



**COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2023**

**7:00PM**

**TOWN HALL BROADMEADOWS**

**CONFIRMED - 10 JULY 2023**



# HUME CITY COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the  
**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**  
held on Monday, 26 June 2023  
**at 7:00PM**  
at the Town Hall Broadmeadows

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Attendees: a: Council

Cr Joseph Haweil	Mayor
Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
Cr Jarrod Bell	
Cr Chris Hollow	
Cr Naim Kurt	
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Sam Misho	
Cr Carly Moore	
Cr Jim Overend	

b: Officers

Ms Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer
Mr James McNulty	Act. Director City Planning and Places
Mr Hector Gaston	Director City Services & Living
Mr Adam McSwain	Director Infrastructure and Assets
Mr Carl Muller	Director Customer & Strategy
Ms Fiona Shanks	Chief People Officer
Mr Fadi Srour	Chief Financial Officer
Mr Christopher Bradbury	Act. Manager Governance
Ms Joanne Grindrod	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.

## **Gallery Behaviour**

The Mayor reminded the gallery that Council's Governance Rules requires the gallery to be silent at all times, and that members of the gallery must not interject or take part in the debate. Any person who is called to order, may be asked to leave the Chamber. The Mayor advised that notwithstanding this, 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

The Mayor read the following:

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 Reverend John Rigby, from the Christian community, on behalf of the HIN.

Reverend John Rigby read the prayer:

God of all, source of all goodness, your love endures for ever.  
By your wisdom, the universe reflects great diversity and the call for harmony.

We thank you for the Hume City Council in which we love, live, work and worship and for the truth and the facets and the variety of people, cultures, and faith which makes us.

On behalf of all gathered here today, I thank you for the boundlessness of your gracious nature that loves us beyond our understanding.

Thank you for the many and bountiful blessings, for life itself, for the measure of health, for our calling to be involved in the caring of this community for the honour of shared responsibility, for sustenance and for your friendship.

In your Holy Text, we have been told that as citizens we ought to pay respect to the governing authorities since you have established them. For the authorities to promote peace and order and justice, may this understanding grow deep in us and firm in us and be a truth that holds us.

Therefore, I pray for the mayor, and for the various levels of this city officials and for all the associated assembled council. I am asking that you would be gracious to them and grant them wisdom to govern amidst the conflicting interests and issues of our times. Grant to them a sense of welfare and truth that is needed for our people. Grant to them a keen and thirst for justice and rightness. Give them the Confidence in what is good and right and fitting. Grant ability to work together in harmony even when there is honest disagreement. Grant them most of all personal peace in their life and joy in their task.

I pray for the agenda set before them today. Please give an assurance of what would please you and what would benefit those who live and work and worship in and around this great city of ours. .

Amen

MINUTES

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Trevor Dance and Cr Jodi Jackson were apologies for this meeting.

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.

Nil.

5. CONGRATULATIONS & CONDOLENCES

**CGM31 CONGRATULATIONS - SAALIM NASSER**

**That the Mayor writes to Saalim Nasser on behalf of Council congratulating him on winning an award at the Victorian Sports Awards on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

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

**CARRIED**

**CNM381 CONDOLENCE MOTION - MR GARY HOLLINGSWORTH**

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

**That Council acknowledge and mark the sad passing of Mr Gary Hollingsworth, a much loved educator and life teacher of Sunbury College and an icon of our Sunbury community and that Council through the Mayor writes to the family to express our condolences.**

**CARRIED**

**CNM382 CONDOLENCE MOTION - MR SIMON CREAN**

**Moved** Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Carly Moore

**That Council sends condolences to the family of Mr Simon Crean on the passing of a great leader.**

**CARRIED**

**SPLASH AWARDS**

**Cr. Joseph Haweil advised Council that last Friday night (23 June), Hume City Council won two awards in the Aquatic and Recreation Victoria Industry Awards for 2023, recognising excellence in aquatics and recreation from January to December 2022.**

**The first was a High Commendation for Christine Meeks, from Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre. Christine was nominated as Swim Teacher of the Year for Persons with a Disability, recognising her role in designing and implementing the Aqua Inclusion Program**  
**The second award was also for Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre, awarding them Swim School of the Year. This recognised the team for their work in developing and implementing the innovative "Hume Swim School" program, which was created by Hume staff specifically**

for Hume's diverse community. It covers all aspects of swimming and stroke correction, with a strong emphasis on water safety.

