



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

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2017

7.00 PM

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BROADMEADOWS**

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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 an

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to be held on Monday, 13 February 2017

at 7.00 PM

at the Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows

To: a: Council	Cr Drew Jessop Cr Ann Potter Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Carly Moore Cr Leigh Johnson Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Naim Kurt Cr Geoff Porter Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jana Taylor	Mayor Deputy Mayor
b: Officers	Mr Domenic Isola Mr Peter Waite Mr Daryl Whitfort Ms Margarita Caddick Mr Kelvin Walsh Ms Kylie Ezzy	Chief Executive Officer Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services Director Corporate Services Director Community Services Director Planning and Development Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Performed by Elder Colin Hunter
The Wurundjeri Tribe

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. PRAYER

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 the Hume City.

Amen

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 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.

4. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

In accordance with section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to report, as soon as practicable, to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

There are no records of assemblies to report on this section of the Agenda.

5. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 December 2016, Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 12 December 2016, and Special Council Meeting of 6 February 2017, including Confidential Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 December 2016, Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of 12 December 2016, and Special Council Meeting of 6 February 2017, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

6. RECEIPT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL TO BE ADOPTED

Nil

7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

7.1 Resident of the Month – Phillip Di Biase
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Nil

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) (sub sections as listed), of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider the following items, which are confidential for the reasons indicated:

Report No.	Title	Reason for Confidential
COHE18	Contract for Service Provision	(d) contractual matters
COGE166	Assembly of Councillors	(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person

17. CLOSURE OF MEETING

**DOMENIC ISOLA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

8/02/2017

REPORT NO:	HE049
REPORT TITLE:	Dogs in Public Places Review
SOURCE:	Kelly Yardley, Leisure Services Planning Officer
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	HCC11/489
POLICY:	Dogs in Public Places Policy amended 2003
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1 Foster a community which is active and healthy.
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Dogs in Public Places Review</i>2. <i>Proposed dogs off leash areas</i>3. <i>Proposed dogs off leash areas map</i>4. <i>Designated dogs off leash areas</i>5. <i>Designated dogs off leash area maps</i>6. <i>Designated dogs prohibited areas</i>7. <i>Designated dogs prohibited area maps</i>8. <i>Dogs in Public Places engagement plan</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 This report provides advice to Council on responsible management of dogs in public places.
- 1.2 The Dogs in Public Places Review (review)
 - 1.2.1 outlines acceptable behaviours of dogs and their owners in public places and identifies the locations dogs are allowed, to meet Council's obligations under Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.
 - 1.2.2 provides principles for dogs in parks including the provisions made for dog owners and their dogs, distribution of dogs off leash areas, in particular the criteria for identifying suitable locations for dogs off leash (DOL) activities.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 2.1 endorses the draft Dogs in Public Places Review and proposed recommendations (attachment 1) for community consultation.**
- 2.2 places the draft Dogs in Public Places Review out for community consultation for a seven week period between Friday 3 March and Thursday 13 April 2017.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

- 3.1 The *Local Government Act 1989* General Local Law No. 1 (2013) provides for the peace, safety, order and fairness across the municipality, including responsible animal management.
- 3.2 The *Domestic Animal Act 1994* is the governing legislation for Local Government in providing an animal management service in the municipality.
- 3.3 The *Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2014* aims to contribute to a safe community and achieve sustainable improvements to pet ownership.
- 3.4 The existing order made by Council's resolution for Dogs in Public Places dated 11 August 2008, is in accordance with the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, Section 26.

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4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 There are some minor cost implications identified in the review. Maintenance items for existing dogs off leash areas such as upgrading signage, replenishing dog litter bags and printing of brochures can be accommodated within existing Services and Parks operational budgets.
- 4.2 If adopted following consultation the review would seek to refer \$150,000 for consideration in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Capital Works Program to fund the upgrade of the 11 proposed sites to accommodate dogs off leash activities, including signage, rubbish bins, dog waste disposal stands with bags and barriers to create separation and prepare promotional information to educate the community on dogs in public places.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The review takes into consideration Council's environmental sustainability responsibilities and fosters access to Council's open spaces by all members of the community. The review incorporates requirements preventing dogs from harming the environment, including the designated dogs prohibited areas.

6. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

- 6.1 Access to a diverse range of open spaces makes a significant contribution to community health and wellbeing outcomes and creates environments that support social connections.
- 6.2 The review provides dog owners a place, and guidelines, to exercise their dogs safely while promoting the ongoing safety of all users of open space.

7. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

- 7.1 Community and stakeholders will be consulted on the draft Dogs in Public Places Review for a period of seven weeks. The timing is designed to coincide with community festivals. An engagement plan outlines the methods and timing for consultation activities is included in attachment 8.
- 7.2 An internal review of existing designated DOL sites, proposed sites and dog prohibited sites has guided the direction for identifying appropriate locations for dog activities.

8. DISCUSSION:

8.1 Overview of Dogs in Public Places

- 8.1.1 The *Hume City Council Open Space Strategy 2010-2015* provides the direction for the equitable distribution of a diverse range of open space opportunities and facilities for all people who live and work in Hume. This includes space for Hume residents who own dogs.
- 8.1.2 Pets are an important link contributing to the health and wellbeing of pet owners. Dogs off leash areas provide owners the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a safe and appropriate location. This also ensures the environment and the rights of all users of public spaces are protected.
- 8.1.3 As at 20 July 2016 there were 18,263 registered dogs in Hume. Sunbury (6,385) has the largest dog population, followed by Craigieburn (3,573), Greenvale (1,311) and Roxburgh Park (1,007) with the balance (5,987) located throughout the municipality.
- 8.1.4 The Dogs in Public Places Review provides direction for dogs in open space. The review also outlines planning principles, locations for DOL activities, managing dogs off leash activities, and improved descriptions of the existing DOL areas and dog prohibited areas.

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- 8.1.5 The review provides requirements for managing dogs in public places including locations dogs are allowed off leash and locations dogs are prohibited.
- 8.1.6 The review is the mechanism to amend the order by Council's resolution and empower Council to enforce conditions for dogs in public places.

8.2 The draft Dogs in Public Places Review

- 8.2.1 Council, through NOM375, resolved to investigate and receive a report on the gaps in the provision of dogs off leash areas. This includes Roxburgh Park, Craigieburn, Greenvale and Sunbury growth areas and nominates potential sites in these areas to complement the current dogs off leash areas.
- 8.2.2 It was determined a review was required to provide a direction on dogs in open space, planning principles for identifying the gaps, determining potential locations for off leash activities and clearly outline dog owner responsibilities in public places.
- 8.2.3 There are currently 40 designated dogs off leash areas with an additional 11 sites proposed. This makes a total of 51 sites, including dogs off leash areas within Roxburgh Park, Craigieburn, Greenvale and Sunbury growth areas (attachment 1 pages 20-24).
- 8.2.4 To complement dogs off leash areas, in 2012 Council approved the provision of dog parks in each of the key planning areas of Craigieburn, Sunbury and Broadmeadows. To date, fenced dog parks have been constructed at Craigieburn Gardens and Sunbury Park. Funding of \$180k is allocated in the 2016/17 Capital Works program for the development of a fenced dog park at John Ilhan Memorial Reserve, Broadmeadows. The design process is scheduled to commence in March / April with construction scheduled to be completed later in 2017.
- 8.2.5 Review of existing designated dogs off leash areas
 - (a) A review of each site has been conducted to determine the functionality of each site, which provides a more comprehensive listing and detailed descriptions of existing off leash areas (attachment 4) and site maps (attachment 5).
 - (b) Some existing dogs off leash areas are not clearly defined with signage. Other locations are difficult for City Laws officers to monitor and there are also sites where the areas defined are no longer appropriate.
 - (c) A review of DOL signage is also required due to the condition, location and in some cases the lack of signage at existing DOL sites.
 - (d) If the existing DOL areas are not clearly defined using maps and signage, Council officers will not be able to enforce the order made by Council resolution. Council may also be at risk of conflict between dog owners and other park users if off leash activities are open for interpretation.
- 8.2.6 The provision of dogs off leash areas
 - (a) In existing suburbs DOL areas have been identified according to a one kilometre catchment.
 - (b) In future subdivisions it is proposed dogs off leash areas are provided within a district catchment according to the Open Space Strategy.
- 8.2.7 The evaluation criteria was used to identify suitable locations for DOL activities
 - (a) Twenty-nine sites were assessed against the primary evaluation criteria, which considered the space available, the appeal of the site, environmental sensitivities and site access.

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- (b) Sites that best satisfied the primary evaluation criteria were assessed against the secondary evaluation criteria. This considered the effect of the integration of off leash activities with other park activities, natural features of the site, existing and accessible infrastructure and amenities, linkages, the residential catchment and the number of dogs currently residing within walking distance.
- (c) Additional consideration included the readiness of the site to accommodate dogs off leash activities in the near future, whether the site is already a popular off leash/on leash area and the number of people and dogs that will live within walking distance of the site in the future.

8.2.8 Eleven additional locations are recommended as potential DOL sites. These will address gaps in the provision, supplement restricted sites, address geographic barriers or provide more informal/natural settings (attachment 2 – list and attachment 3 - maps).

<i>Broadmeadows Planning Area</i>	<i>Craigieburn Planning Area</i>	<i>Sunbury Planning Area</i>
Haddon Hall Drive Reserve, Attwood	Hume Tennis and Community Centre (adjacent open space), Craigieburn	Bannermann Street Reserve, Sunbury
Bolinda Road (former landfill), Campbellfield	Newbury Park (adjacent open space), Craigieburn	Curtin Drive Reserve, Sunbury
	Olrig Field, Craigieburn	The Skyline Linear Trail, Sunbury
	Greenvale Drive Linear Trail, Greenvale	
	GPU Easement, Roxburgh Park	
	Zambezi Court Reserve, Roxburgh Park	

8.2.9 Designated Dogs Prohibited Areas

- (a) Currently there are six locations within Hume City defined as dogs prohibited for conservation, wildlife or safety reasons. A review of dogs prohibited areas has been conducted with four sites being confirmed as dog prohibited areas. It is proposed two of the sites revert to dogs on lead as the descriptions for prohibiting dogs no longer apply (attachment 1, page 7).
- (b) Eight sites have been added to the dogs prohibited listing due to risk to public safety via significant erosion issues, significant natural values and/or significant cultural heritage values. Detailed descriptors of designated dog prohibited areas (attachment 6) and site maps (attachment 7) outline a listing of each site.
- (c) If the proposed locations are not defined as designated “dogs prohibited” dogs would be allowed on lead at a risk to the natural/cultural heritage values of the site or the risk to public safety.

8.2.10 The *Dogs in Public Places Policy* (amended 2003) provides basic criteria for identifying suitable locations for dogs off leash activities and five concepts for managing dogs in public places. The purpose of the Policy is no longer relevant. The management of responsible dog owner and access arrangements outlined in the policy are addressed in the draft Dogs in Public Places Review. This information will form a draft order for gazettal which will be prepared for Council’s consideration with the final Dogs in Public Places Review. This would be the mechanism for City Laws officers to enforce dog owners to comply with the order in accordance with Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*. This includes:

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- (a) providing public places that are safe and friendly for all users including dogs.
- (b) clearly defining descriptions for designated areas and dog owner responsibilities.
- (c) amending the order by Council resolution for gazettal to provide officers the power to enforce the requirements of dogs in public places.

8.2.11 Responsible animal management is a legislative requirement under the *Domestic Animals Act* and the *Local Government Act* and this is reflected in the draft review.

8.2.12 It is also important that the environment and the rights of all users of public spaces are protected. To promote that dogs are safe, happy and not being a public nuisance, dog owners need to be made aware of the requirements relating to dogs in public places.

8.3 Next steps

8.3.1 Conduct community consultation on the proposed DOL sites, changes to the dogs prohibited sites and managing dogs in public places.

8.3.2 Prepare the final Dogs in Public Places Review for Council's consideration, including a draft order by Council resolution prepared for gazettal in accordance with Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

8.3.3 Gazettal of the order would provide City Laws officers with a mechanism to enforce dog owners to comply with the order in accordance with Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

8.3.4 Revoke the *Dogs in Public Places Policy* amended 2003.

9. CONCLUSION:

9.1 The Dogs in Public Places Review has been developed to:

- 9.1.1 outline dog owner responsibilities in public places
- 9.1.2 guide planning of dogs off leash areas
- 9.1.3 identify potential dogs off leash areas
- 9.1.4 identify dog prohibited areas
- 9.1.5 guide signage and information requirements
- 9.1.6 dog litter management considerations
- 9.1.7 community education
- 9.1.8 monitor dogs in public spaces.

9.2 The *Dogs in Public Places Policy* has been reviewed and the content considered as part of the Dogs in Public Places Review to ensure that Council meets its obligations under Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act*.

9.3 The existing dogs off leash areas have been reviewed and descriptors of the designated areas have been updated.

9.4 The list of designated dogs prohibited areas has been updated to reflect sites no longer excluding dogs and sites that now require dogs to be excluded.

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DOGS IN PUBLIC PLACES
REVIEW

February 2017

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Dogs in Public Places Review

DEFINITION OF TERMS			
Term	Definition	Term	Definition
The Act	Domestic Animals Act 1994	Nuisance	Dog behaviour deemed to be potentially dangerous or imposes on other people or dogs or other animals
The city / Hume	Hume City Council	Order (in council)	Policy of council that has been invoked under section 26 of Domestic Animals Act
On leash areas	An order by Council resolution gazetted all public spaces in the Municipality on lead unless otherwise designated as 'dog off leash areas' or 'dogs prohibited areas'	Organised sport	Sporting activities that are approved/ authorised by council e.g. activities such as training, competition or special sporting events
Designated Off leash area	An order by Council resolution gazetted as public places where dogs are permitted to be off the leash, but where dog owners must have effective control of their dogs, and must abide by relevant rules and regulations. These areas are listed in Appendix 1	Parks	Outdoor areas such as trails, gardens, playspaces, environmental areas, sportsfields and associated facilities such as shelters, picnic areas etc.
Designated Dog prohibited areas	An order by Council resolution gazetted as public places where dogs are not permitted under any circumstances	Pathway	Any pedestrian or bicycle access way such as a footpaths, concourse/plaza areas, trails etc.
Dog owner	The definition as in the Domestic Animals Act 1994. That is, the person who owns the dog or the person who has the dog in their care. Where an owner is under the age of 18, the parent or guardian of that person is regarded as the owner	Playspace	An area that contains equipment and/or built or natural features or environments for play activities such as children's playspaces, skate and BMX facilities, bounce ball courts
Effective control	In an off leash area the owner is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be in sight of their dog and the dog responds to its owner's command whether verbal or visual. carry a leash, one for each dog, under their control comply with any site specific rules and regulations, including but not limited to time restrictions and regulations associated with fenced dog parks. In an on lead area the owner is to have their dog on a leash by means of a chain, cord or lead, unless Council has granted permission for an off leash activity to take place, such as for dog obedience club activities, dog show or the like	Public places	Places where the public are permitted access whether on public or private land, including parks, gardens, reserves, footpaths, roads, public halls, markets, sports facilities, as defined in the Summary Offences Act (1966) and other council documents
Leash	A dog leash sufficient to control and restrain a dog/s, includes short and extension leashes	Unrestricted access	Access that is not restricted e.g. because of other activities, time restrictions
Short Leash	A leash that is no more than 2 metres in length	DAMP	Domestic Animal Management Plan as adopted by Council
Long Leash	A leash that is greater than 5 metres in length	Environmentally Sensitive Area	Areas that contribute to the ongoing function of ecosystems, supporting vegetation communities that provide good habitat for a diversity of flora and fauna species that are protected and managed for conservation purposes.

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Dogs in Public Places Review is to:

- balance the needs of dog owners and non-dog owners when determining access for dogs to public places
- facilitate the benefits of dog ownership and foster responsible dog ownership
- document the requirements that dog owners must comply with when their dog is in a public place and identify the requirements for declaration of the various dog activity areas
- protect native flora and fauna in areas with high quality conservation value
- meet Council's obligations under Section 26(3) of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.
- identify opportunities to provide a more even distribution of dogs off leash areas across the City
- ensure planning opportunities in parks for dog owners and their dogs are consistent with relevant service planning principles and frameworks
- provide criteria that will guide Council's decision-making about the location of dogs off leash areas and the type of amenities associated with them
- to recommend features to be provided in dogs off leash areas
- to periodically review changes to Council's designated dogs off leash and dog prohibited areas.

The Hume Open Space Strategy and Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) do not specifically address planning to guide site selection and provision levels for dogs off leash areas.

1.2 Documents relevant to the Dogs in Public Places Review

Council documents relevant to the plan

- The *Open Space Strategy (2010-15)* provides the principles and the framework that guide the planning, management and development of open space across Hume.
- The *Feasibility Study – Dog Parks in Hume City (2012)* provides the planning, provision and management framework for fenced dogs off leash areas (dog parks).

2. The current situation

2.1 Dog Population in Hume

There were 18,263 dogs registered in Hume as at 20 July 2016, which equates to approximately 9 dogs for every 100 residents¹. The largest dog communities in Hume are located in Sunbury (6,385 dogs) followed by Craigieburn (3,573 dogs), Greenvale (1,311) and Roxburgh Park (1,007 dogs).

2.2 The number and distribution of off leash areas

Table 1 provides an overview of the 40 existing dogs off leash areas by suburb and planning area. The table also highlights the number of off leash areas on sportsfields.

¹ Based on the Hume resident population forecast for 2016 of 198,531, <http://forecast.id.com.au/hume/home>

Broadmeadows Planning Area			Craigieburn Planning Area			Sunbury Planning Area		
Suburb	No. DOL areas	No. DOL on sports fields	Suburb	No. DOL areas	No. DOL on sports fields	Suburb	No. DOL areas	No. DOL on sports fields
Broadmeadows	5	2	Craigieburn	6	3	Bulla	1	1
Campbellfield	1	1	Greenvale	3	3	Sunbury	9	3
Coolaroo	1	1	Roxburgh Park	1	1			
Dallas	2	2						
Gladstone Park	3	1						
Jacana	2	1						
Meadow Heights	1	0						
Tullamarine	3	2						
Westmeadows	2	2						
Total	20	12	Total	10	7	Total	10	4

For a full listing of the 51 existing and proposed dogs off leash areas refer to Appendix 1.

3. Planning and provision

3.1 Guiding principles

The following principles underpin the Dogs in Public Places Review

- (i) Provision is made for dog owners and dogs in public places because of the recognised:
 - health / wellbeing and social benefits, for people associated with dog ownership
 - social and behavioural benefits for dogs, that are associated with being in social environments.
- (ii) People with dogs are legitimate users of public places. However, provision for dogs needs to take into consideration other social (e.g. picnicking), environmental (e.g. protection of wildlife and natural areas) and recreation (e.g. sport) activities that need to be accommodated in public places. Therefore access for dogs will vary from place to place, as with other social and recreation activities.
- (iii) Areas and facilities for dog owners/walkers and dogs will be planned and designed in accordance with relevant Council policy and service planning documents. This includes the:
 - Open Space Strategy
 - Leisure Strategy
 - Domestic Animal Management Plan
 - Dog Parks in Hume - Feasibility Study
 - The Municipal Public Health Plan
 - Disability and Access Plan.
- (iv) Opportunities for dog owners and dogs will be provided in consideration of:
 - there being the space available on appropriately located land
 - Council having the resources to maintain the area appropriately

- Council having the resources to monitor the area in line with community expectations and relevant regulations.

3.2 Defining dog on leash and off leash areas

Council may by resolution make an order which clearly defines public places as on lead areas, designated off lead areas and designated dogs prohibited areas in accordance with Section 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

3.2.1 Designated dogs off leash areas

An order by Council resolution gazetted as public places where dogs are permitted to be off the leash, but where dog owners must have effective control of their dogs, and must abide by relevant rules and regulations.

3.2.2 Designated dogs prohibited areas

An order by Council resolution gazetted as public places where dogs are not permitted under any circumstances.

3.2.3 Dogs on lead areas

An order by Council resolution gazetted all public spaces in the Municipality on leash unless otherwise designated as 'dog off leash areas' or 'dogs prohibited areas' and identifiable with signage.

3.3 Managing dogs in public places

3.3.1 Dog owner responsibilities in public places

Dogs must be under effective control at all times:

- (i) In designated dogs off leash areas the owner is
 - in sight of their dog and the dog responds to its owner's command whether verbal or visual
 - to carry a leash, one for each dog, under their control
 - to comply with any site specific rules and regulations, including but not limited to time restrictions and regulations associated with fenced dog parks.
- (ii) In on lead areas the owner is
 - to have their dog on a leash by means of a chain, cord or lead, unless Council has granted permission for an off leash activity to take place, such as for dog obedience club activities, dog show or the like.

3.3.2 Access arrangements for dogs in public places

- (i) Dogs must be on a short leash:
 - within 10 metres of a car park or roadway
 - within 10 metres of outdoor exercise equipment
 - within 10 metres of formal picnic facilities including public BBQ facilities or a permanent picnic shelter, even if these facilities are in a designated dog off leash area
 - within 10 metres of a formal sporting competition or training event
 - on a trail or within 10 metres of a trail nor impede other people using trails
 - within 10 metres of a school or preschool boundary
 - within 10 metres of a wetland and or water body
 - within 10 metres of a market or community event e.g. festival, fun run
 - within 50 metres of a playspace, BMX/skate facility, or similar facility.
- (ii) Dogs are not allowed:
 - in 'dogs prohibited' areas

- on sportsfields unless the sportsfield is a designated dog off leash area
 - to enter any water body
 - within the boundary of a playspace, BMX/skate facility, or similar facility
 - to rush at, attack, bite, worry or chase wildlife.
- (iii) Dog off leash areas adjacent to schools will revert to dog on leash areas during the hours of 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday on school days.
- (iv) Dogs must not be tied up within 10 metres of a school or preschool entry or near a pathway such that they can encroach on to the pathway.
- (v) Dogs over 3 months of age to be registered with Council and be wearing a current registration tag when in a public place.
- (vi) Dog owners to carry a facility for the effective removal of any excrement left by their dog and pickup and appropriately dispose of any excrement left by their dog.
- (vii) Authorised officers must be trained and competent to use procedures that support the Order in Council.

3.4 Location of off leash areas

Table 2 provides a summary of the different categories of open space² and the suitability for off leash activities.

Category of open space	Description	Type of Access for dogs
Informal parkland	Provides for landscape protection, social, sport and recreation activities. It can also provide conservation of flora, fauna and cultural features.	Off leash opportunities will generally be located in these areas.
Formal Parkland	Provides for preservation of formal landscape design and for informal recreation and social activities.	Generally not considered appropriate for off leash activities.
Natural Areas	Provides primarily for the conservation and restoration of natural areas and sometimes for the protection of cultural and heritage values.	Generally not considered appropriate for off leash activities.
Major Linkages and Corridors	Provides for the protection of landscapes and environments along corridors, especially waterways.	Off leash opportunities will be considered in these areas where there is space for buffers between off leash activities and other park activities, roads, trails etc.
Minor Links	Provides pedestrian access between streets and/or larger open space areas.	Not considered appropriate for off leash activities.
Sporting Areas	Provides for sport, training and competition and casual recreation.	Off leash areas will be considered on sporting fields when this is the only option to provide off leash opportunities within a catchment.
Civic Spaces	Provides for respite and relaxation and for large gatherings and organised events.	Not considered appropriate for off leash activities.
Community Gardens	Provide opportunities for the growing of plants.	Not considered appropriate for off leash activities.

3.5 Site selection criteria

Suitability of public open space will be evaluated in accordance with Primary and Secondary Criteria outlined in Appendix 2. A summary of the criteria is listed below.

The evaluation criteria will be used to determine:

- the suitability of a site for inclusion as an off leash area
- the most appropriate site for off leash activities within a particular catchment
- the priorities for introducing new off leash sites.

Sites that best satisfied the primary evaluation criteria are then assessed against secondary evaluation criteria.

² Hume Open Space Strategy 2010-2015, section 5.2 page 27

Primary Evaluation criteria

1. Whether there is the space available at the park or reserve to accommodate an off leash area without it unreasonably impacting on the area available for existing or proposed park activities.
2. Whether there are areas of environmental sensitivity associated with the site that will impact on / off leash activities.
3. The appeal, amenity and perceptual or physical barriers that may impact on the use of the site.
4. Availability of the site and access concerns.

Secondary evaluation criteria

5. The opportunity to integrate a proposed off leash area with other park activities.
6. The access to good natural features within the proposed off leash area including natural shade and attractiveness of the landscape.
7. Whether the proposed off leash site has existing and accessible infrastructure and amenities.
8. Whether the reserve has good linkages via the trail and footpath network.
9. The number of people living near the park and who would potentially be able to walk to the site.
10. The number of dogs residing within walking distance of the site.

Additional evaluation criteria that may be considered

11. The readiness of the site to accommodate off leash activities in the short term.
12. Whether the site is already a popular off leash / on leash area (formal or informal).
13. The number of people that will live within walking distance / the catchment of the site in the future.

3.6 Features of off leash areas

The type of features and amenities that may be considered for off leash areas associated with the hierarchy of open space is identified in Table 3. In new areas the type and level of provision will be determined by:

- other off leash opportunities available in the area
- the role of the site in providing for dog related activities e.g. obedience club training venue
- financial considerations associated with Council's long term financial plan, capital works priorities and the ongoing maintenance and renewal costs of features.

In existing suburbs the availability of suitable open space and the capacity of the site to incorporate desired features will determine the type and level of provision.

Off leash areas will generally not be considered for 'neighbourhood' level parks.

Features	Hierarchy of open space			Comments
	Sub District	District	Regional	
Type of access				
Space shared with other park users/ activities	Yes	Yes for unfenced areas No for fenced areas		
Core infrastructure				
Seating	Yes	Yes	Yes	Within off leash area
Shade structures	No	Yes-in off leash area & /or wider park	Yes-in off leash area	
Water - people and dogs	Yes – in the wider park	Yes-in off leash area or wider park	Yes-in off leash area	
Rules / regulations signage	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Table 3 – Features of off leash areas by hierarchy of open space				
Features	Hierarchy of open space			Comments
	Sub District	District	Regional	
Pathways through the area	No	Optional	Optional	Granitic sand - Enhances disability access and educational element for dogs
Specialist dog facilities				
Dog education equipment	Optional	Optional	Yes	
Amenities				
Picnic facilities (basic)	Yes	Yes	Yes	As part of wider park provision. Not necessarily in the off leash area. Not in fenced areas
Off street car parking	Yes	Yes	Yes	As part of wider park provision.
Toilets	Yes	Yes	Yes	As part of wider park provision.
Dog litter bins	No	Yes	Yes	
Dog litter bag dispensers	Optional	Yes	Yes	
Landscape and Vegetation				
Natural shade / tree plantings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Includes bushes and trees as part of park landscaping
Sensory environments	Optional	Yes	Yes	e.g. Rock/vegetation areas for scrambling as part of park landscape
Open run about area	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Other considerations				
Boundary fencing	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes if a fenced dog park. Off leash areas on sportsfields may be fenced
Dog training area	No	No	Yes*	*Only if dog obedience / training activities operate from the site
Dog club pavilion / storage	No	No	Yes*	*Only if dog obedience / training activities operate from the site

The features that will be considered for fenced dog parks are defined in the Feasibility Study – Dog Parks in Hume City.

4. Evaluation of dogs in open space

4.1 Methodology

To determine the type of access dogs have to open space the following occurred:

- A review of the existing dogs off leash areas was conducted to determine their continued suitability for dogs off leash activities
- Map existing dogs off leash areas
- Identify the gaps in provision for off leash areas
- Identify open space within the gaps and suitability for off leash activities against a selection criteria
- Review the designated dogs prohibited areas
- Identify sites for consultation.

4.2 Distribution of off leash areas

4.2.1 Existing areas and subdivisions

There are limited opportunities to incorporate off leash areas that are not restricted by other uses such as sport or school use. State and local government open space planning has not typically recognised the dedicated space required for off leash activities.

Therefore it has been necessary to try and accommodate off leash activities in parks that have been designed primarily for other activities. Of the 40 existing off leash

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sites, 16 are located on sites that offer unrestricted access, but 24 are located on sites with restricted access (e.g. sportsfields).

Casual observation indicates a high level of use of natural environments and sites that offer unrestricted access for off leash activities because they are attractive and are often accessible via linear pathways.

A review of each site has been conducted to provide a more comprehensive listing and detailed descriptors defining existing off leash areas (Appendix 1) and site maps (Appendix 4).

Some existing locations lack clear signage indicating the areas within a site off leash activities are allowed. Other locations are difficult for City Laws officers to monitor and there are also sites where the areas defined are no longer appropriate.

Consideration was given to each site's function as a dogs off leash area. The following concerns discussed with Council officers were considered:

Area	Solution
Dogs should be on leash at Aitken Creek, Jacana Valley and Spavin Lake to protect high value vegetation and bird life within the waterbodies.	The draft Policy requires dogs to be on a leash within 10 metres of a wetland and or waterbody. These are popular existing off leash areas. No change has been made to these off leash areas. Policy requirements will be communicated to dog owners via on-site signage, information brochures and the local media.
Sections of Aitken Creek are too narrow for off leash activities.	The sections of trail between the adjoining off leash areas are very short and it would be impractical to expect that City Laws could monitor any non-compliance in those areas. No change has been made to these off leash areas.
Dogs off leash activities in Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve undermine the intent of the reserve to foster nature and provide habitat.	The Environment Department advise the off leash areas are set well back from the creek environs, ensuring habitat and fauna are not adversely affected by the off leash activities. The area designated for off leash activities is well set back from the creek environs.
Southern side of the creek at The Nook has extensive recreational areas. Dogs off leash activities should be limited to the eastern side of the creek.	The Nook is a popular existing off leash area. No change has been made to the off leash area. Policy requirements will be communicated to dog owners via on-site signage, information brochures and the local media.
Dogs off leash activities should not be on sportsfields.	There are insufficient alternative sites available within the catchments, particularly in established areas, to enable the removal of dogs off leash activities from sportsfields. There is no evidence of conflict between sporting activities and dogs off leash activities.

A mapping exercise was conducted to identify the locations of existing dogs off leash areas and inform the basis for identifying the catchment parameters.

Therefore, in existing areas:

- the aim is to provide unrestricted access to off leash areas within an approximate circular catchment of one kilometre. Where this cannot be achieved the aim is to provide access to an off leash area via a sportsfield (restricted access) within the same catchment.

Appendix 4 outlines the DOL catchments.

Consideration has been given to physical and perceptual barriers that may hinder access to off leash areas. These barriers include major roads, lack of safe road crossings, railway lines and geographical features such as water bodies.

In some cases there is an overlap in catchments for off leash sites because a more appropriate site is not available to accommodate an off leash area.

There are a number of new subdivisions recently completed or under development where there are no opportunities to incorporate an off leash area. This is primarily because off leash activities have not been incorporated in open space planning, the demand for a variety of functions of open space and the advent of 'drainage wetlands'. A buffer is required between wetlands and off leash areas if the wildlife attracted to these environments is to be protected.

4.2.2 Future subdivisions

There is a need to provide for dogs off leash activities in future subdivisions. The *Dogs in Public Dogs in Public Places Survey Report*, consultation undertaken as part of the *Dogs in Public Places Review* and anecdotal feedback from the community indicates the community's desire for additional off leash areas.

The review of the Open Space Strategy will need to consider provision of open space that is provided primarily for dogs off leash activities, as well as other open space that can be used for multiple activities (e.g. sportsfields), including dog off leash activities.

It is proposed that the following be considered for future subdivisions:

- (i) To provide dog off leash areas within a district catchment according to the Open Space Strategy. This can be done by being creative in the opportunities formed with the effective use of encumbered land or the use of buffers from other activities.
- (ii) The size of the DOL area will be influenced by the function and size of the space and should take into account:
 - The extent of off leash opportunities associated with linear trails
 - The need for buffers, including:
 - buffers between the off leash area and other park environments (e.g. play, sport, wildlife areas) and environments (e.g. wildlife areas) where dogs are prohibited or must be on leash
 - safety buffers between the off leash area and internal and external roadways
 - Opportunity for unrestricted off leash access to shared areas e.g. bushland
 - Existing and projected demographics, housing development (e.g. subdivision), dog populations
 - Existing and potential dog registrations
 - Whether the area is to be fenced or unfenced.

4.3 Type of access for people with dogs

4.3.1 Existing dogs off leash areas

It is proposed the existing 40 off leash area will be retained. The functionality and accessibility of each area have been reviewed to ensure each area is clearly defined and easy for City Laws to monitor.

The following provides a summary of existing dogs off leash areas within Hume City.

Planning area	Full access (24 hrs)	Restricted access		Total no. DOL sites
		(On leash 8am - 5pm)	On sportsgrounds	
Broadmeadows	7	3	12	20
Craigieburn	3	3	7	10
Sunbury	6	-	4	10

A list of existing and proposed new off leash areas is included in Appendix 1.

4.3.2 Proposed off leash areas

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The mapping (appendix 4) of dog off leash areas identifies the gaps in provision. Open space in these areas was assessed and twenty-nine sites were identified to potentially accommodate off leash activities.

For detailed assessments against the site selection criteria of these sites refer to Appendix 3.

Eleven new sites were identified using the site selection criteria are recommended to:

- address gaps in provision caused by an uneven distribution of off leash areas
- supplement provision in areas with a significant number of restricted access sites (sportsfields, sites adjoining schools)
- address road, rail and or geographic barriers
- provide off leash access to more natural and linear pathway settings, as opposed to the formal sportsfield setting.

Table 5 – A summary of proposed sites in each planning area

Planning Area	Proposed future provision	Considerations
Broadmeadows Planning Area (2 additional sites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Haddon Hall Drive Reserve, Attwood ▪ Bolinda Rd (former landfill), Campbellfield 	Off leash areas in the southeast sector of the Broadmeadows Planning Area are more sparse than in the central and southwest sector because there are very few sites on which to locate them. They are also primarily located on sportsfields. The northeast sector of the Broadmeadows Planning Area is primarily industrial, hence the absence of off leash areas.
Craigieburn Planning Area (6 additional sites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hume Tennis and Community Centre, Craigieburn ▪ Newbury Park, Craigieburn ▪ Orling Field, Craigieburn ▪ Greenvale Drive Linear Trail, Greenvale ▪ GPU Easement, Roxburgh Park ▪ Zambezi Court Reserve, Roxburgh Park 	In the Craigieburn Planning Area there are significant gaps in the provision of off leash areas that cannot be filled. This is the case within existing suburbs in the north and along the central corridor that runs north-south parallel with Mickleham Road. At this time there are no policies or planning scheme requirements in place allowing Council to compel developers to allocate additional ³ space for off leash areas. Unless such requirements are put in place, the western sector of the Craigieburn Planning Area is unlikely to have the space available for off leash areas.
Sunbury Planning Area (3 additional sites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bannermann Street Reserve, Sunbury ▪ Curtin Drive Reserve, Sunbury ▪ The Skyline Linear Trail, Sunbury 	In the Sunbury Planning Area there are some gaps in the provision of off leash areas that cannot be filled. This is the case within existing areas in Jackson's Hill, Goonawarra and the outlying areas to the north west of Sunbury. At this time there are no policies or planning scheme requirements in place that allow Council to compel developers to allocate additional ⁴ space for off leash areas. Unless such requirements are put in place, new subdivisions in the Sunbury Planning Area are unlikely to have the space available for off leash areas.

Refer to Appendix 4 for mapping of DOL areas in each planning area

Table 6 lists the proposed sites for DOL activities and the benefits, other considerations and recommendations for each site.

³ Subdivision developers are required to provide open spaces in line with Council and state government planning regulations

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Table 6 – Site evaluation summary and action plan for proposed off-leash areas

Site	Benefits	Other considerations	Recommendations
Haddon Hall Drive Reserve Haddon Hall Drive Atwood	Open area Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network No sensitive environments No sportsground	Would require playspace barrier/fencing (buffers as per policy) Dogs must be on leash within 10m of the path	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put a barrier in place to separate the DOL area from the playspace Install DOL signage (4) Install a bin (1)
Bolinda Rd (former landfill) via Home St Campbellfield	Site not yet developed and will be known as a DOL area No conflict with play areas Good connections to the shared path network No sensitive environments No sportsground	Site not yet ready for DOL activities	Bolinda Road is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (3) Install a bin (1) Need to note that Bolinda Rd will not come on line until the site developed
Craigieburn Planning Area			
Hume Tennis and Community Centre (open space nth of centre) cnr Marathon Blvd & Newbury Blvd Craigieburn	Developing area with an anticipated population growth No conflict with play areas Open area No sensitive environments No sportsground	School time restrictions required Shared path through site	Hume Tennis and Community Centre (open space) is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (3) Install a bin (1)
Newbury Park (west of hockey field) Newbury Blvd & Grand Blvd Craigieburn	Developing area with an anticipated population growth No conflict with play areas Open area No sensitive environments No sportsground	Site not yet ready for DOL activities Area will be adjacent to hockey fields	Newbury Park (west of hockey field) is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (4) Install a bin (1) The site is designated dog off-leash when it becomes available
Orrig Field Grand Blvd and Windrock Ave Craigieburn	Open area Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network Bin on site No sensitive environments No sportsground	Would require either dog off-leash area to be fenced or playspace barrier/fencing (buffers as per policy) - playspace barrier cheaper Dogs must be on leash within 10m of shared paths and play equipment School time restrictions required	Orrig Field is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put a barrier in place to separate the DOL area from the playspace Install DOL signage (4)
Greenvale Drive Linear Trail between Motherwell Dr & Greenvale Dr Greenvale	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network and shared paths	Limited passive surveillance Dogs must be on leash within 10m of shared paths	Greenvale Drive Linear Trail is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (8)

Table 6 – Site evaluation summary and action plan for proposed off-leash areas

Site	Benefits	Other considerations	Recommendations
GPU Easement (between Roxburgh Park Drive to the shared pathway to the west of the lake) Roxburgh Park	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network and shared paths No conflict with play areas Open Area No sensitive environments No sportsground	Lack of shade	The GPU Easement is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (4) Investigate installing a bin (1)
Zambezi Court Reserve Zambezi Court Roxburgh Park	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network No conflict with play areas Open Area Shade No sportsground	Dogs must be on leash within 10m of a wetland or water body	Zambezi Court Reserve is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (ensure the signage clearly states dogs are not allowed within the wetlands) Investigate installing a bin. A bin is located at the adjoin Abercarn Reserve (1)
Sunbury Planning Area			
Bannermann Street Reserve Bannermann Street Sunbury	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network Open Area Some Shade Bin on site No sportsground	Would require playspace barrier/fencing (buffers as per policy) Dogs must be on leash within 10m of a wetland or water body Dogs must be on leash within 10m of shared paths	Bannermann Reserve is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (ensure the signage clearly states dogs are not allowed within the creek) (4) Put a barrier in place to separate the DOL area from the playspace Barrier to separate DOL area from other activities
Curtin Drive Reserve Curtin Drive Sunbury	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network & shared path network Open Area Shade No conflict with play areas	Dogs must be on leash within 10m of shared paths	Curtin Drive Reserve is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (4) Install a bin (1)
The Skyline Linear Trail Skyline Drive Sunbury	Good proximity to residential areas within walking distance via the street network Shade Linear No conflict with play areas	Narrow space at some points and dogs would be required to be on leash	The Skyline Linear Trail is recommended as a DOL area provided the following are addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install DOL signage (5) Investigate option for minor signage along trail (5) Investigate installing bins (2)

4.3.3 Designated dogs prohibited areas

Twelve sites have been identified as 'dogs prohibited areas' for conservation, wildlife or safety reasons. Four of these sites were previously 'dogs prohibited areas' and an additional 8 sites have been identified. It is proposed that 2 sites previously designated as a 'dogs prohibited area' revert to 'dogs on leash areas'.

Table 7 lists sites previously designated and new sites proposed as, 'dogs prohibited areas'.

	Site	Suburb	Planning area	Current status	Revised status
<i>Status confirmed</i>					
1	Martin Dillon Reserve	Wildwood	Sunbury	Dogs prohibited	Dogs prohibited
2	Albert Road Nature Reserve	Sunbury	Sunbury	Dogs prohibited	Dogs prohibited
3	Evans Street Grassland	Sunbury	Sunbury	Dogs prohibited	Dogs prohibited
4	Sunbury Cemetery	Sunbury	Sunbury	Dogs prohibited	Dogs prohibited
<i>Additional Dog Prohibited Areas</i>					
5	Mt Holden	Sunbury	Sunbury	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
6	The Parkway Reserve	Sunbury	Sunbury	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
7	Amberfield Grassland	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
8	Fullwood Drive Ceremonial Ring	Sunbury	Sunbury	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
9	Kalkallo Commons	Kalkallo	Craigieburn	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
10	Somerton Red Gum Reserve	Somerton	Craigieburn	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
11	Tandara Reserve	Sunbury	Sunbury	Not listed	Dogs prohibited
12	Maygar Grasslands	Broadmeadows	Broadmeadows	Not listed	Dogs prohibited

The following 12 sites have been identified and recommended as 'dogs prohibited areas' for conservation, wildlife and/or safety reasons.

(i) Significant Natural Values (8)

- Martin Dillon Reserve, Wildwood Road, Wildwood

This reserve is located immediately adjacent to Deep Creek and is within the Maribyrnong River Catchment. The site supports Riparian Woodland and Stream Bank Shrub land and contains large hollow-bearing River Red Gums and dead stags. These trees support a range of arboreal mammals and birds. The river provides habitat for Platypus, Water Rats, fish and the nationally threatened Growling Grass Frog.

- Albert Road Nature Reserve, 110-140 Albert Road, Sunbury

The 15ha conservation reserve is part of a BioSite of state significance due to the high ecological integrity of the area and presence of rare and threatened flora and fauna species. The site supports Valley Grassy Forest and Box Ironbark Forest including a eucalypt over storey of Bundy and Melbourne Yellow Gum. The site contains a tributary to Jacksons Creek which has had recent works to fix severe gully erosion. Other tunnel erosion is a continuing issue throughout the site and presents a risk to public safety.

- Evans Street Grassland, Evans Street, Sunbury

The Evans Street Grassland reserve has a Conservation Covenant, under the *Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972* that protects the conservation values of the reserve. The site supports federally significant Western Plains Grassland which supports over 100 native plant species including many that are uncommon to Melbourne and of high conservation significance. It is recognised as a key location for grassland education for schools and tertiary institutions.

- Amberfield Grassland, 361 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn

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This site supports Plains Grassland/Plains Grassy woodland vegetation and includes rare and threatened species including the Golden Sun Moth and Matted Flax Lily. The site is an offset site under the *Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks.

- Kalkallo Commons, 56 Mitchell Street and 100-130 Hunter Street, Kalkallo

This area contains the most intact example of gilgai plains grassland in North East Melbourne. Such intact plains grassland/seasonal wetland are very rare on the volcanic plain. This site supports numerous endangered flora and fauna species. The site is identified with the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and being retained for conservation purposes. This system is highly vulnerable to disturbance given the regular inundation. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks.

- Somerton Red Gum Nature Reserve, 193B Hume Highway, Somerton
This area is wholly enclosed within an industrial estate. The large River Red Gums throughout the site contain an abundance of hollows supporting birds and arboreal mammals including possums and micro-bats. The site will be the recipient site for a translocation program for a highly threatened plant species, Basalt Peppercreese, which is currently extinct within Hume.

- Tandara Reserve, 155 Phillip Drive, Sunbury
The site supports Grassy Woodland vegetation. This area is an offset site protected in perpetuity for its conservation values as identified in Botanicus (2008, 2010). A requirement of being an offset site is that no dogs are permitted within the reserve. The vegetation contained on the site is classified as endangered and considered to be of very high and high conservation significance. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks. This site is adjacent to Fullwood Drive.

- Maygar Grasslands, 11-49 Academy Drive, Broadmeadows
This reserve provides a rare example of remnant Heavier-soils Plains Grassland vegetation. This vegetation type is a federally threatened vegetation community. The site supports a diverse range of indigenous herbs and grasses some of which are threatened. There is no public access provided to the site.

(ii) Risk to public safety via significant erosion issues (2)

- Mt Holden, 515 Riddell Road, Sunbury

There is significant risk profiles associated with the erosion issues within the site including holes and tunnels. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks.

- The Parkway Reserve, 475 Racecourse Road, Sunbury

This site supports significant woodland community. There is significant risk profiles associated with the erosion issues within the site including holes, tunnels and gullies. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks. The Parkway has an abundance of wildlife, including kangaroos and wallabies.

(iii) Significant Cultural Heritage (1)

- Fullwood Drive Ceremonial Ring, 76 Fullwood Drive, Sunbury

This site supports a cultural heritage site of national importance. No digging or disturbance of any kind is permitted within the reserve. There are no existing formal public access points or walking tracks. This site is adjacent to Tandara Reserve.

(iv) Cemeteries (1)

- Sunbury Cemetery, Shield Street, Sunbury

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This site has been deemed no dogs allowed based on the direction of the Sunbury Cemetery Trust.

Table 8 lists sites previously designated as, 'dogs prohibited areas' reverting to dogs on leash areas.

	Site	Suburb	Planning area	Current status	Revised status
1	Grey Box Woodland	Broadmeadows	Broadmeadows	Dogs prohibited	Dogs on leash
2	Konagaderra Bridge Reserve	Oaklands Junction	Sunbury	Dogs prohibited	Dogs on leash

The following two sites have been identified and recommended for reverting to 'dogs on leash'.

- Greybox Woodlands, Columbia Circuit, Broadmeadows
 This site does not have significant environmental values which would need to be protected from dogs entering the site if they are under control by their owner.
- Konagaderra Bridge Reserve, Konagaderra Road, Oaklands Junction
 This site has wombats and wallabies, but given the isolation of the site, dogs would generally not be brought here to exercise and if they do they must be on a lead.

4.4 Monitoring

The Dogs in Public Places Survey 2010 indicates community concern about dogs being off leash in on leash areas, uncontrolled dogs impacting on the enjoyment of other people and dogs in parks and the need for City Laws officers to have a higher profile.

Community feedback received as part of the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) indicates the community desire an increased presence of City Laws officers in off leash areas. Until recently, monitoring of off leash areas and other public places by City Laws officers was reactive. A review of current resources means City Laws officers now conduct regular Saturday patrols and extended patrol hours during daylight savings. As a result random visits to off leash areas and monitoring of off leash activities in on leash public places will increase.

To demonstrate meeting requirements outlined in the DAMP of 150 annual park patrols officer will complete a diary or raise a MERIT to create a log of park visits.

4.5 Signage and information

Signage relating to dog activities is in poor condition and needs to be replaced in many off leash areas. In some parks there is no signage designating off leash areas and in other parks the signage needs to be better positioned in order to clearly define off leash areas. In some cases additional signage should be provided and/or markers installed to help define off leash areas.

City Laws staff are unable to monitor off leash areas effectively without the signage advising the community of the area available for off leash activities and the requirements of owners while utilising dogs off leash areas.

Park information boards at some sites provide comprehensive information about the zones within the relevant park. However, some do not refer to dogs off leash activity zones, or areas where dogs may be prohibited.

An audit of signage is required to determine where signage needs to be replaced and new signage installed.

Brochures and information on Council's website will need to be updated in line with proposed changes to off leash areas.

It is recommended that consideration be given to developing site maps for inclusion on

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Council's website. Using site landmarks where possible would assist with defining the boundaries of off leash areas.

The next annual review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan should consider a trial community partnership initiative to raise awareness of pet owner responsibilities, particularly in relation to the picking up of dog litter.

4.6 Dog litter management

Council Local Law No.1 - 2013 – Clause 2.3 Dog Excrement requires dog owners to carry suitable receptacles for picking up after their dogs to responsibly dispose of their dog's litter. Even so, Council has provided litterbag dispensers and rubbish bins at some off leash sites. The refilling of litterbag dispensers does not occur on a regular or consistent basis. The schedules for replenishing litterbag dispensers and clearing of bins will be reviewed and where necessary schedules will be altered.

Litterbag dispensers will be retained at existing sites and additional dispensers considered at other high use off leash areas. However, due to the significant level of vandalism of litterbag dispensers and the removal of litterbags, Council will review the number and location of these amenities from time to time.

4.7 Review of the Dogs in Parks Planning Framework

The Dogs in Parks Planning Framework will be reviewed in five years or more regularly if required as a result of the review/development of relevant Council policies or service plans such as the Open Space Strategy.

5. Implementation Plan

	ACTION	Responsible Department⁵	Budget
	Planning		
1	Incorporate dog off leash planning principles into the Open Space Strategy and Hume Development Principles when these documents are reviewed.	C&ACP, S, SP	Within operational budget
	Off leash areas and dog exclusion areas		
2	Endorse and gazette the Dogs in Public Places owner responsibilities, the list of Designated Dogs Off Leash areas and the list of Designated Dogs Prohibited areas.	C&ACP, CL	Within operational budget
4	Prepare each new site to accommodate DOL activities including signage, bins, litterbag dispensers and barriers where required.	C&ACP, P&OS	\$ 75,000
	Dog litter management		
5	Review requirements for litterbag dispensers and litter disposal bins at off leash areas	C&ACP, W	Within operational budget
6	Review schedules for the replenishment of litterbag dispensers and increase the budget for litterbags in line with the review. Consider an increase in allocation for litterbags to \$10,000 for the 2017/18 financial year	W	Review operational budget \$10,000
7	As part of the annual review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan consider a trial community partnership initiative to raise awareness of pet owner responsibilities, particularly in relation to the picking up of dog litter.	CL	Within operational budget
	Signage, Information and Education		
8	Review signage requirements (including wording), placement and number of signs and associated future budget requirements, prepare in conjunction with signage for new sites.	C&ACP, CL	Within operational budget

⁵ Legend: C&ACP=Community & Activity Centre Planning; CL=City Laws; P&OS=Parks & Open Space; S=Subdivisions; SP=Statutory Planning; W=Waste; C&E=Communication & Events

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	ACTION	Responsible Department⁵	Budget
9	Update (and reprint) the Hume Dogs in Public Places brochure and maps of designated dog off leash areas and designated dogs prohibited areas to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ensure consistency with the Dogs in Public Places owner responsibilities and requirements▪ to communicate other responsible pet ownership behaviours (etiquette)	C&ACP, CL, C&E	\$10,000 for printing & distribution Design within operational budget
10	Provide brochures and site maps for each off leash area on Council's website	C&ACP, CL, C&E	Within operational budget
11	Increase park patrols during peak periods. City Laws Officers to engage with users and promote dog owner responsibilities. Review after 2 years.	C&ACP, CL	\$75,000 over 2 years

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of existing and proposed off leash areas

	SUBURB & RESERVE	Off leash Status	On sports field	Time Restrictions apply	Melways Ref	Previous area	New area	Comments
	* New / proposed sites are shaded							
	ATTWOOD							
1.	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	5J5	NR	Internal section of the reserve (boundary - play area, shared path & treed area)	
	BROADMEADOWS							
2.	Anderson Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	6 H11	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
3.	Broadmeadows Valley Park (adjacent to John Itham Memorial)	Existing	No	No	6 F3	Not clearly defined/ understood	Eastern section of park - south of Barry Rd & sportsfields; on the west along path & fire track; escarpment on the south & east along escarpment.	
4.	Broadmeadows Valley Park – Ripplebrook South Valley	Existing Modified	No	No	6 E7	Between Johnstone and Dimboda Streets	Between Johnstone St and Dimboda Rd & bit creek and Ripplebrook Dye	
5.	Seabrook Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	7 A8	Not clearly defined/ understood	Whole site	
6.	Willi Willi Rook Pioneer Cemetery	Existing	No	No	7 B9	Not clearly defined/ understood	Whole site	
	BULLA							
7.	Bulla Recreation Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	177 B6	With sportsfield	Within sportsfield	
	CAMPBELLFIELD							
8.	Bolinda Rd	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	7 J8	NR	North west corner as per master plan	Will come online once the site is developed
9.	Seih Ralstrick Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	7 F6	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	

SUBURB & RESERVE	Off leash Status	On sports field	Time Restrictions apply	Melways Ref	Previous area	New area	Comments
* New / proposed sites are shaded							
COOLAROO							
10. Progress Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	6 K2	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing (west oval)	
CRAIGIEBURN							
11. Aitken Creek Reserve	Existing	No	No	387 B11	Between Bridgewater Rd and the railway line	Between Bridgewater Rd and the railway line	
12. Craigieburn Dog Park - Craigieburn Gardens	Existing	No	No	387 A10	Within dog park	Within dog park fencing	
13. D. S. Aitken Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	387 A9	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
14. Hohllyn Drive Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	387 A12	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
15. Hume Tennis and Community Centre	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	Yes	386 D5	NR	Open space north of centre	
16. Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve	Existing	No	No	387 A1	Mt Ridley Rd/ Parkside Rise	Within sign posted area south of Mt Ridley Rd	
17. Newbury Park	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	386 E2	NR	West of hockey field	Will come on line once site is developed
18. Oirig Field	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	Yes	386 K3	NR	Within central area of the reserve away from play and seating area	Will require a barrier between play/space and off leash area
19. Vic Foster Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	387 A7	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
DALLAS							
20. Gibb Street Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	6 K4	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing
21. Laura Douglas Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	7 C4	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	Need to make sure sports clubs do not lock oval gates
GLADSTONE PARK							
22. Ginifer Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	6 C10	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	

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* New / proposed sites are shaded								
23.	Carrick Drive Reserve	Existing	No	No	6 B8	Not clearly defined/ understood	Whole site	Adjoining linear corridor will be on leash because the area is confined
24.	John Coultis Reserve	Existing	No	No	6 C11	Whole site	Whole site	Pending approval from Vicroads Review off leash access as part of site master plan
	GREENVALE							
25.	Bradford Ave Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	179 A8	Not clearly defined/ understood	Whole site	
26.	Drummond Street Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	6 A1	Within sportsfield mounding/boundary	Whole site	Easier to enforce compliance if whole site
27.	Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	178 G7	Within sportsfield fencing - Oval No. 1	Within sportsfield fencing – Oval No. 1	Off leash access to be reviewed once the master plan is complete
28.	Greenvale Drive Linear Trail	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	179 B10	NR	Between Motherwell Drive & Greenvale Drive	
	JACANA							
29.	Jacana Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	6 D8	Within sportsfield fencing – Oval 1 & 2	Within sportsfield fencing – Oval 1 & 2	
30.	Jacana Valley	Existing	Yes	No	6 E8	Not clearly defined/ understood	Whole site, excluding Moonee Ponds Creek and the area west of the creek and the Broadmeadows Sporting Club	Easier for City Laws to enforce if the whole site
	MEADOW HEIGHTS							
31.	Broadmeadows Valley Park – Northern Reach	Existing	No	No	179 H10	Not clearly defined, but whole site	Whole site	

	SUBURB & RESERVE	Off leash Status	On sports field	Time Restrictions apply	Melways Ref	Previous area	New area	Comments
* New / proposed sites are shaded								
	ROXBURGH PARK							
32.	GPU Easement	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	179 J5	NR	Between Roxburgh Park Drive & north-south path west of lake	
33.	Lakeside Drive Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	180 A6	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
34.	Zambezi Court Reserve	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	180 B1	NR	Whole site, excluding wetland area	
	SUNBURY							
35.	Bannemann Street Reserve	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	381 H8	NR	Open area 50m from playground	Will require a barrier between play/space and off leash area
36.	Curtin Drive Reserve	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	362 E11	NR	Whole site	
37.	Ernu Bottom Wetland (excluding Horseshoe Bend)	Existing	No	No	362 F7	Whole site (except for Horseshoe Bend)	Whole site (except for Horseshoe)	Horseshoe Bend - high conservation area within the creek (platypus)
38.	Eric Boardman Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	381 G5	Within sportsfield fencing – Oval 2 & 3	Within sportsfield fencing – Oval 2 & 3	
39.	Heysen Drive Reserve	Existing Modified	No	No	381 J2	Not clearly defined – area between Heysen Drive & Richardson Ave	Area between Heysen Drive and Reservoir Rd	
40.	Langama Park	Existing	Yes	No	381 K6	Crickets ovals 1 & 2 (area beyond fenced soccer pitch)	Crickets ovals 1 & 2 (area beyond fenced soccer pitch)	
41.	The Nook	Existing	No	No	382 G4	The main area near car park & area on north side of the creek, near the waterhole	Maintain the main area near car park & area on north side of the creek, near the waterhole	Signage needs correcting
42.	Spavin Drive Dam	Existing	No	No	362 C11	Part of area immediately below the dam	Around lake and east of lake	

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* New / proposed sites are shaded							
43. Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve	Existing	No	No	361 K12	Not clearly defined sign posted as the middle section of the reserve	Boundary of residential properties and between Stewarts Lane & shared path before the creek	
44. Sunbury Park	Existing	No	No	382 F6	Main park, excluding pony club site	Main park and fenced dog park, excluding pony club site	
45. Sunbury Recreation - Clarke Oval	Existing	Yes	No	382 C2	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
46. The Skyline Linear Trail	NEW/ PROPOSED	No	No	382 H1	NR	From Orchardview Grove to Highgrove Drive –along The Skyline between the escarpment & trees bordering shared path	
TULLAMARINE							
47. Trade Park	Existing	No	No	5 H12		Between property boundaries and Melrose Drive & at the bend before the tennis courts/playground	
48. Tullamarine Reserve (Melrose Drive)	Existing	Yes	No	5 H11	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
49. Leo Dineen Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	15 H2	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield fencing	
WESTMEADOWS							
50. Westmeadows Reserve	Existing	Yes	Yes	5 K6	Within sportsfield	Within sportsfield	Time restrictions to be introduced
51. Willowbrook Reserve	Existing	Yes	No	5 K6	Within sportsfield fencing	Within sportsfield	

Appendix 2 – Site selection criteria

The following evaluation criteria will be used to determine:

- the suitability of a site for inclusion of a dogs off leash area and/or
- the most appropriate site/s for dogs off leash activities within a determined catchment and/or
- determining the order in which dogs off leash sites will be introduced.

Sites that best satisfy the primary evaluation criteria are then assessed against secondary evaluation criteria.

Primary evaluation criteria

1. Whether there is the space available at the park or reserve to accommodate a dogs off leash area without it unreasonably impacting on the area available for existing park activities

This will consider:

- the capacity of the site to accommodate a dogs off leash area
- the number of activities that may be impacted if a dogs off leash area is introduced
- the ability to provide buffers between dogs off leash activities and other park activities e.g. play spaces, picnic areas
- the ability to provide buffers between dogs off leash activities and traffic (e.g. roads, car parks)
- if existing spaces can or should be reconfigured or existing activities relocated to enable the inclusion of dogs off leash activities.

2. Any areas of environmental sensitivity associated with the proposed dogs off leash area can be managed

This will consider:

- any impact the introduction of dogs off leash activities may have on adjoining land uses and the ability to address this
- any impact the introduction of dogs off leash activities may have on cultural or environmental areas (e.g. wildlife areas, wetlands) and the ability to address this
- any previous uses of the site that render the site inappropriate for dogs off leash activities such recent landfill sites.

3. The appeal of the site and amenity, perceptual or physical barriers associated with the park or reserve

This will consider:

- the ease with which Council's City Laws officers can monitor the site and the interface between different activity zones on the site. This is to enable City Laws officers to easily observe any transgressions of on leash and dog control requirements
- the isolation of the site including the nature of surrounding land uses, the openness of the site and the nature of other activities that will attract additional park users and optimise casual surveillance
- the opportunity for casual surveillance of the site and line of sight contact for people using the site
- the appeal of the site (e.g. inviting, green, shady and in pleasant surroundings) so people will be attracted to the site
- capacity of the site to cater for a range of user needs e.g. accessible car parking.

4. Availability of the site, risk and access

This will consider:

- space available to accommodate off leash activities
- restrictions on use (e.g. time restrictions, sporting events).

Secondary evaluation criteria

5. The opportunity to integrate a proposed dogs off leash area with other park activities

This will consider:

- the opportunity to integrate dogs off leash activities with other activities or amenities at the site (e.g. visual connection to other park activity spaces such as children's ball play areas, sporting areas, picnic areas).

6. The access to good natural features within the proposed dogs off leash area including natural shade, attractiveness of the landscape

This will consider:

- opportunities for dogs to access a range of different environments across the network of dogs off leash sites (e.g. open run about areas, sensory vegetation areas, rock clamber areas)
- opportunities for dog owners to access pleasant natural environments including landscaped and natural shade areas.

7. Whether the proposed dogs off leash site has existing and accessible infrastructure and amenities

This will consider:

- easy access for individuals and families with dogs easy access to park infrastructure such as car parking, toilets, picnic areas and shelters.

