

Nillumbik Shire Council Motions - MAV State Council – 17 October 2019

MOTION – Green Wedge Management Plan funding support

Submitted by: Nillumbik Shire Council

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to create a grant to allow councils in the Green Wedge to apply for funds to help with preserving the Green Wedge and deliver on actions deriving from GWMPs.

Rationale:

Plan Melbourne, the State's Metropolitan Planning Strategy, states that 'Green Wedge Management Plans must be in place to support achievement of desired green wedge outcomes'. The key task of a Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) is to articulate the type, scale and form of change in the green wedge and how those changes will be managed and facilitated.

It has been identified through the review of our GWMP that significant resources are required to assist in preserving the Green Wedge and deliver on actions deriving from the GWMP. The challenges of financial and economic difficulties created by limited revenue growth, environmental burden created by human activity, ageing infrastructure, and cost shifting impact on local governments ability to adequately deliver what is needed to manage and protect the green wedge.

MOTION – Infrastructure Grants

Submitted by: Nillumbik Shire Council

That the MAV advocate to VicRoads to provide clarity and purpose on the value provided to local government agencies as a result of deducting 10 percent administration fees (6 percent for SSRIP - Safe System Road Infrastructure Program - and 4 percent VicRoads Metro regional offices) from infrastructure grants allocated to councils.

Rationale:

The process for the allocation of funding through infrastructure grants needs to be reviewed to ensure there is a transparent and targeted return of funding to the communities. Council recently received \$4M grant from VicRoads for construction of Diamond Creek Trail, with 10 percent withheld by VicRoads for administrative fees.

This creates the expectation in the community that we have the full amount to contribute.

MOTION – Business and Digital Transformation support

Submitted by: *Nilumbik Shire Council*

That the MAV:

1. Take a leadership role in developing and supporting Councils in efficient and effective Local Government business and digital transformation
2. Advocate to State Government to provide financial support, in the form of grants, for councils embarking on business and digital transformation to enable it to better deliver on community expectations and enhance service delivery.

Rationale:

The MAV Strategic Plan 2019-21 identifies business and digital transformation as a key priority for its members.

Customer expectations regarding level of service and promptness of response are increasing. Local governments across the country are faced with the challenges of financial and economic pressures created by limited revenue growth, environmental load created by human activity, ageing infrastructure, and cost shifting.

Embracing technology to improve systems, education and technological advancements will support more productive, accessible and sustainable Councils. While there are many Councils doing a range of work in this area there is a lack of structured coordination, information sharing and funding to ensure that local government information technology is strong, secure, affordable and resilient.