



MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

2017

year in review



FUNDING WINS

1.

SES

\$14.9 MILLION



State Government assumed primary funding responsibility for the SES including operational costs and lease agreements on council-owned land.

2.

PROPERTY
VALUATIONS
+\$8 MILLION



Extensive reforms and a funding transition package guaranteed by the Treasurer to safeguard councils from financial impacts of the centralised annual property valuations model.

3.

FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE GRANTS
\$60 MILLION



The Federal Government restored indexation to Financial Assistance Grants from 1 July after a three-year freeze.

4.

KINDERGARTENS
\$177.1 MILLION



\$87.1 million in new State funding for Victorian kindergarten services, plus \$90 million in Federal funding to continue the 15 hours universal access program in 2018.

5.

MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH
\$81.2 MILLION



Additional State funding secured for maternal and child health services, with no co-investment requirement from councils.



EFFICIENCIES

Thirty six council participants in the LEAP Procurement continuous improvement program further increased their procurement efficiencies.

6.

PROCUREMENT



7.

MAV HACK



Collaboration between the MAV, RMIT, Telstra and VicRoads to gather industry experts, councils, service users and other stakeholders to brainstorm ideas for improving community services.

Launched the MAV WorkCare self-insurance scheme with 31 inaugural members to deliver cost savings and improved employee health, safety and return-to-work outcomes.

8.

WORKCARE



9.

HEAVY VEHICLE TOOL



National Heavy Vehicle Regulator support for the heavy vehicle Route Assessment Tool to assist councils with assessing applications for local road access.

Procurement underway for statewide Library Management System to future-proof Victoria's public library service and provide long-term benefits for councils, libraries and library visitors.

10.

CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM





POLICY INFLUENCE

11.

SUBMISSIONS



Over 30 submissions made to various State and Federal reviews and proposed policy reforms to influence better outcomes for local government.

Extensive input and influence through submissions and senior statewide committees to implement both prevention and response recommendations from the Family Violence Royal Commission.

12.

FAMILY VIOLENCE

13.

RURAL DRAINAGE



More realistic role secured for councils in rural drainage management under the State's draft *Victorian Rural Drainage Strategy*.

Advocacy throughout phase one of Local Government Victoria's Council and Emergencies project, including running six consultation sessions and preparing two influential submissions.

14.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



15.

PUPPY FARMS

Achieved amendments to the Bill that address councils' concerns about domestic animal businesses and animal sales permits.





AGREEMENTS

16.

HACC



A Home and Community Care (HACC) Tripartite Agreement jointly signed between the Commonwealth, State Government and MAV to secure funding and program stability until 2020.

17

EARLY
YEARS



Signed a landmark 10-year Early Years Compact agreement with the Victorian Government.

18.

MATERNAL
AND
CHILD HEALTH



Three-year renewal of the Maternal and Child Health Memorandum of Understanding (established in 2000) with the Department of Education and Training, to secure the future health and wellbeing of Victorian children.

19.

RECONCILIATION



Published a statement supporting Victorian Government efforts to encourage community discussion about a treaty if this is desired by the Aboriginal community, and for councils to play a lead role in unifying their communities.



REPUTATION AND GOVERNANCE

Victorian Auditor-General's follow-up report concludes MAV fully satisfied all 2015 audit recommendations to improve our governance, procurement and performance policies, processes and controls.

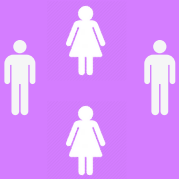
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VAGO REPORT



21.

COUNCILLOR INDUCTION PROGRAM



Councillor Development Training Program attended by over 100 councillors covering key areas of elected responsibility, together with continuation of our mayoral training program.

Advocating to government on the direction of proposed reforms to the *Local Government Act* review and the *Municipal Association Act* review.

22.

LG AND MA ACT REVIEWS



23.

LINKEDIN



Twenty eight councils committed to an employment branding partnership with the MAV and LinkedIn, to promote careers in local government and attract and retain employees.

MAV INSURANCE

24.

INCREASED INSURANCE LIMITS

Insurance limits increased to \$600m for public liability and professional indemnity coverage under the LMI scheme to protect members against catastrophic risks such as bushfires and building cladding issues.



25.

BIENNIAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW

A new biennial compliance review – focusing on key claims liability and indemnity claims drivers – to reduce insurance costs to members by driving down claims.

26.

REQUESTS FOR ADVICE

Over 1,600 requests processed for legal, risk or underwriting advice for MAV Insurance members.



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