ensure new developments are constructed with robust materials that will last.
- To ensure building services and infrastructure provision do not negatively impact on the design aesthetic of the development.

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8. Encourage simple and balanced building arrangements that respond to the preferred built form rhythm of the street

a. Encourage simple and clean massing arrangements.

b. In areas with an existing low-scale character, ensure upper levels appear visually recessive by setting upper levels back from front and/or side boundaries, or using light colours and varied materials on upper levels.

c. In Limited and Gradual change areas, ensure the overall building mass is broken up on side elevations to reduce the visual impact of development in oblique views from the street.

d. Ensure dwelling facade treatments continue along side elevations to ensure the building is read as a whole element from the street.

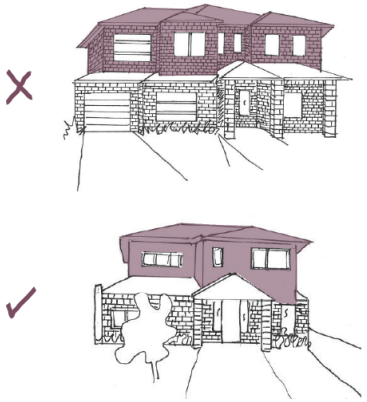

Figure 23: Guideline 8b

9. Ensure development sensitively integrates into sloping sites

a. Ensure stepped building designs (even in attached development) follow the topography of the land.

b. Ensure development is designed to minimise the height and extent of retaining walls.

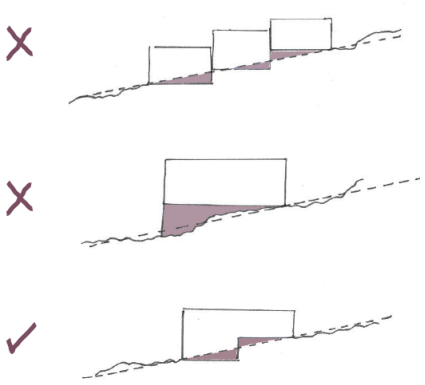

Figure 24: Guideline 9a

10. Encourage upper levels to be cantilevered and only partially traverse over shared driveways.

a. Avoid the use of structural beams to support upper levels across driveways Upper levels should not cantilever over the common driveway unless accommodating open space and encroaches no more than 50% of the common driveway

b. Encourage light weight projecting structures such as balconies above portions of the driveway.

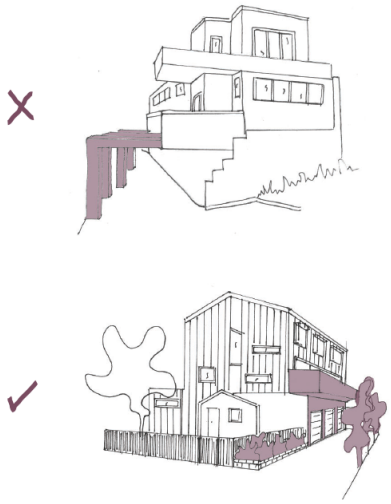

Figure 25: Guidelines 10a and 10b

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11. Encourage simple roof forms

a. Ensure clear roof profiles that are integrated into the overall building form, rather than 'caps' on top of elevations.

b. Encourage simple pitched or skillion roofs, and avoid overly complex hipped roof forms.

Figure 26: Guideline 11a

12. Encourage contemporary architecture that uses articulation to create visual interest.

a. Ensure buildings clearly express their era of development and avoid mimicry of heritage dwellings and design features.

b. Ensure two dwellings on a lot or semi detached dwellings have asymmetrical design presentation to street frontages to provide subtle distinctions to individual dwellings.

c. Ensure materials, finishes and architectural design elements are used to articulate overall building mass.

Figure 27: Guideline 12c

13. Ensure development provides a clear 'sense of address' to individual dwellings.

a. Ensure dwellings that front the street orientate entrances (front doors or gates) towards the street with direct access.

b. Ensure clear sightlines between front doorways and the public realm or common property areas.

c. Arrange entrances and dwelling front doors with a spatial distinction from each other and a clear threshold space incorporating glazing, weather projection with lighting, accessibility for those with limited mobility, landscape provision and numbering.

d. Use architectural details such as awnings and porches to clearly define front doors facing the street/common driveways and allow for slight recesses within facades for dwellings facing the street.

e. Encourage glazing next to front doors to allow for increased passive surveillance and increased visual amenity.

Figure 28: Guideline 13c

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14. Ensure developments use high quality and robust materials that required minimal maintenance.

a. Encourage the use of contemporary materials, including brick (especially recycled brick), besser block; natural timber; cement sheets, corrugated metal sheet, aluminum cladding and light weight metal cladding.

b. Avoid Lightweight cladding with rendered finish and stack stone cladding that do not age well and require ongoing maintenance.

15. Ensure building services are visually integrated with the overall design.

a. Encourage services, such as air-conditioning units, hot water system and downpipes, to be located to the side or rear of dwellings.

b. Ensure any services and balcony support structures that are visible from the public realm is integrated into the overall design to ensure they are visually recessive .

c. Ensure any roof mounted services, such as air conditioners, solar panels and hot water systems are positioned to minimise their visibility from the public realm.

d. Ensure utility meters within the front setback are integrated into the frontage design and are visually concealed.

e. Encourage front entrance features that reflect the architecture and materials of the building and integrate street address and letter boxes.

Figure 29: Guideline 15d

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Communal Areas & Parking

Communal areas and parking relate to all areas outside of the private realm, including shared access to the site for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, as well as the provision of car and bicycle parking in both the public and private realm. The arrangement of access and movement is critical to achieving a good design outcome, as it impacts a developments streetscape presentation, site layout, sense of address and safety consideration between people and vehicle movements.

Design objectives:

- To activate the street and foster greater community interaction.
- To ensure safe and legible access for both people and vehicles.
- To minimise potential conflicts between people and vehicles.
- To ensure parking is provided in the best location.
- To encourage sustainable forms of transport.

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16. Encourage functional front spaces to the street that engage with the public realm and provide a public benefit.

a. Arrange private and communal spaces within lot frontages as functional areas so that they can be utilised by residents and activate the streetscape.

b. Incorporate communal seating into boundary treatments that creates passive pause place and opportunity to foster greater interaction between residents and passing pedestrians.

c. Ensure verandahs or porch spaces that front the public realm or communal areas are slightly elevated and provide sufficient spaces to stand or sit with weather protection to improve passive surveillance opportunities.

d. Where fences are provided, encourage them to be low and visually permeable.

Figure 30: Guideline 16b

17. Encourage communal driveways and consolidation of cross-over where possible.

a. Arrange developments to share common driveways and minimise the number of individual crossovers within the streetscape.

b. Ensure driveways and crossovers are located to maximise the area for nature strips, street trees and on-street parking.

c. On corner lots, encourage provision of a shared driveway along the internal side boundary, freeing up the street frontage from multiple individual driveways and concealing garages from dominating the streetscape.

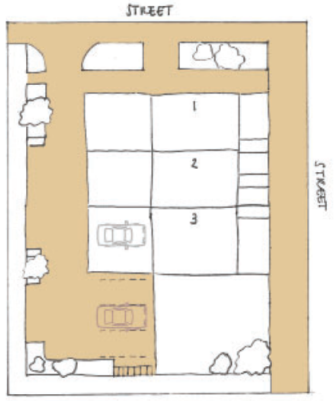

Figure 31: Guidelines 17a and 17c

18. Ensure common driveways are designed as shared spaces.

a. Ensure common driveways use a high quality and varied hardscape treatment to reinforce a shared space environment.

b. Ensure shared spaces are designed to prioritise pedestrian access.

c. Encourage the design of shared spaces to clearly define individual sense of address.

Figure 32: Guideline 18b

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19. Encourage the integration of feature lighting that enhances safety.

a. Ensure lighting is provided at main entrances and individual front doors.

b. Ensure lighting is provided in communal areas and is designed to sufficiently illuminate walkways and spaces without unreasonably impacting internal amenity of dwellings, in particular, bedrooms.

c. Encourage lighting at lower levels, integrated into building elevations or paved areas to minimise the provision of stand-alone lighting.

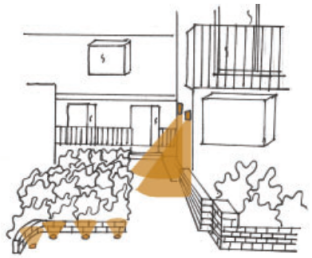

Figure 33: Guideline 19b

20. Encourage integrated bicycle parking within dwellings.

a. Provide secure and sheltered bicycle parking provision for all dwellings.

b. Encourage wall mounted bicycle racks within garages, alcoves within front entrances, or sheltered areas within ground level private open spaces.

c. Integrate resident and visitor bicycle parking areas approximate to main entrances and front doors.

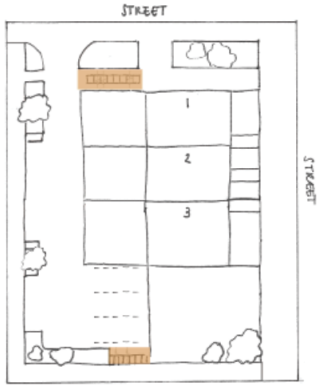

Figure 34: Guideline 20c

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Amenity & Internal Layout

Amenity relates to the level of comfort and liveability of the dwelling generated from the features and internal layout of dwellings, design of private open spaces, access to daylight and ability to heat and cool passively. Access to amenity should be maximised while not unreasonably impacting existing and potential future development outcomes on neighbouring land.

Design objectives:

- To ensure environmentally responsible design.
- To ensure development does not unreasonably impinge on amenity access of abutting dwellings.
- To arrange dwellings with high levels of amenity, which do not rely on privacy treatments to resolve overlooking or intervisibility matters.
- To ensure dwellings comprise sufficient internal storage for future resident's needs
- To provide functional and useable private open space.
- To ensure the internal layout of dwellings and room dwellings provides good liveability for future resident's needs.

21. Ensure development minimises and reduces its environmental footprint.

a. Ensure all dwellings achieve the current minimum star energy rating. Encourage energy-efficient dwellings that can significantly reduce running costs and provide passive comforts to residents.

b. Encourage operable windows on opposite sides of dwellings to all cross ventilation to cool dwellings in summer.

c. Encourage deep eaves or pergolas on the north side of the buildings to shade windows in summer and allow sunlight to pass beneath in winter.

d. Ensure developments integrate rainwater harvesting, storage and gray water systems to reduce their water usage. Ensure development minimises and reduces its environmental footprint.

Figure 35: Guideline 21c

22. Ensure external glazing and balconies incorporate design features that enable residents to control their solar access and manage heat, particularly if orientated to the north or west.

a. Encourage double glazed windows and doors.

b. Avoid large, unprotected areas of glazing and encourage the provision of external shade devices, including window hoods or deep window recesses, moveable shutters or external blinds.

c. Discourage roller blinds and other forms of external security.

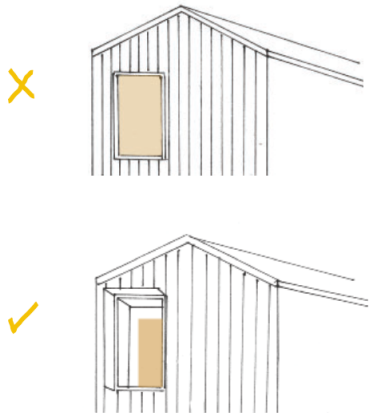

Figure 36: Guideline 22b

23. Provide generous balconies when proposed as sole secluded private open space.

a. Arrange balconies to orientate towards the street frontage or rear interface.

b. Arrange balconies off living areas and use doors that enable wide openings to create large indoor-outdoor living opportunities.

c. Arrange balconies to avoid provision of high privacy screening to overcome overlooking and intervisibility matters.

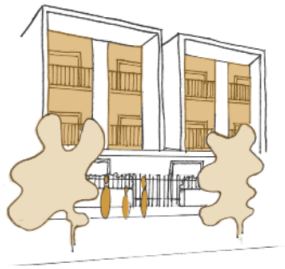

Figure 37: Guideline 23a

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24. Ensure balconies and elevated terraces are designed to provide good amenity and privacy for all

a. Encourage the provision of shade or shelter, particular over access doorways.

b. Encourage integrated awnings and moveable screens to enable residents to better control the environment of the balcony/terrace.

c. Encourage balconies to comprise sections of solid balustrade or opaque glazing to partially conceal residents from view, from the public realm.

d. Avoid glass or transparent balustrades, which lack privacy and can lead to the appearance of visual clutter.

Figure 38: Guideline 24b

25. Ensure the size and configuration of bedrooms and living areas provide good amenity

a. Ensure bedrooms and living areas meet the minimum area and dimension requirements specified in Better Apartment Design Guidelines.

b. Ensure living areas are to designed to provide a minimum room depth that will allow for a 2 seater couch in a 1 bedroom dwelling and a 3 seater couch in a 2 and more bedroom dwelling.

c. Ensure living areas designed to provide a functional layout to enable a tv to be located opposite a couch

d. Ensure living areas are designed to allow for a clear walkway to external areas through the living area that does not imping on where a couch should be located.

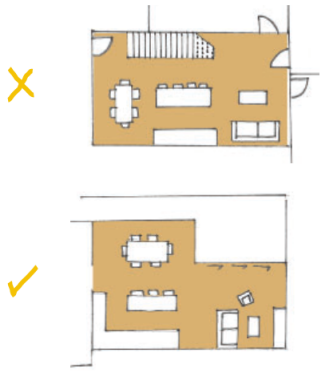

Figure 39: Guidelines 25b, 25c and 25d

26. Ensure the integration of sufficient storage within dwellings.

a. Encourage internal layouts that maximise available space for integrated storage within laundries, hallways and under staircases.

b. Encourage the provision of built-in storage in all bedrooms.

c. Ensure storage areas within garages are large enough to accommodate typical household items such as rubbish bins, bicycles, tools and camping gear.

d. Ensure dwellings with ground level private open space contains appropriate storage for gardening equipment.

e. Avoid the provision of external storage structures, sheds and bin enclosures that are visible from the public realm.

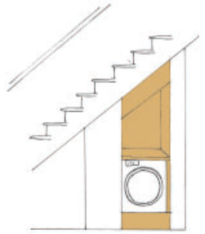

Figure 40: Guidelines 26a

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27. Encourage individual and secure garages to allow for flexible use and potential adaptability.

a. Arrange garages with access to amenity, such as glazing to provide access to daylight.

b. Encourage secondary rear doors or roller doors allowing access into abutting private open space.

c. Encourage integration of batteries and electric car charging facilities.

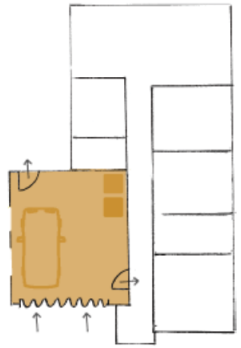

Figure 41: Guidelines 27b

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Landscape Design

Landscape provision can greatly enhance medium density residential development by creating lush environments designed to improve the overall amenity for residents. High quality landscape responses can ensure that the developments fully utilise all available open space, enhance and soften the appearance of the building within the streetscape, and provide urban cooling benefits.

Design objectives:

- To ensure landscaping that integrates with the built form and enhances amenity.
- To maximise canopy cover and its long-term sustainability.
- To ensure the provision of low maintenance landscaping that will thrive.
- To enhance water efficiency and reduce the urban heat island affect.

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28. Ensure the retention and provision of canopy trees in a space that they can thrive.

a. Retain existing canopy trees of ecological and landscape value.

b. Provide canopy trees within front and rear setbacks, with a minimum one canopy tree per dwelling.

c. Encourage the provision of canopy trees within side setbacks along with perimeter planting.

d. Ensure canopy trees have sufficient space and soil depth to support their long-term health.

Figure 42: Guideline 28b

29. Ensure the provision of lush and low maintenance landscape.

a. Provide a layered planting regime through the provision canopy trees, shrubs and ground covers.

b. Encourage hardy and low maintenance planting within private open space and communal areas .

Figure 43: Guideline29b

30. Ensure the provision of landscape along driveways to soften the edges.

a. Provide sufficient space for landscape planting along driveways, including spaces of varying widths to break up long view lines.

b. Encourage landscape and canopy tree provision to terminate views along driveways.

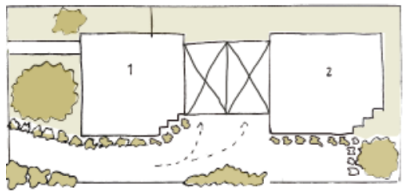

Figure 44: Guidelines 30a and 30b

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31. Maximise permeable surfaces.

a. Encourage the use of permeable pavers to reduce extent of hardscaping, especially in driveways and communal areas.

b. Avoid narrow and hardscaped perimeter spaces and large areas of bland concrete.

Figure 45: Guidelines 31a

32. Minimise cut and fill on sloping sites that creates the need for site retention.

a. Ensure retaining walls have a maximum height of 0.5m.

b. Ensure terraced garden beds have a minimum width of 1m to allow meaningful landscape provision.

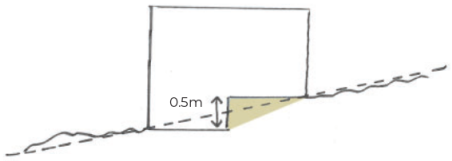

Figure 46: Guidelines 32a

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REPORT NO:	8.7
REPORT TITLE:	Joint Council Meeting for the Regional Partnership and Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC)
SOURCE:	Andrea Taylor, Coordinator Strategic Planning Projects
DIVISION:	City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	HCC22/664
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.3 Advance organisational high-performance through innovation and partnerships
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Joint Meeting Terms of Reference, August 2023*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 The Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) is located in the Lockerbie Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and straddles the boundaries of Hume, Whittlesea and Mitchell councils. If planned strategically, the Cloverton MAC will become the new capital of the northern growth corridor, servicing a regional catchment of approximately 380,000 residents across the three council areas and sustaining an estimated 7,500 jobs within the MAC, and approximately 50,000 jobs more broadly.

1.2 The role of the Cloverton MAC and the area it needs to service is unprecedented, providing both challenges and enormous opportunity. Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the three councils, officers have been working collaboratively as a Regional Partnership on the planning for the Cloverton MAC.

1.3 It is recommended that Council holds and participates in a joint meeting of the three councils to discuss the strategic importance of Cloverton MAC to all three councils, formally endorse the Regional Partnership and the high-level vision and principles underpinning the planning and development of the Cloverton MAC, and to seek coordination and assistance from the Victorian Government in its planning and delivery.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 Under Section 62 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, hold and participate in a joint meeting of the Hume City Council, Whittlesea City Council and Mitchell Shire Council on 3 October 2023 at 5pm;

2.2 Note should the start time of the joint council meeting be amended, public notice via Council's website will be provided at least 7 days prior to the meeting;

2.3 Endorse the purpose of the joint council meeting to discuss the strategic importance of Cloverton as a Metropolitan Activity Centre to all three councils, endorse a high level vision and principles to underpin the work of the partnership and to seek coordination and assistance from the Victorian Government;

2.4 Endorse the terms of reference for the joint council meeting (Attachment 1);

2.5 Endorse the joint council meeting:

2.5.1 Being held at Whittlesea City Council chambers;

2.5.2 Using the governance rules of Whittlesea City Council;

2.5.3 Being chaired by the Mayor of Hume City Council; and

2.6 Nominate two additional representatives of the Hume City Council to participate in the joint Council Meeting together with the Mayor.

