

# HUME HIGHLIGHT

Winter 2024



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# A message from the Mayor



Welcome to the winter edition of Hume Highlight, as we look at the great things happening in our city over the next few months.

There has been plenty happening in Hume recently, including the official opening of the \$22 million dollar State Rugby League and Community Centre in Broadmeadows. This centre means Hume City is now the proud home of Melbourne Storm's male and female pathway programs, as well as the new headquarters for NRL Victoria.

We recently launched our Bookable service, making it easier to book Hume venues online, for any occasion.

I'm also proud to let you know that the magazine's *News in your language* section can now be read in Hume's top 11 languages. Simply scan the QR code on pages 6 and 7 to access the page in Arabic, Assyrian, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

## Keeping Hume Clean

Waste is always a hot topic as every household produces it, and it's all of our responsibility to ensure it's disposed of correctly and sustainably.

By now, all homes will have their new green bin specifically for food and garden waste, for collection fortnightly. By working together to reduce what's ending up in landfill, we are saving money by avoiding costly levy fees and helping reduce emissions.

We're also making it easier for residents to get rid of their hard waste and other items that can't go in household bins. From 1 July 2024, tip passes will be phased out and replaced with flexible waste vouchers. Read more about improvements to our waste services in this edition.

## Celebrating important cultural milestones

Hume is a proudly diverse city, and we recently celebrated being a welcoming community, and the benefits that come with learning about other cultures.

Refugee Week in June acknowledged those who've crossed the oceans to escape conflict, give back and build a better life in Australia.

NAIDOC Week in July was an opportunity to search deep into our past, learn more about the history of our nation, and keep learning from those whose ancestors have 40,000 years of knowledge about the land we live on.

**Cr Naim Kurt**  
Mayor of Hume City



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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.

# Language heroes help shape Council information

## Did you know over 50 per cent of Hume City residents speak a language other than English at home?

Our very first Multicultural Communications Advisory Group (MCAG) is made up of 11 language leaders who represent our Arabic, Assyrian, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese speaking communities. These languages cover 80 per cent of Hume's adult overseas-born population with low to no English proficiency.

Together, our goal is to ensure our communications are meeting the needs of every Hume resident.

Major Council campaigns, including *Hume Highlight*, are just some of the things our language leaders have reviewed before we go live.

Recently, the MCAG offered invaluable advice on the roll-out of our food and garden bins (learn more about that on the next page). This new initiative reached a significant portion of our community, making it crucial to have information accessible to everyone.

A significant outcome from the MCAG's feedback was the addition of more visual aids, which now feature more prominently on all new green bins and kitchen caddies. These visual aids cross the boundaries of language and provide an easy understanding of what can and cannot be placed in a green bin, as well as outlining when residents can start using them.

The MCAG also reviewed the first two editions of this magazine to let us know what their language groups and communities would benefit from reading about. As a result of the group's input, readers can now read this magazine's *News in your language* section in our top 11 languages! We're looking forward to improving the information we share here and in future editions moving forward.

**Our language leaders' feedback has made *News in your language* more accessible.**

**Scan here to read in Arabic, Assyrian, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Nepali, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu or Vietnamese.**



Name and language community from left to right.

Back row: Mahdi Reihani Pour (Farsi), Evan Binos (Greek), Mahadev Dhanuk (Nepali), Sahar Ageed (Assyrian)

Front row: Samir Mourad (Arabic), Phillip Perroni (Italian), Gulhan Sozer Arpacı (Turkish), Hume Mayor Cr Naim Kurt, Van Bui (Vietnamese), Rebecca Chen (Mandarin), Nayana Bhandari (Punjabi), Uzma Akhlaq (Urdu)



# Get to know your green bin

Whether you're new to the food and garden bin or have been using one for years, here's everything you need to know.

It's been 10 years since we first introduced the food and garden bin (or green bin). Since then, nearly half of the households in Hume have started using it.

We are now making it part of our standard household bin collection service. We have finished delivering over 42,000 green-lidded bins to fill in the gaps. Everyone in Hume will have three bins – garbage, recycling and the green bin.

