# Aboriginal Treaty

**Resolution**

​That the MAV publicly support the Victorian Government initiative to develop a treaty between the Indigenous Community of Victoria and the State Government.

# Maintenance and Upgrade of Critical Linkage Roads

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria be called upon to lobby the State Government to reintroduce specific funding programs to support the maintenance and upgrade of critical linkage roads throughout Victoria to assist the growth and prosperity of the Victorian agricultural economy.

# Levees That Protect Residential Areas

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria lobby the State and Federal Governments for an alternative funding model for the construction and ongoing operation and maintenance of levees that protect residential areas. A funding model that sees the Commonwealth and State Governments take responsibility for the funding of the construction of levees and that sees local governments and local communities responsible for the funding of the ongoing operation and maintenance of levees should be considered.

# Review of Speed Limits in Residential Areas

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria engage with VicRoads in the design of a process for the establishment and review of speed limits within residential areas that includes an appropriate level of the local community consultation that provides avenues for local residents to have input into the decision-making process.

# Landfill Levy Distribution

**Resolution**

​That the MAV write to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change before the end of May and strongly advocate that:

* the Minister provides improved transparency regarding the spending and allocation of the landfill levy from 2008/09 onwards and provides expenditure plans for the unallocated funds from the landfill levy
* a minimum of 50% of the accrued landfill levy funds be allocated to the originating local government to support long term provision of landfill remediation and for projects that take further action on climate change, waste reduction, recycling and illegal dumping. Projects deemed suitable should not require any matched funding from local government
* the landfill levy be frozen at the current rate per tonne

# Regional and Metropolitian Partnerships

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate to the relevant Ministers that:

1. Membership by Local Government to the Regional and Metropolitan Partnerships should be by ‘invitation’ to elected representatives, and not be reliant on officer (CEO) appointments
2. Council Planning be acknowledged as the foundation of community engagement and that Regional and Metropolitan Partnerships liaise with Councils prior to undertaking widespread consultation in the future.

# Road Funding

**Resolution**

​That the MAV State Council, in regard to ensuring the long term financial sustainability of Local Government, convey to Federal and State Governments that there is a need for the Federal and State Governments to provide a realistic level of untied income to assist Local Government maintain the 85% of the road network across Australia. This includes increasing the dollar value of grant funding accessible to councils, including the Roads to Recovery Programme.

# School Focused Youth Service

**Resolution**

​That the MAV seek a commitment from the State Government for the continuation of funding for the School Focused Youth Service in its current form, beyond the current agreement which ends in December 2017.

# Building inclusive Communities Metro Access Partnership Program Funding Advocacy

**Resolution**

That the MAV seeks a commitment from the State Government for the continuation of funding for the Building Inclusive Communities Metro Access partnership program beyond the current agreement, in addition to the identified funded programs under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

# ResCode and Residential Zones Advocacy

**Resolution**

​That the MAV supports an advocacy campaign calling for:

* a comprehensive review of the application and impact of ResCode development standards, particularly in relation to single dwellings
* a comprehensive review of the use and development provisions of the residential zones and associated Building Regulations for commercial residential uses such as retirement villages, residential aged care facilities and rooming houses

# Exempt Community Cemetery Trusts From Payment of Rates

**Resolution**

​That the MAV seek authorisation from the State Government to allow Council’s to remove the payment of rates from Community Cemetery Trusts.

# Commuter Parking

**Resolution**

​That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to develop a program to expand commuter parking, bike parking and bike share pods at train stations to meet the current and future demands for commuter parking and public transport.

# Parkiteer Cages in Train Stations

**Resolution**

​That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to introduce Parkiteer bicycle cages at all train stations.

# Bus/Rail Connectivity

**Resolution**

​That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to undertake a review of the bus service timetable for all rail-bus interchange connectivity in order to improve bus-rail connectivity, and encourage commuters to take the bus to train stations.

# MAV Committee Structure

**Resolution**

​That the MAV Board as a matter of priority review the MAV’s use of Advisory and Working Committees to ensure their contribution and relevance to the development and pursuit of the MAV’s purposes and strategy, including strategic planning. The review should have regard to the ability of the MAV to support and resource the Committees, the way in which the Committees might contribute to the MAV Board and State Council deliberations and the periodic review of the Committees to ensure their ongoing relevance and outputs. The benefits of Committee minutes being distributed to MAV delegates after consideration by the MAV Board should also be considered.

# Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

**Resolution**

​That the MAV seek a commitment from the State Government for additional support and funding to respond to the increasing demand of community members experiencing homelessness.

