



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025

7:00PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE
BROADMEADOWS**

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

It should be noted that these minutes are not in their final form until Council has formally resolved to confirm them.

These minutes will be presented to Council for confirmation on Tuesday, 11 March 2025.

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL

held on Monday, 24 February 2025

at 7:06pm

at the Council Chamber - Hume Global Learning Centre Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Jarrod Bell	Mayor
		Cr Naim Kurt	Deputy Mayor
		Cr Daniel English	
		Cr Steve Gagen	
		Cr John Haddad	
		Cr Kate Hamley	
		Cr Sam Misho	
		Cr Carly Moore	
		Cr Jim Overend	
		Cr Karen Sherry	
		Cr Ally Watson	
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
		Ms Rachel Dapiran	Director City Planning and Places
		Ms Anne Mallia	Act. Director City Services & Living
		Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
		Mr Hector Gaston	Director Customer & Strategy
		Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
		Mr Peter Faull	Coordinator Governance
		Ms Joanne Grindrod	Senior Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

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

Gallery Behaviour

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the following:

Hume City Council would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Country for which the members and Elders of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and their forebears have been custodians for many thousands of years. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, are the Traditional Custodians of this land. Hume City Council would also like to pay its respects to their Elders, past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who may be here today.

2. PRAYER

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume Interfaith Network (HIN). In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City Council has invited the HIN to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer was led by Helen Patsikatheodorou OAM, from the Greek Orthodox Church, on behalf of the HIN.

Ms Patsikatheodorou read the following prayer:

At all times and in every hour, you are worshiped and glorified in heaven and on earth, Christ our God.

Long in patience, great in mercy and compassion, you love the righteous and show mercy to sinners.

You call all to salvation through the promise of good things to come.

Lord, receive our prayers at the present time.

Direct our lives according to your commandments.

Sanctify our souls. Purify our bodies. Set our minds aright.

Cleanse our thoughts and deliver us from all sorrow, evil, and distress.

Surround us with your holy angels that, guarded and guided by them, we may arrive at the unity of faith and the understanding of your ineffable glory.

For you are blessed to the ages of ages.

Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor read the following:

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

Cr Moore informed the community that she has declared her intention to run in the upcoming Federal Election and declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 8.12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2024 - January 2025*, on the basis that this report includes correspondence from or to Members of Federal Parliament.

Cr Jim Overend noted that he did not have a conflict of interest in relation to Item 8.4 *Monthly Capital Works Update*, as his Board Member position on Selwyn Neighbourhood House did not pose a conflict due to this report being only for noting, and that no decisions are being made that would impact Selwyn Neighbourhood House .

5. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**CGM86 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - MR SHANE PATTON
AND MR RICK NUGENT**

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

That Council writes an acknowledgment letter to Mr Shane Patton, the exiting Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, and a congratulations letter to Mr Rick Nugent, the acting Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.

CARRIED

**CGM87 CONGRATULATIONS MOTION - GILGAI PLAINS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council writes to Gilgai Plains Primary School to congratulate them on the success of their community picnic.

CARRIED

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025, including Confidential Minutes.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions	4

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

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Council Plan Strategic Objectives and Actions (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.2	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 - Budget	29

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Quarterly Budget Report (Attachment1).

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	Second Quarter Report 2024/25 - Capital Works Program	54

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council notes the Second Quarter Report 2024/25 – Capital Works Program (Attachment 1) and the response to NOM24/95 (Attachment 2).

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	Monthly Capital Works Update	79

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

The Mayor noted Cr Jim Overend's statement from earlier in the meeting noting that he did not have a conflict of interest in relation to this item, as his Board Member position on Selwyn Neighbourhood House did not pose a conflict due to this report being only for noting, and that no decisions are being made that would impact Selwyn Neighbourhood House.

2.1 That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.5	Final Open Space Strategy	82

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

2.1 Endorse as final the Hume Open Space Strategy 2025 (Attachment 1)

2.2 Notes the Open Space Strategy Consultation Summary Report (Attachment 2) and thanks the community for their participation

- 2.3 Endorses Council officers exploring the most effective way to embed the Open Space Strategy in the Hume Planning Scheme
- 2.4 Endorses the forward approach of developing a 20 Year Action Plan and strategically applying open space contributions, grant and partnership opportunities and annual Council budget submissions to deliver priority open space outcomes and playspace upgrades
- 2.5 Notes that further funding will be required to resource the implementation of the Open Space Strategy and this will be referred to the 25/26 budget (and future years) deliberations.
- 2.6 Authorises the CEO to make minor editorial changes in finalising the documents for publication, including mapping and renumbering parks, that do not change the commitments of the Strategy

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Forest Red Gum Drive, Mickleham - Update	82

Moved Cr Daniel English, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That Council:

- 2.1 notes the significant safety, maintenance, operational and amenity issues along Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road and that a major road upgrade will be required to address these issues.
- 2.2 based on a preliminary cost estimate lists for consideration \$13,150,000 excluding GST within the Capital Works Program to upgrade Forest Red Gum Drive between Torrance Street and Mt Ridley Road with the following indicative schedule for delivery.
 - 2.2.1 \$150,000 in the 25/26 financial year to facilitate early planning and detailed design.
 - 2.2.2 \$13,000,000 in the 26/27 financial year for contract procurement and construction.
- 2.3 explore external funding opportunities to assist with funding this project.