Program elements includes:

- three categories of classes, aimed at different age groups and needs.
- community outreach through kinder, preschool, and school visits, supporting over 3,000 students.
- as well as an online parent portal, marketing and branding.

As part of this program, 70 new teachers were recruited. This assisted in expanding the program by 24% to 4,321 students.

## 6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 13 June 2023, including Confidential Minutes.

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

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 13 June 2023, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### **PQ999 PUBLIC QUESTION - KATHERINE LAWFORD**

A detailed preamble was provided by the submitter and circulated to Councillors.

I therefore write to ask if Hume City Council can please look into proposed locations with a view to establishing one or more repair cafés in Hume that will help to reduce landfill, and foster a repair, reuse and repurpose mentality instead of the current one of throwing items away and buying new. Thank you

### **Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

As you have mentioned, repair cafes are a great concept, allowing the repair and reuse of items, and preserving repair skills in the community whilst reducing landfill.

Repair cafes usually require residents to bring their items to the café to be repaired or reused. Council currently provides many options for material disposal, including free options, such as booking a hard waste collection, resource recovery centre passes and quarterly Hume Clean days. Unfortunately, those who dump waste in our municipality are not utilising the existing variety of free ways to recycle or dispose of these materials. Whilst we agree higher-order resource recovery, like repair cafes, should always be prioritised, it may not have an impact on the behaviours of those who illegally dump waste.

Council's Economic Development department has recently held a number of Circular Economy workshops, with industry, education and community, facilitated by RMIT Activator on the development of a Circular Smart Centre for Hume. Repair cafes and keeping a wide range of material in circulation for longer, were some of the themes of these workshops.

As part of Hume City Council's Waste Strategy, we are due to undertake a review of our Resource Recovery Centre locations and services, including masterplans of these facilities, by July 2024. Incorporation of sustainable solutions, such as repair cafes will be considered during this process.

**PQ1000 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS**

How many SMART cameras have Hume City Council installed in the municipality that have facial recognition?

**Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

Council has no CCTV cameras that have facial recognition technology.

**PQ1001 PUBLIC QUESTION - GREG PERKINS**

How many SMART cameras have Hume City Council installed in the municipality that have facial and vehicle number plate recognition?

**Response: Director Infrastructure & Assets**

Council has no CCTV cameras that have facial and vehicle number plate recognition.

**8. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.1	<b>2023/24 Budget Adoption and Declaration of Rates Fees and Charges and Revenue and Rating Plan</b>	5

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

Councillor Jarrod Bell left the meeting during discussion on item 8.1 *2023/24 Budget Adoption and Declaration of Rates Fees and Charges and Revenue and Rating Plan*, the time being 7:33pm.

Councillor Jarrod Bell returned to the meeting, the time being 7:34pm.

- 2.1 That having considered submissions received and the details of the 2023/24 Budget (the Budget) as contained within attachment 1, Council adopts the Budget, which includes:**
- 2.1.1 Section 1 – Link to the integrated planning and reporting framework**
  - 2.1.2 Section 2 – Services and service performance indicators**
  - 2.1.3 Section 3 – Financial statements**
  - 2.1.4 Section 4 – Notes to the financial statements including detailed information relating to general rates and charges**
  - 2.1.5 Section 5 – Financial performance indicators**
  - 2.1.6 Section 6 – Schedule of fees and charges**
  - 2.1.7 That the recurrent and capital Budget for 2023/24 be the Budget 2023/24 (Budget) prepared for the purposes of Section 94 of the Act.**