## Why do we need a green bin?

The biggest benefit of using the green bin is protecting the environment.

By weight, food waste makes up half the contents of the average garbage bin in Hume. In landfills, organic material breaks down and creates harmful greenhouse gases like methane that contribute to climate change.

Everything in the green bin, however, goes to a local facility to be recycled into compost. So, when you put food and garden waste in the green bin, you're not just keeping bad stuff out of landfills, you're turning it into a valuable resource!



## What to put in (and what to leave out!)

You can put any kind of food in the green bin, including meat and bones, cheese, eggshells, sweets and processed foods. It doesn't matter if it's raw or cooked. Make sure you remove any packaging first, especially fruit stickers and rubber bands (put these in your garbage bin).

Garden waste is any plant material from your garden. This includes cuttings, weeds, leaves, grass, vines, sticks and small branches. You can even put wilted flowers in – just remove any string or other packaging.

Items you can't put in the green bin include tea bags, pet poo, kitty litter, rocks, soil and timber (no icy pole sticks or wooden cutlery). It's also important not to put any plastic in the green bin because it will spoil the compost – that means no caddy liners!





### How to keep it fresh and clean

Looking after your green bin and kitchen caddy will help prevent bad smells and pests. Here are some things you can try:

- sprinkle bicarb soda on top of food scraps
- keep them in the fridge or freezer until bin night
- wrap them in a small amount of paper towel or newspaper
- cover food scraps with garden clippings in the bin

Let hot food cool down before putting it in your caddy or bin, and keep your bin out of direct sunlight with the lid closed.

You should also empty and wash your caddy every few days (it's dishwasher-friendly!) and rinse your green bin with a hose as needed. If it gets really dirty, scrub it with dishwashing liquid and a broom.



It's also a good idea to put your green bin out every fortnight, even if it's not full. That way you won't have old food waste building up on the bottom of the bin.

### You're ready to roll

That's everything you need to know to put your best wheel forward when it comes to your green bin. If there's anything you're not sure about, check our website or get in touch!

[hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin](http://hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin)



Learn more



## New green bin? Read this!

If your household was part of our roll-out, it's time to start using your new bin. Check the know my bin day tool on our website to find out which week to put it out. The green bin goes out every two weeks, alternating with recycling.

[hume.vic.gov.au/binday](http://hume.vic.gov.au/binday)

Learn more



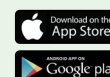
## New waste vouchers

From 1 July 2024, tip passes will be phased out and replaced with flexible waste vouchers that can be used for three different services – dropping off waste at a Resource Recovery Centre, booking a hard waste collection or our new bundled branch collections service.

[hume.vic.gov.au/wasteoptions](http://hume.vic.gov.au/wasteoptions)

## Snap Send Solve: A new way to report issues!

- Dumped rubbish
- Potholes
- Damaged footpaths
- Problems with public bins
- Graffiti ...and more



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امسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة ضوئياً  
لمعرفة المزيد.

## الأخبار بلغتك (العربية)

### تعرف على المزيد حول الحاويات الخضراء

اكتملت الآن مرحلة تسليم الحاويات الخضراء! لقد قمنا بتسليم أكثر من 42000 حاوية خلال الأشهر القليلة الماضية. يجب أن يكون لدى الآن حاوية لمخلفات الطعام والحديقة. Hume كل أسرة في مدينة.

الغرض من الحاوية الخضراء هو المساعدة في إزالة مخلفات الطعام والحدائق من مكب النفايات. تشكل مخلفات الطعام نصف محتويات الحاوية الحمراء بالنسبة للوزن. تتحلل المواد العضوية في مكبات النفايات وتخلق غازات دفيئة ضارة مثل الميثان التي تساهم في تغير المناخ. ومع ذلك، فإن كل شيء في الحاوية الخضراء يذهب إلى منشأة محلية لإعادة تدويره إلى سماد!