8. Whether the reserve has good linkages via the trail and footpath network

This will consider:

- access opportunities via safe off-road pathways that provide direct routes to the site.

9. The number of people living near the park and who would potentially be able to walk to the site

This will consider:

- the population catchment for the site
- A park or reserve within a walkable distance will encourage walking to access the facility, which is in line with Council's health and wellbeing objectives.

10. The number of dogs residing within walking distance of the site

This will consider:

- the number of dog owning households within the catchment for the site.

11. The readiness of the site to accommodate dogs off leash activities in the short term

This will consider:

- the ability to proceed immediately with the establishment of a dogs off leash area. The following may be considerations that would impact on the timelines for establishing a dogs off leash area:
 - there are significant establishment works required as in the case of a newly established reserve, or reinstatement or remedial works as in the case of a former landfill site, or
 - a master plan needs to be prepared to optimise the use of the site, or
 - another party owns the land and time is required to negotiate access and conditions of access to the land.

The following additional considerations may also be evaluated:

12. Whether the site is already a popular dogs off leash / on leash area (formal or informal).

This will consider:

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- If the site is already used as a dogs off leash area even if it not a designated dogs off leash area. This may indicate there is a general level of acceptance for dogs off leash activities in the area. This would need to be examined through community consultation.

13. The number of people that will live within walking distance / the catchment of the site in the future

This will consider:

- future growth in population
- future growth in the number of dog owning households.

An increase in population in a given area will not necessarily mean the same proportional growth in the dog population as elsewhere in the City. Dog ownership will also be influenced by size of residential land holdings, size and type of accommodation and the nature of the family unit.

Appendix 3 – Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites for each planning district

Table 1 - Broadmeadows Planning Area - Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites (7 sites)

	Site	Bolinda Rd former landfill	Attwood Ck Reserve	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	Merynston Creek Corridor (b/w Berger Street / Benalla Street)	Bethall Gully Reserve	Global Drive Reserve	Cooper Hills Drive Reserve (Parkland near scout hall)
	Suburb	Campbellfield	Attwood	Attwood	Dallas	Meadow Heights	Westmeadows	Westmeadows
1	The space available on the site to accommodate dog off leash activities without it unreasonably impacting on the space available for existing park activities and to enable a buffer between adjoining activities / properties	10	2	6	7	7	0	0
2	No environmental sensitivity associated with the site such as the close proximity of wildlife areas, landfill	5	5	7	7	7	5	3
3	The site does not have perceptual or physical barriers that limit access e.g. highway	5	5	7	5	7	7	7
4	Availability of site / Access concerns e.g. safety, restrictions on times	7	3	5	7	8	0	0
	Site to proceed to Stage 2 with evaluation scores over 25	30	15	25	27	29	12	10
Secondary Criteria - Site considerations								
5	The site is not isolated from other parkland activities	8		8	6	7		
6	The site has good natural features including natural shade, attractiveness of the landscape	6		6	5	6		
7	The site has existing and accessible infrastructure such as - seating, water, shelter	7		7	2	5		
8	Good linkages to the site via the shared path network	7		7	6	7		
	SUB TOTAL	28		21	19	25		
Secondary Criteria - Demographic considerations								
9	The number of people living near the park and who would potentially be able to walk to the site	5		7	8	8		
10	The number of dogs residing within walking distance of the site	5		7	3			
	SUB TOTAL	10		14	11	8		
Other considerations								
11	The readiness of the site to accommodate a dog off leash activities in the near future	7		8	8	8		
12	Whether the site is already a popular dog off leash / on leash area (normal or informal)	0		5	5			

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Table 1 - Broadmeadows Planning Area - Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites (7 sites)								
	Site	Bolinda Rd former landfill	Attwood Ck Reserve	Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	Merynston Creek Corridor (b/w Berger Street / Benalla Street)	Bethall Gully Reserve	Global Drive Reserve	Cooper Hills Drive Reserve (Parkland near scout hall)
13	Significant increase in the number of people who will live within walking distance / catchment of the site in the future	4		8	5	2		
		11		21	18	10		
	TOTAL SCORE (MAXIMUM 130)	79		81	75	72		
	SUB TOTAL							
	Recommendations / Summary Comments	Recommend - DOL area will come online as per the site plan site. Recommend that site be approved now with above proviso		Recommend - Barrier may be required between play and DOL area	Not recommended - Catchment catered for by Laura Douglas Reserve. An alternative if provision options/opportunities change in the catchment	Not recommended - Catchment catered for by Laura Douglas Reserve. An alternative if provision options/ opportunities change in the catchment		

Table 2 - Craigieburn Planning Area - Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites (11 sites)											
Site	Pine Reserve (Royal Tree)	Olrig Field (on Grand Blvd & Windrock Av)	Hightgate Recreation Reserve	Newbury Park	Hume Tennis and Community Centre (nth of centre)	Education land	Greenvale Drive Linear Trail (b/w Motherwell Dv & Greenvale Dv)	GPU Easement	Lake McIvor Reserve (b/w Lakeside Dv & railway)	Patullios Lane Reserve	Zambezi Court Reserve
Suburb	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Greenvale	Greenvale	Roxburgh Park	Roxburgh Park	Roxburgh Park	Roxburgh Park
The space available on the site to accommodate dog off leash activities without it unreasonably impacting on the space available for existing park activities and to enable a buffer between adjoining activities / properties	6	7	6	6	6	8	7	7	6	6	6
No environmental sensitivity associated with the site such as the close proximity of wildlife areas, landfill	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	7	8	8	7
The site does not have perceptual or physical barriers that limit access e.g. highway	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	7
Availability of site / Access concerns e.g. safety, restrictions on times	1	5	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5
SUB TOTAL Site to proceed to Stage 2 with evaluation scores over 25	18	24	21	25	25	28	26	25	21	25	25
Secondary Criteria - Site considerations											
5) The site is not isolated from other parkland activities		7		7	7	6	6	7		7	7
6) The site has good natural features including natural shade, attractiveness of the landscape		6		5	5	3	7	6		5	5
7) The site has existing and accessible infrastructure such as - seating, water, shelter		7		5	6	3	5	7		5	6
8) Good linkages to the site via the shared path network		6		6	6	7	8	6		6	6
SUB TOTAL		26		23	24	19	26	26		23	24
Secondary Criteria - Demographic considerations											
9) The number of people living near the park and who would potentially be able to walk to		7		7	7	7	8	7		7	7

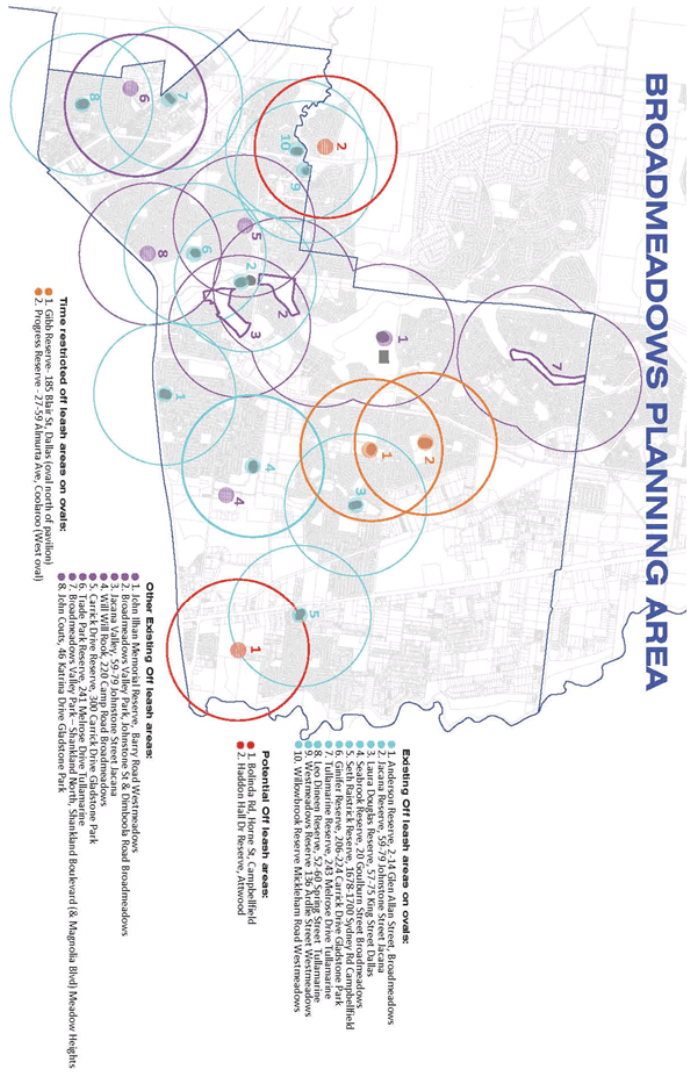
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Site	Pine Reserve (Royal Tree)	Oling Field (cor Grand Bld & Windrock Av)	Hightgate Recreation Reserve	Newbury Park	Hume Tennis and Community Centre (nth of centre)	Education land	Greenvale Drive Linear Trail (b/w Motherwell Dv & Greenvale Dv)	GPU Easement	Lake McIvor Reserve (b/w Lakeside Dv & railway)	Patullios Lane Reserve	Zambezi Court Reserve
10 The number of dogs residing within walking distance of the site		7		6	6	7	7	7		6	6
		14		13	13	14	15	14		13	13
SUB TOTAL											
Other considerations											
11 The readiness of the site to accommodate a dog off leash activities in the near future		5		4	6	6	6	5		4	6
12 Whether the site is already a popular dog off leash / on leash area (formal or informal)		2		0	2	5	5	2		0	2
13 Significant increase in the number of people who will live within walking distance / catchment of the site in the future		6		6	6	6	6	6		6	6
SUB TOTAL		13		10	14	17	17	13		10	14
TOTAL SCORE (MAXIMUM 130)		77		71	76	78	84	78		71	76
Recommendations / Summary Comments		Recommend - Time restriction; Buffer needed b/t DOL and play area		Recommend - Site yet to come online. Approve now with above proviso	Recommend - Time restrictions will apply	Not recommended - Greenvale Linear Trail fits criteria better-preferred option in this area	Recommend	Recommend		Not Recommend	Recommend

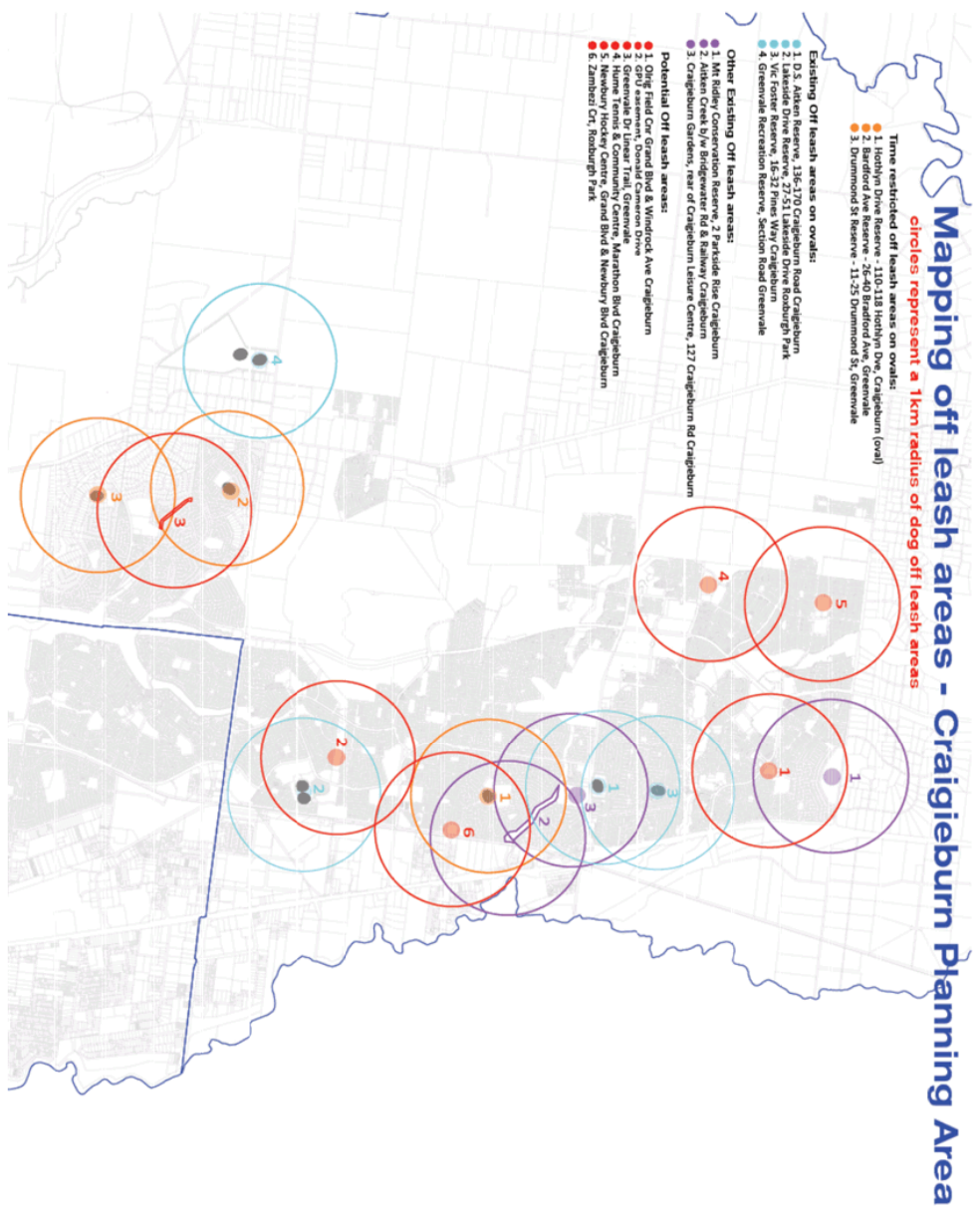
Table 2 - Sunbury Planning Area - Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites - Sunbury Planning Area (11 sites)																						
Site	Blind Creek Parklands 3 (b/w Elizabeth Dr-Philip Dr)	Sunbury	Curtin Drive Reserve	Sunbury	Goonawarra Recreation Reserve	Sunbury	Hammersmith Court Reserve	Sunbury	Kismet Creek Reserve 1 (b/w Spain Dr- Canterbury Dr)	Sunbury	Kismet Creek Reserve 2 (b/w Elizabeth Dr - Spain Lake)	Sunbury	Wanginu Park	Sunbury	Sunbury Recreation Reserve (Cornish St end)	Sunbury	Stratford Close	Sunbury	Skyline Dr Linear Trail	Sunbury	Bannerman Court	Sunbury
1	The space available on the site to accommodate a dog park without it unreasonably impacting on the space available for existing park activities and to enable a buffer between adjoining activities / properties/	7	8	7	7	7	4	4	4	4	5	5	7	7	5	5	7	5	7	7	6	5
2	No environmental sensitivity associated with the site such as the close proximity of wildlife areas, landfill	1	7	7	1	4	4	5	4	6	6	4	4	6	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	6
3	The site does not have perceptual or physical barriers that limit access / Appeal of the site significant e.g. highway	7	7	6	5	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
4	Availability of site / Access concerns e.g. safety, restrictions on times	6	7	6	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	4	7	4	4	7	7	7	7	7
	SUB TOTAL	21	29	26	21	16	18	19	26	19	26	19	26	19	26	23	26	26	23	26	26	25
Secondary Criteria - Site considerations																						
5	The site is not isolated from other parkland activities		8	7																	6	7
6	The site has good natural features including natural shade, attractiveness of the landscape		8	5																	7	6
7	The site has existing and accessible infrastructure such as - seating, water, shelter		5	6																	5	7
8	Good linkages to the site via the shared path network		8	6																	5	6
	SUB TOTAL		29	24																	23	26
Secondary Criteria - Demographic considerations																						

Table 2 - Sunbury Planning Area - Evaluation of potential dog off leash sites - Sunbury Planning Area (11 sites)											
Site	Blind Creek Parklands 3 (b/w Elizabeth Dr-Phillip Dr)	Curtin Drive Reserve	Goonawarra Recreation Reserve	Hammersmith Court Reserve	Kismet Creek Reserve 1 (b/w Spain Dr- Canterbury Dr)	Kismet Creek Reserve 2 (b/w Elizabeth Dr - Spain Lake)	Wanginu Park	Sunbury Recreation Reserve (Comish St end)	Stratford Close	Skyline Dr Linear Trail	Bannerman Court
9	The number of people living near the park and who would potentially be able to walk to the site	7	7							5	6
10	The number of dogs residing within walking distance of the site	7	7							5	6
	SUB TOTAL	14	14							10	12
11	The readiness of the site to accommodate a dog off leash activities in the near future	7	7							7	6
12	Whether the site is already a popular dog off leash / on leash area (formal or informal)	5	5							2	7
13	Significant increase in the number of people who will live within walking distance / catchment of the site in the future	5	8							3	9
	SUB TOTAL	17	20							12	22
	TOTAL SCORE (MAXIMUM 130)	89	84							71	85
	Recommendations / Summary Comments		Recommend - Master Plan being done & site will be too busy	Not recommended -				Retain existing area within fence line of Clarke oval - not extend	Not recommended - Shared paths & wetland take up Hammersmith Crt fills the gap	Recommend	Recommend

Appendix 4 – Mapping of off leash areas for each planning area

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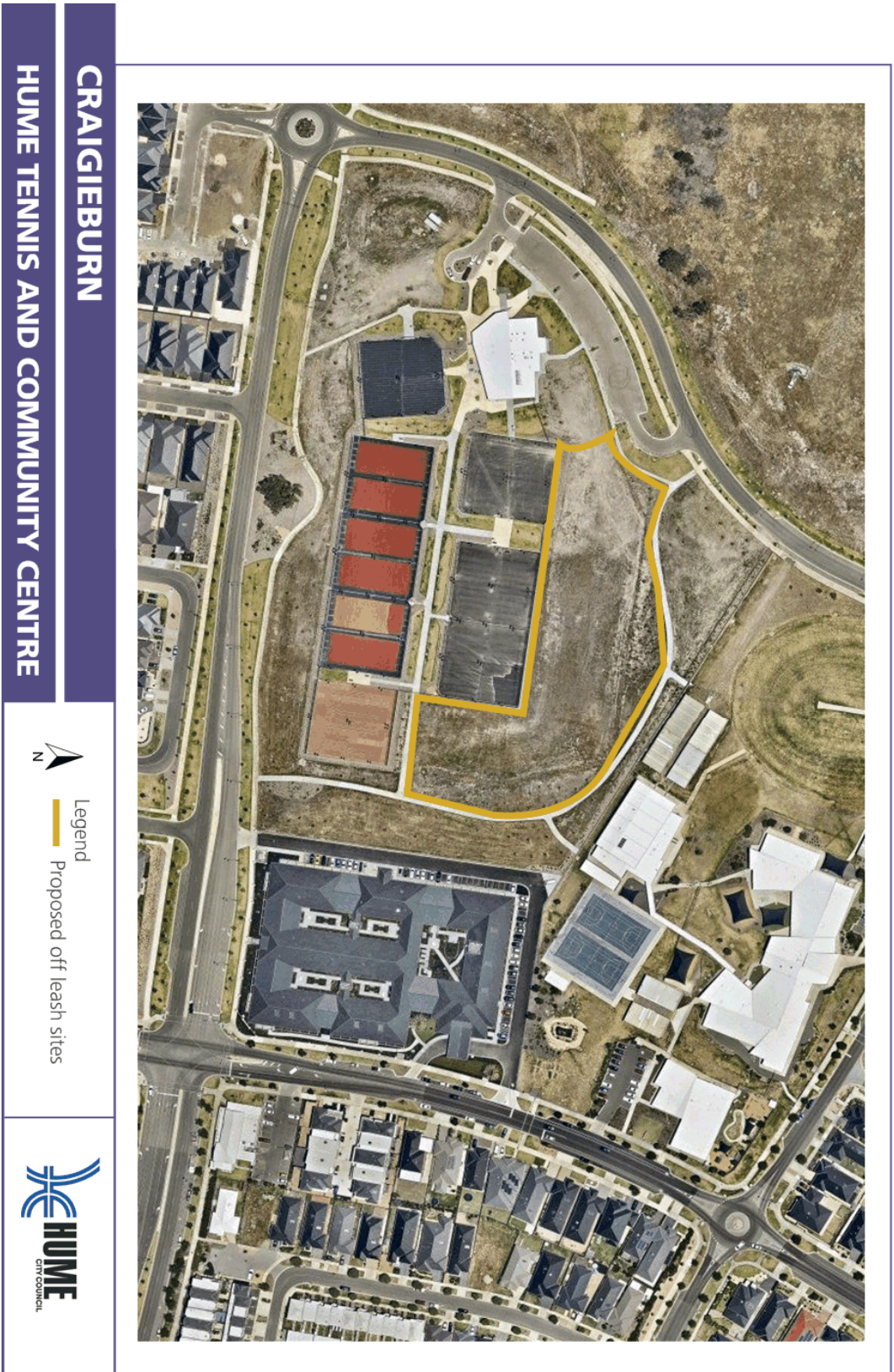
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Proposed Dogs Off Leash Areas and Maps

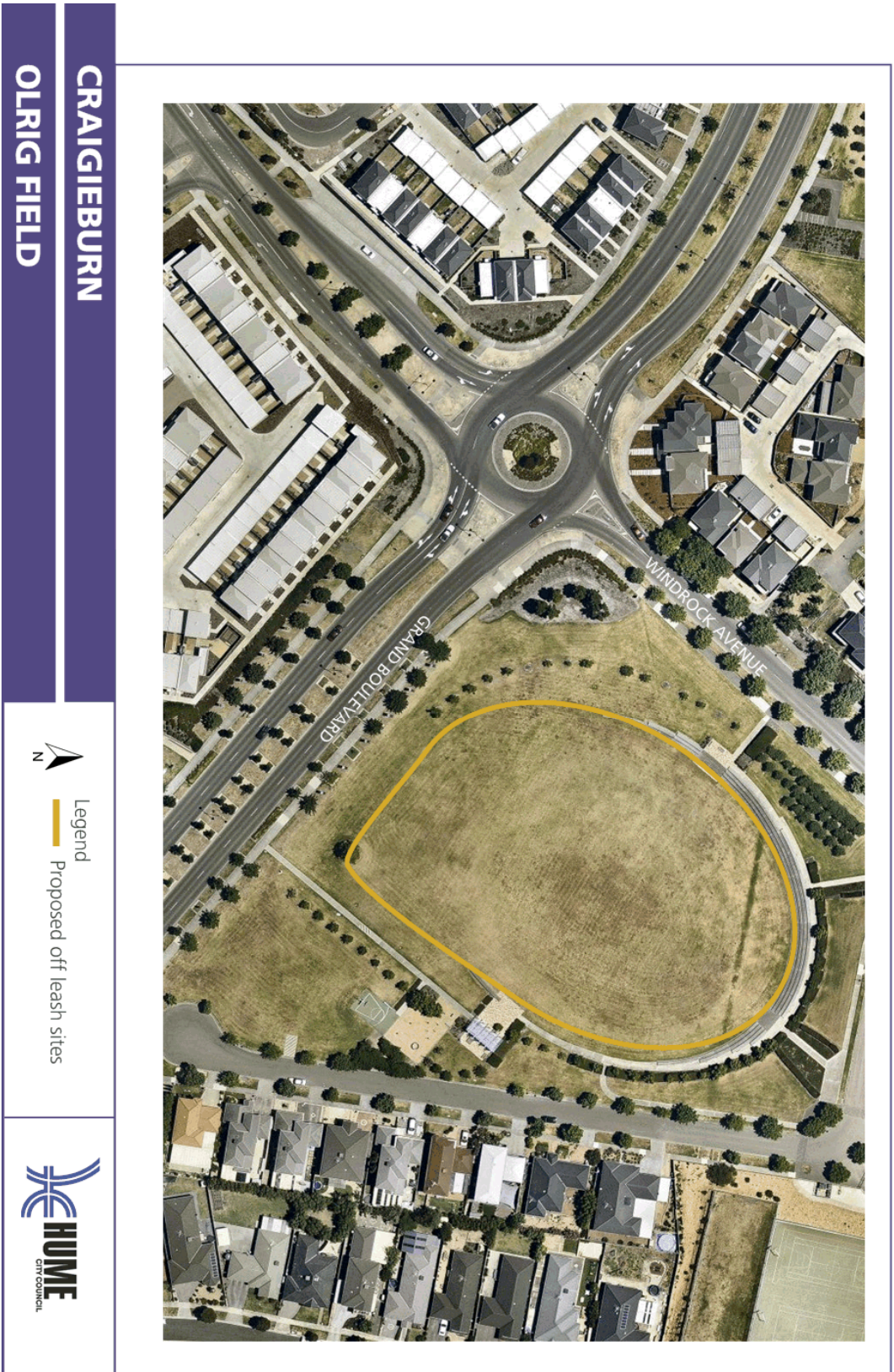
Reserve Name	DOL Location Descriptor	Suburb	Planning Area	On Active Reserve	Time Restrictions (Dogs must be on leash 8am-5pm)	MELWAY REF
Haddon Hall Drive Reserve	Haddon Hall Drive	Atwood	Broadmeadows Planning Area	No	No	5 J5
Bolinda Road	Via Home Street	Campbellfield	Broadmeadows Planning Area	No	No	7 J8
Hume Tennis and Community Centre (open space north of centre)	Cnr Marathon Blvd & Newbury Blvd	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	Yes	386 D5
Newbury Park (west of hockey field)	Newbury Blvd & Grand Blvd	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	No	386 E2
Olig Field	Grand Blvd & Windrock Ave	Craigieburn	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	Yes	386 K3
Greenvale Linear Trail	between Motherwell Dve & Greenvale Dve	Greenvale	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	No	179 B10
GPU Easement	Between Roxburgh Park Dve & shared pathway west of the lake)	Roxburgh Park	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	No	179 J5
Zambezi Court Reserve	Zambezi Court	Roxburgh Park	Craigieburn Planning Area	No	No	180 B1
Bannermann Street Reserve	Bannermann Street	Sunbury	Sunbury Planning Area	No	No	381 H8
Curtin Drive Reserve	Curtin Drive	Sunbury	Sunbury Planning Area	No	No	362 E11
The Skyline Linear Trail	Skyline Drive	Sunbury	Sunbury Planning Area	No	No	382H1





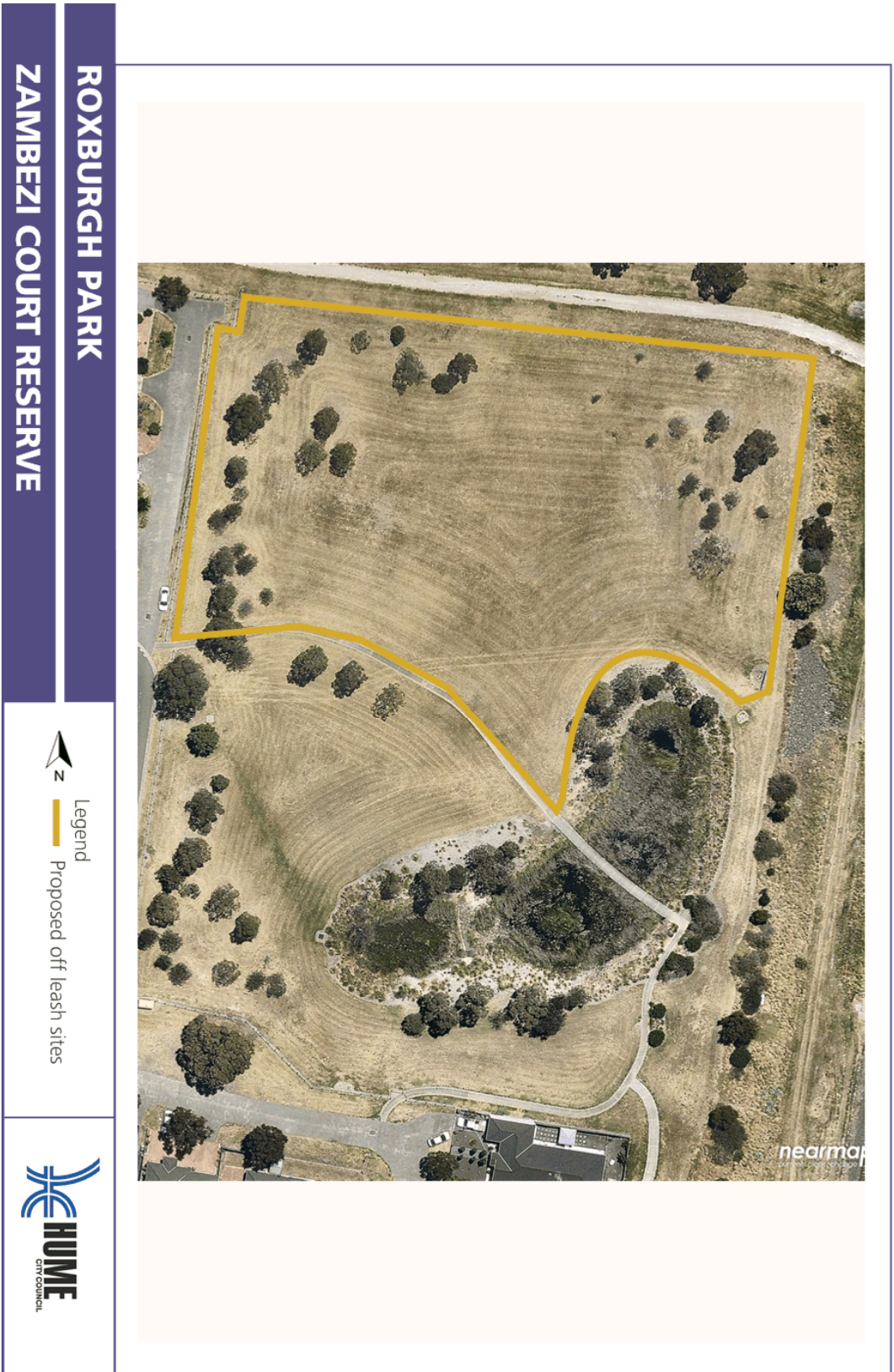


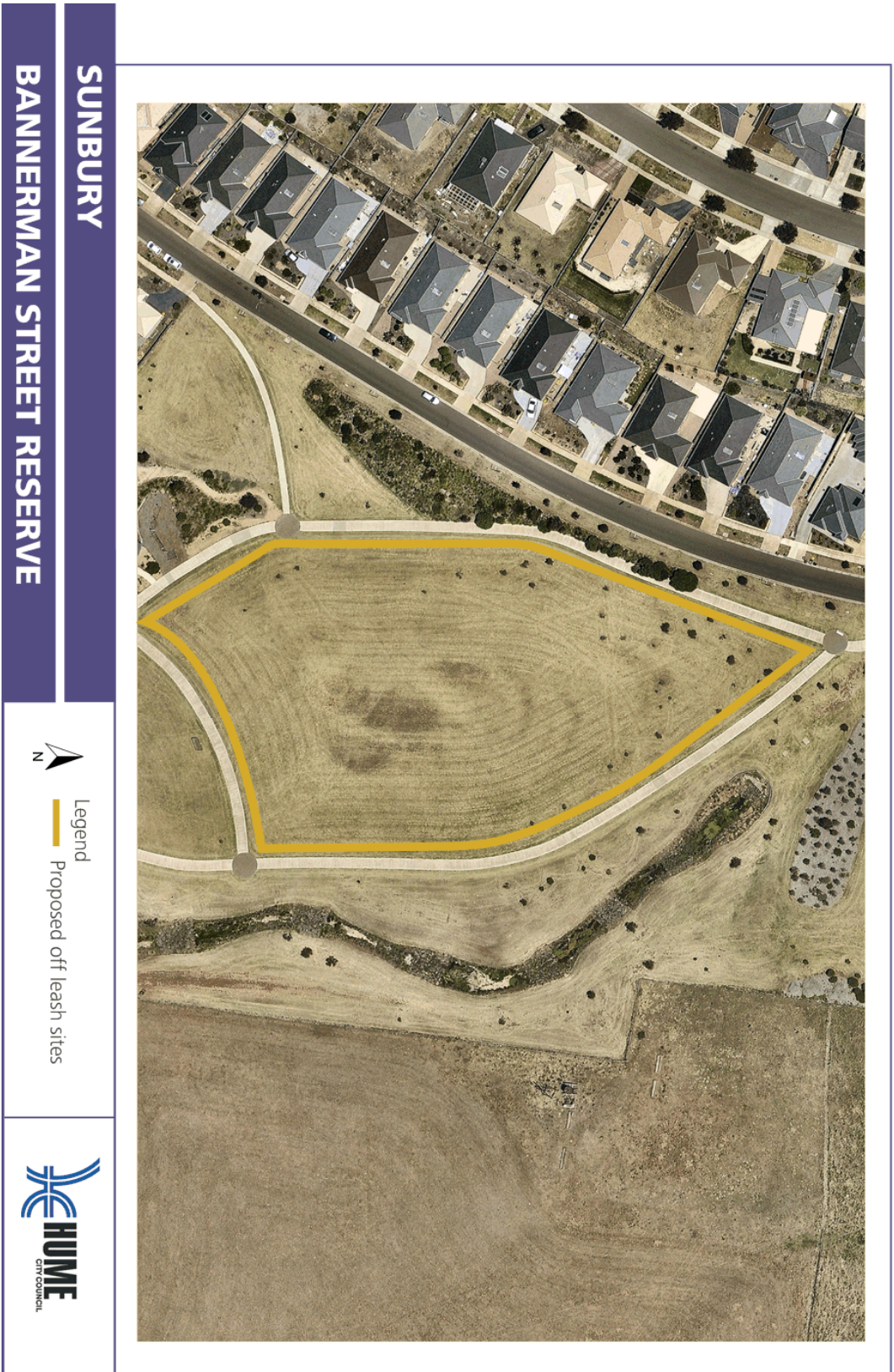




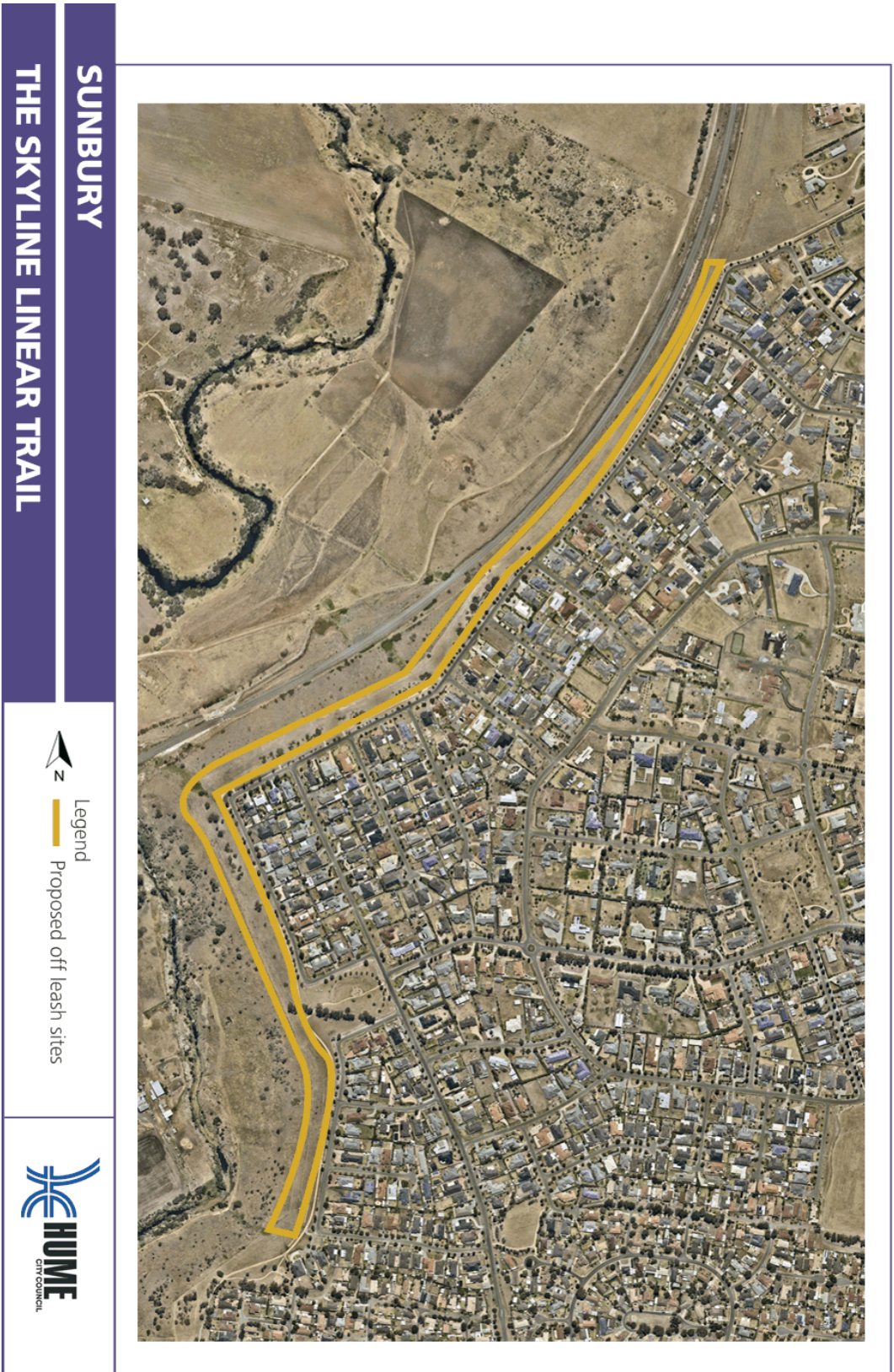










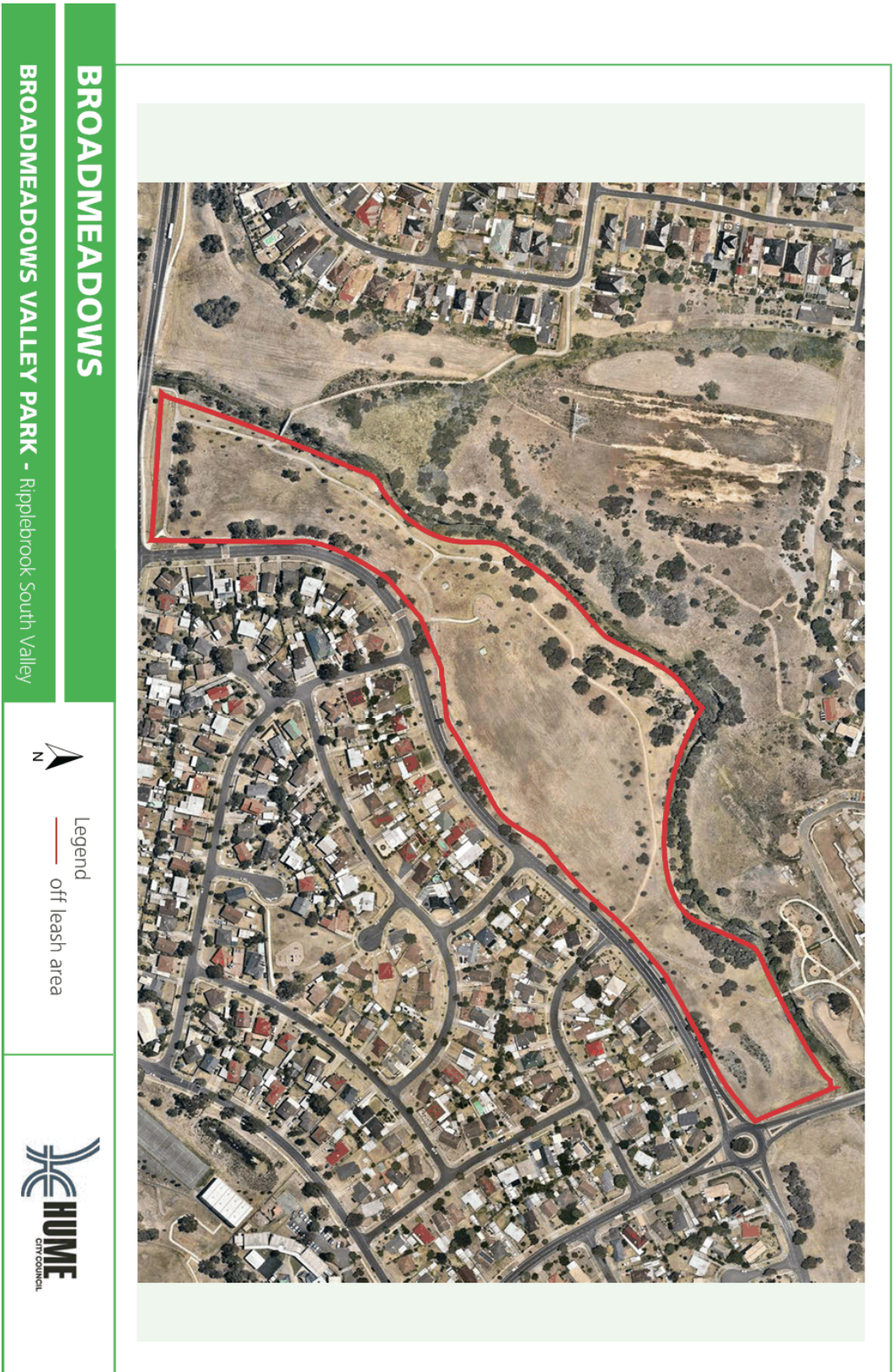


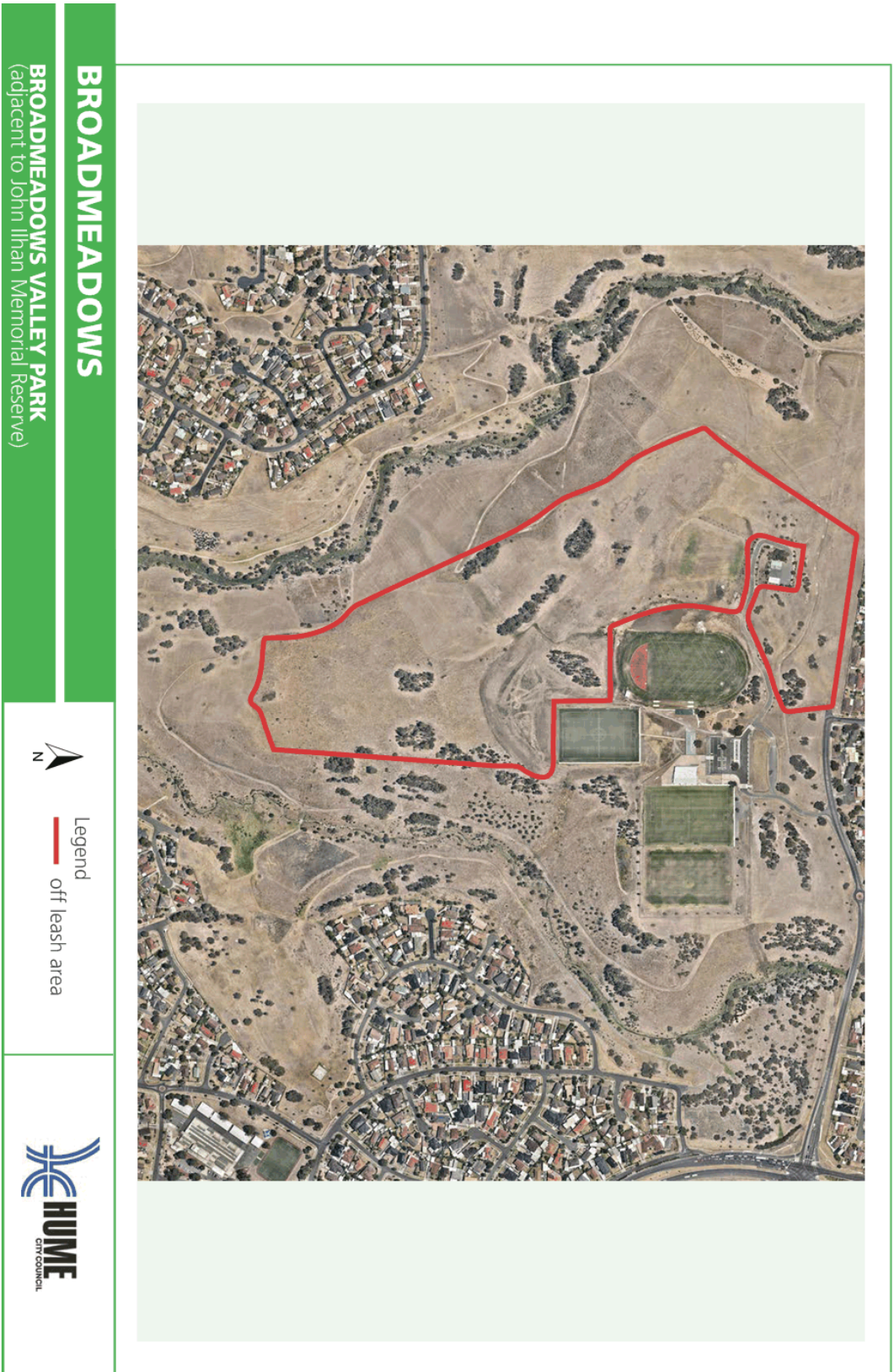
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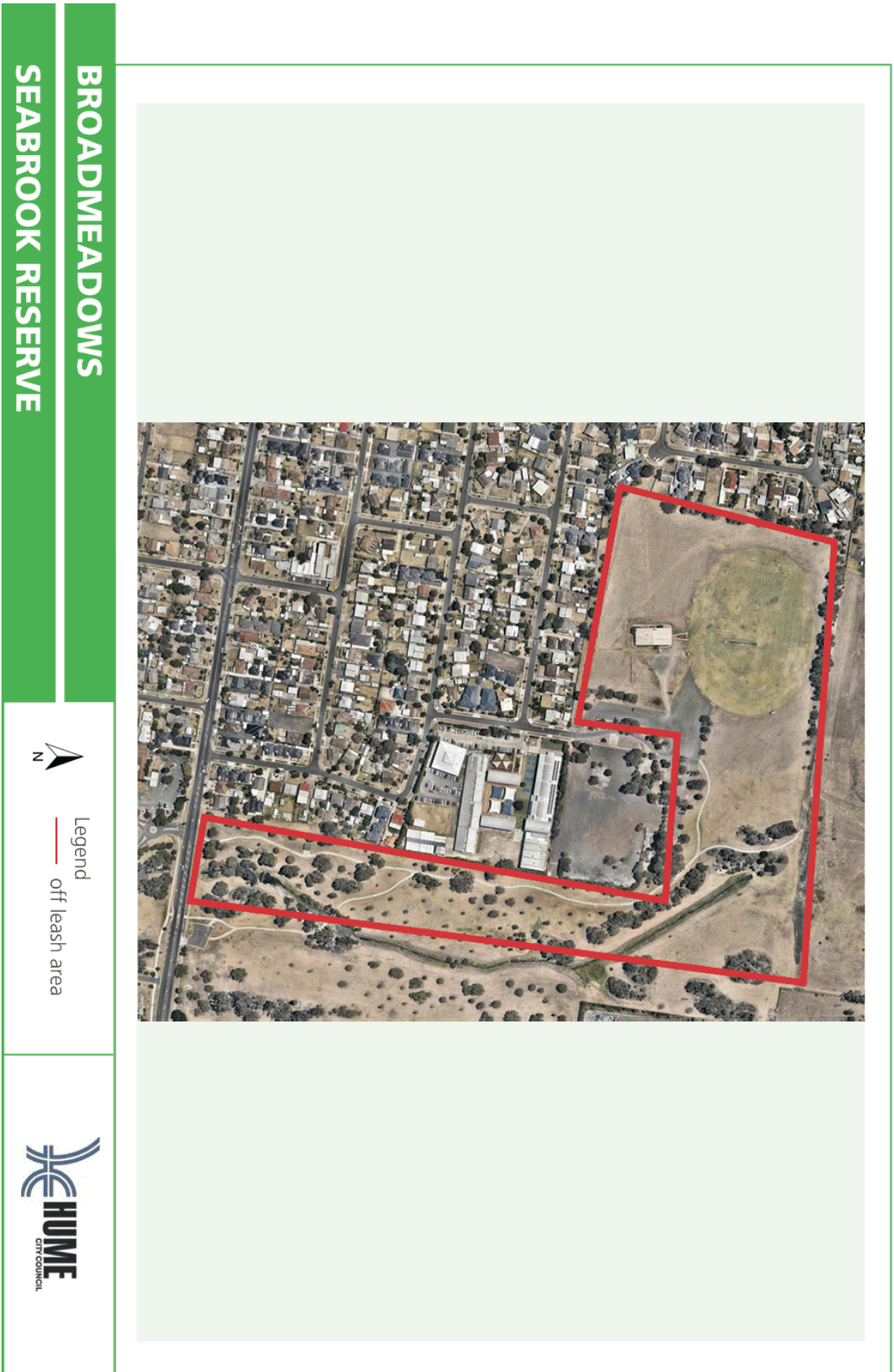
Reserve Name	DOL Location Descriptor	Suburb	On Active Reserve	Time Restrictions (Dogs must be on leash 8am-5pm)	MELWAY REF
Anderson Reserve	2-14 Glen Allan St	Broadmeadows	Yes	No	6 H11
Broadmeadows Valley Park (adjacent to John Ilhan Memorial Reserve)	Barry Rd (west & south of sporting precinct & along ridge & east of north-south path)	Broadmeadows	No	No	6 F3
Broadmeadows Valley Park - Ripplebrook South Valley	b/w Johnstone St & Dimboola Rd	Broadmeadows	No	No	6 E7
Seabrook Reserve	20 Goulburn St	Broadmeadows	Yes	No	7 A8
Will Will Rook Pioneer Cemetery	220 Camp Road	Broadmeadows	No	No	7 B9
Bulla Recreation Reserve	17-45 Green Street	Bulla	Yes	No	177 B6
Seth Raistrick Reserve	1678-1700 Sydney Rd	Campbellfield	Yes	No	7 F6
Progress Reserve	27-59 Almurta Ave	Coolaroo	Yes	Yes	7 A2
Craigieburn Dog Park - Craigieburn Gardens	127-147 Craigieburn Rd, rear of Craigieburn Leisure Centre	Craigieburn	No	No	387 A10
Aitken Creek Reserve	b/w Bridgewater Rd & Railway	Craigieburn	No	No	387 B11
D.S. Aitken Reserve	136-170 Craigieburn Rd	Craigieburn	Yes	No	387 A9
Hothlyn Drive Reserve	110-118 Hothlyn Dve	Craigieburn	Yes	Yes	387 A12
Mt Ridley Conservation Reserve	Mt Ridley Rd/Parkside Rise	Craigieburn	No	No	387 A1
Vic Foster Reserve	16-32 Pines Way	Craigieburn	Yes	No	387 A7
Gibb Reserve	185 Blair St	Dallas	Yes	Yes	7 A4
Laura Douglas Reserve	57-75 King St	Dallas	Yes	No	7 B4
Carrick Drive Reserve	300 Carrick Drive	Gladstone Park	No	No	6 B8
John Coultts Reserve	46-48 Katrina Dve	Gladstone Park	No	No	6 C11
Ginifer Reserve	206-224 Carrick Dve	Gladstone Park	Yes	No	6 C10
Bradford Avenue Reserve	26-40 Bradford Ave	Greenvale	Yes	Yes	179 A8
Drummond Street Reserve	11-25 Drummond St	Greenvale	Yes	Yes	179 A12
Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Section Road	Greenvale	Yes	No	178 G7

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Jacana Reserve	59-79 Johnstone St	Jacana	Yes	Yes	6 D8
Jacana Valley	157-159 Johnstone St	Jacana	Yes	No	6 E9
Broadmeadows Valley Park - Northern Reach	Between Somerton Rd & Barry Rd	Meadow Heights	No	No	179 H10
Lakeside Drive Reserve	27-51 Lakeside Dve	Roxburgh Park	Yes	No	180 A6
Emu Bottom Wetlands (excluding Horseshoe Bend)	300 Racecourse Rd	Sunbury	No	No	362 F7
Eric Boardman Reserve	224-256 Mitchells Lane	Sunbury	Yes	No	381 G5
Heysen Drive Reserve	b/w Heysen Drive & Reservoir Rd - access also from Ramsay Crt, Harcourt Cl, Bush Cl, Richardson Ave, Melba Ave, Wright Cl, Kemp Pl & Condor Pl	Sunbury	No	No	381 J2
Langama Park	89-107 Mitchells Lane	Sunbury	Yes	No	381 K6
Spavin Drive Lake	Aldridge Dve	Sunbury	No	No	362 B11
Stewarts Lane Nature Reserve	b/w Coates Crt & Streeton Crt & south Stewarts Lane	Sunbury	No	No	361 K12
Sunbury Park	60 Harker St	Sunbury	No	No	382 E6
Sunbury Recreation Reserve – Clarke Oval	Riddell Road - Clarke Oval	Sunbury	Yes	No	382 C2
The Nook	Vaughan St	Sunbury	No	No	382 G4
Leo Dineen Reserve	52-60 Spring St	Tullamarine	No	No	15 H2
Trade Park	241 Melrose Dve	Tullamarine	Yes	No	5 H12
Tullamarine Reserve	300 Melrose Dve	Tullamarine	Yes	No	5 H11
Westmeadows Reserve	136 Ardlie St	Westmeadows	Yes	Yes	5 K6
Willowbrook Reserve	317 Mickleham Rd	Westmeadows	Yes	No	5 K6

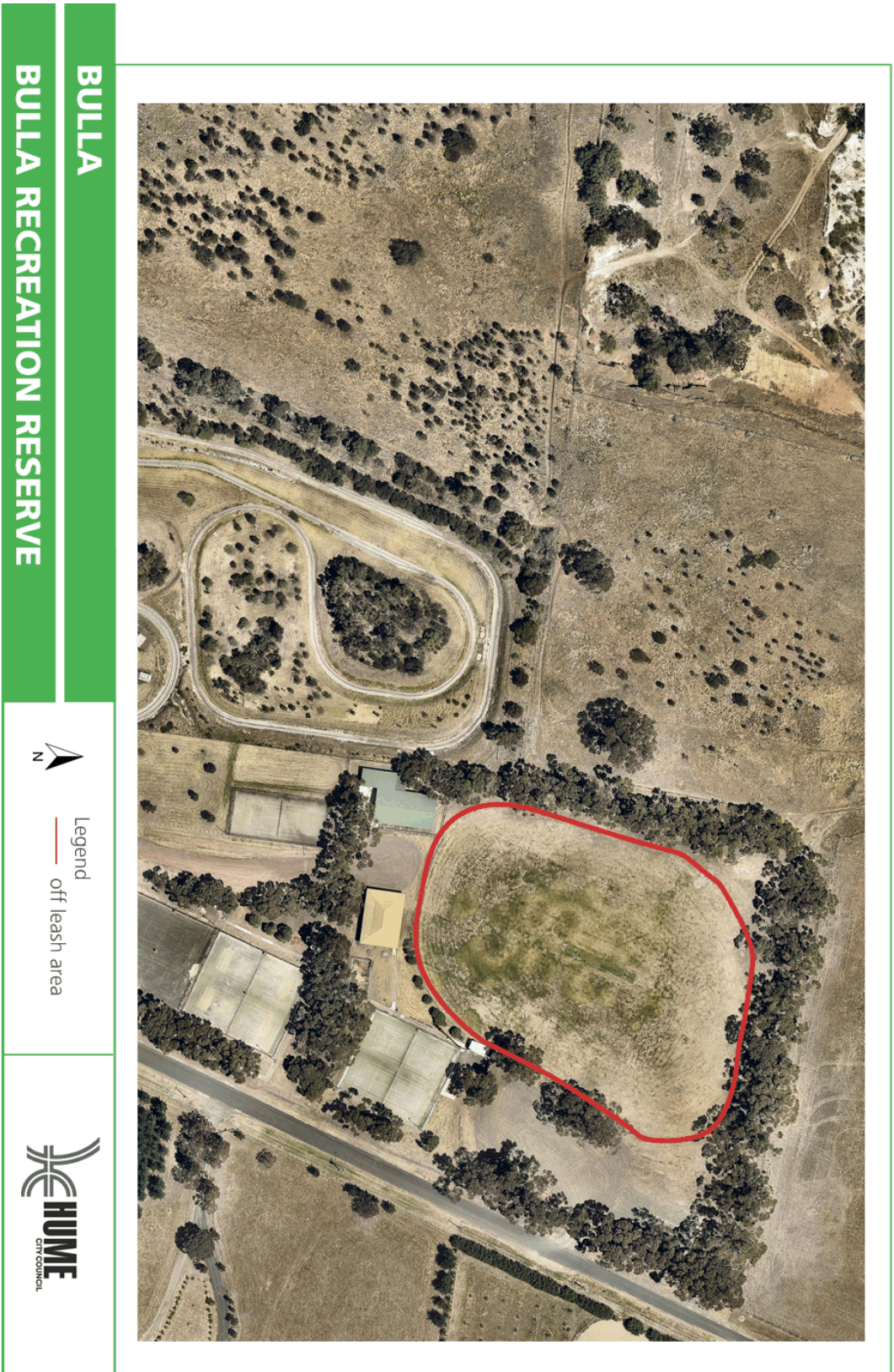












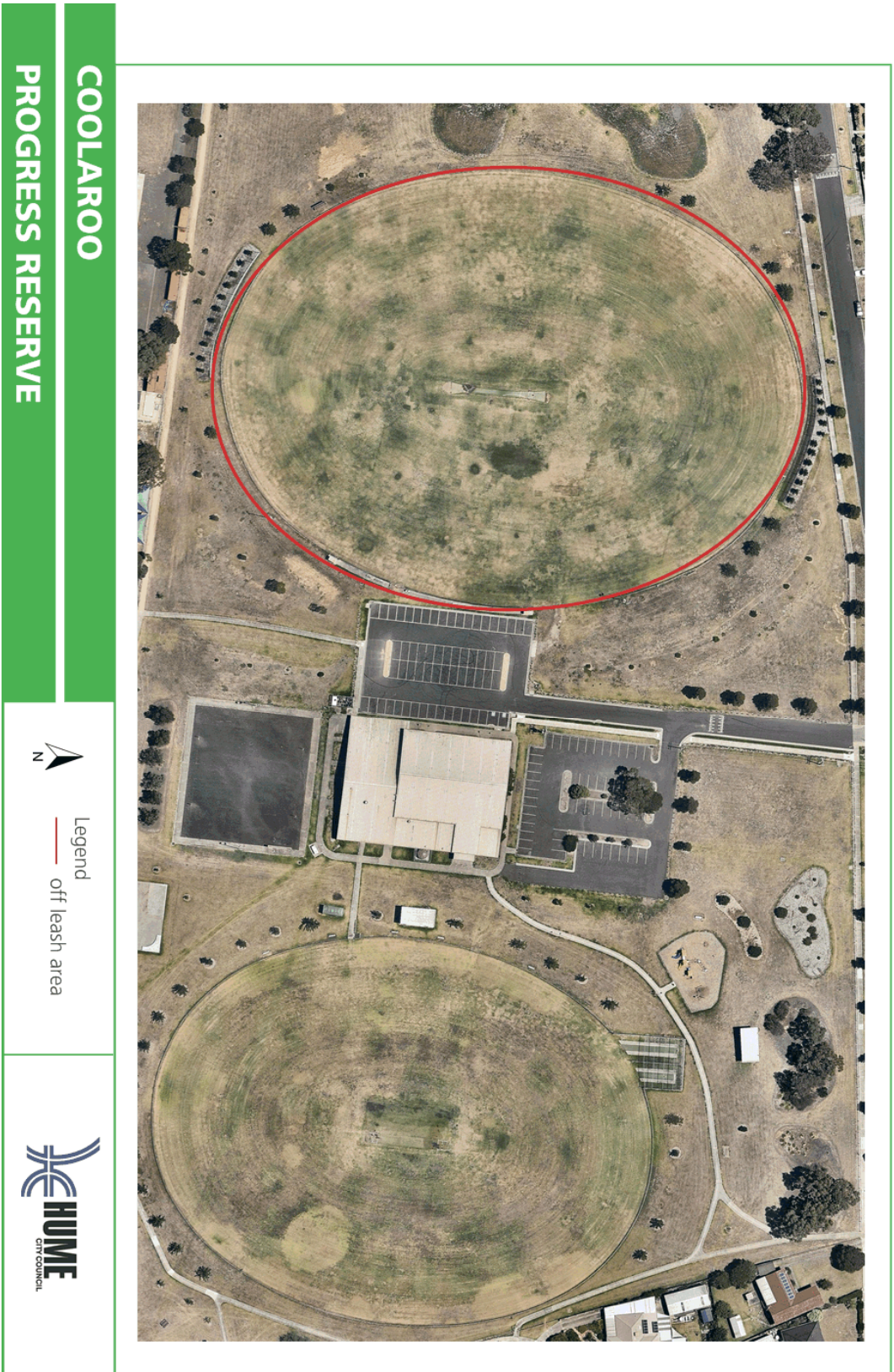


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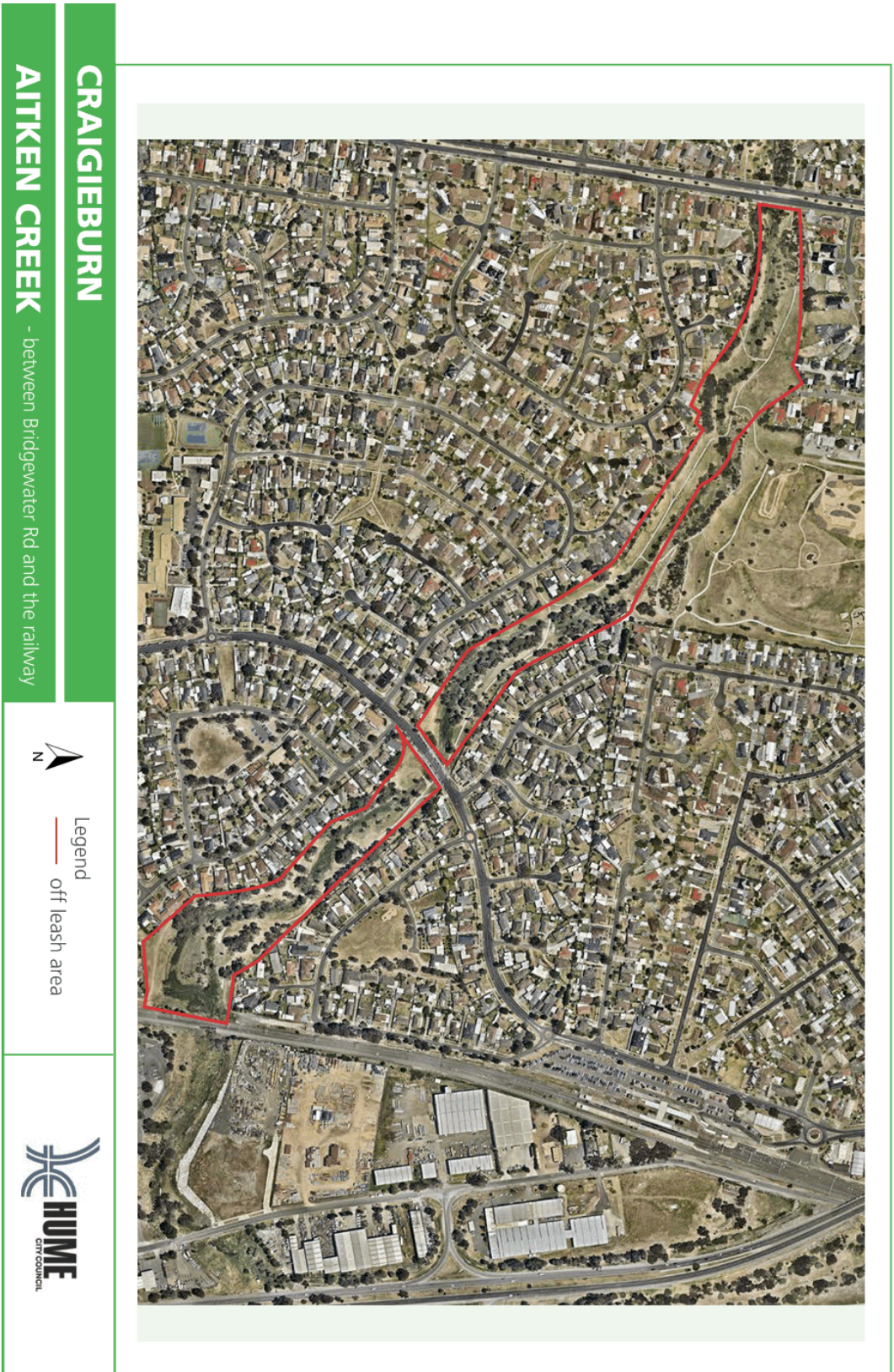