- 2.2 That, in relation to the capital works program, the expenditure provided for in each line item is the forecast or projected amount that Council will expend. On occasions the actual amount expended could be greater or lesser than the expenditure provided for. Because each line item is part of a class of expenditure being forecast or projected, Council intends that the expenditure authorised through the adoption of the Budget will be the totality of expenditure by class (regardless of whether, in respect of any particular project, the actual amount expended exceeds or is less than the expenditure that is shown).
- 2.3 That Council declares the general rates and charges as per section 2.4 to 2.15 below.
- 2.4 That in accordance with Section 158 of the 1989 Act, Council declares a General Rate of 0.23143 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value within the municipal district for all rateable land for the rating period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024.
- 2.5 That Council declares that all rates for rateable land be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land by the relevant General Rate indicated at 2.4 above.
- 2.6 That for the 2023/24 financial year, the Primary Producer Rate Rebate will continue to be offered to landholders outside the urban growth zone which will be calculated at 30% of the General Rate. The eligibility criteria for the Primary Producer Rate Rebate are similar to that under the Agricultural Land Use Rebate however there is a requirement on landholders to prove to Council that they are trying to operate an agricultural business from their agricultural activity.
- 2.7 That Council grants an additional pensioner rate rebate of \$40.00 per rateable property to those applicants who qualify for a rate rebate within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* over and above that provided by the State Government. This rebate is to be granted on the same terms and conditions that provides for the State Government funded rebate without separate application in accordance with Section 171 of the 1989 Act.
- 2.8 That for the rating period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024 and in accordance with Section 162 of the 1989 Act Council also declares:
- 2.8.1 A public waste service rate of 0.0302357 cents in the dollar which will apply to commercial and industrial properties, excluding non-rateable properties.
- (a) The amount payable will be determined by multiplying the Capital improved Value (CIV) by the Service Rate of 0.0302357 cents in the dollar as indicated at 2.8.1 above.
- 2.8.2 A public waste service charge of \$200.93 for residential properties. For the purpose of the waste



- charge, residential properties include properties classified as rural.
- 2.8.3 A public waste service charge of \$150.93 for pensioners owner occupied residential properties which reflects a fee that is \$50 less than the standard residential public waste service charge.
- 2.8.4 The classification of residential properties will be based on the zoning and current use in accordance with State Government Valuation Best Practice Specification Guidelines which contain the Australian Valuation Property Classification Codes (AVPCC) established by the Valuer General. Therefore, non-residential will be all other properties not defined as residential.
- 2.8.5 A kerbside waste service charge of \$295.74 to residential and non-residential properties, where Council is able to provide a Kerbside waste service.
- 2.8.6 Non-rateable properties who elect to receive a kerbside waste service will continue to pay for the service in accordance with the fees outlined in Council's Budget.
- 2.9 That in accordance with Section 167 (1) of the 1989 Act, the general rates and service charges be payable by four instalments. The gazetted instalment dates as fixed by the Minister are as follows: 30 September 2023, 30 November 2023, 29 February 2024 and 31 May 2024.
- 2.10 That in accordance with Section 167 (2A) of the 1989 Act, Council will not be offering the lump sum payment option.
- 2.11 That the setting of the maximum interest rate for unpaid rates and charges will be in accordance with the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Rating and Other Matters) Act 2022. The Minister for Local Government must fix a maximum rate of interest that councils may charge on unpaid rates and charges. The legislation takes effect from 20 June 2023. Until a new interest rate is set by the Minister for Local Government, the current interest rate as set by the Attorney-General via the Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983 continues to apply under s.172(2) of the 1989 Act. The current interest rate is set at 10 per cent and will apply for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 2.12 That in accordance with Section 159 of the 1989 Act, Council declares that a municipal charge will not be levied against any rateable land on which a municipal charge may be levied for the rating period commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.
- 2.13 That in accordance with Section 162 of the 1989 Act, Council declares annual service rates and charges for waste, recycling, or resource recovery services for rateable properties for the period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024; where each occupied serviced rateable property is entitled to one 140L garbage service

and one 240L recycle service. Additional charges will apply as follows, including for non rateable properties:

WASTE SERVICE OPTION	Per Service
<b>Optional Garbage Charges</b>	
Garbage (upgrade from 140L to 240L)	\$121.00
Garbage (additional service 240L)	\$279.50
Garbage (additional service 140L)	\$161.40
Garbage (additional 80L)	\$93.00
Garbage discount (80L first service)	\$21.60 discount
<b>Optional Recycling Charges</b>	
Recycle (additional 140L or 240L)	\$73.50
Recycle (upgrade from 140L to 360L)	\$35.90
Recycle (additional 360L)	\$110.10
<b>Optional Organics Charges</b>	
Organics 140L service	\$89.60
Organics 240L service	\$114.00
Organics 140L additional service	\$89.60
Organics 240L additional service	\$114.00
<b>Kerbside waste management charge</b>	
Charge for all rateable properties	\$295.74
<b>Public waste management rates and charges</b>	
Residential – charge	\$200.93
Residential – pension concession charge (\$50 discount)	\$150.93
Non-residential rate (cents/\$CIV)*	0.0302357