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3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Local Government Act 2020 (The Act).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications as a result of holding a joint council meeting.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The high-level vision and principles that will guide the planning of the Cloverton MAC seeks to achieve a compact and walkable urban form and exemplar sustainability outcomes.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The high-level vision and principles that will guide the planning of the Cloverton MAC align with the policy objectives and guiding principles in the Act and the *Climate Change Act 2017 (Vic)* and legislation listed in Schedule 1.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Regional Partnership will align with Council's commitment to social justice and human rights outline in the *Social Justice Charter* and the *Hume Citizen's Bill of Rights*.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

The community will be informed of the joint council meeting, include the date, time and location, through Council's normal communications channels. It is also intended that the meeting with be livestreamed.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Background

9.1.1 The Cloverton MAC (also known as Lockerbie MAC) is located within the gazetted Lockerbie Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) and is identified in Plan Melbourne as a future Metropolitan Activity. Straddling the boundary of three local government areas – Hume, Whittlesea and Mitchell – the MAC will play a crucial role in Melbourne's northern growth corridor.

9.1.2 The Lockerbie PSP (gazetted in 2012) already includes a high level masterplan to guide future development in the centre. However, the vision for the MAC, including its role within the wider area (and the scale of regional services and infrastructure it needs to support) has evolved significantly over the last 10 years.

9.1.3 If planned strategically, the Cloverton MAC will become the new capital of the north and be home to an estimated 10,000 residents in the city centre and approximately 380,000 residents in the wider area, roughly the size of Canberra.

9.1.4 The Cloverton MAC will become the primary employment and service centre for the growing suburbs of Mickleham, Kalkallo, Donnybrook, Beveridge and Wallan. The MAC alone will sustain an estimated 7,500 jobs and approximately 50,000 jobs more broadly.

9.1.5 The area that the Cloverton MAC needs to service is unprecedented, providing both challenges and enormous opportunity. In order to meet this challenge, officers from all three councils have been working collaboratively as a first-of-its-kind Regional Partnership. The Regional Partnership has been formalised through a MOU signed by the three CEOs.

9.1.6 The site of the MAC is owned by a single developer (Stockland), who members of the Regional Partnership have begun working with on the preliminary masterplanning for the MAC. This masterplanning is more detailed than the gazetted PSPs that apply to the site.

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9.1.7 Given the strategic role the Cloverton MAC will play in the wider northern growth corridor and the scale of both the challenges and the opportunities it presents, a joint council meeting is considered a crucial next step and the ideal forum for the three councils to:

(a) Commit publicly to the Regional Partnership on progressing the planning of the Cloverton MAC and agree to a high level vision and principles to guide this work.

(b) Jointly seek support from the Victorian Government in recognition of the MAC's significance.

9.2 Joint meeting of councils

9.2.1 Section 62 of the Act provides for two or more councils to hold a joint meeting. Pursuant to Section 62(3)(b) there must be at least three Councillors from each of the councils holding the joint meeting to participate in the meeting.

9.2.2 In order for a joint meeting to occur, each council must pass a resolution in advance authorising participation in the meeting, nomination of attendees, and the governance processes to be use. It also recommended that Council adopt the Terms of Reference (**Attachment 1**) to guide how the joint meeting will be run.

10. CONCLUSION:

10.1 If planned strategically, the Cloverton MAC will be a sustainable and thriving new city in Melbourne's north, supporting the economic, educational and social needs of the wider northern growth corridor.

10.2 It is recommended that Council holds and participates in a joint meeting of the Hume, Whittlesea and Mitchell councils to discuss the strategic importance of Cloverton MAC to all three councils, formally endorse the Regional Partnership and the high-level vision and principles underpinning the planning and development of the Cloverton MAC, and to seek coordination and assistance from the Victorian Government in its planning and delivery.

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Joint Council Meeting – City of Whittlesea, Mitchell Shire Council and Hume City Council
Terms of Reference August 2023

1. Objectives

To hold a joint Council meeting with nominated representatives from Hume City Council, Whittlesea City Council and Mitchell Shire Council (Member Councils).

2. Scope

The joint meeting will be to endorse resolutions relating to the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC), which affects all three Member Councils.

Nominated representatives will discuss resolutions in relation to the Cloverton MAC.

Any resolutions endorsed at the joint meeting will apply to all three Member Councils equally.

Additional agenda items not directly relating to the Cloverton MAC are outside the scope of the joint meeting.

3. Governance, including Membership and chairperson

Meeting procedures
The Governance Rules of City of Whittlesea shall be utilised for this meeting.

Membership & quorum
In accordance with Clause 62(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, three representatives from each Council will hold the meeting.

Representatives of each council will be nominated at a prior Council meeting of the respective Councils.

Quorum will be 6 of 9.

All representatives will have an equal vote.

Chairperson
The meeting will be Chaired by Cr Joseph Haweil of Hume City Council. The Deputy Chair will be Cr Fiona Stevens of Mitchell Shire.

Purpose of the partnership

The purpose of the joint meeting is for the Council's to collectively resolve to:

- Commit publicly to a partnership on progressing the vision for Cloverton

- Consider a draft vision and set of principles to guide the work around the Cloverton MAC
- Jointly seek support from the State Government in recognition of the MACs significance.

Agenda and minutes

- The council report for the meeting will be prepared by Hume City Council officers and circulated in draft to relevant staff at Whittlesea and Mitchell Councils for endorsement.
- The final council report will be circulated to Whittlesea City Council governance team at least 8 days prior to the scheduled joint meeting.
- The nominated logo of each Council will be included on the front page of the meeting agenda and minutes.
- The minutes for the meeting will be recorded and distributed by Whittlesea City Council to the three member councils.

4. Accountability of representatives

Nominated representatives will be required to:

- Attend the joint meeting in person;
- Vote in accordance with Whittlesea City Council's Governance Rules;
- Agree, where appropriate, to participate in promotional opportunities.

5. Resources (staffing and budget)

Member Councils will each send the following staff to attend the joint meeting:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Appropriate Director(s)
- Governance Manager

Other staff from the Member Councils may attend the joint meeting subject to the approval of the relevant CEO.

No additional budget is required to be approved for the joint meeting. Costs are limited to staff time and any costs associated with holding the meeting; for example live stream costs, will be equally shared by the three Council's.

6. Deliverables

One public meeting held wholly in person and live streamed to each Council's nominated platform, where possible.

7. Meeting frequency

Once on 3 October 2023 at 5pm at the Civic Centre, Whittlesea City Council,25 Ferres Boulevard South Morang VIC 3752.

Any future meetings will require a further Council resolution of each Council, and updated Terms of Reference.

8. Reporting requirements

The meeting agenda and minutes will be made publicly available by all three Councils in accordance with each Council's existing Governance Rules.

9. Media

Council's Communications teams will work together to establish a joint media release after the meeting which will include a quotation from each Council representative.

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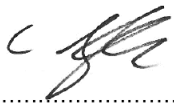

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REPORT NO:	8.8
REPORT TITLE:	141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn - Use of land as a Community Centre and a reduction in Car Parking
SOURCE:	Zack Bozlar, Town Planner (Major Projects & Investment)
DIVISION:	City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	P24976
POLICY:	Hume Planning Scheme
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Recommendations and Conditions* 2. *Planning Provisions and Assessment* 3. *Zoning and Locality Map* 4. *Advertised Plans*

Application No:	P24976
Proposal:	Use of land for Community Centre and reduction in car parking
Location:	141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn
Zoning:	Urban Growth Zone – Schedule 1
Applicant:	Juan Carvajal – Hume City Council
Date Received:	7 December 2022

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 Planning approval is sought for the use of land for a Community Centre and reduction in car parking at 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn. Hume City Council is the owner of the land and is the applicant.

1.2 The application was advertised by direct mail to lots in the vicinity and the erection of an on-site sign. Council conducted informal consultation prior to formal advertising in the form of a drop-in information session. During the public notification period, seven objections were received. The application is being reported to Council as the number of objections exceeds officer delegation.

1.3 The application has been assessed against the relevant policies and the provisions under the *Hume Planning Scheme.* It is recommended that a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit be issued.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a Planning Permit for the use of land for Community Centre and a reduction in car parking at 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn, subject to the conditions set out in Attachment 1.

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3. PROPOSAL:

3.1 The application seeks planning permission for the use of the land for a Community Centre. The centre will principally operate as a community meeting place where meetings, recreation and training will take place. The centre will typically service up to 150 patrons. The centre will also provide two Maternal Child Health (MCH) rooms.

3.2 The centre is to be single storey and would have a frontage to Highlander Drive, positioned along the eastern side of the lot and be setback approximately 6.72m from the title boundary. The western frontage to Mackillop Street is setback approximately 31.42m.

3.3 The proposed centre is to be of a contemporary design in line with the existing character of the surrounds and will include materials such as fibre cement, cream coloured brick and Colourbond sheet cladding. It would consist of a lounge area, reception area/waiting room, kitchen/gathering space, three community rooms, a multipurpose room, training room and two Maternal Child Health (MCH) consulting rooms. The maximum height of the centre is proposed to be 6.49m.

3.4 The hours of operation are proposed to be:

(a) Sunday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 PM

(b) Friday & Saturday: 8:30 AM – 11:59 PM

3.5 A maximum of 280 patrons are proposed.

3.6 Access to the site would be gained from a two-way through road along the southern property boundary between Highlander Drive and Mackillop Street. The proposed accessway is 6.4m wide to accommodate two-way traffic. A total of 54 car spaces are proposed along either side of the proposed accessway.

3.7 The development is summarised as follows:

Site Area	7,015.45m^2
Site Coverage	3,276.27m^2 (46.7%)
Permeability	3,739.17m^2 (53.3%)

4. SITE AND SURROUNDS:

4.1 The subject site, which is currently vacant, is located on the western side of Highlander Drive. The site is rectangular in shape and is enclosed by Mackillop Street further to the west. It has a frontage of 76.02m to Highlander Drive and 78.72m to Mackillop Street. The northern and southern boundaries are approximately 85.56m (north) and 81.56m (south). Both of these adjoining lots are vacant.

4.2 There are no restrictive covenants or Section 173 Agreements on title. There are also no easements located within the property boundaries.

4.3 The surrounding area is an emerging residential neighbourhood and is identified as being a part of the Craigieburn R2 Precinct Structure Plan. The plans show the site being adjacent to the 'local centre' use designation. The surrounds are characterised by a school, local mall and medium density townhouses.

4.4 The site is approximately 85 metres from the local mall, 1.5 kilometres from Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre and its associated bus stops. The Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School is located adjacent to the subject site along the western side of Mackillop Street.

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5. PLANNING CONTROLS:

5.1 The subject site is zoned Urban Growth Zone – Schedule 1 – with the applied zone for the site being General Residential Zone – Schedule 1. The purpose of the zone is to encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area and to allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.

5.2 The Development Contributions Plan Overlay – Schedule 1 also applies to the site. The purpose of this overlay is to identify areas which require the preparation of a development contributions plan for the purpose of levying contributions for the provision of works, services and facilities before development can commence. The intention of the overlay is to fund infrastructure such as this proposed development. As the development is a form of community infrastructure, it is to be funded by the levy, as opposed to contribute to funds.

5.3 As outlined in the Craigieburn R2 Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) – Community Facilities objectives, Hume City Council is required to provide Maternal & Child Health and Community meeting spaces & NGO consulting rooms located within the 'local centre'. This is to support the provision of children's services, health facilities and formal recreational facilities as the population thresholds are reached. Council must also plan for a range of community facilities, cultural venues and services to meet the varying needs of local residents, both public and private and for the facility to be located within proximity of activity centres, and if possible co-locate with active and passive open space, including co-locating with schools with active open space to provide an opportunity to share facilities.

Planning permit triggers

5.4 The proposal is considered to be a 'place of assembly' as defined by the *Hume Planning Scheme*. A planning permit is required for the use of a 'place of assembly' pursuant to Clause 32.08-2. The buildings and works associated with the proposal are exempt under Clause 52.31 (Local Government Projects) as the development is carried out by or on behalf of a municipal council.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

5.5 The subject site is not located within an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity area. A mandatory Cultural Heritage Management Plan is not required under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018.

Planning Policy Framework

5.6 The Planning Policy Framework (including the Local Planning Policy Framework) sets out the objectives and strategies relevant to this application, including those relating to land use compatibility, community services, car parking and urban design. The objectives of the Planning Policy Framework have been considered in the assessment to follow, and a full list of the relevant Planning Policy Framework objectives and strategies is provided in an attachment to this report.

6. REFERRALS:

6.1 The application was referred internally to Council's Subdivisional Engineering, Civil Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Strategic Planning, Social Planning, Waste, Environment, Community & Activity Centre Planning and Landscape Planning for assessment and comment. The proposal was considered acceptable by these teams, subject to conditions.

6.2 No external referrals were required for this application.

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7. ADVERTISING:

7.1 The application was advertised under Section 52 of the Act (as further required by Section 96 of the Act) by maintaining a notice sign on site for a period of 14 days and sending notices to adjoining property owners and occupiers.

7.2 Additionally, although not required by the Act, Council sent a letter of intent to the Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School and a pop-up information session for the public via a pamphlet drop to 250 adjoining lot owners. This was done outside of and before the planning application process undertaken by Council's City Design Department on 17 June 2022 and 22 October 2022 respectively.

7.3 A total of seven objections were received to date during the advertising process for the application. The main topics raised in objection were in relation to traffic and car parking.

7.4 The objection concerns raised relate to traffic issues around the existing Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School. This included insufficient car parking provisions, impacts on-street car parking availability, increased traffic volumes and pedestrian safety relating to construction works.

7.5 The concerns raised by objectors relate to the existing traffic congestion on Mackillop Street during school peak hours. Most objections suggested completing the Mackillop Street and Marathon Boulevard roads that adjoin the subject site and Oscar Romero Catholic Primary School.

7.6 Council's traffic engineers considered the proposal to be acceptable based on the statutory car parking provisions within the Hume Planning Scheme. The proposal's operating hours, staff numbers and projected user numbers also didn't merit concern as users of the site can be regulated (via bookings) and the main traffic issues are during the peak drop-off/pick-up hours. Overall, the proposals car parking provision (fully contained within the site) and accessed from Highlander Drive is considered satisfactory.

7.7 Pedestrian safety issues were also raised owing to the construction works and increased traffic volume. Standard conditions will be recommended to manage the site during construction periods. Other standard conditions, including amenity conditions, are also recommended to be imposed.

7.8 Objection concerns also related to the closure of roads and inconvenience during the construction of the community centre. Road closures fall outside the scope of the planning application assessment.

8. ASSESSMENT:

8.1 The following assessment addresses the relevant provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme.

Is the land use appropriate?

8.2 The proposed land use and development accords with the broader planning policy frameworks of the Hume Planning Scheme by providing community facilities close to existing infrastructure and services which will meet the varied needs of the existing and future residents.

8.3 The development will also contribute to a sense of place for the emerging local centre of the Craigieburn R2 Area and is sited adjacent to the commercial tenancies, existing/future schools and open space areas. The proposal will have waste from the site collected by Council outside of operating hours.

8.4 The proposed hours of operation will be controlled through bookings and is unlikely to cause amenity impacts by virtue of its nature. The proposed operating hours are proposed to be Sunday – Thursday 8:30AM – 10:00PM and Friday & Saturday 8:30AM – 11:59PM. The expected number of regular patrons will be a maximum of 150 people, dispersed throughout the day and for short periods of time.

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8.5 The proposal is in line with the relevant State Planning Policies that apply to the land including Clause 15 – Built Environment and Heritage, Clause 18 – Transport and Clause 19 – Infrastructure. It is also in line with the approved Craigieburn R2 Precinct Structure Plan (approved 18 November 2010).

8.6 The proposal is in line with the 'vision and integrated neighbourhood designs for the precinct, the R2 Craigieburn PSP established the framework for the development of a sustainable urban structure by interlinking land use and transport nodes with the residential neighbourhoods to create a built environment which supports the development of a strong community and sense of place for Craigieburn. This sense of place and community is fostered through the careful planning for the provision of community infrastructure such as this proposal.

8.7 The PSP is also informed by demographic projections concluding that the Hume area has a higher proportion of families with young children than the metropolitan average, the facilitation of this proposal is in line with meeting the current and future needs of the community and will work in tandem with other community uses such as the existing and proposed schools in the vicinity. The PSP reserves the subject site for the purpose of a community land use adjacent to the centre of the precinct to complement its status as the 'local centre' and to meet the PSP's 'Community Hub Concept". Section 4.3 of the PSP outlines the requirement for the delivery of a community hub with the following requirements:

8.7.1 One integrated local community centre will be provided central to the PSP area and include:

(a) Site area of 0.7ha

(b) Building floor area of at least 1050m^2

(c) Double preschool, maternal and child health, meeting rooms, etc.

8.7.2 The opportunities for integrated facility delivery apply equally to sporting facilities as they do to items such as community centres and schools… where facilities are associated with schools, they should be designed concurrently to preserve the potential for integrated facility delivery and maximise sharing opportunities.

8.7.3 The requirements listed under section 4.3 of the PSP is currently being fulfilled with this proposal and will satisfy the requirements placed on Council by the State Government (Victorian Planning Authority) through the approved PSP.

8.8 The surrounding area is a 'local centre' – known as the 'Northern Urban Core' with community infrastructure such as schools, ovals and commercial tenancies in close proximity to the subject site. The surrounds also feature medium density residential townhouses with single dwellings which will utilise the community facilities, such as the proposal, as required.

8.9 The proposed development is consistent with the neighbourhood character of the area as the design elements are complementary to the existing Catholic Primary School, using a similar pitched roof and materials. The mass, scale and building materials is of a contemporary design that is sympathetic to the surrounding context.

8.10 The proposed development is to be a single storey facility with contemporary design elements such as cement sheet, cream recycled bricks and light colourbond roof cladding. The proposal will not be a dominant feature of the surrounding area but will form a unique and conforming built environment to its context.

<u>Is the traffic and car parking acceptable?</u>

8.11 The statutory car parking rate for place of assembly is 0.3 spaces per patron, resulting in a total demand under the Scheme of 84 car parking spaces. The proposed plans show

54 car parking spaces on-site resulting in a short fall of 30 car parking spaces of what is required under the Scheme.

8.12 The 54 car spaces proposed are located completely within the site within a new car parking area. The provision of the car park will create a through road between Highlander Drive and Mackillop Street allowing for cross-traffic flow. Mackillop Street is a narrow road which currently has no stopping during school hours restrictions and acknowledged current traffic congestion exists. As such, this street has been excluded as part of the on-street car parking assessment for the community centre land use.

8.13 An internal desktop assessment identified that there are approximately 60 on-street parking spaces within a 200 metre walking distance of the site.

8.14 The majority of the MCH operating hours occurring outside the peak parking demand (school hours) for the community centre. This, in combination with the on-street and on-site parking, ensures the proposed car parking provision is acceptable for this development.

