



Ordinary Meeting of Council Attachments

Monday 17 March 2025

Council Chamber

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 17 February 2025 Time: 6:00pm Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

All items discussed at a Councillor Briefing are considered confidential in nature.

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears	Cr Catherine Gordon	Cr Daniella Heatherich
Cr Linda Hancock	Cr Claire Rex	Cr Rob Steane OAM
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Nathaniel Henderson	
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	
		Item
Steve McIntosh	Manager Assets & Project Management	2
Rebecca Pietrzykowski	Coordinator Asset Management	2
Phil Medley	Manager Governance & Performance	3
Chloe Messerle	Senior Governance Officer	3

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Paul Macdonald
Council Officers:	Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Cr Chris Jones: Item 4 - MVC Boxing Club Lease Update <i>Reason: Legal matter</i>
Council Officers:	Nil

Items Discussed:

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	Asset Plan Review
3	ALGA and MAV Motions Process
4	MVC Boxing Club Lease Update
5	Items of a General Meeting Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer	Emma Hills
Title	Governance Officer



COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 3 March 2025

Time: 6:17pm

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

All items discussed at a Councillor Briefing are considered confidential in nature.

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears	Cr Catherine Gordon	Cr Daniella Heatherich
Cr Linda Hancock	Cr Claire Rex	Cr Rob Steane OAM
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Nathaniel Henderson	
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	Item
Michael Arhontis	Coordinator Built Environment	1
Steve McIntosh	Manager Projects & Asset Management	2
Rebecca Pietrzykowski	Coordinator Asset Management	2
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	3
Isabelle Cancino	Manager Finance & Commercial	4
Damian Thorp	Coordinator Waste Management	4
Antonia Heward	Team Leader Waste Strategy & Policy	4
Heather Burns	Manager Community Services	6A

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Paul Macdonald

Council Officers:

Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Cr Linda Hancock: Item 1 - Contract 21078 - Provision of Minor Works and Landscaping Services
Reason: *Known to one of the tenderers*

Cr Kylie Spears: Item 1 - Contract 21078 - Provision of Minor Works and Landscaping Services
Reason: *Known to one of the tenderers*

Cr Rob Steane: Item 1 - Contract 21078 - Provision of Minor Works and Landscaping Services
Reason: *Known to one of the tenderers*

Cr Chris Jones: Item 5 - MVC Boxing Club Lease Update
Reason: *Legal matter*

Council Officers:

Nil

Items Discussed:

1	Contract 21078 - Provision of Minor Works and Landscaping Services
2	Road Management Plan (RMP) Review
3	Celebrate Maroondah Events
4	Glass Only Household Service Advocacy Update
5	MVC Boxing Club Lease Update
6A	Aged Care Background and Update
6B	Councillor Delegates' Meeting Report
7	Community Assistance Fund
8	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer
Title

Emma Hills
Governance Officer



MEDIA STATEMENT

04/03/25

Regarding: Victorian Government Glass kerbside recycling bin for households

From: Mayor of Maroondah, Councillor Kylie Spears

Maroondah City Council is one of 29 Victorian Councils actively advocating to the Victorian Government to postpone the mandatory implementation for Councils to provide a glass only bin service to households. Currently, the Victorian Government requires all local governments to implement this service by 1 July 2027.

The group of Councils advocating for this delay include a range of Victorian Councils from across metropolitan and regional areas, all of which are concerned about the cost implications the glass only bin service will have on their community.

As part of this advocacy, a group of Councils wrote a letter to the Minister for Environment, the Hon Steve Dimopoulos, in late 2024 outlining their research findings and appealing for the system to be reviewed.

The research undertaken found that a glass only service would cost a typical Council approximately \$4 million to implement, and on average cost an additional \$27 per household per year to run the service. This would be the largest increase to a waste charge that has ever been passed on to our community, something that in these challenging economic times, is concerning and unrealistic.

The research also showed that expanding the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to include wine and spirit bottles would have similar circularity benefits to a glass only bin, less contamination and would remove the need for millions of dollars of implementation costs for Councils.

Extending this deadline would provide Councils with more time to understand the positive impact of the CDS on our recycling volumes, which are steadily declining with the successful uptake of the CDS, and to create a national approach that aligns with all states and territories.

The expansion of the CDS program would not only provide similar environmental benefits as a kerbside glass service but it would also be more cost effective to Councils and the community. Using existing infrastructure and a service that is already being used frequently and effectively by the community would require less investment, resourcing and education.



An example is business cases released by the Queensland and South Australian Governments that assessed the net benefits of a glass only bin. As a result of this research, they opted to expand the CDS to include wine and spirit bottles instead of implementing a glass only bin service.

Postponing the implementation date for the glass only bin would provide Councils more time to work with the Victorian Government on our research findings and find a way forward that maximises recycling efforts, but minimises the financial impact on local communities during what are challenging economic times for households. Delaying the implementation date will also allow states and territories time to create a national standard for household bins.

The group of 29 Victorian Councils are asking for the Victorian Government to listen to these concerns and delay the mandatory implementation date so that alternative options that already exist (such as the CDS) can be appropriately considered before forcing the implementation of a fourth kerbside glass recycling bin and exorbitant costs on to our community.

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