يمكنك وضع أي نوع من الطعام في الحاوية الخضراء، بما في ذلك:

- اللحوم والعظام
- الأجناب
- قشور البيض
- الحلويات أو المصاصات
- الأطعمة المصنعة

تأكد من إزالة التغليف! توضع العبوات والتغليف في الحاوية الحمراء. لا يمكنك وضع أشياء مثل البلاستيك (بما في ذلك أكياس القمامة) أو أكياس الشاي أو براز الحيوانات الأليفة أو فضلات القطط أو الصخور أو التربة أو الأخشاب في الحاوية الخضراء.

لمزيد من المعلومات، يرجى زيارة  
[hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin](http://hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin)



### شاركنا نصائحك وصورك وقصصك الموسمية!

في إصدارنا القادم من Hume Highlight، نريد أن نسمع من المجتمع المحلي! شارك نصائحك الموسمية أو صورك أو وصفاتك أو النقاط البارزة لفصل الربيع للحصول على فرصة للظهور في إصدارنا التالي من Hume Highlight.



امسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة ضوئياً  
لمعرفة المزيد.

### الانتخابات / التغييرات في الدوائر

ستجرى انتخابات المجالس البلدية في ولاية فيكتوريا يوم السبت 26 تشرين الأول / أكتوبر 2024. هذه هي فرصتك للتصويت على من يمثل Hume City.

إلى 11 دائرة، يمثل كل منها Hume City سينتقل مجلس بلدية عضو مجلس واحد. تم اتخاذ قرار الانتقال إلى 11 دائرة في شباط / فبراير 2024 من قبل وزير الحكومة المحلية في ولاية فيكتوريا.

الهدف هو تحسين التمثيل المحلي والتأكد من تمثيل كل منطقة بشكل جيد. Hume من مناطق.

في الفترة التي تسبق الانتخابات، يجب على المجالس البلدية التأكد من أنها لا تنشر أو تشيع أي معلومات يمكن أن تؤثر على التصويت في الانتخابات. سنقوم فقط بتوصيل الأخبار الأساسية من الساعة 12 ظهراً الثلاثاء 17 أيلول / سبتمبر وحتى الساعة 6 مساءً السبت 26 تشرين الأول / أكتوبر.

التصويت إلزامي. يجب عليك التسجيل والتصويت إذا:

- كنت تبلغ من العمر 18 عامًا أو أكثر
- كنت مواطن أسترالي
- عشت في عنوانك لمدة تزيد عن شهر واحد.

امسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة ضوئياً للتسجيل للتصويت أو للتحقق من تسجيلك أو تحديثه. رمز الاستجابة السريعة للتسجيل: <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment>

وستجرى الانتخابات بالاقتراع البريدي.

سيتم إرسال بطاقة الاقتراع إلى عنوانك المسجل. سوف تتلقى حزمة الاقتراع الخاصة بك بين

الثلاثاء 8 تشرين الأول / أكتوبر  
والخميس 10 تشرين الأول / أكتوبر.



الأول / أكتوبر. أكمل  
الاقتراع وأرسله بالبريد بحلول الساعة 6 مساءً يوم الجمعة 25 تشرين الأول / أكتوبر.



### Bookable

يمكنك الآن بسهولة حجز مرافق المجلس البلدي وأماكنه عبر الإنترنت. تتيح لك منصتنا البحث عن مجموعة Bookable الجديدة من مرافق المجلس البلدي وعرضها وحجزها. يمكنك إجراء حجوزات فردية أو متكررة وإدارة حجزك ومدفوعاتك عبر الإنترنت من حسابك.

هناك أماكن في تناسب أي فعالية - حفلات أعياد الميلاد Hume City جميع أنحاء وحفلات الزفاف وفعاليات العمل والمزيد.

للتصفح [hume.bookable.net.au](http://hume.bookable.net.au) تفضل بزيارة أو Bookable والتسجيل للحصول على حساب [hume.vic.gov.au/bookings](http://hume.vic.gov.au/bookings) - تفضل بزيارة Bookable. لمعرفة المزيد حول استخدام [how-to](http://how-to)





## Yeşil çöp kutunuzu tanıyın

Yeşil çöp kutusunun kullanıma sunulmasının teslimat aşaması artık tamamlandı! Son birkaç ayda 42.000'den fazla kutu teslim ettik. Artık Hume City'deki her evde bir yiyecek ve bahçe çöp kutusu var.

