

Eliminating single-use plastics

Single-use plastic is used on average for less than 12 minutes and then discarded, accounting for 50% of global pollution. This has devastating long term impact on our waterways and marine environment.

Moreland City Council has committed to reducing single-use plastics across Council events, events on Council land, and within our facilities and services as part of our **Plastic Wise Policy**.

Worldwide, leading sporting codes and clubs are taking action to reduce their environmental impact. Locally, Darebin, Monash, and Indigo Shire Councils are reducing single-use plastics within 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 within Moreland will need to transition to the Policy by June 2022. Initially clubs are being asked to make the pledge to become **Proudly Plastic Wise**, reducing and eliminating certain single use items (see overleaf). By June 2022, Council will work with your club to ensure it can comply with the Policy.

This may seem challenging at first, but Council will assist your club to transition to the policy, with tips for making the change and support implementing the more complex changes. To reduce reliance on single-use bottled water Council is installing more than 40 drinking fountains at sports clubs over 2 years.

What alternatives can clubs use? to paper

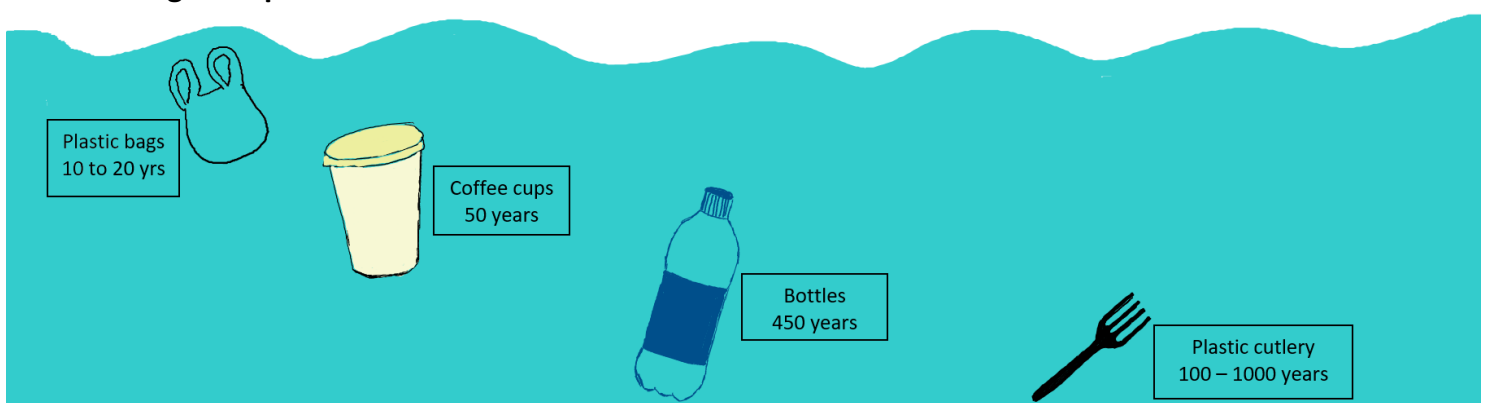
See overleaf for a list of commonly used alternatives to single-use plastic

Taking the pledge is easier than you think to paper

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
- Plastic straws and stirring sticks
- Plastic and polystyrene take away containers
- Single-use plastic bottled drinks, where an alternative exists (e.g.: cans)
- Balloons
- Single-use disposable cups (coffee cups) including plastic lined paper cups *
- Single-use bottled water **

* 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
Straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No straw • Customers BYO reusable straws • Sell reusable straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper straw (compostable*) • Bamboo straw (compostable*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only provide if requested by a customer • Quality paper straws last longer and the dye doesn't run
Plates and bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers BYO plate/bowl/container 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serviette, square of cardboard etc • Paper bowls/plates or cardboard (recyclable - when scraped clean) • Bamboo or Areca palm plates (compostable*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If using disposables avoid products with plastic lining, including compostable and biodegradable lining as this can't be recycled.
Cutlery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider serving foods that do not need cutlery • Customers BYO cutlery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bamboo cutlery (compostable*) • Wooden cutlery (compostable*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask customers if they need cutlery rather than providing automatically
Stirring sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide several teaspoons which can be washed and reused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden stirring sticks (compostable*) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide metal teaspoons or wooden stirring sticks
Single serve condiments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide condiments in large refillable containers (e.g. large tomato and soy sauce bottles) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that large serving containers such as bottles and pump packs are cleaned and sanitised before refilling
Plastic cups and coffee cups (including paper, compostable and biodegradable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers BYO reusable cups. Use a 'contactless pour' method for coffee if concerned about contamination. ** • Provide reusable cups with a refundable deposit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no 'next best' disposable option currently available. A policy exemption can be granted for clubs needing to use disposable coffee cups. Council will work with your club to find a solution where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only provide lids when requested • If disposable cups cannot be avoided, replacing plastic cups with paper cups reduces the amount of plastic in the environment. However, a Policy exemption will be required
Polystyrene cups and takeaway packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers BYO reusable cups or takeaway containers. • Provide reusable cups with a refundable deposit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide non-waxed cardboard takeaway containers • Use single-use coffee cups as per the details above, noting a policy exemption will be needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No polystyrene cups or takeaway packaging • If these cannot be avoided, paper cups/containers reduce the amount of plastic in the environment.
Drinks in plastic bottles (soft drinks/juice etc)	Drinks in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminium cans (recyclable) • Glass (recyclable) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sell drinks in aluminium cans, or glass bottles (if permitted)
Drinks in plastic bottles (water)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking water available on site (e.g. jugs at the canteen/bar, bench top water dispensers, water fountains) • Customers BYO refillable bottles 	There is no next best option. Bottled water can be avoided with adequate access to free drinking water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct people to water jugs, dispensers or drinking fountains • Communicate early to players/spectators to bring a reusable bottle to the event
Plastic bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers BYO bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% recycled paper bags • FSC certified paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider adding a small charge to cover any cost increase if customers choose to take a paper bag • There is a State Government Ban on thin single-use shopping bags
Balloons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace with paper lanterns, bunting or colourful streamers 		

* A commercial composting facility is required to process these products. There is currently no facility processing these products in Victoria as part of the kerbside waste service. These items must be disposed of in general waste.

** View specific advice on the DHHS Coronavirus website under 'Operation' in the [sector guidance for hospitality \(food and beverage\) businesses](#) with details of the 'contactless pour' technique.