Legend
— off leash area











CRAIGIEBURN
D. S. AITKEN RESERVE

Legend
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CRAIGIEBURN
MT RIDLEY CONSERVATION RESERVE



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— off leash area

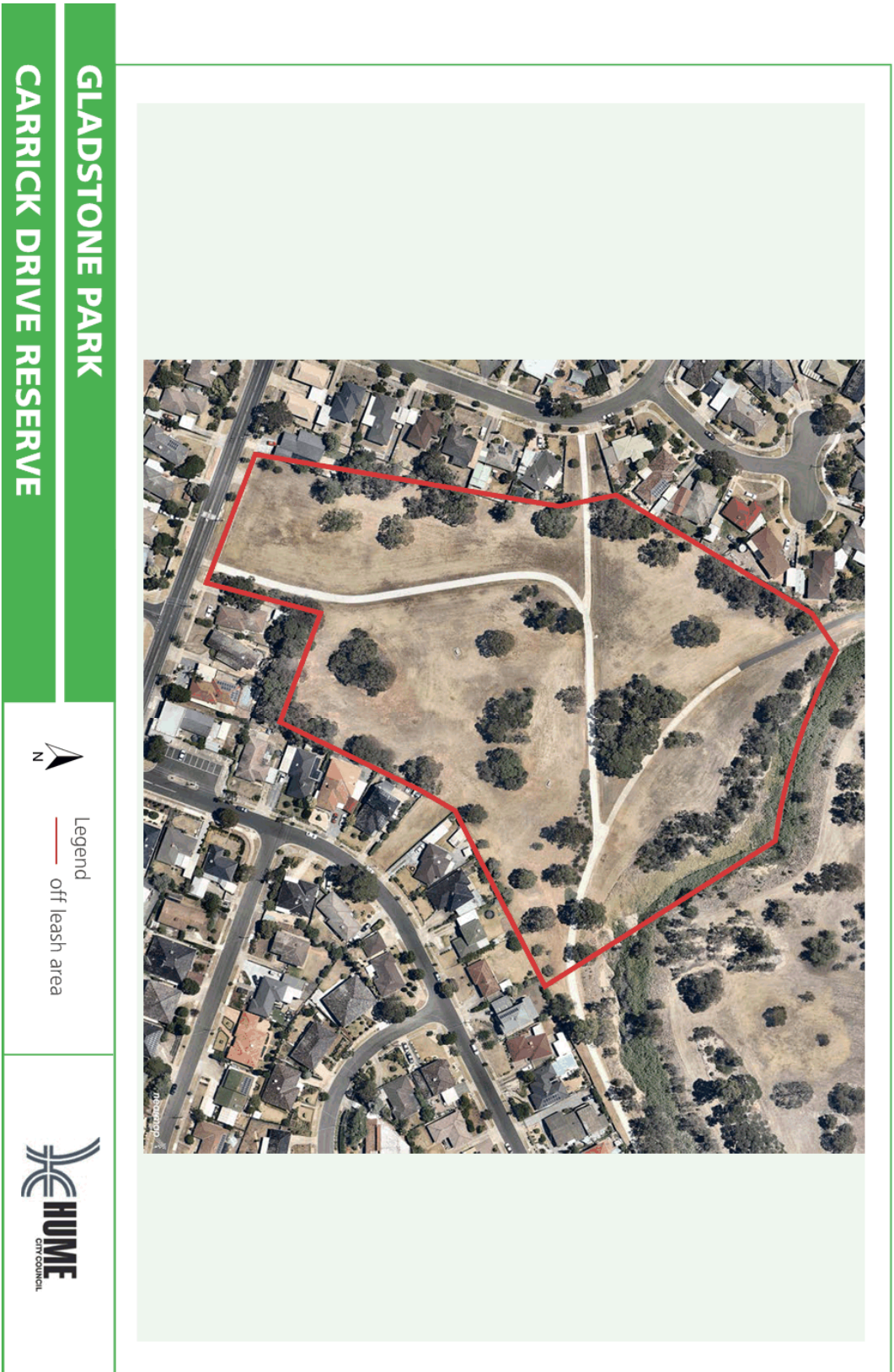




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VIC FOSTER RESERVE











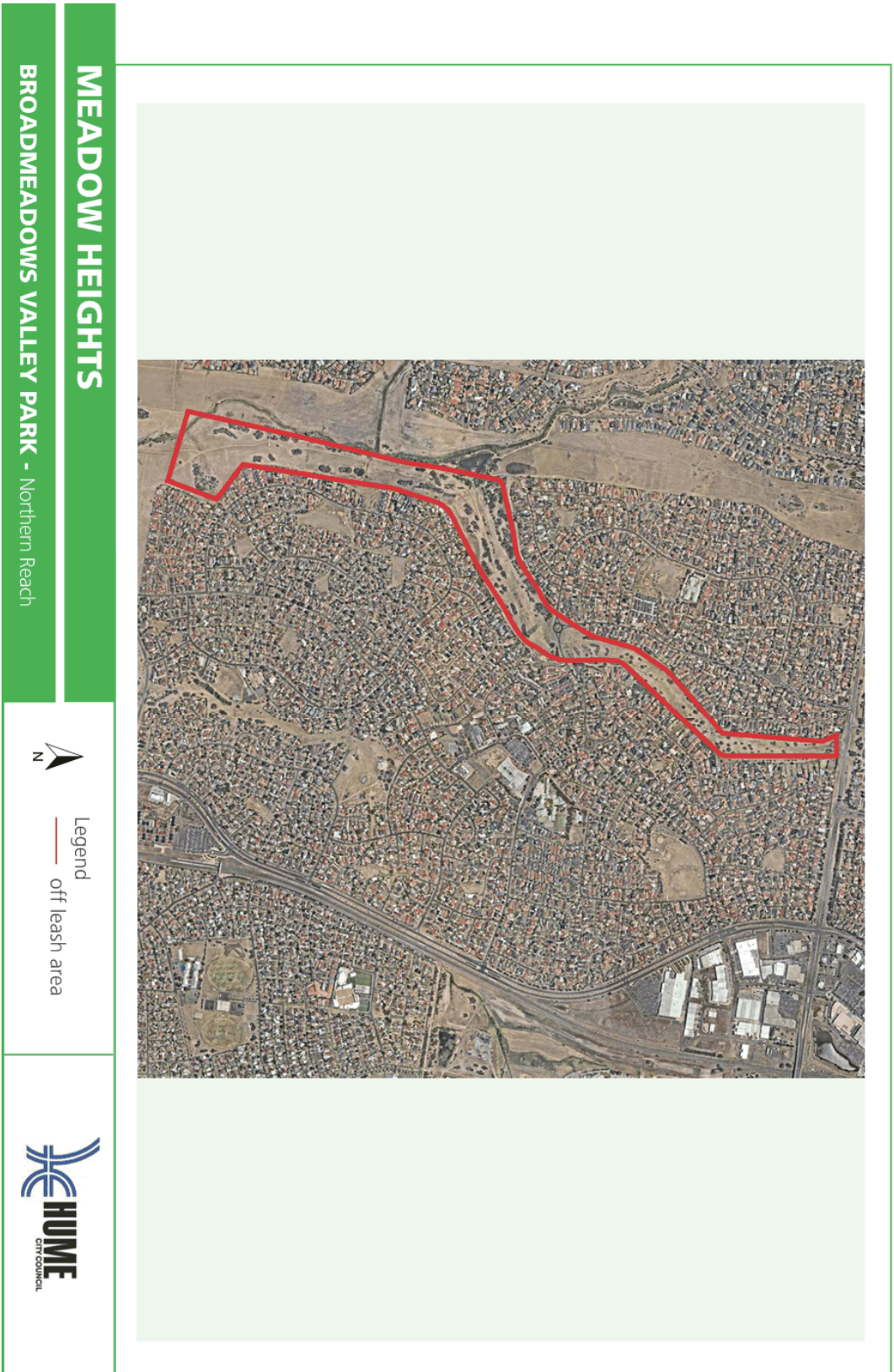


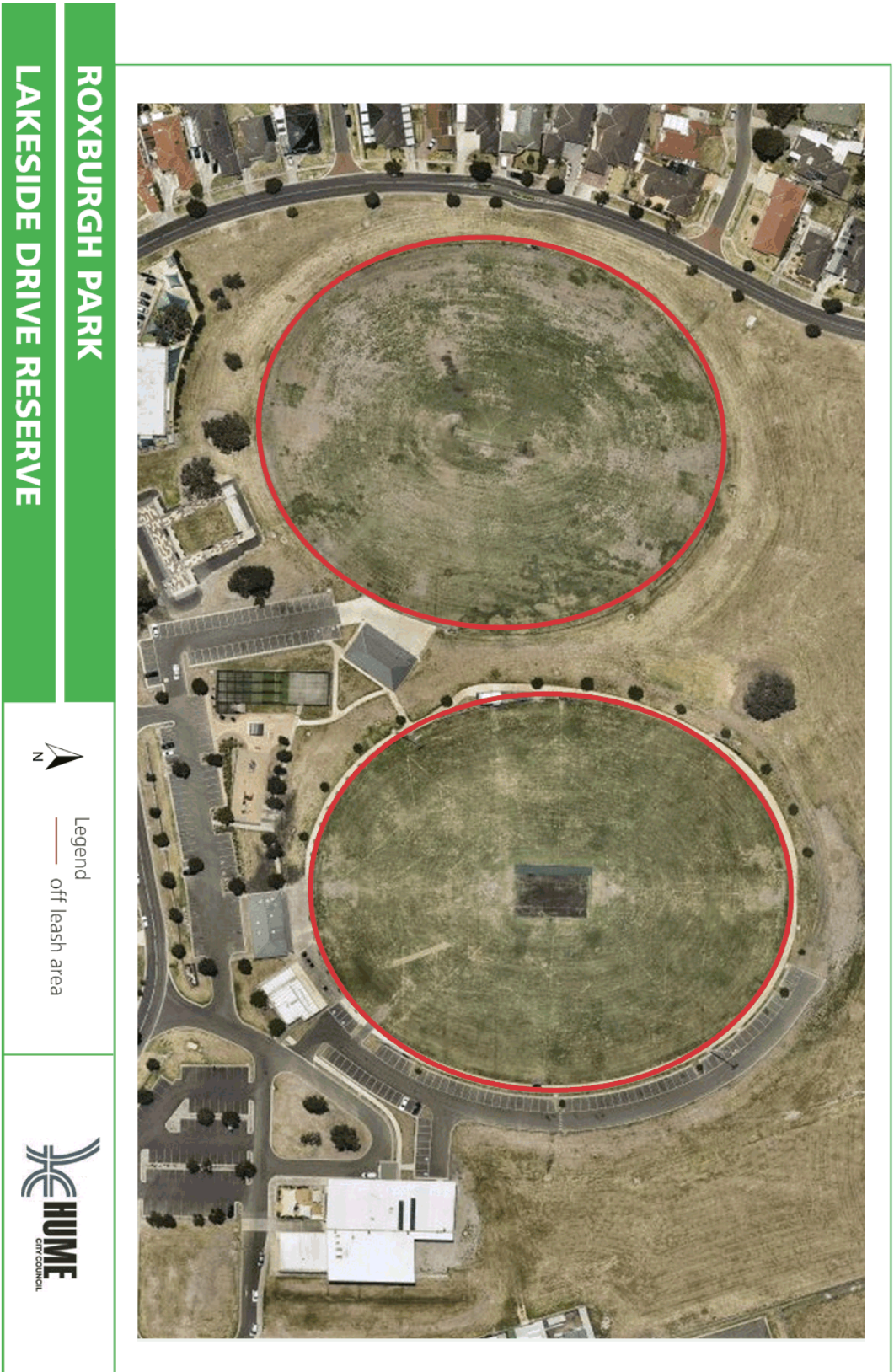


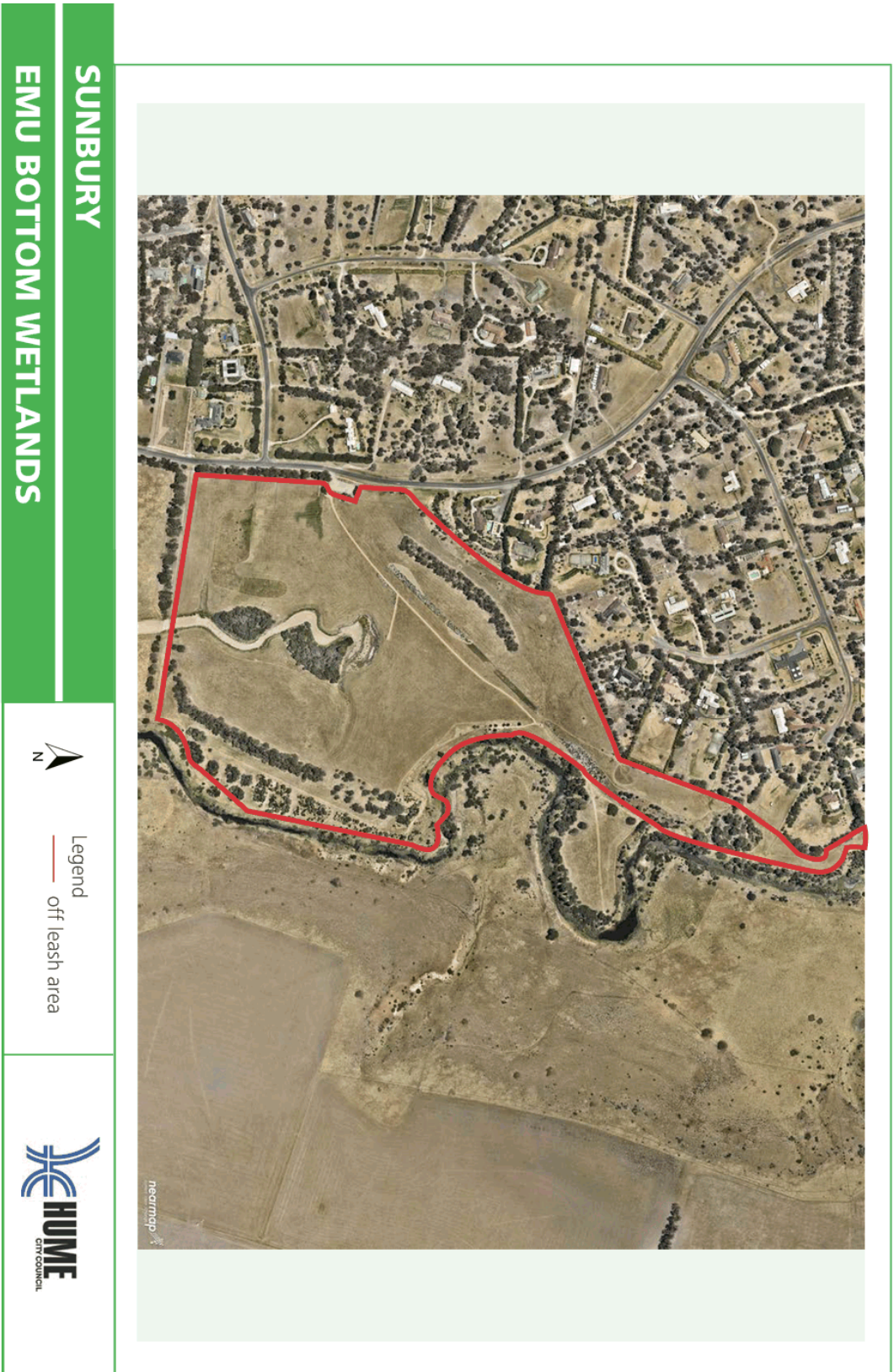




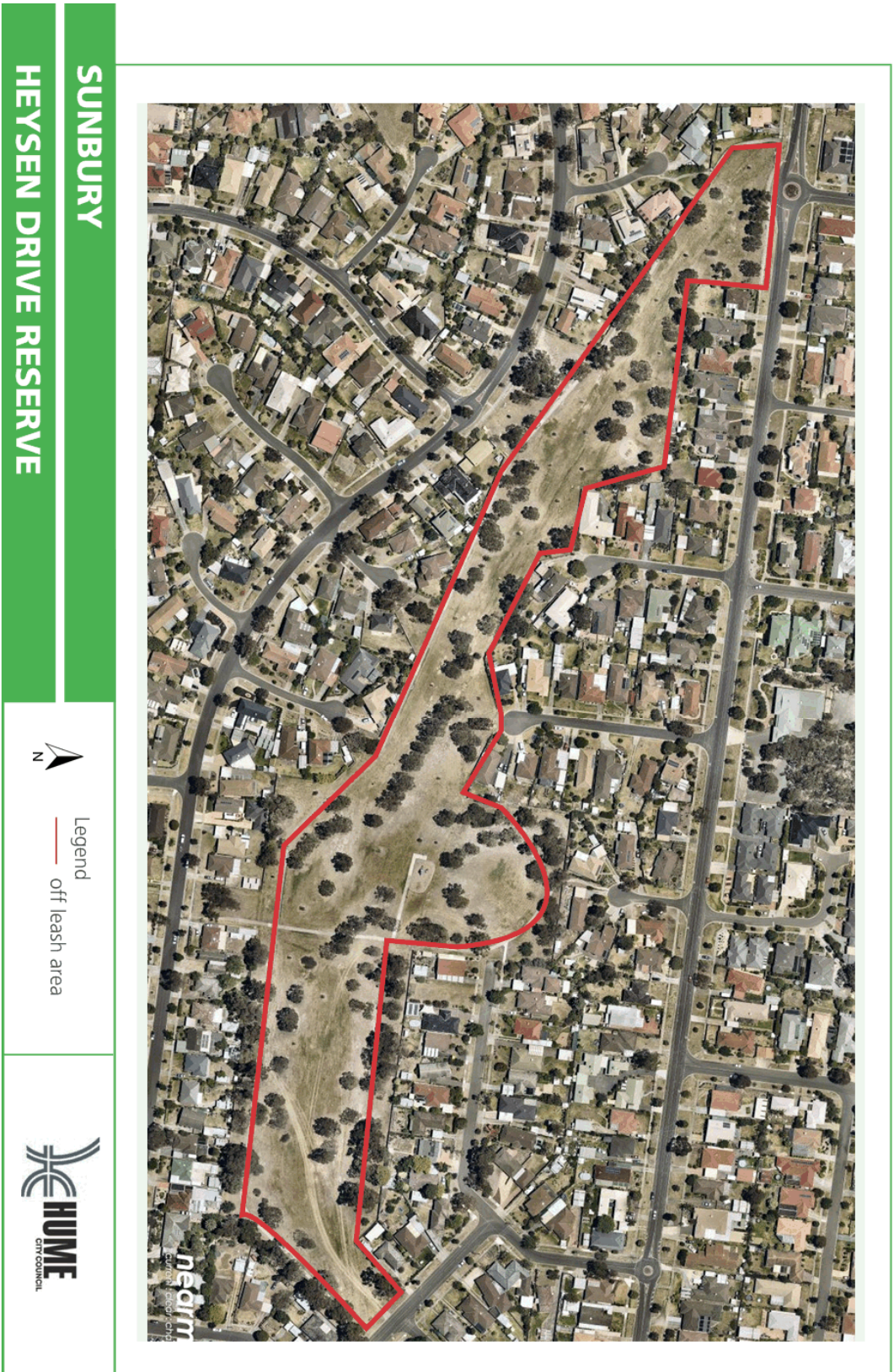


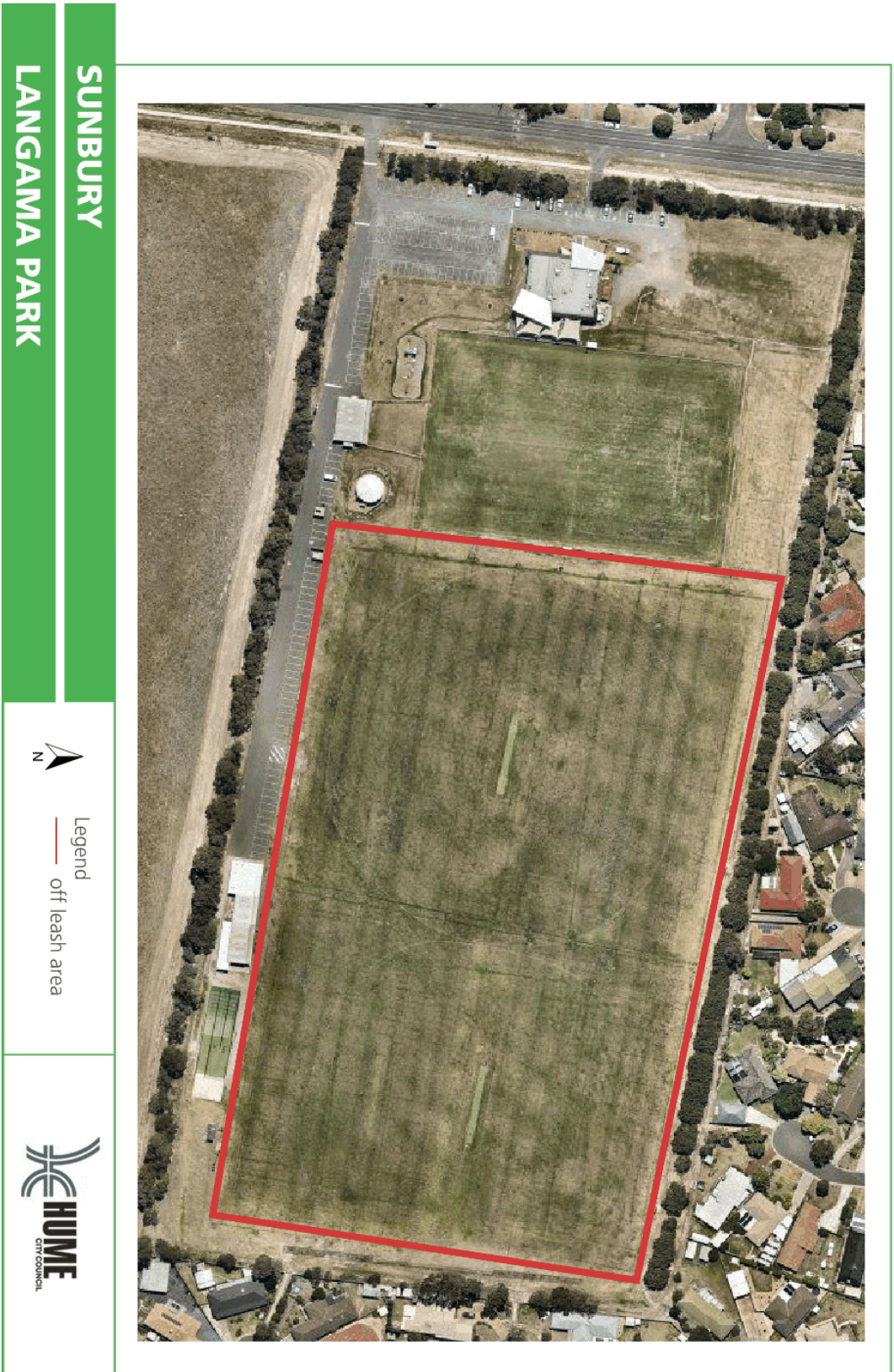




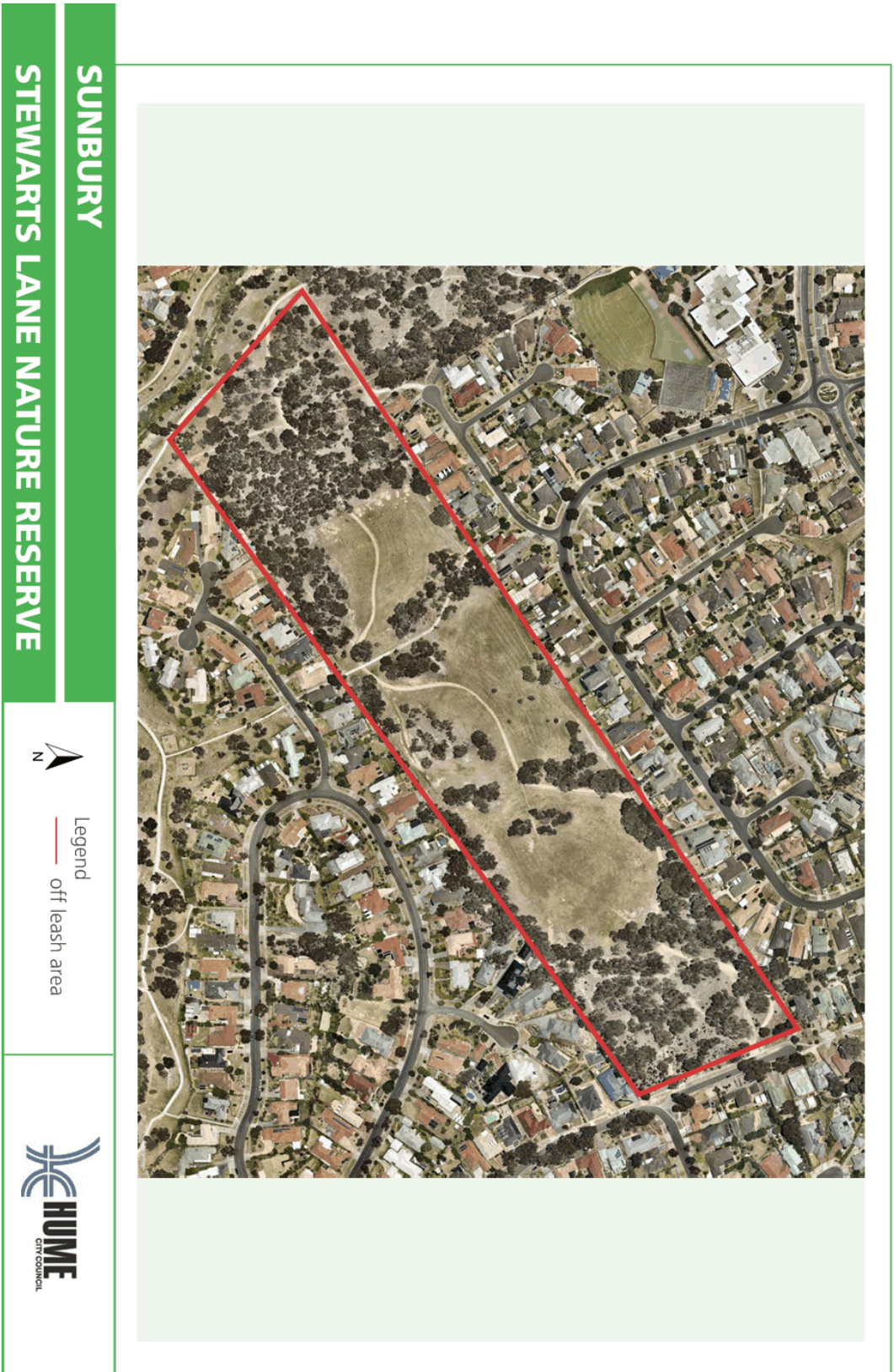




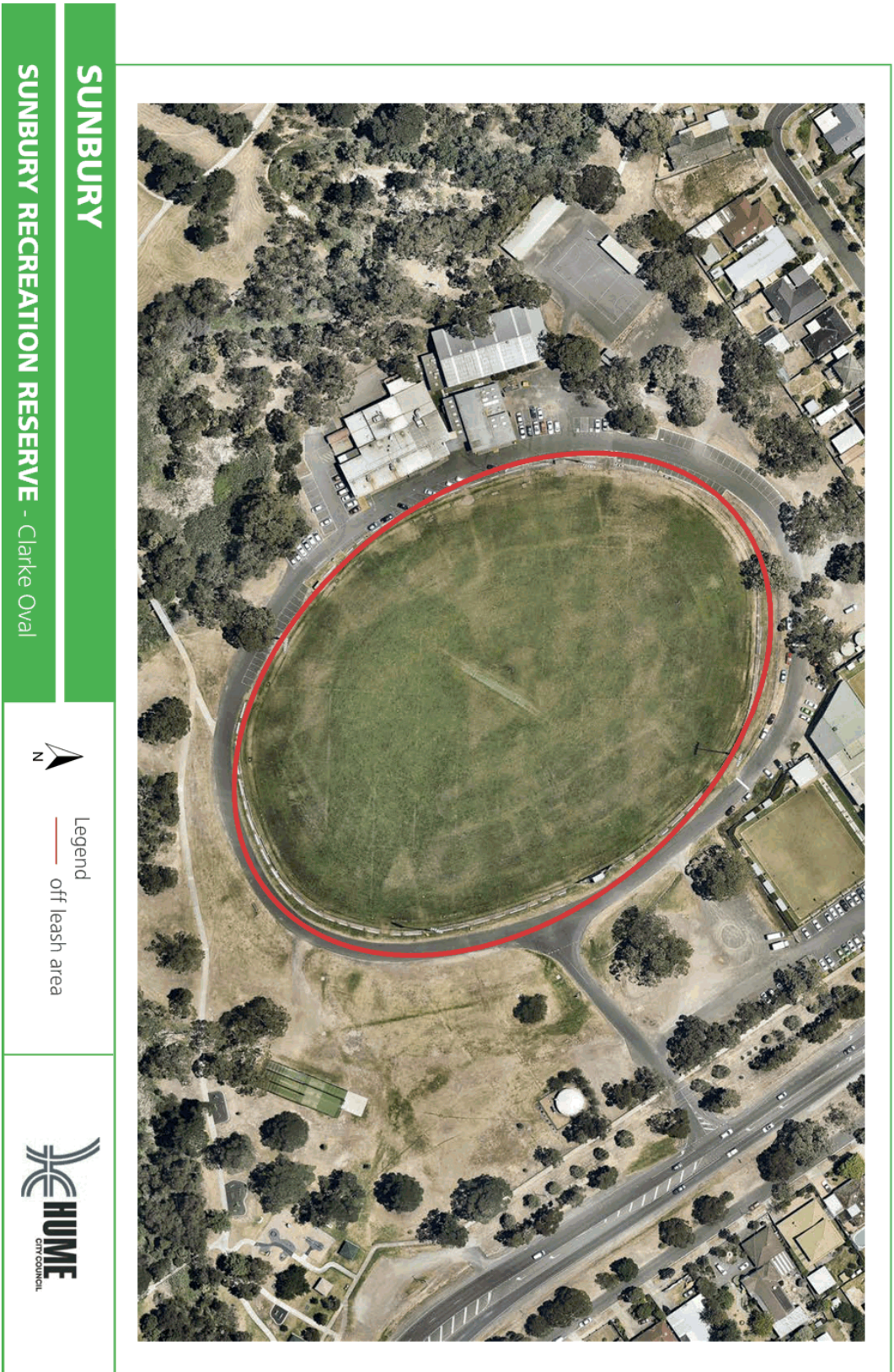




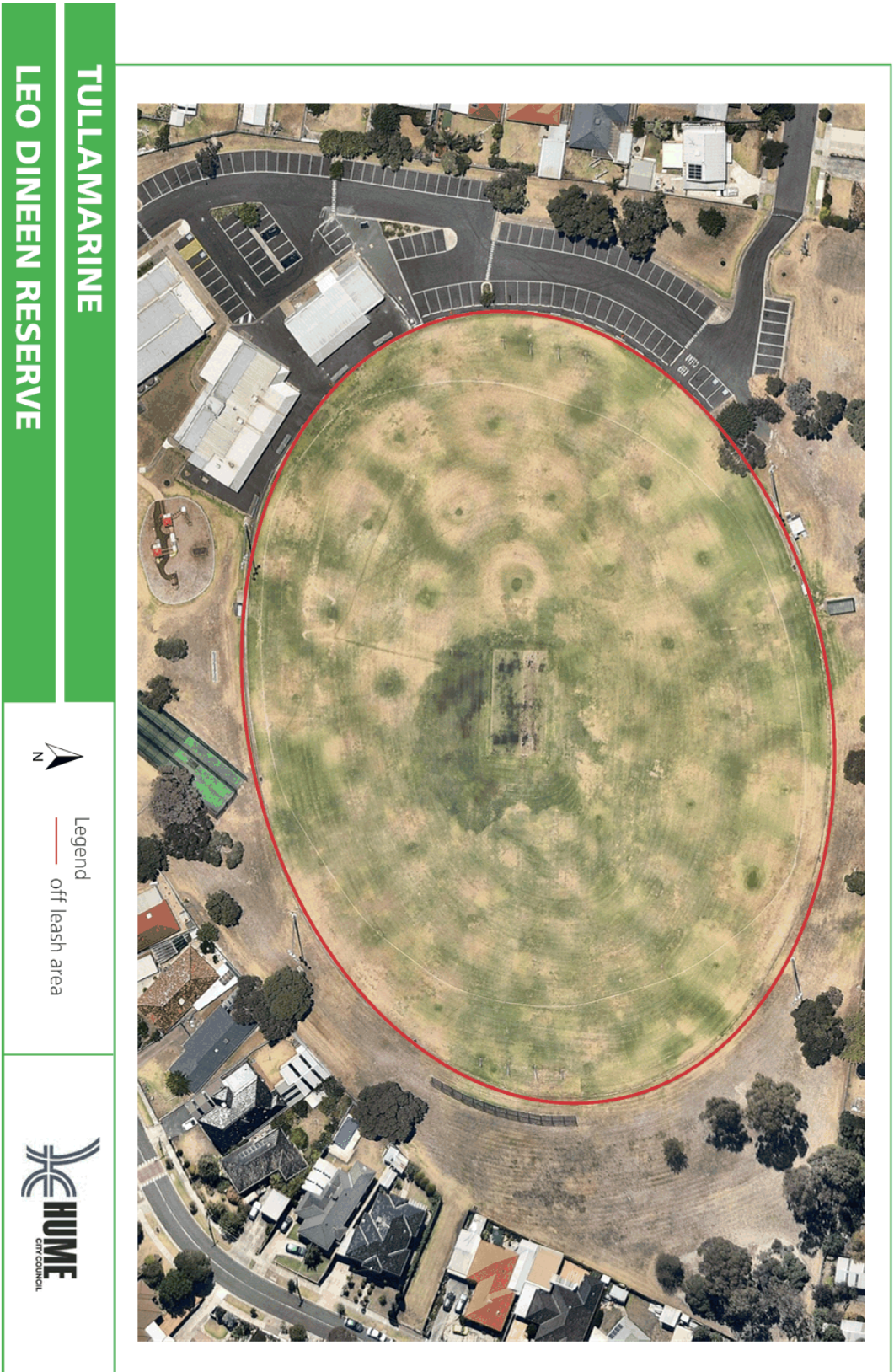








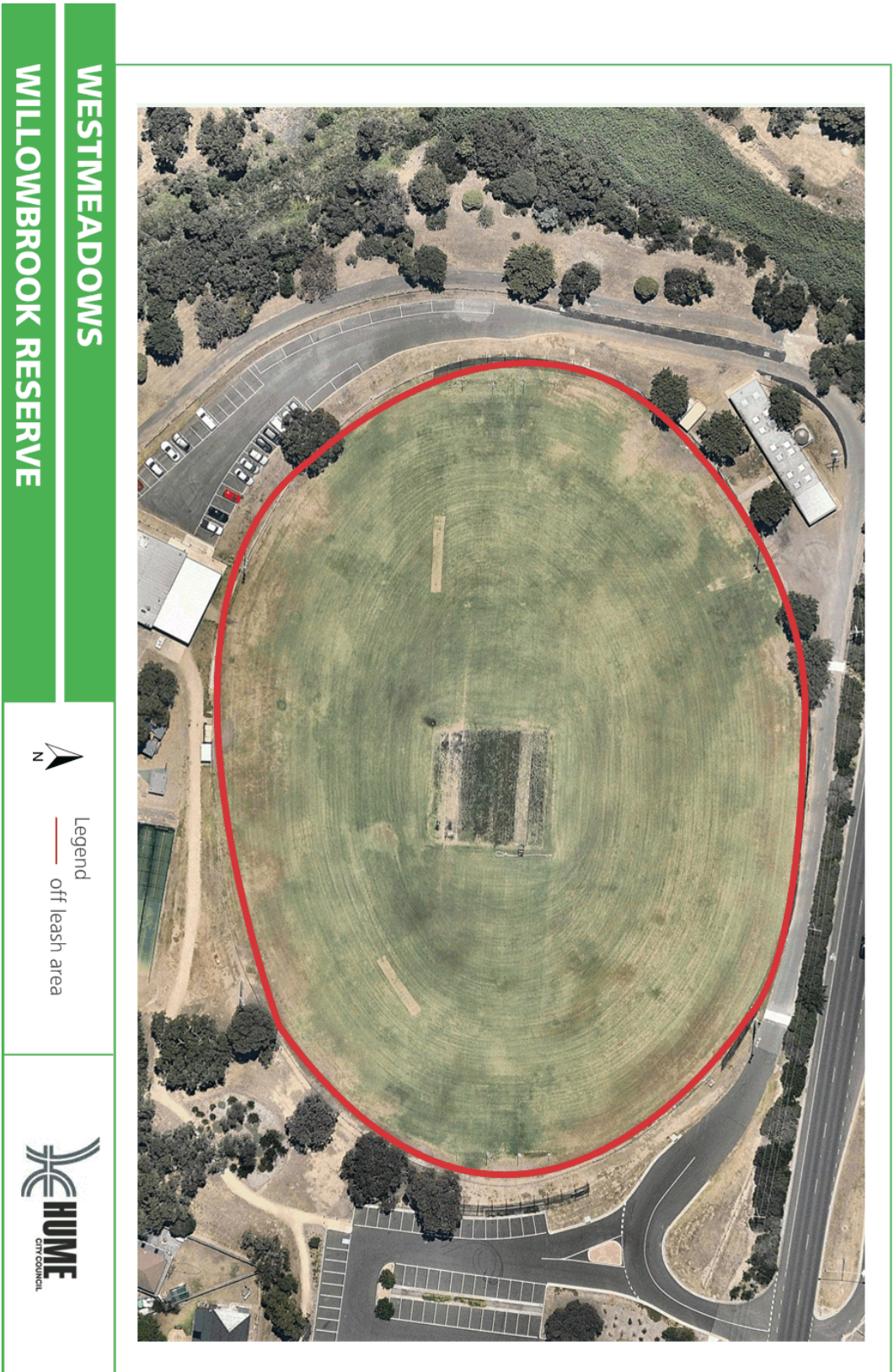








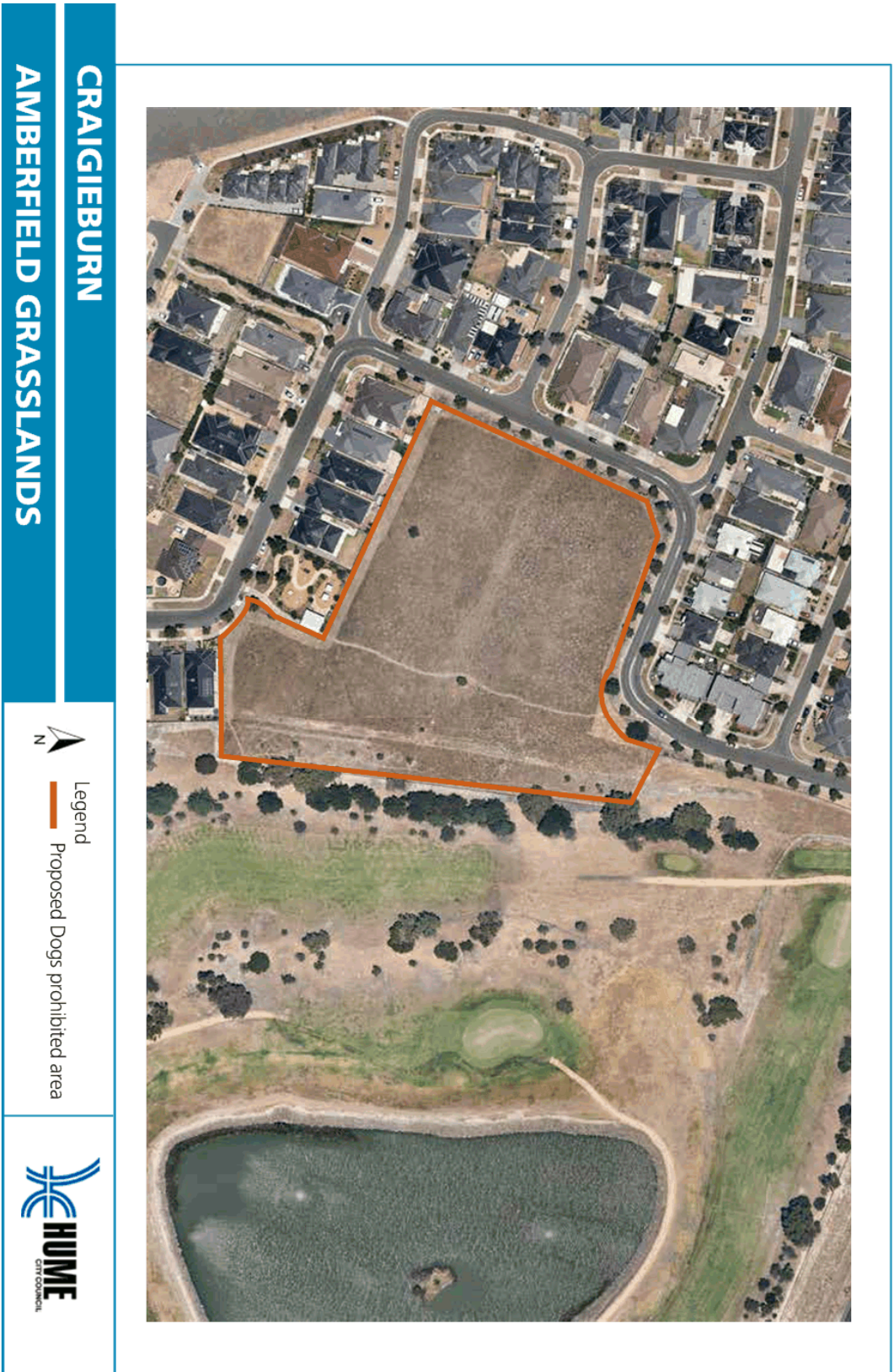


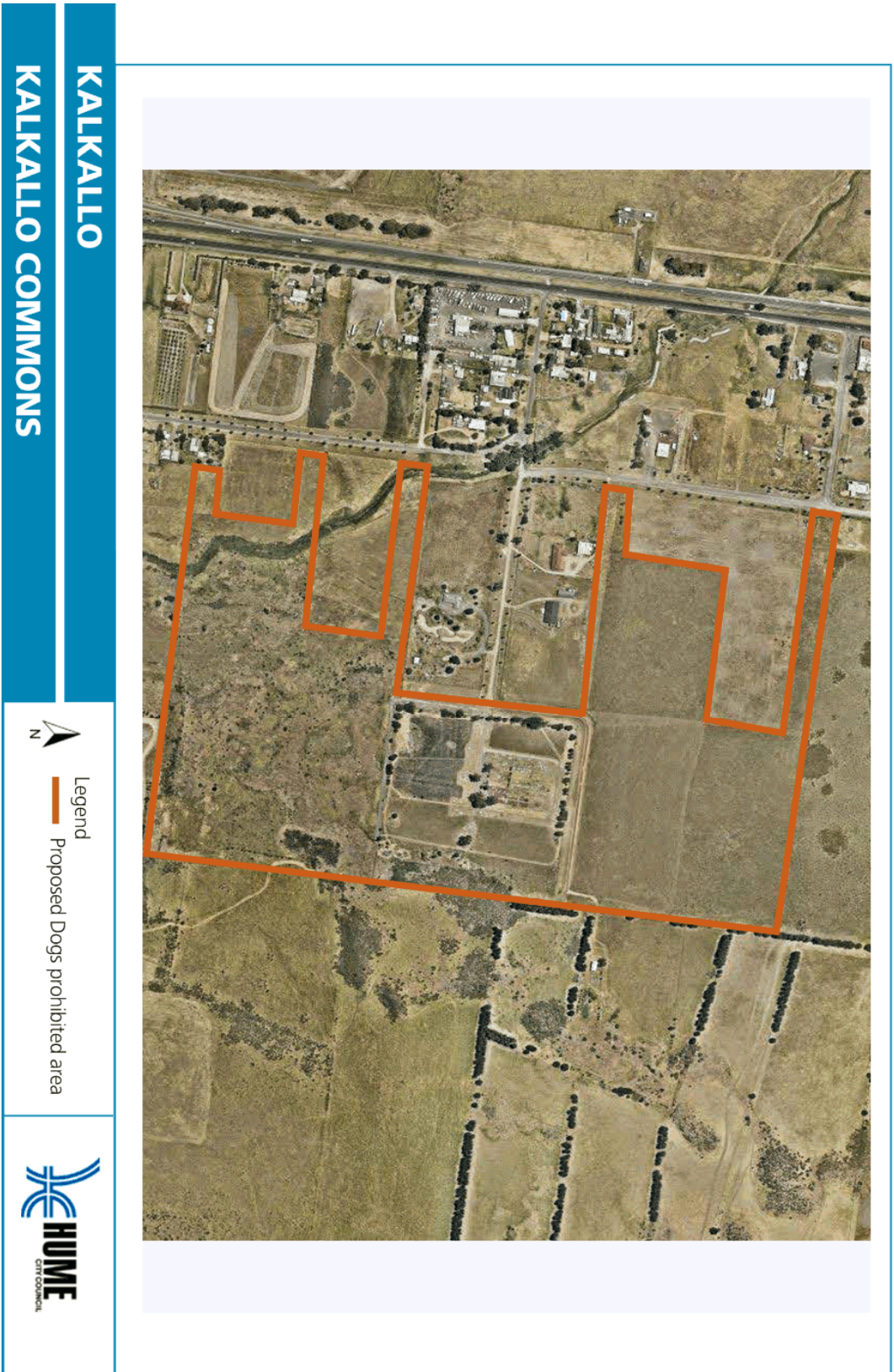


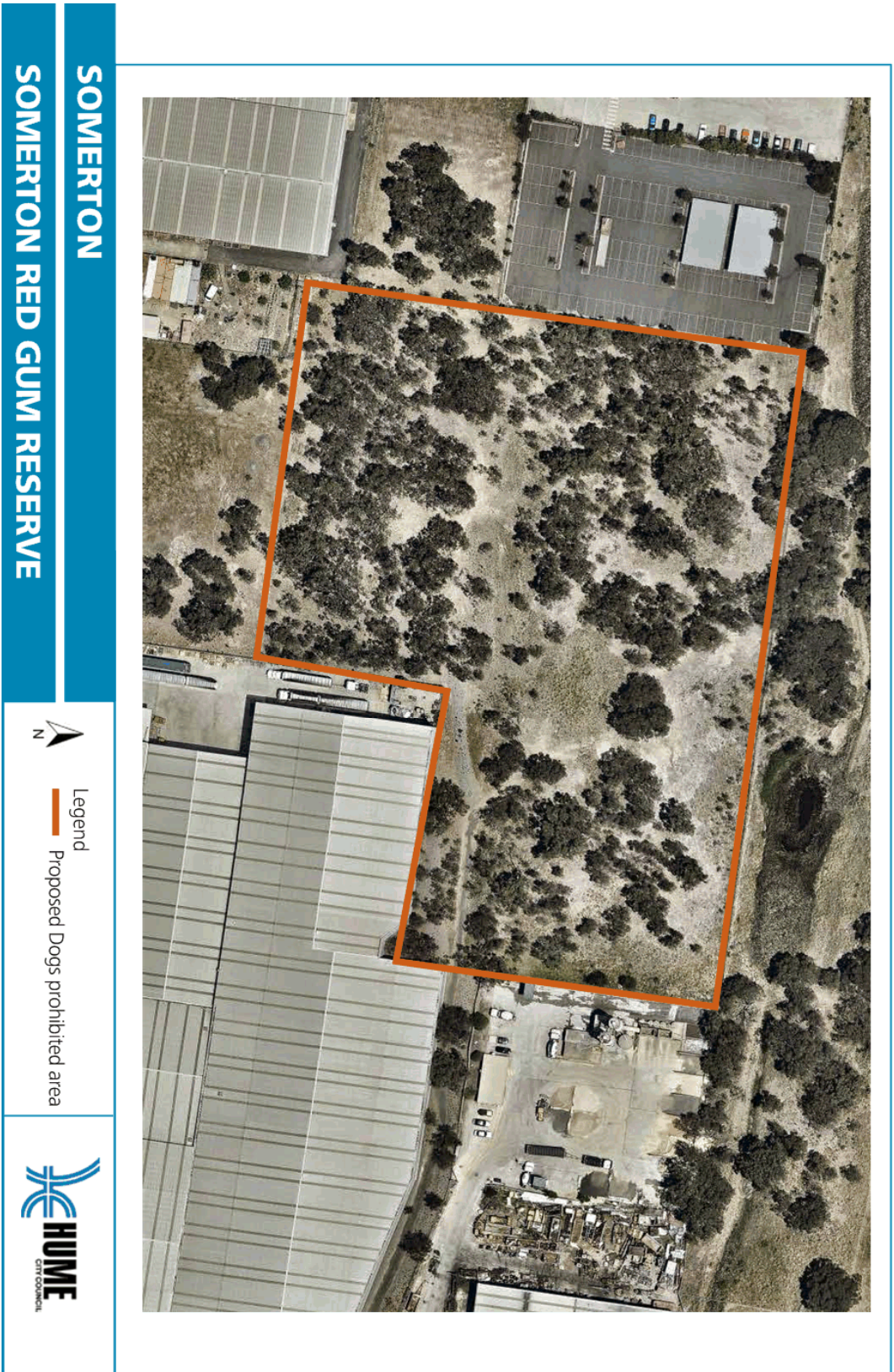
Designated Dogs Prohibited Areas

Dogs Prohibited Areas	Street Address	Suburb	Melways Ref
Maygar Grasslands	11 Academy Drive	Broadmeadows	7 C6
Amberfield Grassland	361 Craigieburn Road	Craigieburn	386 F9
Kalkallo Commons	100-130 Hunter St & 56 Mitchell St	Kalkallo	367 F2
Somerton Red Gum Reserve	193B Hume Highway	Somerton	180 D5
Albert Road Nature reserve	110 Albert Road	Sunbury	362 C7
Evans Street Grassland	128 Evans Street	Sunbury	382 D5
Fullwood Drive Ceremonial Ring	76 Fullwood Drive	Sunbury	381 H1
Mt Holden	515 Riddell Road	Sunbury	361 F8
Sunbury Cemetery	88 Shields Street	Sunbury	382 E7
Tandara Reserve	155 Phillip Drive	Sunbury	381 G1
The Parkway Reserve	475 Racecourse Road	Sunbury	362 E5
Martin Dillon Reserve	Wildwood Road (near 400)	Wildwood	384 A12