Yeşil çöp kutusunun amacı gıda ve bahçe atıklarının çöp sahasından uzaklaştırılmasına yardımcı olmaktır. Ağırılık olarak gıda, kırmızı çöp içeriğinin yarısını oluşturmaktadır. Çöp sahalarında organik maddeler parçalanarak iklim değişikliğine sebep olan metan gibi zararlı sera gazları oluşturur. Ancak yeşil çöp kutusundaki her şey kompost olarak geri dönüştürülmek üzere yerel bir tesise gider!

Yeşil çöp kutusuna her türlü yiyeceği atabilirsiniz:

- Et ve kemik
- Peynir
- Yumurta kabuğu
- Tatlı veya şeker
- İşlenmiş gıdalar



Ambalajlarını çıkartmayı unutmayın! Ambalajlar kırmızı kutuya atılmalıdır.

Plastik (çöp poşetleri dâhil), sallama çay poşetleri, evcil hayvan dışkısı, kedi kumu, taş, toprak veya kereste gibi şeyler yeşil çöp kutunuza koyulmaz

Daha fazla bilgi için [hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin](https://hume.vic.gov.au/green-bin) adresini ziyaret edin.



## Seçimler/Bölgedeki değişiklikler

Victoria konsey seçimleri **26 Ekim 2024 Cumartesi günü yapılacaktır**. Hume Belediyelerini temsil etmesini istediğiniz kişiye oy verebilirsiniz.

Hume Belediye Meclisi, her biri bir Meclis Üyesi tarafından temsil edilen 11 bölgeye ayrılacaktır. Victoria Yerel Yönetim Bakanı tarafından Şubat 2024'te 11 bölgeye geçiş kararı alınmıştır. Amaç, yerel temsili geliştirmek ve Hume'un her bölgesinin iyi bir şekilde temsil edilmesini sağlamaktır.

Seçimler öncesinde Belediye Meclisi, seçim oylamalarını etkileyebilecek herhangi bir bilgi yayınlamadıklarından veya yaymadıklarından emin olmalıdır. 17 Eylül Salı günü 12.00 ile 26 Ekim Cumartesi günü 18.00 saatleri arasında sadece önemli haberleri iletacağız.

Oy vermek zorunludur. Aşağıdaki şartları karşılıyorsanız kayıt yaptırmak ve oy kullanmakla yükümlüsünüz:

- 18 yaş veya üzeriyse
- Avustralya vatandaşıysanız
- Adresinizde bir aydan daha uzun süredir yaşıyorsanız

**Oy kullanmak için kaydolmak veya kaydınızı kontrol etmek ya da güncellemek için kare kodu tarayın.**  
**Kayıt için kare kod: <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment>**

Seçim posta yoluyla yapılacaktır. Oy pusulası kayıtlı adresinize gönderilecektir. Oy pusulanızı **8 Ekim Salı - 10 Ekim Perşembe** tarihleri arasında alacaksınız. Oy pusulanızı doldurun ve **25 Ekim Cuma günü 18.00'e** kadar postalayın.



## Mevsimsel ipuçlarınızı, fotoğraflarınızı ve hikayelerinizi bizimle paylaşın!

Hume Highlight'ın bir sonraki sayısı için toplulardan haber almak istiyoruz! Hume Highlight'ın bir sonraki sayısında yer alma şansı elde etmek için mevsimlik ipuçlarınızı, fotoğraflarınızı, tariflerinizi veya baharın öne çıkanlarını bizimle paylaşın.