2.14 That an amount of \$238.07m be declared as the amount Council intends to raise from the general rates and charges for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as follows:

2.14.1	General rates	\$	167,274,852
	Less primary producer rate rebate (\$	277,000)	
	Less Council pension rebate	(\$	553,500)
	Total general rates	\$	166,444,352
2.14.2	Service charge – recycling and garbage	\$	398,000
	Special rates and charges	\$	4,635
	Kerbside waste service charge	\$	25,642,449
	Service charge – organics	\$	4,140,000
	Public waste service rates and charges	\$	21,853,778
	Projected supplementary rate income	\$	4,000,000
	Rates interest	\$	95,000
	Total rates and service charges	\$	222,578,214

Rates in lieu - Commonwealth properties	<u>\$ 15,486,366</u>
	<u>\$ 238,064,580</u>

- 2.15 That Council notes that in accordance with Section 158 of the 1989 Act and Regulation 8 of the Regulations, detailed information concerning General Rates and Charges is appended to this report.
- 2.16 That Council endorses the following adjustments to the proposed Budget advertised on Tuesday 9 May 2023 which take into account the following adjustments that were directly as a result of Budget submissions received:
- 2.16.1 The line-item Materials and Services in the Comprehensive Income Statement increased by \$61.5k including:
- (a) A provision of up to \$12.5k for the replacement of a drinking fountain to include a dog drinking bowl.
  - (b) \$49k to undertake maintenance works to help Roxburgh College achieve compliance with the Department of Education's requirements at 54-58 Dimboola Rd Broadmeadows.
- 2.16.2 The line-item Other Expenses in the Comprehensive Income Statement increased by \$7.5k due to the contribution to the Craigieburn War Memorial and Remembrance Committee Inc. to assist with the publication of the 'Memorials of Hume' booklet.
- 2.16.3 Councils Capital Works Program was adjusted as follows:
- (a) An increase in 2023/24 of \$80k relating to the Gladstone Park Community Centre court facility upgrade of \$60k, additional seating under shelter at Arena Recreation Reserve of \$10k and spectator seating at Laura Douglas Reserve of \$10k.
- 2.17 In addition to changes relating to Budget submissions, Councils investment in the Enterprise Resource Planning Technology solution upgrade was reduced by \$9.18m (Nil 2023/24, \$1.21m 2024/25, \$3.39m 2026/27 and \$4.58m in 2026/27), reflecting a refinement of business case costings completed during the Budget review process. In the years 2024/25 to 2026/27, there will be an equivalent increase in Council's surplus for the year and cash balance.
- 2.18 Sections 2.16 and 2.17 have impacted the 2023/24 Budgeted financial statements as follows:
- 2.18.1 An increase of \$69k to the total expenses.
  - 2.18.2 A decrease of \$69k to the surplus.
  - 2.18.3 A decrease of \$56k to total assets including a decrease of \$138k in cash.

- 2.18.4 An increase of \$13k to total liabilities.
- 2.18.5 A decrease of \$69k in total equity.
- 2.18.6 An increase of \$80k to the 2023/24 capital works program.
- 2.19 That Council notes:
- 2.19.1 All submissions received during the community consultation period on the proposed Budget, and the officer comments in response to those submissions, whether the submitter spoke to their submission and the financial impact on the Budget, as provided in Attachment 2 to this report; and
- 2.19.2 No submissions were received in relation to the updated Revenue and Rating Plan.
- 2.20 That Council thanks all submitters, including those who spoke in support of their submissions at the Submission Hearing of Council which was held on 5 June 2023.
- 2.21 That Council writes to all submitters with responses and outcomes of their submissions.
- 2.22 The Council adopts the updated Revenue and Rating Plan 2023/24 (Revenue and Rating Plan).
- 2.23 That the adopted Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan be placed on Councils website.
- 2.24 That Council notes since advertising the Budget on 9 May 2023, some contracted rates have come in higher for waste, electricity and animal shelter services as well as some construction contracts. At the same time Council's indicatively allocation from the Victorian Grants Commission (VGC) is higher and interest rates have continued to rise meaning the net effect of all these is offset, is immaterial and likely to result in a slightly more favourable position. Furthermore, it will have no impact on Council's ability to deliver its services and initiatives as outlined in the Council Plan and Budget. Further updates will be provided throughout the year.