8.15 The extension/completion of future roads are to be delivered by the relevant landowners and developers as required by the PSP (through the Development Contributions Overlay) ensuring broader road connectivity is achieved.

8.16 It is further proposed that an additional condition will be placed on the permit requiring the submission and approval of a Car Parking Management Plan. The purpose of this plan is to ensure that when events occur on site (and consist of more than 200 people) the amenity of the surrounding area is not affected. It will also ensure that on-street parking along Mackillop Drive is limited during school hours.

8.17 Overall, the traffic and car parking outcomes are deemed acceptable and standard conditions are recommended.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The proposal has been assessed against all relevant policies and provisions in the Planning Scheme.

9.2 The proposal meets the objectives and standards listed under the Urban Growth Zone – Schedule 1 (Clause 37.07), applied General Residential Zone (Clause 32.08), precinct structure plan (Craigieburn R2 PSP) and the Car Parking provisions (Clause 52.06). On balance, it is considered that the proposal creates an appropriate planning outcome for the site. The objections received have been given due regard and considered as part of the assessment.

9.3 On this basis, it is recommended that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit is issued.

Attachment 1 – Recommendation and Conditions

P24976: 141 HIGHLANDER DRIVE, CRAIGIEBURN 3064

Proposal: The use of land as a Community Centre and a reduction in Car Parking

That Council, having considered the application, its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the use of land as a Community Centre and a reduction of car parking at 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn, subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the commencement of the use, plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must show:
    a. A Car Parking Management Plan which details any events where patron numbers are equal to or above 200 persons on site.
    b. Limiting the use of on-street parking along Mackillop Drive during school hours.

2. The Car Parking Management Plan cannot be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

3. The development as shown on the endorsed plans or described in the endorsed documents must not be altered or modified except with the written consent of the responsible authority.

4. Once the approved development has started, it must be continued and completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority except with prior consent of the responsible authority.

5. The layout of the site and/or the size of the proposed buildings and the internal layout of the buildings as shown on the endorsed plan/s shall not be altered or modified except with the written consent of the responsible authority.

6. Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the use permitted by this permit may only operate between the following times:

    a) Sunday – Thursday 8:30AM – 10:00PM

    b) Friday & Saturday 8:30AM – 11:59PM

    c) Staffed hours: Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM

7. A maximum of 280 patrons associated with the Community Meeting Rooms/Multipurpose room/Training room/Lounge/Reception area are permitted at any one time.

8. Prior to commencement of works, a Construction Site Environmental Management Plan (CSEMP), must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority to address the potential impacts of construction works. The CSEMP must be in accordance with EPA Publication 1834: Civil construction, building and demolition guide and address methods for noise, dust, erosion and sediment control, waste and chemical management, flora/fauna protection, weed control, and archaeological/heritage impacts.

9. Prior to commencement of works, all personnel on site must be inducted into the CSEMP and all flora and fauna conservation requirements.

10. The approved CSEMP must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

11. All environmental sustainable design measures outlined in the Sustainability Design Report, must be installed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Where alternative ESD initiatives are proposed to those specified in the plan, the Responsible Authority may vary the requirements of plan if requested in writing, subject to the development achieving equivalent (or greater) ESD outcomes in association with the development.

12. Prior to the occupation of the development, a report must be provided to the Responsible Authority by a qualified Environmental Sustainable Design Consultant that demonstrate the delivery of all provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Sustainability Design Report to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

13. New buildings or works must not be erected or constructed and existing buildings must not be enlarged, rebuilt or extended except with the written consent of the responsible authority.

14. The subject land must be maintained in an orderly and neat manner at all times and its appearance must not, in the opinion of the responsible authority, adversely affect the amenity of the locality.

15. Outdoor lighting must be designed, baffled and located to the satisfaction of the responsible authority such that no direct light is emitted outside the boundaries of the subject land.

16. All parking bays to be line marked including the disabled bay pavement marking.

17. Areas set aside for the parking of vehicles together with the aisles and access lanes must be properly formed to such levels that they can be utilised in accordance with the endorsed plan(s) and must be drained and provided with an all-weather seal coat. The areas must be constructed, drained and maintained in a continuously useable condition to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

18. Areas set aside for the parking and movement of vehicles as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be made available for such use and must not be used for any other purpose.

19. Vehicle access to and from the subject land from any roadway or service lane must be by way of a vehicle crossing constructed in accordance with Council's Vehicle Crossing Specifications to suit the proposed driveway(s) and the vehicles that will use the crossing(s). The location, design and construction of the vehicle crossing(s) must be approved by the responsible authority after first obtaining a road opening permit from Council.

20. The whole of the subject land, including any landscaped and paved areas, must be graded and drained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority so as to prevent the discharge of stormwater from the subject land across any road or footpath or onto adjoining land.

21. The landscape area(s) shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be planted and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and once landscaped must not be used for any other purpose. Maintenance must include the removal of weeds and the replacement of any dead plants in accordance with the endorsed landscape planting schedule.

22. Before development allowed by this permit is occupied, landscaping works and boundary fencing as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

23. Any equipment required for refrigeration, air-conditioning, heating and the like must be located on the subject land or premises and/or must be suitably insulated for the purpose of reducing noise emissions, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

24. All works on or facing the boundaries of adjoining properties must be finished and surface cleaned to a standard this is well presented to neighbouring properties in a manner to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

25. The measures within the approved Stormwater Management Report must be implemented and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

26. Prior to the commencement of works, street trees must be temporarily fenced off with secure and obvious fencing in accordance with Australian Standard (AS4970-2009). Fencing must be signposted as 'tree protection zone'. The tree protection fence must remain around the street trees until the works are completed. Fill, machinery and building materials must not be placed, even for a short time, within the tree protection zone.

27. No street trees are to be removed or relocated as part of this development without the prior written approval of the Responsible Authority. Any street trees approved to be removed and/or replaced are to be removed and/or replaced by Council at the owner's or developer's expense.

28. Waste collection and management must be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the approved Waste Management Plan prepared by WGA (engaged by Brand Architects), dated 14 November 2022 to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

29. Provision must be made for litter control at stormwater inlet points within the car park and paved areas. All stormwater pits to be channel grated or grated as per Council's Standard Dwg. SD 210/215 or SD225 respectively.

30. Stormwater from all paved areas must be retained within the property and drained to the sites underground stormwater system, including pavement over the easement area.

31. Any cut or fill must not interfere with the natural overland stormwater flow.

32. No polluted and/or sediment laden runoff is to be discharged directly or indirectly into Council's drains or watercourses during construction.

33. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

    - the development and use are not started within three years of the date of this permit;
      or
    - the development is not completed within six years of the date of this permit.

    The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing:

    - before or within six months after the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has not yet started;
      or
    - within 12 months after the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has lawfully started before the permit expires.

NOTES:

- If a request for an extension of the commencement/completion dates is made out of time allowed by the condition, the responsible authority cannot consider the request and the permit holder will not be able to apply to VCAT for a review of the matter.

- An application for a 'Consent to Dig in the Road Reserve' permit for a vehicle crossing is to be submitted to Council for approval. A copy of the Council endorsed plan showing all vehicle crossing details is to be attached to the application. Any service relocations are to the approval of the Service Authority and at the owners cost.

- The discharge from the development in a 20% AEP storm event to the legal point of discharge to not exceed 100 litres/second. Any works associated with limiting the discharge from the site to below this rate will be the property of the property owner for future maintenance. Plans and calculations showing that the property's permissible site discharge will not be exceeded must be produced by a qualified engineer and submitted to Council's Civil Design Department for review and approval.

    - A pit inspection has shown that the existing LPD pipe from the property is currently a 100mm PVC. The diameter of this pipe will likely need to be upgraded in order to achieve the given maximum discharge rate.

- Prior to commencement of any works within the road reserve, an 'Application form for Consent to work within a Hume City Council Road Reserve' is required to be submitted to Council to obtain a permit to carry out the works.

- Detailed design plans of the road works with associated drainage must be submitted to Council's Assets and Engineering Department for approval.

- An "Application for Stormwater Legal Point of Discharge: R133 Legal Point of Stormwater Discharge" is required to be submitted to Council prior to connection to the drainage system.

- At the completion of works, nothing, including vehicles, is to be stored under the canopy of any existing street trees.

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Attachment 2 – Planning Policy Framework

P24976: 141 HIGHLANDER DRIVE CRAIGIEBURN 3064

Proposal: The use of the land as Community Centre and a reduction in car parking

The following Planning Policy Framework objectives of the Hume Planning Scheme are relevant to this proposal:

Clause	Applicable objective / strategy / purpose
Planning Policy Framework	
11.01-1S – Settlement	*To promote the sustainable growth and development of Victoria and deliver choice and opportunity for all Victorians through a network of settlements.*
15.01-1S – Urban design	*To create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.*
15.01-2S – Building design	*To achieve building design outcomes that contribute positively to the local context and enhance the public realm.*
15.01-5L – Hume preferred neighbourhood character	*This policy applies to all residential development in the numbered precincts in the Township of Sunbury… as shown on the Maps to this Clause*
Zoning Provisions	
32.08 – General Residential Zone (Schedule 1)	*To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.* *To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.* *To encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth particularly in locations offering good access to services and transport.*
37.07 – Urban Growth Zone (Schedule 1)	*To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.* *To manage the transition of non-urban land into urban land in accordance with a precinct structure plan.* *To provide for a range of uses and the development of land generally in accordance with a precinct structure plan.* *To contain urban use and development to areas identified for urban development in a precinct structure plan.* *To provide for the continued non-urban use of the land until urban development in accordance with a precinct structure plan occurs.* *To ensure that, before a precinct structure plan is applied, the use and development of land does not prejudice the future urban use and development of the land.*
Particular Provisions	
52.06 – Car parking	*To ensure that car parking is provided in accordance with the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.* *To ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be*

	generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality. *To support sustainable transport alternatives to the motor car.* *To ensure that car parking does not adversely affect the amenity of the locality.* *To ensure that the design and location of car parking is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.*
52.31 – Local Government Projects	*To facilitate the development of land by or on behalf of municipal councils. Any requirement in a zone or a schedule to a zone to obtain a permit to construct a building or construct or carry out works does not apply to the development of land carried out or on behalf of a municipal council.* *Subject to meeting the conditions of Clause 52.31-1.*
65.01 – Approval of an application or plan	*Sets out matters the Responsible Authority must comply with and achieve.*

LOCALITY MAP

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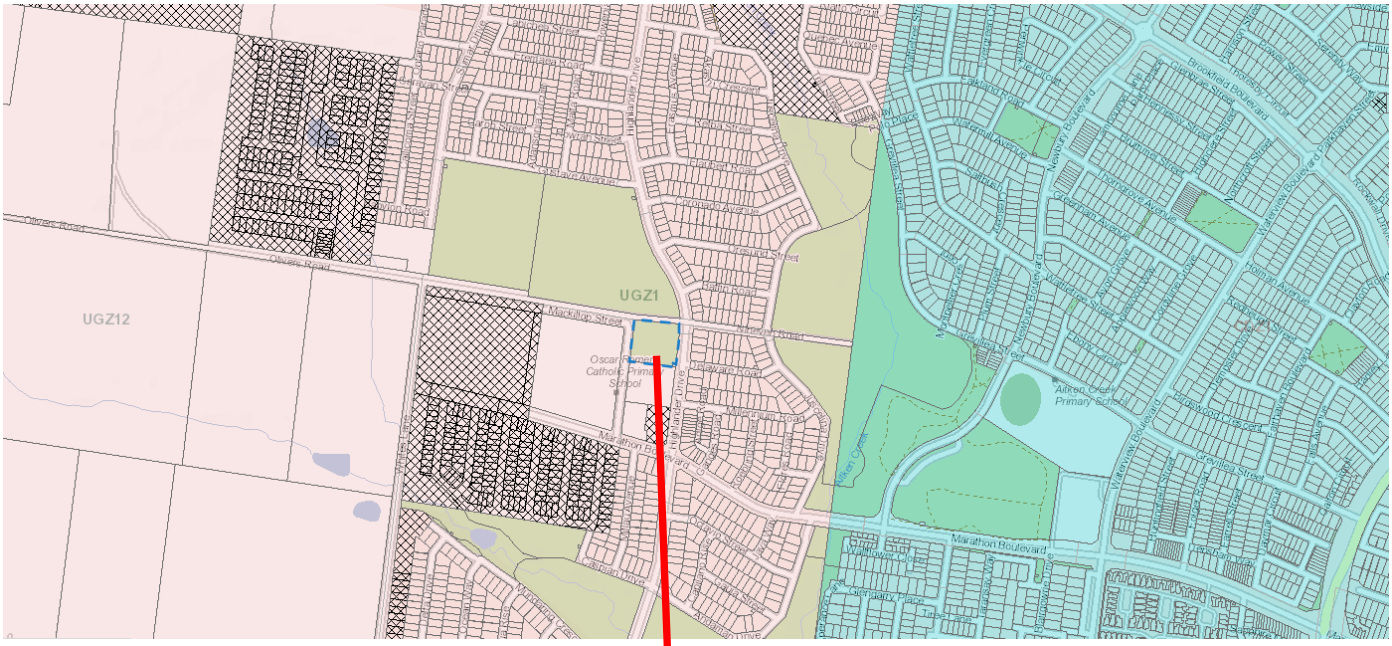
141 HIGHLANDER DRIVE, CRAIGIEBURN



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A03	DESIGN RESPONSE - GROUND FLOOR 1:200	TP 7
A04	DESIGN RESPONSE - GROUND FLOOR 1:100	TP 4
A05	DESIGN RESPONSE - ROOF	TP 6
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Contractors must verify all dimensions on site before commencement of any work or making of any shop drawings. Inform Architect of any discrepancies. Do not scale off drawings. All drawings to be read in conjunction with the specification

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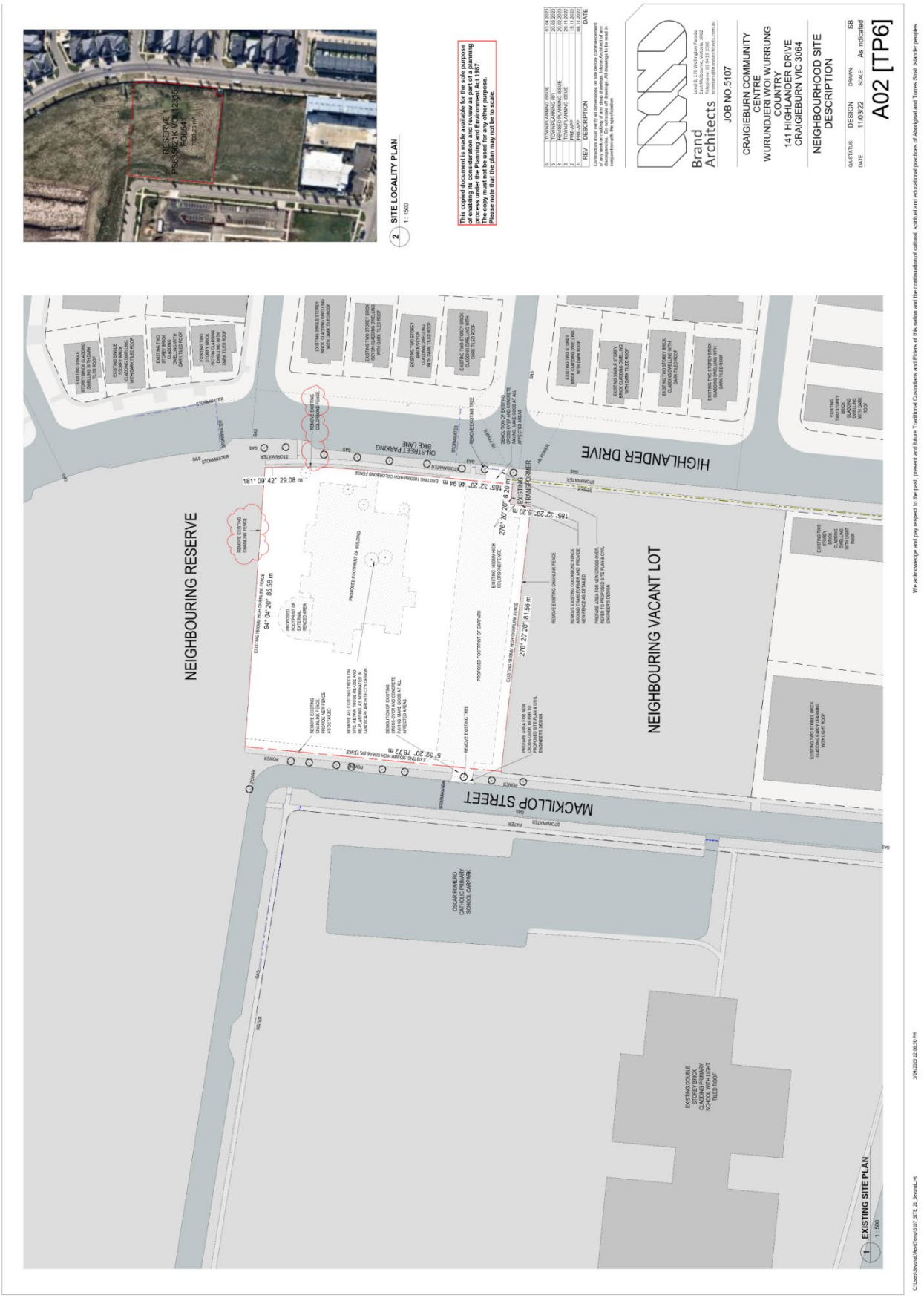
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NEIGHBOURING RESERVE
NEIGHBOURING VACANT LOT
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TRAINING
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LOUNGE
STORE 4
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STORE 5
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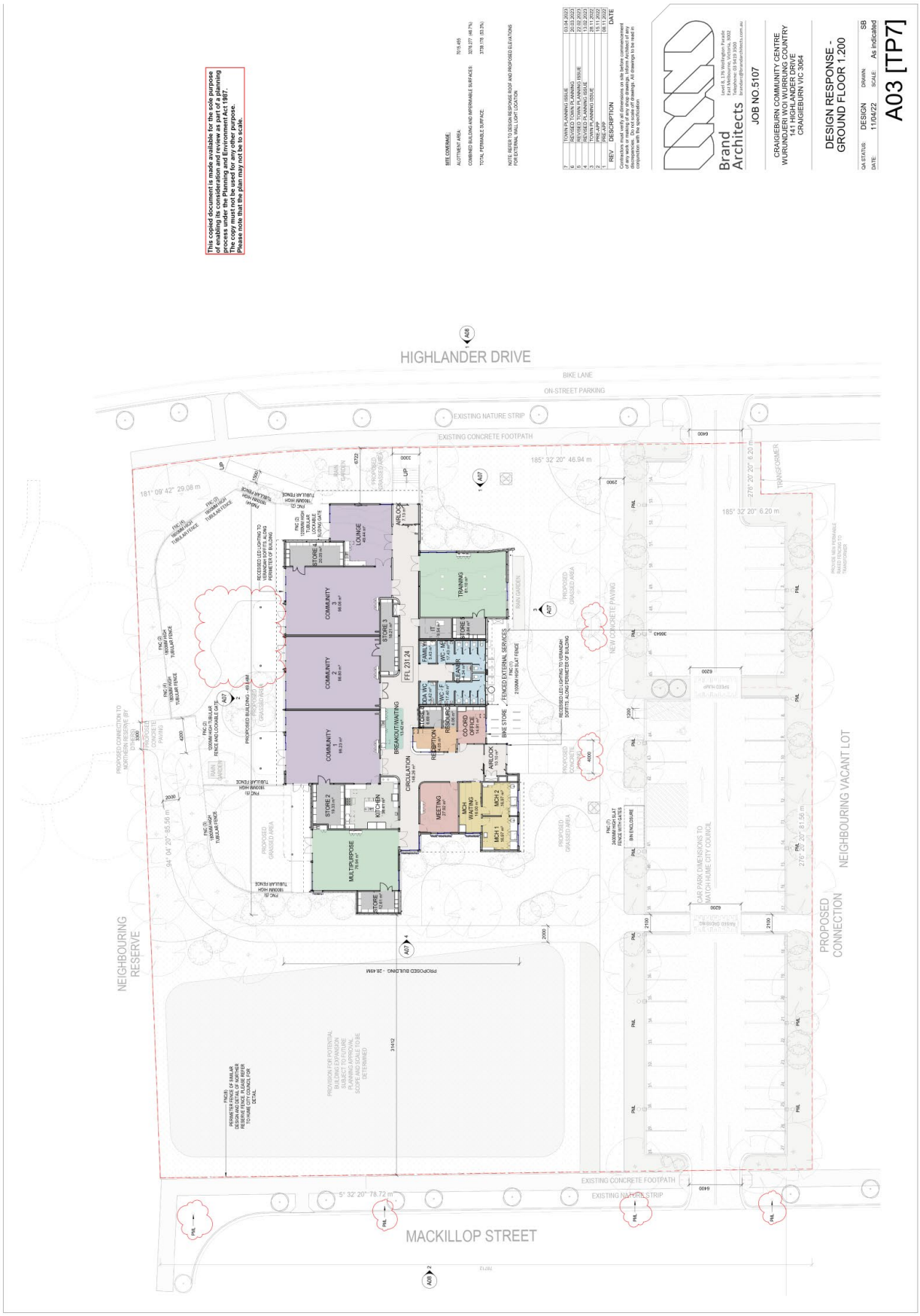