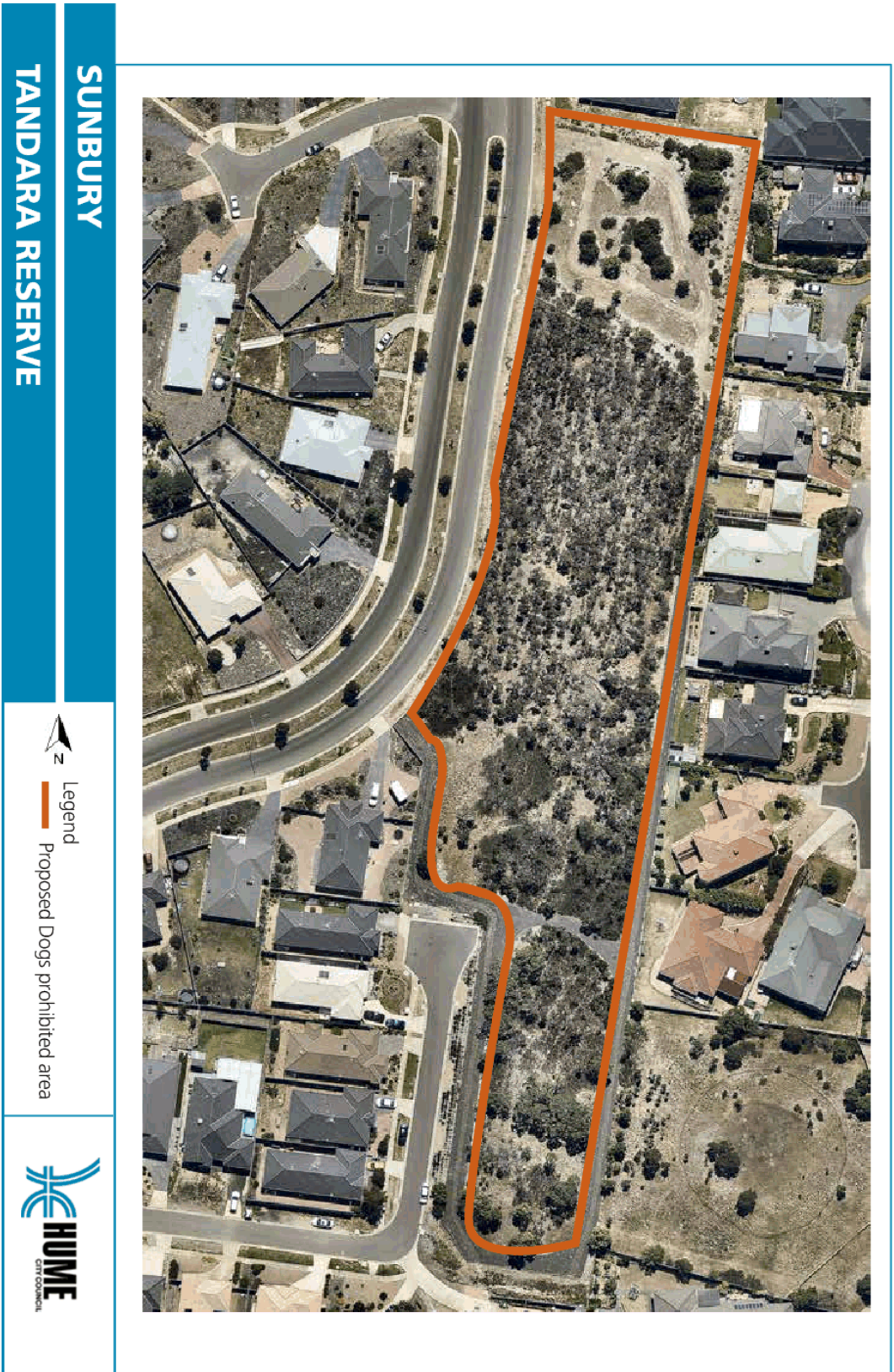


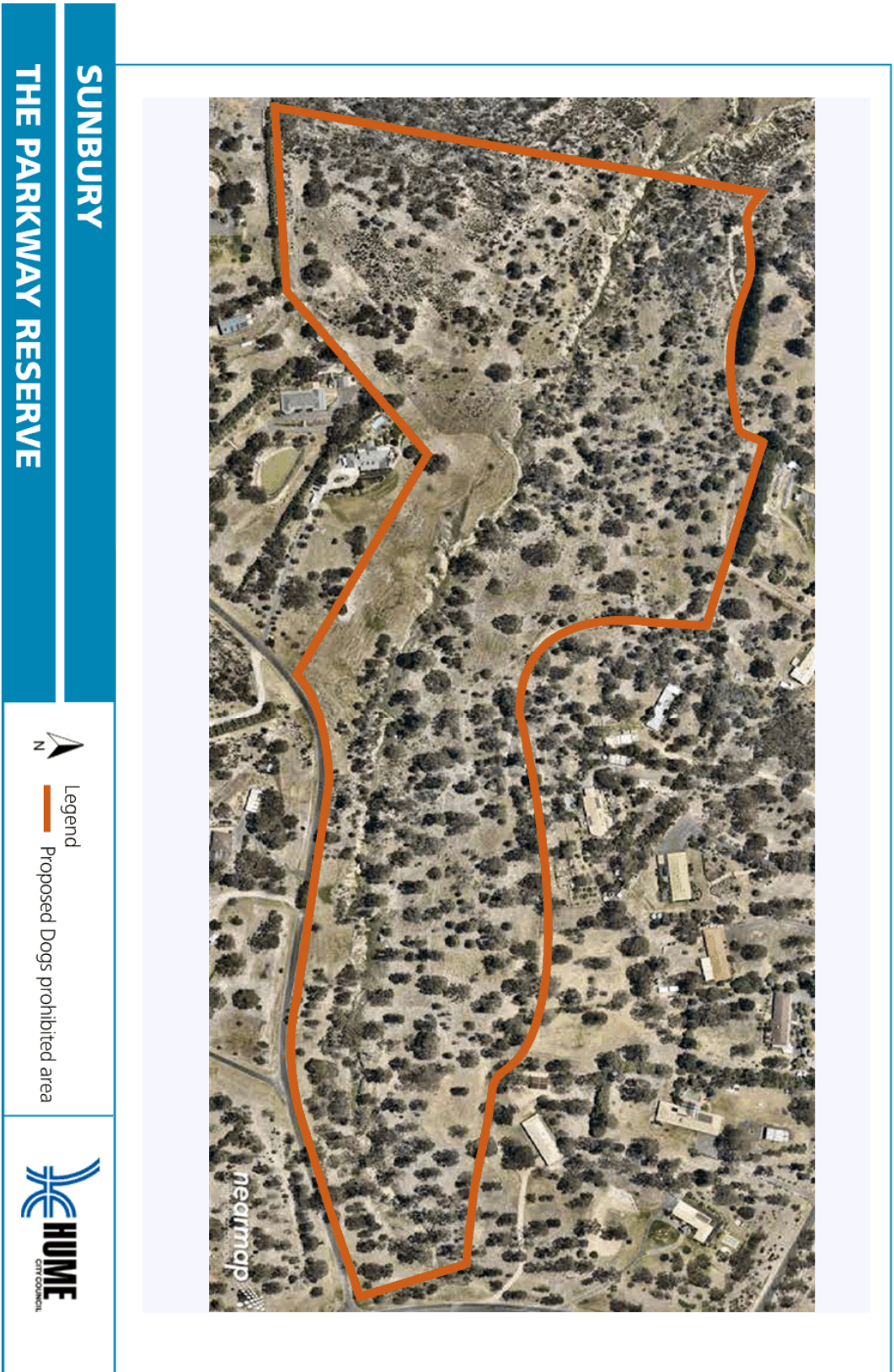


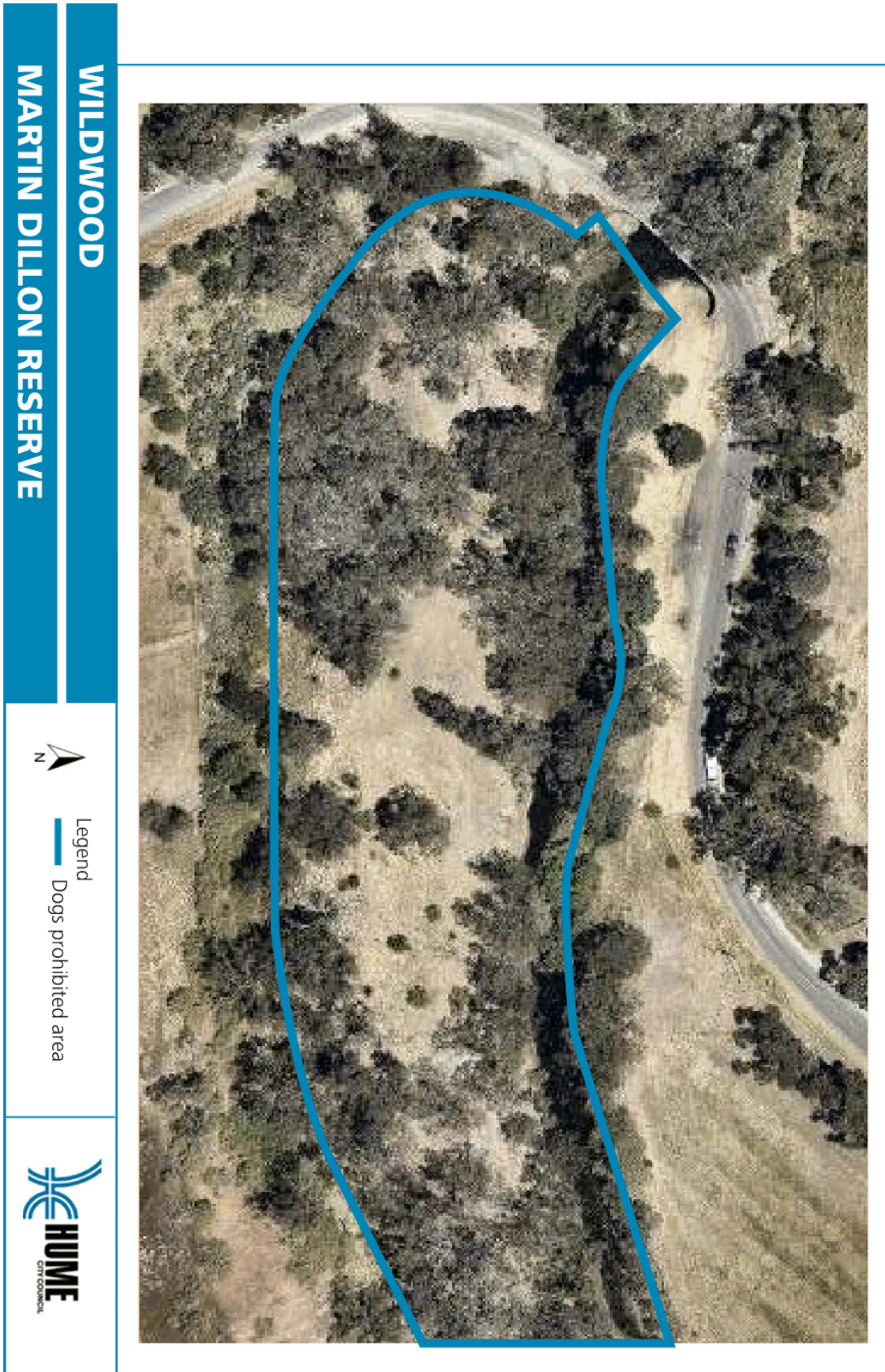












Dogs in Public Places Review - Consultation Overview

Title:	Dogs in Public Places Review Including: Proposed Dogs Off Leash Change
Start Date:	Oct 2016 to Early Feb 2017 – preparation 5 March to 14 April 2017 – education and consultation Mid-April to June 2017– Data analysis and reporting
Finish Date:	June 2017 – final report
Context:	Hume City Council currently has 40 dog off leash areas and four prohibited areas. To address a gap in provision with Hume being a growth area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleven areas are being proposed • eight areas are being proposed as prohibited (no dog spaces) to protect some of Hume’s endangered Flora and Fauna • two sites are reverting from previously dog prohibited areas to dogs on leash areas • clearly defining existing off leash areas Therefore, community education and consultation is being undertaken to inform and seek input from the community on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Proposed changes to dogs off leash areas in conjunction with City Laws Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) survey
Objective:	The objectives of the consultation are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) build community awareness of the existing and proposed dogs off leash areas 2) elicit community feedback on the proposed changes via multiple online and offline mechanisms to ensure broad representation of community views 3) inform the development of the dogs off leash areas 4) keep the community informed of the project and policy developments
Main Activities:	The consultation will involve a mixture of concurrent online and offline activities to engage external stakeholders (below) on the proposed changes to dogs off leash areas
Target Outcomes:	The intended outcomes of the project is for dog owners and interested stakeholders to have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a broad representation of community views incorporated in the review of off leash activities 2) participate in the online, offline and/or face-to-face consultations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) influence the formation of the proposed changes to dogs off leash areas 3) satisfied with their involvement and outputs
Related Projects:	Broadmeadows Dog Park consultation conducted July 2016

Stakeholders:	<p>Internal (inform and consult): Councillors, Executive Management Team, Hume City Council Departments, including Research and Engagement, Community and Activity Centre Planning, Leisure Centres and Sport, Sustainable Environments, Communications and Events, and Parks</p> <p>External (educate, inform and consult): Dog owners, Park users (individuals and groups), surrounding residents, and community members</p>
Methods:	<p>Face to face – Broadmeadows Street Festival, Craigieburn Festival and Sunfest, Brochure and survey, Dogs Facebook page, Online survey, Onsite signage at sites with proposed changes, email/text dog owners database, email interested residents mailing list and user groups of sites with DOL activities, incorporate survey questions into the DMAP survey City Laws will be managing. (refer Table 1)</p>
Reporting Requirements:	<p>Final reports will be produced on community feedback received on the proposed changes to dogs off leash areas</p> <p>Informal reporting and project monitoring will occur through Community and Activity Centre Planning Department regularly meeting and working together with Research and Engagement to deliver the project over the life the project</p>
Timeline:	<p>The three phases of the project are to occur within the following dates:</p> <p>Stage 1: Preparation – October 2016 to early February 2017</p> <p>Stage 2: Consultation – February to early April 2017</p> <p>Stage 3: Reporting – mid April to June 2017</p>
Risks	<p>Risk 1: Low community awareness and engagement Likelihood: Low Mitigation Strategy: prior promotion online and in local press of the proposed changes and draft policy. Online (e.g. Your Say), offline (e.g. mail out) and face-to-face consultations (e.g. at Hume events) to raise the awareness and provide opportunities for community members to provide their input.</p> <p>Risk 2: Conflict over individual sites with proposed changes Likelihood: Medium (based on previous research of other councils) Mitigation Strategy: Dependent on the level of conflict, stakeholders involved, and/or proposed change being disputed. If disruptive to the overall consultation, proposed strategies could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting concerned individuals / groups at a neutral location to discuss key concerns and next steps to redress concerns • Holding onsite meetings to discuss concerns • Use of expert advice / presentation and discussion, potentially from the Sustainable Environments Department, if prohibited sites are challenged

Engagement Tools

Table 1: List of Engagement tools

Tool	Audience	Description
Dogs off leash area survey mail out (hardcopy)	Surrounding residents (primary) Community members (secondary)	Replied post-paid request for feedback on proposed dogs off leash areas / designated prohibited zones for surrounding residents, including information on option for online and face-to-face consultations, continued contact and policy submission Also to be available at face-to-face consultations, Your Say and Council facilities, e.g. leisure centres
Dogs off leash area survey online	All Dog owners, Park users (individuals and groups), surrounding residents, and community members	Online survey with map marking existing and proposed dog off leash areas within Hume for feedback on individual proposed dogs off leash areas, including 1) name of park 2) type of change (e.g. prohibited, new) with reason for change 3) comment 4) opportunity for future engagement / kept updated of developments
Dogs off leash area face-to-face consultation	All - Dog owners, Park users (individuals and groups), surrounding residents, and community members	Face-to-face consultation (festivals) facilitated with map marking existing and proposed dog off leash areas within Hume (as above) with opportunity for community members to provide for feedback on individual proposed dogs off leash areas.
Dogs off leash area direct email feedback invite	Park users (individuals and groups, including sports clubs)	Email for identified park users with proposed dogs off leash changes containing information on the following: 1) Link to online feedback (survey) 2) Link to dogs off leash Your Say item for more information and opportunity for online feedback 3) Information on face-to-face consultation opportunities
Dog off leash areas Rego Blurb / DL flyers	Dog owners (primary) Community members (secondary)	Insert to be included in dog owner registration renewal notices, incl.: 1) Your Say items (both) 2) face-to-face opportunities
Dogs Off leash areas Your Say item	All - Dog owners, Park users (individuals and groups), surrounding residents, and community members	Online platform with information, incl. key dates, links, etc., on: 1) Online survey with map for feedback 2) Opportunities feedback and for face-to-face consultations, Your Say and council facilities, e.g. leisure centres 3) Opportunities for feedback on Dogs in Public Places proposed and dog owner responsibilities and where dogs can go in public places

Email/text dog owner registration database	Dog owners	<p>Online platform with information, incl. key dates, links, etc., on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Online survey with map for feedback 2) Opportunities feedback and for face-to-face consultations, Your Say and council facilities, e.g. leisure centres <p>Opportunities for feedback on Dogs in Public Places proposed and dog owner responsibilities and where dogs can go in public places</p>
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Timeline

Table 2: Draft Timeline of activities

Timeframe	Activity	Responsible Officer	Status
Early Dec to mid Dec 16	Develop draft images for information / engagement materials	Communications & Events	Complete
Early Dec to mid Dec 16	Finalise list of proposed changes to dog off leash areas, to include: (1) name of park, (2) reason for change	K Yardley	Complete
Early Dec to mid Dec 16	Book space for face-face consultation at Craigleburn, Sunbury and Broadmeadows festivals	M Bond	TBC
Mid Dec 16	Develop draft hardcopy mail out survey for residents	Communication & Events K Yardley	Underway
21 Dec 16	Discuss online mapping capabilities for online map marking existing and proposed dog off leash areas within Hume City Council for feedback on individual proposed dog off leash areas, incl.: name of park, type of change (e.g. prohibited, new), reason for change, opportunity for feedback	W Lai M Bond	Almost complete
23 Dec 16 (tentative)	Review initial online map development to access fit for purpose	W Lai M Bond	Following above
Early-Jan 17	Prepare text for promotion	M Bond K Yardley	Underway
Early-Jan 17	Engage Communication & Events Department to discuss key dates for promotion and seek approval of text. Division liaison Carmel Ganino	M Bond K Yardley	Underway
Early-Jan 17	Finalise hardcopy mail out survey for residents	M Bond K Yardley Communications & Events	Initial discussions
Mid-Jan 16	Finalise online map marking existing and proposed dog off leash areas within Hume City Council for feedback on individual proposed dogs off leash areas	W Lai M Bond	Underway
Mid-Jan 16	Finalise face-to-face consultation map marking existing and proposed dogs off leash areas within Hume for feedback on individual proposed dogs off leash areas	W Lai M Bond	Underway
Mid-Jan 16	Check continuity across online and offline engagement tools and ensure all cross-references to opportunities for input and the two opportunities are included	M Bond	Underway

13 Feb 16	Dogs Off leash proposed changes and draft Dogs in Public Place Review consultation goes to Council for approval	K Yardley to report back on outcome	
14 Feb 16	Hardcopy mail out survey for residents to be sent to printers	K Yardley Communications & Events	
Mid-Feb 16 (dependent on printing time)	Hardcopy mail out survey for residents to be mailed to residents	K Yardley	
Mid-Feb 16	Put Your Say items for Dogs Off leash proposed changes and draft Dogs in Public Place online	M Bond	
5 March 16	Face-to-face consultation at the Craigieburn Community Festival held in Craigieburn ANZAC Park, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 5 March 2017 11am - 4pm 	M Bond	
Early to Mid-March 16	Potential for pop up engagements at Hume City Council Leisure centres and/or Global Learning Centres	M Bond	
18 March 16	Face-to-face consultation at Sunbury SunFest held on the Village Green (corner of O'Shanassy and Brook Streets Sunbury) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 18 March 2017 11am-4pm 	M Bond	
Late-March 16	Potential for pop up engagements at Hume City Council Leisure centres and/or Global Learning Centres	M Bond	
9 April 16	Final consultation at Hume held at Broadmeadows Street Festival, Tanderrum Way, Broadmeadows on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 9 April 2017 3pm – 7pm <p>Note: school holidays 1/4/17 – 17/4/17, Good Friday 14/4/17 & Easter Monday 17/4/17</p>	M Bond	

REPORT NO:	CC046
REPORT TITLE:	Friends of Aileu: Condolences Letter on Passing of Mario Soares, Secretary of Aileu Friendship Commission
SOURCE:	Chris Adams, Friends of Aileu Project Officer
DIVISION:	Community Services
FILE NO:	HCC05/29-06
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	3.1 Foster socially connected and supported communities.
ATTACHMENTS:	1. <i>Friends of Aileu M Soares condolence letter English</i> 2. <i>Friends of Aileu M Soares condolence letter Tetun</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the passing of Sr. Mario Soares, Chief of Planning, Municipality of Aileu, Timor-Leste, on Friday 18 November. Mario held the position of Secretary of the Aileu Friendship Commission, the counterpart to the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, and has for many years been the liaison person for the friendship relationship.
- 1.2 This report submits a letter for the Mayor's signature in English (Attachment 1) and translated to Tetun (Attachment 2), following motions passed by the Friends of Aileu Community Committee at its meeting of 6 December 2016, recommending that the Project Officer arrange letters to the Aileu Municipal Administrator from Moreland and Hume City Councils:
 - 1.2.1 Conveying condolences to the Aileu Municipal Administrator on Sr. Mario's passing
 - 1.2.2 Acknowledging recent milestones in Aileu's progress towards building a more sustainable community and a stronger local democracy.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- 2.1 endorses the Mayoral signature on the letter conveying condolences to the Aileu Municipal Administrator, in both English (Attachment 1) and Tetun (Attachment 2).**
- 2.2 prepares an obituary for Mario Soares and an associated media release.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

The primary purpose of Local Government under the Local Government Act (1989) is to ensure 'peace, order and good government'. It is in this context that the friendship relationships linking local governments and communities in Australia and Timor-Leste were established and are maintained.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report contains no new financial implications for Council.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The Friendship Agreement 2016 commits the parties to working for a sustainable future, and environmental sustainability is one of the key considerations in the identification and management of friendship activities in Timor-Leste. Some relevant projects supported by Friends of Aileu include the promotion of diversity and sustainability in small-scale local agriculture, reforestation for protection of soil and water resources, provision of solar lighting and locally made fuel-efficient wood-fired stoves in remote village households.

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6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

Climate change is a major issue for Timor-Leste, and positive contributions to climate change management and mitigation are made by activities such as those outlined in section 5 above.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The shared commitment of Hume City Council and Moreland City Council to human rights and responsibilities, including those subsequently enshrined in The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act Vic. (2006), was an important factor in the establishment of the East Timor Partnership Project. The advancement of human rights continues to be a major consideration in the implementation of the project and in the management of the activities it supports in Timor-Leste.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

This report and the draft letter (Attachment 1) have been prepared following motions passed at the Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting of 6 December 2016, attended by the Chair, Hume Cr Joseph Haweil, Deputy Chair, Moreland Cr Mark Riley, and former Chairs Moreland Cr Samantha Ratnam and former Hume councillor, Helen Patsikatheodorou.

9. BACKGROUND:

9.1 Hume City Council, in partnership with Moreland City Council, entered into a Friendship Relationship with Aileu, Timor-Leste, in May 2000. The relationship has been renewed several times, with the signing of Friendship Agreements in 2005, 2010 and most recently in 2016.

9.2 Mario Soares held positions including Social and Economic Officer, District Development Officer and Acting Deputy District Administrator with the District of Aileu, and more recently Chief of Planning with the Aileu Municipal Administration.

9.3 He served as the liaison person for the Friends of Aileu since 2002, and since then made many lasting personal friendships.

9.4 In 2004, when the Aileu District Administration established the Aileu Relationship Commission as the counterpart to the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, Mario was appointed as Secretary of the Commission.

9.5 Mario served in these roles until his passing and has been instrumental in maintaining and developing the friendship relationship. Mario was a key leader, ensuring that all programs and projects supported by Friends of Aileu addressed local priorities and were implemented effectively.

9.6 As part of his duties Mario visited Moreland and Hume on three occasions; in 2004, 2008 and 2014, each time meeting with the two councils' mayors and/or councillors and CEOs and senior officers, as well as with members of the Friends of Aileu, representatives of partner organisations and members of the community.

9.7 Over the last 15 years, Mario played a major role managing the programs for visits to Aileu by several councillors and many members of the Friends of Aileu and representatives of partner organisations. Between 2002 and 2014 he also managed six Australian Volunteers International placements with the Aileu Administration which were sponsored by Friends of Aileu.

9.8 Mario had a passion for the development of young people and managed the Aileu end of Hume Aileu Secondary Education Scholarship Program and the Cr Andy Ingham Aileu University Scholarship Program. He was also diligent in ensuring that funds transferred to Aileu for friendship activities were well-managed and their expenditure regularly reported.

9.9 As a young person, Mario contributed to activities of the resistance to the Indonesian occupation. After Timor-Leste attained independence, he left a business career in engineering to focus on working for his community in the newly established Aileu District Administration.

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- 9.10 On the afternoon of Friday 18 November 2016, Mario emailed the Project Officer advising of the approval of the local contractor selected to undertake the external works to complete development of the Laulara Birthing Centre, one of the major projects funded by Friends of Aileu, partner organisations and individual donors. Later that evening, while still working in his office, Mario collapsed and sadly passed away in transit to the Dili hospital.
- 9.11 His funeral was held on Sunday 20 November from the family home in Saboria village across the river from the Municipal Administration Office in Aisirimou village, Aileu Vila. Mario is survived by his current wife and their two children and his former wife and their five children.
- 9.12 Members of the Friends of Aileu responded generously to a request for personal donations to assist Mario's family. Funds received have been lodged with the Friends of Aileu Donations Account at Moreland City Council. Donations received by 31 December totalled \$1,000 of which \$715 has been disbursed to date as a contribution to funeral expenses.

10. DISCUSSION:

- 10.1 The Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting scheduled for 14 February 2017 will consider an appropriate use for the balance of funds on hand plus any subsequently received, possibly to assist with education expenses for Mario's children.
- 10.2 Given Sr. Mario's key role in the friendship relationship over a period of some 15 years, and the many friends he made during this time including his three visits to Moreland and Hume, it is considered appropriate for Council to endorse a letter of condolence addressed to the Aileu Municipal Administrator (Attachment 1) and to prepare an obituary to acknowledge Mario's passing.
- 10.3 The Aileu Municipality is continuing the process of decentralisation aimed at future development of responsible local government. A number of significant events during the last few months of 2016 illustrate the progress being made in building a more sustainable community and a stronger local democracy. Mario worked with the Hume and Moreland City Councils and the Friends of Aileu to help support such events and contribute to this progress. It is therefore considered appropriate for the letter of condolence to acknowledge these events and this progress.
- 10.4 Following Sr. Mario's passing, the Project Officer discussed interim liaison arrangements for the friendship relationship with Sr. Camilo da Costa, Community Development Officer, Aileu Vila Administrative Post, who visited Moreland and Hume with Mario in 2014 and is proficient in English language. The letter of condolence also notes this and advises that the Project Officer proposes to discuss longer term liaison responsibilities with the Municipal Administrator at the next available opportunity.

11. CONCLUSION:

- 11.1 The letter of condolence (Attachment 1) and the accompanying Tetun translation (Attachment 2) address the above issues relevant to continuing the Friendship Relationship.
- 11.2 A similar report and draft letter has been prepared for consideration by Moreland City Council at its 8 February 2017 meeting.
- 11.3 Subject to approval of the recommendations of this report, it is proposed that the Project Officer will:
- 11.3.1 Email the letter of condolence (English original and Tetun translation) to the Aileu Municipal Administrator
 - 11.3.2 Consult with members of Friends of Aileu Community Committee and with Communications and Events to develop the obituary and media release.

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Wednesday 18 January 2017

Sr Joao Tilman do Rego
Aileu Municipal Administrator
AISIRIMOU, AILEU TIMOR-LESTE

Dear Sr. Joao

**RE: CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SR. MARIO SOARES AND
CONGRATULATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES IN AILEU**

Personally and on behalf of Hume City Council and the Friends of Aileu, I wish to express sincere condolences on the loss of your colleague and friend Sr. Mario Soares.

In his many years of work with the District Administration of Aileu, more recently with the Municipal Administration, and as Secretary of the Aileu Friendship Commission and Friends of Aileu liaison person, Sr. Mario has been a tireless advocate for the people of Aileu and for the development of the friendship relationship between the Municipality of Aileu and the Hume and Moreland City Councils and their people.

Mario made many good friends amongst councillors and council officers, members, partners and supporters of the Friends of Aileu and the people of Hume and Moreland. We especially remember Mario's interest in local democracy and the work of the municipality.

We admire Mario's strong commitment to the development of Aileu and Timor-Leste. We wish to recognize his lifetime of work for his homeland. Mario believed that the new generation is very important for the future of Timor-Leste. He was a passionate supporter of education and the development of young people. Mario also wished to cultivate links between the younger people of our communities.

We are proud to call Mario a friend and will miss him greatly. Please pass on our condolences to Mario's family and friends.

Please also pass on our condolences to all Mario's work colleagues, including Sr. Camilo da Costa, who provided Friends of Aileu with information on Mario's funeral.

I wish to recognize Sister Susan Gubbins, who has recently completed her mission at the Uma Ita Nian Parish Clinic, for her contribution to our friendship relationship over many years, including at this difficult and sad time. Sister Susan, together with Sister Mary Anne Dwyer of the ISMAIK asrama and Sra. Maria Fatima, Saboria village catechist, helped Friends of Aileu make a timely donation to Mario's family to help with funeral costs.

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Attachment 1 - Friends of Aileu M Soares condolence letter English

While remembering our friend Sr. Mario Soares, I also wish to congratulate the Municipality of Aileu and its people on the progress you are making together to build a more sustainable community and a stronger local democracy, causes which were always close to Mario's heart.

The Municipality of Aileu has achieved many things in 2016, but I note the following from just the last few months of the year:

- The conduct of the Aileu municipal-level conference and project inspections associated with the Timor-Leste Government's 5th Decentralisation and Local Government Conference,
- The transfer from the national government to the Municipality of Aileu of further powers and responsibilities in the areas of Health; Agriculture; Public Works, Transport & Communications; Education; Commerce, Industry & Environment; Social Solidarity; and Justice,
- The success of the 2016 elections for Aileu's village and sub-village councils,
- The success of the 11th Annual Science and Reading Contest and the 11th Annual Aileu Expo, facilitated so ably by the Aileu Resource and Training Centre, and
- The completion of the registration of Aileu's 7,573 families for data entry into the digital system of the national "Family Health" program.

We look forward to continuing our friendship relationship. I understand that members of the Friends of Aileu are planning several visits to Aileu in 2017, commencing with an observer delegation to the presidential election in March.

Friends of Aileu Project Officer, Chris Adams will be in touch to discuss plans for these visits, and for other matters including completion of the Laulara Birthing Centre works and nomination of the 2017 candidates for the Hume Aileu secondary scholarship and the Aileu University scholarship programs.

Mr. Adams will initially make contact via Sr. Camilo da Costa, who has agreed to assist in consultation with Sr. Domingos Vidigal, Treasurer of the Aileu Relationship Commission. We await your advice about whether we should continue to liaise via Sr. Camilo or with someone else.

Yours sincerely

**CR DREW JESSOP
MAYOR**

- c.c. Cr. Helen Davidson, Mayor Moreland City Council
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Sr Joao Tilman do Rego
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Karu Sr. Joao,

**HATO'O KONDOLÉNSIA PROFUNDA KONA-BA SR. MARIO SOARES NO
PARABÉNS TANBA PROGRESU NE'EBÉ AKONTESE IHA AILEU**

Ha'u hakarak hato'o kondolénsia husi ha'u-nia an rasik, no mós husi Konsellu Sidade Hume no grupu amizade *Friends of Aileu*, tanba Ita-Boot sira nia belun no kolega servisu Sr. Mario Soares fila hikas ba Na'i Maromak ona.

Sr. Mario servisu tinan barak ho administrasaun distritu Aileu, no foin lailais ho administrasaun munisípiu, no mós nu'udar sekretáriu ba Komisaun Amizade Aileu no nu'udar ema kontaktu (Pessoa de contato) ba *Friends of Aileu*. Tuir nia servisu hirak ne'e, Sr. Mario servisu la kole ba povu Aileu, no mós ba dezvoltimentu relasaun amizade entre sidade no povu iha Munisípiu Aileu no Konsellu Sidade Hume no Moreland.

Iha Austrália, Sr. Mario iha kolega barak, inklui mós administradór/a no empregu konsellu nian, no mós *Friends of Aileu* nia membru, parseiru no apoiante sira, no povu Moreland no Hume. Ami hanoin hetan Sr. Mario, liu-liu nia interese no dedikasaun ba demokrasia lokál, funsaun munisípiu nian, no munisípiu nia servisu.

Ami admira tebes Sr. Mario nia kometimentu maka'as ba dezvoltimentu Aileu no Timor-Leste. Ami hakarak rekoñese servisu ne'ebé nia hala'o durante nia moris tomak ba ninia rai doben Timor. Mario fiar katak jersaun foun importante tebes ba futuru Timor. Nia suporta tebes edukasaun no dezvoltimentu ba labarik no joven sira. Mario mós servisu hodi hametin relasaun entre labarik no joven sira iha rai Austrália no Timor.

Ami orgullu tebes tanba bele kolega ho Sr. Mario, no ami hanoin tebes nia. Favor ida hato'o ami-nia kondolénsia ba Sr. Mario nia família no belun sira.

Favor ida hato'o mós ami-nia kondolénsia ba Sr. Mario nia belun servisu hotu, inklui mós Sr. Camilo da Costa. Ami mós hato'o obrigada ba Sr. Camilo tanba informa ami kona-ba Sr. Mario nia funerál.

Ha'u hakarak hato'o obrigada ba Madre Susan Gubbins, ne'ebé foin lailais kompleta nia servisu iha klínika Uma Ita Nian, tanba nia kontribuisaun ba ita-nia relasaun amizade tinan ba tinan, inklui mós foin lailais iha tempu triste no susar ne'e. Madre Susan, hamutuk ho Madre Mary Anne Dwyer husi asrama ISMAIK, no Sra. Maria Fatima ne'ebé katekista ba suku Saboria, ajuda *Friends of Aileu* hato'o doasaun ba Sr. Mario nia família hodi ajuda selu funerál.

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Attachment 2 - Friends of Aileu M Soares condolence letter Tetun

Maske ami hanoin nafatin ami-nia kolega Sr. Mario Soares, ami mós hakarak hato'o parabéns ba munisípiu Aileu no povu Aileu ba progresu ne'ebé imi hala'o hamutuk hodi kria comunidade ne'ebé sustentável liu, no demokrasia lokál ne'ebé forte liu. Buat rua ne'e mak importante tebes ba Sr. Mario.

Munisípiu Aileu realiza buat barak iha 2016, maibé ha'u hakarak nota buat balun ne'ebé munisípiu Aileu realiza iha 2016:

- Konferénsia nivel-munisipíu no inspesaun projetu ne'ebé han malu ho governu Timor-Leste nia konferénsia dalima kona-ba desentralizasaun no governu lokál,
- Transferasaun podér no responsabilidade barak liu tan husi governu nasionál ba munisípiu Aileu kona-ba saúde, agrikultura, obra públiku, transporte no komunikasaun, edukasaun, komérsiu, indústriia no meu ambiente, solidariedade sosiál no justisa,
- Eleisaun iha Aileu ba konsellu suku no aldeia iha 2016 ne'ebé susesu,
- Eventu rua ne'ebé susesu: Kompetisaun Siénsia no Lee, no Espozisaun Aileu da-11. Centru Treinamentu Rekursu Aileu mak fasilita espozisaun ne'e ho kapás tebes,
- Família 7,573 rejistu iha Aileu atu hatama informasaun ba sistema dijital programa nasionál "saúde família" nian.

Ami hakarak kontinua no hametin liu tan relasaun amizade ba futuro. Membru balun husi *Friends of Aileu* iha planu atu vizita Aileu iha 2017, komesa ho delegasaun observadór ba eleisaun Prezidente iha fulan Marsu.

Sr. Chris Adams sei kontaktu Ita-Boot sira atu ko'alia kona-ba planu vizita ne'e, no mós buat seluk hanesan halo Sentru Partu Laulara kompletu no mós nomeasaun ba kandidatu 2017 ba bolsa-estudu Hume Aileu ba eskola sekundária, no bolsu estudu Aileu ba universidade.

Iha tempu besik, Sr. Adams atu kontaktu Ita-Boot sira liuhosi Sr. Camilo da Costa. Sr. Camilo prontu atu assiste ita kontaktu malu hamutuk ho Sr. Domingos Vidigal, ne'ebé tezoureira ba Komisaun Amizade Aileu. Ami hein Ita-boot sira atu informa ami se hakarak kontinua kontaktu Ita-Boot sira liuhosi Sr. Camilo, ka di'ak liu kontaktu Ita-Boot sira liuhosi ema seluk.

Ho neon,

CR DREW JESSOP MAYOR

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REPORT NO:	CC047
REPORT TITLE:	Early Years Compact
SOURCE:	Lisa Letic, Manager Family, Youth and Childrens Services
DIVISION:	Community Services
FILE NO:	HCC 16/29
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>A Compact between DET, DHHS and Local Government 2017 to 2027</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report provides information about the “Supporting Children and Families in the Early Years: A Compact between the State Government Departments of Education and Training (DET), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Local Government (represented by MAV) 2017-2027, (The Compact). Council’s endorsement of the MAV response to this agreement is sought.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses The Compact as presented in Attachment 1, and notes that the MAV will be a signatory to the Compact representing Victorian Local Government.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

3.1 Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 There are no financial implications directly related to the recommendation of this report. Any financial considerations that arise from the implementation of the agreement will be considered separately and in accordance with Council’s usual budget processes.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

5.1 There are no environmental sustainability considerations related to this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 There are no climate change adaption considerations related to this report.

7. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

7.1 The Compact represents a shared commitment to supporting and responding to the needs of children and families and is aligned to Council’s commitment to Social Justice and Human Rights and the Hume Early Years Framework (2014-2018) and the Hume Early Years Partnership Action Plan (2015 -2018).

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

The MAV has been working closely with Victorian Council’s in the development of the Compact. It has been co-developed with local government representatives through a Compact Steering Group that included Hume City Council together with Ballarat, Wodonga, Knox and Kingston Councils and through direct input by council’s at a local government Human Services Directors’ forum in September 2016.

REPORT NO: CC047 (cont.)

9. DISCUSSION:

- 9.1 Local government, as the provider of the Maternal and Child Health service sees all Victorian children from birth. Local government also plans for services to support children and young people, and their families. Through early years planning, Local Government provides an extensive range of services (e.g. preschool, occasional care, playgroups) aimed at ensuring all children have the best start in life.
- 9.2 The State and local government together, provide collective stewardship of the early years system and it is, in this context that the development of a ten-year Compact Agreement has been formulated. The Compact is a high level overarching statement of commitment between the Department of Education and Training (DET), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and local government – represented by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). It sets out a shared understanding of the roles and responsibilities of DET, DHHS and local government as well as articulating a shared purpose, principles and strategic priorities.
- 9.3 The Compact recognises the key role local government plays in supporting and responding to the needs of children and families at the local level. It is not intended to be a legally binding document – but it is a shared commitment. It is not intended to supersede or alter existing agreements between DET, DHHS and local government but rather provides a mechanism to support consistency across terms of government.
- 9.4 The Compact sets out a clear, shared view of the role of the State (as represented by DET and DHHS) and local government (as represented by MAV) to lift outcomes for young children and their families by improving joint planning, coordination and data and information sharing processes across the three parties. It also acknowledges the role of the Commonwealth Government and non-government service providers as important partners in achieving outcomes for Victoria’s children and their families.
- 9.5 The following strategic priorities will be the focus of collaborative efforts between the parties of this Compact:
 - (a) **Driving better outcomes** - better use of evidence and evaluation to continuously improve the planning, delivery and practice of services to drive stronger outcomes.
 - (b) **A more coherent and empowering system** - build a more consistent, capable and connected early years system that responds to families’ health and wellbeing needs and preferences.
 - (c) **Stronger place-based governance and planning** - responding to the needs of local communities and Victoria’s changing population.
 - (d) **Promoting early childhood** - raising family and community awareness of the importance of early childhood health, learning and development.
 - (e) **Supporting service quality** - build a quality system that supports all Victorian children and their families.
 - (f) **More inclusive services** - improve early identification and support for all children, including children at risk; vulnerable children and families; and children with health, disability and developmental needs.
- 9.6 Agreed Compact priority actions will be reviewed and updated annually and will have sufficient flexibility to support local innovation and responses. Implementation agreements and other joint activities will sit underneath the Compact
- 9.7 A high-level Compact Board with representatives of DET, DHHS, MAV and Local Government will be established to monitor and review the implementation of the Compact and related implementation agreements including performance against outcome measures. This group will meet twice yearly and will be supported by a Compact Steering Group that will meet more regularly and will provide advice to the Board on the design and review of the Compact.

REPORT NO: CC047 (cont.)

10. CONCLUSION:

“Supporting Children and Families in the Early Years: A Compact between the State Government Departments of Education and Training (DET), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Local Government (represented by MAV 2017-2027 aims to strengthen the foundations for a system that is robust, child-centred, straightforward to navigate, and allows for transition between services when families need them. It recognises the shared accountability of governments and outlines shared objectives and outcomes.

The Compact has been circulated to all Victorian Council’s for consideration. It is anticipated that the Compact will be signed by the Secretaries of both State Government Departments of Health and Human Services and Education and Training and the MAV CEO (on behalf of Local Government) in March 2017.

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Signed by:

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Gill Callister
Secretary
on behalf of the Department of Education and Training

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Kym Peake
Secretary
on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services

.....
Rob Spence
Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Association of Victoria
on behalf of local government in Victoria

on the x day of x (month) 2017

PREAMBLE

1. The Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET), the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and local government, represented by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), enter into this Compact to strengthen the collaborative relationship between these departments and local government in the planning, development and provision of early years services. This Compact demonstrates a shared focus on improving and sustaining outcomes for children and families across all Victorian communities.
2. A well-connected, accessible and effective service system supports families to raise happy and healthy children who can achieve their potential. A collaborative and effective relationship between state and local government provides a foundation for strengthening services for children and families.
3. Consultations with families and those who work in early years services have shown that we need more consistent, measurable and accountable service delivery. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities, joint planning and consistent goals and coordination across the early years services system will support more effective service delivery that maximises benefits for children and families.
4. This Compact aims to lay further foundations for a system that is robust, child-centred and straightforward to navigate, and allows for transition between services when families need them. It recognises the shared accountability of governments and outlines shared objectives and outcomes.
5. State and Local Government would welcome the Commonwealth agreeing to the principles and priorities as outlined in this Compact, recognising the important role the Commonwealth has in providing support to children and families through funding and broad policy settings.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AGREEMENTS

6. This Compact is not intended to supersede or alter existing contractual arrangements or other agreements between the DET, DHHS and councils or MAV.
7. The Victorian State-Local Government Agreement (VSLGA) 2014 provides an overarching framework to strengthen state-local government relations by committing to improved and sustained levels of communication, consultation and cooperation. It outlines a commitment by both parties to progress social, economic and environmental outcomes for Victorian communities.
8. Sitting beneath the VSLGA, DET and DHHS have bilateral agreements with the MAV: the MAV/DEECD (now DET) Partnership Agreement 2013-17 and the Partnership Protocol between the Department of Human Services, Department of Health (now DHHS) and the MAV 2010. Both of these agreements commit to a formal partnership that is based on a spirit of cooperation and a shared commitment to achieve better learning, health and well-being outcomes for the Victorian community.
9. This Compact sits beneath these agreements and focusses on improving outcomes for children from the antenatal period up to school entry and their families.

10. The parties will continue to work with the Commonwealth Government to promote policy reforms that are of a national significance, or that need coordinated action by all Australian governments.
11. This Compact is not a legally binding agreement, but is negotiated and entered into in good faith by the parties and shall be respected accordingly.
12. The parties agree that in the event of a party stating that one or more undertakings in the Compact is not being fulfilled, the parties will use best endeavors to ensure that the undertaking is satisfied or that an alternative solution is agreed.

PURPOSE OF THE COMPACT

13. The Compact is between state and local government who together provide collective stewardship of the early years system.
14. The purpose of the Compact is to:
 - clarify state and local government **roles and responsibilities** in the planning, funding and delivery of early years services for children from the antenatal period up to school entry;
 - strengthen a shared focus on **improving outcomes** for all children across Victoria supported by sharing of evidence, results and best practice;
 - establish a **strategic foundation** for the effective planning and delivery of agreed system reforms, including the creation of a more connected service system that has sufficient flexibility to support local innovation and responses;
 - support timely identification of **vulnerable children**, effective inclusion and sustained engagement of families in universal services and supported referral to other services;
 - build community understanding of the **importance of the early years** and how families can support their children's learning, health and development; and
 - provide **consistency** in the availability, accessibility, quality and connectedness of services for young children and their families, across locations in Victoria.

OUTCOMES

15. Through this Compact, the parties seek the following **outcomes** for Victoria's children and their families:



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

16. This Compact recognises the complementary roles and responsibilities of each party in the collective stewardship of the early years system. It also acknowledges the role of the Commonwealth Government and non-government service providers as key players in achieving outcomes.

The Department of Education and Training supports the learning, development, health and wellbeing of Victorian children through the development of state-wide policy and the provision of funding, planning and regulation for early years services and the transition of children from early years services to schools.

The Department of Health and Human Services supports the health and wellbeing of Victorian children through the development of state-wide policy and the funding, planning and delivery of health, human services and sport and recreation programs and services that support children and their families. This includes through services that protect children, build family capability and address trauma.

Local Government has a statutory and social responsibility for planning for its local community. It supports the learning, health and wellbeing of Victorian children and families through determining policy at a local level. There are 79 local councils in Victoria. Each one of these takes a place-based approach to planning, funding and infrastructure, as well as the coordination and delivery of services for children and families.

The **Municipal Association of Victoria** has the statutory responsibility to promote the interests of local government and represents all councils.

PRINCIPLES

17. The parties to this Compact commit to working together in new ways to improve outcomes for children and families by:
- Identifying and implementing what is working well and changing what is not
 - Using a systems- and placed-based approach to deliver well-connected, inclusive and high quality services tailored to local communities, with a particular focus on vulnerable children and families
 - Systemic sharing and analysis of information, data and evidence
 - Engaging families and children in decision making about the services and supports they need
 - Working in a transparent and mutually accountable way to design, plan and deliver on agreed priorities, respecting each party's roles and responsibilities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

18. The following strategic priorities will be the focus of collaborative efforts between the parties of this Compact:
- **Driving better outcomes** - better use of evidence and evaluation to continuously improve the planning, delivery and practice of services to drive stronger outcomes
 - **A more coherent and empowering system** - build a more consistent, capable and connected early years system that responds to families' health and wellbeing needs and preferences
 - **Stronger place-based governance and planning** - responding to the needs of local communities and Victoria's changing population
 - **Promoting early childhood** - raising family and community awareness of the importance of early childhood health, learning and development
 - **Supporting service quality** - build a quality system that supports all Victorian children and their families
 - **More inclusive services** - improve early identification and support for all children, including children at risk; vulnerable children and families; and children with health, disability and developmental needs.

IMPLEMENTATION

19. Implementation of the strategic priorities will be achieved through Implementation Agreements and other joint activities aligned with agreed local/state government priorities. Each year these priorities will be developed in collaboration between the parties (Schedule 1, 2017) and may include the areas of:
- Child and family health and development
 - Early childhood education and care
 - Connected care
 - Place based planning.
20. Implementation Agreements will be developed as required and will be specific, detailed and establish joint accountability measures for monitoring and reporting on outcomes.
21. All Implementation Agreements will:
- outline implementation roles and responsibilities of each government partner
 - directly relate to the Compact's vision, principles, outcomes, and strategic priorities
 - build on existing practice frameworks and new initiatives while allowing flexibility to respond to local needs and to innovate.

GOVERNANCE

22. A high-level Compact Board with representatives of DET, DHHS MAV and Local Government will be established to monitor and review the implementation of the Compact and related Implementation Agreements, including performance against outcome measures. This group will meet twice yearly.
23. A Compact Steering Group with representatives of DHHS, DET, Local Government and MAV will be established to provide advice to the Compact Board on the design of the Implementation Agreements and processes to support the monitoring and review of the Compact. This group will meet bi-monthly commencing February 2017 until December 2017.

Schedule 1 – Indicative 2017 priorities for action

In the first year of the Compact, implementation activities may include:

- Child and family health and development
 1. Reach Agreement on the new Maternal and Child Health Memorandum of Understanding.
 2. Consolidate the statewide data base for all families (CDIS) including integrating CDIS and MCH Central.
 3. Revise the MCH Guidelines, commencing with Enhanced Maternal and Child Health, to support referrals to and linkages across the universal, secondary and tertiary service system.
- Early childhood education and care
 4. Work with councils to strengthen the capacity of kindergarten central enrolment.
 5. Promote the new Early Years Management Framework including supporting local government's stewardship role.
- Connected Care
 6. Implement actions from the review of the Early Childhood Agreement for Children in Out-of-Home Care, including ensuring there is appropriate, consistent, regular and timely sharing of data and information about children.
 7. Actively contribute to the co-design of Support and Safety Hubs.
 8. Promote increased local government membership on Child and Family Services Alliances.
 9. Strengthen access to universal services for vulnerable children and their families.
 10. Identify actions to improve local service coordination and referral pathways between maternity services community support services, community paediatric services and MCH.
- Place-based planning
 11. Undertake more active planning for long term provision of kindergarten capital.
 12. Ensure that strategic objectives and actions in municipal early years planning align with key state and regional plans such as the Victorian Government's Ending Family Violence Plan, primary prevention actions in Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plans and relevant priorities and actions in Children and Youth Area Partnerships.
- Compact related activities
 13. Commence the development of an Outcomes Measures Framework for the Compact.
 14. Commence the development of place-based support and coordination arrangements for the Compact.

Schedule 1 will be reviewed and updated as agreed by the signatories of the Compact.

REPORT NO:	SU188
REPORT TITLE:	Hume Planning Scheme Amendment C212 - Balbethan Stud Complex, Oaklands Junction - Adoption of Amendment
SOURCE:	James Ingemann, Strategic Planner
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	HCC15/861
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Site Context</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Hume Planning Scheme Amendment C212 seeks to amend the Heritage Overlay that covers the Dunalister/Balbethan Stud Complex at 290-310 Oaklands Road, Oaklands Junction. The stud complex includes the Balbethan Stud Homestead and Shearing Shed which are protected by Heritage Overlay 269 and 270 respectively. The amendment would amalgamate both these overlays into a single Heritage Overlay 367 and reduce the curtilage of the overlay in the Planning Scheme Maps to more accurately cover the true extent of the buildings. The amendment was exhibited from 10 November 2016 to 12 December 2016. No submissions were received in response to the exhibition of the amendment. It is recommended that Council adopts the amendment and that it be submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 2.1 adopts Hume Planning Scheme Amendment C212 in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and**
- 2.2 submits Hume Planning Scheme Amendment C212 to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Planning and Environment Act 1987.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The proponent has provided fees in accordance with the Fees and Regulations outlined in Section 203 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. No further financial implications are anticipated.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The amendment relates to the heritage protection of buildings and as such there are no climate change adaption considerations as part of its assessment.

6. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

- 6.1 The amendment will have a positive social effect by protecting a place of cultural significance in the municipality.
- 6.2 The Planning Scheme Amendment has met the principles of Hume's *Social Justice Policy* by engaging with the community through a formal consultation process as discussed in the following section.

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7. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

- 7.1 In accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Amendment C212 was placed on exhibition from 10 November 2016 to 12 December 2016. Notice was placed in the Victorian Government Gazette as well as in local papers. Letters were also sent to all landowners and occupiers adjoining the subject site and to relevant ministers and authorities.
- 7.2 No submissions have been received to the amendment.

8. DISCUSSION:

8.1 Subject Land

- 8.1.1 The subject site is owned by Holcim Australia Pty Ltd and is located at 290-310 Oaklands Road, Oaklands Junction, as shown in Attachment 1. It is bounded by Oaklands Road to the west and surrounded by undeveloped rural land to its north, east and south.
- 8.1.2 The southern section of the subject site is an active granite and hornfels quarry, known as the Oaklands Junction Quarry. The quarry consists of two extraction pits as well as associated operation buildings and infrastructure, including offices, roads and machinery.
- 8.1.3 The northern section of the site reflects the pastoral history of the land and includes the Dunalister/Balbethan Stud Complex. The complex is surrounded by undeveloped paddocks that are used for cattle grazing.
- 8.1.4 The two sites of heritage significance on the subject site are the Balbethan Stud Homestead and Shearing Shed, which are protected by the Heritage Overlay in the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 8.1.5 Both structures were built in the late Victorian era, around 1880. The homestead has been unoccupied for around 5 years and is markedly deteriorated. The shearing shed is architecturally interesting in that it is two storey, a feature that makes it of regional significance. It too is in disrepair and has not been used for many years.
- 8.1.6 The buildings form part of a larger farm complex including structures that have been built post 1960. A heritage assessment of the complex has found that the other buildings and surrounding paddocks are not considered to form part of the heritage fabric of the place.

8.2 Background

- 8.2.1 Ecology and Heritage Partners (EHP) have prepared a Historical Heritage Assessment of the stud complex on behalf of the landowner. The assessment identified the historical cultural heritage values of the subject site and made three recommendations for the ongoing protection of the place of heritage significance.
- 8.2.2 Recommendation 1 was that the heritage place would benefit from amalgamating the two Heritage Overlays into a single citation. This will allow for a holistic management approach for the heritage protection through the planning scheme.
- 8.2.3 Recommendation 2 was to reduce the curtilage of the heritage overlay to remove extraneous land that does not implicitly contribute towards the heritage significance of the place.
- 8.2.4 Recommendation 3 was for a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) to be prepared for the site to provide guidance for the ongoing management of the place and to protect its significant values.

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8.2.5 Amendment C212 implements Recommendations 1 and 2 of the EHP Historical Heritage Assessment. Holcim Australia has advised Council that they are preparing a CMP in accordance with Recommendation 3.

8.3 The Amendment

8.3.1 At its meeting of 22 August 2016, Council resolved to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning and subject to authorisation, prepare and exhibit Amendment C212 to the Hume Planning Scheme.

8.3.2 The amendment was exhibited in accordance with the Act and no submissions were received at the conclusion of the exhibition period.

8.3.3 As no submissions were received, Council may now adopt the amendment as exhibited under Section 29 of the Act and forward it to the Minister for Planning for approval.

9. CONCLUSION:

On the basis that no submissions were received and the amendment has not changed, it is recommended that Council adopts Amendment C212 and submits it to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Site Location



REPORT NO:	SU189
REPORT TITLE:	565 Mickleham Road Greenvale - Use and development of a service station, convenience shop, display of illuminated and pole signage, vegetation removal, variation of the requirements of Clause 52.12 of the Hume Planning Scheme (Service Station) and creation and alteration of access to road zone category 1
SOURCE:	Henry Dong, Town Planner
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	P19545
POLICY:	Hume Planning Scheme
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENTS:	1. <i>Locality Map</i> 2. <i>Proposed Plan</i>

Application No:	P19545
Proposal:	Use and development of a service station, convenience shop, display of illuminated and pole signage, vegetation removal, variation of the requirements of Clause 52.12 of the <i>Hume Planning Scheme</i> (Service Station) and creation and alteration of access to road zone category 1
Location:	565 Mickleham Road, Greenvale
Zoning:	Urban Growth Zone 7
Applicant:	Trustee for Ramvest Greenvale Unit Trust
Date Received:	29 April 2016

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 An application has been received for the use and development of a service station, convenience shop, display of illuminated and pole signage, variation of the requirements of Clause 52.12 and creation and alteration of access to Road Zone Category 1.
- 1.2 A Failure to Determine appeal, pursuant to Section 79 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987*, has been lodged by the permit applicant with the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in relation to this matter.
- 1.3 Where a Failure to Determine appeal has been lodged Council cannot issue a formal decision however Council is required to form a position to present to the Tribunal at future hearings.
- 1.4 The land is located within the Woodlands Precinct Structure Plan (WPSP) area. The application has been assessed against the relevant policies and provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme and fails to comply with key policy objectives particularly those outlined in the WPSP. The proposal is considered not to be appropriate for the site, accordingly it is recommended that the application not be supported.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council having considered the merits of the application, resolves to advise the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal that a view has been formed to not support the application for the use and development of a service station, convenience shop, display of illuminated and pole signage, variation of the requirements of Clause 52.12 and creation and alteration of access to Road Zone Category 1 at 565 Mickleham Road, Greenvale, on the following grounds:

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1. The proposed service station is an inappropriate use for the site.
2. The proposal does not embody the character of Woodlands Historic Park and the adjacent low density residential character.
3. The proposal is incompatible with the existing and desired future character of the Woodlands Precinct Structure Plan area.
4. The proposal will provide for an inappropriate interface to the Woodlands Historic Park.
5. The proposal will cause detrimental amenity impact to the adjoining low density residential character.
6. The proposal does not support the retention of remnant native vegetation and will result in the loss of significant native vegetation.
7. The proposal does not address the matter of Aboriginal culture and heritage and no Cultural and Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) has been provided.

3. PROPOSAL:

3.1 Details of the proposal can be summarised as follows:

- It is proposed to use and develop the front portion of the subject site (approximately 3000 square metres) into a service station. An existing dwelling occupying the rear portion of the land will be retained.
- The proposal also includes a convenience shop that proposes a floor area of approximately 320 square metres.
- The height of the convenience shop is approximately 4.5 metres.
- The service station and convenience shop will feature the typical BP corporate colour scheme.
- Twelve car parking spaces are proposed including eight spaces in front of the convenience shop and four spaces located on the south side of the service station, next to the car vacuum and air pump.
- A pole sign is proposed at the south east corner of the site with a height of approximately 7 metres.
- The proposal includes the removal of three indigenous trees.
- Access to the site is via a new vehicle crossing facing Mickleham Road.
- It is proposed to have 24 hour operation for the service centre.
- The deliveries and loading / unloading of goods will occur between 7am and 10pm.
- A service road is proposed along the front of the subject land to serve traffic for the service station, the dwelling at the rear of the subject land and adjoining property to the north.
- The proposal also seeks variation to the requirements of Clause 52.12 (Service Station) of the *Hume Planning Scheme*, however the proposal is unclear as to which specific requirement within Clause 52.12 that it seeks to vary.

4. SITE AND SURROUNDS:

4.1 The subject land is located at 565 Mickleham Road, Greenvale and is an irregularly shaped allotment. It has a frontage of approximately 91 metres to Mickleham Road and a depth of approximately 261 metres, covering a total land area of approximately 2.1 hectares.

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- 4.2 The subject land is located on the west side of Mickleham Road. The land's northern boundary abuts a rural residential property (585 Mickleham Rd Greenvale) that has similar shape and size. The western and southern boundaries of the land immediately about the Woodlands Historic Park.
- 4.3 The topography of the land is that it rises gently from the front towards the rear (east to west).
- 4.4 A dam currently exists on the south east corner of the land. The access to the land is currently via an existing vehicle crossing facing Mickleham Road.
- 4.5 Existing vegetation, including mature trees are scattered throughout the entire subject land.
- 4.6 The part of the land that is intended to be used for the proposed service station is located at the front portion of the land and has an area of approximately 3000 square metres.
- 4.7 The land is not affected by any easements.

Restriction on Title:

- 4.8 There are no registered restrictive covenants or Section 173 agreement registered on the title.

Background / Context:

- 4.9 The WPSP consists of 15 properties located to the south of Providence Road and west of Mickleham Road. These properties back onto the Woodlands Historic Park which is a State Park comprising of open river red gum woodland.
- 4.10 These 15 properties originally formed part of the exhibited Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan, and were known as the 'Panhandle' area. Due to concerns by submitters and Council the 'Panhandle' area was excised from the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan post Panel Hearing and approved as part of the separate WPSP.
- 4.11 The WPSP land was excised from the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan, and approved as a separate low density Precinct Structure Plan in an attempt to provide a better outcome in terms of recognising existing vegetation, bushfire management risks and the lands in proximity to the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay.
- 4.12 The underlying Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) provides an appropriate transition from the Woodlands Historic Park to the west and Low Density Residential land to the east of Mickleham Road.

5. PLANNING CONTROLS:

- 5.1 The following policies and provisions of the *Hume Planning Scheme ("The Scheme")* are relevant in the consideration of the application:

<i>State Policies:</i>	Clause 11.02: Planning for Growth Areas. Clause 11.02-1: Supply of Urban Land Clause 15.01-1: Urban Design Clause 15.01-2: Urban Design Principles Clause 15.01-4: Design for Safety Clause 17.01-1: Business
<i>Municipal Strategies:</i>	Clause 21.02-2: Health and Safety Clause 21.03-1: Employment

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	Clause 21.04-1: Infrastructure
	Clause 21.05-1: Biodiversity
	Clause 21.05-4: landscape
	Clause 21.08: Particular Uses and Development
<i>Local Policies:</i>	None applicable
<i>Zones:</i>	Urban Growth Zone No.7
	Low Density Residential Zone
<i>Overlays:</i>	Nil
<i>Particular Provisions:</i>	Clause 52.06: Car Parking
	Clause 52.12: Service Station
	Clause 52.17: Native Vegetation
	Clause 52.29: Land Adjacent to a Road Zone, Category 1 or a Public Acquisition Overlay for a Category 1 road
<i>General Provisions:</i>	Clause 65.01: Approval of an Application or Plan

- 5.2 The subject land is located within an Urban Growth Zone Schedule 7 (UGZ7). The Urban Growth Zone Schedule 7 relates to the Woodland Precinct Structure Plan and pursuant to the Clause 2.2 of the UGZ7, the implied zone for the subject land is a Low Density Residential Zone. The purpose of Low Density Residential Zone is:
- *To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*
 - *To provide for low-density residential development on lots which, in the absence of reticulated sewerage, can treat and retain all wastewater.*
- 5.3 Clause 52.12 of the *Hume Planning Scheme* relates to Service Station. The purpose of this Clause is:
- *To ensure that amenity, site layout and design are considered when land is to be used for a service station, especially if the site adjoins a residential zone.*
 - *To ensure that use of land for a service station does not impair traffic flow or road safety.*
- 5.4 Clause 52.17 of the *Hume Planning Scheme* relates to Native Vegetation. The purpose of this clause is:
- *To ensure permitted clearing of native vegetation results in no net loss in the contribution made by native vegetation to Victoria's biodiversity. This is achieved through the following approach:*
 - *Avoid the removal of native vegetation that makes a significant contribution to Victoria's biodiversity.*
 - *Minimise impacts on Victoria's biodiversity from the removal of native vegetation.*
 - *Where native vegetation is permitted to be removed, ensure that an offset is provided in a manner that makes a contribution to Victoria's biodiversity that is equivalent to the contribution made by the native vegetation to be removed.*
 - *To manage native vegetation to minimise land and water degradation.*
 - *To manage native vegetation near buildings to reduce the threat to life and property from bushfire.*

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5.5 The site is not affected by any planning overlays.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

5.6 Part of the land is located within an area of aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity as described in the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007. The proposed use and development is a high impact activity as defined under Division 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulation 2007* and is not exempt from the requirement of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). No CHMP has been provided and no information has been submitted by the applicant about Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters.

Major Electricity Transmission Line

5.7 The land is not located within 60 metres of a major electricity transmission line.

Planning Permit Trigger/s

5.8 Pursuant to Clause 32.03-1 of the *Hume Planning Scheme* (Low Density Residential Zone), a service station is a discretionary section 2 use. A planning permit is required for the proposed service station.

5.9 Pursuant to Clause 52.17-2 of the *Hume Planning Scheme*, a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, including dead native vegetation.

5.10 Pursuant to Clause 52.29 of the *Hume Planning Scheme*, a planning permit is required to create or alter access to a road in a road zone category 1.

6. REFERRALS:

6.1 The application was externally referred to VicRoads for comments under Section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. VicRoads has no objection to the proposal.

6.2 The application was internally referred to Council's Strategic Planning, Sustainable Environment and Asset departments for comments. Both the Strategic Planning and Sustainable Environment departments have considered that that the application should not be supported.

7. ADVERTISING:

7.1 Pursuant to Clause 37.07-13 of the *Hume Planning Scheme*, An application under any provision of this scheme which is generally in accordance with the precinct structure plan applying to the land 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, unless the schedule to this zone specifies otherwise.

8. ASSESSMENT:

Use

8.1 The WPSP is the only Precinct Structure Plan within Hume that utilises the LDRZ as the underlying zone. As outlined above, this different approach is due to the locational attributes and context of the land. The consequence of this different approach is that the Woodlands Precinct Structure Plan is a unique area that will provide for a different character and housing product to that of other residential areas.

8.2 The vision of the WPSP is “to promote development that supports the retention of remnant native vegetation and embodies the character of Woodlands Historic Park and the adjacent low density residential character”.

