

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes Council Meeting

Monday, 10 August 2026 at 7:00pm

**Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre
Broadmeadows**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 10 August 2026

at 7:02pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr. Carly Moore Cr. Ally Watson Cr. Jarrod Bell Cr. Daniel English Cr. Steve Gagen Cr. John Haddad Cr. Naim Kurt Cr. Sam Misho Cr. Jim Overend Cr. Karen Sherry	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms. Kristen Cherry Ms Rachel Dapiran Mr Faik Demir Mr Matthew Irving Mr Fadi Srour Ms Holly De Kretser Ms Jane Zahra	Chief Executive Officer Director City Services & Living Director Planning, Places & Delivery Acting Director People, Customer & Communication Director Assets, Operations & Sustainability Director Organisational Performance Manager Governance & Property Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor reminded Councillors and members of the Gallery that an audio and video recording of the Council meeting will be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

Gallery Behaviour

The Mayor advised that they will invite members of the gallery to speak, for up to three minutes either in support of or against an officer's recommendation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the following:

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their ancestors have been Owners for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes existing family members of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Owners of this land. Hume City Council would like to pay respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri

Woi-wurrung. Hume City Council would like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and Elders from other communities 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 Enele Tailiki, from the Hume Samoan Assembly of God, on behalf of the HIN.

The faith leader read the meeting prayer.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Kate Hamley was an apology for the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

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

Nil

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES

5.1 Presentation of Awards – Departing Manager Planning & Development and Manager Sustainability, Climate and Waste.

The Mayor read the following:

Tonight, we say farewell to Council's Manager Planning and Development, James McNulty and Manager Sustainability, Climate and Waste, Danielle Prentice.

In recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication and service, we commend James and Danielle for their exceptional efforts and unwavering commitment they have shown to their colleagues and staff, leaving a lasting and meaningful impact on Hume City Council.

CGM156

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – HUME STAFF ON DELIVERING THE NGAA CONGRESS

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council through the Mayor acknowledges all of the Hume staff on their work to support the delivery of the National Growth Areas Alliance Congress hosted by Hume City Council last weekend.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 July 2026.

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 July 2026, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**PQ1443 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - ANTHONY HARPER**

Report 9.1 refers to a parliamentary subcommittee that does not exist. As per Subsection 2.1.1 of the motion, to whom is the motion directed - noting parliamentary inquiries are a matter for the Parliament, not a Minister, and is it the expectation through this motion that Parliament would vote to establish committee, appoint members and a Chair, hold hearings, finalise a report, and receive a response from the Government in the 80 or so days remaining until the caretaker period commences?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR PLANNING, PLACES AND DELIVERY

Thank you for your question. The Senate Environment and Communications References Committee referred to in the report details can be found on the Parliament of Australia website. In relation to subsection 2.1.1, the Notice of Motion proposes that Council write to the Premier and relevant Victorian Ministers requesting the Victorian Government support the proposed actions. The establishment of any Victorian Parliamentary Joint Select Committee would ultimately be a matter for the Victorian Parliament.

PQ1444 PUBLIC QUESTION - ANTHONY HARPER

Report 8.4 Subsection 6.1 refers to a cost of \$2862 across 124 staff hours worked. This would imply that staff were paid \$23.08 an hour - well below the national minimum wage of \$26.44 an hour. Can Council confirm this figure is correct?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR PEOPLE, CUSTOMER AND COMMUNICATION

Thank you for the question. The figure in section 6.1 of \$2,862 refers to direct campaign costs and does not represent staff wages. It is correct. The 124 staff hours were contributed separately by existing staff as part of normal operational duties.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Merlynston Creek Parklands Masterplan	8
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Naim Kurt	
	That Council	
	2.1 Approve Merlynston Creek Parklands Masterplan (Attachment 1)	

- 2.2 Note the Masterplan will provide the strategic basis to guide capital works delivery, future capital works bids, grant applications, partnerships and developer negotiations to progressively deliver the range of large and small open space improvement actions
- 2.3 Note the Masterplan has been developed in partnership with Melbourne Water. Endorsement of the Masterplan will enable progress on their investment plans to open up safe access and enjoyment by the public to the Dallas Army Camp Retarding Basin
- 2.4 Note and support the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Merlynston Creek Cultural Values Assessment and its support the ongoing Care for Country (Attachment 2)

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Hume Enforcement and Compliance Policy Review	134

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes amendments made to the Hume Enforcement and Compliance Policy, including the amendments summarised in section 9 of this report.
- 2.2 Adopt the revised Hume Enforcement and Compliance Policy as provided in Attachment 1.
- 2.3 That Council receive an annual report on the implementation and performance of the Enforcement and Compliance Policy and the associated Compliance and Enforcement Assurance Framework, including enforcement trends, service responsiveness, emerging and systemic compliance issues, and the consistency and proportionality of enforcement activity, so that Council can assess whether this policy is achieving its intended outcomes.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Selection - 2026 Community Award Winners	159

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council approve the Community Award winners and finalists as presented in Confidential Attachment 1.