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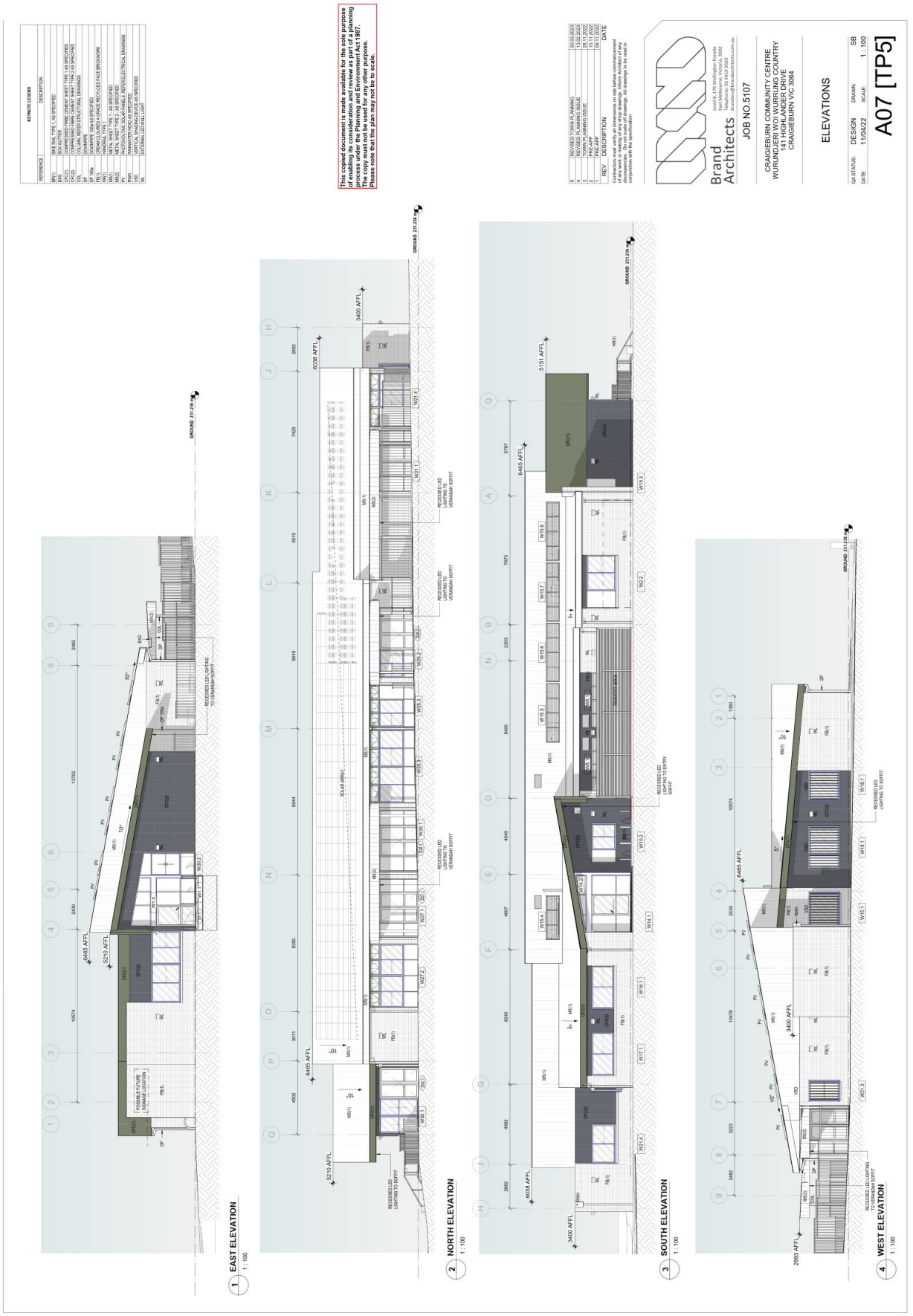
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SCH-01 EXTERNAL FINISHES SCHEDULE

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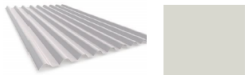
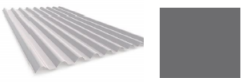
PROJECT:	CRAIGIEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE			**Current Issue/Revision**		**DD1**
PROJECT NO:	5107			**ISSUE/REVISION DATE**	**DESCRIPTION**	**NO.**
PROJECT PHASE:	DESIGN DEVELOPMENT			15.02.2021	PLANNING ISSUE	1
General Notes				20/03/2021	PLANNING RFI	2
This schedule is to be read in conjunction with the Project Drawings and Specification. All specified products to be installed strictly in accordance with the Manufacturer's Specified Requirements. Refer Drawings for locations - indicative locations provided where appropriate.				3/04/2023	PLANNING ISSUE	3
Drawing Keynote	**General Description**	**Image**	**Supplier/Product/Finish**	**Installation**	**Requirements/Comments**	**Rev. No.**
EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT						
MSSB	MSSB Enclosure		**Paint Supplier:** Dulux **Paint Finish:** Colorbond Basalt			
FNC(1)	External Fencing and Gate to Services Area		**Supplier:** Stratco **Product:** 75mm Ezi-Slat Fencing System and Gate **Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 1800mm **Spacings:** 20mm gap (95mm ctrs)			**2**
FNC(2)	External Fencing Tubular Fencing		**Product:** Flat Top Heavy Duty Tubular fencing and gate **Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 1200mm			
FNC(3)	External Fencing Tubular Fencing		**Product:** Flat Top Heavy Duty Tubular fencing and gate **Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 1800mm			
FNC(4)	External Fencing Tubular Fencing with brick plinth		**Product:** Flat Top Heavy Duty Tubular fencing with recycled cream brick plinth **Fence Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 1200mm		Brick plinth, 2-3 course high depending on location and site levels	
FNC(5)	External Fencing Tubular Fencing with brick plinth		**Product:** Flat Top Heavy Duty Tubular fencing with recycled cream brick plinth **Fence Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 1800mm		Brick plinth, 2-3 course high depending on location and site levels	
FNC(6)	External Boundary Fencing	TO FUTURE DETAIL	**Product:** Custom Post and Cable Fence **Finish:** Timber Composite plastic post with Gal. Stainless Steel Cabling **Height:** 1000mm **Spacing:** 3m ctrs (typically)		Profile, material and detail to match that of neighbouring fence of Bridge's Recreation Reserve (Under Construction). Type and details or reserve's existing fencing to be confirmed on site prior to construction.	**3**
FNC(7)	External Fencing and Gate to Bin Storage		**Supplier:** Stratco **Product:** 75mm Ezi-Slat Fencing System and Gate **Finish:** Colorbond Basalt **Height:** 2400mm **Spacings:** 20mm gap (95mm ctrs)			
Bicycle Rack	Bicycle Rack		**Supplier:** Street Furniture Australia **Product:** Semi Hoop -Surface Fixed **Finish:** Stainless steel			**2**
FACADES, WALLS & COLUMNS						
CFC(1)	Pre-finished Fibre Cement Sheet		**Supplier:** Fair View **Product:** Genisis CeramaPANEL and System **Profile:** 8mm thick -Raw **Colour:** Eucalyptus		Installed in brick grid pattern. Expression joints to align precisely with CFC wall expression joints. Concealed fixing system.	**2**
CFC(2)	Pre-finished Fibre Cement Sheet		**Supplier:** Fair View **Product:** Genisis CeramaPANEL and System **Profile:** 8mm thick -Raw **Colour:** Graphite		Installed in brick grid pattern. Expression joints to align precisely with CFC wall expression joints. Concealed fixing system.	**2**
FB(1)	Cream Coloured A Grade Recycled Face Brickwork		**Supplier:** The Brick recyclers **Product:** A Grade Recycled Creams		Minimum order quantity: 1 pallet (500 bricks).	
MS (1)	Light Coloured Metal Sheet Cladding		**Supplier:** Lysaght **Product:** Spandek **Finish:** Colorbond Surfmist			**2**
MS (2)	Dark Coloured Metal Sheet Cladding		**Supplier:** Lysaght **Product:** Spandek **Finish:** Colorbond Basalt			**2**

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SCH-01 EXTERNAL FINISHES AND COLOUR SCHEDULE

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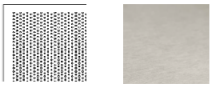
COL	Paint Finish - External Steel Structure		**Finish:** Colorbond Basalt			
DOORS / LOUVRES / WINDOWS / GLAZING						
Door & Window Face & Framing	External Glazed Aluminium Door Leaf, Door Framing and Window Framing		**Finish:** Colorbond Basalt			
SCREENS						
VSD	Vertical Shade Structure		**Supplier**: LouvreTec **Product**: Fixed Vertical Louvre System and Frame **Blade:** 200 Flush Panel **Finish**: Colorbond Basalt		Direct fixed to external wall	**2**
SOFFIT LININGS						
VB	External Soffit Lining		**Supplier**: James Hardie **Product**: Villaboard Lining **Size:** 9mm thick **Paint Finish**: Dulux Colorbond Surfmist		Installed in alternating width panels. Expression joints to align precisely with CFC wall expression joints.	
CFC(1)	Pre-finished Fibre Cement Sheet		**Supplier:** Fair View **Product:** Genisis CeramaPANEL and System **Profile:** 8mm thick -Raw **Colour:** Eucalyptus		Installed in brick grid pattern. Expression joints to align precisely with CFC wall expression joints. Concealed fixing system.	**2**
PCFC	Perforated Fibre Cement Sheet Lining		**Supplier**: Keystone **Product**: Key Kompress 8mm Perforated Equitone Tectiva through coloured panel **Perforation Pattern:** KP5 **Hole Size:** 12mm **Open Area:** 28.3% **Colour:** TE00		Staggered Panel Brick Pattern with square edge 10mm express joint detail. Concealed fixing system with countersunk screws.	**2**
ROOFING & DRAINAGE						
KL	Klip Lok Metal Roof Cladding		**Supplier**: Lysaght **Product**: Klip-Lok 700 Hi-strength **Finish:** Colorbond Surfmist			
POL(1)	Glass Reinforced Polyester Sheet		**Supplier**: Ampelite Australia **Product**: Webglas GC **Profile**: Spandek Hi-Ten **Finish:** Translucent **Colour:** Cool-Lite		Fully tafficable product, no safety mesh required. Min. 3 degree pitch	**2**
N/A	Flashings and Capping		**Supplier**: Lysaght **Finish:** Colorbond Surfmist			
N/A	Fascia		**Product**: Customn Fascia **Finish**: Colorbond Surfmist			
DP 100 Ø	Downpipe		**Paint Supplier:** Dulux **Paint Finish:** Colorbond Surfmist			
SP	Spreader Downpipe		**Paint Supplier**: Dulux **Paint Finish**: Colorbond Surfmist			
RWH	Rainwater Head with overflow - Metal		**Supplier**: Lysaght **Product**: Custom Rainwater Head **Finish**: Colorbond Surfmist		Refer to Architectural Detail	
RC	Roof Cowl		**Paint Supplier:** Dulux **Paint Finish:** Colorbond Surfmist			

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REPORT NO:	8.9
REPORT TITLE:	Statutory Planning Quarterly Report April to June 2023
SOURCE:	Darren McGuane, Coordinator Planning & Development Support
DIVISION:	City Planning & Places
FILE NO:	-
POLICY:	Hume Planning Scheme
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development and enhance natural environment, heritage, landscapes and rural places
ATTACHMENT:	1. *Matters dealth with under delegation Q4 2023*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

1.1 This report provides a summary of performance indicators for the Statutory Planning team for the period of 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 covering Q4 of the 2022/2023 Financial Year. It also includes an update on VCAT appeals and decisions made by Council officers under delegation.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council notes the report.

3. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

3.1 Data and charts sourced from https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/ unless otherwise indicated.

3.2 **276** permit applications were received across the reporting period, a 7% decrease on the previous reporting period but an 8% increase on the corresponding period in the previous financial year.

3.3 **246** decisions were issued for the reporting period, a 3% increase in the previous reporting period and a nearly 18% increase compared to the corresponding period in 2021/22.

3.4 **28** applications were closed off in reporting period, with these being mostly withdrawn by the applicant. These numbers are consistent with previous reporting periods.

3.5 **380** applications are under assessment as of 30 June 2023.

3.6 **47%** of standard applications had a determination made in 60 days or less, a slight improvement on the previous reporting period.

3.7 **28%** of VicSmart applications had a determination made in 10 days or less, a reduction compared to the previous reporting period.

3.8 The average number of gross days taken to determine planning applications was **236 days** for the reporting period, a 6% improvement on the previous reporting period. For growth area councils in Victoria the average was **180 days**.

3.9 Standard applications took on average **259 days** to reach a determination (263 in Q3) and VicSmart applications took **66 days** (73 in Q3)

3.10 The median number of gross days taken to determine planning applications was **134** for the reporting period, a 23% improvement on the previous reporting period. For growth area councils in Victoria the median was **121 days**.

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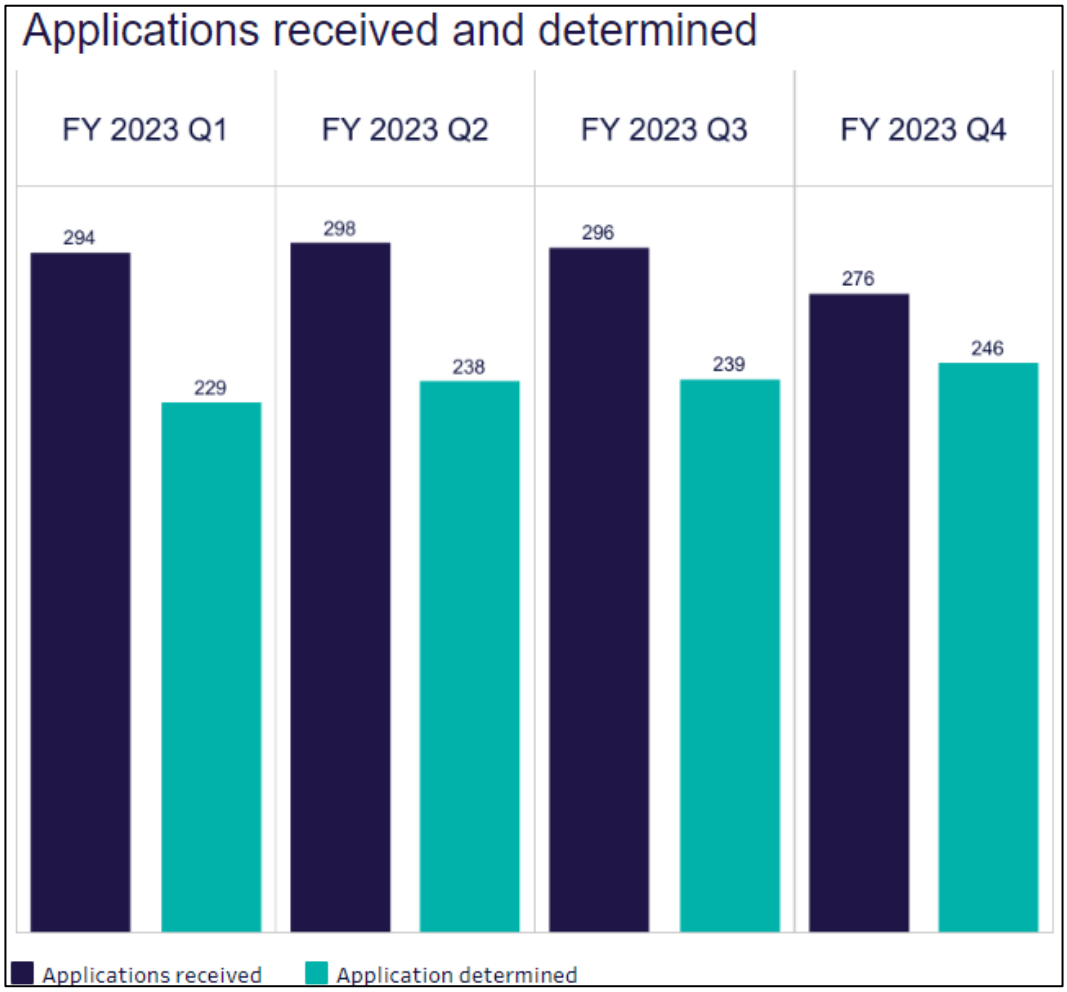
3.11 The median number of gross days to determination for standard applications was **162 days** (169 days in Q3) and **30 days** for VicSmart applications (58 days in Q3). The large difference between average and median days is attributable to a high number of older cases closed during the reporting period.

3.12 *Chart 1.* Applications received and determinations made per quarter for Hume City Council.

(Source: https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/council-resources/planning-permit-activity-reporting)



3.13 *Table 1.* Applications received and determinations made per quarter.