8.3 The first question to be raised is whether the development ‘supports the retention of remnant native vegetation’.

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- 8.4 The development is of a size and scale that is significantly greater than the low density residential development anticipated by the WPSP. This size and scale is of a nature that necessitates the removal of a number of indigenous trees. It is considered that the development does not support the retention of remnant native vegetation.
- 8.5 The second question is whether the development *'embodies the character of Woodlands Historic Park and the adjacent low density residential character'*.
- 8.6 The use of the front portion of the site for a petrol station will result in a level of development which is over and above that considered and anticipated within the precinct. The Precinct Structure Plan envisages low density residential development that preserves the attractiveness and amenity of this prominent stretch of land. It is considered that a petrol station will provide a commercial interface that will detract from the attractiveness and amenity of the precinct through a number of means including, lighting, hours of operation, noise, building bulk and visual appearance, signage and traffic.
- 8.7 The WPSP seeks to provide for low density urban development. The Precinct Structure Plan objectives, requirements and guidelines provide a clear picture of the desired image and character of the precinct. It is clear from reading the Precinct Structure Plan that a petrol station is not an intended or desired land use within this precinct. A petrol station would not only detract from the amenity and low density character of the precinct, but would impact on the amenity of residents within the precinct. Whilst it is acknowledged that petrol stations are necessary land uses, and that they are often located adjacent to residential land uses, in this instance the WPSP demands a greater level of residential amenity than that expected within other residential Precinct Structure Plan areas.
- 8.8 The proposal does not provide for adequate landscaping and separation distances to future surrounding residential properties. In particular no landscaping is shown along the northern site boundary and limited screening along the western site boundary. It is considered that the petrol station is sited too close to the western site boundary and will result in a reduced level of amenity for future residential development on the balance of the site. The 24 hour operation of the service station will result in conflict with the future surrounding residential properties. In particular the inclusion and location of truck refilling is of particular concern given the residential interface.
- 8.9 The development does not appropriately interact with the low density nature of the area. The WPSP reinforces the need for development to reflect the low density residential character rather than detract from it. The proposed development is significant in scale, bulk and architectural treatments that do not blend into the landscape. The scale, bulk and design are exacerbated by the proposed vegetation removal and lack of landscape treatment. The 24 operation and illuminated signs are considered incompatible with existing and desired future character of the WPSP.
- 8.10 Further to the concerns on residential amenity, it is considered that the development will provide for an inappropriate interface to the Woodlands Historic Park. The Woodlands Historic Park is located directly to the south of the proposed service station, with the access, car parking and pylon sign directly abutting the historic park. This proposal is not a low density development, does not address Woodlands Historic Park and creates an industrial like interface to the park which does not exist in any other location within the parkland. The commercial nature of the petrol station and amenity impacts such as those outlined above are not consistent with, or supportive of the character of the Woodlands Historic Park, and will impact on the currently levels of amenity enjoyed by the site. Guidelines and requirements G1, R6 and R8 of the WPSP specifically direct development to address the interface with the Woodlands Historic Park.

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- 8.11 Desired locational characteristics for a petrol station include access from a connector or arterial road, proximity to other community uses such as an activity centre or other commercial uses and ease of access for traffic. The subject site is located within a low density residential precinct, is not located adjacent to other supporting land uses, and has limited access, with traffic only able to enter the site from the south. It is considered that there are other sites within close proximity that provide the desired land use attributes for a petrol station, including several preferred sites within the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan, that are located within or adjacent to neighbourhood activity centres.
- 8.12 The WPSP requires service roads to be designed to minimise the number of new access points to Mickleham Road and have been designed to accommodate three existing lots (or a maximum of 24 low density residential lots if developed in accordance with the WPSP. These service roads were not designed or intended to be used for high volume land uses such as a petrol station. It is not considered an appropriate or acceptable outcome that these future low density residential lots share a service road with users of the petrol station. Furthermore the vehicle entry/exit to the site will provide for an increased level of traffic not anticipated within this Precinct Structure Plan and will result in significant conflict with the bicycle and pedestrian shared path.
- 8.13 The WPSP is a small fragmented Precinct Structure Plan and development within the plan needs to consider the site holistically as a whole and should avoid any further fragmentation of land. The proposal provides for the development of the front portion of the site, with no consideration to the development or balance of the site, or how the development will be integrated into the balance of the site and the surrounding neighbourhood. It is considered that the proposed access arrangements for the balance of the site, (assumed residential), will result in conflict with the petrol station traffic, including heavy vehicle traffic, as they enter/exit the site via the same access point.
- 8.14 No CHMP has been provided and no information has been submitted by the applicant about Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters.

9. CONCLUSION

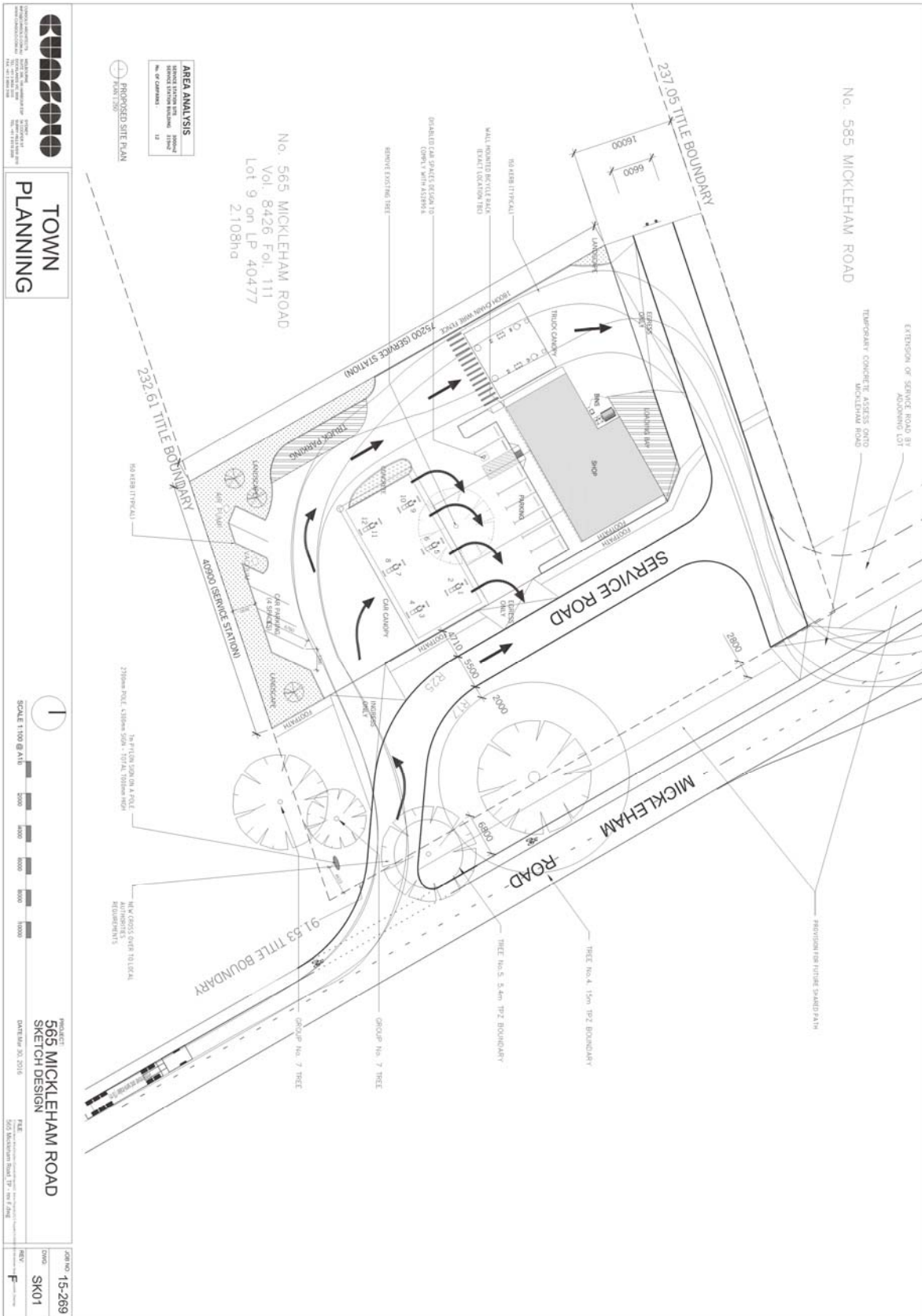
In summary it is considered that the proposed use is inappropriate for the area and development does not embody the character of Woodlands Historic Park & the adjacent low density residential character. As the result, it is recommended that Council not support the proposal.

LOCALITY PLAN

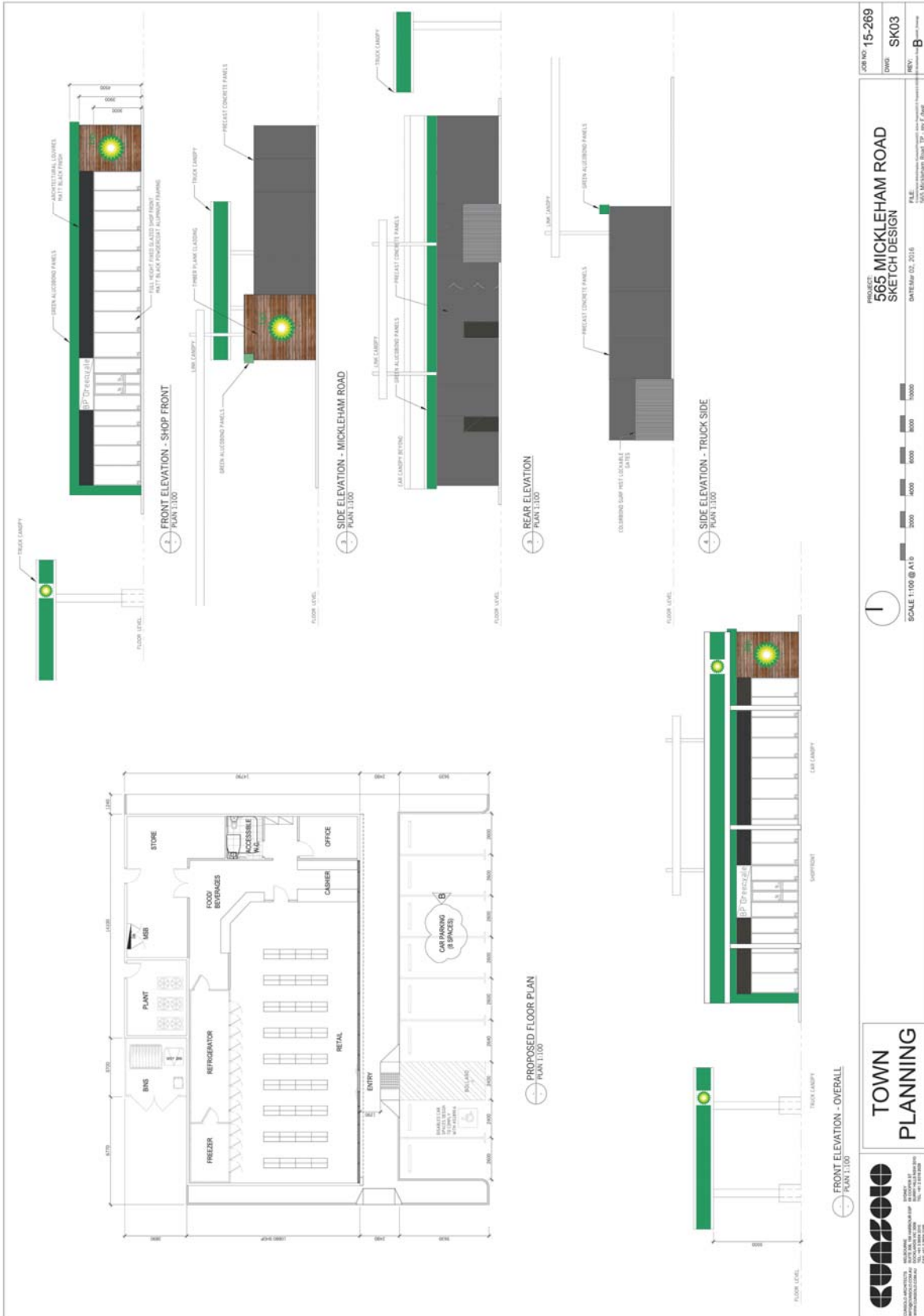
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565 Mickleham Road Greenvale









REPORT NO:	SU190
REPORT TITLE:	65 Carroll Lane, Greenvale - Mutlilot Subdivision and Removal of Native Vegetation
SOURCE:	Blake Hogarth-Angus, Town Planner (Growth Areas)
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	P19734
POLICY:	Hume Planning Scheme
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Proposed Plan</i>2. <i>Zoning Map</i>3. <i>Road Network Implementation Plan</i>4. <i>Drainage Scheme</i>

Application No:	P19734
Proposal:	Multi-lot subdivision and removal of native vegetation
Location:	65 Carroll Lane, Greenvale
Zoning:	Urban Growth Zone Schedule 6
Applicant:	Tract Consultants
Date Received:	7 th July 2016

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 This planning application is for a multi-lot residential subdivision and vegetation removal. The application is exempt from the statutory public notice process under the relevant provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme, and as a result, there are no objectors to this application.
- 1.2 A Failure to Determine appeal, pursuant to Section 79 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* has been lodged by the permit applicant with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in relation to this matter.
- 1.3 Where a Failure to Determine appeal has been lodged, Council cannot issue a formal decision however Council is required to form a position to present to the Tribunal at future hearings
- 1.4 The main issues relating to this application are:
 - The subdivision is premature as the proposal would trigger the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) requirement to construct road infrastructure along Section Road, and Providence Road, to connect to the developer works completed as part of 695 Mickleham Road. In the absence of the required road network items specified in the PSP being constructed, the subdivision is premature, out of sequence and not in accordance with the PSP.
 - The lack of any evaluation of existing vegetation on the site to identify opportunities for retention and incorporation into the subdivision layout, in response to the landscape character of the area and in line with the relevant provisions of the PSP and ResCode.

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- The servicing report submitted with this application outlines that drainage is reliant on the approval of an adjacent subdivision and the drainage infrastructure delivered as part of these works. Given the lack of road infrastructure being proposed, this in turn creates drainage issues considering the subdivision is reliant on the adjoining development (50-80 Carroll Lane) providing the drainage outfalls in anticipation of the permanent storm water drainage scheme becoming available for the Greenvale Central PSP area. This interim arrangement proposed at 50-80 Carroll Lane is not only inconsistent with what is required under the Greenvale Central PSP but reflects the prematurity of this subdivision, particularly when considering that at this stage, the site is unable to connect its drainage via undeveloped properties adjoining the site even if the ultimate drainage strategy were to be delivered. Furthermore, a permit has not been issued for this site as the VCAT case for that application is being heard in conjunction with this one.
- 1.5 The application has been assessed against the relevant policies and provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme and fails to comply with key policy objectives particularly those outlined in the Greenvale Central PSP. The proposal fails to deliver crucial road and drainage infrastructure as required by the PSP, does not demonstrate a site responsive design in regard to consideration of the landscape character of the area, and the retention of native vegetation. Accordingly, it is recommended that the application not be supported.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

- 2.1 **Having considered the application on its merits, resolves to not support the proposed multi-lot subdivision at 65 Carroll Road, Greenvale for the following reasons:**
- 2.1.1 **The proposed subdivision does not provide for the construction of road network items LR15, LR14, LR13 and part of LR12 as required by the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan.**
 - 2.1.2 **The design and layout of the proposed subdivision does not respond to the site constraints and context. Specifically the proposal does not adequately respond to the landscape character of the area and has not appropriately considered the landscape value of existing native, indigenous and exotic vegetation and fails to retain significant vegetation.**
 - 2.1.3 **The proposed subdivision will be premature, relying on the drainage works proposed as part of the 50-80 Carroll Lane subdivision in anticipation of Melbourne Water delivering the ultimate retarding basin proposed for the Greenvale Precinct Structure Plan area.**
- 2.2 **Delegates officers to negotiate on the above points based on any additional and relevant information provided as part of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal compulsory conference scheduled for the application.**

3. PROPOSAL:

- 3.1 The application proposes a multi-lot residential subdivision on the land (see Attachment 1). The proposed subdivision comprises the following:
- Thirty Nine allotments ranging in size from 420sq.m. to 708sq.m.
 - The Greenvale Central PSP identifies a total net developable area of 2.36 hectares across the site and allows for a conventional density of 14 dwellings per hectare.
 - Most lots are rectangular with a width ranging from 12.5m to 16.46m.

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- Access to the site will be provided from Section Road to the west and Carroll Lane to the east; connected via a single 16m local road. Section Road is currently a rural standard road requiring upgrading under the PSP and the construction of Carroll Lane is dependent on adjoining land owners. None of the required road infrastructure outlined in the PSP is proposed as part of the application.
- Five lots will have direct access onto Section Road; two lots will front onto Carroll Lane and the remaining lots will be orientated to the internal access road.

4. SITE AND SURROUNDS:

The Site

- 4.1 The site is a 2.3ha parcel of land located at 65 Carroll Lane, Greenvale (See Attachment 2).
- 4.2 The site is semi regular in shape with a curved frontage of approximately 99m to Carroll Lane at the eastern interface and a 91.5m frontage to Section Road at the western end.
- 4.3 The site is relatively flat with a slight fall to the east of the property.
- 4.4 The property currently comprises of a single dwelling, ancillary outbuildings, water tank tennis court and dam.
- 4.5 The site features extensive vegetation cover comprising mature and semi-mature indigenous and exotic trees and shrubs and each lot currently has a dam present.

Surrounding Area

- 4.6 The site is located within the southern portion of the Greenvale Central PSP area which is bound by Mickleham Road to the east, Section Road to the west, Somerton Road to the north and Providence Road to the south. The interfaces to the Greenvale Central PSP southern precinct consist of residential neighbourhoods comprising larger one acre land holdings forming part of the established areas of Greenvale directly east of Mickleham Road. The Woodlands Precinct Structure Area is located directly south of the Greenvale Central PSP and proposes low density residential allotments as a transitional buffer to the Woodlands Historic Reserve. The Greenvale West Precinct Structure Plan proposes conventional and higher density residential subdivision opportunities north of Somerton Road. Land west of Section Road contains the Greenvale Recreation Reserve which features multiple sporting grounds as well as the western portion of the Woodlands Historic Reserve.
- 4.7 The area proximate to the subject site consists mostly of regular shaped allotments of over 2ha each. Much like the subject site, these lots are able to be further subdivided into conventional and medium density housing lots to a minimum density of 14 dwellings per net developable hectare as determined by the Greenvale Central PSP.
- 4.8 Currently, the properties along Carroll Lane are used primarily for residential properties in a low density setting. Dwellings are significantly set back from boundaries and are surrounded by low level pasture and scattered canopies of mature native and exotic species.
- 4.9 The section of Carroll Lane adjacent to the front boundary of the subject site is a sealed road built to a rural standard which extends south east to Providence Road and slightly north to the northern boundary of 75 Carroll Lane. Beyond this point heading northwards, Carroll Lane narrows to an unconstructed road reservation. South of the site, Carroll Lane continues as a rural sealed road for approximately 370m where it connects to a recently completed urban road upgrade associated with the subdivision of land at 695 Mickleham Road. This partial road upgrade is shown as item LR12 on Plan 10 of the Local Road Network Implementation Plan in the PSP (see Attachment 3).

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4.10 Restrictions on Title

4.11 There is a restrictive covenant on the title of the land, instrument F842764. The restrictive covenant restricts the development of the land to one dwelling. Currently, the restriction prevents the further subdivision of the land as it would enable multiple dwellings to be constructed on the parent titles, contravening the covenant's requirement.

4.12 Planning Scheme Amendment C154 (Part 1) was approved by the Minister for Planning and gazetted on 23 January 2014. The amendment incorporated the Greenvale Central PSP and Development Contributions Plan into the Hume Planning Scheme. The amendment also incorporated the site into the schedule of clause 52.02 (Easements, Restrictions and Reserves), which identifies this restrictive covenant as one for removal without the need for a planning permit (but requiring prior Council approval under the Subdivision Act 1988 to enable registration of the covenant removal on title with Land Registry) to streamline the delivery of the Precinct Structure Plan.

4.13 Council has not received a request to remove the restrictive covenants under section 23 of the Subdivision Act 1988. A planning permit cannot be issued until this covenant is removed.

Planning History

4.14 A review of available Council records did not produce any previous planning permits relevant to the subject land.

4.15 It's important to note that during the assessment period of this application, a request for further information was sent to the applicant on 24 August 2016. The request required the following information:

- A Traffic Impact Assessment outlining access arrangements, anticipated traffic volumes, road construction and timing (amongst other matters)
- Functional road layouts for each road in the subdivision. This must incorporate the full extent of road construction required under the PSP and DCP. It is unclear how the lot is proposed to be accessed given it is out of sequence and has substantial road construction obligations as per the PSP.
- An Arboricultural Report prepared by a suitably qualified Arborist that assesses the health and condition of the trees on the site and adjoining road reserve.
- Survey plan that shows all trees accurately plotted including their tree protection zones, whether the tree is proposed to be retained or removed, and labelled in accordance with the Arborist Report to be provided
- Cross sections for each road
- An outline Drainage Report for the proposed subdivision
- Confirmation that the Section Road and Carroll Lane interfaces will be constructed to urban standards, as table drains are not permitted.

A response to this further information has not been received by Council. Council continues to have significant concerns with the proposal and its failure to deliver required infrastructure and assess and retain native vegetation to meet the landscape character objectives of the PSP.

5. PLANNING CONTROLS:

5.1 The following policies and provisions of the *Hume Planning Scheme* ("the Scheme") are relevant in the consideration of the application:

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<i>State Policies:</i>	Clause 11: Settlement Clause 11.02-1: Supply of Urban Land Clause 11.02-2: Planning for Growth Areas Clause 11.02-3: Structure Planning Clause 11.02-4: Sequencing of Development <u>Clause 11.04: Metropolitan Melbourne</u> Clause 11.04-2: Housing Choice and Affordability Clause 11.04-2: Liveable Communities and Neighbourhoods Clause 12: Environmental and Landscape Values Clause 12.01: Biodiversity Clause 15: Built Environment and Heritage <u>Clause 15.01: Urban Environment</u> Clause 15.01-1: Urban Design Clause 15.01-3 Neighbourhood and Subdivision Design Clause 15.01-5: Cultural Identity and Neighbourhood Character Clause 15-02-1: Energy and Resource Efficiency Clause 16: Housing Clause 16.01: Residential Development Clause 18: Transport Clause 18.01-1: Land Use and Transport Planning Clause 18.02: Movement Networks
<i>Municipal Strategies:</i>	Clause 21.02-1: Housing Clause 21.02-2: Health and Safety Clause 21.04: Infrastructure Clause 21.05: Natural Environment and Built Environment Clause 21.06-5: Local Areas (Greenvale, Attwood and Westmeadows Neighbourhoods) Clause 21.08: Particular Uses and Development
<i>Local Policies:</i>	Nil
<i>Zones:</i>	Clause 37.07: Urban Growth Zone (Schedule 6)
<i>Overlays:</i>	Development Contributions Plan (Schedule 6)
<i>Particular Provisions:</i>	Clause 52.01: Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision Clause 52.02: Easements, Restrictions and Reserves Clause 52.17: Native Vegetation Clause 56: Residential Subdivision (ResCode)
<i>General Provisions:</i>	Clause 65.02: Approval of an Application to Subdivide Land

- 5.2 It is State policy to create urban environments that are safe, functional and provide a diversity of choice with high standards of urban design and amenity. Urban environments are also required to generate a sense of place and cultural identity while contributing positively to the local urban character.
- 5.3 A key State planning policy identified in the Hume Planning Scheme relates to sequencing of development in growth areas so that service delivery is coordinated and available from early in the life of new communities. Of note is the need to ensure that planning for water supply, sewerage and drainage works receive high priority in early planning for new developments.
- 5.4 Clause 11.04 relates to Plan Melbourne. The strategies of relevance to this application relate to housing diversity, choice and affordability to cater for different households as well as to maximise opportunities for employment and social and physical services. The Metropolitan Melbourne Strategy also identifies the need to create healthy and attractive neighbourhoods by creating neighbourhoods that support safe communities

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and healthy lifestyles that are planned to provide for future social infrastructure that create usable public spaces and achieve and promote design excellence.

- 5.5 Clause 12.01 of the Hume Planning Scheme has the stated objective of assisting in the protection and conservation of Victoria's biodiversity. The clause encourages the use of statewide biodiversity information to identify high value biodiversity and consider the impact of development on these values.
- 5.6 Clause 15.01 of the Hume Planning Scheme identifies the need to ensure land use, development and subdivision appropriately respond to the immediate landscape, valued built form and cultural context by designing and creating quality built environments that support the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of communities. This clause recognises the following strategies of relevance to this application:
- Promote good urban design to make the environment more liveable and attractive.
 - Ensure new development or redevelopment contributes to community and cultural life by improving safety, diversity and choice, the quality of living and working environments, accessibility and inclusiveness and environmental sustainability.
 - Require development to respond to its context in terms of urban character, cultural heritage, natural features, surrounding landscape and climate.
 - Encourage retention of existing vegetation or revegetation as part of subdivision and development proposals.
 - Provide 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.
 - Contribute to reducing car dependence 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 and a convenient and safe road network.
 - Creation of a strong sense of place.
 - Protecting and enhancing native habitat
 - Environmentally friendly development that includes improved energy efficiency, water conservation, local management of stormwater and waste water treatment, less waste and reduced air pollution.
 - Creation of accessible neighbourhoods for people with disabilities.
- 5.7 Clause 18.01-1 of the Hume Planning Scheme pertains to Land Use and Transport Planning and seeks to ensure the provision of a safe and sustainable transport system by integrating land use and transport. One of the key strategies in achieving this is to provide routing, bus stop and interchange arrangements for public transport services in new development areas.
- 5.8 Clause 18.02 of the Hume Planning Scheme relates to Movement Networks. This clause seeks to promote the use of sustainable personal transport by creating safe and attractive pedestrian environments and offering a mix of sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Hume Municipal Strategic Statement

- 5.9 The Hume Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) outlines the vision for the future use and development of land in the Hume City Council. The MSS builds on State and regional planning objectives as well as strategies outlined in Council's Hume City Plan 2030.
- 5.10 Clause 21 of the Hume Planning Scheme contains a series of clauses and sub-clauses relating to the Hume MSS. Of particular relevance to this application are:

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- **Clause 21.02 (Community Wellbeing)**
 - Sub-clause 21.02-1 (Housing)
 - Sub-clause 21.02-2 (Health and Safety)
 - **Clause 21.05 (Natural Environment and Built Environment)**
 - Clause 21.05-1 (Biodiversity)
 - **Clause 21.06 (Local Areas)**
 - Clause 21.06-5 (Greenvale, Attwood and Westmeadows Neighbourhood)
 - **Clause 21.08 (Particular Uses and Development)**
- 5.11 The MSS recognises that a key challenge for the City of Hume is to increase the range of housing types available to meet the changing accommodation and lifestyle needs of the community. In the growth areas, the MSS sets as an objective the need to deliver urban growth in a manner that is cost effective, orderly and achieves the greatest social benefits to the community without diminishing the unique character and identity of the municipality.
- 5.12 Linked to this is the MSS's recognition of the key characteristics of the Greenvale local area. The MSS identifies Greenvale as a small, mainly residential community which is separated from Attwood and Westmeadows to the south by the east-west flight path for Melbourne Airport and from Meadow Heights to the east by open space and the future E-14 arterial road. With respect to development opportunities within the Greenvale area, the MSS currently identifies the need to protect the open, rural character of the area by limiting new urban development to designated areas and by protecting and maintaining the significant heritage and environmental features of the area.
- 5.13 Currently, the MSS provides for strategies aimed at protecting the existing subdivision patterns and character of land generally bounded by Somerton Road, Mickleham Road, Providence Road and the Attwood Police Complex, containing new urban residential development to existing and future urban residential designated areas of Greenvale while maintaining land west of Mickleham Road and north of Somerton Road as rural. Notwithstanding, the MSS sets important implementation criteria, requiring the exercise of discretion when using this particular policy direction.
- 5.14 The MSS states that when deciding on applications within the Greenvale area, consideration needs to be given to any approved Precinct Structure Plans.
- 5.15 One of the objectives of the MSS is the protection of the integrity of the City's biodiversity by ensuring that new subdivision proposals are accompanied by a written report explaining how the proposal has responded to the identified features of the site.
- 5.16 The protection and enhancement of the unique landscape features contribute to the character of the municipality and give the different suburbs within the City their own identity.
- 5.17 The MSS presents a number of strategic measures that aim to deliver well designed and integrated communities. Key strategies of relevance include:
- Limiting new urban residential development to designated areas where development can be serviced most efficiently as guided through a prepared and approved plan (such as a local structure plan) which shows and describes the overall pattern of development.
 - Ensure that urban growth within the Hume Corridor is orderly and integrated with existing urban areas to achieve the most cost-effective outcomes and social benefits to the community.
 - Ensure that all residents have convenient and safe access to a range of schools, jobs, leisure facilities and shops.
 - Provide opportunities for the community to participate in active and passive recreation in safe and attractive environments.

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Zoning and Overlay Provisions

- 5.18 The subject site is in the Urban Growth Zone (Schedule 6), under the provisions of Clause 37.07 of the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 5.19 Clause 37.07 applies two separate sets of provisions based on whether or not an application relates to land included within an approved precinct structure plan. Part A of the provisions applies to land parcels where a precinct plan has not been approved while Part B of the provisions relates to areas affected by an approved precinct structure plan.
- 5.20 Part B of Clause 37.07 is relevant to this application as the Greenvale Central PSP applies to the site. This triggers the provision of Clauses 37.07-9 to 37.07-16.
- 5.21 Of particular relevance to this application is Clause 37.07-10. This clause states that a planning permit is required to subdivide land. Any requirement in the schedule to the zone or the Greenvale Central PSP must be met.
- 5.22 A permit granted must:
- Be generally in accordance with the precinct structure plan applying to the land.
 - Include any conditions or requirements specified in the schedule to this zone or the Greenvale Central PSP.

Schedule 6 to the Urban Growth Zone relates to the Greenvale Central PSP area (see below).



- 5.23 Sub-clause 3.0 of Schedule 6 provides lodgement requirements for an application to subdivide land into 10 or more residential allotments. The specific assessment guidelines and criteria are provided in the Greenvale Central PSP documentation the details of which are outlined under the relevant sub-section of this report.

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- 5.24 The site is affected by the Development Contributions Plan Overlay under Clause 45.06 of the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 5.25 Under clause 45.06-1 of the Planning Scheme, a permit must not be granted to subdivide land, construct a building or construct or carry out works until a development contributions plan has been incorporated into the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 5.26 A permit granted must:
- *Be consistent with the provisions of the relevant development contributions plan.*
 - *Include any conditions require to give effect to any contributions or levies imposed, conditions or requirements set in the relevant schedule to this overlay.*
- 5.27 The Greenvale Central PSP Development Contribution Plan (DCP) has been prepared and incorporated into the Hume Planning Scheme. Schedule 6 of the Development Contributions Plan Overlay provides a summary outlining the contributions required to be paid for selected physical and social infrastructure.

Particular Provisions

- 5.28 Clause 52.17 of the Hume Planning Scheme relates to native vegetation. A permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation, including dead vegetation. Clause 52.17 provides an extensive series of exemptions to this provision none of which are applicable to this application.
- 5.29 Clause 52.17 also exempts the removal, destruction or lopping of specific native vegetation mentioned in the schedule to this clause as well as any area mentioned in this schedule. The exemptions under this schedule also do not apply.
- 5.30 Clause 52.17-1 states that where a native vegetation precinct plan corresponding to the land is incorporated into the Hume Planning Scheme, the provisions of clause 52.17 are not applicable.
- 5.31 Clause 52.16 relates to native vegetation precinct plans. Under this clause a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation including dead vegetation except where it is done in accordance with a native vegetation precinct plan incorporated into the Hume Planning Scheme or as stated in the relevant table of exemptions under clause 52.16-4.
- 5.32 Clause 52.16-2 states that a native vegetation precinct plan is a plan relating to native vegetation within a defined area, is incorporated into the relevant scheme and is listed in the schedule to this clause. A native vegetation precinct plan may form part of a more general strategic or precinct structure plan.
- 5.33 Although the Greenvale Central PSP (which includes a vegetation protection plan) is an incorporated document in the Hume Planning Scheme it has not been included in the schedule to this clause (52.16).
- 5.34 It is contended that the removal of native vegetation not specifically identified for removal under the Greenvale Central PSP would therefore require a planning permit under the provisions of clause 52.17 of the Hume Planning Scheme.

Greenvale Central Precinct Structure Plan

- 5.35 The Greenvale Central PSP affects approximately 208 hectares of land in two areas centred on the intersection of Mickleham Road and Somerton Road, Greenvale. The Greenvale Central PSP was prepared by the then Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) (now the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA)) with the assistance of the Hume City Council, Government agencies, service authorities and major stakeholders. The Greenvale Central PSP is a long term strategic plan to guide future urban development, describing how the land is expected to be developed, the services planned to support the development and how they will be delivered.

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5.36 The Vision of the Greenvale Central PSP is:

- *To create a neighbourhood that provides linkages with existing natural features and strong connections with nearby schools, recreational facilities, town centres and community amenities provided within Greenvale.*

5.37 Greenvale Central has been identified as a PSP area which can provide a mixture of housing choices whilst maximising opportunities for integration with adjacent regional parks, sporting and recreational facilities as well as existing retail/commercial facilities, schools and community services in the more established areas of Greenvale.

5.38 It is intended that the Greenvale Central PSP will offer a diverse range of housing product to support a range of households and lifestyles. Medium Density and small-lot housing will be positioned to maximise pedestrian access to areas of activity and amenity. The higher densities in the precinct will occur adjacent to Greenvale Shopping Centre, with additional medium density housing encouraged fronting the open space network. Conventional lots and traditional homes are expected to be developed throughout the precinct.

5.39 The Greenvale Central PSP identifies the following key objectives (of relevance to this application) to achieve the desired development outcomes for the precinct while guiding the implementation of the vision:

- *An image and character that:*
 - *Promotes retention of significant native trees within road reservations and public open spaces as a means of assimilating the precinct with its immediate surrounds.*
 - *Creates a sense of neighbourhoods that have unique built form characteristics and are linked visually and physically via the road and open space networks.*
 - *Provides a functional and safe built environment with a strong sense of place and community and civic pride for future residents.*
- *Housing that:*
 - *Provides a diversity of lot sizes and housing types to satisfy the needs and aspirations of the new and evolving community which attempts to achieve a minimum of 14 dwellings per Net Developable Hectare across the entire precinct.*
 - *Provides medium and higher density housing with a strong relationship to the public realm that is in proximity to community facilities, retail opportunities, open space and public transport routes.*
- *Neighbourhood Structure that:*
 - *Provides an integrated and accessible public open space network which offers attractive active and passive recreation opportunities linked via safe and comfortable pedestrian and cycling trail networks.*
 - *Establishes strong focal points for community activity and interaction with local and regional parks, including Greenvale Recreation Reserve and its connection to Greenvale Shopping Centre.*
 - *Creates cohesive neighbourhoods that are integrated across property boundaries.*
- *Connectivity that:*
 - *Ensures that every residential lot has constructed road access.*
 - *Establishes a street network that provides for safe and efficient operation of buses.*

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- *Supports the timely provision of bus services, walking and cycling links through the logical and sequential staging of development.*
- *Provides an integrated, grid-patterned road network featuring off-road pedestrian and cycle paths that connects directly to local bus routes.*
- *Servicing that:*
 - *Provides all lots with potable water, electricity, reticulated sewerage, drainage, gas and telecommunications.*
 - *Promotes the conservation, reuse and recycling of water through innovative solutions involving alternative water supplies as well as water use and its management.*
 - *Maximises water use efficiency, stormwater quality and long term viability of vegetation through the use of water sensitive urban design initiatives.*
- *Natural Systems that:*
 - *Recognises local vegetation protection areas as areas of special significance, natural beauty, interest and importance.*
 - *Preserves existing trees and other vegetation identified for retention.*

Greenvale Central Development Contributions

- 5.40 The Greenvale Central Development Contributions Plan (DCP) establishes the need for infrastructure in the Greenvale Central PSP area according to the anticipated development scenario as established in the PSP documentation. Infrastructure items included in the Greenvale Central DCP have been assessed to ensure they have a relationship or nexus to the proposed development in the PSP area. The cost apportionment methodology adopted in Greenvale Central DCP relies on this nexus principle.
- 5.41 The items that have been included in the Greenvale Central DCP have the following characteristics namely they:
- Are essential to the health, safety and well-being of the community
 - Will be used by a broad cross-section of the community
 - Reflect the vision and strategic aspirations as expressed in the Greenvale Central PSP
 - Are not recurrent items
 - Are the basis for the future development of an integrated network
- 5.42 The Greenvale Central DCP identifies infrastructure items that are considered to be normal to construction of a development and are not considered to warrant cost sharing arrangements beyond those set out in the DCP. They must be provided by developers as a matter of course and/or pursuant to agreements with servicing agencies in implementing the Greenvale Central PSP. The following is a list of items relevant to this application:
- internal streets and connector streets and associated traffic management measures, including streets on the edge of the Greenvale Central PSP, except as specified as DCP items.
 - Intersection connecting the development to the existing road network, except where specified as DCP items.
 - Water, sewerage, underground power, gas, telecommunications services.
 - Local pathways and connections to the regional and/or district pathway network.

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- Basic levelling, provision of biodiversity offsets, water tapping and landscaping of local passive open space.
 - Passive public open space reserve master plans and any agreed associated works required by the Greenvale Central PSP.
 - Bus stops.
- 5.43 The Greenvale Central DCP does not make provision for any key items of physical or social infrastructure required to be accommodated on the subject site. As a result, there are no DCP items that are required to be delivered upfront as part of this planning application.
- 5.44 The subdivision proposal will, therefore, be subject to the cost apportioned development contributions payments determined under the Greenvale Central DCP and outlined under Schedule 6 of the Development Contributions Plan Overlay (clause 45.06) of the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 5.45 In addition to the DCP payments, the subdivision proposal will also be subject to the payment of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). As with the development contributions, the CIL payments are outlined under Schedule 6 of the Development Contributions Plan Overlay (clause 45.06 of the Hume Planning Scheme). The payment of the CIL is undertaken on a 'per dwelling' basis and can either be paid up-front by the developer at the time of subdivision or by subsequent property owners prior to the issue of the Certificate of Occupancy by a registered Building Surveyor.
- 5.46 Following incorporation of the Greenvale Central DCP into the Hume Planning Scheme, Council has identified a number of errors, primarily relating to the DCP levies. These errors amount to shortfalls across the entire Greenvale Central PSP area both for the development infrastructure levy and the community infrastructure levy. Until the DCP is corrected, unless these shortfalls are voluntarily secured, the infrastructure under the DCP is underfunded and it will not be able to be delivered by the Council in its capacity as the collecting agency and development agency.
- 5.47 A considerable portion of the DCP shortfall is the result of incorrect identification of Net Developable Area (NDA) in both the Greenvale Central Precinct Structure and Development Contributions Plans. In calculating the NDA existing road reservations (both local and VicRoads roads) were incorrectly included. With respect to the sections of VicRoads roads along both Mickleham and Somerton Roads, these sections are not identified in the Greenvale Central PSP area.
- 5.48 The errors have been raised with the VPA there is a commitment to commence a correctional planning scheme amendment to rectify these issues. The VPA have advised that as part of this process, they would inform parties of the DCP miscalculations and will confirm with stakeholders the correct rate of DCP along with the financial obligations that should apply to their respective sites. This process is yet to be undertaken.
- 5.49 If Council were to issue planning permits before the corrections are made to the Greenvale Central PSP, without a voluntary agreement to collect funds, Council would have no recourse for the retrospective collection of the outstanding funds.
- 5.50 To resolve this matter either a condition would need to be included on any permit that issues requiring the payment of additional CIL and DIL or the applicant could elect to enter into a section 173 agreement to ensure that the CIL and DIL shortfalls are paid to Council. The permit condition option would be subject to any directives by VCAT.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- 5.51 The land is not located within an area identified as having Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity. A mandatory Cultural Heritage Management Plan is therefore not required to be prepared under the relevant provisions of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

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However, the application has provided a preliminary assessment report prepared by Terraculture which has evaluated the site to establish the likelihood of the site having any artefacts, features or locations of aboriginal cultural heritage significance. The findings of the report indicates that the site does not contain any immediately apparent objects or sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity and concludes that a voluntary Cultural Heritage Manage Plan is not required in this instance.

5.52 The provisions of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 will still be applicable to the site in the instance of any culturally significant object, artefact or site being discovered during the site's development.

Major Electricity Transmission Line

5.53 The land is not located within 60 metres of a major electricity transmission line.

6. REFERRALS:

6.1 The application was referred to internal departments as well as to external referral authorities as required under clause 66 of the Hume Planning Scheme.

6.2 Within Council, the application was referred to Subdivisions (Engineering), Landscape Planning, Sustainable Environment and Strategic Planning Departments.

6.3 The application was referred to the following referral authorities under clause 66 of the Hume Planning Scheme:

Referral Authority	Consent for Permit Issue? (Y/N)	Conditions? (Y/N)
Melbourne Water	Y	Y
Jemena	Y	Y
Downer	Y	No response received
Yarra Valley Water	Y	Y

7. ADVERTISING:

7.1 Clause 37.07-13 (Urban Growth Zone) of the Hume Planning Scheme states that an application required under any provision of this planning scheme which is generally in accordance with an approved precinct structure plan applying to the land 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 Planning and Environment Act 1987.

8. ASSESSMENT:

8.1 The proposal has failed to adequately satisfy several of the key objectives and design principles outlined in the Greenvale Central PSP, particularly in relation to the delivery of road and drainage infrastructure and the appropriate incorporation of established vegetation that currently exists on site. These matters are discussed in detail below.

Construction of Section Road and Carroll Lane

8.2 The Greenvale Central PSP provides clear direction concerning the sequencing of road construction and allocates road upgrades to property based development as well as DCP based projects. The Greenvale Central PSP recognises the need to extend road upgrades to other road infrastructure project property groupings in instances where subdivision is occurring out of sequence with existing upgraded roads.

8.3 The subdivision proposes to connect to Carroll Lane to the east; which will be delivered by other developers as part of separate subdivisions. This piece of road infrastructure is identified as item LR08 on plan 10 of the Local Road Network Implementation in the PSP.

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- 8.4 It should be noted that the subdivision of 50-80 Carroll Lane which will deliver this road link is yet to be determined and will go to a compulsory conference at VCAT on 15th February 2017. Consequently, at this point in time there is no guarantee that the application will be approved and LR08 constructed. It is unclear how this issue would be resolved if the 50-80 Carroll Lane subdivision permit is refused. The subject site is not required to deliver item LR08 because it is within a different property grouping; however if 50-80 Carroll Lane is refused, this road will still require an upgrade to urban standards as per the PSP.
- 8.5 Notwithstanding the uncertainties surrounding LR08, the subdivision must provide for item LR15 of the PSP; which is the upgrade of Section Road (south). Section Road is an existing rural grade road between Providence Road to the south and Somerton Road to the north. As per the PSP requirements, Section Road must be delivered to an urban standard by the initial developer, including the road carriageway and shared/pedestrian path.
- 8.6 To facilitate the orderly implementation of the local road network, the PSP outlines a number of Implementation areas which are identified by their street based group (letter) and stage (number) e.g. A1, A2, B1, B2 etc...
- 8.7 The PSP requires the initial developer to complete interim works, which will be completed in a gradual fashion by the subsequent developers to achieve the ultimate road standard. The exact delivery requirements of initial and subsequent developers are illustrated in Table 3 of the PSP- Local Road Network Deliverables (see attachment 3.) A proponent first initiating development within an Implementation Area is the initial developer; as is the case here.
- 8.8 Plan 10 of the PSP shows the subject site located within Implementation Area F4. This means the subject site is located in stage 4 of Implementation Area "F", preceded by the F1, F2 and F3 implementation Areas.
- 8.9 The PSP indicates that out of sequence development occurs when a Stage Implementation Area (F2) is developed before a Stage 1 (F1) Implementation Area. This principle also applies when a Stage 3 area (F3) is developed before a Stage 2 area (F2) or as proposed here, a Stage 4 area (F4) is developed before a Stage 2 and 3 area (F2, F3).
- 8.10 Where this situation occurs, the PSP clearly states that an out of sequence developer is responsible for providing the road infrastructure items attributed to the initial developer in the preceding stages, as detailed in Table 3.
- 8.11 In this instance, the developer is out of sequence and is responsible for the interim delivery of LR15 and LR14 between Bonds Lane and Providence Road, LR13 (Providence Road) and the westernmost portion of LR12 (also Providence Road) to connect to Carroll Lane.
- 8.12 The developer may also need to construct LR08 if the subdivision at 50-80 Carroll Lane does not proceed.
- 8.13 This road infrastructure is not included in the proposal and is contrary to the local road network implementation directives of the PSP.
- 8.14 The traffic generation proposed by this subdivision will therefore be reliant on a fully upgraded Carroll Lane to the south to allow appropriate connection to the Providence Road/Mickleham Road intersection. Whilst Carroll Lane would be able to accommodate the increased traffic flow from the development, the PSP does not envisage a scenario where out of sequence development is allowed to proceed without meeting their road infrastructure obligations. This would set an undesirable precedent where Council are in the difficult position of administering the completion of unfulfilled road requirements with different land owners in the future in an extremely fragmented area. In addition to the impracticalities of such an arrangement, Council could be open to legal challenges

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where a future developer is required to complete a section of road which should have been delivered by the initial out of sequence developer under the PSP.

Landscape Character Matters

- 8.15 The site presently contains several mature and semi-mature native and exotic tree species, with the most heavily vegetated areas being along the northern boundary of the lot. No Arborist reports have been submitted for the site, despite Council's further information request dated 24th August 2016. Without this site specific information, it is difficult for Council to make an informed determination of which trees are worthy of retention. However, Council's general knowledge of the PSP area and assessment of other similar properties suggests there are a number of significant tree species that should be retained and incorporated into the proposed subdivision layout.
- 8.16 While Council acknowledges that the vegetation across the site has not been specifically identified for retention through the Greenvale Central PSP (with an area of vegetation specifically identified for removal with habitat off-sets in the north east of the site) it is considered that a significant opportunity exists to look at options for incorporating some of the existing vegetation on the site into the subdivision layout to enhance its future neighbourhood character. The Greenvale Central PSP has objectives relating to integrating indigenous vegetation into road reserves and open space networks to help contribute to the character of the area. Exploration of opportunities for the proposed subdivision to incorporate some of the existing vegetation has merit and such an outcome would contribute positively to the landscape character of this area, consistent with guiding principles and objectives of the native vegetation provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme, the Greenvale Central PSP and ResCode.
- 8.17 The proposal currently provides no consideration or scope as to how existing vegetation can be retained to provide for the landscape character of the area and assumes all the vegetation will be removed. Opportunities may exist to accommodate some of the existing vegetation into the subdivision to respond to the landscape character of the area. However, Council has been unable to explore these options despite consistent requests to the applicant to undertake a detailed assessment of all vegetation present on the land in context with a responsive subdivision layout.
- 8.18 At this stage, it is considered in the absence of detailed information about the vegetation on the site Council is not in a position to support the proposal particularly given the requirements of the Greenvale Central PSP, State and Local Planning Polices and Rescode, the native vegetation provisions under clause 52.17 of the Hume Planning Scheme.

Drainage Matters

- 8.19 The subdivision will ultimately rely on a permanent retarding basin system (on 715 and 725 Mickleham Road, Greenvale) to be constructed by Melbourne Water as part of the Attwood Creek Drainage Scheme identified in the Greenvale Central PSP (see attachment 4). Before the delivery of this ultimate drainage system, the subdivision proposes to rely on completion of drainage works via 50-80 Carroll Lane providing an outfall, which is proposing an interim drainage network.
- 8.20 To date, Melbourne Water has not formally confirmed when it will be able to provide the ultimate retarding basin. This raises significant concerns about the uncertainty as to how long the subdivision will need rely on an interim drainage system in anticipation of the ultimate drainage system being delivered.
- 8.21 The absence of the ultimate retarding basin has brought into question the appropriateness of delivering a residential subdivision in the Greenvale Central PSP ahead of essential infrastructure being available. The proposal provides no certainty about how the interim drainage system will be managed beyond the subdivision's completion.

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- 8.22 Even if a management regime could be agreed on for the temporary basin, it is still uncertain how effective or appropriate for Council or Melbourne Water to monitor, manage and enforce, especially once the subdivision is complete and there are no longer any incentives for the original proponent to commit and comply with any such management agreements.
- 8.23 The application has failed to acknowledge that, the provision of the ultimate Melbourne Water retarding basin the site cannot guarantee immediate connection to it. The site is reliant on a drainage strategy which requires stormwater connecting to a formalised drainage network on adjoining properties as part of their future development. Given the fragmented land ownership within this Precinct Structure Plan and the sporadic development fronts occurring within it, it could very well be that the site will be unable to connect to the ultimate drainage network for a considerable timeframe.

ResCode Assessment (Clause 56 of the Hume Planning Scheme)

- 8.24 In addition to these matters, a detailed ResCode assessment under clause 56 of the Hume Planning Scheme has also been undertaken proposal:

Strategic Implementation (Standard C1)

- 8.25 The application documentation submitted with the application demonstrates how the subdivision layout and design are generally consistent with the Greenvale Central PSP as well as the complying with the relevant planning policy directives of the Hume Planning Scheme.
- 8.26 The application, however, has not satisfied matters relating to road access and drainage management and how the proposal has responded to elements of landscape character and vegetation removal.

Liveable and Sustainable Communities (Standards C2 to C6)

- 8.27 The subdivision implements growth area and approved land-use and development strategies as outlined in the Greenvale Central PSP. The proposed subdivision will contribute to the provision of an accessible and compact PSP area, ensuring suitable connectivity to social and physical infrastructure both existing and proposed within the immediate area.
- 8.28 Broadly the subdivision will ensure local roads allow for suitable permeability and connectivity with future residential subdivisions within the PSP area while facilitating walkability, local passive and active open space facilities as well as future public transport networks. The full construction of the local road network as per the PSP is a key element that needs further clarification as part of the proposal.
- 8.29 The proposed subdivision broadly responds to layout and siting as indicated in the Greenvale Central PSP. However, the opportunity exists to explore the quality of some of the existing vegetation on the site and how that could be better incorporated into the subdivision layout (where appropriate) to enable a stronger landscape character response.

Lot Design (Standards C7 to C11)

- 8.30 The subdivision plan provides a lot density and ratio consistent with the Greenvale Central PSP. The lot ranges will ensure that there is a reasonable mix of lots accommodating medium density and conventional dwellings. The mix of lot types will be in context with the level of social and physical infrastructure anticipated as part of the Greenvale Central PSP in addition to infrastructure and facilities already present in the surrounding area.
- 8.31 The site is aligned in a manner that allows an appropriate solar orientation for the lots based on the shape of the parent lots and internal road alignment.

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8.32 The subdivision has also been designed in a manner that allows all lots within the proposal to directly address the internal local street and both Section Road and Carroll Lane.

Urban Landscape (Standards C12 to C13)

8.33 Standard C12 provides for the following amongst other matters:

- *Respond to the site and context description for the site and surrounding area*
- *Maintain significant vegetation where possible within an urban context.*
- *Take account of the physical features of the land including landform, soil and climate.*
- *Protect and enhance any significant natural and cultural features.*

8.34 An opportunity exists to investigate and incorporate existing established vegetation to achieve a more site responsive subdivision layout. No information has been provided, nor any attempt made to achieve these outcomes, resulting in a proposal which fails to respond to the site constraints and fails to protect vegetation and landscape character.

Access and Mobility Management (Standards C14 to C21)

8.35 The Greenvale Central PSP has laid out the urban structure with a view to achieving maximum walking, cycling and public transport options across the Greenvale Central PSP area and linking through to surrounding areas. Given the fragmented nature of the land holdings, these connections will take time to develop, hence the PSP attempting to sequence development. The out of sequence nature of this proposal and failure to deliver the required road infrastructure is contrary to the PSP and this clause of ResCode and is why the application is not supported in its current form.

8.36 The site will potentially benefit from a shared path being constructed along Carroll Lane by other developers. Along Section Road, no works are currently proposed but the required works under the PSP would deliver a shared path on this road too.

8.37 The subdivision will be designed to provide pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle connectivity and permeability with future residential subdivisions within the Greenvale Central PSP in a broad sense. However, these connections south along Section Road and east along Providence Road need to be provided under this subdivision as per the PSP. As this is not proposed, the application is not supported.

Integrated Water Management (Standards C22 to C25)

8.38 The objective of providing an adequate, cost-effective supply of drinking water has been considered in the assessment of this application. The application was referred to the relevant water authorities, who are satisfied that the site has access to reticulated water provision and have recommended conditions to be placed on the permit to ensure connection to all future allotments.

8.39 Yarra Valley Water (as relevant water authority) is not requiring the implementation of a reused and recycled water supply system for the proposed subdivision.

8.40 The management of waste water, however, will be subject to agreements to be entered into with Yarra Valley Water as relevant water authority.

8.41 The Greenvale Central PSP provides for ultimate stormwater management systems however the development of these systems is some way off. The inability for this subdivision to provide an ultimate drainage solution that can adequately connect to the Melbourne Water ultimate stormwater management system presents significant management and maintenance risks to Council. The need to rely on interim drainage solutions in itself reflects a premature development that is also out of sequence with how development in this PSP should be delivered. This lack of clarity is a reason that Council is not supportive of the application.

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Site Management (Standard C26)

8.42 In the event the subdivision proceeds, a construction site management plan would be required outlining how the site will need to be managed prior to and during the construction period and will cover- erosion, sediment, dust, run-off, waste and chemical management, flora and fauna protection, weed control and archaeological/heritage impacts.

Utilities (Standards C27 to C30)

8.43 Opportunities for shared trenching including the provision of reticulated services for water, gas, electricity and telecommunications can be undertaken as part of the subdivision to minimise construction costs and reduce the land allocation for underground services.

8.44 Public utilities to each lot (with the exception of an ultimate stormwater drainage network) will be provided in a timely, efficient and cost effective manner. No generation of electricity from renewable sources is indicated with the application

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The proposed subdivision fails to deliver crucial road and drainage infrastructure and satisfy key design principles as outlined in the Greenvale Central PSP and the relevant provisions of the Hume Planning Scheme.

9.2 The subdivision has not committed to the upgrade of Section Road to the south and Providence Road heading east in accordance with the requirements of the Greenvale Central PSP. Whilst in the interim vehicular and pedestrian movements triggered by this subdivision could be absorbed by the existing network, Council have serious concerns regarding how this would impact on the ultimate subdivision of the estate. This outcome is considered necessary as the PSP does not accommodate a scenario where out of sequence developments are permitted to acquiesce on their infrastructure obligations. This would set an undesirable precedent for the PSP area, making it impossible to logically implement and leaving Council open to legal challenges in the future.

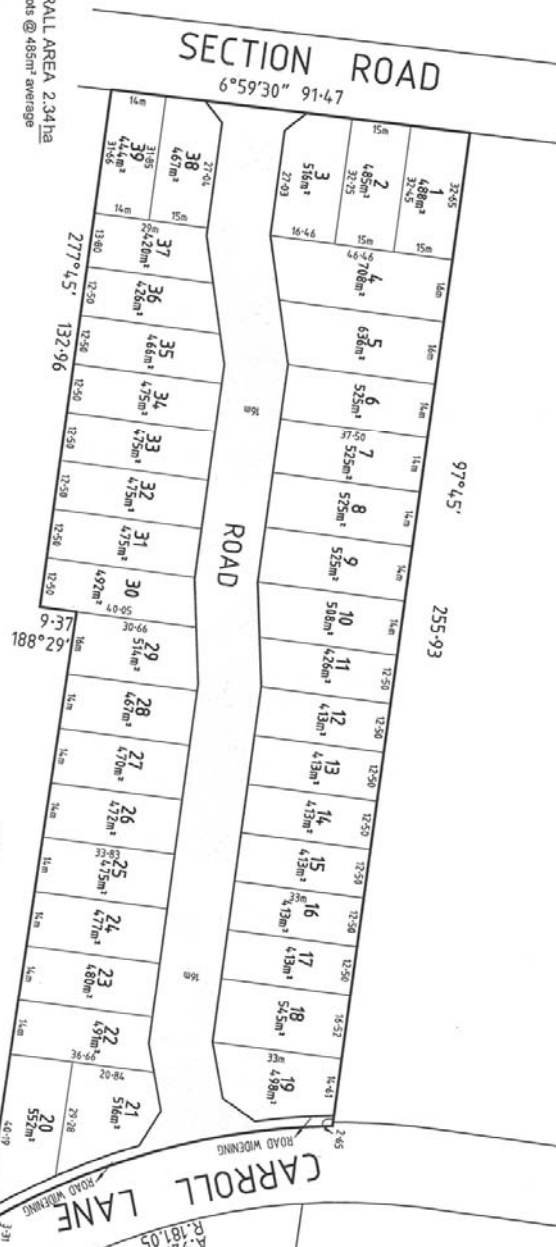
9.3 The proposal's reliance on an interim drainage system in anticipation of the permanent storm water drainage scheme becoming available for the Greenvale Central PSP area reflects a subdivision that is premature and out of sequence with respect to infrastructure availability.

9.4 The subdivision layout and design proposal lacks responsiveness to the prevailing neighbourhood context which is one of a substantially vegetated semi-rural environment. While it is recognised that the delivery of the Greenvale Central PSP will significantly alter the established character of the area, the site contains attributes that are worthy of retaining and incorporating into the emerging urban residential setting of the Greenvale Central PSP. The site contains a number of trees, including some indigenous species, which have not been adequately evaluated to determine whether or not they are suitable for incorporation into the subdivision layout. The failure to undertake an Arborist Report and lack of consideration of the vegetation on the site is inconsistent with principles in the Greenvale Central PSP, clause 52.17 (native vegetation) of the Hume Planning Scheme as well as the relevant objectives of ResCode.

9.5 For the reasons above, it is recommended that the planning application for the subdivision of the land not be supported and this position be presented to VCAT.

Attachment 1 - Proposed Plan

LOT 2 ON LP115075
C/T: VOL.9091 FOL.160
TOTAL SITE AREA: 2.345ha



OVERALL AREA 2.34ha
39 Lots @ 485m² average

DIMENSIONS HEREON ARE SUBJECT TO SURVEY.
NOTE THAT EXISTING FENCES DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH TITLE BOUNDARY.
THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF VARIOUS STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.
REFER TO FUNCTIONAL LAYOUT PLAN 9979E OF C/T FOR DETAILS OF SITE FEATURES, INCLUDING VEGETATION AND CONTOURS.
APPLIED EASEMENTS UNDER SECTION 12 (2) OF THE SUBDIVISION ACT 1988 TO APPLY TO ALL OF THE LAND IN THE PLAN.

Miller & Merigan authorize the person named below to execute the proposed subdivision on the site shown above. This authorization is subject to the conditions set out in this plan and the conditions set out in the relevant legislation, regulations, orders, specifications, reports and other documents referred to in this plan.