**Daha fazlasını öğrenmek için kare kodu taratın.**



## Bookable

Artık Belediye Meclisi tesis ve mekânlarını çevrim içi olarak kolayca rezerve edebilirsiniz. Yeni platformumuz Bookable sayesinde bir dizi Belediye Meclisi tesisini arayabilir, görüntüleyebilir ve rezervasyon yaptırabilirsiniz. Tesisler arasında toplum merkezleri, salonlar, yaşlı merkezleri, gençlik merkezleri, toplu otobüsleri ve daha fazlası bulunmaktadır. Tek veya tekrarlı rezervasyon yapabilir, rezervasyon ve ödemelerinizi hesabınızdan çevrim içi olarak yönetebilirsiniz. Hume Belediyesi'nde doğum günü partileri, düğünler, iş etkinlikleri ve daha fazlası gibi her türlü etkinliğe uygun mekân bulunmaktadır.

**Bookable hesabına göz atmak ve kaydolmak için [hume.bookable.net.au](https://hume.bookable.net.au) adresini veya Bookable kullanımı hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinmek için [hume.vic.gov.au/bookings-how-to](https://hume.vic.gov.au/bookings-how-to) adresini ziyaret edin.**



# Bookings now made easy with Bookable!

**Our new online booking platform – Bookable – is here!**

You can now easily search, view and book a range of Council facilities including community centres, halls, senior citizen centres, youth centres, community buses and more. You can also create repeat or seasonal bookings, and manage your payments and bookings from your account.

Whether you're planning a conference, wedding, birthday or community event, we have a range of great spaces right across Hume City available to meet any purpose, size or budget.

Visit [hume.bookable.net.au](https://hume.bookable.net.au) to browse and register for an account or visit [hume.vic.gov.au/bookings-how-to](https://hume.vic.gov.au/bookings-how-to) to find out more about using Bookable.



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# Capital works update

**We officially opened the multi-million dollar State Rugby League and Community Centre at Seabrook Reserve in Broadmeadows in May.**

With Broadmeadows now the home of the Melbourne Storm Women's team, as well as the new headquarters for NRL Victoria, this is a huge milestone for rugby in Victoria, as well as for young aspiring athletes within Hume.

The \$22 million project was jointly funded by Hume City Council and supported by a \$14.3 million contribution from the Victorian Government, alongside additional investment from NRL Victoria and Melbourne Storm. This funding will help support facilities for the growth of rugby league in Victoria, particularly for women and girls.

In 2023, we opened the play space at Seabrook Reserve and are excited that the new community hub is now open

and available for hire for both small or large events. It includes community rooms, meeting rooms, kitchen and amenities, catering for up to 80 people.

Hume City Council is delivering on projects that will continue making Hume a great place to live, play and visit, thanks to a record \$558 million four-year capital works program.

To find out more about the new centre, visit [hume.vic.gov.au/seabrook-reserve](https://hume.vic.gov.au/seabrook-reserve)



# Celebrating NAIDOC Week 7-14 July 2024

Every year NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia from the first Sunday of July.



The week is an important time for us to honour the enduring history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, we united under the official theme for 2024

'Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud'. The theme is a tribute to the resilience, strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, and to each other.

During this week, we took the time to pay our respects, listen, and learn from the wisdom of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We were proud to host a series of events and activities, including an opportunity to learn about bush-tucker at Craigieburn

Community Garden and a free NAIDOC Ball at Town Hall Broadmeadows, featuring live entertainment and children's activities.

Learn more at [hume.vic.gov.au/NAIDOC](https://hume.vic.gov.au/NAIDOC) or scan the QR code.



Learn more



# News in your neighbourhood

## Aitken Ward

Craigieburn (part of), Kalkallo, Mickleham, Oaklands Junction (part of), Roxburgh Park, Yuroke.



The Craigieburn Sports Stadium is currently being redeveloped and the Stage One upgrades are due to be completed soon. The upgrades include a new carpark, three additional multipurpose sports courts, new meeting rooms, changing facilities, a cafe and a remodelled reception area. The upgrades will increase participation, social connection and promote health and wellbeing in the community.



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## Jacksons Creek Ward

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With support from the Victorian Government, plans to create an arts and cultural precinct at Jacksons Hill in Sunbury are one step closer. Concept plans for the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct were approved by Council in June.

These plans will help inform detailed designs, with construction commencing in early 2025. The works are expected to be complete in mid-to-late 2025.

We're excited to move into the detailed design stage and are looking forward to working with our community to bring this precinct to life!