(Source: https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/council-resources/planning-permit-activity-reporting)

	FY 2023											
	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Applications Received & Determined	76	89	67	78	69	68	43	67	65	66	77	71
		17.1%	*-24.7%*	*16.4%*	*-11.5%*	*-1.4%*	*-36.8%*	*55.8%*	*-3.0%*	*1.5%*	*16.7%*	*-7.8%*
	63	89	77	71	80	87	66	72	101	75	93	78
		41.3%	*-13.5%*	*-7.8%*	*12.7%*	*8.8%*	*-24.1%*	*9.1%*	*40.3%*	*-25.7%*	*24.0%*	*-16.1%*
Standard Application	70	79	62	68	60	63	41	62	53	58	71	64
		12.9%	*-21.5%*	*9.7%*	*-11.8%*	*5.0%*	*-34.9%*	*51.2%*	*-14.5%*	*9.4%*	*22.4%*	*-9.9%*
	57	83	65	62	77	77	61	65	97	65	78	74
		45.6%	*-21.7%*	*-4.6%*	*24.2%*	*0.0%*	*-20.8%*	*6.6%*	*49.2%*	*-33.0%*	*20.0%*	*-5.1%*
VicSmart Application	6	10	5	10	9	5	2	5	12	8	6	7
		66.7%	*-50.0%*	*100.0%*	*-10.0%*	*-44.4%*	*-60.0%*	*150.0%*	*140.0%*	*-33.3%*	*-25.0%*	*16.7%*
	6	6	12	9	3	10	5	7	4	10	15	4
		0.0%	*100.0%*	*-25.0%*	*-66.7%*	*233.3%*	*-50.0%*	*40.0%*	*-42.9%*	*150.0%*	*50.0%*	*-73.3%*

3.14 *Chart 2.* Average calendar days to determination.

(Source: https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/council-resources/planning-permit-activity-reporting)

4. VCAT APPEALS:

All VCAT decisions and appeals received or lodged between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 are set out below.

4.1 Initiating orders

4.1.1 No initiating orders have been received this quarter.

4.2 Tribunal Decisions

4.2.1 272-276 Rex Road, Campbellfield

(a) A decision from the Tribunal has been received in relation to 272-276 Rex Road, Campbellfield.

(b) An appeal was lodged under Section 79 (Failure to grant a permit) for an application for the development of 6 warehouses, removal of native vegetation, reduction in car parking and three lot subdivision.

(c) Prior to the hearing, Council issued a notice that they would resolve to refuse the application, should it have been determined within the prescribed time.

(d) At hearing on 27 April 2023, the Tribunal directed that a planning permit be issued, and the decision of the Council be set aside. The tribunal gave weight to balancing of competing outcomes being the use and development of land that is consistent with the purposes of the IN1Z; and planning objectives under clause 52.17 to ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity in Victoria from the removal or destruction of native vegetation. They found that the outcome would constitute an acceptable outcome as it achieves industrial development with no net biodiversity loss.

(e) In line with this decision, a permit for the proposal has now been granted.

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4.2.2 7 Crosbie Court, Sunbury

(a) A decision from the Tribunal has been received in relation to an application for the development of land for one dwelling and buildings and works to existing dwelling at 7 Crosbie Court, Sunbury.

(b) Council originally issued a permit for this application. The Tribunal hearing was due to an appeal from an objector.

(c) The Tribunal upheld the original Council decision to issue the planning permit. The matter was resolved at a compulsory conference, where the parties reached an agreement via consent including additional screen planting along the side (south) and rear of the title boundary where practical. An order was issued dated 15 June 2023.

(d) In line with this outcome the permit was issued.

4.2.3 56-60 Macedon Street, Sunbury; 52C Macedon Street, Sunbury; & 36 Jackson Street, Sunbury

(a) A decision from the Tribunal has been received in relation to an application for the development and works associated with a hotel, demolition of existing structures, reduction in car parking, use of land to sell/consume liquor (new outdoor beer garden) and reduce statutory bicycle provisions across several addresses in Macedon Street and Jackson Street in Sunbury.

(b) The applicant lodged the appeal under Section 79 (Failure to grant a permit).

(c) At a compulsory conference on 12 April 2023 and order dated 17 April 2023, the Tribunal directed that a planning permit be issued.

(d) The parties reached agreement and requested orders by consent. The parties request that a permit be granted subject to agreed conditions that, amongst other things, require a reduction in the number of patrons, modifications to the location and design of acoustic barriers, the sealing of a car parking, fences and venue management.

(e) In line with this outcome the permit was issued.

4.2.4 15 & 17 Keysborough Street, Craigieburn

(a) A decision from the Tribunal has been received in relation to an application for the development of land for six dwellings at 15 & 17 Keysborough Street, Craigieburn.

(b) Council originally refused to grant a planning permit for this application and an appeal was lodged by the applicant.

(c) At a hearing on 12 May 2023 and an order issued the same day the decision of the Council was upheld, and no planning permit was granted.

(d) The tribunal found that the development exhibited symptoms of overdevelopment including failure to meet multiple clauses within Clause 55 of the Hume Planning Scheme, visual bulk and the reduction of car parking could not be supported.

4.2.5

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52 O'Shannasy Road, Sunbury

(a) A decision from the Tribunal has been received in relation to an application for the development of land for a six storey building including accommodation, basement carpark, offices, onsite retail, and a reduction in carparking.

(b) Council originally issued a notice of decision for this application. The Tribunal hearing was due to an appeal from an objector.

(c) A hearing was scheduled for 21 September 2023 however a compulsory conference took place on 12 July 2023.

(d) The matter was resolved at a compulsory conference on 12 July 2023, where the parties reached an agreement via consent including a change to a four storey development.

(e) The applicant has agreed to a four storey development and a permit will be issued in due course.

(f) Whilst this outcome was outside of the reporting period it was deemed timely for the preparation of this report.

4.3 Current matters awaiting hearing

Table 2. Table lists all current matters awaiting a hearing at The Tribunal:

Address:	**90 Bardwell Drive MICKLEHAM**
App No:	P23650 – use of land for contractors depot.
Appeal type:	Section 82 - application for review by objectors.
Appeal lodged by:	Objector
Hearing date:	11 October 2023
Status:	Awaiting hearing

Address:	**4 Bower Court GLADSTONE PARK**
App No:	P24383 – Construction of three dwellings and removal of covenant
Appeal type:	Section 82 - application for review by objectors.
Appeal lodged by:	Objector
Hearing date:	12 October 2023
Status:	Awaiting hearing

Address:	**64 Electric Street BROADMEADOWS**
App No:	P18874 – Extension of time request for development of two double storey dwellings and one single storey dwelling.
Appeal type:	Section 81(1)(a) Refusal of extension of time to planning permit.
Appeal lodged by:	Applicant
Hearing date:	16 September 2023
Status:	Awaiting hearing

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Address:	**75 Mundy Road SUNBURY**
App No:	P23130 – Use and development of land as place of worship.
Appeal type:	Section 77 – applications for review of refusal to grant a permit.
Appeal lodged by:	Applicant
Hearing date:	9 October 2023 - 12 October 2023
Status:	Awaiting hearing

Address:	**77 Derby Street TULLAMARINE**
App No:	P19710 – Extension of time to permit issued for four double storey dwellings.
Appeal type:	Section 81(1)(a) Refusal of extension of time to planning permit.
Appeal lodged by:	Applicant
Hearing date:	TBC
Status:	Awaiting hearing

Address:	**47-67 and 69-99 Wright Street WESTMEADOWS**
App No:	P24829 – removal of vegetation within a heritage overlay
Appeal type:	Section 79 (failure to grant a permit)
Appeal lodged by:	Applicant
Hearing date:	12 February 2024
Status:	Awaiting hearing

Address:	**161 Hothlyn Street CRAIGIEBURN**
App No:	P24112
Appeal type:	Section 82- application for review by objector.
Appeal lodged by:	Objector
Hearing date:	3 April 2023
Status:	Awaiting decision

Address:	**4 Commonwealth Court CRAIGIEBURN**
App No:	P23870 – Development of three dwellings
Appeal type:	Section 77 - applications for review of refusal to grant a permit.
Appeal lodged by:	Applicant
Hearing date:	24 February 2023
Status:	Awaiting decision

5. MATTERS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATION:

A list of all matters dealt with under delegation including s173 agreements, matters with objectors and subdivisions is attached. Going forward, all standard application matters determined will be made available to Councillors on a weekly basis online and will accompany the weekly listing of applications received.

STATUTORY PLANNING MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATION			
APPLICATION	**ADDRESS**	**PROPOSAL**	**OUTCOME**
P6625.01	115-135 HUME HWY, SOMERTON VIC 3062	AMENDMENT TO P6625 ISSUED FOR TRANSPORT FREIGHT TERMINAL AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P9458.03	214-216 MICKLEHAM RD, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A CAR WASH FACILITY WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P13656.05	2-10 MURCHISON DR, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE STOREY APARTMENT BUILDING CONSISTING OF A GROUND FLOOR CAR PARK AND RETAIL/CAFÉ PREMISE, 20 TWO STOREY TOWNHOUSES, 8 UP AND OVER DWELLINGS CONSISTING OF 2 BEDROOMS AND 3 THREE BEDROOM DWELLINGS AND DISPENSATION OF CAR PARKING	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P16766.01	340 CRAIGIEBURN RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	LICENSED PREMISES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OF PACKAGED LIQUOR	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P17253.02	52 SAHI CRES, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PLANNING PERMIT CONSISTING OF INCREASE OF PRACTITIONERS ON SITE AND AMENDMENTS TO PERMITTED OPENING HOURS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P17805.02	5/62-68 GARDEN DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	CHANGE OF USE TO ALLOW AN INDOOR SOCCER STADIUM AND ASSOCIATED BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGN.	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P18322.05	1550 PASCOE VALE RD, COOLAROO VIC 3048	USE OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF VARIOUS FOOD AND DRINK PREMISES, A SERVICE STATION, MEDICAL CENTRE, CHILD CARE CENTRE, AND RESTRICTED RECREATION FACILITY (GYM), BUILDINGS AND WORKS IN THE COMMERCIAL 2 ZONE AND SPECIAL BUILDING OVERLAY, REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING, AND CREATION OF NEW ACCESS POINTS TO A ROAD ZONE CATEGORY 1	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P20001	39 ENCORE AVE, SOMERTON VIC 3062	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION AND NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P20799.02	145 MITCHELLS LANE, SUNBURY VIC 3429	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P21417	271 CAMP RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDCARE CENTRE AND ACCESS TO A TRANSPORT ZONE 2	Planning Permit Issued
P21487.01	2090 MICKLEHAM RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	THE USE OF LAND FOR A DISPLAY VILLAGE AND ASSOCIATED ADVERTISING SIGNAGE	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P22075	370A RIDDELL RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	SUBDIVISION, REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION & SUBDIVISION OF LAND ADJACENT TO A ROAD WITHIN A ROAD ZONE CATEGORY 1, CREATION OF EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS	Permit refused
P22142	68 MERRI CON, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	TRANSFER STATION AND A REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING	Permit refused
P22261.01	70 BRENDAN RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	STAGED MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P23308	272-276 REX RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	DEVELOPMENT OF SIX INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSES, REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION, REDUCTION OF CAR PARKING AND THREE LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued via VCAT
P23422.02	20 BONDS LANE, GREENVALE VIC 3059	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR CONVENIENCE RESTAURANTS AND A SERVICE STATION INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND WORKS, SUBDIVISION INTO TWO LOTS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P23526.01	125 BROSSARD RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	USE OF LAND FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PLACE OF ASSEMBLY (COMMUNITY CENTRE) INCLUDING CONSULTING/MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ROOMS AND A REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P23527.01	1440Z HUME FWY, KALKALLO VIC 3064	USE OF LAND FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PLACE OF ASSEMBLY (COMMUNITY CENTRE) INCLUDING CONSULTING/MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ROOMS AND A REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P23621.02	35 REDSTONE HILL RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	STAGED MULTI-LOT SUBDIVISION	Amended Permit & Plans Issued

P23638	78 NORMANBY DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	BUILDINGS AND WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHED AND VARIATION OF THE COVENANT IN INSTRUMENT V503303U TO CHANGE PART 1(B) TO ANY DWELLING HOUSE GARAGE OR OUTBUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING HOUSE, GARAGE OR OUTBUILDING HAVING NOT LESS THAN 70% OF ALL EXTERNAL WALLS CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK, BRICK VENEER, GLASS OR COLORBOND.	Planning Permit Issued
P23725	1727-1729 SYDNEY RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	REMOVAL OF LOT 1 FROM OWNERS CORPORATION FOR PLAN PS 834245S [SPEAR # S175080B]	Planning Permit Issued
P23984	2-24 KING WILLIAM ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	STAGED MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION - PS 821103M/S4 [SPEAR REF S179380C] KINGSLEA STAGE 4 & 5	Planning Permit Issued
P24083.01	CLAREWOOD, 30 CARROLL LANE, GREENVALE VIC 3059	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION, CREATION OF RESTRICTION, CREATION OF RESERVE , REMOVAL OF EASEMENTS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION.	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24087	88 WARANGA CRES, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24129	78 NORMANBY DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING DWELLING ON A LOT AFFECTED BY THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY, AND THE VARIATION OF THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANT CONTAINED IN TRANSFER NO.V503303U APPLICABLE TO LOT 371 OF LP 221198H (10135/315)	Planning Permit Issued
P24164	70 BARRINGTON LANE, SUNBURY VIC 3429	STAGED MULTI-LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24200.01	66 PREMIER DR, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	CONSTRUCTION OF AND USE OF A WAREHOUSE (FLAMMABLE LIQUID STORE) WHICH EXCEEDS THE FIRE PROTECTION QUANTITY UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS (STORAGE AND HANDLING) REGULATIONS 2012	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24221	1/24 COLIN CT, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR TWO DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24236	250 RACECOURSE RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	ERECT SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH SHERWOOD GRANGE ESTATE DISPLAY VILLAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P24259	56-60 MACEDON ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	BUILDINGS AND WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH A HOTEL, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, REDUCTION IN CARPARKING, USE OF THE LAND TO SELL/CONSUME LIQUOR (NEW OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN)AND REDUCE STATUTORY BICYCLE SPACE PROVISIONS	Planning Permit Issued via VCAT
P24361	33 CONGRAM ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	2 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 904576E [SPEAR # S190624A]	Planning Permit Issued
P24403.01	26 SOMERTON PARK DR, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	CHANGE OF USE TO MATERIAL RECYCLING AND BUILDINGS AND WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH WEIGHBRIDGE AND REDUCTION IN CARPARKING STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24426	2/34-46 KING WILLIAM ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24453	1720 MICKLEHAM RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	SUBDIVISION OF LAND 252 LOTS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P24476	100-104 JOHNSTONE ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	CHANGE OF USE FROM TAKEAWAY FOOD PREMISES TO FOOD AND DRINK PREMISE AND SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR AND SIGNAGE AS SHOWN	Planning Permit Issued
P24495	LOCKERBIE, 1450 HUME FWY, KALKALLO VIC 3064	STAGED SUBDIVISION OF LAND, CREATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD	Planning Permit Issued
P24510	180-220 SOMERTON RD, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR CONVENIENCE RESTAURANT, ALTERATION OF ACCESS TO A TRANSPORT ZONE 2, WAIVER TO BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR AND DISPLAY OF INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P24536	25 TERANG ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P24537	4 WOODBURN CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24556	35 BICENTENNIAL CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued

P24557	3/191 MELROSE DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	REPLACE AN EXISTING BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P24566	695 WILDWOOD RD, WILDWOOD VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF A FARM SHED	Planning Permit Issued
P24588	141 KITCHENER ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P24608	15 MARJORIE AVE, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING & REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT N649152M	Planning Permit Issued
P24622	5 KERANG CT, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24624	13 FORDSON RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	USE OF LAND FOR MATERIAL RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION	Permit refused
P24630	6 BROADMEADOWS RD, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION PS 907388P - SPEAR # S197264C	Planning Permit Issued
P24638	40 BONDS LANE, GREENVALE VIC 3059	MULTI-LOT SUBDIVISION, ASSOCIATED BULK EARTHWORKS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P24646	2 DUNKELD ST, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING SINGLE STOREY DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24679	11 CLEVELAND DR, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24684.01	9 STANHOPE ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DWELLINGS ON A LOT	Planning Permit Issued
P24689	57 WATTLEGLEN ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24702	485 RIDDELL RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING AND STORAGE SHED, CREATION AND ALTERATION OF ACCESS TO A ROAD IN A TRANSPORT ZONE AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P24713	5 SHERBOURNE RD, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24714	4 WATTLEGLEN ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR TWO SINGLE-STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24716	131-149 SOMERTON RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT, BUILDINGS AND WORKS IN THE SPECIAL BUILDING OVERLAY, REDUCTION OF CAR PARKING, REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION, ALTERATION TO ACCESS TO A ROAD IN A TRANSPORT 2 ZONE	Planning Permit Issued
P24729	48 RAILWAY CRES, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF SIX DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P24737	11 NICHOLSON CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF ONE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING TO THE REAR OF AN EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24738	18 JACKSON ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24743	4 BANNISTER ST, JACANA VIC 3047	Multi Lot Subdivision	Planning Permit Issued
P24749	157 EVANS ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DWELLINGS ON A LOT	Planning Permit Issued
P24753	140 VINEYARD RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	PLACE OF ASSEMBLY (PONY RIDES)	Planning Permit Issued
P24755	18 BIRCH AVE, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24764	13 WAVERLEY ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF ONE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24766	71 POTTER ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE AND DISPLAY OF BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P24797	28 GRASSLANDS AVE, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE WITH ANCILLARY OFFICE, AND REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING	Planning Permit Issued
P24799	17 KING ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING TO THE REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING & ALTERATIONS TO AN EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued