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No.	Function Description	Approved	Ref.	Date
1	Prepared the subdivision plan	AMM	ME	03.03.2016
2	Adjusted the subdivision plan	AMM	ME	03.03.2016
3	Adjusted the subdivision plan	AMM	ME	03.03.2016

FOR APPROVAL

Miller | Merigan

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION
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HUME CITY COUNCIL
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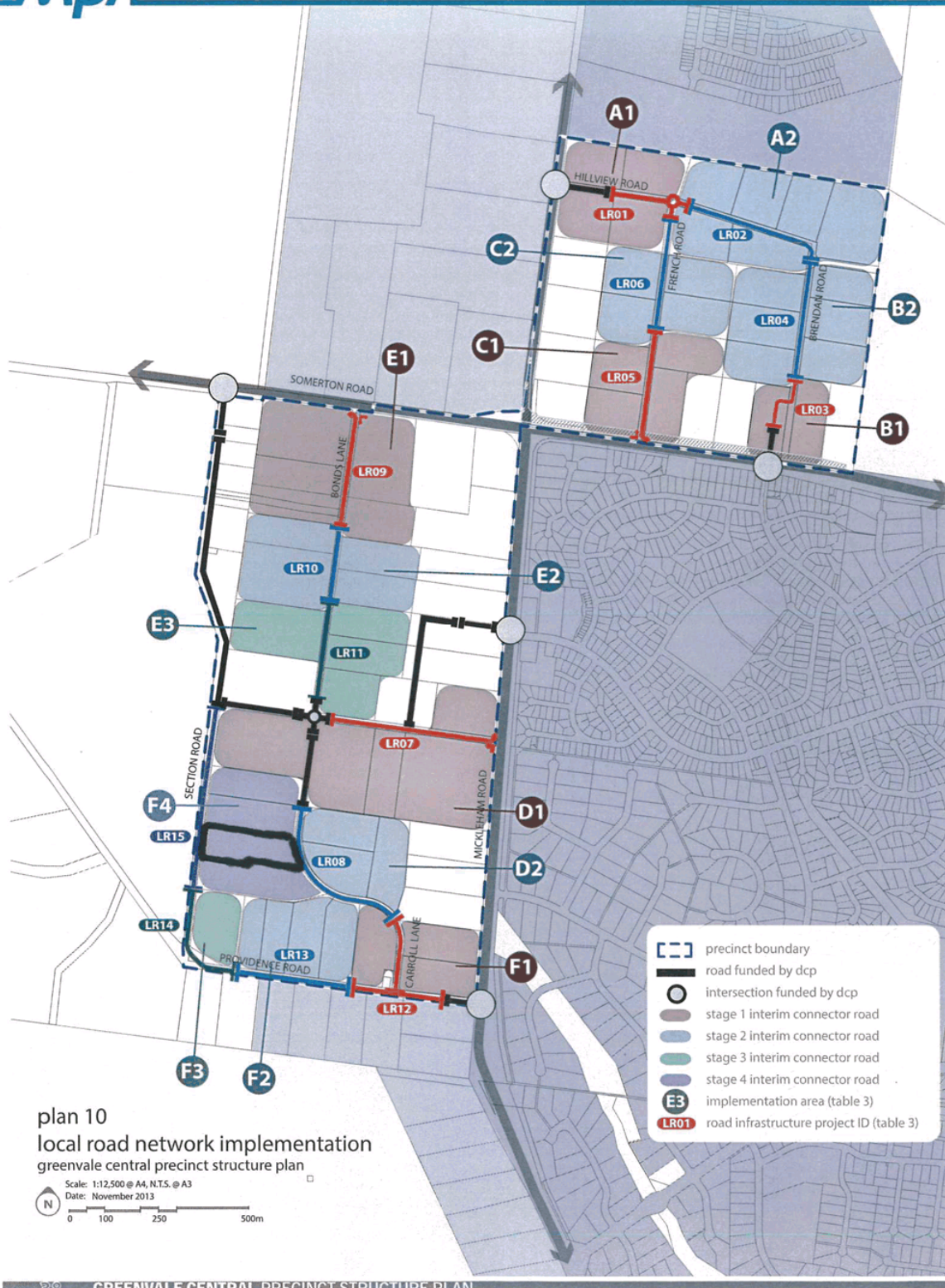
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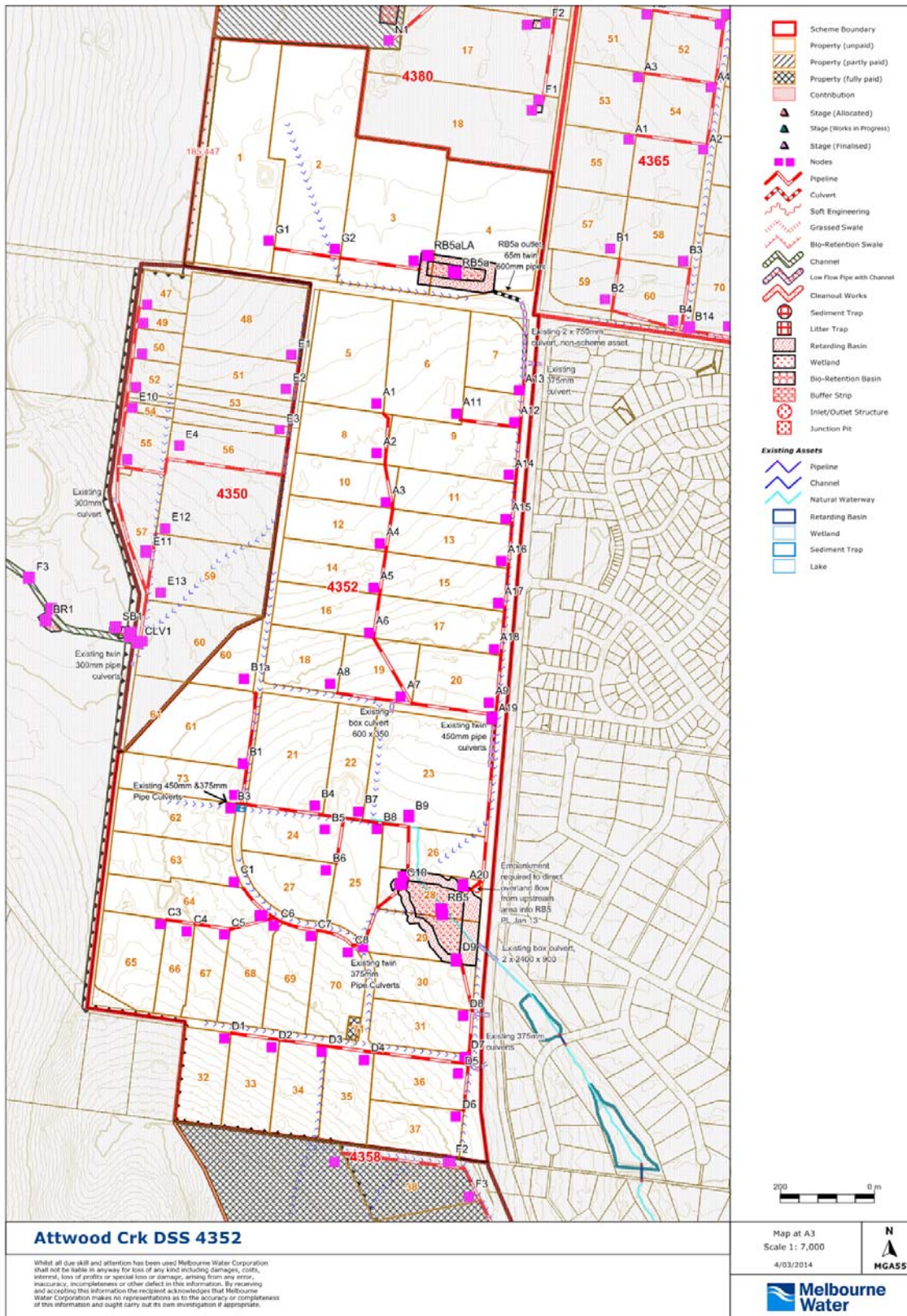
Zoning Map 65 CARROLL LANE, GREENVALE





Attachment 3 - Local Road Network Implementation Plan





REPORT NO:	GE166
REPORT TITLE:	Councillor Delegates and Representatives 2016 - 2020
SOURCE:	Gavan O'Keefe, Manager Governance; Kirsty Pearce, Senior Governance Officer
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC05/868
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Councillor Delegates and Representatives 2016 - 2020</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Councillor Delegates and Representatives 2016 - 2020 list (Attachment 1) records the various Committees and other entities that officers suggest require Councillor and/or Council Officer representation on them.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 THAT Council appoints the Councillors and Council Officers to the position designated to them as listed in Councillor Delegates and Representatives 2016 – 2020 (Attachment 1).

2.2 THAT Council approves the disbanding of the Advisory Committees listed in Attachment 2, and notes the External Committees and Incorporated Entities which no longer require Councillor Representation.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Local Government Act 1989

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to these appointments.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no Environmental Sustainability considerations raised by these appointments.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no considerations that impact on climate change adaptation as a result of this report.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered when preparing this report, and it was determined that no rights were limited in the making of these appointments.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Not applicable.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 After the 2016 general election Council Officers reviewed the status of all committees and other entities that had either Councillor or Council Officer representation on them in the previous Council term.

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- 9.2 Committees and other entities consist of Special Committees incorporated under section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, advisory Committees as defined in Section 3(1) of the Act, external committees, incorporated entities and statutory authorities.
- 9.3 It is recommended that the advisory committees included in Attachment 2 to this report are disbanded, and the external committees and incorporated entities which no longer require Councillor representation are removed from the register.
- 9.4 The Councillor Delegates and Representatives 2016 – 2020 register records all of the committees and other entities that officers recommend require representation in the current Council term.
- 9.5 A Councillor who is appointed as a representative is expected to attend all meetings of the committees. If they are unable to attend they may arrange for another Councillor to attend in their place who may represent Council's views at the meeting and report back to the representative, however only the Councillor Representative has voting rights.
- 9.6 Some committees have nominated substitutes for the representative Councillor, and these nominated substitutes can vote.
- 9.7 A Councillor who is appointed as a 'contact' is welcome to attend meetings at their discretion.
- 9.8 Several committee appointments were made at the Statutory Council meeting held on 7 November 2016. The appointments are included in the Councillor Delegates and Representatives register for completeness.
- 9.9 Once the appointment process is complete, responsible Managers for all committees will contact Councillor representatives to provide them with information such as meeting schedules, previous minutes, committee charters and other relevant background information.

10. CONCLUSION:

The status of all Committees and other entities that had either Councillor or Council Officer representation on them in the previous Council term have been reviewed by Council Officers to determine currency. Officers have also reviewed the list of Committees and other entities that were established since the last review. The attached Councillor Delegates and Representatives list is reflective of current requirements.

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ATTACHMENT 1

DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES 2016-2020

A list of all major committees established by Council and external committees or organisations which sought Councillor Appointments.

Role:	Notes:
Council Representative:	A Councillor appointed as a representative is expected to attend all meetings of the committee or, if unavailable, may arrange for another Councillor to attend in his/her absence. However, only the Councillor Representative has voting rights.
Council Contact:	A Councillor appointed as a contact is welcome to attend meetings at his or her discretion and will be kept informed on a regular basis of the activities of the committee and outcomes of their meetings. The Council contact has no voting rights.
Officer Representative:	An Officer appointed as a representative is expected to attend all meetings of the committee or if unavailable to arrange for another Officer to attend in his/her absence.
Reporting:	Minutes of meetings may be tabled at the next Council meeting, as required under the Instrument of Delegation or Terms of Reference.

SECTION 86 COMMITTEES – MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Special Committees established under S86 of the Local Government Act 1989 are governed by their Instrument of Delegation as resolved by Council.

Councillors may choose to be a Councillor Representative on Section 86 Committees that manage community facilities; this is not a mandatory appointment.

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCIL WARD	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
Section 86 Committee	Campbellfield Community Centre Committee of Management	Aitken Ward	Cr Joseph Haweil	Manager Community Development and Learning Manager Governance	Coordinator Community Facilities and Learning Programs Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support	Thursday 7.30pm	Every October, February, May and July
Section 86 Committee	Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management	Meadow Valley Ward	Cr Naim Kurt	Manager Community Development and Learning Manager Governance	Coordinator Community Facilities and Learning Programs Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support	Wednesday 6.00pm	Every October, February and July
Section 86 Committee	Tullamarine Community Centre Committee of Management	Jacksons Creek Ward		Manager Community Development and Learning Manager Governance	Coordinator Community Facilities and Learning Programs Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support	Monday 6.00pm	Every October, February and July
Section 86 Committee	Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management	Meadow Valley Ward	Cr Karen Sherry	Manager Community Development and Learning Manager Governance	Coordinator Community Facilities and Learning Programs Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support	Thursday 1.30pm	Every October, February and July

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Internal Council committees – Councillor Representation is requested on the following Advisory Committees.

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	COMMENTS
Advisory Committee	Sustainability Taskforce	Cr Jodi Jackson	Manager Sustainable Environment	Sustainability Engagement Officer	6.30pm - second Tuesday of the month	Quarterly: February, May, August, November	Review of taskforce will be undertaken in late 2016
Advisory Committee	Hume Jobs and Skills Task Force	Sitting Mayor (Representative)	Manager Economic Development			Quarterly meetings, first meeting February each year	
Advisory Committee	Hume / Moreland Friends of Aileu Community Committee (FoACC)	Cr Joseph Haweil (Representative) Cr Karen Sherry (Substitute)	Director Community Services Manager Community Development and Learning	Friends of Aileu Project Office	Tuesday 6.30pm	Bi Monthly	
Advisory Committee	Conserving our Rural Environment (CoRE)	Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Naim Kurt	Manager Sustainable Environment	Land and Biodiversity Officer			Executive Assessment Panel is nominated and approved each year by Council.
Advisory Committee	CSL Behring Community Grants Program Selection Committee	Cr Naim Kurt	Manager Communications and Events				Appointed via Council resolution.
Advisory Committee	Hume Global Learning Centre (HGLC) – Sunbury Community Advisory Group	Councillors are welcome to attend at any time	Manager Community Development and Learning				Schedule to be developed

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

External committees and organisations that require Councillor Representation

Councillors may choose to be a Councillor Representative or a Councillor Contact (see above for definitions).

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
External Committee	Hume Interfaith Network	Cr Naim Kurt	Manager Community Development and Learning	Coordinator Community Development	1st Thursday Night of the scheduled month (5.30 to 7.30pm)	Bi-monthly
External Committee	Interface Councils' Forum	Cr Drew Jessop	Chief Executive Officer	Director Planning and Development (Alternative if CEO unable to attend)	Wednesday 8.45am	1st Wednesday of every 2 nd Month
External Committee	Craigieburn War Memorial and Remembrance Committee	Councillor attendance is optional	Manager Capital Works And Building Maintenance			
External Committee	Metropolitan Transport Forum	Cr Jana Taylor	Manager Strategic Planning	Senior Transport Planner/ Strategic Transport Planner	1st Wednesday 6.00pm	Monthly
External Committee	Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Leigh Johnson	Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services, Manager Sustainable Environment	Coordinator Sustainable Environment	2nd Monday, 9am	Quarterly: Feb, May, Aug, Dec

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INCORPORATED ENTITIES

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
Incorporated Entity	Merri Creek Management Committee	Cr Jodi Jackson	Manager Sustainable Environment	Coordinator Land & Biodiversity	Thursday 6.30pm	Quarterly

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
Statutory Authority	Metropolitan Waste Management Group	Cr Jack Medcraft	Director Sustainable Infrastructure & Services (2nd Delegate)	Manager Waste Coordinator Waste & Cleansing City Waste engineer	Thursday 6.00pm	Every 2 nd Month

APPOINTMENTS MADE AT STATUTORY MEETING

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	DAY OF MEETINGS	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS
Section 86 Committee	Audit Committee	Cr Drew Jessop Cr Karen Sherry	Manager Governance	Chief Executive Officer Director Corporate Services	Friday 8.00am	Quarterly
Advisory Committee	Chief Executive Officer Review Committee	Cr Drew Jessop as Chairperson and Convenor, Cr Carly Moore Cr Jodi Jackson		Chief Executive Officer		
External Committee	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council	Cr Jack Medcraft - Council Representative Cr Naim Kurt - Substitute Delegate	Chief Executive Officer	Director Planning and Development		Quarterly
External Committee	Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Joseph Haweil - Council Representative Cr Karen Sherry - Substitute Delegate	Chief Executive Officer			
External Committee	Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr Leigh Johnson - Council Representative Cr Jana Taylor - Substitute Delegate	Chief Executive Officer			

OTHER COMMITTEES AND ENTITIES – FOR NOTING BY COUNCILLORS (NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)

	COMMITTEE NAME	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	MANAGER RESPONSIBLE/CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS
Incorporated Entity	Regional Kitchen Pty Ltd	<i>Officer Representative – For Councillor noting only</i>	Domenic Isola - INDEPENDENT Director for Regional Kitchens Pty Ltd CEO Appointed via Council Report - 14 June 2016	Hector Gaston - Shareholder Representative for Community Chef Pty Ltd
External Committee	Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	<i>Officer Representative – For Councillor noting only</i>	Manager Waste (MERO)	Emergency Management Officer
External Committee	Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee	<i>Officer Representative – For Councillor noting only</i>	Manager Waste (MERO)	Emergency Management Officer

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ATTACHMENT 2

COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS TO NO LONGER HAVE HUME CITY COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Councillors are requested to note the committees and organisations that Council officers advise no longer require Councillor Representation at this time, however officers will attend and advise Councillors of outcomes where required.

	COMMITTEE NAME	MANAGER CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	2016 REVIEW COMMENTS
Advisory Committee	Bulla Bypass (Sunbury Road) Advisory Committee	Manager Assets		Committee has not met since March 2014 as there have not been any relevant issues to discuss due to VicRoads' progress with the Planning Scheme Amendment for the project. The proposed road alignment is currently being reviewed by the State Government due to concerns about property acquisition.
External Committee	Calder Highway Improvement Committee	Manager Assets		Agenda will continue to be monitored for any relevant issues, but there is generally no need for Hume to be represented. Most recent issues have related to sections of the Calder Hwy in the north of the State.
Advisory Committee	Community Grants Program Review Advisory Committee	Manager Community Development and Learning	Director Community Services	The committee met several times in 2013 and completed the review as requested by resolution NOM373. Refer to council report CW357
External Committee	Valley Park Redevelopment Community Liaison Committee	Manager Community & Activity Centre Planning		Committee has not met since November 2013. The staged implementation of the Valley Park Project is occurring through the planning and subdivision process.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES RECOMMENDED FOR DISBANDING AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND INCORPORATED ENTITIES WHICH NO LONGER EXIST

Councillors are requested to note the committees and organisations that Council officers advise no longer exist and it is proposed to be disbanded (where necessary) and removed from Council's register of delegates and representatives.

	COMMITTEE NAME	MANAGER CONTACT	OTHER OFFICERS	2016 REVIEW COMMENTS
Advisory Committee	Craigieburn Festival Community Forum	Manager Communications and Events	Events and Festivals Coordinator	This committee no longer exists.
Advisory Committee	Hume Carols by Candlelight Community Committee	Manager Communications and Events	Coordinator, Events and Festivals	This committee no longer exists.
Advisory Committee	Hume Reconciliation Action Plan Group	Manager Community Development and Learning	Coordinator Community Development	This function is being fulfilled by the Aboriginal Partnership Group (APG) which is meeting bi-monthly (without Cr representation) and is fulfilling the role of the proposed HRAPG – Adopted by Council.
Advisory Committee	Hume Arts Advisory Team	Manager Community Development and Learning	Manager Community Development and Learning	This committee has not met for over a year. Council will need to review and update the Arts & Cultural development Strategy prior to re-establishing
Advisory Committee	Community Grants Program Review Advisory Committee	Manager Community Development and Learning	Director Community Services	The committee met several times in 2013 and completed the review as requested by resolution NOM373. Refer to council report CW357
External Committee	Sunbury Police & Community Consultative Committee	Manager Community Development and Learning	Community Development and Social Inclusion Officer - Western	The previous Sunbury Senior Sergeant disbanded this group as it was poorly attended and not relevant to current issues. It's also an old model of police community group being only one of three that existed across the state.
External Committee	Hume Disabilities Issues Group	Manager Health and Community Wellbeing		This group now has been disbanded.
External Committee	VLGA East Timor Working Group	Manager Community Development and Learning		This group now has been disbanded.
External Committee	Women's Participation in Local Government Coalition	Manager Community Development and Learning		At the end of 2013, the WPILG Coalition dissolved and handed the mantle of Charter guardianship jointly to the VLGA and the MAV, Victoria's peak bodies for local government
Incorporated Entity	Moonee Ponds Creek Coordination Committee Inc.	Team Leader Natural Heritage Land Management	Manager Sustainable Environment	No longer exists

REPORT NO:	GE167
REPORT TITLE:	Advocacy Campaign to seek Australian Government support for the continued funding of 15 Hours of Preschool
SOURCE:	Louise McFarlane, Manager Communications and Events
DIVISION:	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
FILE NO:	HCC11/708
POLICY:	Hume Early Years Plan 2014 - 2018
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 In the last two years Council has been proactive in advocating to the Australian Government for continued funding of their five (5) hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering fifteen (15) hours of preschool (Universal Access) beyond December 2017.
- 1.2 This report seeks endorsement of a proposed advocacy campaign from Council to relevant Federal and State Government politicians and through local partners, the local media and social media in recognition that the Australian Government has not yet committed to continue its 5 hour funding share of Universal Access under the *National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education for 2016 and 2017*.
- 1.3 The May 2017 Federal Budget is at a pivotal juncture as it is likely that it will be the final opportunity for the Australian Government to commit funding for its 5 hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering 15 hours of preschool.
- 1.4 It is extremely important that Council advocate to both the Victorian and Australian Government to seek continued funding for Universal Access. Without continued Australian Government investment for the additional 5 hours of preschool, there is a risk of poorer learning outcomes for Victorian children.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 **Notes the Australian Government's lack of current commitment to continue its 5 hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering 15 hours of preschool beyond December 2017.**
- 2.1.2 **Notes the importance of the forthcoming May 2017 Federal Budget in that it may present the final opportunity for the Australian Government to continue to fund its 5 hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering 15 hours of preschool.**
- 2.1.3 **Undertakes the advocacy activities outlined in 7.3.3 below.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

In taking up this issue as an advocacy campaign Council is exercising its statutory responsibility as required by the Local Government Act 1989, Section 1 (4) *it is the role of the council to provide governance and leadership for the local community through advocacy, decision making and action.*

REPORT NO: GE167 (cont.)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 The Hume community already contribute towards the costs of preschool through fees and Council allocates over \$500,000 of ratepayer funds per annum to deliver 15 hours of kindergarten.
- 4.2 Without ongoing funding from the Australian Government, Hume City families could face a reduction in service provision or significantly increased fees (increases of over \$1,000 per place per annum) to cover the shortfall.
- 4.3 Substantial pressure will also be placed on Council and other service providers to sustain service provision at 15 hours and fund the gap without passing on the costs to families. For Council this would equate to a shortfall of over \$2.2 million per annum.
- 4.4 The costs of undertaking the advocacy campaign are predominately printing and staff time which will be managed within current operational resources.

5. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The recommendations within this report are aligned to Council's commitment to Social Justice and Human Rights and are informed by research that demonstrates that access to 15 hrs of preschool can reduce children's vulnerability to poor health and wellbeing outcomes and support all children to reach their full potential.

6. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

- 6.1 As part of Council's strategic advocacy campaign, postcards were distributed to families by Early Years Educators through Council's preschools. These postcards (plus a correlating online presence) provided the local community with an opportunity to put forward their support for Council's advocacy efforts.



- 6.2 This was the first time families had been actively engaged on Council's campaign to advocate for funding for Universal Access.

7. DISCUSSION:

7.1 Background

- 7.1.1 In November 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), as part of its early childhood reforms, endorsed the national agenda of universal access to 15 hours of kindergarten a week for four year-olds from 2013.
- 7.1.2 From January 2013 the Australian and State Government provided joint funding of the provision 15 hours of preschool through the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education which expired in June 2013. This agreement was initially extended to December 2014 and subsequently additionally extended to December 2015 and then to December 2017.

REPORT NO: GE167 (cont.)

- 7.1.3 The Australian Government which funds 5 of the 15 hours has made no further commitment to continue its estimated \$100 million per annum funding beyond December 2017.
- 7.1.4 From July 2013, almost all Victorian pre-schoolers have had access to a 15 hour program. Families have enthusiastically taken up the extra hours and there is significant international evidence that the longer hours provide increased benefit to children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 7.1.5 There has been substantial investment by Council and the State Government in supporting the implementation of 15 hours of preschool through capital investment and the employment and training of additional educators.
- 7.1.6 Over forty (40) additional teachers and educators have been trained and employed to deliver additional preschool hours.
- 7.2 Council's advocacy campaign on 15 Hours Preschool
 - 7.2.1 As a result of these specific impacts on Council and our community, Council commenced a strategic advocacy campaign in 2015 to seek the Australian Government's commitment of funds beyond December 2015 and 2017. The key messages of Council's campaign were:
 - (a) Australia's early childhood education system must not be left to fall further behind our OECD counterparts. Our children deserve better and we expect better for them.
 - (b) Such a significant national education reform must have continued funding beyond the political cycle.
 - (c) Without continued government investment for the additional five hours of preschool, we risk poorer learning outcomes for children in our community.
 - (d) AEDC (Australian Early Development Census) results for Hume City indicate that 30.7% of children who speak a language other than English at home are identified as vulnerable in one or more developmental domains and "children living in the most socio-economically disadvantaged communities are more likely to be developmentally vulnerable on each of the AEDC domains" (Bickman, 2010).
 - (e) With children in the most socio-economically disadvantaged areas of Hume City (31.9%) being vulnerable in one or more AEDC domain, it is imperative that the Australian and State Government invest in these early years services to ensure that our children are given the best opportunity to reach their potential.
 - 7.2.2 As part of Council's campaign the following advocacy activities were undertaken:
 - (a) Letters were sent to the Prime Minister, the Federal Treasurer and the Federal Minister for Education and Training outlining Council's concerns about the future of the funding.
 - (b) A meeting was held with the Victorian Minister for Families and Children to outline our concerns with the current position of the Australian Government and to seek continued advocacy efforts from the Victorian Government to the Australian Government.
 - (c) Letters were sent to the Victorian Premier, local State Members of Parliament (MP) and Greens Senators to seek continued advocacy efforts from the Victorian Government and the Greens to the Australian Government on this issue.

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- (d) Local Federal Members of Parliament (MP) were briefed on Council's concerns with requests that they be raised in the Australian Parliament.
- (e) Letters were sent to local private preschool providers requesting that they:
 - (i) Write to the Prime Minister, the Federal Treasurer, the Federal Minister for Education and the Federal Minister for Social Services on this issue.
 - (ii) Write to the Victorian Premier and the Victorian Minister for Families and Children to seek their continued support for Victorian Government advocacy to the Australian Government on this issue.
 - (iii) Write to local State and Federal MP's and Greens Senators to seek their support to advocate to the Australian Government on this issue.
- (f) Media releases were distributed to the local media with articles published in the Leader and Star Weekly.
- (g) As is outlined in 6.1 above, Council instigated a postcard campaign through Council's preschools and online through Council's website. This campaign provided local residents with an opportunity to join our advocacy efforts by requesting that Council advocate to the Australian Government for the continuation of funding.

7.2.3 Through these efforts the following outcomes were achieved:

- (a) A letter received from The Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria stated that *"Our Government is committed to advocating for ongoing Commonwealth universal access funding to ensure all Victorian children can continue to benefit from 15 hours of kindergarten per week in the year before primary school."*
- (b) Letters received from the office of Senator Janet Rice, Greens Senator for Victoria and Senator Sarah Hanson Young, Greens Senator for South Australia both stated *"The Australian Greens fully support universal access to quality preschool education, which requires an ongoing commitment to funding from the government. The Senator and her colleagues will be urging the government to recommit to funding universal access. Any attempts by the government to scrap the National Partnership Agreement will be condemned by the Australian Greens."*
- (c) A letter received from The Hon Jenny Mikakos MP, Minister for Families and Children stated *"Please be assured we will continue to lobby the Commonwealth Government to provide ongoing funding for this important investment in our children's learning and development."*
- (d) A letter received from Rob Mitchell MP, Member for McEwen stated *"Please be assured that both I and my federal Labor colleagues fully understand that quality early childhood education is incredibly important to children's development and Australia's future."*
- (e) A letter received from Ros Spence MP, Member for Yuroke stated *"I have written to the two federal members of parliament who represent this area asking them to make representations on your behalf. I have also written to the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services, to make him aware of your concerns directly."*
- (f) A letter received from Senator The Hon Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training stated that *"I am pleased to advise you that the Federal Government has announced an*

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extension to the existing National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education by a further two years to guarantee federal support for 600 hours of preschool per year in 2016 and 2017.”

- (g) Through the *Fund five hours of preschool* postcard campaign, Council received over 1170 individual responses from across the Hume City community – evidence of the importance of the issue to families. These responses will be utilised in Council's forthcoming advocacy campaign.

7.3 Advocacy Campaign for 2017

- 7.3.1 To ensure that momentum is not lost on Council's campaign, it is imperative that the Australian Government are made aware of the importance of the issue to our community with the ultimate aim that the Australian Government commit to funding Universal Access beyond December 2017.
- 7.3.2 Council's campaign will support other advocacy activities undertaken by organisations such as the Municipal Association of Victoria, The Parenthood, Australian Childcare Alliance and the Australian Education Union.
- 7.3.3 Council advocacy campaign will be implemented by:
 - (a) Writing to the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison, Federal Treasurer and the Hon Simon Birmingham, Federal Minister for Education and Training to outline our concerns with the lack of ongoing funding commitment from the Australian Government.
 - (b) Writing to the Hon Bill Shorten, Opposition Leader and the Hon Kate Ellis, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development to seek that they raise the issue in Parliament.
 - (c) Writing to the leaders in the Senate of the non-Coalition parties (Australian Greens, Australian Labor Party, Family First Party, Liberal Democratic Party, Jacqui Lambie Network, Nick Xenophon Team, Pauline Hanson's One Nation and Derryn Hinch's Justice Party.)
 - (d) Writing to the Hon Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria and the Hon Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children to seek continued advocacy efforts from the Victorian Government to the Australian Government on this issue.
 - (e) Organising meetings with local Federal Members of Parliament (MP) to request that Council's concerns be raised in the Australian Parliament.
 - (f) Organising meetings with local State Members of Parliament (MP) to seek continued advocacy efforts from the Victorian Government to the Australian Government on this issue.
 - (g) Writing to local private preschool providers requesting that they:
 - (i) Write to the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison, Federal Treasurer and the Hon Simon Birmingham, Federal Minister for Education and Training to outline their concern with the lack of ongoing funding commitment from the Australian Government.
 - (ii) Write to the Hon Bill Shorten, Opposition Leader and the Hon Kate Ellis, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development to request that they raise the issue in Parliament.
 - (iii) Write to the leaders in the Senate of the non-Coalition parties (Australian Greens, Australian Labor Party, Family First Party, Liberal Democratic Party, Jacqui Lambie Network, Nick

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Xenophon Team, Pauline Hanson's One Nation and Derryn Hinch's Justice Party.)

- (iv) Write to the Hon Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria and the Hon Jenny Mikakos, Minister for Families and Children to seek continued advocacy efforts from the Victorian Government to the Australian Government on this issue.
- (v) Write to local State and Federal MP's to seek their support to advocate to the Australian Government on this issue.
- (h) Re-distributing *Fund five hours of preschool* advocacy postcards to:
 - (i) New families from early 2017 through Council's preschools.
 - (ii) Other private preschool providers and;
 - (iii) Local Primary Schools
- (i) The responses from this continued campaign will be utilised in future advocacy efforts should the Government not commit to funding.
- (j) Preparing media releases and utilising Council's social media platforms with photos to highlight Council's concerns that the Australian Government has not yet committed to continue its five hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering 15 hours of preschool.
- (k) Continuing to advocate strongly to the Australian Government to fund its 5 hour funding share of the operational costs of delivering 15 hours of preschool should funding not be committed in the May 2017 Federal Budget.

8. CONCLUSION:

- 8.1 International research evidence shows that the environment where a child spends their early years shapes whether or not they have strong foundations for their future health, wellbeing and development.
- 8.2 As a planner, provider and advocate for the provision of quality early childhood services, it is appropriate for Council to complement the MAV's advocacy efforts with localised targeted advocacy and tailored messages which includes letters and meetings with State and Federal Members and garnering support from the community.
- 8.3 Access to 15 hours of preschool is an important component of the early years' service system which supports these outcomes and is significantly at risk if the Australian Government do not commit to funding the additional five hours.

REPORT NO:	GE168
REPORT TITLE:	Review and Setting of Councillor and Mayoral Allowances
SOURCE:	Gavan O'Keefe, Manager Governance; Peter Faull, Coordinator Governance and Corporate Support
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC04/11
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Council Report - 5 December 2016</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 At the Council meeting held on 5 December 2016, Council resolved that public notice be given that a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances is being conducted, and that submissions would be received on the proposed allowances from 12 December 2016 until 27 January 2017. No submissions were received during this public consultation period.
- 1.2 This report provides Council with recommendations on setting Councillor and Mayoral Allowances.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council, having conducted a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances as per the requirements of Section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, sets the Councillor allowance at \$29,630 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$32,445, and sets the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$103,632, with both allowances taking effect as of the date of this resolution.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed budget for 2016/17 has provision for the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances of \$323,000 and \$103,000 respectively.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

Environmental Sustainability has been considered and the recommendations of this report give no rise to any matters.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no considerations that impact on climate change adaptation as a result of 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.

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8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

- 8.1 Council, in conducting its review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances, placed public notices on Council's website, in the Hume and Sunbury Leader local newspapers and in The Age, inviting public comment and submissions on the proposed allowances. The period of consultation started on 12 December 2016 and closed on 27 January 2017.
- 8.2 No submissions were received during the public consultation period.

9. DISCUSSION:

- 9.1 Under Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to conduct a review of its Councillor and Mayoral Allowances within six months of the general election or before 30 June 2017, whichever is later.
- 9.2 Victorian Councils are placed into one of three categories, determined by total revenue and estimated resident population. Hume City Council is classified as a Category 3 council, which is the highest classification. The current allowance range for a Category 3 Council is:
- Councillors \$12,367 to \$29,630 per annum
 - Mayor up to \$94,641 per annum
- 9.3 At its meeting held on 5 December 2016, Council proposed to set the allowances at the maximum payable to a Category 3 Council. Public notice was then given that a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances was being conducted, and that submissions would be received on the proposed allowances from 12 December 2016 until 27 January 2017.
- 9.4 No submissions were received during the public consultation period. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, which was scheduled for 6 February 2017 to consider submissions, was not required and did not proceed.
- 9.5 It is now recommended that the Councillor allowance be set at \$29,630 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$32,445, and that the Mayoral allowance be set at \$94,641 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$103,632.
- 9.6 A copy of the report that was presented to Council on 5 December 2016 is provided as Attachment 1 for your information.

10. CONCLUSION:

- 10.1 Council is required to conduct a review of its Councillor and Mayoral Allowances within six months of the general election that was held in October 2016, or before 30 June 2017 (whichever is later).
- 10.2 This review, which included a public consultation process, has now been completed, and it is recommended that Council sets the Councillor and Mayoral allowances at the maximum payable to a Category 3 Council, which is the category that Hume is classified in.

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FILE NO:	HCC04/11
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Victorian Government Policy Statement on Local Government Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and Resources - April 2008</i>2. <i>Victorian Government Gazette - 24 November 2016</i>3. <i>Victorian Government Gazette - 3 July 2012</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1. Under Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to conduct a review of its Councillor and Mayoral Allowances within six months of the general election or before 30 June 2017, whichever is later.
- 1.2. In conducting this review, Council should be cognisant that it is ranked the fourth highest Council in the State (excluding the City of Melbourne) in the Local Government Victoria Mayoral and Councillor Allowances category classification system. Given the municipality's large population to Councillor ratio, its location within a significant growth corridor, its cultural diversity, the economic challenges for its residents and its high ranking in the classification system, it is recommended that Council should continue with the previous practice of paying the Mayoral and Councillor allowance at the maximum allowable for a Category 3 Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1. **THAT Council, in conducting a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances under Section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, proposes to set the Councillor allowance at \$29,630 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$32,445, and the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 plus 9.5% (as an equivalent amount to the Superannuation Guarantee contribution) equating to \$103,632.**
- 2.2. **THAT in accordance with sections 74(4) and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, public notice be given that a review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances is being conducted, and submissions will be received on the proposed allowances from 12 December 2016 until 27 January 2017.**
- 2.3. **THAT in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a Committee of the Whole Council hears submissions on Monday, 6 February 2017 at 7:05pm at the Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

- 3.1. *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act)
 - a. Section 74 – Councillor and Mayoral Allowances
 - b. Section 223 – Right to Make Submission

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed budget for 2016/17 has provision for the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances of \$323,000 and \$103,000 respectively.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Environmental Sustainability has been considered and the recommendations of this report give no rise to any matters.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no considerations that impact on climate change adaptation as a result of this report.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

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. Council, in conducting its review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances, will place public notices on Council's website and in the Hume and Sunbury Leader, and Hume and Sunbury Weekly local newspapers, inviting public comment and submissions on the proposed allowances.
- 8.2. Submitters will be heard by a Committee of the Whole Council on Monday 6 February 2017 at 7:05pm at the Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows. Council's website will also advise of the proposed allowances and submission process.

9. DISCUSSION:**Councillors and Mayoral Allowances**

- 9.1. Under section 74(1) of the Act, Council is required to conduct a review of the allowances paid to Councillors within six months of a general election, or by the next 30 June whichever is earlier.
- 9.2. In order to undertake the review, Councillors need to understand the current legislative arrangements for payment of Councillor and Mayoral allowances. The source document for explaining these arrangements is 'Recognition and Support, The Victorian Government's Policy Statement on Local Government Mayor and Councillor Allowances and Resources, April 2008' (Attachment 1).
- 9.3. Victorian Councils are placed into one of three categories, determined by total revenue and estimated resident population. The category to which a Council belongs is determined by Council's total revenue (discounted) with the current estimated population and dividing by 100. The category in which a Council sits is determined by a point score, with each category being defined by the following scores:
 - Category 1: 0 – 40 points
 - Category 2: 41 – 190 points
 - Category 3: 191 plus points
- 9.4. Each of the above categories provides a discretionary range for each Council to pay Councillor and Mayoral allowances. The current allowance range is:
 - Category 1: Councillors \$8,324 to \$19,834 per annum
Mayor up to \$59,257 per annum
 - Category 2: Councillors \$10,284 to \$24,730 per annum
Mayor up to \$76,521 per annum
 - Category 3: Councillors \$12,367 to \$29,630 per annum
Mayor up to \$94,641 per annum
- 9.5. Notice was given in the Victorian Government Gazette on 24 November 2016 of the revised limits and ranges for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances, which took effect on 1 December 2016 (Attachment 2).
- 9.6. The Minister for Local Government may review which category a council will be in. A change in category may come about by changes in a council's total revenues or population resulting in a change in the calculation of the council's points.
- 9.7. Attached is a Government Gazette Notice from July 2012 advising which councils fall within each category. This is the most recent Ministerial determination regarding council categories (Attachment 3).
- 9.8. Hume City Council is classified a Category 3 council. Advice received from Local Government Victoria is that Hume City Council's current point calculation is 296.7 as of November 2015, when points were last calculated. This places Hume as the fourth highest ranked council in Victoria (City of Melbourne of excluded). The range in ascending order of councils is:
 1. Casey
 2. Greater Geelong
 3. Wyndham
 4. Hume
- 9.9. Given that Hume City Council is ranked so highly in the State, it is appropriate that Councillors of Hume City Council are paid at the higher end of the discretionary range. Hume is located within a growth corridor and has a cultural and socio economic diverse population.

- 9.10. These factors combine to require a level of commitment, both in time and availability, from Hume City Councillors. The level of councillor responsibility and commitment required is reflective in Hume City Council's ranking in Victoria as calculated using the total revenue (discounted) and estimated population.
- 9.11. Given these factors, Council has previously determined to propose that the Mayoral and Councillor allowance be the maximum payable to a Category 3 Council, and it is recommended that this determination continues.
- 9.12. Submissions on the review of Councillor and Mayoral Allowances, including the proposed Councillor and Mayoral Allowances, will be considered by a Committee of the Whole Council on Monday, 6 February 2017 at 7:05pm at the Council Chamber, Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows.

6. CONCLUSION:

The review of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowances has taken into consideration the size of the Council; the complexity of issues brought before it and the ensuing workloads for councillors and it is proposed that councillors be paid the maximum amount in the range.





Ministerial Statement

Today I announce *Recognition and Support, the Victorian Government's Policy Statement on Local Government Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and Resources*.

The new Policy replaces the year 2000 Policy *Flexibility and Accountability the Victorian Government's new approach to Mayoral and Councillor allowances* that initiated the framework and levels of Councillor remuneration applied until now.

On 10 May 2007 I announced the Victorian *Local Government (Councillor Remuneration Review) Panel*. The review concluded on 25 January 2008 and I welcomed the Panel's report to me on a number of matters that included the existing remuneration model established by the year 2000 policy, whether it required adjustment, the appropriateness of allowance amounts and adjustment as well as advice on superannuation for all Mayors and Councillors. The report is now available online on the Local Government Victoria website <http://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au>.

I thank the Panel Chair Liz Roadley and Members Joanne Anderson, Bruce Hartnett and Bruce Mildenhall for their pertinent research, coverage of peak body and stakeholder views and their succinct deliberations on the key issues they were appointed to address.

The Government has endorsed the majority of the recommendations flowing from the review and these have informed this policy "*Recognition and Support, the Victorian Government Policy Statement on Local Government Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and Resources*". The Policy applies to all Councils including Melbourne.

I believe this Policy to be realistic, reasonable and fair. The new package continues the existing three-category model of council allowances based on revenue and population figures and retains the flexibility for councils in each category to set allowances within a range in consultation with their community. It provides for more certain allowances and support for Mayors and Councillors in the years ahead.

Those already committed to civic leadership can expect the changes to better inform their choices about public service, about their career and financial future and balancing family life and community life with public life. Equally passionate yet increasingly under represented in local leadership roles, are women, youth and mid career professionals. I expect that more of these individuals will be attracted to civic life and play their part in Council decision-making to contribute to strategic and practical perspectives increasingly reflective of wider grass roots community needs and views.

Together with other initiatives introduced by the State Government, this Policy provides for greater encouragement of community participation in local government and retention of valued and experienced leaders and mentors in civic service.

Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Local Government
April 2008



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Introduction

The Government views Councillor allowances not as a form of salary but as some recognition of the contributions made by those elected to voluntary, part time roles in the community.

The Government acknowledges the value and significance of the role of local government Councillors – both through their skills and ability to represent and engage with their constituents and their leadership in developing solutions to the pressing social and cultural, environmental and economic challenges facing communities everywhere.



Policy summary

- For all Councils other than Melbourne City Council there will continue to be a 3-Category framework based on Councils' revenue and population data for the previous financial year (Appendix 1). (Melbourne City Council is subject to separate arrangements¹).
 - The revenue figure will be based on revenue that excludes non-recurrent, and discounted to account for inflation.
 - The population figure will be based on the most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population figures released in June of the previous financial year.
 - An allowance range for each Category of Councils will continue to apply.
- Allowances for all Councils will comprise two parts:

Part A: (2007-08 figures)

	Councillor Min/Max	Lord Mayor Melbourne	Mayor Max	Deputy Lord Mayor Melbourne
Category 1	\$6,500-\$15,700		Up to \$47,000	
Category 2	\$8,100-\$19,600		Up to \$60,700	
Category 3	\$9,800-\$23,500		Up to \$75,000	
Melbourne	\$32,600	\$143,500		\$58,700

Part B: An amount the equivalent of the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution (currently 9%) will apply to Part A for those Councils that are not Eligible Local Governing Bodies (ELGBs).

- Allowances ranges and the levels subsequently determined by a Council within their range, will be subject to adjustment by application of any percentage increases to Victorian Statutory and Executive Officers.
- The applicable increases will take effect after they have been published by the Minister for Local Government .
- Council Category changes can now occur in three ways. There is no change to how levels within a range are determined (Appendix 2).

¹ Allowances for Melbourne City Council are separately provided for under s74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Vic) and s26 (1) and (2) of the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* (Vic).

- A remote travel allowance will continue to provide compensation for the time spent on long distances travelled by Councillors in remote areas. This allowance provides for a maximum limit of \$5000 per annum (at a daily rate of \$40) or as may be amended from time to time by Order in Council.
- Further remuneration reviews will only be considered by the Government when there is either a significant change in role or responsibility identified for local government Mayors and Councillors or when there is an accumulation of minor changes that taken together constitute a justification for remuneration review.
- For all Councils, a minimum toolkit of support be provided for all Mayors and Councillors:

Resources/facilities mandatory

- Administrative support for the Mayor
- Office for Mayor
- Vehicle for Mayor
- Computer - desktop or laptop
- Mobile phone and landline
- Stationery
- Access to fax/copier
- Website development as part of Council website

Reimbursement

- Travel - including reimbursement of public transport costs
- Phone - reimbursement of relevant call costs
- Internet
- Child care/family care

And that as a matter for Council determination the following be considered:

- Access to pool car for Councillors
 - Office space and furniture
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- *Guidelines on the reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities and resources support for Mayors and Councillors* may be issued from time to time by the Minister for Local Government. Initial Guidelines will be based on the Guidelines recommended by the 2008 Local Government (Councillor Remuneration Review) Panel Report.



Appendix 1 Victorian Council Categories (excluding Melbourne City Council)

Legend Column 1:

B: Borough
C: Council
RC: Rural City
S: Shire

Legend Column 6:

EC: Exceptional Circumstances Category changes Gazetted 2003-2006
(Note: former EC Councils now with the relevant points are not identified as EC)

Municipality	Total Recurrent Revenue* 2006/2007 (\$)	Total Recurrent Revenue Discounted Using 72.32% for 2006-07 (\$'000s)	June 2007 Estimated Resident Population ERP (p)**	Total	Points
	A	B	C	B+C	B+C/100
Level 1: <40					
Queenscliffe (B)	6,312,934	4,566	3,175	7,741	8
Towong (S)	10,402,821	7,523	6,256	13,779	14
West Wimmera (S)	13,215,512	9,557	4,578	14,135	14
Hindmarsh (S)	13,006,291	9,406	6,190	15,596	16
Mansfield (S)	13,299,566	9,618	7,527	17,145	17
Pyrenees (S)	16,341,603	11,818	6,763	18,581	19
Yarriambiack (S)	15,695,846	11,351	7,658	19,009	19
Buloke (S)	18,571,918	13,431	7,038	20,469	20
Loddon (S)	17,673,318	12,781	8,077	20,858	21
Strathbogie (S)	16,949,698	12,258	9,733	21,991	22
Gannawarra (S)	16,896,398	12,219	11,634	23,853	24
Central Goldfields (S)	16,857,997	12,192	12,736	24,928	25
Alpine (S)	17,711,939	12,809	12,592	25,401	25
Ararat (RC)	19,442,332	14,061	12,593	26,654	27
Benalla (S)	18,404,217	13,310	14,024	27,334	27
Northern Grampians (S)	21,402,016	15,478	12,301	27,779	28
Hepburn (S)	18,765,908	13,572	14,289	27,861	28
Murrindindi (S)	22,352,354	16,165	14,228	30,393	30
Indigo (S)	21,535,128	15,574	15,480	31,054	31
Mount Alexander (S)	21,344,740	15,437	17,851	33,288	33
Golden Plains (S)	22,557,092	16,313	17,345	33,658	34
Southern Grampians (S)	28,546,075	20,645	17,311	37,956	38
Horsham (RC)	27,092,887	19,594	19,323	38,917	39
Moynes (S)	31,564,692	22,828	16,102	38,930	39

Municipality	Total Recurrent Revenue* 2006/2007 (\$)	Total Recurrent Revenue Discounted Using 72.32% for 2006-07 (\$'000s)	June 2007 Estimated Resident Population ERP (p)**	Total	Points
	A	B	C	B+C	B+C/100
Level 2: 40-190					
Corangamite (S)	30,904,099	22,350	17,188	39,538	40
Colac-Otway (S)	29,293,697	21,185	21,183	42,368	42
Glenelg (S)	34,026,411	24,608	20,664	45,272	45
Moorabool (S)	26,219,352	18,962	26,843	45,805	46
Swan Hill (RC)	35,071,099	25,363	21,459	46,822	47
Surf Coast (S)	35,141,426	25,414	23,521	48,935	49
Moira (S)	33,807,859	24,450	28,223	52,673	53
South Gippsland (S)	36,485,277	26,386	26,830	53,216	53
Wangaratta (RC)	37,634,162	27,217	27,569	54,786	55
Mitchell (S)	32,255,030	23,327	32,760	56,087	56
Bass Coast (S)	42,689,287	30,873	28,081	58,954	59
Warrnambool (C)	44,172,603	31,946	32,042	63,988	64
Wodonga (RC)	42,484,090	30,724	34,776	65,500	66
Baw Baw (S)	41,688,104	30,149	39,078	69,227	69
Macedon Ranges (S)	44,610,402	32,262	40,353	72,615	73
Campaspe (S)	53,361,299	38,591	37,763	76,354	76
Ballarat (C)	91,690,197	66,310	12,594	78,904	79
Wellington (S)	52,930,157	38,279	41,998	80,277	80
East Gippsland (S)	53,512,266	38,700	41,954	80,654	81
Cardinia (S)	52,625,564	38,059	60,753	98,812	99
Nilumbik (S)	53,678,766	38,820	62,310	101,130	101
Mildura (RC)	72,581,958	52,491	52,576	105,067	105
Greater Shepparton (C)	74,930,409	54,190	59,730	113,920	114
Maribyrnong (C)	73,719,165	53,314	67,825	121,139	121
Latrobe (C)	77,519,000	56,062	72,905	128,967	129
Melton (S)	66,495,975	48,090	85,613	133,703	134
Bayside (C)	69,686,724	50,397	92,801	143,198	143
Hobson's Bay (C)	82,027,546	59,322	85,525	144,847	145
Yarra (C)	99,266,552	71,790	74,823	146,613	147
Maroondah (C)	73,650,923	53,264	103,005	156,269	156
Manningham (C)	78,506,441	56,776	116,449	173,225	173
Banyule (C)	83,105,624	60,102	120,349	180,451	180

Municipality	Total Recurrent Revenue* 2006/2007 (\$)	Total Recurrent Revenue Discounted Using 72.32% for 2006-07 (\$'000s)	June 2007 Estimated Resident Population ERP (p)**	Total	Points
	A	B	C	B+C	B+C/100
Level 3: 190+					
Greater Bendigo (C)	99,536,882	71,985	98,323	170,308	170 EC
Stonnington (C)	104,465,827	75,550	96,221	171,771	172 EC
Moonee Valley (C)	89,961,190	65,060	112,481	177,541	178 EC
Port Phillip (C)	124,354,134	89,933	91,931	181,864	182 EC
Glen Eira (C)	88,294,220	63,854	131,144	194,998	195
Frankston (C)	99,653,651	72,070	123,315	195,385	195
Wyndham (C)	103,611,894	74,932	123,163	198,095	198
Greater Dandenong (C)	103,767,336	75,045	132,237	207,282	207
Darebin (C)	100,114,542	72,403	135,262	207,665	208
Whittlesea (C)	103,366,265	74,754	133,156	207,910	208
Moreland (C)	97,986,270	70,864	144,015	214,879	215
Knox (C)	94,184,676	68,114	153,151	221,265	221
Kingston (C)	115,551,930	83,567	141,550	225,117	225
Whitehorse (C)	108,177,516	78,234	152,368	230,602	231
Yarra Ranges (S)	118,177,315	85,466	145,596	231,062	231
Mornington Peninsula (S)	125,390,074	90,682	142,659	233,341	233
Hume (C)	121,365,563	87,772	157,145	244,917	245
Brimbank (C)	112,569,411	81,410	176,249	257,659	258
Boroondara (C)	129,763,551	93,845	163,890	257,735	258
Monash (C)	120,394,094	87,069	171,478	258,547	259
Casey (C)	142,464,347	103,030	229,080	332,110	332
Greater Geelong (C)	191,499,535	138,492	208,395	346,887	347
Totals	4,696,364,969		5,047,156		

* Recurrent revenue does NOT include non-recurrent items.

** ERP(p) is Estimated Resident Population (preliminary).

This data is from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and is updated annually.



Appendix 2 Policy information and procedures

Introducing new allowances

The new allowance ranges will apply to all Councils effective from the time of Councillors taking the oath of office following the 29 November 2008 general elections.

The allowance amounts to be paid to Mayors and Councillors, from 1 December 2008, will be calculated to be the allowance level determined by the previous Council as a result of its last review, with those levels adjusted upwards by the initial 30.46% and any further adjustment based on movement in payments to Victorian Statutory and Executive Officers. In future years, further adjustments based on these movements will also apply from the time they are given effect by the Minister for Local Government.

In an election year, a Council will determine its allowance level in the range allowed by its Category (within 7 months of an election). Councils in setting their levels will do so based on any new ranges applicable to them as a result of any change in their Category status of which a notice has been given by the Minister for Local Government. The level of allowance determined will take effect from the time when the Council has completed its review.

For Category changes in a non-election year, any new level of allowance determined by a Council within the applicable range will also take effect once the Council has completed its review.

3-Category framework

The 3-Category framework established by the year 2000 Policy will continue:

Category 1	0 - 40 points	(24 Councils)
Category 2	41-190 points	(32 Councils)
Category 3	190 + points	(22 Councils)

Methodology for determining points

The population/revenue formula applicable for determining all Council categories (excluding Melbourne City Council) is as follows:

$$\text{Council Category Points} = ((R \times D) + \text{ERP}) / 1000$$

Where: R = Total Council recurrent revenue (in \$'000s)
D = Index for Discounting (see below)
ERP = Estimated Resident Population

Example:

For a Council with recurrent revenue of \$10 million and a population of 5,500, the Category Points for that Council (assuming an Index for Discounting of 65%) are calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Category Points} &= ((R \times D) + ERP) / 1000 \\
 &= ((10\,000 \times 65\%) + 5\,500) / 1000 \\
 &= (6\,500 + 5\,500) / 1000 \\
 &= 12\,000 / 1000 \\
 &= 12
 \end{aligned}$$

The Council in this example has 12 Category Points, placing it in Category 1.

Index for discounting

Revenue figures shall be discounted to avoid increases in Category Points resulting solely from revenues increasing with inflation.

The Index for Discounting will be calculated each year and will be applied to the revenue figures for the previous completed financial year.

The Index for Discounting to be applied to 2006-07 revenue figures is 72.32%.

The basis for the Index is the annual movements in Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) since 1999-2000. In 1999-2000 AWE was \$806.80. In 2006-07 it was \$1,115.50. The Index for Discounting for 2006-07 is therefore calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{2006-07 Index for Discounting} &= \text{AWE 1999-2000} / \text{AWE 2006-07} \\
 &= 806.80 / 1115.50 \\
 &= 0.7232 \\
 &= 72.32\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Revenue and population data

The data used in updating Council revenue and population figures is:

- recurrent revenue data for the most recent financial year submitted by Councils to the Victoria Grants Commission and compiled by the Commission in November of each year; and
- the release in February or March each year by the Australian Bureau of Statistics of Estimated Resident Population (ERP) figures for each Council as at 30 June in the most recently completed financial year.

Change of Category processes and timelines

There are three processes for Category changes:

1. Annual assessment of revenue and population data:
 - each year Council points will be assessed by Minister using the population and revenue formula;
 - Councils affected by Category changes will be published and notified soon after the revised points are known;
 - Allowance changes will take effect as described above under “Introducing new allowances”
2. Exceptional Circumstances:
 - a successful submission made by a Council (not otherwise eligible on population and revenue figures) to a Local Government Panel that recommends a higher Category, and
 - applying principles to be used in an exceptional circumstances case that the Minister for Local Government may publish from time to time.
3. The result of a review of a Council requested by the Minister for Local Government.

Change of allowance level within the range applicable to a Council Category.

1. The process for determining an allowance level within the range applicable to Council's Category remains unchanged.
 - Under section 74 (1) of the Local Government Act 1989, a Council must review and determine the level of allowance within 7 months of an election.
2. Allowance levels will be subject to the annual adjustments in line with any adjustment factors published by the Minister for Local Government.

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MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES ADJUSTMENT

In accordance with section 73B(4)(a) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, notice is hereby given that an adjustment factor of 2.5% applies to Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

In accordance with section 73B(4)(b) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, the new limits and ranges of Mayoral and Councillor allowances, adjusted in accordance with the adjustment factor, are:

Category 1	Councillors: \$8,324 – \$19,834 per annum	Mayors: up to \$59,257 per annum
Category 2	Councillors: \$10,284 – \$24,730 per annum	Mayors: up to \$76,521 per annum
Category 3	Councillors: \$12,367 – \$29,630 per annum	Mayors: up to \$94,641 per annum

This notice does not apply to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors of the Melbourne City Council, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

The new adjusted limits and ranges take effect on 1 December 2016.

Dated 15 November 2016

NATALIE HUTCHINS MP
Minister for Local Government

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**Local Government Act 1989
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES
SCHEDULE TO THE ORDER IN COUNCIL**

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3
Alpine Shire Council	Ballarat City Council	Boroondara City Council
Ararat Rural City Council	Banyule City Council	Brimbank City Council
Benalla Rural City Council	Bass Coast Shire Council	Casey City Council
Borough of Queenscliffe	Baw Baw Shire Council	Darebin City Council
Buloke Shire Council	Bayside City Council	Glen Eira City Council
Central Goldfields Shire Council	Campaspe Shire Council	Frankston City Council
Gannawarra Shire Council	Cardinia Shire Council	Greater Bendigo City Council
Golden Plains Shire Council	Colac Otway Shire Council	Greater Dandenong City Council
Hepburn Shire Council	Corangamite Shire Council	Greater Geelong City Council
Hindmarsh Shire Council	East Gippsland Shire Council	Hume City Council
Horsham Rural City Council	Glenelg Shire Council	Kingston City Council
Indigo Shire Council	Greater Shepparton City Council	Knox City Council
Loddon Shire Council	Hobsons Bay City Council	Melton Shire Council
Mansfield Shire Council	Latrobe City Council	Monash City Council
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Moreland City Council
Murrindindi Shire Council	Manningham City Council	Moonee Valley City Council
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Maribyrnong City Council	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Pyrenees Shire Council	Maroondah City Council	Port Phillip City Council
Southern Grampians Shire Council	Mildura Rural City Council	Stonnington City Council
Strathbogie Shire Council	Mitchell Shire Council	Whitehorse City Council
Towong Shire Council	Moira Shire Council	Whittlesea City Council
West Wimmera Shire Council	Moorabool Shire Council	Wyndham City Council
Yarriambiack Shire Council	Moyne Shire Council	Yarra Ranges Shire Council
	Nillumbik Shire Council	
	South Gippsland Shire Council	
	Surf Coast Shire Council	
	Swan Hill Rural City Council	
	Wangaratta Rural City Council	
	Warrnambool City Council	
	Wellington Shire Council	
	Wodonga City Council	
	Yarra City Council	

REPORT NO:	GE169
REPORT TITLE:	Request for Authorisation of Council Officer under the Planning and Environment Act 1987
SOURCE:	Kirsty Pearce, Senior Governance Officer
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 This report requests that Council uses its authority under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to authorise the nominated Council officer under that Act.
- 1.2 It is further requested that Council signs and seals the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the nominated officer (Attachment 1).

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 **THAT under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council authorises Davide Coppolino to be an authorised officer under that Act.**
- 2.2 **THAT Council signs and seals an Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for Davide Coppolino.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

- 3.1 *Local Government Act 1989*
- 3.2 *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

Nil

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION CONSIDERATIONS:

Nil

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The rights protected in the charter were considered and it was determined that no rights were engaged in this report.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Not applicable

9. DISCUSSION:

- 9.1 In accordance with section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council may appoint any person other than a Councillor to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of any Act, regulations or local laws which relate to the functions and powers of the Council.

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- 9.2 Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* gives the responsible authority, being Council, the power to authorise an employee in writing to be an authorised officer under that Act.
- 9.3 The common practice at Hume City Council is that the Chief Executive Officer, under his general delegation, appoints authorised officers.
- 9.4 In order to avoid any ambiguity in the authorisation process for the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, it is recommended that under section 147(4), Council also authorises nominated officers from the Statutory Planning and Sustainable Environment departments to be authorised officers under that Act, and that Council signs and seals instruments of appointment and authorisation to that effect.
- 9.5 Officers authorised under the Act will have powers of entry under section 133. Under this power, authorised officers can enter any land at any reasonable time to carry out and enforce this Act, the regulations, a planning scheme, a permit condition, an enforcement order or an agreement under section 173, or, if the officer has a reasonable suspicion, to find out whether any obligation has been or is being contravened.

10. CONCLUSION:

Council is requested to use its authority under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to authorise nominated Council officers under that Act, and to sign and seal instruments of appointment and authorisation to that effect.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation

(Planning and Environment Act 1987 only)

In this instrument "officer" means -

Davide Coppolino

By this instrument of appointment and authorisation Hume City Council -

1. under section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* - appoints the officer to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the regulations made under that Act; and
2. under section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989* authorises the officer generally to institute proceedings for offences against the Acts and regulations described in this instrument.

It is declared that this instrument -

- (a) comes into force immediately upon its execution;
- (b) remains in force until varied or revoked.

This instrument is authorised by a resolution of the Hume City Council on 13 February 2017.

THE COMMON SEAL of HUME CITY COUNCIL

was hereto affixed on the..... in the presence of

COUNCILLOR.....

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.....

REPORT NO:	GE170
REPORT TITLE:	Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016-2017 Actions) Second Quarter Progress Report
SOURCE:	Ben Jordan, Coordinator Council and Service Planning
DIVISION:	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
FILE NO:	HCC12/856
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions) Second Quarter Progress Report</i>2. <i>Council Plan Second Quarter Progress Summary 2016/2017</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report and attachments detail progress on the actions and indicators for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016 of the Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions).

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the progress of actions and indicators of the Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions) [refer Attachments One and Two].

3. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Themes, Strategic Objectives, Community Expectations, Actions and Indicators of the Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions) were developed within the policy context of the *Hume City Council Social Justice Charter (2014)* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

4. DISCUSSION:

The Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions) contains the 5 Themes, 13 Strategic Objectives and 50 Community Expectations from Hume Horizons 2040. The Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions) was adopted by Council on 27 June 2016.

4.1 101 Actions have been proposed for delivery in 2016/2017 and 42 Strategic Indicators have been developed to monitor progress with achievement of the Council Plan. Responsibility for achieving the actions and monitoring the indicators sits with Departments or across multiple Departments.

4.2 Reports are provided quarterly to Council detailing the progress with the Council Plan annual actions and measuring the performance of Council services. This report is the Second Quarter Progress Report for 2016/2017 and includes progress on Council Plan Annual Actions and Strategic Indicators. Advocacy is represented in the actions of the Council Plan.

4.3 Attachment One is the full Second Quarter Progress Report for 2016/2017. Attachment Two is a Summary of Highlights by Theme from the actions and indicators of the Council Plan. Following presentation of these documents to the Council Ordinary Meeting on 13 February 2017, both the Quarterly Progress Report and Summary Document will be made available on Council's website under the Council Planning Documents Section.

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4.4 Reporting on the progress of Council Plan actions for the Council Plan 2013-2017, is provided using the following descriptors:

- **Completed** – 100% of the action has been completed and/or a report adopted by Council.
- **Significant Progress** – more than 75% of the action has been completed and/or a draft report has been presented to EMT for consideration.
- **Some Progress** – less than 75% of the action has been completed.
- **No Progress** – the action has not commenced at this stage.
- **Deferred** – the action has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. In these cases, reasons why the action has been delayed will be provided.

4.5 This report and attachments are used to assist with good governance practices through reporting, monitoring and accountability to our residents and community.

4.6 A summary of the status of the 101 annual actions for 2016/2017 and 11 actions carried over from 2015/2016 is tabulated below.

Progress	No of actions at this stage	% actions at this stage
Completed	8	7%
Significant Progress	45	40%
Some Progress	58	52%
No Progress	1	1%
Deferred	0	0%

5. **CONCLUSION:**





This report and attachments provide update on progress with the actions and indicators of the Council Plan 2013-2017 (2016/2017 Actions).



HUME CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PLAN 2013-2017
(2016/2017 ACTIONS)
SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT
1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2016



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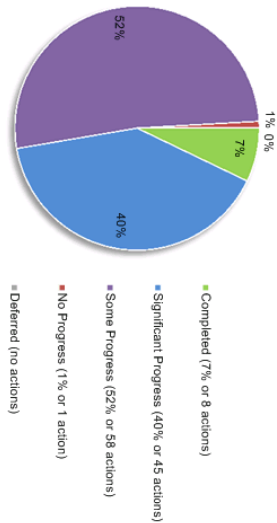
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PROGRESS DESCRIPTIONS

Progress is measured on the actions of the Council Plan as follows:

- **Completed** – 100% of the action has been completed and/or a report adopted by Council.
- **Significant Progress** – more than 75% of the action has been completed and/or a draft report has been presented to the Executive Management Team (EMT) for consideration.
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Summary of progress - 1 July to 31 December 2016



COUNCIL'S 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.

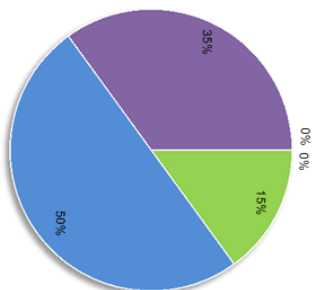
THEME



A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY

Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR THEME 1
1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2016



STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 1.1: Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Preschool participation rates (Includes non-Council services)	≥ State Average (98.2%)	Hume = 102.6% (Source: Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring System, 2015).
Utilisation rates of Council provided preschool places	≥ 98%	4 year old preschool utilisation for the first six months of 2016/17 was 91%
Utilisation rates of Council provided childcare places	≥ 82%	Long Day Care average utilisation for the first six months of 2016/17 was 91%.
Library membership rates	Increase 2% on annual baseline of 21,525	14,388 active Library Members were recorded in the first six months of 2016/17.

Strategic Objective 1.2: Create conditions that support business growth and create local jobs for Hume residents

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Number of new businesses	≥ 4137 (2014/15 Baseline)	589 new businesses have commenced to date in 2016/17.
Percent of businesses who have participated in at least one Council business development activity	≥ 3.3% (2014/15 Baseline)	828 businesses (2.04%) have participated in a Council business development activity to date in 2016/2017.
Commercial, Retail and Industrial development as a percentage of Metro Melbourne	≥ 4.5%	5.1% (most recent figure - for the 12 months to 30 June 2016).

- Completed (15% or 3 actions)
- Significant Progress (50% or 10 actions)
- Some Progress (35% or 7 actions)
- No Progress (no actions)
- Deferred (no actions)



THEME

A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 1.1: Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.1.1 A diverse range of high quality education and learning facilities are provided including locally-accessible University and TAFE institutions

Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue to support and strengthen the Hume Education Guarantee Scheme and Hume Multiversity, increasing enrolments and facilitating the delivery of at least four courses per year.	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>The Hume Multiversity partners have continued to deliver valuable course opportunities to Hume residents over the first six months of 2016/17.</p> <p>The Multiversity partners are reviewing course offerings for Semester 1, 2017 in light of course participation rates from 2016. La Trobe University commenced the Summer Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP) on 1 November 2016. Eighteen students are participating in this program which ends on 17 February 2017.</p>



THEME
A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY
Strategic Objective 1.1: Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.1.1 Young children are developed into confident learners from birth and have access to high-quality education

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to support the provision of early childhood services across the City, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the planning, design and preparation of construction of R3 – Greenvale West Integrated Community Centre Advance the planning and detailed design for Aitken Hill Integrated Community Centre, Craigieburn Prepare for the activation and operation of Annadale Community Hub, Merrifield. 	Community Services, Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>The planning and provision of early childhood services has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenvale West R3 – a preliminary report in relation to a review of the scale, scope and service requirements, and scheduled delivery of the future community centre has been completed. A presentation was given to Growth Area Infrastructure Committee. The report is the subject of a January 2017 EMT Briefing Note. Aitken Hill Activity Centre 1 Community Hub – Perkins Architects have been engaged and the design process has commenced. A Draft Aitken Hill Precinct site master plan was completed during December 2016 Annadale Interim Community Centre - building modules were installed on-site in July 2016 with internal furniture fixtures and equipment completed during August and September. Activation of the community room at Annadale Community Hub will be co-ordinated from the Newbury Child and Community Centre. 26 offers for Annadale Preschool have been made for 2017. Preschool and MCH services will commence from Tuesday 14 March 2017.



THEME

A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 1.1: Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.1.2 Young children are developed into confident learners from birth and have access to high-quality education

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to support the establishment of Community Hubs nationally and provide assistance to culturally and linguistically diverse families and newly arrived migrants locally through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community hubs in local Hume primary schools Facilitating ongoing partnerships between early childhood and community services and local primary schools Supporting literacy, language and learning programs Continuing to provide local learning and volunteering opportunities within school settings via community hubs. 	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>Activities at community hubs have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixteen English language programs and conversation groups are held in the Community Hubs. Thirty two playgroups are held weekly in the Community Hubs including Small Talk partnership with Best Start. Let's Read - a national early literacy initiative regularly is held in 5 hubs. Training held for Let's Count - an early mathematics program for children 3-5 will be implemented in the Hubs. The Healthy Start Breakfast program, funded by KS Environmental in 3 Hume Hubs was evaluated by CQ Consulting. The positive outcomes will be used to gain support to expand the program to more Hubs. There were 854 volunteering activities carried out by adult volunteers in the Community Hubs. On 17 November 2016, Coolaroo South Primary School and Holy Child Primary School hosted a visit to Hume for the Department of Social Services, Multicultural NSW and Community Hubs Australia. The visit will help to support the case for expansion of the number of Hubs in Hume.
<p>Investigate options to deliver environmental sustainability programs in the early childhood sector.</p>	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>Collaboration with the Libraries for including environmental sustainability in Turkish Bilingual Storytime occurred with 12 pre-school aged children on 14 November 2016.</p> <p>On 20 December 2016, nine children from Goodstart Early Learning Centre Sunbury participated in a workshop on building wicking bed planter boxes and saving water in the garden.</p>



A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 1.1: Support and enhance skill development and educational opportunities to reduce disadvantage, improve employment prospects and quality of life

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.1.3 Young people are supported to achieve their goals with improved educational and employment pathways and active participation in community life

Advocate, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
Continue to support Hume secondary and tertiary students to improve their educational development and job prospects through work experience, apprenticeships, traineeships and placement programs.	Communications Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	Students in the School Based Apprenticeships and Trainees (SBATs) program completed their practical work experience at Council recently. The students attend local schools and have been placed in various Council departments one day per week (for the 2016 school year) as part of their preparation for future employment. Council Departments that have placed students include Family, Youth and Children's Services, Subdivisional Development, Leisure Centres and Sport, Community Development and Learning, Capital Works and Building Maintenance and Economic Development. Intake of the 2017 SBATs was undertaken with AGA Apprentices during November/December 2016. Ten students are due to start placements in 2017 with various departments. Council continues to oversee work experience placements for Hume Valley School students. The aim of this program is to provide support, work experience and mentoring opportunities to VCAL students. During Term 3 2016, three students were placed with the Parks and Community Development and Learning Departments. These students completed their placements in December 2016. Council is coordinating another intake of Hume Valley School students for 2017.	Advocate, Facilitator



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.1.3 Young people are supported to achieve their goals with improved educational and employment pathways and active participation in community life

Advocate, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
<p>Continue to provide a range of programs, scholarships, awards and networks which support the education of young people, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hume Educational Scholarships ▪ Environmental sustainability programs and incursions for schools. 	Community Services, Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	<p>The 2016 Presentation Evening for the Hume Educational Scholarships was undertaken on the 22nd November where 47 children were presented awards. Over 300 people, including Councilors, Parents and Teaching staff, attended the celebration. Recent environmental sustainability programs and incursions for schools have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23 schools successfully applied for 2017 Seedlings for Schools plantings with 3,600 seedlings allocated. ▪ Two stormwater excursions to Jacana Wetlands involving 36 students from Jacana School for Autism, and water cycle incursions for 110 Grade 1 students from Roxburgh Rise Primary School. 	Advocate, Facilitator



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Advocate, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to deliver a range of targeted programs to engage and support young people, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating on key issues such as crisis support, mental health, housing, alcohol and drugs and access to transport Provide counselling and support to young people at risk National Youth Week and other events Provide drop-in activities at Youth Centres and Re-fund and continue to deliver the Hume Moving Forward Program. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>The ongoing provision of activities and supports for young people has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of 13 programs per week delivered from 5 place based areas across the municipality. Counselling and outreach services continue to be provided with 197 Counselling and 150 Outreach appointments conducted in the first six months of 2016/17. Mental health and education remain the top 2 presenting issues. An application for \$2,000 funding for National Youth Week 2017 was developed in consultation with the Social Development team and the HIN (Hume Interfaith Network) and submitted to the Office for Youth. If successful, a range of events will be run during Youth Week for the whole of the municipality. In the first six months of 2016/17, 4,067 accumulated contacts via drop in, group and centre activities have been recorded. The Moving Forward Craigholburn Program (delivered in Term 4 2016) received 15 referrals with 100% utilisation rate (10 participants) and a 100% completion rate. Success comprised of four returns to school, two Gateway school acceptances, two applications to Kangaroo Institute VCAL and two people employed. Youth Projects partnerships in the delivery of future Moving Forward programs will continue. Youth Services Service Planning commenced in late 2016 with an expected report to Council in March 2017.

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Advocate, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Promote and deliver community events including the National Playgroup Week and Universal Children's Day partnership with a range of community agencies.	Community Services	Completed	Universal Children's Day on 26 October 2016 successfully hosted more than 500 participants and involved over 20 external early years service providers in activities. The event was coordinated by the Playgroup Support Officers and involved Community Hubs and other early years service providers including Broadmeadows Women's House.



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Council's Role

1.1.4 The learning, economic, social and recreational aspirations of all residents are supported, including the provision of high-quality libraries and learning centres

Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to deliver a range of literacy and learning programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ITots and MakerSpace programs ▪ Bilingual story-time ▪ Expanding the 1,000 Books before School Program ▪ IT Training programs ▪ Homework help groups and clubs. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>Every week the following sessions are run across Hume Libraries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seven ITots sessions ▪ In excess of 20 MakerSpace sessions (both creative and with a technology focus) ▪ The Hume developed '1000 Books Before School' program is now being rolled out across all Victorian libraries in partnership with the State Library of Victoria. 458 children have registered for this program in 2016/17 and 15 children reached the 1000 book milestone (since the program commenced in July 2015), ensuring that those families alone have shared 55,000 stories. ▪ IT training programs continue to be delivered across the municipality focusing on Emerging Technologies, Social Media, Microsoft Office, Special Interests and NetHelp. For the first six months of 2016/17, 2,669 people participated in programs resulting in a total of 28,788 training hours. ▪ The first six months of 2016/17 has seen 536 Bilingual Storytime sessions delivered with 11,538 children and 5,910 adults attending. ▪ As of 31 December 2016, the Homestead Community and Learning Centre had delivered a total of 23,394 student contact hours of Australian Centre of Further Education classes to 604 participants.

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
1.1.4 The learning, economic, social and recreational aspirations of all residents are supported, including the provision of high-quality libraries and learning centres	Division	Progress	Service Provider, Advocate
<p>Action</p> <p>Continue to facilitate community capacity building and lifelong learning through grants programs and other initiatives which support Neighbourhood Houses and learning centres within Hume.</p> <p>Commence the design of the Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury.</p>	<p>Community Services, Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Accountability report outcomes for the 2016 funding round were provided to Council in December 2016 along with the funding allocations for 2017. Licence renewal agreements for relevant Neighbourhood Houses are currently in progress.</p> <p>From November 2016 to February 2017 extensive community consultation and engagement activities are occurring to support the planning and design of the new HGLC Sunbury, including a community survey, development of fact sheets, targeted key stakeholder meetings and interviews and a series of consultation activities associated with key local community events. The engagement process is designed to build excitement and interest in the project, articulate the community's aspirations and explore local identity and cultural heritage opportunities. All consultation information will be forwarded to the architect (Croxon Ramsay) to inform the commencement of the design process</p> <p>In November 2016, the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Natalie Hutchins confirmed a \$3million grant towards the construction of the new HGLC Sunbury.</p> <p>Planning and Design works remain on schedule and are anticipated to be completed by May 2017.</p> <p>Establishment of an 11 person Community Advisory Group has occurred with four meetings held since its commencement and the Project Control Group continues to meet fortnightly.</p>



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Council's Role

1.1.5 Local employment pathways are developed through accessible training and learning opportunities

Facilitator,
Advocate,

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue to support employment pathways for Hume residents, including people with a disability, young people, long-term unemployed or people from culturally diverse backgrounds in a range of programs such as the Passport to Work program and other initiatives.	Communications Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	A new Passport to Work program commenced in September 2016. Ten Hume leaders completed their training and supported community participants in getting job ready. The program concluded in mid-December 2016 with a graduation ceremony celebrating the participants' journeys in gaining employment, work experience or educational outcomes. This program is important as employees not only gain valuable skills in leadership, but also support the Hume community. Over 90% of the Passport to Work participants either gained employment (including volunteer work) and/or transitioned into education. Much of the success of the program can be attributed to the Hume mentors who gave their commitment to this worthwhile program.



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Strategic Objective 1.2: Create conditions that support business growth and create local jobs for Hume residents

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.2.1 Hume is an attractive place to do business with a diverse range of industries, providing local jobs for residents

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
Explore opportunities to facilitate a food industry precinct for Hume including opportunities for food markets and restaurant dining strips.	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	NorthLink and Northern Melbourne Regional Development Australia have an application with State Government for funding to establish a Melbourne's North Food Group, in collaboration with the Melbourne's North group of LGAs. Advocacy for this funding continues and Council supported a Plenty Food Group business breakfast at the fresh food markets in Epping at which the proposal was discussed. A Street Dining Procedure is in place with four restaurant/café's in O'Shanassy Street, Sunbury having applied successfully. The four businesses now have permanent structures in place. Council officers have engaged with traders in Dargie Court, Dallas and have confirmed outdoor dining arrangements, including the identification of a preferred suite of café furniture. Opportunities for an outdoor dining precinct at Fawcner Street, Westmeadows are being scoped by Council officers with consultation underway.	Facilitator
Facilitate urban development in Jacana through the Together 3047 program to support local employment and businesses.	Planning and Development	Some Progress	Council officers are documenting improvement works to be undertaken throughout the Jacana neighbourhood including active transport connections, improved way finding and enhancements to the Ernu Parade activity centre and open space on Sunset Boulevard.	Facilitator



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Council's Role

1.2.1 Hume is an attractive place to do business with a diverse range of industries, providing local jobs for residents

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Undertake initiatives to attract new businesses and continue the implementation of the Hume Investment Attraction Framework including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Positioning Hume for business through the promotion of locational advantage, land/property availability and Council support services ▪ Supporting trade missions to encourage business growth including exploring direct trade links to Asian Export Markets ▪ Working with the State Government through the Invest Assist program and other promotional activities. 	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	<p>Council has worked with Invest Assist and MAB to secure a large food manufacturer at Merrifield, with the planning application now submitted. This is expected to generate \$60m in expenditure and create 184 jobs.</p> <p>In accordance with the Investment Attraction Framework, work is continuing with a range of prospective businesses to encourage them to locate to Hume including DENSO, an anti-corrosive materials manufacturer (construction commenced), Easy-Chef - a food manufacturer (construction commenced) and two tourism developments (one in Sunbury and one in Craigieburn) with planning applications now submitted.</p> <p>Council has continued promoting the State Government Local Industry Fund for Transition (LIFT) Funding Program with 3 local businesses receiving funding (Kitchen Innovations, Australian Crane and Machinery and Tanning Essentials), which will lead to 92 new jobs.</p> <p>Ongoing meetings and discussions are continuing with Invest Assist and a range of developers and commercial real estate agents.</p>



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.2.2 Hume businesses are supported to be prosperous and resilient to changes in the local economy

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Facilitate the evolution of Hume businesses to integrate carbon and resource efficiencies.	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	The ASPiRE Program commenced in late 2015 (undertaken by the Business Efficiency Network in collaboration with CSIRO and Kingston, Knox and Dandenong City Councils) and has been joined by 54 local businesses (being 49% of all participants) seeking to reduce waste and disposal costs. CSIRO estimate that ASPiRE has saved businesses over \$200k in waste disposal costs, and diverted more than 1000 tonnes of waste from landfill. The LightSmart Energy Efficiency Program has now engaged with 56 local businesses to reduce lighting energy overheads resulting in more than \$270k in estimated annual electricity overhead savings and a reduction of over 2,350 tonnes of estimated greenhouse gas emissions. This is the equivalent to taking 510 cars off the roads in the Hume area.
Lead the Melbourne's North Joint Ford Response Taskforce.	Planning and Development	Completed	Since 2013, the Melbourne's North Joint Ford Response Taskforce has provided regional coordination for Melbourne's North with a whole of Government response to the impact of the cessation of manufacturing by Ford in Broadmeadows. This has been a sustainable partnership model with members reinforcing the unique opportunities provided for collaboration, information sharing, project delivery and improved understanding between the three levels of government. The Manager Economic Development chaired the final meeting of the Melbourne's North Joint Response Taskforce on 9 December 2016, in accordance with the Terms of Reference.



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.2.2 Hume businesses are supported to be prosperous and resilient to changes in the local economy

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to provide a range of business support, networking and training activities to strengthen local business and support Hume industries, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide and support a range business networking opportunities and training Promote and support access by Hume businesses to the State and Federal Government Business Investment Funds. 	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	<p>Council business support, networking and training activities have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Government Local Industry Fund for Transition (LIFT) is being promoted by Council, with three local businesses having received funding which will lead to 92 new jobs in Hume. The State Government Northern Local Automotive Transition Taskforce (NLATT) continues to meet monthly, at which Council is represented. The November 2016 Hume Business Breakfast was delivered to 160 guests on 18 November at Aitken Hill, with keynote speaker James O'Loighlin addressing Innovation. Hume businesses achieved significant recognition at the NBAA Business Breakfast on Thursday 1 December 2016, with Hume business ecoMaster winning the prestigious Melbourne North Business of the Year Award. The 2016 Hume Business Awards were delivered on Thursday 8 December at the Airport Parkroyal Hotel, with 170 guests attending. The awards night recognised and celebrated the achievements of businesses across Hume City. Council is partnering with Destination Melbourne and the Discover Your Own Backyard program to deliver an Instagram photographic competition from 16 February to 12 April 2017, aimed at increasing visitation to Hume restaurants and cafes.



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.2.3 Hume City fulfils its regional responsibilities in supporting Melbourne Airport to remain curfew-free and leverages off the economic benefits the airport brings to the local community

Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
Contribute to the assessment and approval process related to the development of a third runway at Melbourne Airport.	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	<p>Council continues to advocate for the consideration of community opinions/views/concerns in the planning for the third runway at Melbourne Airport.</p> <p>This occurs through the Melbourne Airport Planning Coordination Forum and the Community Aviation Consultative Group (CACG) on matters around the community impacts of the proposed third runway.</p> <p>It is planned to continue this advocacy with Federal Members of Parliament through meetings planned in early 2017.</p>	Advocate

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

1.2.4 Local shopping and entertainment precincts support a sense of local identity, social cohesion and employment

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Facilitator
Continue the implementation of the Sunbury Streetscape Program and complete the west side of O'Shanassy Street, between Station Street and Brook Street.	Planning and Development, Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Completed	The streetscape construction works on the West side of O'Shanassy Street between Station and Brook Streets, Sunbury were completed in December 2016.	

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

1.2.5 Residents and business take advantage of the National Broadband Network and digital economy and embrace emerging technologies

Council's Role

Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
No action proposed in 2016/2017.			Not applicable	

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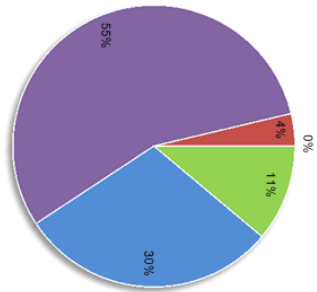
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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

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1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2016

STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 2.1: Foster a community which is active and healthy



- Completed (11% or 3 actions)
- Significant Progress (30% or 8 actions)
- Some Progress (55% or 15 actions)
- No Progress (4% or 1 action)
- Deferred (no actions)

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percentage of babies completing their 12 month Key Ages and Stages (KAS) assessment	≥ 80%	For the first six months of 2016/2017, 66% of eligible children had a 12 month Key Age and Stage visit.
Percentage of infants completing their 3.5yr old KAS assessment	≥ 77%	For the first six months of 2016/2017, 64% of eligible children attended their 3.5 Key Age and Stage visit.
Utilisation rate of HACC Services for persons aged 65+	10% annually	For the first six months of 2016/2017, the utilisation rate of HACC services is 6.5% (includes domestic care, respite care and personal care only).
Council operated leisure centre visitor rates per 100,000 persons	> 600,000	329,165 leisure centre visitors were recorded in the first six months of 2016/2017.
Sedentary behaviour (percentage of people sitting ≥7 hours per day)	< State Average (32.8%)	Hume = 30.1% (Source: 2011 VicHealth Survey)

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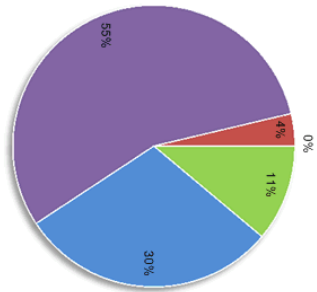
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STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 2.2: Strengthen community safety and respectful behaviour

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percent of persons feeling safe walking alone during night	≥ State Average (69.9%)	Hume = 53.5% (Source: 2011 VicHealth Survey) The last 2 years of crime rates available for Hume are: 2016/17 = 11,295.6 2015/16 = 9,824.4 The last 2 years of crime rates available in Victoria are: 2016/17 = 8,843.3 2015/16 = 7,954.3 The last 2 years of crime rates available in the North West Metro Region are: 2016/17 = 10,288.9 2015/16 = 9,340.6 Source: Crime Statistics Agency - data is for the financial year - (June Quarter data)
Crime rate per 100,000 persons	≤ State Average (8,575.9)	
Average days taken to action animal management requests	3 days	The average time taken to action animal management requests in 2016/17 is 1.25 days.
Percent of traffic detected speeding on local streets	≤ 25.0%	Council traffic surveying has detected 25.95% percent of vehicles speeding on local streets to date in 2016/17.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>2.1.1 The health and wellbeing of residents is supported through an accessible and affordable range of formal and informal leisure options which address local needs</p> <p>Progress implementation of the Open Space Strategy and implementation of master plans for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jacana Valley Park ▪ Jack Roper Reserve ▪ Broadmeadows Valley Park ▪ Jacksons Creek. 	Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>Implementation of open space master plans is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jacana Valley Park – Car park works at Johnstone Street Reserve have been completed. Council has made application to Melbourne Water for approval to locate pathways on their land and is still awaiting a response. Design of the pathway will commence upon completion of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan which is currently in progress. ▪ Jack Roper Reserve – The playspace redevelopment was completed in October 2016 and a celebration event on 20 November 2016 was attended by approximately 400 members of the community. The Changing Places (accessibility) accreditation was completed for the redeveloped public toilets in December 2016 and this facility will be listed on the national Changing Places website. The carpark extension works were completed in late December 2016. Path works and landscape improvements will be completed later in 2016/17. ▪ Broadmeadows Valley Park – Landscape improvement works at John Ilhan Memorial Reserve are scheduled to commence in January 2017. Playspace renewal and landscape improvement works are currently being designed for two other precincts within Broadmeadows Valley Park – Erinbank Crescent Reserve and Girgarre Street Reserve, with implementation later in 2016/17. ▪ Jacksons Creek – will be progressed later in 2016/17.



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2.1.1 The health and wellbeing of residents is supported through an accessible and affordable range of formal and informal leisure options which address local needs	Division	Progress	Service Provider
<p>Action</p> <p>Commence an upgrade of Sunbury Aquatic Centre, including the development of a warm water pool.</p> <p>Undertake a range of leisure capital works including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenvale Recreation Centre - building construction Clarke Oval - main pavilion extension Greenvale Gardens - reserve construction DS Aitken Reserve - pavilion upgrade Greenvale Recreation Reserve - pavilion extension (Oval 1), pavilion design (Oval 2) Roxburgh Park Lakeside Drive - commence pavilion design Sunbury Tennis Club - commence club room replacement with modular building. 	<p>Sustainable Infrastructure and Services, Corporate Services</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Description of Progress</p> <p>Architects have completed the concept design and initial planning and consultation has been undertaken with Sport and Recreation Victoria and the Sunbury Community Health Centre. Early works have focused on investigating service issues on site. Detailed design is commencing with tendering expected in May 2017.</p> <p>Leisure Capital Works projects are in progress as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenvale Recreation Centre works are completed The Clarke Oval main pavilion extension is completed. Greenvale Gardens reserve construction is scheduled to be completed in mid-2017. The developer is funding this reserve. The concept design for the DS Aitken Pavilion upgrade is currently being prepared by the architect. Greenvale Recreation Reserve (Oval 1) pavilion concept design is completed. Environmental and vegetation assessments are being undertaken for the Oval 2 pavilion. Roxburgh Park Lakeside Drive planning for pavilion design is scheduled to commence in early 2017. The Sunbury Tennis Club concept plan has been completed and the EOI is closed for contractors. A contractor is expected to be appointed by mid-February 2017.
<p>*Complete an audit of sports ground lighting and develop a Sports Ground Lighting Policy.</p> <p><i>*Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)</i></p>	<p>Corporate Services</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>A project scope has been prepared for the development of the Sports Ground Lighting Policy and is currently being reviewed.</p>



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

2.1.1 The health and wellbeing of residents is supported through an accessible and affordable range of formal and informal leisure options which address local needs (continued)

Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Complete the Craigieburn ANZAC Park development including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new aquatic and leisure centre ▪ A new athletics centre and track ▪ Landscaping and parklands ▪ A fully fenced inclusive playspace for the whole community (Livvi's Place). 	<p>Sustainable Infrastructure and Services, Corporate Services</p>	<p>Significant Progress</p>	<p>Construction works are well underway across all elements of the Craigieburn ANZAC Park site. The athletics track and pavilion is open and competition proceeding. The surrounding parkland is closed until the grass is better established. Livvi's Place is under construction with anticipated completion in March 2017.</p> <p>The Aquatic and Leisure Centre is progressing with the eastern dry area well advanced, the pool shells are finished and the main framework is complete. Roofing works have experienced some delays due to wind and rain. Completion is expected in mid to late-2017.</p>
<p>*Complete the development of a Playspace Service Plan for proposed and existing playspaces.</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>The previous draft of the Playspace Service Plan will be revised due to the current data migration for the Open Space section of the Asset Management System and the upcoming Parks and Open Space Service Planning in 2017.</p>
<p>*Review the Sports Ground Allocation Policy and the Sports Club Contributions Policy.</p>	<p>Corporate Services</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>This project is being reviewed by the Manager and Director for implementation in the second half of 2016/2017.</p>

**Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)*



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<p>2.1.2 Well-connected commuter and recreational cycling and pedestrian networks and amenities that encourage active lifestyles and lower costs of living</p> <p>Continue implementation and finalisation of the Walking and Cycling Strategy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertaking a review of Council's provision standards for paths and associated infrastructure ▪ Improve path signage ▪ Undertake a review of the strategy and final progress. 	Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>Scheduled works for 2016/2017 have been programmed in the Capital Works Budget.</p> <p>An audit of walking and cycling signage is underway and locations for new signage are being identified. This is being recorded and mapped in GIS. New signs will be progressively installed during the remainder of 2016/17.</p> <p>The review of provision standards and the overall strategy will commence in early 2017.</p>

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Strategic Objective 2.1: Foster a community which is active and healthy

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

2.1.3 The health and wellbeing of residents are supported through accessible and affordable health and social support services, including the provision of a hospital which responds to regional growth

Council's Role

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Complete the third year action plan for the Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertaking initiatives to minimise community exposure to second-hand smoke, and to de-normalise smoking ▪ Support small and medium businesses (SMEs) to develop and implement workplace health and wellbeing initiatives ▪ Deliver the 'Growing Ideas Awards' to encourage community to develop health ideas that focus on reducing harm from smoking, alcohol and other drugs and encourage physical activity, healthy eating and support mental health. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>Health and Wellbeing Action Plan progress has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the 'Smoke-free outdoor dining trial' in O'Shanassy Street East continues (since implemented in April 2015). A monitoring report was completed in August 2016 indicating further support for traders was needed to help enforce the ban. In response, there has since been an increase in patrols by City Laws staff, including during evenings and weekends to capture peak dining times. ▪ Smoke-free Council building entrances (within 4 metres) commenced enforcement in 2016. Signage and smoking poles have been installed to assist the public to comply with the ban. ▪ The Healthy People and Healthy Business initiative has been developed to engage SMEs in health and wellbeing in the workplace. Four workplaces are being supported to develop Action Plans to create healthy changes within their workplace. A second step challenge took place in late 2016 with a 200% increase in participation from the previous challenge in July 2016. The feedback from participants reflected an improved awareness, in addition to positive behaviour change, of increasing daily physical activity levels. A monthly healthy e-news is delivered (to 380 recipients in the last quarter) to help maintain continual engagement with SMEs. ▪ The Growing Idea Awards will not proceed as the independent funding that previously supported the initiative (under Healthy Together Victoria), has been discontinued.

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Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue to support the development and finalisation of the Craigieburn Health and Community Services Planning project.	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	<p>The Craigieburn Health and Community Services Planning project is progressing well, with the guidance of the Project Control Group, which includes senior representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, Northern Health, Dianella Community Health, and DELWP.</p> <p>The integrated health and community services plan for Craigieburn and surrounding areas has been completed and was endorsed by the Project Control Group at their December 2016 meeting.</p> <p>The second and final stage of the project has commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of May 2017. This aspect of the work will focus on next steps to support implementation of the service plan recommendations.</p>



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
2.1.4 Residents are supported to age in place through affordable and appropriate housing and locally accessible health and social support services	Division	Progress	Service Provider, Advocate
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Implement, monitor and review the Positive Ageing Strategy 2014-2024, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore feasibility and demand for a fixed route community bus service for older residents Embed a healthy food rating into Council's existing food safety audits Utilise Council's Food Policy for all food-related decisions and actions across Council Support and increase the self-governance and usage of Council's community gardens beyond food growing. 	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>Implementation of the Positive Ageing Strategy has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report exploring the feasibility of a fixed route community transport service has been completed considering utilisation rates of Council's community bus fleet, transport access issues for residents and potential routes for a fixed-route service. The Pilot Eat Out Eat Well (EOEW) Awards Scheme was implemented with 12 dining retailers in the Broadmeadows Shopping Centre. Retailers were allocated a Bronze, Silver or Gold level based on the food offered, cooking methods used and practices adopted to promote healthier food/drink options. An evaluation of the pilot has commenced exploring outcomes and considering opportunities for expansion to other areas. An audit of all food-related actions and initiatives being delivered by Council was completed in late 2016 with 40 actions identified relating to the Food Policy objectives. Internal consultation was undertaken to inform staff to better understand Policy implications and to utilise the Food Policy. To increase the self-governance and usage of Council's community gardens, significant work was progressed in late 2016 to identify key roles necessary to support self-governance with garden users now nominated to fill these roles and positions. A suite of activities have been planned by garden members for the first half of 2017 to focus on fostering community and ownership. These include a series of tree planting days, working bees and a reconciliation event at the Westmeadows Indigenous Garden.



A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 2.1: Foster a community which is active and healthy

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

2.1.4 Residents are supported to age in place through affordable and appropriate housing and locally accessible health and social support services

Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
Introduce an Art Therapist to the Dementia PAG as a means of providing more engaging activities for participants.	Community Services	Completed	The Hume Active Lifestyle Program, through utilisation of Art therapy, is currently operating at full capacity with seven clients on a waiting list to participate. A review of the program will be undertaken in April 2017 to ensure the program is meeting the needs of both participants and their carers.	
Expand the Centre Based Meals Program with the opening of a fourth centre which provides a nutritional meal in a social setting for older residents.	Community Services	Significant Progress	With the introduction of a fourth Centre Based Meals Program at the Campbellfield Community Centre, staff are now working towards increasing participation for up to 20 clients attending each CBM program each week.	
*Implement a new Client Management System with mobile technology capabilities to allow for more responsive and efficient service delivery across aged and disability support services.	Community Services	Significant Progress	Contracts for the awarding of the Tender for provision of a new Client Management System have been signed. An initial scoping meeting is scheduled for February 2017. The scoping meeting will allow for an implementation plan with specific timeliness to be developed. Implementation of the system is likely to commence by the end February 2017.	

**Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)*



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Strategic Objective 2.1: Foster a community which is active and healthy

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

2.1.5 Healthy lifestyles are encouraged, and the cost of living minimised through local food production, community gardens and kitchens and other sustainable living practices

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Implement the 2016/2017 actions from the Live Green Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Biodiversity Program Sustainability workshop program Supporting community groups and partner organisations to deliver sustainability programs. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	2016/17 actions from the Live Green Plan have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven workshops have been delivered through the Live Green calendar, attended by 107 community members. The Live Green workshop calendar for January - June 2017 has been produced and distributed, with 15 workshops organised. A composting workshop was supported at Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) on 10 October 2016 with 15 participants. Wicking bed planter box workshops were supported at Kangran Institute with English as a Second Language students on 14 and 15 November 2016. A composting workshop was supported at the Youth Foyer on 9 December 2016 with 3 participants. A meeting is planned for 18 January 2017 with Spectrum MIRC regarding supporting the delivery of a sustainability education program with new arrivals in a language other than English. Council attendance at Gardens for Wildlife network meetings continues to determine criteria for successful engagement programs.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>2.1.5 Healthy lifestyles are encouraged, and the cost of living minimised through local food production, community gardens and kitchens and other sustainable living practices</p> <p>Support residents to live more environmentally sustainable and healthy lifestyles through a variety of initiatives and supporting programs including education, promotion and engagement campaigns.</p>	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>Council is providing support to Hume CAN (Climate Action Now), a new community group encouraging residents to reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>Support also continues to be provided to Enviro Champions involved in community gardens at Roxburgh Park Homestead (have conducted two education sessions with a total of 130 children and six parents); the Newbury Child and Community Centre (33 community members) and the Multicultural Women's Group.</p> <p>Council also has supported residents near Hillcrest Park, Westmeadows with more signage, plants and plant fertiliser for the Hillcrest Community Fruit Orchard and Herb Garden.</p>



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

2.2.1 The safety and wellbeing of people and property is enhanced through well designed buildings and public spaces and safe, respectful behaviour within Hume's community

Statutory Authority, Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue Round 2 of the Graffiti Education Secondary School Program to provide prevention education to approximately 1,000 Year 7 students.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	The Graffiti Education Program for 2017 (Round 2) has been approved and the program development completed with Warner Youth Education. The program will be delivered commencing in early 2017.
Undertake a review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan and sub-plans.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Completed	The Municipal Emergency Management Plan has been updated with all relevant agency feedback. The sub-plans review is now also completed.
Continue to implement actions in the Community Safety Action Plan 2015-2019, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing community safety audits in the built environment for identified crime and safety hotspots. Production of a Safer by Design Information Sheet. 	Community Services	Some Progress	As part of the Community Safety Action Plan, community safety audits have been undertaken in partnership with Victoria Police for the Greenvale Recreation Reserve, Broadmeadows Valley Park and the Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium. The findings from these audits have been disseminated to a variety of departments across Council including: Leisure Centres and Sport and Parks. The audits have identified a range of place management and/or design issues and have recommended remedial action including increased police patrols and improved lighting and signage.
*Investigate opportunities to establish a sponsorship program to encourage local primary schools to provide swimming lessons to prep aged children.	Corporate Services	No Progress	Opportunities to establish a sponsorship program to encourage local primary schools to provide swimming lessons to prep aged children will be considered in early 2017.

**Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)*



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role
Action	Division	Progress
<p>2.2.1 The safety and wellbeing of people and property is enhanced through well designed buildings and public spaces and safe, respectful behaviour within Hume's community</p> <p>Review the Municipal Fire Management Plan and develop the Open Spaces Fire Management Plan for high risk areas and developments on the urban fringe.</p>	<p>Sustainable Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Significant Progress</p>
<p>Build community capacity to prepare and respond to emergencies, including the provision of a dedicated Emergency Recovery Officer (currently grant funded – seeking commitment to make this permanent regardless of grant funds).</p>	<p>Community Services</p>	<p>Completed</p>
		<p>Description of Progress</p> <p>The Municipal Fire Management Plan has been reviewed and updated for the 2016/17 summer season. Terms of Reference for the Open Space Fire Management Plan (for high risk areas and developments on the urban fringe) are currently being developed.</p> <p>To assist with building community capacity to prepare and respond to emergencies, funding and recruitment of a dedicated Emergency Recovery Officer has occurred. Council staff capacity building activities have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Heat Wave desktop exercise ▪ A Pandemic exercise with City of Moreland and City of Moonee Valley; ▪ Pre fire season briefings and preparation; ▪ Familiarisation Tour of Council's Emergency Relief Centres; and ▪ Staff recruitment and lunch box session.



A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 2.2: Strengthen community safety and respectful behaviour

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

2.2.2 Road and pedestrian safety is enhanced, and initiatives are undertaken to reduce dangerous hoon driving and speeding in local streets

Statutory Authority, Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to implement the Road Safety Action Plan 2014-2017, and implement a range of road and pedestrian safety education programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The L2P Driver education program in partnership with the Hume Whitelesea LLEN ▪ Conduct a Driver Education Forum ▪ Implement the Road Safety Partnership program in all secondary schools across Hume City. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services, Community Services	Some Progress	<p>Council continues to implement actions identified in the Road Safety Action Plan 2014-2017 including securing funding under the Federal Infrastructure Investment Black Spot Program for upgrades at the intersection of Barry Road and Hazeldene Street, Meadow Heights and the intersection of David Munroe Drive and Thomas Brunton Parade, Roxburgh Park.</p> <p>Implementation of road and pedestrian safety education programs has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To ensure evaluation of at least one community safety program/land or process each year, a Draft Fit to Drive (F2D) Research and Evaluation Report has been developed by Council. A mixed methods approach responded to questions on the appropriateness, efficiency and effectiveness of the F2D program. Data was collected and analysed from stakeholder interviews, Council program records and secondary sources. The report is currently being reviewed by staff. ▪ Fit2Drive booking and approval processes have been updated to advance the continuous improvement of the program's delivery in 2017. ▪ 1369 students from nine secondary schools within Hume City have attended Fit2Drive Workshops. ▪ Delivery of the L2P Driver education program is being provided to 45 participants.

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Strategic Objective 2.2: Strengthen community safety and respectful behaviour

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

2.2.3 The safety and wellbeing of all residents are protected through initiatives which promote respectful relationships and address issues of violence within the family and broader community

Council's Role

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Facilitator, Advocate
<p>Implement initiatives that raise awareness around the incidence and impact of family violence and encourage respectful relationships, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support and promotion of the White Ribbon Campaign Provision of information and education programs for the prevention of family violence and gender equity, in partnership with key community groups. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>Council staff are participating in a new Hume network - Community for Respect and Equality for Women (Hume CREW), the North (WIN) regional networks to develop best practice strategies to address family violence.</p> <p>A Gender Equity forum for Council staff was conducted in November 2016 to commence the process of development of a Gender Equity Strategy for Council.</p>	



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)				Council's Role
2.2.4 The health and safety of Hume residents, pets and fauna are protected through responsible and considerate animal management	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Statutory Authority, Advocate
Construct a dog exercise-agility park in Broadmeadows.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	Community consultation for the construction of a dog exercise-agility park has been conducted with over 100 responses received. The design process for the park has commenced and plans will be referred back to the community for further comment prior to proceeding to tender.	
Develop the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021.	Corporate Services	Some Progress	A community survey has been developed, which will inform the contents of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021. The survey will be provided to residents to ensure that community opinion is considered in the development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan.	
Investigate opportunities to partner with shelters and vets to increase desexing of cats.	Corporate Services	Significant Progress	Council has partnered with the Lost Dogs Home to host MAD, a mobile desexing van, within various suburbs in Hume. The van has been hosted in Broadmeadows (June 2016) and Sunbury (November 2016), with 149 cats desexed so far. Further desexing events are being planned for 2017. Council has entered into a section 84Y agreement with a local shelter, Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR), which will allow SCAR to rehome stray and surrendered animals that Council collects.	

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A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

**SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR THEME 3
1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2016**

STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

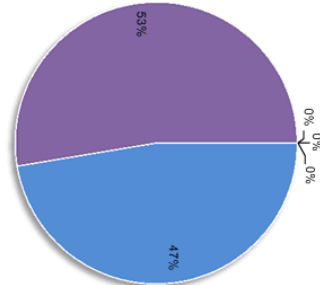
Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percentage of people in Hume City who feel socially connected	≥ State Average (72.3%)	Hume = 70.5% (2011 VicHealth Survey)
Community acceptance of diverse cultures	≥ State Average (51.0%)	Hume = 37.1% (2011 VicHealth Survey)

Strategic Objective 3.2: Enhance community pride and sense of place

There are no strategic indicators for this objective.

Strategic Objective 3.3: Strengthen community connections through local community events and arts

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percent of population who have participated in arts and cultural activities	≥ State Average (63.6%)	Hume = 58.6% (2011 VicHealth Survey)
Number of Council run community events held each year	≥ 20	2 events have been conducted in 2016/17 - Carols by Candlelight and Christmas in the Plaza
Percentage of programmed arts and cultural activities created by or specifically targeted at Social Justice Groups	≥ 3 activities per year	None to date - an engagement strategy is currently being developed for Gallery Exhibitions.



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A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.1 Social cohesion and community connectedness is strengthened by supporting and building the capacity of local community groups

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue the Community Grants Program and undertake initiatives that promote and support a wide variety of community groups.	Community Services	Significant Progress	The Councillor assessment panel for the Community Grants Program was conducted in November 2016. A total of 171 applications were received for the 2017 funding round. 157 Community groups will receive a total of \$364,971 for program delivery in 2017. The Presentation Evening will be held on 8 February 2017.



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Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.1 Social cohesion and community connectedness is strengthened by supporting and building the capacity of local community groups

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue the Enviro Champions program and other initiatives which support local environmentally-focused community groups including Friends of and Landcare groups.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>Support for environmentally-focused community groups has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Great Green Get Together in August 2016, with 60 community members and three Councilors attending to see the graduation of 11 Enviro Champions and learn about their projects. Council held a consultation session with Enviro Champions, Friends of groups and community gardeners to determine how to best support community environmental groups in building their capacity going forward. The final 2016 Enviro Champions meeting was held with four previous Enviro Champions in attendance. The Grate Creative Enviro Champion workshop was well attended (building furniture from recycled wooden pallets). Support was provided to a former Enviro Champion to hold stalls at community events promoting the Little Green Thumbs and Harvest Sunbury projects. Friends of groups will be invited to participate in the Volunteering in Hume conference in March 2017. A grant from Western Water is being auspiced for the Friends of Blind Creek to hold a waterway education day with Sunbury West Primary School in 2017. <p>Enviro Champions recruitment and preparation is underway for the 2017 program with promotions at libraries and leisure centres. New postcards and a banner have been developed and a process to engage a facilitator has commenced.</p>



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.1 Social cohesion and community connectedness is strengthened by supporting and building the capacity of local community groups

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Undertake initiatives and programs that support rural community groups and landowners including the Rural Community Engagement Program.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>Support for rural community groups and landowners has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Valuing our Volcanic Plains field day was held in partnership with the Port Phillip Westernport Catchment Management Authority at a local farming property. ▪ Printing and distribution of the summer edition of the Resource newsletter has occurred. ▪ An information brochure and letters posted out to 230 rural landowners informing them of the health of and decline in River Red Gums from insect and possum damage. ▪ The Farm Chemical Users Course was held for 20 rural landowners to ensure their safe and effective use of herbicides to manage their properties. ▪ Support was provided to the Friends of Steele Creek for their Port Phillip and Westport Catchment Management Authority community grant application to hold a series of Wurundjeri leading cultural engagement tours in Hume.



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

3.1.2 Local community groups are supported through the provision of accessible, inclusive and affordable community infrastructure, places and spaces

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to refine service plans, designs and governance strategies for key community infrastructure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aitken Hill Integrated Community Centre ▪ Greenvale West Integrated Community Centre. 	Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>Service plans, designs and governance strategies for key community infrastructure has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aitken Hill Activity Centre 1 Community Hub – Perkins Architects have been engaged. The Draft Project Plan (including governance and project control structure) has been endorsed. The Aitken Hill Precinct site master plan has been completed. ▪ Greenvale West R3 Community Hub – a report in relation to a review of the scale, scope and service requirements, and delivery schedule of the future community centre has been completed. The report has been presented to the Growth Area Infrastructure Planning Committee.
<p>Undertake a review of community facilities to inform how best to manage and maximise the community benefit of these resources.</p>	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>The first part of the community facilities review has been completed with 20 facilities transferring over to Community Facilities and Learning Programs including four Community Management venues. Staff are now in the process of streamlining the booking process and reviewing the Terms and Conditions of Hire. Early in 2017, a review of hire costs will be conducted for adoption in the 2017/18 fees and charges.</p>



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.3 Hume's rich and diverse cultural heritage is celebrated, creating a vibrant and inclusive community that values and welcomes people from all backgrounds and faiths

Council's Role

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to implement actions in the Hume Multicultural Action Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the Friends of Allieu partnership project, including the scholarship program ▪ Offer community resilience leadership training to the CALD Community. 	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>Hume Multicultural Action Plan actions have included:</p> <p>The Shared Journey forum on 23 November 2016 - to address the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Hume was attended by over 130 local service providers and Council staff. Part 2 of the Community Resilience Training for Leaders is underway and officers have supported the Leaders to design and develop a flyer to promote their learnings' (on emergency recovery and racial vilification).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Friends of Allieu Community Committee met in July and September 2016. Council endorsed the Friends of Allieu Strategy Plan and Action Plan 2016-2020 and the renewal of the Friendship Agreement, which was signed by both the Timor-Leste parties and the mayors of Hume City Council and Moreland City Council. Recent activities have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Music and Comedy Night in July 2016 was well attended. ○ Student engagement visits were facilitated for a CERES Permaculture Design Certificate Course and the Swinburne IT for Social Impact Unit. These included collaborative activities with the Allieu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC) in support of aspects of the ARTC's work plan and IT plan. ○ The Educational Scholarships Presentation Evening undertaken in November 2016, acknowledged the students that receive scholarships in Allieu.



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.4 A strong sense of social justice is maintained, ensuring a respectful and non-discriminatory community which values the contribution of all

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Improve and maintain accessibility and support to people with disabilities and additional needs through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake accessibility audits and upgrade works at Council facilities ▪ Delivery of the Metro Access Program. 	Community Services	Significant Progress	Accessibility input into facility development plans and audits of existing facilities has been undertaken and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disability Access Capital Works for 2016/2017 commenced in November 2016 for the Campbellfield Community Centre, Gladstone Park Maternal Child Health Centre, Meadow Heights Community Centre and Jack McKenzie Community Centre. ▪ Changing Places Facilities accreditation was completed for Jack Roper Reserve where construction was completed in June 2016. ▪ Construction of the accessible playground 'LWV's Place' at Craigieburn Park nearing completion. ▪ The audit/review of remaining facilities within Council's facilities register continues to prioritise and schedule works to accommodate the inclusion of Universal and Accessible Design elements. As part of the Metro Access Program, a report of outcomes achieved in 2015/2016 across all five objective areas was provided to the Department of Health and Human Services. The Metro Access Program is currently being reviewed in order to further enhance the role and to develop new priority areas and address matters associated with the rollout of the NDIS (in March 2018).



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.1: Foster socially connected and supported communities

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.1.5 Undertake initiatives which acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's living culture and unique role in the region and continue the journey towards reconciliation

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to implement the Hume Reconciliation Action Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognition Policy Coordinate projects that promote awareness and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>Council has continued to build and maintain existing relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, including the administration support for the Aboriginal Partnership Working Group to implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognition Policy.</p> <p>Partnership programs with the Kangan Institute Indigenous Education Centre are in draft planning stage.</p> <p>Other activities conducted in 2016/17 have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAIDOC week celebrations were held in July 2016 with more than 100 participants, supported by the Aboriginal Partnership group. The Boorais and Beyond group (Elders and Boorais) are meeting at least twice a term to share a meal and activities together. National Aboriginal Children's Day activities were held at the Boorais playgroup in August 2016. The Boorais Playgroup continues to have a regular attendance of more than 20 families. A Welcome Baby to Country celebration was hosted with community partners in November 2016 with 29 babies being traditionally welcomed to the community.



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.2: Enhance community pride and sense of place

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.2.1 Residents take pride in place with a strong sense of community values, ownership and belonging

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Facilitate community participation in events that celebrate the ANZAC Centenary.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Some Progress	There has been discussion with the Craigieburn War Memorial and Remembrance Committee regarding the Craigieburn War Memorial at Craigieburn ANZAC Park. Staff have developed ideas for an event to celebrate the completion of the War Memorial on ANZAC Day 2017.
*Work with the Craigieburn War Memorial and Remembrance Committee to relocate the existing Craigieburn War Memorial to Craigieburn Park.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	A tender process for the relocation of the Craigieburn War Memorial was undertaken with a contractor for the construction now appointed and works commenced. A community information evening took place on 15 November, 2016 to present the design of the War Memorial and to obtain community feedback. The War Memorial is expected to be installed in March 2017.

*Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.2: Enhance community pride and sense of place

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.2.1 Residents take pride in place with a strong sense of community values, ownership and belonging

Council's Role

Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to foster pride of place, sense of belonging and community ownership with environmental initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community planting days ▪ Community led place-based initiatives. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	<p>The 2016 Greening season has now been completed with 14 events attended by 657 people who planted 6,160 seedlings. This included school plantings, corporate volunteer plantings and plantings with community groups.</p> <p>A new Greening trailer has been completed to assist with the Greening 2017 events that have been organised. Seedling orders and site preparation requirements have been undertaken with the promotional aspects to occur in early 2017. An improved Greening site handover process has also been developed.</p> <p>Other initiatives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Melbourne Water grant was acquired for the Ernu Bottom Wetlands Stage 2 Project and a new grant is being sought for a school planting at Sunbury Bicentennial Park. ▪ Discussions are progressing with Kangan Institute Indigenous Education Centre in Broadmeadows regarding support for the community garden. ▪ The content is in final stages of development for all interpretation signage along Malcolm Creek. Designs will commence in early 2017.



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.2: Enhance community pride and sense of place

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.2.2 The characteristics of suburbs and places are enhanced to reflect local identity and heritage

Council's Role
Statutory Authority,
Facilitator,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Finalise design documentation and commence construction of the adaptive redevelopment of the Broadmeadows Town Hall.	Planning and Development	Some Progress	The Sketch Design phase for the redevelopment of the Broadmeadows Town Hall was completed and the concept plans exhibited as part of the community engagement phase. The engagement included four staffed information sessions held in August 2016 at the Broadmeadows GLC, Dallas Shopping Centre and Broadmeadows Community Hub, in addition to the exhibition of plans at numerous other sites. Two key milestones have now been reached with the receipt of the Design Development documentation package and the exhibition of the planning permit application in December 2016. The Contract Documentation phase is underway.
Commence review of the Hume Planning Scheme through the review of the Municipal Strategic Statement, Local Policy framework and zones.	Planning and Development	Significant Progress	The MSS Review is nearing completion with the Independent Panel held in November 2016 and the Panel report received late December 2016. This will be presented to Council for adoption and approval in early 2017. The review of Commercial 2 zoned land within the City has been completed and Council resolved in December 2016 to commence the planning scheme amendment process to rezone selected business parks to Industrial 3 as recommended by the review. The rolling program to remove the Comprehensive Development Zone (CDZ) and Development Plan Overlay (DPO) over completed estates is continuing with Council resolving to undertake the amendment to remove the CDZ over the Rolling Meadows estate in Sunbury in December 2016.



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.3: Strengthen community connections through local community events and arts

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

3.3.1 Social cohesion is supported and strengthened through participation and interaction in the arts, cultural activity, and local community events

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue to provide Council's events and festivals that enhance community participation, sense of belonging and raise awareness of Hume in the wider community.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	<p>The 2016/17 Hume City Council Events season has commenced with events scheduled between December 2016 and April 2017. Events held to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carols by Candlelight at Craigieburn on 3 December 2016 - more than 15,000 attendees. ▪ Christmas in the Plaza in Broadmeadows on 15 December 2016. ▪ Council has supported the Sunbury Agricultural Show and sponsored both Sunbury Carols by Candlelight and Sunbury Streetlife. ▪ Further events scheduled include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Movies and Music Series - Various locations (January- March 2017) ▪ Australia Day – Craigieburn (January 2017) ▪ Craigieburn Festival – Craigieburn (March 2017) ▪ Broadmeadows Street Festival (April 2017). <p>Identification of opportunities to expand arts and cultural development is underway with staff recruitment completed. Priority will be given to activities that are working with the local community. The EOJ process for the Gee Lee Wlk Doleen Gallery has now been finalised with 5 exhibitions confirmed for 2017.</p>
Further expand the arts and cultural development opportunities in Hume City, ensuring that the diversity of the community is reflected in the program(s) on offer.	Community Services	Some Progress	



A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 3.3: Strengthen community connections through local community events and arts

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.3.1 Social cohesion is supported and strengthened through participation and interaction in the arts, cultural activity, and local community events

Council's Role

Service Provider, Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
Continue to provide grant schemes to support and encourage community participation in local events and festivals.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Some Progress	In 2017, Council is continuing to provide a grants scheme to encourage participation from local community groups in the Broadmeadows Street Festival. Promotion of the grants scheme took place throughout December 2016 via a media release, social media and direct mail to local community groups.	Service Provider, Facilitator
*Examine options to establish a 'Building neighbourhood connectedness - street party' guide.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	The grants applications close on 6 January 2017. Council's Events Guide has been reviewed and updated, including information on street parties. This will be put forward for consideration and approval.	Service Provider, Facilitator

*Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)



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Strategic Objective 3.3: Strengthen community connections through local community events and arts

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

3.3.2 Cultural expression and the arts are supported through the enhancement of appropriate places and spaces, including the development of local arts precincts

Council's Role
Service Provider,
Facilitator,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue planning for the revitalisation of the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct (at the former VU site), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate to the State Government for a whole of government process on the future of the former VU site that seeks to realise the vision expressed in the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct Concept Communicate the community vision expressed through the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct Concept to the broader Hume community and the State and Federal Governments. 	Community Services, Planning and Development	Significant Progress	<p>Council has successfully advocated to the State Government for a whole of government process on the future of the former VU site. The Minister for Planning has directed the Victorian Planning Authority to work with VU, Council and representatives of the community in the preparation of a master plan for the site. Advocacy to pursue the vision is continuing. The Victorian Planning Authority is also committing to continued consultation during this process to ensure the community focus of the site remains.</p>
<p>Provide opportunities for artistic and cultural expression, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to implement the Art in Public Places Policy Commence planning for a public arts project to complement the redevelopment of the Broadmeadows Town Hall. 	Community Services	Some Progress	<p>An Expression of Interest process for a public arts project to complement the redevelopment of the Broadmeadows Town Hall has been undertaken. An Artist has now been appointed to work on the public arts project and community consultation took place in December 2016.</p>

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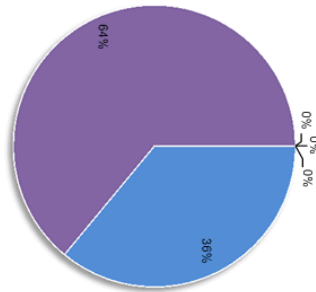
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STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 4.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percent of planning applications decided within 60 days	≥ Growth Council Average (64%)	In the first six months of 2016/17, 50% of applications were determined within 60 days.
Satisfaction of Council's management of urban growth	≥ 42%	2016/17 = 47.5%
Reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations (tonnes CO2-e)	Reduction on 2015/16 emissions (42,971t CO2-e)	Overall, Council achieved a 3.7% reduction in CO2-e emissions in 2015-2016 compared to 2014/15.
Reduction potable water consumption from Council operations (change in ML)	Reduction on 2014/15 water use (232 ML)	Council's 2015/16 potable water use was 245ML, a 13ML (6%) increase on the 232ML in 2014/15.



- Completed (no actions)
- Significant Progress (36% or 9 actions)
- Some Progress (64% or 16 actions)
- No Progress (no actions)
- Deferred (no actions)

Strategic Objective 4.2: Create community pride through a well-designed and maintained City

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Net increase in street trees	≥ 3401 trees annually (2015/16 baseline)	4187 trees have been planted in 2016/17. A net gain calculation will occur in June 2017.
Dumped rubbish removal requests rates per 10,000 households	≤ 1060	2,524 dumped rubbish removal requests have been received in 2016/17.
Satisfaction with Council's graffiti control and removal	≥ 55%	2015/16 = 55.9%
Graffiti removal requests rates per 10,000 households	≤ 100	534 graffiti removal requests have been received in 2016/17.



