



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2021

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Minutes of the
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 11 October 2021
at 7.00PM
livestreamed via www.hume.vic.gov.au

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| Present: | a: Council | Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Chris Hollow Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Naim Kurt Cr Sam Misho Cr Carly Moore Cr Jim Overend Cr Karen Sherry | Mayor Deputy Mayor |
| | b: Officers | Ms Sheena Frost Mr Hector Gaston Mr Michael Sharp Ms Roslyn Wai Mr Peter Waite Mr Daryl Whitfort Ms Megan Kruger Mr Brad Mathieson | Chief Executive Officer Director Community Services Director Planning and Development Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services Director Corporate Services Manager Governance Team Leader Governance |

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor advised that the Council meeting was being livestreamed on Council's website and that an audio recording of the Council meeting would be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting. The Mayor also advised that as Council is the owner of the copyright of the livestream and notwithstanding anything appearing on Council's website, any recording, copying or other use of the livestream is strictly prohibited and would therefore constitute a breach of Council's copyright.

Gallery Not in Attendance

The Mayor advised that as members of the gallery could not be in attendance at the meeting, any person wishing to make comment to reports listed on the Agenda had been requested to submit their statements in advance of the meeting. Provided they are compliant with Council's Governance Rules, with the exception of being present at the meeting, these comments would be read out by the Chief Executive Officer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

The Mayor read the following:

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

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

2. PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

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

Amen

3. APOLOGIES

At its Meeting on 13 September 2021 Council resolved to direct Cr Dance to not attend the next two Ordinary meetings of Council, on 27 September 2021 and 11 October 2021.

There were no apologies received.

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.

No Councillor declared any Conflicts of Interest.

5. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

CNM052

MR KEN THOMPSON

Councillor Naim Kurt

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

That Council acknowledges the sad passing of Ken Thompson, former Gladstone Park Secondary College Principal, and Hume Global Learning Village Chair.

CARRIED

CNM053

MR PETER RYAN

Councillor Jack Medcraft

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell**That Council pass on its condolences on the passing of Mr Peter Ryan, from the Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen.****CARRIED****6. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS**

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at an informal meeting of Councillors are tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

6.1 Summary of Matters Discussed at a Meeting Conducted Under the Auspices of Council - September 2021**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore**2.1 THAT Council notes the summary of matters discussed at meetings conducted under the auspices of Council, being Strategy and Policy Briefing Sessions, which were held on 6 September 2021 and 20 September 2021.****CARRIED****7. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 September 2021 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 27 September 2021, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 September 2021 and the Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 27 September 2021, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.****CARRIED****8. RECEIPT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL TO BE ADOPTED**

Nil

9. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ860 MR ANTHONY HARPER**

Have all councillors complied with the Government requirement that they be vaccinated like all other workers deemed essential. If not, what are the consequences?

RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES)

THE VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE COUNCILLORS AS AUTHORISED WORKERS. COUNCIL CAN CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIRTUALLY UNTIL 27 APRIL 2022.

PQ861 MR ANTHONY HARPER

After two years, when will Council consider the Suburb Boundary Review?

RESPONSE: (DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES)

IT IS EXPECTED THAT COUNCIL OFFICERS WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING TO COUNCILLORS ON THE PROJECT EITHER IN LATE 2021 OR EARLY 2022 AND FOLLOWING THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROJECT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE.

12. OFFICER'S REPORTS**Reports Identified as Requiring Individual Discussion****EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

| Report No. | Report | Page in Agenda |
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| ED045 | 2022 Education Scholarship Program | 9 |
| | Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Sam Misho | |
| | That Council awards a \$1,000 Education Scholarship to each of the 52 students named in Attachment 1, in recognition of their demonstration of good citizenship and high scholastic achievements throughout their primary education. | |

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| ED046 | Implementation and launch of Hume Business Employment Grants | 13 |
| | Moved Cr Naim Kurt, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft | |
| | That Council supports: | |
| | 2.1 the Hume Business Employment Grants Program. | |
| | 2.2 the appointment of assessment panel members from the Hume Business Jobs Recovery Working Group. | |

CARRIED

13. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

14. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

15. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

16. DELEGATES REPORTS**DEL104****METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT FORUM**

Councillor Jodi Jackson

Councillor Jodi Jackson provided a verbal report on her attendance at the recent Metropolitan Transport Forum.

17. GENERAL BUSINESS**BEL019****INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY LOCATION MARKERS
ACROSS HUME PARK AND RESERVES**

Councillor Jarrod Bell

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

That Council officers prepare and provide a report to a future S&P briefing exploring the opportunities for Council to install emergency location markers across Councils parks reserves and any other appropriate location in line with the requirements as outlined by the Emergency services telecommunications authority (ESTA) guidelines.

The report should include:

- 1. Direct consultation with local emergency services, including police, our three SES units, CFA brigades across the city and Fire Rescue Victoria.**
- 2. A list of appropriate locations where these markers may be appropriate.**
- 3. Consideration of a trial location if deemed needed at Sunbury's Bicentennial park otherwise known as The Nook.**

CARRIED**BEL020****TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION – EVANS ST SUNBURY**

Councillor Jarrod Bell

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

That Council Officers provide a report to a future S&P briefing investigating options available to Council to ensure efficient traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians and road users in the vicinity of the KFC restaurant on Evans St in Sunbury.