Our vision for the precinct is to create a destination that preserves and celebrates Sunbury's significant cultural heritage and supports arts, community, cultural, social and learning activities that are connected, creative, vibrant, inviting, inclusive and valued.

Subscribe to our newsletter to find out what's on and to stay tuned about next steps and opportunities to get involved, at [hume.vic.gov.au/SCACP](https://hume.vic.gov.au/SCACP)



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## Meadow Valley Ward

Attwood (part of), Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Craigieburn (part of), Dallas, Fawkner (part of), Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Jacana, Meadow Heights, Somerton, Westmeadows (part of).



Seabrook Reserve has just undergone a major \$22 million upgrade, completed in May this year. The upgrades have included a new state rugby league community centre pavilion, upgraded rugby league pitches and touch football fields, a new playground, picnic facilities, public toilets, outdoor exercise equipment, new lighting and new parking access to improve accessibility. The reserve also includes a new training and administration base for NRL Victoria and Touch Football Victoria. It will remain the home for the local club Northern Thunder. The opening of the community centre pavilion was recently celebrated with a community event on Saturday 18 May (read more about Seabrook Reserve on Page 8).



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# Information you need to know about October's Local Government Election



Local Government elections will be held on **Saturday 26 October**. As they approach, it's important you are informed and prepared.



## Election date

Victorian council elections will be held on **Saturday 26 October 2024**. This is your opportunity to have a say on who represents Hume City.

In the lead up to elections, Councils must ensure they do not publish or distribute any information which could affect election voting. This time, from 12pm Tuesday 17 September – 6pm Saturday 26 October, is known as the caretaker period. We will only be communicating essential news during this time.

## How to vote

The election will be by postal ballot, and ballot papers will be automatically sent to your address by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). Here's what you need to do:

Keep an eye on your mailbox. Ballot packs will be delivered between **Tuesday 8 October and Thursday 10 October**.

Complete and post your ballot by **6pm on Friday 25 October**.

## Vote counting and results

Vote counting will begin on Saturday 26 October, and all election results will be declared by Friday 15 November. Stay tuned for the announcement of new council members.

## Ensure you're enrolled

To participate in the election, you must be enrolled to vote. Please check your enrolment details at [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment) and make sure your postal address is correct.

When you check your enrolment, you will be able to view the new electoral structures and ward boundaries for this year's election.



## Changes to Wards

In February 2024, the Victorian Local Government Minister announced changes to the electoral structure of Hume City Council. As part of this, Hume City Council will transition to having 11 wards, each represented by one Councillor.

The new wards are Aitken, Bababi Marning, Burt-kur-min, Emu Creek, Jacksons Hill, Merlynston Creek, Mount Ridley, Roxburgh Park, Tullamarine, Woodlands, and Yubup.

Visit [www.vec.vic.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/local-councils/hume-city-council](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/local-councils/hume-city-council) to learn how these VEC changes aim to improve local representation and ensure each area of Hume is effectively represented.

Learn more



## Stand for Council

You could be the change you want to see in your community by standing for council. Nominations must be submitted by **12pm on Tuesday 17 September**.

Visit [viccouncils.asn.au/stand-for-council](http://viccouncils.asn.au/stand-for-council) for more information.



# Beat the chill this winter



## Keeping your home warm this winter

The colder months have arrived, and with that is unpredictable Melbourne weather. It can be difficult to keep ourselves and our homes warm during winter. Here are some easy solutions to keeping the cold out of your home!

- ✓ Use door snakes, rolled up towels or self-adhesive rubber seals to block out draughts from doors and windows that might be letting warm air escape.
- ✓ Use heavy, lined curtains that fall below the window to keep warmth in.
- ✓ Not sure where to start? Hume Libraries *Library of Things* includes a collection of useful items that can help, including their thermal imaging camera that helps identify areas around the home where you might be losing heat.



## Winter-proof your garden for the colder months



Now is the perfect time to prepare your garden for spring! By preparing your garden for the colder months, you can improve your chances of a great spring harvest. Live Green, our sustainability program has some great tips to help you get your garden ready for winter.

