



**COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023

7.00PM

TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS

CONFIRMED - 23 OCTOBER 2023

HUME CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 9 October 2023
at 7.00pm
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

Attendees:	a: Council	Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jarrod Bell Cr Trevor Dance Cr Chris Hollow Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Naim Kurt Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Sam Misho Cr Jim Overend	Mayor Deputy Mayor
	b: Officers	Ms Sheena Frost Ms Rachel Dapiran Mr Hector Gaston Mr Adam McSwain Mr Carl Muller Mr Robert Costa Mr Joel Kimber Ms Joanne Grindrod	Chief Executive Officer Director City Planning and Places Director City Services & Living Director Infrastructure and Assets Director Customer & Strategy Acting Chief Financial Officer Acting Manager Governance Senior Governance Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

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

The Mayor advised he 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

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.

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2. PRAYER

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

Pastor Enele Tailiki read the following prayer:

Let us pray,

Dear heavenly father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

We bow before your throne of mercy and grace asking you for your kindness, wisdom and support as Council begin their meeting tonight.

Please help the Council to engage in many forms of discussion and also allow them to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community.

Fill them with your grace as they make decisions that may affect the communities of Hume.

Loving heavenly father, continue to remind us that all that we do here today and all that we accomplish is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of Hume and for the service of humanity.

We ask these things in Jesus' name, our lord and saviour.

Amen

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Carly Moore is an apology for the meeting tonight.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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 Jarrod Bell and Cr Joseph Haweil declared a conflict of interest on item *8.4 - 2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program*

Cr Haweil declared a conflict of interest on item *8.6 - Hume Clean Taskforce Member Selection*

5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES

CNM384

CONDOLENCE MOTION – BAKHDIDA WEDDING FIRE

Moved Cr Sam Misho, **Seconded** Cr Joseph Haweil

I would like to move my condolences to the people that died in a fire in a village called Bakhdida in the province of Nineveh in Northern Iraq.

CARRIED

CGM36

CONGRATULATIONS MOTION – NICHOLAS, KAI AND ISAAC.**Moved** Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

Motion of congratulations to Nicholas, Kai and Isaac of Sunbury on their outstanding success at the Australian Basketball Club championships on the school holidays.

CARRIED

Councillor Jodi Jackson left the meeting, the time being 7:09pm.

Councillor Jodi Jackson returned to the meeting, the time being 7:10pm.

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 25 September 2023, including Confidential Minutes be confirmed.

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 25 September 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.****CARRIED****7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****PQ1040 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS**

Tied in to Motion 9.3 on tonight's agenda re infrastructure spending, it appears the new and ineffective speed humps are being installed on local roads where the new electric buses have commenced operation.

If electric buses were not introduced and the diesel buses had been retained, how much extra funds would HCC have retained to spend on local roads by not installing all these new and unnecessary speed humps?

RESPONSE: DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

The Department of Transport and Planning and bus operators recommend that raised road safety platforms with bus-friendly ramps are the preferred traffic calming treatment for slowing traffic on bus routes. This is not related to the introduction of electric buses on any particular routes. Therefore, the introduction of electric buses is not expected to have a direct impact.

PQ1041 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS

The new electric buses and new speed bumps would have used a lot of carbon in their construction.

Has the tonnes of carbon/greenhouse gases used for these projects been calculated and included in any supposed savings in the Council's carbon plan towards zero nett emissions?

RESPONSE – DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

Council is not responsible for the operation of buses. Questions related to the introduction of electric buses would need to be directed to the Department of Transport and Planning.

Council's Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 includes an action in relation to embedded emissions from materials such as concrete and asphalt. While there is currently no formal tracking of embedded emissions, the change to bus-friendly road humps would have negligible impact because existing treatments are replaced at the end of their life or as part of significant upgrade projects.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

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8.1	Financial Statements 2022/23	5

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

- 2.1 That Council resolves to approve in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.
- 2.2 That the Mayor, Councillor Joseph Haweil and Councillor Carly Moore be authorised to certify the Financial Statements in their final form after any recommended changes have been made and agreed to by the Auditor-General.

CARRIED

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

For	Against
Cr Jarrod Bell	Cr Trevor Dance
Cr Joseph Haweil	
Cr Chris Hollow	
Cr Jodi Jackson	
Cr Naim Kurt	
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Jim Overend	
Cr Karen Sherry	

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8.2	Performance Statement 2022/23	67

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

- 2.1 That Council resolves to approve in principal the Performance Statement (Attachment One) for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 and note the associated Governance and Management Checklist (Attachment Two).
- 2.2 That the Mayor, Councillor Joseph Haweil and Councillor Carly Moore be authorised to certify the statements in their final form after any recommended changes have been made and agreed to by the Auditor General.