P24809	264-270 CRAIGIEBURN RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	BUILDING AND WORKS FOR A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT(COMMERCIAL AND MEDICAL CENTRE) AND DISPLAY OF SIGNS	Planning Permit Issued
P24813	7 HALL CT, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24819	141 DALLAS DR, DALLAS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING TO REAR OF EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24821	49-51 GLENELG ST, COOLAROO VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF WAREHOUSES AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P24827	2-50 GLENELG ST, COOLAROO VIC 3048	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF WAREHOUSES, REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING, DISPLAY OF SIGNS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P24827.01	2-50 GLENELG ST, COOLAROO VIC 3048	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF WAREHOUSES, REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING, DISPLAY OF SIGNS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24844	97 HOTHLYN DR, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24845	725 SUNBURY RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	2 LOT SUBDIVISION AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF A CHILDCARE CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED SIGNAGE.	Planning Permit Issued
P24855	37-101 LYSTERFIELD DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P24870	2 HAYLE CT, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	VARY RESTRICTIVE COVENANT N602325F BY REMOVING ITEMS (i) AND (ii) RELATING TO A SINGLE DWELLING RESTRICTION	Planning Permit Issued
P24873	21 HENDERSON RD, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR TWO DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24874	42 JACANA AVE, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DWELLINGS WITHIN MAEO2	Planning Permit Issued
P24881	1475-1477 SYDNEY RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT	Planning Permit Issued
P24882	6 JENSEN RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DWELLING THE REAR OF AN EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24883	105 CUTHBERT ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P24885.01	6 FORMOSA MEWS, GREENVALE VIC 3059	2 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 913154G (SPEAR REF # S203128A) AND CREATION OF EASEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24894	485 HUME HWY, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	TWO LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24896	182-200 HUME HWY, SOMERTON VIC 3062	BUILDINGS AND WORKS TO ALLOW MINOR WORKS AND REDUCTION IN CARPARKING	Planning Permit Issued
P24910	19 KRAFT CT, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	2 LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24918	44 VILLAGE CRES, WESTMEADOWS VIC 3049	USE OF LAND FOR A COMMUNITY CENTRE (MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ROOMS) AND A REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING REQUIREMENT	Planning Permit Issued
P24920	225-285 DONNYBROOK RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR PURPOSE OF TRADE SUPPLIES AND ERECTION OF BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNS (12-14 FOREFRONT DVE MICKLEHAM)	Planning Permit Issued
P24922	22 FREEMAN ST, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE, AND A REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING	Planning Permit Issued
P24926	39 DUNKELD ST, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24946	212-216 NORTHBOURNE RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	PARTIAL CHANGE OF USE FROM WAREHOUSE TO OFFICES / TRAINING FACILITY	Planning Permit Issued
P24949	475 RESERVOIR RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL STORAGE SHED OVER 100M2 (162M2)	Planning Permit Issued
P24954	2-8 VALIANT CRES, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	USE & DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDCARE CENTRE WITH ASSOCIATED SIGNAGE AND REDUCTION IN CARPARKING REQUIREMENTS	Planning Permit Issued
P24960	30 TADSTAN DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	3 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 914619G [SPEAR# S204845A]	Planning Permit Issued

P24966	29 ROBINSON ST, JACANA VIC 3047	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 910898V [SPEAR# S205306E]	Planning Permit Issued
P24967	24 MEREDITH ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	4 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 912104D [SPEAR# S204501V]	Planning Permit Issued
P24969	232 WIDFORD ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR TWO DWELLINGS ON LOT AFFECTED BY MAEO	Planning Permit Issued
P24971	285 OAKLANDS RD, OAKLANDS JUNCTION VIC 3063	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LANDFILL (CLEANFILL)	Planning Permit Issued
P24973	37 METROLINK CCT, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	DEVELOPMENT OF WAREHOUSE	Planning Permit Issued
P24977.01	745 SUMMERHILL RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	BULK EARTHWORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Amended Permit & Plans Issued
P24980	348 CAMP RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P24981	1235 PASCOE VALE RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	OUTDOOR BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR MEDICAL CENTRE	Planning Permit Issued
P24985	24 HAYFIELD RD, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	MULTI DWELLING DEVELOPMENT ON A LOT	Planning Permit Issued
P24997	745 SUMMERHILL RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE AND REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS	Planning Permit Issued
P25003	30 CORPORATE PL, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF A WAREHOUSE WITH ANCILLARY OFFICE & REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING	Planning Permit Issued
P25008	36G/250 SOMERTON RD, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Planning Permit Issued
P25012	SHOPPING CENTRE, 250 SOMERTON RD, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	BUILDING AND WORKS FOR EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE INCLUDING INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P25024	1/57-59 HORNE ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DISPLAY MAJOR PROMOTIONAL ELECTRONIC SIGNS	Planning Permit Issued
P25038	14 MERVYN DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25040	1 IRAMOO WALK, SUNBURY VIC 3429	VARIATION OF RESTRICTION NUMBER 3 ON PS 828173B (By replacing the words "Lots 518, 519 and 560 to 570 (all inclusive) are defined as Type A Lots under the Small Lot Housing Code" with the words "Lots 518, 519 and 560 to 569 (all inclusive) are defined as Type A Lots and Lot 570 is defined as a Type B Lot under the Small Lot Housing Code.")	Planning Permit Issued
P25042	1 ALMA ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	CHANGE OF USE FROM A DWELLING TO A MEDICAL CENTRE (PATHOLOGY AND PHYSIOTHERAPIST)	Planning Permit Issued
P25043	401 ELIZABETH DR, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIPLE DWELLINGS ON A LOT	Planning Permit Issued
P25045	22 SPRINGBANK ST, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	DEVELOPMENT OF A STUDIO TO THE REAR OF AN EXISTING DWELLING, NEW FRONT FENCE, DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING CARPORT, GARAGE , ALFRESCO AND REMOVAL OF VEGETATION	Planning Permit Issued
P25049	3 CHARBEL ST, GREENVALE VIC 3059	DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING WITHIN A BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25052	2/10-12 CARRICK DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	CHANGE OF SIGNAGE, INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND VARIATION TO USE	Planning Permit Issued
P25053	47 GIRGARRE ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	BUILDING AND WORKS FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P25054	8 PIONEER WAY, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P25058	206 BLAIR ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING WITH MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25066	104 LAHINCH ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25073	3 MERE CT, SUNBURY VIC 3429	2 Lot Subdivision	Planning Permit Issued

P25074	88 KOEKS VSTA, KALKALLO VIC 3064	VARIATION OF A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT PS845610J (TO AMEND SMALL LOT HOUSING CODE TYPE A TO TYPE B CLASSIFICATION FOR LOTS 36041 & 36045 ON PS845610J)	Planning Permit Issued
P25083	29 MERVYN DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25084	27 MERVYN DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25085	100 RIPPLEBROOK DR, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF TWO NEW DWELLINGS TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P25089	10 NEWHAM CRES, DALLAS VIC 3047	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 842994C [SPEAR # S208145S]	Planning Permit Issued
P25090	18 BERNADETTE RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25093	20 DRYSDALE ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION PS 915973G [SPEAR # S208171P]	Planning Permit Issued
P25094	68 LAHINCH ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 849014E [SPEAR # S208235P]	Planning Permit Issued
P25097	CRAIGIEBURN GOLF COURSE, 235-359 CRAIGIEBURN RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	CONSTRUCT AN INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED, ELECTRONIC BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGN	Planning Permit Issued
P25100	1690 MICKLEHAM RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	REPLACING AN EXISTING DWELLING (MONKS RESIDENCE) ASSOCIATED WITH A PLACE OF WORSHIP WITH A NEW DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P25101	11 ROSTO CT, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	USE OF LAND FOR A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND REDUCTION OF CAR PARKING	Planning Permit Issued
P25110	650A HUME HWY, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	THE DISPLAY OF BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNS, AND INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS	Planning Permit Issued
P25115	58 PROVIDENCE RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING ON LAND AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25116	11 KATIA CT, GREENVALE VIC 3059	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE DWELLING IN MAEO2 AND CONSENT TO VARY THE APPROVED BUILDING ENVELOPE FOR THE LAND	Planning Permit Issued
P25117	1608-1618 SYDNEY RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	DEVELOPMENT OF WAREHOUSES, REDUCTION OF CAR PARKING AND ALTERATION OF ACCESS TO A ROAD IN THE TRANSPORT ZONE 2 – SCHEDULE 2	Planning Permit Issued
P25122	10 CREASEY CT, BULLA VIC 3428	DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING ON LAND AFFECTED BY MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT OVERLAY (MAEO2)	Planning Permit Issued
P25124	101 RAVENHILL BVD, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY COMPRISING OF A 30M MONOPOLE	Planning Permit Issued
P25134	21 WINDMILL AVE, SUNBURY VIC 3429	ONE DWELLING ON A LOT UNDER 300SQM	Planning Permit Issued
P25135	2-24 KING WILLIAM ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	27 LOT SUBDIVISION - PS 821103M/S6 - KINGSLEA STAGE 6 - [SPEAR # S208947J]	Planning Permit Issued
P25140	RAWDON HILL, 345 OAKLANDS RD, OAKLANDS JUNCTION VIC 3063	DISPLAY BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNS	Planning Permit Issued
P25144	9 WARRAGUL ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING AND GARAGE ON LAND AFFECTED BY MAEO2	Planning Permit Issued
P25146	111 SUNSET BVD, JACANA VIC 3047	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A PLACE OF ASSEMBLY	Planning Permit Issued
P25150	7 BENT ST, WESTMEADOWS VIC 3049	THE REMOVAL OF EASEMENTS CONTAINED IN LP 55882 APPLICABLE TO LOT 4 (8365/226) AND LP 60514 APPLICABLE TO LOT 2 (8428/351)	Planning Permit Issued
P25154	61 JACKSON ST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS921811B [SPEAR REF # S210001A]	Planning Permit Issued
P25158	59 BUSHRANGER DR, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF TWO LOTS EACH FOR ONE DWELLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTED DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION	Planning Permit Issued
P25161	6 KIRKUK ST, GREENVALE VIC 3059	BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P25162	265 LANCEFIELD RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	THE DISPLAY OF SIGNAGE ASSOCIATED WITH LAND SALES	Planning Permit Issued
P25165	256 MELROSE DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	4 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 849575L (SPEAR REF # S210354A)	Planning Permit Issued
P25167	52 STANHOPE ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	THE EXISTING DWELLING TO BE KNOCKED DOWN AND RE BUILD SINGLE STOREY DWELLING WITH GARAGE	Planning Permit Issued

P25175	13 MCNICOL CL, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 913512G	Planning Permit Issued
P25188	14 WARNE ST, COOLAROO VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING ON A LOT WITHIN MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25192	23 KATIA CT, GREENVALE VIC 3059	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P25196	27 KINDER ST, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	3 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS PS916324R	Planning Permit Issued
P25197	30A O'HERNS RD, SOMERTON VIC 3062	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION - PS 827541D	Planning Permit Issued
P25200	8 BERNADETTE RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	DEVELOPMENT OF A DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING WITHIN THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25204	26 TATTENHAM CT, ATTWOOD VIC 3049	USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25217	1/25 MCDOUGALL RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	USE OF FACILITY AS A SPORTS RECOVERY CENTRE	Planning Permit Issued
P25220	11 DOLPHIN CT, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25226	39 PHILLIP ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	BUILDINGS AND WORKS FOR AN EXTENSION AND RENOVATION TO A DWELLING IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25241	464-466 MAHONEYS RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	BUILDINGS AND WORKS FOR WAREHOUSE/INDUSTRY	Planning Permit Issued
P25243	16 BERNADETTE RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR ONE DWELLING ON A LOT AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25251	8 WOODBURN CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 849863F [SPEAR# S212468S]	Planning Permit Issued
P25253	24 HEALEY ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P25266	18 ANTWERP ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A DWELLING IN THE MELBOURNE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT OVERLAY	Planning Permit Issued
P25271	44 TOYON RD, KALKALLO VIC 3064	DISPLAY OF INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P25274	37 PHILLIP ST, DALLAS VIC 3047	PROPOSED DEPENDANT PERSONS UNIT	Planning Permit Issued
P25275	382 CAMP RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P25284	100/1099-1169 PASCOE VALE RD, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	DISPLAY OF BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P25286	13 BAMBURGH ST, JACANA VIC 3047	USE & DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR A DEPENDANT PERSONS UNIT AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING DWELLING.	Planning Permit Issued
P25287	7 BROADMEADOWS RD, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 915615K [SPEAR # S213303C]	Planning Permit Issued

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P24865	43A COOPER ST, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	DEVELOPMENT OF A WAREHOUSE	Planning Permit Issued
P25166	51 CATALINA DR, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	BUILDINGS AND WORKS FOR AN OFFICE IN AN EXISTING WAREHOUSE	Planning Permit Issued
P25224	23/882 COOPER ST, SOMERTON VIC 3062	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A WAREHOUSE	Planning Permit Issued
P25184	70 SUMMIT DR, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	CONSTRUCTION OF A BARN SHED	Planning Permit Issued
P25171	BILLANBI, 180 KONAGADERRA RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	CONSTRUCTION OF A SHED FOR DOMESTIC STORAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P25233	78-82 FREIGHT DR, SOMERTON VIC 3062	DEVELOPMENT OF LAND TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A ROOF TOP GARDEN AND OUTDOOR SPACE ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXISTING CARETAKERS DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P25310	940 CRAIGIEBURN RD, OAKLANDS JUNCTION VIC 3063	DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIPLE RURAL STORES	Planning Permit Issued
P25119	35 SCENERY DR, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	2 LOT SUBDIVISION - PS905326Y	Planning Permit Issued
P24420	2025 MICKLEHAM RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	BUILDINGS AND WORKS FOR A RAINWATER TANK - NO PLANNING PERMIT REQUIRED	PermNotReq
P25152	22 NORTHLEIGH AVE, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 917605C [SPREAR # S209945H]	Planning Permit Issued
P25223	5 DALKEITH AVE, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 910436M [SPEAR # S208595V]	Planning Permit Issued
P24812	33 NORTHLEIGH AVE, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	2 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 906831E [SPEAR # S201232H]	Planning Permit Issued
P24933	750 ELIZABETH DR, SUNBURY VIC 3429	18 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 900093X [SPEAR # S204357C]	Planning Permit Issued
P25000	2 EUCALYPTUS PL, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 915140H [SPEAR # S206025M]	Planning Permit Issued
P25149	1 AITKEN PL, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PS 902385X [SPEAR # S208845C]	Planning Permit Issued
P25159	23 KATRINA DR, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 917145L (SPEAR REF # S210175A)	Planning Permit Issued
P25160	1 TAYLOR DR, GLADSTONE PARK VIC 3043	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND (THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND INTO TWO LOTS)	Planning Permit Issued
P25174	13 CASEY AVE, SUNBURY VIC 3429	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND	Planning Permit Issued
P25176	65 CANDY RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 913132S [SPEAR # S210646T]	Planning Permit Issued
P25177	63 CANDY RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 913133Q [SPEAR REF # S210649E]	Planning Permit Issued
P25202	15 TALOUMBI CRES, GREENVALE VIC 3059	TWO LOT SUBDIVISION OF EXISTING DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued
P25214	4 HOTHAM CT, SUNBURY VIC 3429	2 LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P25229	22 JONATHAN ST, GREENVALE VIC 3059	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 913134N [SPEAR# S211722E]	Planning Permit Issued
P25231	46 ARENA AVE, ROXBURGH PARK VIC 3064	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND	Planning Permit Issued
P25242	19 TALOUMBI CRES, GREENVALE VIC 3059	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND	Planning Permit Issued
P25258	59 DISTINCTION AVE, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	TWO LOT SUBDIVISION	Planning Permit Issued
P25276	91 DIANNE AVE, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	3 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 911643B - SPEAR# S212606A	Planning Permit Issued
P25277	48 SIMMINGTON CCT, GREENVALE VIC 3059	2 LOT SUBDIVISION - PS 918861C - SPEAR# S212723P	Planning Permit Issued
P25279	69 BROSSARD RD, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	MULTI LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND	Planning Permit Issued

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APPLICATION	**ADDRESS**	**PROPOSAL**	**OUTCOME**
P24449	1090 MICKLEHAM RD, GREENVALE VIC 3059	DEVELOPMENT OF 56 (FIFTY SIX) DWELLINGS AND WAIVER OF VISITOR CAR PARKING	Refusal
P24297	133-141 WESTERN AVE, WESTMEADOWS VIC 3049	USE & DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND FOR WAREHOUSES AND REDUCTION IN CAR PARKING	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P24704	4 MILLAR RD, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	DEVELOPMENT OF NINE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P25004	68 GORDON ST, TULLAMARINE VIC 3043	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24685	17 ADDERLEY DR, GREENVALE VIC 3059	MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT (TWO DWELLINGS)	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24587	18 FORMAN ST, WESTMEADOWS VIC 3049	THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR DWELLINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDORSED PLANS	Planning Permit Issued
P25050	40 DYSON DR, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DWELLINGS ON A LOT	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24822	1 VALLEY CT, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24417	108 CHARTER RD WEST, SUNBURY VIC 3429	DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE STOREY DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24575	121 BRIDGEWATER RD, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24143	7 CROSBIE CT, SUNBURY VIC 3429	THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (ONE DWELLING, AND BUILDINGS AND WORKS TO THE EXISTING DWELLING)	Planning Permit Issued via VCAT
P24227	17 CASSINIA CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	DEVELOPMENT OF A DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued
P24498	32 AXMINSTER DR, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND DWELLING	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P24450	5 JOLLY LANE, MICKLEHAM VIC 3064	THE VARIATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON COVENANT AC684222Y	Refusal
P15491.01	1/36 KYABRAM ST, COOLAROO VIC 3048	CHANGE OF USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PLACE OF ASSEMBLY AND REDUCTION IN CARPARKING REQUIREMENT	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P25062	100 RIDDELL RD, SUNBURY VIC 3429	CONSTRUCT CAR PARK ON LAND (REDUCTION OF CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS) & EXISTING DWELLING TO BE CONVERTED INTO A MEDICAL CENTRE	Planning Permit Issued From NODdel
P19919.01	189-193 NORTHBOURNE RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	USE OF THE LAND FOR TRANSFER STATION, MATERIAL RECYCLING, BIN HIRE AND BIN STORAGE	Planning Permit Issued
P22309.01	1 BILTRIS CT, JACANA VIC 3047	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THREE DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS	Planning Permit Issued From NOD
P24915	278-280 REX RD, CAMPBELLFIELD VIC 3061	VARIATION OF A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT M11402E CONTAINED ON CERTIFICATE OF TITLE VOLUME 11400 FOLIO 352 ON LOT 2 ON PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 704901L TO REMOVE ITEMS C & D	Planning Permit Issued

SUBDIVISIONS 01 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2023			
File No.	**Proposal**	**Address of Property**	**Action Taken & Date**
S009515	6 lot subdivision - Merrifield Business Park - Stage 7A	200 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 3 April 2023
S009456	25 lot subdivision - Evans on Vine Estate - Stage 3	Koora Drive, Sunbury	Plan Certified 3 April 2023
S009659	31 lot subdivision - 35 Lancefield Road Estate - Stage 1	35 Lancefield Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 3 April 2023
S009884	63 lot subdivision - Botanical Estate - Stage 22	1960 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 3 April 2023
S009941	27 lot subdivision - Maplestone Estate - Stage 6B	605 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 4 April 2023
S009759	4 lot subdivision - residential	148 Langton Street Jacana	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 5 April 2023

