

## Eliminating single-use plastics

Single-use plastic is used on average for less than 12 minutes and then discarded. In 2016, CSIRO reported that plastic bags, bottles and balloons were among the most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife.

Moreland City Council has committed to reducing the long term environmental impacts of single-use plastics across Council events, events on Council land, and within our facilities and services. Council's 2019 **Plastic Wise Policy** will help address this impact.

Worldwide, leading sporting codes and clubs are taking action to reduce their environmental impact. Locally, Darebin, Monash, Surf Coast and Indigo Shire Councils are working towards eliminating single-use plastics with their local sports clubs. In NSW, GWS Giants Football Club have introduced reusable cups at their stadium. Across England, the Premier League pledged to reduce single-use plastics from their soccer clubs.

## What does this mean for clubs in Moreland?

Sports clubs were included in the scope of the Plastic Wise policy as sporting events occur on Council land. Clubs are being asked to make the pledge to become **Proudly Plastic Wise**, reducing and eliminating certain single use items (see overleaf).

This may seem challenging, but Council will assist your club to transition to the policy, with tips for making the change and support implementing the more complex changes.

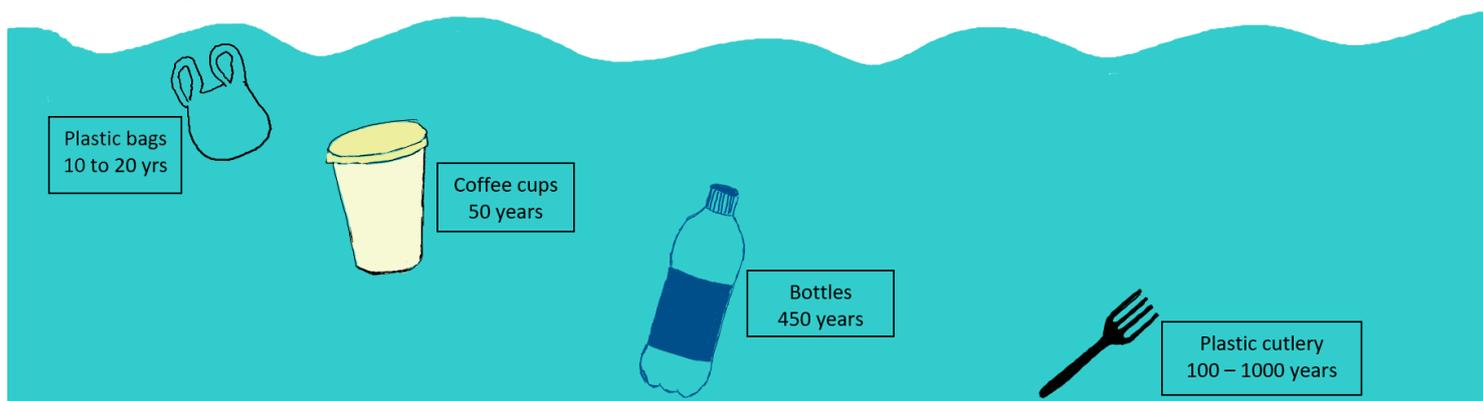
**We will be running information sessions to explain the policy in more detail and understand any issues your club may have in becoming Proudly Plastic Wise.**

## Taking the pledge is easier than you think

Here's some simple changes your club can make to start to become **Proudly Plastic Wise**

- ❖ Don't offer plastic straws, if you need them at all use paper straws
- ❖ Sell branded reusable drink bottles or provide jugs of water at the bar or canteen, with reusable cups
- ❖ Use paper plates and wooden cutlery instead of plastic, or reduce waste by providing reusable crockery
- ❖ Transition plastic bottled soft drinks over to available alternatives, such as cans.