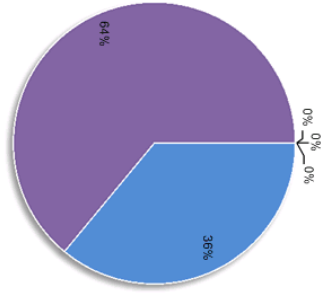
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STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 4.3: Create a connected community through efficient and effective walking, cycling, public transport and car networks

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Satisfaction with Council's management of local streets	≥ 55%	2016/17 = 57.9%
Percentage of sealed roads which do not require pavement or surface renewal	Maintained at or above (96%)	93.3% of sealed roads do not require pavement or surface renewal.
Satisfaction with the availability of walking and cycling tracks	≥ 65%	2016/17 = 78.1%



- Completed (no actions)
- Significant Progress (36% or 9 actions)
- Some Progress (64% or 16 actions)
- No Progress (no actions)
- Deferred (no actions)

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Strategic Objective 4.1: Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
4.1.1 Housing needs for all ages and stages of life are supported through the provision of a diverse range of appropriate housing options and residential development	Division	Progress	Facilitator, Advocate
<p>Action</p> <p>Continue implementation of the Hume Corridor HIGAP by commencing the preplanning of the Craigieburn West PSP.</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Work is continuing on reviewing and identifying information to support the Craigieburn West PSP. The focus has been on resolving the Lyndum Vale PSP and the review for the R2 PSP which together will set the outcomes to be addressed in Craigieburn West including road network and infrastructure provision.</p>
<p>*Transfer Seabrook Reserve Design Framework to planning controls and commence scoping of early improvement works.</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Assessment of heritage values in the Merlynston Creek corridor and Will Will Rook cemetery have been confirmed through completion of a Heritage Assessment. The recommendations from this report will inform the scope of works within Seabrook Reserve. Design and delivery arrangements for Meadowlink have been confirmed in partnership with VicRoads through the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Project Control Group.</p> <p>A working group has been established to make recommendations to the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Project Control Group.</p> <p>The Seabrook Reserve Urban Design Framework has been updated to reflect the outcomes of technical studies, including a flora and fauna study, cultural heritage study and traffic study. Early Improvement works to support the redevelopment of Seabrook Reserve have been identified and referred to the four year capital works program.</p>



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.1.1 Housing needs for all ages and stages of life are supported through the provision of a diverse range of appropriate housing options and residential development

Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
*Identify and commence development of housing design guidelines including identification of preferred locations and housing types to support the renewal of the Together 3047 Dallas neighbourhood.	Planning and Development	Some Progress	Preferred locations and housing types to support the renewal of the Together 3047 area have been identified in the South Broadmeadows, Dallas and Jacana Place Frameworks. An initial phase of works (with input from the Victorian Eco Innovation Lab) has been undertaken to explore housing and living options to meet the diverse needs of the Broadmeadows/Dallas community, and from this, input is being provided into the Housing Discussion Paper.	Facilitator, Advocate

*Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.1.2 Accessible and affordable housing options are available across the City and are located in close proximity to shopping and public transport hubs

Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
<p>Facilitate appropriate residential development to ensure housing needs support all ages and stages of life, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commencing development of a Housing Strategy ▪ Work with the State Government to develop a housing plan for the Broadmeadows MAC. 	Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>The Housing Discussion Paper and outcomes of the Councilor workshop in mid-2016 are being collated for discussion and consideration by Council in early 2017.</p> <p>A workshop has been held to identify opportunities to ensure residential development across the City continues to meet the needs of the community. The findings from the initial workshop are being collated with a range of consultation activities planned in the future as part of the development of the Housing Strategy.</p> <p>Council is working with the Victorian Planning Authority to prepare a Framework Plan for Greater Broadmeadows. Joint funding for the preparation of a transport modelling study and community infrastructure needs assessment is currently underway to identify supporting infrastructure for future growth of the Northmeadows and Eastmeadows urban renewal precincts. Both projects have established project steering groups to inform and guide the work required.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed by the VPA to undertake the transport modelling study, which is envisaged to be completed by March 2017. Consultants for the community infrastructure needs assessment will be appointed early in 2017 and will complete the work by March/April.</p>	Advocate



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

4.1.3 The City's natural heritage, environment and rural spaces are protected, enhanced, maintained and valued

Council's Role
Service Provider,
Facilitator,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Implement sustainable land management programs for rural landowners including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserving our Rural Environment Program ▪ Agricultural Land Use Rebate ▪ Integrated Pest Animal Management Program ▪ Conservation Reserves monitoring. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Sustainable land management programs have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medium and Large Conserving our Rural Environment (CORE) funding agreements have been returned and conservation works have commenced or been completed on a number of properties. 199 small grant applications have been approved. ▪ 10 Expressions of Interest were received from landowners for Valuing our Volcanic Plains funding and six management plans were prepared to assist with improving conservation values. 18 property inspections have been undertaken to provide land management advice. ▪ A native grassland management field day was held in Sunbury on 23 October with 12 landowners attending. ▪ A landowner-led fauna monitoring program is being developed with ethics and Wildlife Act approvals being sought from the State Government in early 2017. ▪ 17 property visits have been conducted. One property was not approved for the rebate due to excessive amount of weeds. ▪ Spotlight counts have been completed. Rabbit numbers have decreased by 61% across sites in Sunbury. ▪ Work is currently being undertaken with residents about what can be done to address pest foxes in Greenvale. ▪ All Conservation Reserves Monitoring Program sites have been completed including monitoring works on 10 properties funded through the CoRE grant program.



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4.1.3 The City's natural heritage, environment and rural spaces are protected, enhanced, maintained and valued

Council's Role
Service Provider,
Facilitator,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Implement the Pathways to Sustainability Framework, including relevant actions from the Sustainable Places Action Plan and Leadership Action Plan.</p>	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>Actions of the Sustainable Places Action Plan have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmentally Sustainable Design and Development (ESD) targets have been prepared for the Hume Central draft Development Plan. Council has subscribed to the Built Environment Sustainability Software (BESS) to allow planning permit applicants to demonstrate ESD outcomes for multi-unit developments. A Post Occupancy Evaluation for Newbury Child and Community Centre is underway for completion in early 2017. <p>As part of the Sustainability Leadership Action Plan, projects proposed in Council's Capital Works Program will include consideration of native vegetation impacts, cultural heritage assessment and inclusion of ESD.</p>
<p>Implement the 2016/2017 Land and Biodiversity Plan actions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a Landscape Connectivity Plan Providing cultural heritage awareness training relevant to local history and sites. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>A connectivity investigation has been commissioned by Council in collaboration with Brimbank City Council that will provide useful scientific data to inform the development of a Landscape Connectivity Plan. This is currently in progress.</p> <p>Cultural heritage awareness training will be postponed until mid-2017 to coincide with a suite of new cultural heritage management improvements that were presented to Council in November 2016.</p>



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.1.4 Improve environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change by pursuing high environmental standards and supporting sustainability as a focus of the planning and development process

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Finalise implementation of the Climate Change Adaption Plan 2013-2017 and consider option for beyond this period.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Meetings with Managers responsible for Climate Change Risks were completed in mid-2016. Completed actions were updated as controls and in some cases, the residual risk rating was revised. A Briefing Note reporting on progress was considered by the Governance and Risk Meeting of the Executive Management Team in August 2016. Most of the actions are underway or complete. Home Support Services are currently participating in a Community Sector Climate Resilience program that is being funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. This will consist of a resilience assessment and consultancy advice around climate impacts, particularly heatwaves, for Home Care Services. Approximately 25 Council staff attended a lunchbox session on climate change delivered by a Climate Ambassador.



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Council's Role

4.1.4 Improve environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change by pursuing high environmental standards and supporting sustainability as a focus of the planning and development process

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Undertake compliance activities for the Hume Planning Scheme, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice ▪ Construction Environmental Management Plans ▪ Native Vegetation regulations ▪ Landfill investigations. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice activities have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 77 planning referrals which address the requirements of the Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice have been reviewed by the Sustainable Environment Department. ▪ A serious incident of paint entering the water system was identified and the responsible company has been directed to rectify their practices. Construction Environmental Management Plan activities have included pre-commencement meetings held for all newly commencing subdivision stages (29 stages in 2016/17). Regular compliance inspections have also been conducted. <p>Native Vegetation regulations compliance monitoring has included investigation of cases of native tree clearance within Sunbury and compliance action has been undertaken including planning infringement notices and vegetation plans.</p> Landfill investigations have seen two large scale illegal landfill sites being actively monitored in their rectification stages. Three permitted landfill sites are being monitored for compliance with permit conditions. All subdivisions have approved soil and fill recovery plans and the recipient sites are being monitored.



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.1.4 Improve environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change by pursuing high environmental standards and supporting sustainability as a focus of the planning and development process (continued)

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Investigate and pursue sustainability outcomes in precinct level planning and development including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hume Central Sunbury Whole of Water Cycle Management project. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Pursuing sustainability outcomes in precinct level planning and development has included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmentally Sustainable Design and Development (ESD) targets have been prepared for the Hume Central draft Development Plan. Sunbury Whole of Water Cycle Management project - Hume continues to play a support role to the Sunbury Whole of Water Cycle Management project which is being primarily progressed by Western Water and Melbourne Water. A Community Engagement discussion was attended in August 2016.
Develop local planning instruments identified in the Environmental Planning Policy Audit to improve environmental outcomes during the planning and development process.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	Work is continuing on the development of the Sites of Biological Significance (Environmental Significance Overlay) and the Urban Waterways Environmental Significance Overlay. Work has also commenced on the review of the Heritage Overlay spatial extent.



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

4.1.5 Carbon and environmental impacts are minimised through strong leadership in the uptake of renewable energy, waste reduction, efficient use of resources and sustainable practices of Council activities and services

Council's Role
Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Provide leadership in the uptake of renewable energies, efficient use of resources and sustainable practices, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring new facilities and major projects demonstrate environmentally sustainable design and development ▪ Continuing to coordinate Hume's Live Green Work Green Initiative ▪ Installing solar PV panels on Council and community facilities. Facilities to be considered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coolaroo Childcare and MCHC ○ Homestead Child and Family Centre ○ Sunningdale Family Centre / Sunningdale Avenue Children's Centre ○ Sunbury Neighbourhood House and Community Centre ○ Sunbury Depot Workshop ○ Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	<p>Leadership in the uptake of renewable energies, efficient use of resources and sustainable practices has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing ESD input has been provided into new Council facilities including Aitken Hill Community Centre, Broadmeadows Town Hall redevelopment, Sunbury HGLC and Greenvale Recreation Reserve pavilion. ▪ Live Green Work Green initiatives include replacement of the paper mail out parking permits for staff, campaigns for reducing paper use; signage for reducing water use and communication with staff regarding reducing energy in the office. A Carpool Morning Tea scheduled for 2 February 2017 will encourage more staff to use sustainable transport options. ▪ A desktop review was completed for 14 Council facilities identifying optimal solar systems. Quotes for seven of these Council facilities will be sought in 2017. ▪ 13 tender responses were received for the Broadmeadows and Craigieburn Global Learning Centres 99kW solar system installs. The evaluation process is underway. ▪ The Newbury Child and Community Centre Building Management System implementation work has commenced. ▪ A new control strategy has been implemented at Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre (BALC) to ensure the air conditioning system is performing well. An initial assessment is underway for upgrading to more energy efficient boilers for the 25 metre pool at BALC.



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4.1.5 Carbon and environmental impacts are minimised through strong leadership in the uptake of renewable energy, waste reduction, efficient use of resources and sustainable practices of Council activities and services

Council's Role
Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Complete implementation and commence a review of the Greenhouse Action Plan 2013-2016.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Some Progress	<p>The Greenhouse Action Plan 2013-2016 has been reviewed and reported to the Executive Management Team. Most actions were completed and KPIs achieved with highlights including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The successful implementation of the Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) with the street lighting upgrade and energy efficiency upgrades in Council facilities resulting in 3,700 tonnes of corporate greenhouse emissions saved per year. Hume Energy Savers assisted the Hume community to reduce emissions by 1,290 tonnes while saving money on electricity bills. 80KW of solar panels were installed on Hume facilities. <p>The new Greenhouse Action Plan will be prepared in 2017 and implementation of the solar install and energy efficiency programs for Council facilities continues.</p>



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4.1.5 Carbon and environmental impacts are minimised through strong leadership in the uptake of renewable energy, waste reduction, efficient use of resources and sustainable practices of Council activities and services

Council's Role
Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Implement the 2016/2017 actions of the Integrated Water Management Plan 2014-2017, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water sensitive urban design treatments Water management initiatives across Council facilities Industrial stormwater education, enforcement and remediation programs. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Integrated Water Management Plan actions have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Sensitive Urban Design works for Spavin Lake and commissioning of Tullamarne Reserve stormwater system are underway. The Cleaner Creeks Everybody's Business program is continuing. 220 Industrial Properties have been visited in 2016. The third round of pollution monitoring has finished and three results reports have now been received. The program has identified that 43 properties require some level of compliance and enforcement action. The Frog Court Wetland remediation design phase has progressed with two options identified and being discussed internally and with key stakeholders. A further year of funding from Melbourne Water's Living Rivers Fund has been gained by Council to continue this project.



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Strategic Objective 4.2: Create community pride through a well-designed and maintained City

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

4.2.1 The urban design of Hume City is enhanced to create a strong sense of place, community pride and liveability

Council's Role
Statutory Authority,
Service Provider,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>With a focus on Together 3047 neighbourhoods, undertake a rolling program of urban design-led assessments and implement the Place Frameworks for key sites, corridors and activity centres.</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Place Frameworks have been implemented with all urban design and landscape works completed for 3 pilot activity centres of Goonawarra, Kingswood and Westmeadows. Within 3047, landscape and urban design improvements have been completed for Dallas activity centre, with plans currently underway for Jacana, Upfield and Broadmeadows South which will be completed by mid-2017.</p> <p>Implementation of the Place Frameworks identified actions are currently underway in the Westmeadows: Kingswood, Broadmeadows South and Dallas activity centres.</p> <p>The Jacana Place Framework has been completed and will be reported to Council in mid-2017.</p>
<p>Implement landscape improvements to enhance amenity and vitalise Hume activity centres, gateways and key streets, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seabrook Reserve landscape improvements (prioritise pathway connections and tree planting) ▪ Subject to grant funding, finalise design for Meadowlink. 	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>An initial phase of improvement works for Seabrook Reserve including extensions to the pathway network and revegetation planting have been identified. These will be referred to the 2017/2018 Capital Works Program for funding.</p> <p>Design and delivery arrangements for Meadowlink have been confirmed in partnership with VicRoads through the Broadmeadows Revitalisation Project Control Group. The contract for design and documentation of the Meadowlink project has been tendered.</p>



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Strategic Objective 4.2: Create community pride through a well-designed and maintained City

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.2.2 Health and safety, local amenity and community pride are protected and enhanced through a well-designed and maintained public realm, streetscapes, spaces and places which meet community needs

Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Undertake a range of initiatives to reduce graffiti and improve amenity, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue partnerships with Victoria Policy by providing two utilities to tow Graffiti trailers Provide free graffiti clean-up kits to Hume residents. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Existing initiatives to reduce graffiti and improve amenity are being continued during 2016/17 including schools participating in the Graffiti prevention program, the Graffiti Reporting Hotline, distribution of free graffiti clean-up kits and the removal of graffiti by both Council contractors and Council-supported volunteers.
<p>Continue implementation of the Litter Management Strategy and the Waste Management Strategy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailing of solar bins in three locations Running second hand Saturday events Providing Fire Action Week landfill passes Review of large garbage bins Compost revolution Hume Clean neighbourhood blitzes. 	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	<p>Implementation of the Litter Management Strategy and the Waste Management Strategy has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar bins have been purchased and designs approved. Council is awaiting delivery of new models. Second Hand Saturday events have changed format (as advised to Council). The first event was conducted on 3 December 2016. The next event is scheduled for Saturday 4 March 2017. Fire Action Week landfill passes were mailed out to rural and urban fringe residents in November 2016. The review of large garbage bins is ongoing and will continue with Craigleburn change overs due to start in early 2017 Compost Revolution orders are ongoing and Circular Food is offering a pick-up service for residents in addition to the online service.



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Strategic Objective 4.2: Create community pride through a well-designed and maintained City

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.2.3 Healthy and active communities are encouraged by providing high quality and well-maintained streetscapes, public parks and open spaces

Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Review provision standards for active sports that meet the requirements of relevant sporting codes through a review of existing sites.	Corporate Services	Some Progress	A draft brief has been prepared and is being reviewed prior to implementation of the program. Implementation of AFL and Tennis Sports Code standards in current projects is being implemented, which includes pavilion construction and pavilion refurbishment.
Finalise a refresh of the Broadmeadows Town Park Master Plan and commence design.	Planning and Development	Some Progress	Consultation with the Broadmeadows Town Park surrounding landowners including Hume Central Secondary Campus and Kangaroo Institute is continuing. A review and refresh of the existing design for Broadmeadows Town Park is to be undertaken in the Third Quarter of 2016/17.
Document and establish variable service standards for Parks and Open Space Management.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Following a range consultation, Draft Operational Levels of Service for Parks and Open Space Management have been developed which will inform Service Planning (scheduled to commence in early 2017). Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken as part of Service Planning.



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Strategic Objective 4.3: Create a connected community through efficient and effective walking, cycling, public transport and car networks

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

4.3.1 Communities are connected, car dependency is minimised and access to services and facilities is enhanced through accessible, integrated and efficient walking, cycling and public transport options

Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
<p>Improve connections of walking, cycling and public transport networks in Together 3047 neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Planning and Development</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Design and documentation of initial improvement works is underway to install new on-road bicycle directional signage within Jacana as part of Together 3047, including a shimmy path and some landscape upgrades.</p> <p>A Wayfinding Strategy has been prepared identifying additional signage for installation in Dallas and Jacana. Implementation will occur within the 2016/17 Financial Year.</p>	<p>Facilitator, Advocate</p>
<p>Continue to advocate to the State and Federal Government for funding and implementation of public transport projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broadmeadows Train Station Redevelopment ▪ Additional parking at the Craigieburn and Sunbury Train Stations. 	<p>Communications, Engagement and Advocacy</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>A meeting was convened and held with the Minister for Public Transport to get an understanding of the Government's intentions to upgrade the Broadmeadows Train Station on the back of the \$4 million allocated in the 2016/2017 State budget.</p> <p>A meeting was also convened and held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Public Transport and Member for Sunbury to investigate the intentions for new parking at Sunbury Station.</p> <p>Council officers are continuing to engage with Public Transport Victoria regarding development and additional funding at Craigieburn Train Station - including assessing a planning permit application for new parking in Potter Street.</p> <p>To engage the community, Council have been running a Fund Our Public Transport postcard advocacy campaign which has seen great support from the local community.</p>	

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A SUSTAINABLY BUILT AND WELL MAINTAINED CITY WITH AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Strategic Objective 4.3: Create a connected community through efficient and effective walking, cycling, public transport and car networks

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
4.3.2 Communities are connected and business and employment options are enhanced through improvements to road infrastructure, traffic management and local parking		Service Provider, Advocate	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to advocate to the State and Federal Government for funding for the following roads projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craigieburn Road Duplication ▪ Somerton Road Duplication ▪ Sunbury Road Duplication ▪ Mickleham Road Duplication ▪ Bulla Bypass ▪ Gap Road/Home Street Traffic Lights ▪ Outer Metropolitan Ring Road. 	<p>Communications, Engagement and Advocacy, Sustainable Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Significant Progress</p>	<p>Council undertakes a range of advocacy activities to seek support for major road projects. Recent initiatives have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessing the potential of the intersection of Craigieburn Road and Kimberwood Drive to attract Black Spot funding and raising this with VicRoads. ▪ On-going work with VicRoads and other agencies to ensure that important Hume projects are adequately considered in regional planning. <p>Council is continually engaging with local Members of Parliament around the need for funding for these projects. Council has written a number of letters to Minister for Roads to provide funding for the Bulla Bypass and duplication of Sunbury Road.</p> <p>Following an initial visit in May 2016, the Minister for Roads – The Hon. Luke Donnellan returned to Craigieburn in October 2016 to announce \$250,000 in VicRoads funding has been allocated to develop a business case for the duplication of Craigieburn Road. To engage the community, Council have been running a Fund Our Roads postcard advocacy campaign which has seen great support from the local community.</p>
<p>Implement agreed works for previous Local Area Traffic Management Studies (LATMS) and complete two new LATMS in Aitken and Broadmeadows West.</p>	<p>Sustainable Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Traffic counts have been completed for streets within the two 2016/17 LATM areas of Aitken and Broadmeadows West. These counts form the basis of the investigation of each area. Draft traffic management plans have been prepared and a consultation session for LATM area has been scheduled for February 2017.</p>

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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

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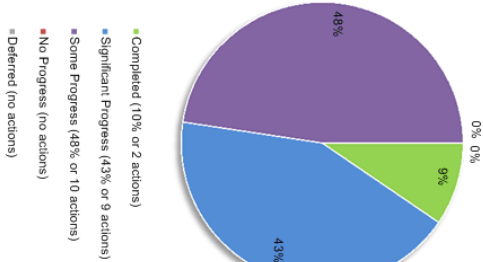
STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing Hume Horizons 2040

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Percent of annual Council Plan actions complete	≥ 85%	8 actions have been completed to date in 2016/2017. 84% of actions were completed in 2015/2016.
Employee Engagement Levels	≥ 65%	2015/16 = 75% 2013/14 = 73%
Workforce turnover rate	≥ 5.0% & ≤ 7.0%	To date in 2016/17, Council's workforce turnover rate is 4.8%

Strategic Objective 5.2: Create a community actively involved in civic life

Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Satisfaction with Council encouraging community discussions on key issues	≥ 40%	2016/17 = 46.8%
Satisfaction with Council's level of consultation and engagement	≥ 39%	2015/16 = 38% figure is updated annually in Third Quarter.



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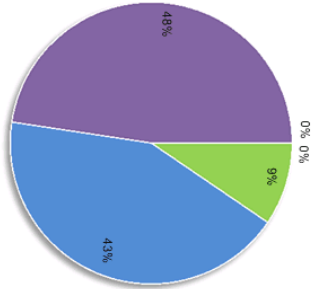
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Summary of progress and Strategic Indicators

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS FOR THEME 5
1 JULY – 31 DECEMBER 2016

STRATEGIC INDICATORS TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Strategic Objective 5.3: Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which respond to and support community needs



Indicator	Target	YTD Result
Satisfaction with Council decisions	≥ 37%	2015/16 = 39.3%
Satisfaction with Council's level of advocacy to other levels of government and other organisations	≥ 38%	2015/16 = 36.5%
Percent of Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public	< 15%	55 of 219 decisions to date in 2016/17 were made in confidential = 25%
Percent of annual Capital Works Projects completed	≥ 90%	As at 31 December 2016, the 2016/17 Capital Works Program is 36% complete.
Average expenditure per assessment	\$2,759 (2016/2017)	Calculated at end of Financial Year - actual result for 2015/2016 was \$2873

- Completed (10% or 2 actions)
- Significant Progress (43% or 9 actions)
- Some Progress (48% or 10 actions)
- No Progress (no actions)
- Deferred (no actions)



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Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing *Hume Horizons 2040*

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

5.1.1 The vision and aspirations of *Hume Horizons 2040* are supported through the alignment of Council's financial and strategic service planning processes and systems

Council's Role

Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Undertake a review of the Customer Focus Strategy 2013-2016 and implement initiatives to improve customer service, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introducing case management for complex MERIT requests ▪ Introducing mobile payment terminals at Council facilities. 	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	The Customer Focus Strategy has been reviewed and a presentation was made to Councillors in mid-2016 outlining the achievements of the Strategy. This is now completed. A trial has been approved for mobile payment terminals in the Broadmeadows office which will commence in March 2017.
Continue the 'Single view' of customers project (post proof of concept stage).	Corporate Services	Some Progress	The expression of interest (EOI) is being finalised for the 'Single view' of customers project. It is expected the EOI will be released for response at the end of February 2017.
Prepare a plan to digitalise Council records to reduce reliance on paper-based documents, increasing efficiencies in secure record management.	Corporate Services	Some Progress	A digitisation strategy has been developed and timeliness for presentation are being finalised.



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Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing Hume Horizons 2040

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)				Council's Role
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	
5.1.2 Hume's community is informed of the progress of Hume Horizons 2040 through the establishment of systems for measuring and reporting the community's progress in achieving Hume Horizons 2040 objectives	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	The Community Indicators Survey measures the progress of Hume Horizons 2040. Surveying commenced in November and was completed in December 2016. Analysis is currently being undertaken and the findings of the Community Indicators Survey will be presented to Council in February 2017.	Service Provider
Continue to develop and implement community indicators to measure the progress of Hume Horizons 2040 including undertaking the biennial community indicators survey.				

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A WELL-GOVERNED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY
Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing *Hume Horizons 2040*

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)				Council's Role
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	
5.1.3 The community's vision and emerging aspirations continue to be reflected in Hume's long-term community plan (<i>Hume Horizons 2040</i>) by reviewing the plan every four years, following Council elections	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Significant Progress	Consultation and engagement activities for the review of <i>Hume Horizons 2040</i> and development of the Council Plan 2017-2021 commenced in November 2016 and will continue until January 2017. A report detailing the feedback provided by the community will be presented to Council in February 2017.	Facilitator
Undertake a review of <i>Hume Horizons 2040</i> and develop a new Council Plan for 2017-2021, following Council elections in October 2016 and incorporating feedback from the community.				



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Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing *Hume Horizons 2040*

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

5.1.4 The vision and aspirations of *Hume Horizons 2040* will be supported by Council through a highly engaged workforce equipped with the skills and resources to meet community needs

Council's Role
Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to build organisational capacity to support staff in delivering high quality services to the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake proactive strategies to manage WorkCover and OHS, including the continued implementation of Work Health and Safety Management certification Develop and implement leadership development programs Negotiate a new enterprise bargaining agreement 	<p>Communications, Engagement and Advocacy</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Strategies to manage WorkCover and OHS have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The external AS/NZS 4801 audit was completed by BSI in November 2016. Corrective actions for the four minor non-conformances and five observations have been developed. Incident investigation training was held in September 2016 The OHS Safety Action Plan is being implemented through the Safety Action Groups primarily addressing OHS risk. The Fitness for Work Policy was recommended by the Executive Safety Action Group (SAG) and Consultative Committee to be approved by EMT. The Contractor Code of Conduct and Induction handbook was also approved the Executive SAG. Training is being organised. <p>A Senior Management consultation was held in August 2016 to inform the design and development of the proposed Leadership Development Program (LDP). Further sessions were conducted in October 2016 to provide opportunities for all other Hume leaders to provide input. A working group has been formed to consolidate and review the feedback and is exploring innovative methods to deliver and support the program.</p> <p>Preparation has commenced for the Hume City Council Enterprise Agreement negotiations commencing in February 2017. All staff have been sent a Notice of Representational Rights as required under the Fair Work Act and relevant unions have been sent letters to initiate the bargaining period.</p>



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Strategic Objective 5.1: Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing *Hume Horizons 2040*

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

5.1.4 The vision and aspirations of *Hume Horizons 2040* will be supported by Council through a highly engaged workforce equipped with the skills and resources to meet community needs

Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Implement the HAACC Aboriginal Training Program to support the engagement of Aboriginal Direct Care Workers within Aged and Disability Services.	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>As part of the HAACC Aboriginal Training Program, which is supported by the MAV, Council has recruited a trainee Aboriginal Direct Care Worker.</p> <p>The trainee is currently completing a Certificate III (for completion in February 2017) in Aged Care whilst working across the indigenous and non-indigenous community.</p> <p>In addition, the trainee is receiving mentoring from an experienced Direct Care Worker to develop skills and support the complete relevant assessment tasks as part of the training.</p> <p>The trainee will commence personal care and respite care shadow shifts with Council's Direct Care Workers in February 2017 and will transition into the full scope of the Direct Care Worker role with Council upon completion of the Certificate III.</p>



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
5.2.1 Community and stakeholders are actively encouraged and empowered to be involved and participate in decision making processes at Local, State and Federal government levels	Facilitator, Advocate	Division	Progress
Action	Description of Progress	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Implement and support programs and advisory committees/reference groups to foster community leadership and increase community capacity in engaging with Council decision making processes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing governance training to advisory groups ▪ Evaluate the Children's Services Reference Group ▪ Hume Sustainability Taskforce ▪ Hume Interfaith Network ▪ Hume Community Safety Advisory Committee ▪ Hume Multicultural Action Plan Working Group ▪ Hume Disability Partnerships Network ▪ Aboriginal Partnerships Working Group. 	<p>Community Service, Sustainable Infrastructure and Services</p>	<p>Some Progress</p>	<p>Progress with advisory committees/reference groups include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An evaluation of the Children's Services Reference Group is being undertaken and results will inform the redesign for 2017. ▪ A presentation was made to the Hume Sustainability Taskforce in November 2016 on the ESD measures incorporated into SPLASH Aqua Park and Leisure Centre. Taskforce members also participated in a meeting by Environmental Justice Australia about reviewing Environmental Protection Authority processes for managing pollution notification. ▪ The Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) has completed its Strategic Plan for 2017 following community consultation. The HIN will engage schools, business and Council staff as high priorities. ▪ Community Safety Advisory Committee meetings were held in Craigieburn (July), Broadmeadows (September) and Sunbury in November 2016. ▪ The Multicultural Action Plan Working Group met in November 2016 and will re-evaluate its work of the past year and confirm new priority actions at its first meeting in February 2017. ▪ At the Hume Disability Partnerships Network meeting in December 2016, stakeholders participated in a consultation for the development of the Council Plan 2017-2021 with a focus on Priorities for People with Disabilities. ▪ The Aboriginal Partnership Group meets bi-monthly with indigenous workers, community members and service providers to discuss matters of importance and to ensure services are coordinated in supporting Aboriginal families.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
5.2.2 Community capacity to participate in decision making processes is enhanced through improved community education and awareness of key topics		Service Provider, Facilitator	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Deliver a range of communications, media and advocacy campaigns to promote Council priorities, services and major projects.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Some Progress	<p>A total of 47 media releases were issued in the first half of 2016/17. Media activities to promote a wide range of Council services, programs, events and activities were distributed and some of the key ones focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craigieburn ANZAC Park development, and the Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre. ▪ Hume Global Learning Centre – Sunbury. ▪ The Broadmeadows Town Hall redevelopment. ▪ Council's annual rates and budget communications plan ▪ Council's major events and festivals ▪ The Local Government Elections <p>Key funding announcements including securing \$7,445,115 from the State Government for the delivery of priority projects and services as part of the Growing Suburbs Fund.</p> <p>Advocacy campaigns of focus have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redevelopment of Broadmeadows Railway Station ▪ New parking at Sunbury Railway Station ▪ Additional funding at Craigieburn Railway Station ▪ Commitment to a Bulla bypass ▪ Investment in health in the northern growth corridor ▪ State Government investment in new schools. ▪ A postcard campaign to Fund Our Public Transport, Fund Our Roads and Fund 5 Hours of Preschool.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
5.2.2 Community capacity to participate in decision making processes is enhanced through improved community education and awareness of key topics		Service Provider, Facilitator	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue to identify and implement actions to improve community use of Council's online/digital communications and social media.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Some Progress	<p>Council developed a new Communications and Advocacy Service Plan, which has been designed to guide the communication and advocacy activities across the organisation to ensure that all communication is coordinated and aligns with Council priorities. The service plan has identified a new 'digital by default' approach to communications, transitioning from a reliance on traditional print communications to online communications, where appropriate. Council has continued to deliver and improve its online, digital and social media communications tools to raise awareness about Council services, programs, projects and activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of digital content across social media including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and LinkedIn, with more than 530,000 views of video content during the reporting period. Key Council-managed accounts on Facebook all saw an increase in growth and now have the following number of likes: Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre (12,000), Hume Events (5,315), Hume Libraries and Learning (2,326), Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre (2,657), Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre (2,041), Craigieburn Leisure Centre (1,968) and Craigieburn Dog Park (1,009). <p>There was also growth in engagement across Council's Twitter (1,581 followers) and LinkedIn (2,456 followers) accounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hume City Council app has now attracted more than 8000 downloads and has been translated into multiple languages including Italian, Greek, Turkish and Vietnamese.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

5.2.3 Hume's community is empowered and engaged in community life through the timely communication of information about services and key topics

Council's Role
Service Provider,
Facilitator

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Revitalise and re-produce the Council Services Guide following Council Elections, including the production of accessible formats and versions.	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy	Some Progress	The Council Services Guide is currently being reviewed to recommend ways to produce the guide in other accessible formats or versions.

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Strategic Objective 5.3: Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which respond to and support community needs

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
5.3.1 The needs and interests of Hume's community are represented through strong advocacy and leadership from Council and locally elected members of State and Federal parliaments	Corporate Services	Completed	A submission was prepared by the Chief Executive Officer and following consultation with the Councillors, it was submitted within the required timeframe.
Work with the Victorian Electoral Commission to prepare for and undertake Council Elections in October 2016.	Corporate Services	Completed	Council worked closely with the Victorian Electoral Commission to undertake the Council Election with the close of voting occurring on 21 October 2016. Forty five candidates stood for election and the official results (11 successful candidates) were declared on 31 October 2016.



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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

5.3.2 Community needs and priorities are addressed through the timely and ongoing provision and delivery of financially sustainable services, assets and physical and social infrastructure

Service Provider, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Continue implementation of the Asset Management system.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	Implementation of the Asset Management System is progressing in line with the Project Plan, with some minor delays. The scheduled to go live for roads has been pushed back from February to March 2017 and Open Space is now scheduled for May 2017. Key tasks to date have included system configuration, data cleansing and migration, configuration of interface requirements with other systems (Finance, Property and Rating, GIS, Document Management), key user training and business process mapping. The first round of User Acceptance Testing for Roads concluded on 23 December 2016.
*Complete the review of both the Road Asset Management Plan and Road Management Plan.	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services	Significant Progress	A draft has been prepared for the review of Council's Road Management Plan. This has included benchmarking the standards with a group of other councils from the North West Metropolitan region.
Continue implementation of Council's Service Planning Framework and undertake a minimum of eight service reviews and plans per calendar year.	Communications, Advocacy and Engagement	Some Progress	Council's Service Planning Program is continuing with plans completed for Economic Development and Communications and Advocacy Service Plans for Disability Services and Support and Information and Communications Technology are currently being finalised. Service planning for Youth Services commenced in September 2016 and is scheduled for completion in March 2017

*Partial carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role
5.3.2 Community needs and priorities are addressed through the timely and ongoing provision and delivery of financially sustainable services, assets and physical and social infrastructure	Division	Service Provider, Advocate
Action	Progress	Description of Progress
<p>Continue to advocate to the State and Federal Government in the areas of community infrastructure, health, early years and education in seeking funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The delivery of Council's Capital Works Program Health services and facilities for the Hume North Growth Corridor An ongoing commitment for the continuation of Universal Access (15 hours of preschool per week) The timely delivery of new school infrastructure to support the growth of the municipality. 	<p>Communications, Advocacy and Engagement</p>	<p>Some Progress</p> <p>In November 2016, Council was successful in securing \$7,445,115 in funding as part of the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. This will assist in the delivery of priority projects and services for the local community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HGLC Sunbury - \$3m Aston Recreation Reserve development (Craigieburn) - \$2m Boardman Reserve upgrade - \$490,000 Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club - \$400,000 Community facility accessibility upgrades in Bulla, Gladstone Park, Meadow Heights and Campbellfield - \$230,000 <p>Council Officers have continued to engage with representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the need for investment in health in the northern growth corridor. To engage the community, Council have been running a Fund Five Hours of Preschool postcard advocacy campaign which has seen great support from the local community.</p> <p>Council officers have continued to engage with the Department of Education and Training regarding the need for the State Government to invest in new schools. This has been supported by targeted engagement with local politicians to ensure that all levels of Government are aware of the importance of the funding.</p>



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Strategic Objective 5.3: Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which respond to and support community needs

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

5.3.3 Services continue to meet the needs of community through the provision of innovative partnership models between all levels of government, business and service providers

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Implement strategies to support the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>The advent of the NDIS in Hume City was a key focus of the Disability Services and Support service planning process. This included considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of the NDIS on existing Council services including the HACCC and the Metro Access Program. ▪ The information and support needs of clients, carers and community members as they transition to the NDIS. ▪ Future service directions for Council following the roll-out of the NDIS. <p>Future service recommendations, strategies and actions to manage the transition of Council and clients to the NDIS have been included in the Disability Services and Support service plan summary document and action plan. This summary document and action is currently undergoing further review. Following this review, it is anticipated the report and action plan will be presented to Council for consideration.</p> <p>A series of information sessions on the NDIS are expected to be delivered to community members prior to mid-2017. These sessions are being planned in consultation with the Hume Disability Partnership Group which includes representation from local disability service providers.</p>



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Strategic Objective 5.3: Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which respond to and support community needs

COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

Council's Role

5.3.3 Services continue to meet the needs of community through the provision of innovative partnership models between all levels of government, business and service providers

Service Provider, Facilitator, Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
Audit and review the current intake and assessment processes in preparation for Aged Care Reforms.	Community Services	Significant Progress	<p>The My Aged Care and Regional Assessment Service structure has been implemented as of 1 August 2016. The Assessment Manual has been revised and is in the process of being implemented.</p> <p>A fundamental national policy foundation for My Aged Care and for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme is the separation of aged care assessments from the delivery of home support services.</p> <p>This is to ensure that the assessment undertaken by Regional Assessment Services is demonstrably independent of the provision of aged care services, and that the allocation of services is based on client needs and not limited by the scope of services that a particular service provider may offer.</p> <p>As part of the reforms, Council is currently working on the policy and procedure requirements determined by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth Department of Health.</p>



COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

5.3.3 Services continue to meet the needs of community through the provision of innovative partnership models between all levels of government, business and service providers (continued)

Council's Role
Service Provider,
Facilitator,
Advocate

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
*Subject to funding, in partnership with the MPA, undertake a review of community, civil and open space infrastructure and growth requirements in Broadmeadows (East of the railway line) to inform the preparation and update of planning controls and development infrastructure contribution plans.	Planning and Development	Some Progress	<p>Council is working with the Victorian Planning Authority to finalise the Greater Broadmeadows Framework Plan.</p> <p>Joint funding for the preparation of a transport modelling study and community infrastructure needs assessment is currently underway to identify supporting infrastructure for future growth of the Northmeadows and Eastmeadows urban renewal precincts. Both projects have established project steering groups to inform and guide the work required.</p> <p>Consultants have been appointed by the VPA to undertake the transport modelling study, which is envisaged to be completed by March 2017. Consultants for the community infrastructure needs assessment will be appointed in early 2017 and will complete the work by March/April.</p>

*Carryover action from Council Plan 2013-2017 (2015/16)

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)

5.3.4 All suburbs within Hume benefit through the delivery of an equitable rates strategy

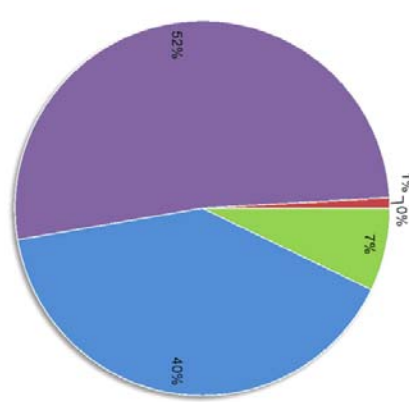
Council's Role
 Service Provider

Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress	Council's Role
No action proposed in 2016/2017.			Not applicable	

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COMMUNITY EXPECTATION (from Hume Horizons 2040)		Council's Role	
Action	Division	Progress	Description of Progress
5.3.5 The long term sustainability of Hume City Council is maintained through open and transparent governance practices and prudent financial management	Corporate Services	Significant Progress	The statutory requirements and councillor induction that follow a Council election are included in a post-election planning document. Councillors are progressing through the induction actions and required training as per the action dates allocated in the post-election planning document. The Councillors Code of Conduct review will be completed at a special meeting of Council in February 2017. Councillors will review their appointments to external committees at the first meeting of Council in 2017.
Following Council elections, deliver a range of activities to support the new Council including legislative and compliance training, reviews of delegations, appointments to external committees and reviewing of the Councillors Code of Conduct.			



Summary of progress - 1 July to 31 December 2016	THEME 1 A WELL EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS	THEME 2 A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS
<p>Summary of progress - 1 July to 31 December 2016</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed (7% or 8 actions) Significant Progress (40% or 45 actions) Some Progress (52% or 58 actions) No Progress (1% or 1 action) Deferred (no actions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 Presentation Evening for the Hume Educational Standards was undertaken on the 22nd November where 47 children were presented awards. Over 300 people, including Councillors, Parents and Teaching staff, attended the celebration. Council's learning and literacy programs are providing seven, 100k and 20 Melodrama sessions (both creative and with a technology focus) every week. The 1000 Books Before School program has 458 children registered, with 15 children having achieved the 1000 books read since the program commenced. Initiatives to support young people include 4,067 contacts at Youth Centre drop-in sessions, 20,164 The Making of Me Mentoring Program (100% completion rate) (delivered in Term 4 2016) received 15 referrals with a 100% utilisation rate (10 participants) and a 100% completion rate. Universal Children's Day on 26 October 2016 successfully hosted more than 500 participants and involved over 20 external early years service providers in activities the event was coordinated by the Biggroup Support Officers and involved Community Hubs and other early years service providers. Recent business support and networking activities have included the November 2016 Hume Business Breakfast delivered to 180 guests at Alken Hill and the 2016 Hume Business Awards on Thursday 8 December at the Melbourne Airport Palatroyal Hotel, with 170 guests attending. From November 2016 to February 2017 extensive community consultation and engagement activities are occurring to support the planning and design of the new HGLC Sunbury, Planning and Design works remain on schedule and are anticipated to be completed by May 2017. The Sunbury Streetscape Program construction works on the West side of O'Shanassy Street between Station and Book Streets have now been completed. Council has continued promoting the State Government Local Industry Fund for Transition (LIFT) Funding Program with 3 local businesses receiving funding (Kilchen Innovations, Australian Crane and Machinery and Tanning Essentials), which will lead to 52 new jobs. <p>INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 470 preschool utilisation for the first six months of 2016/17 is 91%. 14,388 active Library Members were recorded in the first six months of 2016/17 and Bilingual Storyline has had 11,538 children and 5,910 adults attend. To date in 2016/17, 829 businesses have participated in a Council business development activity. <p>ADVOCACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council continues to advocate for consideration of community opinions and concerns in the planning for the third runway at Melbourne Airport through the Planning Coordination Forum and the Community Aviation Consultative Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction works are continuing across all elements of the Craiglebourn ANZAC Park site. The athletics track and pavilion are open for completion, Lewis Place (inclusive playground) is anticipated to be completed in March 2017 and Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre completion is expected in mid to late-2017. As part of the Walking and Cycling Strategy, improvement works for 2016/2017 have been programmed in the Capital Works Program. An audit of walking and cycling signage has commenced to map all signage in Council's GIS and new signs will be progressively installed during the remainder of 2016/17. Support for the development of the Craiglebourn Health and Community Services precinct is progressing well. The precinct is being developed by the City of Greater Geelong and the City of Craiglebourn and surrounding areas. This was endorsed by the Project Control Group at their December 2016 meeting. Contracts have been signed for the provision of a new Client Management System (with mobile technology capabilities) that will allow for more responsive and efficient service delivery across legal and disability support services. A scoping meeting and implementation is likely to commence in February 2017. To raise awareness around the incidence and impact of family violence and encourage respectful relationships, a Gender Equity forum for Council staff was conducted in November 2016. This commenced the process of development of a Gender Equity Strategy for Council. As part of the Community Safety Action Plan, safety audits have been undertaken in partnership with Victoria Police for the Greenvale Recreation Reserve and Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium. The audits have identified a range of place management or design issues and have recommended remedial action reducing increased police patrols and improved lighting and signage. Council has partnered with the Lost Dogs Home to host a mobile desexing van, to increase Cat desexing with 149 calls desexed to date in 2016/17. An agreement with Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR) has been reached that will allow SCAR to rehoming stray and surrendered animals that Council collects. The Municipal Emergency Management Plan has been updated with all relevant agency feedback. The review of sub-plans is now also completed. <p>INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first six months 2016/2017, 66% of eligible children had a 12 month Key Ages and Stage visit. 329,165 leisure centre visits were recorded in the first six months of 2016/2017. Council traffic surveying, has detected 25.95% percent of vehicles speeding on local streets to date in 2016/17. <p>ADVOCACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has secured Federal Infrastructure Black Spot Program funding for intersection upgrades at Barry Road and Hazeldean Street in Meadow Heights and David Mulrooney Drive and Thomas Burnton Parade in Roxburgh Park.



<p>THEME 3 A CULTURALLY VIBRANT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY</p>	<p>THEME 4 A SUSTAINABLY BUILT AND WELL MAINTAINED CITY WITH AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITY</p>	<p>THEME 5 A WELL-GOVERNED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY</p>
<p>COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2017 Hume Community Grants program received 171 applications that were assessed by the Council Asset Assessment Panel in November 2016. 157 grants worth a total of \$364,927 for program delivery in 2017. The Presentation Evening will be held on 8 February 2017. As part of the Hume Multicultural Action Plan, a Shared Journey forum was held in November 2016 - to address the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Hume. This was attended by over 130 local service providers and Council staff. Capital Works to improve accessibility at Council facilities commenced in November 2016 at the Campbellfield Community Centre, Gladstone Park, Malvern Child Health Centre, Meadow Heights Community Centre and Jack McKenzie Community Centre. The Draft Project Plan for Aitken Hill Activity Centre 1 Community Hub (including governance and project control structure) has been endorsed. The Aitken Hill Precinct site master plan has been completed. Identification of opportunities to expand arts and cultural development is underway with staff recruitment completed. The EOJ process for the Gee Lee Wk. Doleen Gallery has now been finalised with 5 exhibitors confirmed for 2017. The 2016/17 Hume City Council Events season commenced in December with the success of Carols by Candlelight in Craigieburn (attended by 15,000 people). A Christmas in the Plaza event was held in Broadmeadows and Council has sponsored events including Sunbury Streetlife and Carols on the Green. The MSS Review is nearing completion with the Independent Panel held in November 2016 and the Panel report received late December 2016. This will be presented to Council for adoption and approval in early 2017. Two key milestones have now been reached for the redevelopment of the Broadmeadows Town Hall. This includes receipt of the Design Development documentation package and the exhibition of the planning permit application in December 2016. The Contract Documentation phase is underway. Council is continuing to provide a grants scheme to encourage participation from local community groups in the 2017 Broadmeadows Street Festival. Applications close on 6 January 2017. <p>INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of people in Hume City who feel socially connected is 70.5% compared to the Victorian average of 72.3%. 14 Sporting events were undertaken in the first six months of 2016/17 and were attended by 657 people who planned 6,160 seedlings. <p>ADVOCACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has successfully advocated to the State Government for a whole of government process on the future of the former VU site in Sunbury. The Minister for Planning has directed the Victorian Planning Authority to work with VU, Council and the community in the preparation of a master plan for the site. 	<p>COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hume corridor HIGAP implementation has included reviewing information to support the Craigieburn PSP. The focus is on resolving the system Vals PSP and the Craigieburn R2 PSP. The PSPs are currently being addressed in Craigieburn West including road network and infrastructure provision. As part of the Integrated Water Management Plan, water sensitive urban design works for Swan Lake and commissioning of Tulurimarra Reserve stormwater system are underway. The Greer Creek Ecovillage Stormwater system is continuing with 220 industrial properties have been visited in 2016. Ongoing initiatives to reduce graffiti and improve the amenity of the City include street art participating in the graffiti prevention program, the Graffiti Reporting Hotline, distribution of free graffiti clean-up kits and the removal of graffiti by both contractors Council-supporter volunteers. Home Support Services are currently participating in a Community Sector Climate Resilience program funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. This will consist of a resilience assessment and consultancy advice around climate impacts, particularly heatwaves, for Home Care Services. A tender process for the installation of solar PV systems at the Broadmeadows and Craigieburn Global Learning Centres has been undertaken for 98kW solar system (total). 13 tender responses were received and the evaluation process is underway. Within 30x47 neighbourhoods, landscape and urban design improvements have been implemented. The design process for the Broadmeadows and Craigieburn Learning Centres which will be completed by mid-2017. Ultra Management Strategy actions include the purchase of Solar bins and large garbage bins will continue in the Craigieburn area and Fire Action Week passes were rolled out to rural residents during November 2016. Traffic counts have been completed for streets within the two LATM areas of Aitken and Broadmeadows West. Draft traffic management plans have been prepared and a consultation session for each LATM area is scheduled to be held in late February 2017. <p>INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 31 December 2016, 93.3% of sealed local roads do not require pavement or surface renewal. 2,524 dumped rubbish requests were received in the first six months of 2016/17. In the first six months of 2016/17, 50% of planning applications have been decided within 90 days. <p>ADVOCACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage the community around key local transport issues and infrastructure, Council have been running a 'Fund Our Public Transport' postcard advocacy campaign which has attracted great support from the local community. 	<p>COUNCIL PLAN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 47 media releases have been issued 2016/17 to promote Council services and projects including Craigieburn ANZAC Park and Spinal Aquatic Centre, the HGLC Sunbury and Craigieburn Community Centres, the development of Broadmeadows Railway Station and car parking at Sunbury and Craigieburn Railway Stations. An expression of interest (EOI) process is being finalised for the 'Single view' of customers project to aggregate customer data into a single screen. It is expected that the EOI will be available to the public in February 2017. The Community Indicators Survey to measure the progress of Hume Horizons 2040 commenced in November and was completed in December 2016. Analysis of survey results is currently being undertaken and the findings of the Community Indicators Survey will be presented to Council in February 2017. To inform the design and development of a Leadership Development Program sessions with Senior Management and other Hume leaders have been conducted. A working group has been formed to consolidate the feedback and is exploring innovative methods to deliver the program. As part of the review of the Local Government Act 1989, a Council submission was prepared by the Chief Executive Officer and following consultation with the Councilors, it was submitted within the required timeframe. Implementation of the Asset Management System is progressing in line with the Project Plan, with some minor delays. Key tasks to date have included system configuration, data cleansing and migration, configuration of interface requirements with other systems (Finance, Property and Rating, GIS, Document Management), key user training and business process mapping. Council worked closely with the Victorian Electoral Commission to undertake the Council Election with the close of voting occurring on 21 October 2016. Forty five candidates stood for election and the official results (11 successful candidates) were declared on 31 October 2016. Service Planning for Disability Services and Support is expected to be presented to Council in early 2017 and has focused on strategies and actions to manage the transition of Council and clients to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. <p>INDICATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 530,000 views of video content were viewed via Council's digital communications mediums during the first six months of 2016/17. As at 31 December 2016, the 2016/17 Capital Works Program is 36% complete. To date in 2016/17, 25% of Council decisions have been made in confidential. <p>ADVOCACY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In November 2016, Council was successful in securing \$7.45 million in funding as part of the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund to assist in the delivery of priority projects (including HGLC Sunbury) and services for the community.

REPORT NO:	GE171
REPORT TITLE:	Hume City Council Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
SOURCE:	Kylie Ezzy, Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
DIVISION:	Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
FILE NO:	HCC04/542-02
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.3 Provide responsible and transparent governance, services and infrastructure which responds to and supports community needs.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Hume City Council Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on the proposed Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation Project in Broadmeadows</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report and attachment outline Council's submission on the proposed Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA) Project in Broadmeadows currently being considered by the Federal Government's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses Hume City Council's submission (Attachment 1) on the proposed Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation Project in Broadmeadows.

3. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

Council's submission has been prepared within the policy context of the *Hume City Council Social Justice Charter (2014)* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

4.1 Hume City Council has recently provided a submission (Attachment 1) to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works regarding the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's proposal to upgrade the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation Centre (MITA) in Broadmeadows at a cost of \$29 million.

4.2 Following a discussion with Councillors, Council officers prepared the submission expressing Council's concerns and submitted it prior to the closing date for submissions on 10 February 2017.

4.3 Hume City Council's submission expresses a number of concerns in relation to this project including:

- Hume City Council and the local community have not been formally notified of the proposal, especially given Council's and the community's long-term and well-publicised position that a Detention Centre should never be built on the Camp Rd site;
- The significant change being proposed to the site to become a Detention Centre to detain up to 140 high-risk/extreme risk detainees;

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- The land could be better used to create greater long-term employment and social benefits if the site was developed for business and industry facilitating thousands of jobs;
- The submission prepared by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection is not truly reflective of the voices of the local community;
- The Department of Immigration and Border Protection has failed to consult with the local community on such a significant issue; and
- Council has a range of questions about how the centre will operate if it was to go ahead and these questions remain unanswered due to the lack of detail within the Department of Immigration and Border Protection proposal/submission.

5. CONCLUSION:

- 5.1 The location of a Detention Centre in the municipality is not consistent with Hume City Council's view that everyone who lives in the municipality should have the opportunity to live life to their full potential.
- 5.2 The local community has long held the view that there are better ways to use this land which could deliver significant employment and social benefits.
- 5.3 Given the significant changes being proposed to the site, Council will be seeking an urgent meeting with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to understand in more detail what is being proposed and express Council's concerns about the lack of consultation.
- 5.4 Council will also write (as outlined in the submission) to the members of the Standing Committee on Public works expressing Council's concerns and an expectation that the Committee hold a public meeting in Broadmeadows to enable the local community to have a voice on this significant issue.

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**Hume City Council Submission to the Parliamentary Standing
Committee on Public Works**

**Proposed Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation Project,
Broadmeadows, Victoria**

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Mayor, Councillor Drew Jessop

Date Submitted: 20 January 2017

**Hume City Council Submission to the Parliamentary Standing
Committee on Public Works**

**Proposed Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation Project,
Broadmeadows, Victoria**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Hume City Council is writing this submission to express its concerns regarding the proposed \$29M Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA) Project.
- 1.2 Council's primary concerns which are detailed further in this submission are around the significant change of use of the facility from how it currently operates and the complete lack of consultation with Council and the local community.
- 1.3 Council and the community have not been formally advised of what is being proposed by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, or what the potential impacts of the change will have on the local community.
- 1.4 Given Council's and the local community's long-term and well-publicised position that a Detention Centre should never be built on this site, it is of great concern that the Federal Government has not formally notified Council or the local community of its plans to expand/redevelop the site and change its status to an Immigration Detention Centre to detain high-risk/extreme risk detainees.
- 1.5 Council also questions the timing of the release of the proposal and deadline for submissions. The proposal was released on 1 December and submissions were initially due by 19 January. This is over the holiday period when many people are away and community organisations are closed. This timing coupled with the fact that no consultation has been undertaken with the local community for such a significant change, is not considered fair or appropriate.

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- 1.6 While this submission formally outlines Council's concerns with the proposal, given the limited information available on the plans for the site, Council seeks an urgent meeting with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to understand what the Department considers to be a high-risk/extreme-risk detainee, how many will be detained at the site and for how long, and what measures will be taken to secure such a site.
- 1.7 Council will also write to the members of the Standing Committee on Public Works, expressing its concerns with the proposed development and the lack of consultation, given the significance of the issue and request that a public hearing be held in Broadmeadows to enable the local community's voice to be heard.

2.0 Stated Purpose of the Proposed Work and Suitability

- 2.1 The MITA is located within an industrial/business precinct and only 450m away from local residential areas.
- 2.2 The current MITA currently accommodates low-risk detainees which Council has understood were for short-term stays.
- 2.3 Changing its status to accommodate up to 140 high-risk/extreme-risk detainees raises a number of concerns for Council that may have been better understood if the Department had sought to consult Council and the local community.
- 2.4 In addition, the proposal by the Department leaves a range of key questions unanswered, including:
 - Will the amenity of the local area be impacted as a result of this proposed change?
 - How will the site be managed to ensure the local community (business and residents) is protected?
 - How will the safety of low-risk detainees (some of them women) be managed to ensure their ongoing safety?
 - How will the existing facilities proposed by the Department to be accessed/shared by both low-risk and high-risk detainees be managed to ensure the ongoing safety of all residents?

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- Will low-risk detainees still be able to access the services currently being delivered by Council and local community service organisations? For example, Council's maternal and child health nurses provide services to women at the MITA. Will this still continue and how will the Department ensure the safety of Council and local community service organisation staff?
- Will low-risk detainees still be held at the site, or is the intention for the site to ultimately only accommodate high-risk/extreme-risk detainees?

2.5 It is obvious from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection submission that a significant amount of design and planning work has already been completed, without any information or advice to the local community or Council on this significant issue.

2.6 The submission by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection suggests that key stakeholders have been consulted in order to inform the design and development of the MITA, and yet Hume City Council or the local community have not been included in this consultation.

2.7 There has been an ongoing concern expressed, which has been further confirmed, about the failure of the Federal Government to consult with the local community about this site – it seems that nothing has changed.

2.8 Council is also concerned that the submission prepared by the Department is not truly reflective of the voices of the local community.

2.9 The Department of Immigration and Border Protection suggests that "The City of Hume supports the presence of the MITA within its local authority". This statement is NOT reflective of Council's position.

2.10 Council has strongly advocated against a Detention Centre in Broadmeadows which started with the Council's 'links not locks' campaign in 2005.

2.11 Council and the local community have long held the view that:

- the land should be used for economic development and employment opportunities, not detention, given its strategic position; and

- investment by the Federal Government should be spent on community facilities and services to strengthen and link the local community and support those who are being released from detention into the community.

2.12 The location of a detention centre in the municipality is not consistent with Hume City's view that everyone who lives in the municipality should have the opportunity to live life to their full potential.

2.13 The local community strongly believes there are better ways to use this land which could deliver significant employment and social benefits.

3.0 The current and prospective public value of the work

3.1 Hume City Council has long held the view that the land being used for the MITA would provide far greater benefits to the local economy if it was used for business and industry, given the site is located in Melbourne's most significant manufacturing and freight logistics corridors. With links to Melbourne Airport and key freight networks, the location provides an opportunity to strengthen both the local and state economy through the creation of additional jobs.

3.2 While it could be argued that for humanitarian reasons a Detention Centre is inappropriate anywhere, it is certainly inappropriate and a strategically ineffective and inefficient use of this valuable land.

3.3 A previous study commissioned by Hume City Council and prepared by SGS Economics and Planning found that the site has the potential to create 3,950 direct and indirect jobs locally in Hume. The same study found that if the site was developed for hi-tech industry it could lead to a total of approximately 8,000 indirect and direct jobs.

3.4 While it is acknowledged that the proposed Detention Centre will create additional jobs throughout the construction phase and the additional staffing required to manage the new facility, the numbers of jobs created would not equate to what could be realised if the land were used for industry/business.

- 3.5 If the Detention Centre development was to proceed, Council would request that the Government consider what opportunities there are for local businesses and /or residents to be involved in either the construction or ongoing operations of the facility given the need for job creation in the local area.

4.0 Concluding Comments

- 4.1 Hume City Council is not satisfied with the process being undertaken to change the status of the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation to an Immigration Detention Centre. This use is not consistent with the aspirations of the community and stated position of Council.
- 4.2 As a minimum Council expects the Committee to hold a public hearing in Broadmeadows to enable the local community to have a voice on this significant issue.

REPORT NO:	GE172
REPORT TITLE:	Opening Prayer for Council Meetings
SOURCE:	Margarita Caddick, Director Community Services
DIVISION:	Community Services
FILE NO:	HCC15/289
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	5.1 Realise the vision and aspirations of Hume's community by implementing Hume Horizons 2040.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

To provide Council with an updated prayer to be used as part of the opening proceedings to the public Council meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the revised wording as presented in clause 6.2 as the Council Prayer.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

The primary objective of a Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long-term and accumulative effects of decisions. (Section 3C (1), Local Government Act, 1989).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation.

5. BACKGROUND:

- 5.1 At the meeting of Council on the 5/12/16, the Mayor and Councillors requested a review of the wording of the current opening prayer used at public Council meetings.
- 5.2 The current wording of the prayer utilises language which is not commonly used in 'everyday language'.
- 5.3 The inclusion of an opening prayer is a long established Council practice and one used by other local governments to commence formal and public council meeting. It is also a practice used by State and Federal Governments at the beginning of formal parliamentary sittings.
- 5.4 The inclusion of a prayer in the Council meeting agenda is, in part historical, reflecting the prevailing cultural and religious practices evident within the community. In 2001, Hume City Council introduced the inclusion of a prayer led by local faith leaders to reflect the cultural and religious diversity of the Hume community. The HIN led prayer and the 'standard Council prayer' are used at alternative meetings. The Hume Interfaith Network (HIN) has valued this invitation and through this Network the opening prayers have conveyed and reflected the multi faith profile of Hume's community.

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6. DISCUSSION:

6.1 The current standard prayer wording is presented below. Embedded in this prayer are two linked messages:

- (i) to provide guidance and wisdom to Council in their decision making, and
- (ii) to achieve a positive outcome for the community of Hume City.

Current standard Hume Council Prayer:

“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 the Hume City.”

6.2 In formulating a new prayer, the embedded messages of the current standard prayer have been given priority.

6.2.1 The following revised prayer has been drafted for Council consideration.

Preamble:

Council acknowledges the City’s rich spiritual life and commences this meeting seeking guidance in its deliberations.

Prayer:

“Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this meeting and pray that all decisions made tonight will be made with wisdom and integrity, contributing to harmony and prosperity for all who live and work within Hume City. Amen.”

7. CONCLUSION:

7.1 It is timely to update the language used in the standard Council Prayer to ensure there is clarity in the messages that Council wishes to convey.