CARRIED

BEL021

ACKNOWLEDGING THE HUME COMMUNITY FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS ON COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Councillor Jarrod Bell

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

1. That Hume City Council acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding efforts in recent weeks of the Hume Community in boosting the COVID-19 vaccination rate to 86.3% first dose and 48.4% second dose across our city, and
2. That Council further recognises the dedication and commitment of Council staff, in supporting our community in these challenging times through their referral and relief efforts such as the delivery of food supplies to isolating households, community education and engagement efforts and support in ensuring compliance with the Chief Health Officer directions.

CARRIED

HOL010

JACANA RAILWAY STATION PROGRESS UPDATE

Councillor Chris Hollow

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry**That Council write to The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP and Mr Frank McGuire MP, State Member for Broadmeadows:**

1. Seeking information on what planning, studies or business case (if any) may have been prepared for an upgrade of the Jacana Railway Station.
2. To determine whether the Victorian State Government has considered or progressed any initiatives to address the existing amenity and safety concerns at the station since these were last raised by Council in August 2017 and in subsequent resolutions.

CARRIED

HOL011

MICKLEHAM ROAD UPDATE AND FOOTPATH NECESSITY

Councillor Chris Hollow

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson**That Council write to the Department of Transport and The Hon. Ros Spence MP and Ben Carroll MP:**

1. **Seeking an update on the progress of the 2020/21 State Budget commitment to upgrade:**
 - a. **Mickleham Road to Providence Estate (Greenvale)**
 - b. **Aitken College intersection and**
 - c. **Progress planning for the full duplication of Mickleham Rd.**
2. **To raise the critical necessity for footpaths along a stretch of Mickleham Rd (from Somerton Rd to Aspect/Providence Estate) which is being used by residents to access the recently opened activity centre at the corner of Mickleham Road and Somerton road (including a service station, fast food outlet (Usta) and the new restaurant (Carls Jnr)).**

CARRIED

SHE057

MANDATORY PET FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

Councillor Karen Sherry

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell**That Council write to the Federal Minister for Agriculture, David Littleproud MP, cc'ing in the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, Mary-Anne Thomas MP, advocating for the establishment of mandatory pet food safety standards in Australia.****CARRIED**

SHE058

BREACH OF PET FOOD SAFETY STANDARD NOTIFICATION

Councillor Karen Sherry

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell**Council officers prepare a briefing note on the feasibility of notification of a breach of voluntary pet food safety standards to Hume residents who are pet owners.**

KUR116

TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION – FOX COURT JACANA

Councillor Naim Kurt

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson**That officers investigate parking congestion on Fox Court Jacana, particularly at the intersection with Pascoe Vale Road and consider opportunities for no parking or indented parking to improve the flow of traffic off and from Pascoe Vale Road onto this residential street.****CARRIED**

KUR117

MAJOR ENHANCEMENTS TO HUME PLAYGROUNDS

Councillor Naim Kurt

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

That as part of the review of Council's open space strategy, that officers identify playgrounds in Hume for major enhancements and a higher level of amenity, including themed play spaces and water play spaces to elevate the profile of key parks as destination spaces that will attract people to visit and enjoy outdoor spaces in Hume.

CARRIED

KUR118

GREENING THE NORTH PROGRAM

Councillor Naim Kurt

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That Council writes to the Executive Officer of the Northern Councils Alliance seeking the establishment of a 'Greening the North' program that would bring together Councils of the Northern Metropolitan Region to work collaboratively on planning for, enhancing, and seeking funding to increase the urban forest canopy cover across the region.

CARRIED

JAC044

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF VERGES AND GUTTERS ALONG CRAIGIEBURN ROAD EAST CRAIGIEBURN

Councillor Jodi Jackson

Moved Cr Jodi Jackson, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

That Council writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll MP and the Department of Transport (DoT) requesting:

- 1. that DoT conduct a clean-up of the verges and gutters of Craigieburn Rd East Craigieburn between Potter Street and the Hume freeway. Specifically targeting the illegally dumped rubbish and animal carcasses along the verges and the silt that is clogging up the gutters, and**
- 2. that DoT acknowledge the need for regular maintenance along that stretch of road.**

CARRIED

MED303

26 JANUARY CELEBRATION AND EVENTS REVIEW

Councillor Jack Medcraft

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt**That Council:**

1. no longer participate in celebratory events on 26 January from 2022.
2. As this day is a sad day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people we ask that flags fly at half-mast on 26 January.
3. Hold citizenship events on 26 January (recognising it is a Federal requirement), however consult with the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group for guidance in developing a respectful approach to citizenship activities.
4. Consult with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation to identify an inclusive national date that acknowledges and represents all the people of our nation.

The Mover withdrew the Motion before the vote was put.

MED304

REQUEST TO CHANGE THE DATE OF AUSTRALIA DAY

Councillor Jack Medcraft

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt**That Council:**

1. Write to the Prime Minister advocating to change the date of Australia's National Day from January 26, to a more embracing day such as 'Sorry Day' or the day that Aboriginal people were finally recognised as being Human beings and not flora and fauna, and restrictions to the use of *Opiums Act 1897*. That date was May 27.

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting during the discussion on MED304, the time being 8.55pm.

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting during the discussion on MED304, the time being 8.57pm.

The Mover withdrew the Motion before the vote was put.**18. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9:04pm.

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COUNCILLOR JOSEPH HAWEL
MAYOR