Councillor Karen Sherry left the meeting during item Selection - 2026 Community Award Winners, the time being 7:45pm.

Councillor Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during item Selection - 2026 Community Award Winners, the time being 7:47pm.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Response to NOM25/07 - Cr Ally Watson - Communications Campaign Trial for Kalkallo and Mickleham Community Centres	161
	Moved Cr Ally Watson, Seconded Cr Sam Misho	
	That Council:	
	2.1 Notes the outcomes of the NOM 25/07 communications trial, including increased awareness and engagement, and limited translation into participation or utilisation.	
	2.2 Notes that the evidence indicates under-utilisation of community centres is not primarily a communications issue, but is influenced by programming, timing, access, activation, community demand and growth area maturity.	
	2.3 Council will receive a report on the outcomes of the Community Facilities Feasibility Study for unstaffed minor facilities, being undertaken from August–September 2026. Subject to Council consideration of those outcomes, an Activation Pilot is proposed for November – January 2026 (dates to be confirmed).	
	2.4 Refers budget of \$6000 to the 2027/28 budget process for a Kalkallo and Mickleham Activation Pilot investing \$1,000 per month for three months at two facilities, to test the impact of dedicated strategic programming on overall participation and facility utilisation.	
	2.5 Notes that expanding standalone communications or social media channels is not expected to materially improve utilisation outcomes unless supported by relevant programming, activation and community-led opportunities.	

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Response to NOM25/09 – Cr Carly Moore - Craigieburn Scouts Relocation - Preferred Site Recommendation	166
	Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, Seconded Cr Ally Watson	
	That Council:	
	2.1 Endorse the vacant land adjacent to the Highlander Drive Community Centre, 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn (Attachment 1), as the preferred site for the relocation of the 1st Craigieburn Scout Group facility.	

- 2.2 Authorise Officers to commence negotiations with Scouts Victoria and the 1st Craigieburn Scout Group, with a view to entering a land lease agreement for the use and occupation of the site at 141 Highlander Drive, Craigieburn.
- 2.3 Note that:
- 2.3.1 should these negotiations be successful, Officers will provide a future report relating to the future use of the existing Scout Hall site at 22 Hilton Street, Craigieburn.
- 2.3.2 any lease agreement will be subject to all statutory and Council approval requirements.

CARRIED

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8.6	Contract 30 25 3665 - Mailing Services (MAV-MS8014-25)	172

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

That Council

- 2.1 Resolves to access and utilise the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) contract number MAV-MS8014-25 for Mailing Services.
- 2.2 Accepts the Tender Evaluation Report and Recommendations made by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to utilise the awarded suppliers for the following categories:
- Category 1 – Direct Mail Services**
- a) Bing Technologies Pty Ltd T/A Bing
 - b) Cannon Business Services ANZ T/A Cannon Business Services Australia Pty Ltd
 - c) Lane Bros. Printers Pty Ltd T/A Lane Communications
- Category 2 – Unaddressed Mail/Mail Delivery**
- a) Australian Postal Corporation
 - b) Cannon Business Services ANZ T/A Cannon Business Services Australia Pty Ltd
 - c) The Trustee for Ambient Distribution Trust T/A Mr Moto
- 2.3 Accepts the attached tendered schedule of rates (incl. GST).
- 2.4 Authorises CPI adjustments to occur in accordance with the conditions of contract.

- 2.5 Accepts the contract for a term of 3-years commencing 1 August 2025 with extension options of 2 x 3-year terms.
- 2.6 Delegates to the Director Organisational Performance the authority to finalise and execute the contract documentation.
- 2.7 Delegates to the Director Organisational Performance the powers to review and exercise the extension options. The use of this authority is to be reported to Council within 3 months.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM26/22 - Cr Karen Sherry - Data Centres	179

The following community members addressed the gallery prior to the item being moved:

- John Rutherford
- Anastasia Drapaniotis
- Claire Jones
- Helene
- Isaac
- Dr Kate Fit
- Ian Hogar
- Kaylene Wilson

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

That Council:

- 2.1 Writes to the Premier of Victoria, the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Economy, and the Minister for Jobs, Industry and Advanced Manufacturing, requesting that the Victorian Government:
 - 2.1.1 Introduce a moratorium on approvals for new data centres and expansions of existing data centres until a Victorian Parliamentary Joint Select Committee Inquiry into Data Centres has been completed. The Inquiry should include comprehensive public hearings and invite evidence from scientific experts, community organisations, Traditional Owners, local residents, local governments, industry representatives and relevant government agencies to consider the cumulative environmental, social and economic impacts of data centres and recommend an appropriate regulatory framework and other initiatives identified through the inquiry process.
 - 2.1.2 Actively participate in the Australian Government's development of national standards,