CARRIED

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8.7	Response to NOM24/19 - Options to host or support Carols by Candlelight events	264

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

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the findings of Officers investigation into options for Council to host or fund small-scale Carols by Candlelight event/s
- 2.2 Refers the cost (\$70,000) of hosting a smaller scale Carols by Candlelight event for consideration in the 2025-26 Budget process.

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.8	Growing Suburbs Fund Application 2024-25	269

Cr Steve Gagen left the meeting during discussion on *Item 8.8 Growing Suburbs Fund Application 2024-25*, the time being 7:55pm.

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr John Haddad

Cr Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on *Item 8.8 Growing Suburbs Fund Application 2024-25*, the time being 7:57 pm.

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Approves the submission of applications to the *2024/25 Growing Suburbs Fund* for the following projects in order of priority, and seeking the listed 'estimated' funding required based on current projections:

2.1.1. Vista Park Drive – Playspace Upgrade, seeking \$268,084.

2.1.2. Bradford Ave – Playspace Upgrade, seeking \$394,956.

2.1.3. Craigieburn Sports Stadium Masterplan, seeking \$130,000.

CARRIED

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8.9	Proposed Revoking of Community Grants Policy and Appointment of Small Project Round Two Councillor Review Panel	275

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Kate Hamley

That Council:

2.1 Community Grants Policy

- a) Revokes POL/283 – Community Grants Policy and;
- b) Notes the effectiveness of the Grant Giving Policy in providing appropriate policy guidance to Officers.

2.2 The 2025 Annual Community Grants – Project Round 2

- a) **Nominates three Councillors to the Councillor Review Panel:**

**Cr Kate Hamley
Cr Sam Misho
Cr Steve Gagen**

CARRIED

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8.10	Food Safety Management Policy	294

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the minor amendments made to the Food Management Policy, as summarised in section 9.3 of this report and shown as tracked changes in Attachment 2.**
- 2.2 Adopt the revised Food Management Policy as provided in Attachment 1.**

CARRIED

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8.11	Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group Representative	317

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

- 2.1 That Council notes the confirmation of the ground floor office space in the north west corner of the Broadmeadows Civic Centre as the location for the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub.**
- 2.2 That Council appoint Cr Ally Watson as its primary delegate to the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group.**
- 2.3 That Council appoint Cr Steve Gagen as an alternate delegate to the Northern Suburbs University Study Hub Advisory Group.**

CARRIED

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8.12	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2024 - January 2025	320

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

Cr Carly Moore declared a conflict of interest on item 8.12 given that notification has been given that Cr Moore will be standing as a candidate in the upcoming federal election.

Cr Carly Moore left the meeting before discussion on Item 8.12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2024 - January 2025* the time being 8:14pm.

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 Notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament between November 2024 and January 2025.**
- 2.1.2 Notes that officers have followed up with the relevant offices of the respective State and Federal Government Ministers and Members of Parliament for the matters that have not had a response as outlined in Table 4.**

CARRIED

Cr Carly Moore returned to the meeting after the vote on Item 8.12 *Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - November 2024 - January 2025*, the time being 8:24pm.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
9.1	NOM25/04 - Cr Karen Sherry - 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Annual Conference	382

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Steve Gagen

That Council

- 2.1 Submit an Expression of Interest to host the 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) annual conference.**
- 2.2 Note this conference aligns with work under the Victorian Gender Equality Act 2020 by actively promoting and supporting diversity amongst leadership.**
- 2.3 Note the delivery of this event would be subject to cost recovery through participant registration.**

CARRIED

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9.2	NOM24/05 - Cr Jim Overend - Main Street Craigieburn roundabout project.	383

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

Cr Carly Moore left the meeting during discussion on Item 9.2 *NOM24/05 - Cr Jim Overend - Main Street Craigieburn roundabout project*, the time being 8:31pm.

Cr Carly Moore returned to the meeting, during discussion on Item 9.2 *NOM24/05 - Cr Jim Overend - Main Street Craigieburn roundabout project*, the time being 8:33pm.

That:

The Main Street, Craigieburn roundabout project (Aldi Main Street entry) be referred for consideration in the development of Councils four-year capital works program.