# Public/community housing and housing affordability

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate for improved public/community housing and housing affordability outcomes through:

* Making a submission to the housing affordability inquiry on behalf of rural councils
* Making a submission to the review of Residential Tenancies Act 1997 and providing compensation to those that might be displaced from caravan parks
* Calling for compulsory community/public housing as part of residential developments
* Ensuring the public housing renewal program (PHRP) provides for the retention of land in public ownership for public housing opportunities, including a 60% target for public/community housing, respect of neighbourhood character and an open and transparent process, within the control of councils, that provides for third party notice and appeal rights
* Working with ALGA to influence the Commonwealth and responses to homelessness and collaborative fiscal approaches to housing affordability.

# Long Terms Use of State Government Owned Land by Councils

**Resolution**

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to amend the Victorian Government Land Holding Policy and Guidelines in relation to state owned or State Government agency owned land which has been exclusively occupied, used and maintained by a municipal council on a long term basis for the purpose of providing public open space, municipal recreation and playground or allied public infrastructure, so as to enable the land owner to exercise discretion to either:

1. Enter into a long term lease or licence with a council where the occupation and use of the land demonstrates a long term social or community benefit which justifies a nominal lease rental.
2. Gift and transfer the land to a council by way of a restrictive Crown grant whereby the land is permanently reserved as public open space or community use at a nominal consideration.

# Recurrent Funding and Infrastructure Support for Universal Access (15 HRS Kindergarten)

**Resolution**

​That the MAV ramps up its advocacy campaign to both State and Federal Governments to secure:

* 1. long term ongoing funding beyond the life of the current National Partnership Agreement which is due to expire in December 2017; and
  2. Funding to assist councils to upgrade ageing infrastructure from which 15 hours kindergarten is delivered

# Volunteer Management Program

**Resolution**

That the MAV advocate to the Federal Government to reinstate dedicated funding for the Volunteer Management Program as part of the 2017/18 budget and beyond.

# State Government Funding Ratios

**Resolution**

​That the MAV engage with the State Government to consider a review of current funding ratios, so as to provide increased opportunity for the Rural and Small Shire Councils to more readily access State Government grants, based on the limited matching contributions small rural shires are able to contribute.

# CFA permits to Burn

**Resolution**

​That the MAV work with the State Government to ensure sufficient funding is provided to the CFA for its administration of Permits to Burn.

# Small Shire Revaluation Cycle

**Resolution**

​That the MAV, on behalf of the 19 small shires, commence discussions with the State Government to consider the opportunity that revaluations in these small shires occur every 4 years, rather than the current 2 yearly cycles.

# VAGO Accounting Standards Must be Reviewed in a Rate Capping Environment

**Resolution**

​That the MAV:

1. writes to VAGO expressing its significant concern that ‘contributions – non-monetary value’ are being incorporated as ‘revenue’ on the income statements of Council operating budgets thereby skewing the real value of operating surpluses, and
2. requests VAGO review the presentation of Council financial statements to better reflect the nature and impacts of these contributions – value and their representation in future Council budgets.

# Influence NDIS Funding Arrangements to Support Community Building in Local Government

**Resolution**

​That the MAV work with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to influence the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to ensure that funding arrangements for the Information Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) services of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS);

* Respond to the objectives currently met through the Building Inclusive Communities program (BIC)
* Are structured in such a way as to support effective community building work (i.e. longer term partnership grants)
* Recognise the central role that Local Government has and should still play in building local communities that are inclusive of people with a disability, and ensure that future ILC funding targets Local Government.

# East West Link

**Resolution**

​That the MAV call on the State Government to immediately implement Infrastructure Victoria recommendations to proceed with the East West Link, commencing in the western region.

# Health Infrastructure

**Resolution**

​That the MAV call on the State Government to expand and modernise Footscray Hospital for more equitable access to healthcare in Melbourne’s rapidly growing inner west.

# MAV Support for the Changing Environment of Local Government

**Resolution**

​That the MAV develop a Strategic Plan to demonstrate how it will support Councils in an environment of reduced revenue, changing demographics and legislative change.

# Social and Community Infrastructure

**Resolution**

​That the MAV call on the State Government create an incentive fund to assist local government to refurbish or rationalise community infrastructure assets in high growth inner suburbs.

# Transport Strategy for Greater Melbourne to Regional Victoria

**Resolution**

​That the MAV call on the State Government to develop a comprehensive Transport Strategy linking Greater Melbourne to regional centres including ongoing funding of regional passenger and freight rail services to support regional growth and better balance of population growth from Melbourne to regions.

# Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in Regional Cities

**Resolution**

​That the MAV make a submission to the Department of Justice and Regulation seeking that the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hold more regular sessions in regional cities to allow more ready access to the Tribunal by local people and reduce the cost of such access.

# Alignment of VCAT Decisions with Community Expectations

**Resolution**

​That the MAV:

1. Investigate the number of instances over the last two years where VCAT has made decisions that have not properly considered a council’s local policies or strategic directions
2. Investigate the perceived extent of disconnect between VCAT decisions and council and community expectations
3. Develop options for how to improve the alignment between decisions of VCAT and community expectations
4. Report back on the options at the State Council meeting in October 2017

# Alignment of MAV Motions with MAV Strategic Work Plan

**Resolution**

That the MAV Board:

1. ​Agree to require all future MAV motions to consider the MAV Strategic Work Plan as much as practicable.
2. Direct MAV management to identify, prior to State Council meetings, which MAV motions directly relate to the MAV Strategic Work Plan and communicate this prior to the voting process.
3. Direct MAV management to identify if a MAV motion (or one very similar) has come to the State Council previously and, if so, specify when and what the outcome was and communicate this prior to the voting process.

# Cost Shifting

**Resolution**

​That the MAV:

1. Conduct research to document the nature and extent of cost shifting including:
2. Describing and quantifying those instances where government funding to local government is being reduced, placing additional expectations on local government to fill the funding gap.
3. Quantifying the trend of Federal and State Government cost shifting.
4. Quantifying the increase in regulation costs borne by local government.
5. Advocate for a cost-shift index to be applied by the Victorian State Government when setting a cap on rates increases for local councils.

# Advocate for the Creation of an Active Transport Infrastructure Program

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the Federal Government for the creation of an active transport infrastructure funding program directly to local councils.

# Plan Melbourne Funding

**Resolution**

​That the MAV call on the State Government to establish a growth fund for infrastructure to ensure equitable and consistent investment for rapid growth cities and to deliver the Plan Melbourne actions.

# Increased Affordable Housing in Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate to the State Government and seek a commitment for a minimum of 526 new social housing dwellings in the Eastern Metropolitan Region per year until 2036, to meet the minimum supply required.

# Increasing Penalties for Removal of Trees

**Resolution**

​Advocate to the Victorian State Government for an increase in Penalties for illegal tree removal and for stronger tree protection legislation to prevent “moon scaping” of sites prior to the lodgement and/or approval of a planning permit application.

# Provision of Equitable Sporting Opportunities, Facilities and Amenities for Women

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate to the State and Federal Government to support their policies regarding women and sport by allocating significant funds to assist local government build and maintain ‘female friendly’ sporting facilities and amenities to give girls and women a fair go in equal access to community sporting opportunities and hence to enable improved health and wellbeing in their lives.

# Promotion of Tourism and Other Related Economic Opportunities in Melbourne Green Wedge

**Resolution**

​Advocate to the State Government to provide clear direction for addressing the current limitations that threaten the long term future and viability of ongoing or new opportunities in Metropolitan Green Wedge areas. This will require an approach that brings together planning, economic and environmental perspectives, and instruments that provide a coordinated approach to resolving current issues and support opportunities.

# Local Government Infrastructure and Services Funding

**Resolution**

​That the MAV continue to advocate to the State Government to appropriately fund infrastructure and services that are a State Government responsibility but which are delivered by local government including school crossing supervisors, the State Emergency Service, surf life-saving and marine rescue services.

# Fairer Federal Infrastructure Funding to Victorians

**Resolution**

​That the MAV pursue including with ALGA, advocacy to the Federal Government on:

1. enhanced federal funding of rail infrastructure; and
2. fairer infrastructure funding to Victoria.

# Container Deposit Scheme

**Resolution**

​ That MAV:

* re-iterate its support for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, and throughout Australia, because of its financial, social and environmental benefits;
* write to the Premier, relevant Minister and all Members of Parliament urging them to support any new Container Deposit Bill presented to the Parliament;
* promote the benefits of a Container Deposit Scheme to the community.

# Western Metropolitan Region Integrated Transport

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) call upon the State Government through Transport for Victoria to:

* Lead a co-ordinated multi agency response to the integrated transport challenges and congestion in the western metropolitan region of Melbourne through provision of clear and facilitated strategic objectives.
* Advocate to State Government for a whole of government response in collaboration with local government to manage population growth challenges through integrated transport solutions that includes all modes.