- regulatory frameworks and policy settings relating to artificial intelligence and associated digital infrastructure, ensuring alignment between national and Victorian regulatory responses.
- 2.1.3** Establish a joint State and Local Government Taskforce to develop planning, environmental and infrastructure policy responses for the siting and operation of data centres, including the preparation of planning scheme amendments for public consultation and implementation through regulation and/or legislation following completion of the proposed Parliamentary Inquiry.
- 2.1.4** Ensure the work of the Taskforce includes consideration of:
- (a) Cumulative and place-based strategic assessments; electricity network capacity and energy demand; water supply, water security and catchment health; biodiversity and ecosystem impacts; land use planning and agricultural land protection; clustering and precinct-based development; community amenity and social impacts; economic benefits, including local jobs and skills development; and any additional matters identified through research, consultation and stakeholder engagement.
- 2.1.5** Immediately release the Victorian Government's Sustainable Data Centre Action Plan and all supporting research informing its development.
- 2.2** Notes the significant and growing community interest in the development and expansion of data centres, including concerns raised by residents, community organisations and environmental groups regarding their cumulative impacts.
- 2.3** Notes community interest in a public information session to provide independent information on data centre development, planning processes, environmental impacts, energy demand, water use and economic outcomes.
- 2.4** Resolves to provide appropriate in-kind support for a public information session on data centres, subject to Council's usual policies and procedures.
- 2.5** That any future planning development applications for new Data Centres or the expansion of existing ones be brought to the attention of all councillors.

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during item NOM26/22 - Cr Karen Sherry - Data Centres, the time being 8:19pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during item NOM26/22 - Cr Karen Sherry - Data Centre, the time being 8:21pm.

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

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

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.2	NOM26/25 - Cr Karen Sherry - Animal Welfare Grants Program	181

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council:

- 2.1 Write to the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, the Hon. Michaela Settle MP, requesting increased investment in, and a review of, the Victorian Government Animal Welfare Grants Program to:**
 - 2.1.1 Establish a dedicated, ongoing and adequately funded grants program to support cat population management initiatives across Victoria;**
 - 2.1.2 Provide multi-year funding certainty for local governments, animal welfare organisations and veterinary service providers delivering low-cost and no-cost cat desexing programs;**
 - 2.1.3 Ensure funding levels appropriately reflect the scale and ongoing impacts of stray, semi-owned and surrendered cat populations on Victoria's animal welfare system;**
 - 2.1.4 Expand investment in innovative, evidence-based and place-based initiatives that improve access to desexing services and reduce cat overpopulation; and**
 - 2.1.5 Establish mechanisms to evaluate, scale and expand successful pilot programs and demonstrated best-practice approaches across Victoria.**

Councillor Naim Kurt left the meeting during item NOM26/25 - Cr Karen Sherry - Animal Welfare Grants Program, the time being 9:05pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during item NOM26/25 - Cr Karen Sherry - Animal Welfare Grants Program, the time being 9:07pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting during item NOM26/25 - Cr Karen Sherry - Animal Welfare Grants Program, the time being 9:08pm.

Councillor Naim Kurt returned to the meeting during item NOM26/25 - Cr Karen Sherry - Animal Welfare Grants Program, the time being 9:10pm.

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

Nil

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Watson provided a delegates report on the Broadmeadows Northern Study Hub first birthday celebration.

Cr Watson provided a delegates report on the National Growth Area's Alliance Congress hosted by Hume.

Cr Karen Sherry provided a delegates report on the MAV Regional Metropolitan Northern Delegates Meeting held in July.

Councillor Steve Gagen left the meeting during item 12 – delegates reports, the time being 9:17pm.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

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

8.1 Selection - 2026 Community Award Winners

Confidential Attachment:

Attachment 1. Selection Panel Recommendation - 2026 Community Awards

The attachments in item 8.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Personal information.

The specified grounds apply because information relates to individuals. This information will be made public at the awards ceremony scheduled for 20 August 2026.

8.2 Contract 30 25 3665 - Mailing Services (MAV-MS8014-25)

Confidential Attachment:

Attachment 1 - 30 25 3665 - Tender Evaluation Report

Attachment 2 - MAV-MS8014-25 Tender Recommendation Report

Attachment 3 - 30 25 3665 – Digital Mail Assessment

Attachment 4 - 30 25 3665 - Awarded Schedule of Rates

Attachment 5 - 30 25 3665 - Directors and Officeholders

Attachment 6 - 30 25 3665 - Contract Departures

The attachments in item 8.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(a)(g(ii))(a)(a)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is Council business information, Would unreasonably expose a business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage Council business information.

The specified grounds apply because it would unreasonably expose a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released.

13.1 Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (MGRA) S.173 Agreement 4-80 Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows

Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(c) and (g(ii)) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values, and because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The specified grounds apply because the report relates to a commercial agreement with financial implications.

13.2 65 Kirkham Drive, Greenvale - Sale of Council Land

Item 13.2 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is land use planning information, being

information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.

The specified grounds apply because the report refers to a land transaction

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:20pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:29pm.