S009877	11 lot subdivision - residential	7 Carat Street Greenvale	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 6 April 2023
S009725	13 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate DP3B & 3D- Superlot Plan	1140 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 11 April 2023
S009675	32 lot subdivision - Merrifield Residential Estate - Stage 48	450Q-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 12 April 2023
S009994	3 lot subdivision - Cloverton DP3B - Superlot Plan - Stages 329, 336 & PAO	1140 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Certified 12 April 2023
S009622	2 lot subdivision - residential	27 Harker Street Sunbury	Plan Certified 13 April 2023
S008322	16 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 1204	675-703 Donnybrook Road, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 13 April 2023
S009829	5 lot subdivision - Highlands West DP40 - Superlot Plan - Stages 401-404	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 14 April 2023
S009994	3 lot subdivision - Cloverton DP3B - Superlot Plan - Stages 329, 336 & PAO	1140 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 14 April 2023
S009937	2 lot subdivision - residential	2 Kent Way Tullamarine	Plan Certified 17 April 2023
S009829	5 lot subdivision - Highlands West DP40 - Superlot Plan - Stages 401-404	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 18 April 2023
S009552	Removal of Lot 1 from Owners Corporation	1727 Sydney Road Campbellfield	Plan Certified 18 April 2023
S009671	41 lot subdivision - residential	45 Carroll Lane, Greenvale	Plan Re-Certified 19 April 2023
S009554	80 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 353	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 19 April 2023
S010075	Creation of Reserve 1 vested in Council	2-50 Glenelg Street Coolaroo	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 20 April 2023
S009899	2 lot subdivision - Rosenthal Estate - Stage E7 Suerlot Plan	41 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 20 April 2023
S009684	12 lot subdivision - Residential - Multi Unit	1 Villandry Street, Roxburgh Park	Statement of Compliance 20 April 2023
S010039	2 lot subdivision - residential	6A Harker Street Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 20 April 2023
S009637	50 lot subdivision - Maplestone Estate - Stage 4	605 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 20 April 2023
S0010053	2 lot subdivision - Residential	425 Riddell Road Sunbury	Plan Certified 21 April 2023
S009708	10 lot subdivision - Residential - Multi Unit	34 Icarus Drive, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 24 April 2023
S008875	2 lot subdivision - residential	20 Kismet Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified with Statement of Compliance 24 April 2023
S010033	3 lot subdivision - residential	33 Spurr Street Craigieburn	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 26 April 2023
S009660	40 lot subdivision - Kingsfield Estate - Stage 15	45 Gellies Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 26 April 2023
S009872	4 lot subdivision - residential	15 Railway Crescent Broadmeadows	Statement of Compliance 28 April 2023
S009742	52 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stage 8	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 28 April 2023
S009557	Plan of Creation of Easement - Highlands Estate DP19	20 St Ives Place, Craigieburn	Statement of Compliance 2 May 2023
S009625	56 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 345	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 2 May 2023
S009726	3 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate DP3D - Cloverton Boulevard Widening	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 2 May 2023
S009651	4 lot subdivision - residential	92 Lahinch Street Broadmeadows	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 3 May 2023
S009897	4 lot subdivision - residential	1 Molland Court Craigieburn	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 3 May 2023
S010152	Creation of Easement Plan	49 Darbyshire Street Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 3 May 2023
S009742	52 lot subdivision - Restone Estate - Stage 8	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 3 May 2023
S009673	20 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 362	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 3 May 2023
S009629	3 lot subdivision - Industrial	120 Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows	Statement of Compliance 3 May 2023
S008875	2 lot subdivision - residential	20 Kismet Road Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified with Statement of Compliance 4 May 2023
S010112	Plan of Acquisition	57-59 Horne Street, Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 5 May 2023

S010042	2 lot subdivision - residential	8 Trethowan Street Broadmeadows	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 5 May 2023
S009552	Removal of Lot 1 from Owners Corporation	1727 Sydney Road Campbellfield	Statement of Compliance 5 May 2023
S009625	56 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 345	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 5 May 2023
S009820	56 lot subdivision - Residential	40 Providence Road, Greenvale	Plan Certified 5 May 2023
S009873	2 lot subdivision - residential	6 McIvor Street Dallas	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 8 May 2023
S010086	7 lot subdivision - residential	75 Bonds Lane, Greenvale	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 8 May 2023
S009641	Plan of Creation of Easement - Botanical Estate	2040 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 8 May 2023
S009913	3 lot subdivision - Industrial	37 Reghon Drive Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 8 May 2023
S009465	39 lot subdivision - residential	65 Brendan Road, Greenvale	Statement of Compliance 9 May 2023
S009217	44 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stg 6	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 9 May 2023
S010179	Plan of Variation of Restriction	80 & 88 Koeks Vista, Kalkallo	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 9 May 2023
S009378	54 lot subdivision - Sherwood Grange Estate - Stage 4	250 Racecourse Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 9 May 2023
S009800	2 lot subdivision - retirement site	1480 Mickleham Road, Craigieburn	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 10 May 2023
S009721	3 lot subdivision - residential	6 Desi Court Campbellfield	Statement of Compliance 10 May 2023
S009743	38 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stage 9A	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 10 May 2023
S009673	20 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 362	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 10 May 2023
S010171	Removal of Covenant Plan	15 Marjoeir Avenue Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 11 May 2023
S009743	38 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stage 9A	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 11 May 2023
S009831	3 lot subdivision - The Maples Estate - Stage 5D	Brendan Road, Greenvale	Plan Certified 11 May 2023
S009551	65 lot subdivision - Merrifield Residential Estate - Stage 44	450-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 15 May 2023
S010099	3 lot subdivision - residential	9 Romsey Crescent Dallas	Plan Certified 15 May 2023
S009961	16 lot subdivision - residential	Somerton Road, Greenvale	Plan Certified 15 May 2023
S010099	3 lot subdivision - residential	9 Romsey Crescent Dallas	Statement of Compliance 16 May 2023
S009755	3 lot subdivision - residential	15 Tournament Rise Craigieburn	Plan Certified 16 May 2023
S009555	74 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 355	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 17 May 2023
S009871	61 lot subdivision - Merrifield Residential - Stage 53	450Q-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 17 May 2023
S010081	2 lot subdivision - residential	6 Binnak Court Meadow Heights	Plan certified 17 May 2023
S010037	2 lot subdivision - residential	50 Stanhope Street Broadmeadows	Plan certified 17 May 2023
S010104	3 lot subdivision - residential	10 Newham Crescent Dallas	Plan certified 18 May 2023
S010091	53 lot subdivision - Merrifield residential - Stage 46	450D-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan certified 18 May 2023
S010076	2 lot subdivision - residential	2 Eucalyptus Place Meadow Heights	Plan certified with Statement of Compliance 19 May 2023
S009937	2 lot subdivision - residential	2 Kent Way Tullamarine	Statement of Compliance 22 May 2023
S010096	22 lot subdivision - Maplestone Estate - Stg 7	605 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 22 May 2023
S009648	26 lot subdivision - Sherwood Grange Estate - Stage 5	250 Racecourse Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 23 May 2023
S010088	Variation of Restriction Plan	1 Imaroo Walk Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 22 May 2023
S009875	3 lot subdivision - residential	41 Barkly Street Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 23 May 2023

S010029	Variation of Restriction Plan	2 Hayle Court Craigieburn	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 23 May 2023
S010098	2 lot subdivision - residential	3 Mere Court Sunbury	Plan Certified 23 May 2023
S010095	Plan of Consolidation	1710 Sydney Road Campbellfield	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 24 May 2023
S009966	6 lot subdivision - Highlands Estate DP40 - Superlot Plan Stages 403-407	1780 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 24 May 2023
S009824	2 lot subdivision - residential	33 Congram Street Broadmeadows	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 24 May 2023
S009745	2 lot subdivision - residential	6 Welburn Place Greenvale	Plan Certified 24 May 2023
S009966	6 lot subdivision - Highlands Estate DP40 - Superlot Plan Stages 403-407	1780 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 24 May 2023
S009900	37 lot subdivision - Rosenthal Estate - Stage E7	41 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury	Plan Certified 25 May 2023
S010135	Removal of Easement	7-9 Bent Street Westmeadows	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 25 May 2023
S009661	64 lot subdivision - Emu Springs Estate - Stg 2	35 Lancefield Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 25 May 2023
S009659	31 lot subdivision - Emu Springs Estate - Stg 1	35 Lancefield Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 25 May 2023
S010136	2 lot subdivision - residential	22 Northleigh Avenue Cragieburn	Plan Certifed 26 May 2023
S009991	3 lot subdivision - residential	143 Sunset Boulevard Jacana	Plan Certified 26 May 2023
S009069	28 lot subdivision - Kingslea Estate - Stage 3	26 King William Street, Broadmeadows	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 29 May 2023
S009432	27 lot subdivision - Merrifield South Industrial Estate - Stage 2	225A Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified with Statement of Compliance 30 May 2023
S009958	70 lot subdivision - Botanical Estate - Stage 23	1960 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 30 May 2023
S009707	37 lot subdivision - Maplestone Estate - Stage 5	605 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 30 May 2023
S009261	3 lot subdivision - residential	188 O'Shanassy Street Sunbury	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 30 May 2023
S009217	44 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stage 6	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 31 May 2023
S009814	51 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 401	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 2 June 2023
S009814	51 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 401	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 2 June 2023
S009217	44 lot subdivision - Redstone Estate - Stage 6	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 2 June 2023
S009625	56 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 345	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 2 June 2023
S009815	66 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 402	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 5 June 2023
S009551	65 lot subdivision - Merrifield Residential Estate - Stage 44	450-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 5 June 2023
S009815	66 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 402	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 5 June 2023
S009561	51 lot subdivision - Merrifield Residential Estate - Stage 45	450-500 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 5 June 2023
S010136	2 lot subdivision - Residential	22 Northleigh Avenue, Craigieburn	Statement of Complince 5 June 2023
S009813	70 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 403	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 5 June 2023
S009813	70 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 403	1760 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 5 June 2023
S009707	37 lot subdivision - Maplestone Estate - Stg 5	605 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 5 June 2023
S009648	26 lot subdivision - Sherwood Estate - Stage 5	250 Racecourse Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 6 June 2023
S009644	28 lot subdivision - Bonds Place - Stage 1	120 Bonds Lane, Greenvale	Plan Re-Certified 6 June 2023
S009619	34 lot subdivision - Highlands Estate DP19 - Stage 366	120H Vulcan Drive, Craigieburn	Plan Re-Certified with Statement of Compliance 7 June 2023
S009644	28 lot subdivision - Bonds Place - Stage 1	120 Bonds Lane, Greenvale	Plan Re-Certified 7 June 2023
S010026	19 lot subdivision - Bonds Place - Stage 2	126 Bonds Lane, Greenvale	Plan Certified 7 June 2023

S009333	44 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 351	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 7 June 2023
S009699	4 lot subdivision - multi unit	43 Eumarella Street, Tullamarine	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 8 June 2023
S009728	64 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 356	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 8 June 2023
S009755	3 lot subdivision - Residential	15 Tournament Rise Craigieburn	Statement of Compliance 8 June 2023
S009672	41 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 361	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Plan Re-Certified 8 June 2023
S009333	44 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 351	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 9 June 2023
S009672	41 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 361	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 9 June 2023
S009673	20 lot subdivision - Cloverton estate - Stage 362	1440 Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 9 June 2023
S009674	4 lot subdivision - multi unit	142 Cuthbert Steet Broadmeadows	Plan Certified 9 June 2023
S009357	28 lot subdivision - commercial	281 Marathon Boulevard, Craigieburn	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 13 June 2023
S010205	Variation of restriction and covenant	278-280 Rex Road Campbellfield	Plan certified with statement of compliance 13 June 2023
S009930	3 lot subdivision - Residential	20 Joffre Stret Broadmeadows	Statement of Compliance 13 June 2023
S009728	64 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate DP3d - Stage 356	1440D Hume Freeway, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 13 June 2023
S008322	16 lot subdivision - Cloverton Estate - Stage 1204	675-703 Donnybrook Road, Kalkallo	Statement of Compliance 14 June 2023
S010022	15 lot subdivision - Merrifield South Industrial Estate - Stage 5	225F-285 Donnybrook Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 15 June 2023
S009409	1 lot subdivision - Botanical Estate - Stage 12A	1960 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Re-Certified 16 June 2023
S009332	2 lot subdivision - Residential	1 Boort Street Dallas	Plan re-certifed with Statement of Compliance 19 June 2023
S009336	35 lot subdivision - Evans on Vine - Stage 1	155 Vineyard Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 20 June 2023
S009418	30 lot subdivision - Evans on Vine - Stage 2	155 Vineyard Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 20 June 2023
S009671	41 lot subdivision - Residential	45 Carroll Lane, Greenvale	Statement of Compliance 20 June 2023
S009959	76 lot subdivision - Highlands West Estate - Stage 409	1780 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Plan Certified 21 June 2023
S009987	16 lot subdivision - Residential	266 Melorse Drive Tullamarine	Statement of Compliance 22 June 2023
S009947	2 lot subdivision - Residential	27 Studley Street Craigieburn	Statement of Compliance 22 June 2023
S009746	43 lot subdivision - Residential	1 Gilded Way Craigieburn	Plan Re-Certified 22 June 2023
S009466	3 lot subdivision - Residential	3 Coonamar Street Tullamarine	Plan Certified 23 June 2023
S009557	Creation of Easement - Highlands - DP19	20 St Ives Place, Craigieburn	Plan re-certifed with Statement of Compliance 23 June 2023
S010176	3 lot subdivision - Industrial	11 Shankland Boulevard Meadow Heights	Plan Certified with Statement of Compliance 26 June 2023
S009407	37 lot subdivision - Kingsfield Estate - Stage 8	170 Lancefield Road, Sunbury	Statement of Compliance 28 June 2023
S009962	2 lot subdivision - Residential	21 Turnberry Drive Sunbury	Plan certified with statement of compliance 28 June 2023
S009587	2 lot subdivision - Residential	18 Lydia Avenue Campbellfield	Plan Certified 28 June 2023
S010166	2 lot subdivision - Residential	22 Jonathan Street Greenvale	Plan Certified 28 June 2023
S009575	2 lot subdivision - Residential	11 Gerbert Street Broadmeadows	Plan Certified 28 June 2023
S009810	3 lot subdivision - Residential	7 Walsh Street Broadmeadows	Plan Certified 29 June 2023
S010139	Plan of Subdivision - Redstone Estate Stage 5D - Creation of Reserve	675 Sunbury Road, Sunbury	Plan Certified 29 June 2023
S009690	24 lot subdivision - Rosenthal Estate - Stage E5	41 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 29 June 2023
S010149	2 lot subdivision - Residential	65 Cnady Road Greenvale	Plan Certified with statement of compliance 29 June 2023
S010150	2 lot subdivision - Residential	63 Candy Road Greenvale	Plan Certified with statement of compliance 29 June 2023
S009740	11 lot subdivision - Rosental Estate - Stage NAC4	100 Vineyard Road, Sunbury	Plan Re-Certified 30 June 2023

S009929	38 lot subdivision - Merrifield South Residential Estate - Stage 3	Aitken Boulevard, Mickleham	Plan Certified 30 June 2023
S009582	8 lot subdivision - Residential	35 Spavin Drive, Sunbury	Plan re-certifed with Statement of Compliance 30 June 2023
S009409	Creation of Reserve - Botanical Estate - Stage 12A	1960 Mickleham Road, Mickleham	Statement of Compliance 30 June 2023

SECTION 173 AGREEMENTS SIGNED 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2023			
APPLICATION	**PROPERTY ADDRESS**	**DETAILS**	**DATE SIGNED**
P24912	100 SPAVIN DR, SUNBURY VIC 3429	SUBDIVISION OF LAND INTO 5 LOTS AND REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION	3/04/2023
P23994	33 DUNKELD ST, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	2 LOT SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PS 900460W [SPEAR REF # S181484C]	17/04/2023
P21837	13 ELDORADO CRES, MEADOW HEIGHTS VIC 3048	2 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 823376N [SPEAR REF # S131854E]	13/06/2023
P24062	13-19 LANGPORT CRES, SUNBURY VIC 3429	27 LOT SUBDIVISION PS 804788V (SPEAR REF # S183053S)	13/06/2023
P24900	50 STANHOPE ST, BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047	2 LOT SUBDIVISION OF PS 914623R (SPEAR REF # S203450M)	15/06/2023
P24694	27 STUDLEY ST, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064	2 LOT SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PS 913942E [SPEAR # S198509H]	13/06/2023

REPORT NO:	8.10
REPORT TITLE:	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - July 2023
SOURCE:	Brendan Clifford, Chief Information Officer Paul White, Coordinator Knowledge Management
DIVISION:	Customer & Strategy
FILE NO:	HCC04/13
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.2: Deliver responsible and transparent governance, services and sustainable assets that respond to community needs
ATTACHMENTS:	1. *Review of Sunbury Bus Network and Long-term Public Transport Planning* 2. *Relocation of the Centrelink/Medicare Office* 3. *Gambling Reform Announcement* 4. *Illegal Dumping on Somerton Road* 5. *Local Government Seeking 15% Funding Uplift to Address Funding Inequity and Sustain Local services* 6. *Maintenance of Road Network within Hume City* 7. *Unresolved status of Refuge Cohort - Redacted*

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report presents a summary of correspondence relating to Council resolutions or correspondence that is considered to be of interest to Councillors received from or sent to State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

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

3. DISCUSSION:

There is a range of correspondence sent to or received from State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament during the normal course of Council's operations.

This report contains correspondence of this nature registered in Council's record keeping system during July 2023:

Table 1 Correspondence in relation to notices of motion items from Council meetings.

Table 2 Correspondence that may be of interest to Councillors.

Table 3 Correspondence in relation to grant / funding opportunities from State and Commonwealth government.

Copies of the documents are provided as attachments to this report.

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Table 1 - Correspondence in relation to Council Notices of Motion Items						
Direction	**Subject**	**Minister or Member of Parliament**	**Date received / sent**	**Responsible officer**	**Council Minute ref**	**Attachment**
Outwards	Review of Sunbury Bus Network and Long-term Public Transport Planning	State Member for Sunbury Minister for Public Transport	28/06/2023	Manager Strategic Communications & Advocacy	NOM23/307	1

Table 2 – General correspondence that may be of interest to Councillors						
	Subject	**Minister or Member of Parliament**	**Date received / sent**	**Responsible officer**	**Council Minute ref**	**Attachment**
Outwards	Relocation of the Centrelink/Medicare office from its current central Broadmeadows location to Coolaroo	Minister for Government Services *CC* *Federal Member for Calwell* *State Member for Broadmeadows*	12/07/2023	Coordinator Advocacy		2
Outwards	Gambling Reform Announcement	Premier of Victoria Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation	17/07/2023	Manager Strategic Communications & Advocacy		3
Inwards	Illegal Dumping on Somerton Road	State Member for Greenvale Minister for Roads and Road Safety	21/07/2023	Manager Waste and Sustainability		4
Outwards Inwards (Response)	Local Government Seeking 15% Funding Uplift to Address Funding Inequity and Sustain Local services	Minister for Aged Care (Federal)	6/07/2023 25/07/2023	Director City Services & Living		5
Outwards	Maintenance of arterial road network in Hume City Council	Minister for Roads and Road Safety	27/07/2023	CEO		6

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Table 2 – General correspondence that may be of interest to Councillors						
	Subject	**Minister or Member of Parliament**	**Date received / sent**	**Responsible officer**	**Council Minute ref**	**Attachment**
Outwards	Unresolved status of Refuge Cohort	Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	09/03/2023	Cr Sam Misho		7

Table 3 – Correspondence in relation to grant / funding opportunities						
	Subject	**Minister or Member of Parliament**	**Date received / sent**	**Responsible officer**	**Council Minute ref**	**Attachment**

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Wednesday, 28 June 2023

The Hon Ben Carroll MP
Minister for Public Transport
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MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Via Email: ben.carroll@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister

RE: REVIEW OF SUNBURY BUS NETWORK AND LONG-TERM PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLANNING

Hume City Council at its meeting of 22 May 2023 resolved:

> *"That council write to the Minister for Public Transport and the Member for Sunbury, asking that they consider a review of the Sunbury bus network."*

A copy of the Notice of Motion is attached for further context.

