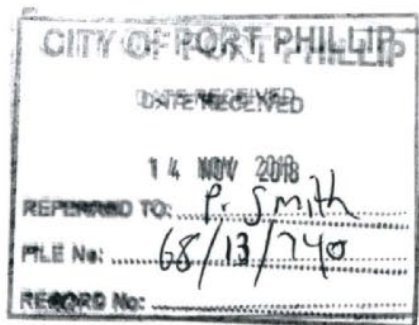




Monday, November 12, 2018

Mr Peter Smith  
St Kilda Town Hall  
99A Carlisle Street, St Kilda

cc. Mayor Bernadene Voss



**RE: TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILORS' OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL**

The following Petitioners hereby request:

- 1) The permanent introduction of an alcohol ban on the St Kilda foreshore including parks, beaches and piers, between West Beach and St Kilda Marina during October to March each year (inclusive) as a minimum.
- 2) The provision of appropriate Council resources and at appropriate times of the day, to enforce the existing by-law pertaining to the glass ban on the foreshore.

You will be aware we had multiple serious incidents on the foreshore and surrounds on November 1 and 2 2018 following on from multiple and ongoing issues over the last number of years.

The issues directly affects the traders commercially and the broader visitor economy, not to mention locals, including staff.

This is secondary to the direct physical and emotional harm that is being caused to innocent beachgoers.

This petition request the introduction of a **full alcohol ban on the St Kilda foreshore during daylight savings periods e.g. October to March between West Beach and the St Kilda Marina (inclusive) each year at a minimum.**

As strongly recommended in the past by Victorian Police, St Kilda Tourism & Events, residents and traders, the alcohol ban must be re-introduced prior to further serious issues.

Kind regards,

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05 November, 2018

**Attention**

**Mayor Bernadene Voss – Mayor City of Port Phillip Council**

**Mr Peter Smith – CEO City of Port Phillip Council**

**(via email)**

**Subject – Request for an alcohol ban on the St Kilda Foreshore precinct**

Victoria Police would like to firstly acknowledge the work being undertaken between the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Council, stakeholders including traders, the local community and Victoria Police to enhance safety locally. The work completed to date within the CoPP has seen enhanced alcohol restrictions on the streets, roads and footpaths resulting in a dramatic reduction in persons being arrested for being drunk in a public place by Victoria Police.

The alcohol restrictions have also resulted in reduced complaints from the community, including local traders within our entertainment precincts. The recent introduction of the glass ban on the Port Phillip Foreshore and updated signage, both on the streets and roads and within packaged liquor outlets, is also acknowledged and appreciated in our joint effort to reduce alcohol related harm within our local community.

However, as you are aware on Thursday 1 November 2018 the St Kilda Foreshore once again experienced challenges with alcohol related violence, including anti-social behaviours and crimes committed against the person (assaults and robbery). A further incident (robbery) occurred on Friday 2 November 2018. Information indicates alcohol was being consumed on the foreshore precinct by large groups of youth both prior to the 8 pm cut off and post this time.

The current foreshore alcohol by law is presenting challenges for Victoria Police, CoPP and traders on the St Kilda Foreshore precinct. As you are aware this issue was subject to extensive debate and dialogue during the 2017/18 summer and post period. The temporary alcohol restriction put in place from 26 December 2017 was seen by Victoria Police as being a very effective tool to ensure enhanced safety until it was voted out by Councillors. Victoria Police observed a reduction of incidents (crimes, anti – social behaviours), reduced calls for assistance by the public and perceptions of safety by the traders and community were enhanced during the alcohol restrictions.


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The current local by law whereby no alcohol consumption can occur after 8 pm (until midday the next day) is extremely challenging to enforce, as often Victoria Police is faced with a large mass gathering (crowded place) of people who have consumed alcohol often for many hours prior to being asked to cease consumption. This presents a challenge to enforce the 'by law' and one that is challenging when large groups of youth attend the foreshore.

Victoria Police requests the CoPP Council consider commencing an immediate further trial of the banning of alcohol consumption along the St Kilda Foreshore (November - April 2018/19). This would allow for an action and learning process to occur, including data collection for analysis and evaluation.

Forwarded for information and consideration.

Regards

  
**Jason Kelly**  
**Inspector**  
**Local Area Commander**  
**Port Phillip Police Service Area**  
**Southern Metro Region**

**From:** Corey Lovell <president@stklsc.com.au>

**Date:** 19 November 2018 at 2:47:12 pm AEDT

**Subject:** Alcohol on the Beach

Bernadine,

I trust you are well.

I am writing to you to express my concerns over the alcohol on St Kilda beach.

It is our opinion that we need to have an alcohol ban for the foreseeable future, until we are happy that beach goers will behave accordingly.

The recent, and repeated, issues along the foreshore can be directly contributed to alcohol. While I am a firm believer that a small group should not spoil things for the majority; in this case I think we need to be over cautious.

We have many young members who patrol the beach on weekends throughout the summer, my biggest fear is that they will be attacked or hurt at some stage. If this were to happen it would have severe repercussions on the beach, the community, and more specifically the Life Saving Movement. The last thing I would want to see is for us to change the way we do things, and we know that it will only take one incident, and all clubs across the country will become impossible to run, and to perform our duties.

I don't think we should consider this a long term objective, however after last year, and the fact that we have had a similar incident prior to the start of November, I urge you and the council to consider banning alcohol from the beach for this summer.

We can then look at ways to ensure we have no more problems moving forward.

Look forward to seeing you Friday.

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Kind Regards,  
Corey Lovell  
**President**



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