CARRIED

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8.2	Draft Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2025 - Endorsement for Public Exhibition	133

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

**That Council endorse the draft Hume City Domestic Animal Management Plan 2023-2026 for public exhibition for the period of 27 June 2023 to 25 July 2023.**

CARRIED

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.3	<b>Inquiry into the Victorian Auditor-General's report no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021)</b>	281

**Moved** Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 *Inquiry into the Victorian Auditor-General's report no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021)* the time being 7:40pm

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.3 *Inquiry into the Victorian Auditor-General's report no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021)*, the time being 7:41pm.

**That Council notes and approves its submission to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) Inquiry into the Victorian Auditor-General's report no. 213: Reducing the Harm Caused by Gambling (2021).**

**Amendment of the submission to be addressed to the Chair of the Committee and change the salutation to Dear Chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.4	<b>Event Grant 2023/2024 - Round 1 Recommendations</b>	303

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

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 *Event Grant 2023/2024 - Round 1 Recommendations*, the time being 7:50pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.4 *Event Grant 2023/2024 - Round 1 Recommendations*, the time being 7:51pm.

**That Council**

- 2.1 **Endorses the distribution of \$97,250 to Round One of the 2023/2024 Event Grant Program to 11 applicants (Attachment 2).**
- 2.2 **Notes that disbursement of funds identified in 2.1 will be subject to satisfactory acquittals and resolution of any outstanding eligibility requirements.**
- 2.3 **Notes that applications for Round 2 (for events held between 1 January 2024 – 30 June 2024) will open for applications on 17 July, closing on 16 August 2023.**
- 2.4 **Notes that subject to 2.2, there will be \$72,750 for disbursement in Round 2.**

**CARRIED**

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8.5	Response to NOM23/002 - Philanthropic Partnerships	327

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

**That Council notes the information contained in this report. A further report detailing options will come to Council in October 2023 following broader consultation.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.6	Response to NOM23/005 - George Evans Museum Collection Needs and Spaces Review	331

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

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting during discussion on item 8.6 *Reponse to NOM23/005 - George Evans Museum Collection Needs and Spaces Review*, the time being 7:53pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting during discussion on item 8.6 *Reponse to NOM23/005 - George Evans Museum Collection Needs and Spaces Review*, the time being 7:54pm.

**That Council:**

**2.1 Notes the findings of the *George Evans Museum Collection Needs and Spaces Review* (Attachment 1).**

**CARRIED**

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8.7	Civic Collection Policy Update 2023 (Adoption of Policy)	371

**Moved** Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jim Overend

**That Council endorses the revised Hume City Council Civic Collection Policy as shown in Attachment 1.**

**CARRIED**

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
8.8	Correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament - May 2023	387

**Moved** Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

**That Council notes this report on correspondence received from or sent to Government Ministers or Members of Parliament.**

**CARRIED**

MINUTES

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED.

**PJL305                    PETITION - FORDGATE SHOPPING PRECINCT –  
BARRY ROAD SHOPPING CENTRE**

**Moved** Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Naim Kurt

**That this petition be received calling for Hume City Council to install  
barriers on the footpath in front of the shops.**

**CARRIED**

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

Cr Karen Sherry, Cr Jarrod Bell, Cr Jack Medcraft, Cr Naim Kurt and Cr Joseph Haweil reported on their attendance at the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government Conference which was held in Canberra last week.

Councillor Sam Misho left the meeting, the time being 8:12pm.

Councillor Sam Misho returned to the meeting, the time being 8:15pm.

Councillor Carly Moore left the meeting, the time being 8:15pm.

Councillor Carly Moore returned to the meeting, the time being 8:16pm.

13. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

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

**THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following items:**

**13.1                    Contract - Provision of Animal Shelter Services for Hume City Council**

**Item 13.1 is confidential in accordance with Section 3(1)(d.) of the Local Government Act 2020 because it is contractual matters.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:31pm.

The meeting was not reopened to the public.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:37pm.