



*City of*  
**Whittlesea**



**MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL**



# Minutes

Joint Council Meeting

Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 5:00 pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,  
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

# Councillors / Administrators

Cr Joseph Haweil	Mayor, Hume City Council
Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor, Hume City Council
Cr Jim Overend	Councillor, Hume City Council
Lydia Wilson	Chair of Council, Whittlesea City Council
Peita Duncan	Administrator, Whittlesea City Council
Christian Zahra AM	Administrator, Whittlesea City Council
Cr Fiona Stevens	Mayor, Mitchell Shire Council
Cr Louise Bannister	Deputy Mayor, Mitchell Shire Council
Cr Rob Eldridge	Councillor, Mitchell Shire Council

# Senior Officers

Craig Lloyd	Chief Executive Officer, Whittlesea City Council
Sheena Frost	Chief Executive Officer, Hume City Council
Brett Luxford	Chief Executive Officer, Mitchell Shire Council
Emma Appleton	Director Planning & Development, Whittlesea City Council
Rachel Dapiran	Director of City Planning & Places, Hume City Council
Tim Partridge	Acting Director Economy, Growth & Infrastructure, Mitchell Shire Council
Jacinta Stevens	Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO, Whittlesea City Council

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## **1 Opening**

### **1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions**

The Chair, Cr Joseph Haweil, Mayor of Hume City Council opened the meeting at 5:00pm.

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to this historic Joint Council Meeting on 3 October 2023 bringing together the City of Whittlesea, Hume City Council and Mitchell Shire Council being held here at the City of Whittlesea Council Chambers in South Morang. This meeting is being live streamed.

I am Joseph Haweil, Mayor of Hume City Council and I have the great privilege of chairing tonight's Joint Meeting, I'd like to acknowledge the attendance of the following colleagues who are here this evening representing their respective municipalities:

*From the City of Whittlesea:*

Chair Administrator, Lydia Wilson  
Administrator, Peita Duncan  
Administrator, Christian Zahra AM

*From Mitchell Shire Council:*

Mayor, Cr Fiona Stevens  
Deputy Mayor, Cr Louise Bannister  
Cr Rob Eldridge

*From Hume City Council:*

Deputy Mayor, Cr Karen Sherry  
Cr Jim Overend

I would also like to acknowledge in attendance:

Craig Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, Whittlesea City Council  
Sheena Frost, Chief Executive Officer, Hume City Council  
Brett Luxford, Chief Executive Officer, Mitchell Shire Council  
Emma Appleton, Director Planning and Development, Whittlesea City Council  
Rachel Dapiran, Director of City Planning & Places, Hume City Council  
Tim Partridge, Acting Director Economy, Growth and Infrastructure, Mitchell Shire Council  
Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council and CEO, Whittlesea City Council."

### **1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement**

The Chair, Joseph Haweil read the following statement:

*“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.*

*I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”*

### **1.3 Diversity and Good Governance Statement**

The Chair, Joseph Haweil read the following statement:

*“We are proud of our diversity and the many cultures, faiths and beliefs that make up our community. We thrive to be an inclusive welcoming Cities that fosters active participation, wellbeing and connection to each other and this land. We collectively commit to making informed decisions to benefit the people of the three municipalities now and into the future to support our communities visions.”*

### **1.4 Attendance**

All three Councils are equally represented this evening.

## **2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No Declarations

### 3 Officers' Reports

#### 3.1 Connected Communities

##### 3.1.1 Joint Council Meeting for the Regional Partnership: Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO, Whittlesea City Council

**Author:** Director Planning & Development, Whittlesea City Council  
Director of City Planning & Places, Hume City Council  
Acting Director Economy, Growth & Infrastructure, Mitchell Shire Council

#### Purpose

For Hume City Council, Whittlesea City Council and Mitchell Shire Council to formally endorse the Regional Partnership to continue its joint work and advocacy to the Victorian Government and the landowners to support the planning and delivery of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre (MAC).

#### Recommendation

**THAT Hume City Council, Whittlesea City Council and Mitchell Shire Council:**

1. Note this joint Council meeting is being held in accordance with section 62 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Acknowledge the significant opportunity that the Cloverton MAC presents and its strategic role in Melbourne's northern growth corridor.
3. Endorse the Regional Partnership as a unified voice of the three councils for the planning of the Cloverton MAC.
4. Endorse the vision and principles underpinning the Partnerships approach to the planning of the Cloverton MAC as detailed in Attachment 2 of this report.
5. Endorse the Partnership of Hume Council, Whittlesea Council and Mitchell Shire Council advocating for coordination and assistance from the Victorian Government for the planning and delivery of the Cloverton MAC in a genuine spirit of partnership.
6. Resolve the Mayor of Hume Council, Chair Administrator of Whittlesea Council and Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council sign a joint letter to the Premier of Victoria and key Ministers seeking State Government support to partner with the Regional Partnership around the coordination, planning and implementation of the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre and recognising the area for its state significance.
7. Resolve to issue a joint media statement.

The following Councillors/Administrators spoke to this motion:

- Cr Fiona Stevens, Mayor, Mitchell Shire Council
- Lydia Wilson, Chair Administrator, Whittlesea City Council
- Cr Karen Sherry, Deputy Mayor, Hume City Council
- Cr Louise Bannister, Deputy Mayor, Mitchell Shire Council
- Cr Rob Eldridge, Mitchell Shire Council
- Cr Jim Overend, Hume City Council
- Christian Zahra, Administrator, Whittlesea City Council
- Peita Duncan, Administrator, Whittlesea City Council
- Chair, Cr Joseph Haweil, Mayor, Hume City Council

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

<b><i>Moved:</i></b>	<i>Cr Fiona Stevens, Mitchell Shire Council</i>
<b><i>Seconded:</i></b>	<i>Chair of Council Lydia Wilson, Whittlesea City Council</i>

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for regional partnership for the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4 Closure**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:40pm.

To be confirmed at each of the respective Council's next Scheduled Council Meeting.

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Cr Joseph Haweil  
Chair  
Mayor, Hume City Council