## How long does plastic remain in the ocean?



# PLASTIC WISE MORELAND: SPORTS CLUBS



## What items are included in the Plastic Wise Policy?

- Single-use plastic cups, plates, bowls, cutlery and straws
- Single-use disposable cups (coffee cups) including plastic lined paper cups \*
- Plastic and polystyrene take away containers
- Single-use bottled water \*\*
- Single-use plastic bottled drinks, where an alternative exists (eg: cans, cardboard tetra packs)
- Balloons

\* As there is currently no plastic free single-use alternative, Council will provide an exemption for Clubs using this product for hot beverages.

\*\* Council will work with Clubs to transition to alternative options to single-use bottled water to ensure drinking water is accessible to patrons.

## What can I use instead of single-use plastic?

Product	Best option	Next best option	Tips for success
<b>Straws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No straw</li> <li>• Customers BYO reusable straws</li> <li>• Sell reusable straws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper straw (compostable*)</li> <li>• Bamboo straw (compostable*)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only provide if requested by a customer</li> <li>• Quality paper straws last longer and the dye doesn't run</li> </ul>
<b>Plates and bowls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers BYO plate/bowl/container</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serviette, square of cardboard etc</li> <li>• Paper bowls/plates or cardboard (recyclable - when scraped clean)</li> <li>• Bamboo or Areca palm plates (compostable*)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If using disposables avoid products with plastic lining</li> </ul>
<b>Cutlery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider serving foods that don't need cutlery</li> <li>• Customers BYO cutlery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bamboo cutlery (compostable*)</li> <li>• Wooden cutlery (compostable*)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask customers if they need cutlery rather than providing automatically</li> </ul>
<b>Stirring sticks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide several teaspoons which can be washed and reused</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden stirring sticks (compostable*)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide metal teaspoons or wooden stirring sticks</li> </ul>
<b>Single serve condiments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide condiments in large refillable containers (e.g. large tomato and soy sauce bottles)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that large serving containers such as bottles and pump packs are cleaned and sanitised before refilling</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic cups and coffee cups (including paper, compostable and biodegradable)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers BYO reusable cups</li> <li>• Provide reusable cups with a refundable deposit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cold drinks - Paper cups (disposal in general waste due to wax lining)</li> <li>• Hot drinks – no single-use alternative currently exists. A policy exemption can be granted for coffee cups if no 'best option' solution can be found</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only provide lids when requested</li> <li>• If disposable cups cannot be avoided, replacing plastic cups with paper cups reduces the amount of plastic in the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Polystyrene cups and takeaway packaging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers BYO reusable cups or takeaway containers</li> <li>• Provide reusable cups with a refundable deposit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use single-use coffee cups as per the details above, noting a policy exemption will be needed.</li> <li>• Provide non-waxed cardboard takeaway containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No polystyrene cups or takeaway packaging</li> <li>• If these cannot be avoided, paper cups/containers reduce the amount of plastic in the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Drinks in plastic bottles (soft drinks/juice etc)</b>	Drinks in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluminium cans (recyclable)</li> <li>• Cardboard cartons (recyclable)</li> <li>• Glass (recyclable)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sell drinks in aluminium cans, glass bottles or cardboard containers where options exist</li> </ul>
<b>Drinks in plastic bottles (water)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking water available on site (e.g. jugs at the canteen/bar, bench top water dispensers, local drinking fountains)</li> <li>• Customers BYO refillable bottles</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct people to water jugs, dispensers or drinking fountains</li> <li>• Water can be purchased in single serve cardboard cartons (like milk cartons) or aluminium cans. Consider cooperating with other clubs for a better wholesale price</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic bags</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customers BYO bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% recycled paper bags</li> <li>• FSC certified paper bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider adding a small charge to cover any cost increase if customers choose to take a paper bag</li> <li>• There is a State Government Ban on thin single-use shopping bags</li> </ul>
<b>Balloons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace with paper lanterns, bunting, flags, banners or colourful streamers</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For promotional materials at events avoid balloons and promote re-use items</li> </ul>

\* A commercial composting facility is required to process these products. There is currently no facility processing these products in Victoria, items must therefore be disposed of in general waste.