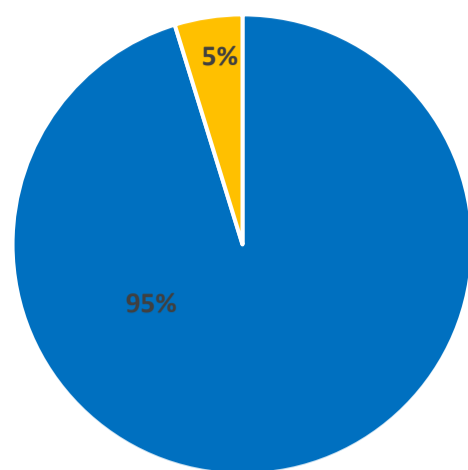


Our Progress (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024)



40
 Actions completed

- Completed (95% or 40 actions)
- Not Completed (5% or 2 actions)

Our advocacy highlights

- Federal Budget advocacy priorities booklet has been developed and submitted to Treasury and local MPs.
- Continued our ongoing, strategic program of meetings with Members of Parliament.
- Long-term advocacy efforts for improvements at Banksia Gardens have been successful, following the October funding announcement by the State and Federal Governments including the construction of 120 new energy efficient homes, upgrades to facilities and the creation of a long-term masterplan.
- Supported the Northern Councils Alliance to launch the Regional Transport Advocacy and Community Electric Vehicle Transition Plan
- Council supports the State Government announcement in July 2023 to protect Victorians from gambling harm. Including reforms to the use of electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) and venue operating hours.
- Growth Area Infrastructure announced for long-term advocacy priorities including: a new bus services in the growth corridor and a new pedestrian and bike bridge on Toyon Road Kalkallo.

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

- Since July 2023, over 110 placements occurred comprising of high school work experience placements and tertiary education placements.
- Council has successfully secured almost \$7.5 million in funding for five kindergarten expansion projects.
- Construction of Council Chambers and community space at Hume Global Learning Centre was completed in June 2024.
- The 2023/2024 [Hume Multiversity Tertiary Education Scholarship Program](#) was launched with 32 scholarships at Victoria University, Deakin University and La Trobe University, to date 26 scholarships have been awarded.
- Print media and social media campaigns have been completed for business investment attraction and visitor economy promotion.
- Delivered Ready Set Hired in partnership with the Hume Community Investment Committee which provided young people to practice their interview skills with real employers.
- In response to research that identifies women are more likely to disclose experiences of violence or abuse to people they trust, such as their hairdresser or beauty therapists, a training and development package for has been established.
- The Gambling Harm Symposium in October brought together keynote speakers and those with lived experience of gambling harm.
- Hume LGBTIQ+ residents featured as speakers at Pride in the North Summit attended by 200 representatives from northern Councils and community organisations.
- The [Hume General Purpose Local Law 2023](#) and [Hume Domestic Animal Management Plan](#) were adopted by Council.
- Successfully implemented an Allied Health student placement program across various Hume Community Hubs, focusing on improving developmental delay diagnosis as an action of the Health and Wellbeing Plan.
- Construction on the upgrades to the Sunbury Hume Global Learning Centre to store the George Evens Museum collection is complete. Installation of storage and display infrastructure will be completed by the end of 2024.
- Concept design for Stage 1 was endorsed by Council in June 2024. Participatory design principles were used to develop the concept design, through community workshops held in February and March.
- Hume City Council partnered with Victoria Police to deliver a Hume City Neighbourhood Policing Forum in December 2023. The forum presented local crime data and trends, police responses and provided participants with opportunities to raise and discuss concerns.

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

- Improved digital planning processes for some Statutory Planning, Engineering, Subdivisions & Landscaping; and Environmental Planning processes went live in March 2024.
- Council has prepared a draft Good Design Guide to assist in getting better design outcomes for housing in Hume.
- A joint council meeting with Mitchell and Whittlesea councils was held in October 2023. The purpose of the joint meeting was for the partnership councils to endorse the Regional Partnership and its continued work on the planning of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC) and joint advocacy for State Government assistance in the coordination and delivery of the MAC.
- Over one hundred Primary Producer Rate Rebate applications have been assessed and approved and 160 Rural Land Management Grant (RLMG) grant applications have been assessed and approved.
- Conservation Management Plans for Princes Nature Reserve and Harpers Creek Parklands are completed and are being implemented
- A Youth Crisis Accommodation facility has now identified timelines and actions to proceed to which includes a process for identifying partners to deliver the project.
- Five Environmental Scholarships have been distributed and Enviro Champions and Gardens for Wildlife continue to support environmentally sustainable leadership.
- Work to improve active and passive open spaces and playspaces are completed at: Cimberwood Drive Reserve, Craigieburn, Churchill Avenue Reserve, Tullamarine, Andlon Court Reserve, Tullamarine, Clovelly Drive Reserve, Craigieburn, Grove Road Reserve, Craigieburn
- The [Climate Action Plan](#), [Land and Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030](#), and Stormwater Offsets Scheme have been adopted by Council.
- The Transport Strategy was prepared and presented Council in late June and adopted at the Council Meeting on 8 July 2024.
- A circular economy training program is underway to increase understanding across local businesses.

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

- The Multicultural Communications Framework was launched, and an advisory group of community members has been established.
- Council continues to engage with community through networks, taskforces, working groups and advisory committees, together this work has resulted in the delivery of seven events and provided input into strategic documents including: Housing Amendment C263, Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy, Land & Biodiversity Plan, Transport Strategy and Open Space Strategy.
- In October, Council's annual community survey was completed by 1,151 respondents. To support multilingual engagement, the survey is made available in English, Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese.
- Bookable, the new online integrated booking system has been launched and is now live.
- In April, Council endorsed the Partnership Framework and Guidelines.
- The Minister has approved the [new electoral boundaries](#) which will come into effect later this year once the election process commences. Officers continue to work with the Victorian Electoral Commission in the preparation of the elections.
- The Digital Transformation Program was launched in June 2024 and a Data Governance Framework has been implemented to support migration of data to the new software solution.
- Customer Experiences improvements have included: refreshed [Snap Send Solve](#) questions, QR codes on public bins to provide easy reporting of issues, a new telephone system that reduces wait times, and acknowledgement and closure emails for each request.