- ✓ Remove any dead plants, leaves or debris that have gathered. This helps to reduce the risk of diseases and pests in your garden.
- ✓ Remove any annual plants that have finished producing and cut back any perennials so they will grow back in springtime.
- ✓ Add compost or fertiliser to help improve the soil.
- ✓ Water garden beds well before they become frosted to make sure it is well hydrated throughout the colder months.
- ✓ Apply a layer of mulch like straw, leaves, or a light bark, to help protect your garden from weeds, changes in temperature and soil erosion.

It doesn't matter if you have a big backyard, a small courtyard, balcony or even a windowsill! Gardening is for everyone, and growing your own herbs, flowers or veggies at home is a fun and easy way to be more sustainable.

Learn more

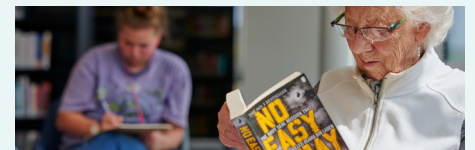


Scan the QR code to find out more about how to Live Green in Hume City.

## Enjoy a warm winter read with Hume Libraries



Winter is the perfect time to curl up with a good book. Whether you're a regular reader, or looking to build better reading habits, join the Hume Libraries *Warm Winter Read*. Running until 31 August, *Warm Winter Read* encourages long-lasting reading habits by tracking the days you read during winter. Setting aside some time every day, even for five minutes, is a great way to get into reading and set aside some 'me' time. To find out more, visit [humelibraries.vic.gov.au](http://humelibraries.vic.gov.au). You can also get the latest info about our library events and programs by following @HumeLibraries on Facebook and Instagram.



Share your seasonal tips, photos, recipes or highlights for spring, for the chance to feature in our next edition of Hume Highlight.

For more information scan the QR code.

Learn more



# What's on in Hume City

Visit [hume.vic.gov.au/whatson](https://hume.vic.gov.au/whatson) for more information on all of these events.

## Information sessions

### Get free help lowering your water and energy bill

Cragieburn (Newbury Child and Community Centre)  
Saturday 20 July, 6pm – 7.30pm

Sunbury (531 Elizabeth Dr)  
Monday 5 August, 1pm - 3pm

### Efficient Electric Home presentation

Free online session  
Tuesday 30 July, 6.30pm – 8pm

### Babies in Hume

Infant and toddler information sessions across Hume City in July and September.

## Waste

### Free mulching days, 10am – 2.30pm

Sunday 21 July (Sunbury)  
Sunday 4 August (Coolaroo)  
Sunday 18 August (Sunbury)  
Sunday 15 September (Coolaroo)  
Sunday 22 September (Sunbury)

### Hume Clean Days

Drop off unwanted mattresses, couches, tyres and more for free at our Sunbury and Campbellfield Resource Recovery Centres. Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September, 8am – 4pm.

### New waste vouchers

From 1 July every household now has five waste vouchers to use on your choice of hard waste collections, bundled branch collections and visits to our Resource Recovery Centres. Details on the Hume website.

## Free community events

### Hume Libraries

Free programs, activities and events for all ages. Find out more at [humelibraries.vic.gov.au](https://humelibraries.vic.gov.au)

### Homestead Community and Learning Centre

Learn new skills, pursue new interests and meet new friends at this centre in Roxburgh Park.

## Upcoming key dates

### Rates

Your 2024/25 rates notice will be arriving in August. The first instalment will be due on 30 September.

### Kindergarten

First-round offers will be sent to residents in August with subsequent rounds to follow for the rest of the year.


Find out more at [hume.vic.gov.au](https://hume.vic.gov.au)

## Connect with us

We're open from  
8am – 5pm,  
Monday to Friday

Broadmeadows  
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Craigieburn  
75 – 95 Central Park  
Avenue  
Sunbury  
40 Macedon Street

 9205 2200

 [contactus@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@hume.vic.gov.au)

 [hume.vic.gov.au](https://hume.vic.gov.au)

### Follow us on

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Multilingual telephone information service

Enquiries 9205 2200

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