# Foreshore Management Governance and Asset Protection

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) call upon the State Government to:

* Ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to local government for the purposes of planning and delivering on foreshore asset protection.
* Establish clear and consistent roles and responsibilities across the various state and local government agencies that have foreshore management responsibilities.

# Funding for CCTV Systems

**Resolution**

​The MAV State Council advocate to State Government Minister for Police in relation to recurrent funding for the renewal of CCTV systems currently managed by Local Government on behalf of Victoria Police for operational purposes.

# Continuation of Funding for Building Inclusive Communities (MetroAccess and RuralAccess)

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocate to the State Government Minister for Disability to commit to ongoing funding for the Building Inclusive Communities (MetroAccess and RuralAccess) program.

# Establish a Growth Category (Two Tier System) for the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System

**Resolution**

1. ​ That the MAV writes to the Minister for Local Government expressing its significant concern that the calculation of the rate cap increase set by the Minister each year does not sufficiently factor in the impacts on growth councils in Victoria.
2. That the MAV advocates for the creation of a ‘growth rate category’ to form part of a review into the Victorian Government’s Fair Go Rates System framework. This category would consider factors that impact upon the service delivery capacity of councils through rate capping in the deliberations of the Essential Services Commission (ESC) when councils seek a rate rise exemption and or when the Minister sets rates per year.

# State Government Rate Capping Communication in a Revaluation Year

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council calls upon the State Government to undertake a full communication media campaign to ensure the rate cap increase is completely understood by Victorian rate payers in a revaluation year.

# Return of Interests - Privacy Issue

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council calls upon the State Government to request Local Government Victoria to review the wording of the return of interest forms - both primary and ordinary - specifically point number 3 of the details required with regard to perceived privacy implications.

# MetroAccess and RuralAccess Programs

**Resolution**

1. ​ That the MAV urgently seek to advocate to the State Government for the current 3 year funding arrangements for the MetroAccess and RuralAccess Programs to continue beyond 2016/17.
2. That clarification is provided regarding the alignment of the current MetroAccess and RuralAccess Programs directions with the localised roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

# Prevention of Gambling Harm

**Resolution**

1. ​ The MAV welcomes improved control of online gambling anticipated with the passage of the Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2016 but calls on the national parliament to introduce further reform to reduce gambling harm and protect the integrity of sport, specifically to:

* Phase out gambling advertising on television and radio starting with urgent action to eliminate exposure to sports betting advertisements during family viewing periods.

1. The MAV calls on the national and state parliaments to enhance consumer protection for users of electronic gaming machines, specifically to:

* Regulate for the redesign of machines to eliminate design features that increase the likelihood of addiction such as losses disguised as wins.

1. The MAV calls on state parliaments to introduce $1 maximum bet limits on all licensed electronic gaming machines to limit losses per person to $120 per hour in line with the Productivity Commission's 2010 recommendation.
2. The MAV calls on state parliaments to review electronic gaming machines license approval processes to:

* Enhance local governments' capacity to represent community interests;
* Ensure that technical standards for approval of electronic gaming machines provide for effective consumer protection;
* Ensure a consistent national approach to transparency of gaming venue data using Victoria as a model of best practice.

# To Include the Family Violence Clause in the National Employment Standards

**Resolution**

​The MAV calls on the Commonwealth Government to support the inclusion of a Family Violence clause in the National Employment Standards.

# Climate Change

**Resolution**

​That the MAV recognise that:

* 1. we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local councils
  2. human induced climate change stands in the first rank of threats to humans, civilisation and other species
  3. it is still possible to restore a safe climate and prevent most of the anticipated long-term climate impacts – but only if societies across the world adopt an emergency mode of action that can enable the restructuring of the physical economy at the necessary scale and speed;
  4. the MAV has a particular role in assisting local governments in this regard.

# Floodplain Management – Legal Liability

**Resolution**

​That the Municipal Association of Victoria be called upon to lobby the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to take action to mitigate Council’s financial risks in implementing any new flood mitigation schemes.

# Stronger Building Controls

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocates for stronger State mandated building controls, including enforcement and post-build auditing mechanisms, to enhance sustainable building design for the purposes of mediating long-term heating and cooling costs and offsetting the impact of climate change.

# Increased Public Transport

**Resolution**

​That the MAV advocates to the State Government for the increased frequency of public transport where there are identifiable shortfalls, including on weekends, to encourage habitual usage as part of graduation to 20 minute cities, and improving general traffic flow.