The Sunbury community is rapidly growing with 889 lots released in the last 2 years and more than 3,700 lots forecast to be released in the next five years. By 2041, Sunbury is forecast to grow to the size of a Bendigo or Ballarat.

As Sunbury grows, significant demands will be placed on infrastructure and transport networks. Access to a safe, reliable and usable public transport system is essential for the present and future liveability of Sunbury.

Council welcomes and appreciates the recent investments and planned upgrades by the Victorian State Government of the Sunbury bus terminus and suggests that this provides the perfect opportunity for a network wide renewal of the bus offering in Sunbury.

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Yours sincerely

CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
MAYOR

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Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

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Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Mr Josh Bull MP
State Member for Sunbury
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SUNBURY VIC 3429

Via Email: josh.bull@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Bull Josh

RE: REVIEW OF SUNBURY BUS NETWORK AND LONG-TERM PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLANNING

Hume City Council at its meeting of 22 May 2023 resolved:

> *"That council write to the Minister for Public Transport and the Member for Sunbury, asking that they consider a review of the Sunbury bus network."*

A copy of the Notice of Motion is attached for further context.

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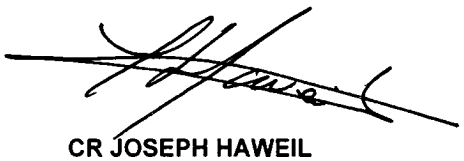

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The Hon. Bill Shorten MP
Minister for Government Services
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear ~~Minister~~ Bill

RE: RELOCATION OF CENTRELINK AND MEDICARE FROM BROADMEADOWS TO COOLAROO, VICTORIA

I am writing to express Council's profound disappointment on the relocation of the Centrelink/Medicare office from its current central Broadmeadows location to Coolaroo. This significant alteration to the provision of vital social services within our area and region will have profound and ongoing impacts on Hume City residents and residents of neighbouring municipalities, including Merri-bek City.

The relocation was executed without the benefit of prior consultation or advanced notification extended to either the community or Hume City Council. The conspicuous absence of transparency and stakeholder involvement in this decision-making process has regrettably fostered a sense of exclusion and undermined public trust in the due process of such consequential matters. Sadly, Council only became aware of this decision through a third-party source and received no notification through the Department or relevant agencies.

The Broadmeadows Centrelink/Medicare office is currently situated in one of the designated Metropolitan Activity Centres (MAC) for Melbourne. This area serves as a central hub for retail, office spaces and regional services. Notably, the site houses various government and Council services, community and leisure facilities, and essential transport infrastructure. The Broadmeadows MAC has become a convenient one-stop shop for our residents, providing easy access to vital services such as Centrelink/Medicare and Council inquiries, alongside their routine shopping and banking activities.

This relocation will result in the loss of convenient access to a vital government support service for Hume residents. The current central location in Broadmeadows is characterised by its accessibility, serving as a transportation hub for both public transit users and those with private vehicles. In sharp contrast, the new Coolaroo location poses significant challenges in terms of accessibility, particularly for residents without private vehicles or driver's licenses.

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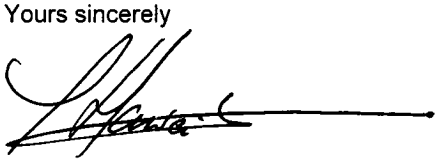
It is crucial to acknowledge that Broadmeadows is one of the most disadvantaged communities in Victoria. This distinction necessitates a heightened level of support to address the persistent challenges faced by our residents, including poverty, mental health issues, low parental education and employment rates, substance abuse, trauma, crime and family violence. Given the diverse profile of our community, it is of utmost importance to provide easily accessible face-to-face services to overcome language barriers. Moreover, for individuals who encounter difficulties navigating Centrelink and Medicare's online services, preserving face-to-face options assumes even greater significance.

I implore you to undertake further investigations into the suitability of the current service location, considering viable alternatives such as downsizing the office at the present site or relocating it permanently to Broadmeadows Central Shopping Centre. These options would help mitigate the adverse repercussions of the current decision and ensure continued access to essential services for our residents.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss these concerns with you and believe that open dialogue will foster a deeper understanding of the community's perspectives. Should you wish to arrange a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Carmen Frawley, Coordinator Advocacy, at 0408 408 188, who will be pleased to coordinate a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

I thank you for taking the time to consider the concerns of the Hume community and trust that you will thoroughly review the community's concerns and promptly address the accessibility and consequential impact arising from the relocation of the Centrelink/Medicare office.

Yours sincerely



CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
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cc: Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Federal Member for Calwell
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Monday, 17 July 2023

The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP
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1 Treasury Place
MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Email: daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Premier

RE: GAMBLING REFORM ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Hon. Melissa Horne MP
Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation
Level 22, 1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Email: melissa.horne@minstaff.vic.gov.au

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MEMBER FOR GREENVALE

The Hon. Melissa Horne MP

Minister for Roads and Road Safety
Level 22, 1 Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Thursday 20 July 2023

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you to again raise the issue of illegal dumping on Somerton Road in my electorate of Greenvale and to request your Department undertake action to remove many piles of rubbish which have accumulated along the stretch of road between Section Road and Oaklands Junction in recent months.

As you know, I have heard a great deal of concern from my constituents about this issue, from the perspectives of road safety and community & environmental amenity. The Mayor of Hume City Council has also expressed his concern, on behalf of Council, regarding the current condition of the road and the maintenance cycle.

As a regular user of this stretch of Somerton Road, I can also personally attest to the challenges that unremoved illegally dumped rubbish are creating for road users. Given the scale of dumped rubbish that has now accumulated along this roadway, I would be grateful if your Department, or any relevant agencies, could please investigate these matters, remove rubbish currently accumulated and consider how the maintenance could be made more frequent and thorough.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Kind regards,

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State Member for Greenvale

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Thursday, 6 July 2023

The Hon Anika Wells MP
Minister for Aged Care
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Email: Anika.Wells.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister

RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEEKING 15% FUNDING UPLIFT TO ADDRESS FUNDING INEQUITY AND SUSTAIN LOCAL SERVICES

I am pleased your office is engaging with local government through our peak body the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).

Funding continues to be a critical factor for Hume City Council (Council), as we are currently contributing ratepayer funds to maintain services delivered by our valued workforce.

Council welcomes the Federal Government's decision to fully fund a 15% pay increase for aged care workers, bringing non-government providers closer to our sector's existing pay and conditions.

Unfortunately, this decision does come with unintended consequences.

Council is now being penalised for already offering well-paid and secure employment in aged care – primarily through ratepayer subsidisation of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.

It is promising to see the Albanese Government uphold its pledge to fund aged care sustainably to achieve better care for older Australians and better conditions for workers. As we approach the launch of the Support and Home Program, all levels of government must work swiftly to strengthen the existing home care service system to mitigate transition risks.

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Council should be incentivised for our approach to continuous improvement with an equitable funding uplift from the Federal Government to improve the delivery of high standard services and reduce the financial burden on our ratepayers.

The current options provided by the Commonwealth to address the funding inequities (review of unit prices) would result in the contraction (reduced number) of the hours of service available to the community. All while there has been no reduction in community need. Respectfully, what is required to respond to the increasing community needs is to at least maintain current service levels with additional funding to ensure the continuity of service and equity within the market which could provide sustainability of quality services within the system.

Addressing these inequities in the short term will lead to a fairer and more stable market in the long term under Support at Home.

Forty Victorian councils alongside Hume City Council remain in CHSP service delivery, and we will all continue to review our involvement in the service based on financial and community needs over the next two years.

A funding uplift would ensure Council can continue participating in the home support system while transformational change is designed at the federal level.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you in person or online.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Aida Baptista, on to coordinate a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Hector Gaston, Director City Services and Living, on or via email at should you have any questions in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
MAYOR

cc: The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Federal Member for Maribyrnong
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP, Federal Member for Calwell
Mr Sam Rae MP, Federal Member for Hawke
Cr David Clark, President – Municipal Association of Victoria

Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Ref No: MC23-013486

Councillor Joseph Haweil
Mayor of Hume City Council
PO Box 119
DALLAS VIC 3047
AidaB@hume.vic.gov.au

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 July 2023 to the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport, the Hon Anika Wells MP, regarding the Fair Work Commission (FWC) wages decision on aged care workers. The Minister has asked me to reply.

As you are aware, the Australian Government has committed $11.3 billion to fund the FWC's decision for a 15 per cent increase to award wages in the Aged Care Work Value case in recognition of the valuable role of aged care workers. Aged care workers delivering CHSP services and employed under one of the in-scope awards or enterprise agreements will be impacted. These include the Aged Care Ward 2010, Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry (SCHADS) Award 2010 and the Nurses Award 2020. The award rate changes will take effect from the employee's first full pay period that starts on or after 30 June 2023.

Aged care workers delivering Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services and employed under one of the in-scope awards will be impacted. However, as the CHSP workforce is underpinned by a wide array of award wages and enterprise agreements, the impact of the FWC decision may vary significantly from organisation to organisation.

CHSP providers have been advised $105.1 million has been made available in additional grant funding to manage these increased award payments. The Department of Health and Aged Care is currently finalising details of this new grant funding opportunity, with further information available in the coming weeks on Grant Connect at www.grants.gov.au and on the department's website at www.health.gov.au by using the search term 'Better and fairer wages for aged care workers'.

The department can confirm this grant funding will only be available to meet the cost of increasing wages to the new award level. Where a Council or other provider is already paying at or above the new award rate, the organisation will not be eligible to apply for additional funding. Whilst I appreciate this is not the Council's preferred outcome, it is important to note that additional funding provided across aged care programs is expected to be sufficient to ensure providers are able to increase wages to at least the new minimum award levels.

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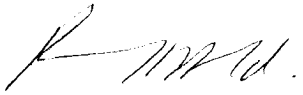
In terms of your concerns about the general funding sustainability of CHSP services, providers have received, on average, a funding increase of around 6.35% in 2023-24 through standard indexation processes. If the Council is experiencing other inflationary impacts and current service delivery levels cannot be maintained, the Council should raise these matters in the first instance with their Funding Arrangement Manager in the Community Grants Hub. The Council can also apply for ad-hoc grant funding under GO5672 to ensure continuity of service levels.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Russell Herald
Assistant Secretary
Home Support Operations Branch
25 July 2023

cc: The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Dear Minister

RE: MAINTENANCE OF ROAD NETWORK WITHIN HUME CITY

Thank you for your correspondence (CMIN-1-23-684) regarding maintenance of the arterial road network in Hume City, forwarded to Council by a number of our state parliamentarians.

While Council appreciates your advice with regard to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Road Management Plan, routine maintenance, the scheduled program of mowing and amenity and maintenance arrangements, Council is compelled to continue raising with the Victorian Government and our local representatives the visible, long-term deficiencies in these arrangements.

In Council's correspondence to our local MPs dated 13 February 2023, we also included a lengthy file (including photographs) of numerous general maintenance issues. Regrettably, there has been a notable absence of resolution or improvement in the standard of work undertaken by the Department of Transport and Planning in response to the concerns I previously raised. While some works have been done, they appear to have been sporadic and the standard of work generally unacceptable. For example, we observe that mowing of the Pascoe Vale Road median has been undertaken in the past weeks. However, the kerb and channel was left in a very poor state with no edging and the kerb was left covered by grass clippings. Mickleham Road, another major arterial road in Hume City has been treated by DTP contractors in the same fashion, leading to countless resident complaints. On Pascoe Vale Road, there was also litter that was just mowed over and a dead fox was left in clear sight of passing motorists. Photos are attached highlighting these issues. On Somerton Road (west of Mickleham Road), huge volumes of dumped rubbish are in plain sight and this dumping often remains in situ for 6 months to 1 year at any given time, even with representations made by our local parliamentarians.

Council also respectfully but strongly disputes the advice provided by DTP as to there having been numerous uplift projects throughout the municipality on roads such as Pascoe Vale Road and Camp Road in particular. Both these roads (and in some cases for their entire length) are in an ongoing state of disorder and neglect. In both cases and despite neither road falling within Council's jurisdiction for maintenance, Council on a regular basis undertakes litter control, removal of dumped material and graffiti removal at a huge cost to Hume residents given the absence of DTP responsiveness to items reported and the timeframes for action (if taken at all in many cases).

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In the case of grass mowing and vegetation maintenance, although the schedule of works as detailed in your correspondence may well proceed within the parameters of guidelines and acceptable intervention levels, it is unclear what level of contract management, quality assurance and control and contractor oversight the DTP has in place. Throughout Hume City, kerb and channel mowing on State-managed arterial roads is almost non-existent. Kerb and channel maintenance is otherwise a standard part of mowing arrangements, including Council's own contractual arrangements.

As outlined in my previous correspondence, Council had been subsidising the cost of maintaining these high-profile areas for many years under the Minor Maintenance Agreement that was terminated by VicRoads in 2019. Council may be willing to consider some form of maintenance agreement in the future if this was a means of resolving our current concerns, but only if funding was sufficient for an acceptable level of service. DTP have entered no discussions with Council to reestablish the MMA on reasonable terms despite Council's many efforts to have this arrangement revisited.

Via this correspondence, I also extend a personal invitation to relevant Departmental officials in the DTP to join me on a brief tour of Hume City's main arterial roads to observe first-hand the matters Council has continued to raise. We would be glad to provide a guided tour to make clear our concerns and find an agreed way forward. Arrangements can be made by contacting my Executive Assistant, Aida Baptista, on

It is my sincere hope that, given the importance of this issue for our community, your intervention can help address these ongoing issues and that we can collectively create much-needed improvement across Hume City.

Yours sincerely

CR JOSEPH HAWEIL
MAYOR

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cc: The Hon. Ros Spence MP, State Member for Kalkallo
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Thursday 9 June 2023

Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Email to: Andrew.Giles.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister Giles,

RE: UNRESOLVED STATUS OF REFUGEE COHORT

Hume City is home to more than 250,000 residents which includes a large refugee and asylum seeker community. We write with regard to recent representations which have been made to Council from members of the
who are constituents of our municipality.

The family are part of a wider known caseload of asylum seekers who remain without a resolution of their status and a pathway forward in Australia. For your reference, these are the specific case details:

We are informed that unfortunately lost their parents within the last 10 years (and were unable to be with them). Their held the title of National Australian Champion within Taekwondo for age group. had the opportunity to participate in the Oceania Opening, which is an international competition in Korea that creates a pathway into the Olympics. It is dream to represent Australia at the Olympics for Taekwondo, but was unable to travel and make the most of this opportunity due to visa status. advise that has lost all hope to achieve these dreams.

Council is further advised that whilst hopes and dreams in sport have been lost, was recently lucky to be afforded a scholarship to complete studies at Victoria University. enthusiastically began studies but received a phone call from the Department, advising to no longer attend university. came to Australia at 9 years of age and holds a Bridging Visa (under application) – this visa provides them with permission to work as well as access to Medicare, but does not permit study. As a result, we are advised that while has engaged in high school education in Australia, is unable to study at university. After sporting ambitions were unable to be pursued, educational dreams are now being impacted and is unable to pursue aspiration to complete a law degree.

For your reference, has been working in for many years. colleagues and managers are all very satisfied with work and are proud of efforts at . has been managing a for a long period and has now also recently opened a . runs the whilst also continuing to manage the . In Iran, used to work for a and completed further education.

The matter of the falls within the wider cohort of 12,000 asylum seekers who have resided in Australia for the last 10-12 years who are seeking permanent resettlement in Australia.

Representations have been made to advise that while many have had their applications rejected and await another opportunity to have their cases heard, a feeling exists that their cases have been unfairly assessed.

Members of this cohort have advised that due to experiences of prolonged waiting, many refugees have suffered mentally and emotionally. Many of the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, spouses and close relatives of these 12,000 individuals have passed away in their home countries, whilst these individuals were waiting for a visa outcome in Australia.

Like the , we are advised that many of those within this cohort have been working regularly and contributing to the Australian community. Many have also established new businesses and employed people, paying taxes and making contributions in a variety of roles.

Hume City is proudly home to one of Australia's largest refugee communities and embraces and welcomes them and their contributions to our community. For most of these new arrivals, pursuing educational opportunities is critical to lifetime wellbeing. The denial of these opportunities to and others in circumstances due to existing visa conditions is understandably deeply distressing as education is a fundamental human right.

We welcome your attention to the representations made to Council from the and the Australian Government's ongoing consideration of the unresolved cohort of 12,000 refugees who await a resolution allowing them to continue with their lives and contributing to Australia.

Yours sincerely

CR SAM MISHO
COUNCILLOR

cc:

Hon Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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REPORT NO:	9.1
REPORT TITLE:	NOM23/020 - Cr Trevor Dance - Deferred from 14/08/2023 Council Meeting
SOURCE:	Veronica Rowley, Governance Officer
DIVISION:	Finance & Governance
FILE NO:	HCC23/688

I hereby request that pursuant to Council's Governance Rules and Code of Conduct for Councillors that the following motion be included in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting.

1. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council;

a) Ceases its corporate membership to LGPRO INCORPORATED - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS INC immediately . That council obtains reimbursement on pro rata basis of membership paid for the subscription period.

b) That a report be provided to Council detailing Council expenditure from the commencement of the 2016 Council term to current on training through LGPro, including programs/training sessions accessed, number of staff engaged and alternate sector options for future training needs.

2. OFFICER COMMENTS

a) LG pro is the professional association for officers in local government. The annual subscription for Council costs $5060, and provides the following:

- Eligibility to all staff to participate in the Special Interest Group Network
- Eligibility to participate in the Emerging Leaders Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Executive Leadership Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Ignite Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Ignite for Outdoor Workers Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Mastering Management Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Mentoring Program
- Eligibility to participate in the LGPro Sector Secondment Program
- Eligibility to participate in the Australasian Management Challenge
- Eligibility to nominate for the Awards for Excellence
- Introduction to Local Government Course
- LGPro quarterly Profile magazine (exclusive to Members and Council Subscribers only)
- Complimentary Professional Memberships for the EA/PA to the CEO and unlimited complimentary Professional Memberships for people who want to be an LGPro SIG Convenor
- Advocacy and representation to State and Federal Government key stakeholders to ensure the Local Government officers' perspective is heard.
- Opportunity for Council Subscribers to have tailored programs delivered at their Council for their staff.

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Council not renewing its subscription mean staff will not be eligible to participate in the Awards for Excellence or participate in the specific local government programs mentioned above.

The 23/24 subscription has not yet been paid, noting this notice of motion was to be considered by Council.

b) To provide seven years of data as per the request will require a significant number of resources and time to retrieve the invoice from the archives, match this to the training record, deidentify the applicant information and then tabulate for the final report. Officers suggest a report outlining the total spend for each financial year over that period and highlight any broad categories of training that are easy to identify.

The LGPro offerings are tailored specifically to the Victorian local government sector and its unique complexities. There is not a direct equivalent provider.

Whilst Council uses LGPro as a training provider we also use a range of other training providers to address the many specialty skills required at Council across its diverse services.

Some recent organisations we have used include industry bodies such as Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and FinPro; professional development organisations such as Australian Human Resource Institute (AHRI); Professionals Australia (engineers); Planning Institute of Australia (PIA); Union Organisations (ASU & ANMF); or private commercial