CARRIED

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9.3	NOM25/06 - Cr Sam Misho - Inclusion of Councillors who have raised advocacy items, current and/or former to be invited to launches/opening events.	384

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

That:

1. Hume City Council formally acknowledges the contributions of Councillors who have initiated projects or initiated advocacy through notices of motions by ensuring they receive formal invitation to participate in the launch or opening of events and projects.

2. That this acknowledgement applies to current and former Councillors, with invitations extended to past Councillors for work they initiate.

3. That, whilst serving on Council, Councillors are included on meetings with external parties related to items initiated through Notices of Motion.

CARRIED

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9.4	NOM25/07 - Cr Ally Watson - Trial of social media to provide direct engagement channels to share information about community centres and activities in Kalkallo and Mickleham.	385

Moved Cr Ally Watson, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

Cr Steve Gagen left the meeting during discussion on Item 9.4, *NOM25/07 - Cr Ally Watson - Trial of social media to provide direct engagement channels to share information about community centres and activities in Kalkallo and Mickleham*, the time being 8:50 pm.

Cr Steve Gagen returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 9.4, *NOM25/07 - Cr Ally Watson - Trial of social media to provide direct engagement channels to share information about community centres and activities in Kalkallo and Mickleham*, the time being 8:53pm.

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges the importance of incorporating long-term community engagement strategies, including the creation and use of dedicated social media channels, in the activation plans of newly constructed community centres.**
2. **Considers a trial of dedicated social media channel/s for the four community centres in Kalkallo and Mickleham to enhance community engagement and improve communication with local residents.**
3. **Evaluates the trial of this approach to assess its effectiveness in enhancing community engagement and accessibility to information, with the potential for Council to expand similar digital engagement strategies to other new and existing community centres across Hume.**

CARRIED

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9.5	NOM25/08 – Cr Kate Hamley – Victorian Road Safety Rules amendment request.	387

Moved Cr Kate Hamley, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

That Council writes to the relevant authority overseeing the Victorian Road Safety Rules (2017) and request an amendment to the rules to allow for residents to park light personal vehicles on the nature strip adjacent to their primary place of residence on local roads.

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Daniel English

That Council defers this item to a later meeting.

CARRIED

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9.6	NOM25/09 - Cr Carly Moore - Potential sites for a new scout facility in Craigieburn.	388

Moved Cr Carly Moore, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

I move that Council directs Council Officers to work with Scouts Victoria and Craigieburn Scouts to explore potential sites for a new scout facility. Council Officers should make initial contact within four weeks and a report should be presented to Council within six months that details the progress made in finding a suitable location.

Cr Karen Sherry left the meeting during discussion on Item 9.6 *NOM25/09 - Cr Carly Moore - Potential sites for a new scout facility in Craigieburn*, the time being 9:07pm.

Cr Karen Sherry returned to the meeting during discussion on Item 9.6 *NOM25/09 - Cr Carly Moore - Potential sites for a new scout facility in Craigieburn*, the time being 9:10 pm.

CARRIED

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9.7	NOM25/10 - Cr Naim Kurt - Enhancing Hume City Council's War on Waste.	389

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That as part of Hume's War on Waste, Council directs officers to enhance enforcement and deterrence efforts by:

- 1. Actively and regularly promoting illegal dumping enforcement actions, including fines and prosecutions, through Council's media and social media channels.**
- 2. Publishing photos and videos of offenders and businesses involved in dumping events where legally permissible, ensuring compliance with relevant privacy and legal requirements by blurring or removal of identifying features, if required.**
- 3. Promoting successful prosecutions of illegal dumping events through high-impact media channels to reinforce deterrence and demonstrate to the community at large the enforcement actions being undertaken by Council.**
- 4. Actively use Council's media channels to share images of unidentified offenders or details of unresolved illegal dumping incidents, encouraging the public to provide information that may assist Council's investigations.**
- 5. Continue with the trial communication campaign that reinforces zero tolerance for illegal dumping and highlight the consequences for offenders, on a permanent basis.**

6. Revisiting the issue of "Dob in a Dumper" and implementing measures to strengthen community participation in reporting illegal dumping through the reservation of a specific number in Council's automated phone system for residents to easily report illegal dumping, under the name "Dob in a Dumper."
7. Providing a briefing and future report to Council if further implications arise from any of these measures.

CARRIED

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

**PJL312 PETITION - SPEED BUMPS AT FAIRWAYS BLVD &
RHYOLITE DRIVE CRAIGIEBURN**

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Ally Watson

That the petition be received, circulated to Councillors, and the submitter advised that the matter has been referred to Council's Manager Assets for investigation.

CARRIED

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

**DELEGATES REPORT - CR KAREN SHERRY - LAUNCH
OF MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S
FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

Cr Karen Sherry reported on her attendance at the launch of the Municipal Association of Victoria's Federal Election Campaign.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:26pm.