CARRIED

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8.3	Hume City Enforcement and Compliance Policy	99

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Sam Misho

That Council adopt the Hume City Enforcement and Compliance Policy, included as attachment 1 to this report.

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Cr Jim Overend	
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8.4	2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program	119

Cr Jarrod Bell withdrew his previously declared conflict of interest on item 8.4 - *2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program*

Cr Haweil declared a conflict of interest on item 8.4 - *2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program*.

Cr Haweil vacated the chair at 7:36 pm prior to discussion on item 8.4 - *2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program*

Cr Karen Sherry took over the chair at 7:36pm

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council:

- 2.1 **Notes that the 2023/24 budget allocation for the 2024 Community Grants Program is \$540,859. This includes \$86,401 of the remaining allocation of Highlands Hotel Craigieburn community contributions, which concludes the organisation's financial contribution.**
- 2.2 **Notes that the 2023/24 budget allocation includes funds set aside for Project Round 2 (\$20,000) and year-round categories (\$30,000). See 4.3.2.**
- 2.3 **Endorses the distribution of \$492,104 for the 2024 Annual Community Grants Program (Round 1) with distribution of funds to program categories detailed in Attachment 1 and summarised below:**
 - (a) **\$118,984 to 12 organisations for pre-committed Partnership Grants (Table 1).**
 - (b) **\$75,000 to 8 organisations for Partnership Grants (Table 2).**
 - (c) **\$35,354 to 5 organisations for Specialist Partnership Grants (Table 3).**
 - (d) **\$34,600 to 7 organisations for Project Grants (Table 4).**
 - (e) **\$93,678 to 33 organisations for Community Participation Grants (Table 5).**
 - (f) **\$134,488 to 96 organisations for Community Group Operational Grants (Table 6).**
- 2.4 **Notes that the distribution of \$492,104 represents an overexpenditure of \$1,245 as detailed in 4.6.**
- 2.5 **Notes that dispersal of funds identified in 2.2 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**

- 2.6 Notes the distribution of \$11,641 to community groups (and individuals) via the 2022-23 Year-Round Community Grants Program as shown in Attachment 2.

CARRIED

Cr Karen Sherry vacated the chair at 7:42pm

Cr Joseph Haweil returned to the chair after the vote on item 8.4 - 2024 Community Grants Program Allocation of Annual Grant Categories and Update for the Year-Round Grant Program at 7:42pm

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8.5	2024 Education Scholarship Program	137

Moved Cr Chris Hollow, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council awards a total of \$56,000 (excluding GST) to the nominated secondary schools outlined in Attachment 1 which represents the allocation of \$1,000 each to the 56 recipients of the 2024 Education Scholarship program.

CARRIED

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8.6	Hume Clean Taskforce Member Selection	141

Cr Haweil declared a conflict of interest on item 8.6 - *Hume Clean Taskforce Member Selection*

Cr Haweil vacated the chair at 7:46 pm prior to discussion on item 8.6 - *Hume Clean Taskforce Member Selection*

Cr Karen Sherry took over the chair at 7:46pm

Moved Cr Jim Overend, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That Council:

- 2.1 **Endorses the appointment of fifteen (15) Hume Clean Taskforce community members for 2023-2024, as recommended in the report.**
- 2.2 **Requests Council Officers to inform the successful applicants of their appointment to the Hume Clean Taskforce.**
- 2.3 **Conducts a further review of the Hume Clean Taskforce in August 2024.**
- 2.4 **Extends the nomination of Councillor Overend as the Hume Clean Taskforce Chairperson to October 2024.**
- 2.5 **Endorses the initial membership period to commence from the date of appointment by Council and extend the membership term to October 2024.**
- 2.6 **Requests Council Officers to adjust the Hume Clean Taskforce Terms of Reference to allow for the appointment**

of fifteen (15) community members and adjust the initial membership period to October 2024.

CARRIED

Cr Karen Sherry vacated the chair at 7:49pm

Cr Joseph Haweil returned to the chair after the vote on item 8.6 - *Hume Clean Taskforce Member Selection* at 7:49pm

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8.7	Historical Street Sign Names (Response to NOM23/010)	145

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Chris Hollow

2.1 THAT Council approves:

- 2.1.1 the commencement of a six week community consultation period to allow members of the public and historical and heritage associations the opportunity to make suggestions for streets on which historical street signs could be installed;
- 2.1.2 that the Acting Manager Governance has the discretion to extend the community consultation period for longer than six weeks if required.

2.2 THAT Council notes:

- 2.2.1 that a Gender Impact Assessment will be undertaken on this project;
- 2.2.2 that a report will be prepared for Council's consideration in the coming months to provide opportunities for more culturally and gender diverse people to be represented in the naming of Hume City's places and spaces;
- 2.2.3 that suggestions for historical street signs will be asked to include proposed wording for the sign and verifiable reference information;
- 2.2.4 that Council's engagement platform will allow for suggestions for historical street signs to be made via an interactive mapping tool;
- 2.2.5 that a report presenting the suggestions received during the community consultation period and recommendations on how to further progress this project will be presented to Council in early 2024, following the conclusion of community consultation in the later months of 2023.

CARRIED

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8.8	Gap Road/Station Street Sunbury Realignment Proposal	163

Moved Cr Jarrod Bell, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

- 2.1 **THAT Council approves the commencement of community consultation to seek the views of the community on a proposal to extend a section of Station Street Sunbury to the corner of Horne Street Sunbury.**
- 2.2 **THAT Council notes that the section of Station Street that this proposal seeks to extend is highlighted by black rectangle in the map provided as Attachment 1 of this report.**
- 2.2. **THAT as part of the community consultation process, Council writes directly to the property owner of 2-10 Gap Road Sunbury to ascertain their views on this property being re-addressed to 11 Station Street Sunbury.**

CARRIED

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8.9	Proposed Appointment of New Member to the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management	171

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

- 2.1 **THAT Council appoints Anita Ollerenshaw as a member of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management.**
- 2.2 **THAT Council approves that the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management can be comprised of an even number of committee members.**

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

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9.1	NOM23/024 - Councillor Trevor Dance	175

Moved Cr Trevor Dance, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That a report be provided to a future Strategy and Policy Briefing on the implementation of a Developer Contact Register, giving consideration to the contents of NOM23/024 and guidance on the implementation of a future Policy in this regard.

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That a report be provided to a future Strategy and Policy Briefing on the development of a Developer Contact Register, giving consideration to the contents of NOM23/024 and guidance on the implementation of a future Policy in this regard.

LOST

The amended Notice of Motion was then put.

That a report be provided to a future Strategy and Policy Briefing on the implementation of a Developer Contact Register, giving consideration to the contents of NOM23/024 and guidance on the implementation of a future Policy in this regard.

CARRIED

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

For	Against
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9.2	NOM23/025 - Councillor Chris Hollow	179

This Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

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9.3	NOM23/026 - Councillor Naim Kurt	181

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Jarrod Bell

That council writes to the appropriate State Government departments and Ministers to:

1. **Acknowledge the challenge of providing infrastructure is huge and requires both state and local government**
2. **Support efforts to review contributions for state infrastructure**
3. **Note that Hume's rapid population growth creates a larger infrastructure bill than many other councils**
4. **Note that rapid price escalation and the increasing complexity of infrastructure coordination and delivery result in contributions levies funding less infrastructure than anticipated. This requires a greater proportion of rates to bridge the gap, which in turn limits the funds available to maintain and upgrade infrastructure in Hume's established areas. Areas which are already at a disadvantage.**
5. **Note that this is further exacerbated by rate capping in this environment of rapid population growth and price escalation.**
6. **Propose that state and local government work together to review how contributions work in relation to growth area councils, how rate capping applies to growth area councils or both.**

Councillor Jack Medcraft left the meeting during discussion on *NOM23/026 - Councillor Naim Kurt*, and did not vote on the item, the time being 8:31pm.

CARRIED

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9.4	NOM23/027 - Councillor Naim Kurt	183

Moved Cr Naim Kurt, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That the Officers explore security solutions aimed at preventing unauthorised access by hoons and dirt bikes to the Meadowlink trail, these solutions may encompass fencing, gates, surveillance cameras, and signage. Additionally, the Officers should consider liaising with VicPol and examining methods to deter vehicles from entering Seabrook Reserve for the purpose of observing sporting events.

CARRIED

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10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

NIL

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

**DEL110 DELEGATES REPORT – JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
BETWEEN WHITTLESEA CITY COUNCIL, MITCHELL
SHIRE COUNCIL AND HUME CITY COUNCIL.**

Cr Karen Sherry and Cr Joseph Haweil reported on the meeting which was attended by Cr Haweil, Cr Sherry and Cr Overend held at Whittlesea Council offices on Tuesday 4 October.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:53pm.