

Attachment One

SUBMISSIONS FOR AND AGAINST ALCOHOL BAN

Summary of Written Submissions (attached)

1. **Anonymous** as a local resident wrote in opposition of the ban, on the basis that the restrictions will punish well-behaved and responsible residents.
2. **Anonymous** as a local resident wrote in support of the ban, based on improved amenity, safety and avoidance of costly clean up.
3. **Inspector Jason Kelly** as **Victoria Police** Local Area Commander wrote in support of the ban, as reducing the harms associated with alcohol consumption and addressing challenges with anti-social behaviours, crimes against persons and property offences at the Foreshore.
4. **Gail and Kevin Donovan** of **Donovan's Restaurant** wrote in support of the ban due to the safety concern posed to staff/patrons by unsupervised drinkers
5. **Dr Nigel Taylor** as the **CEO of Life Saving Victoria** wrote in support of the ban as a measure for harm reduction and enhanced user experience based on first hand success experienced in other municipalities
6. **Port Phillip Licensee Association Executive Committee** wrote in support of the ban, based on the improved overall experience for precinct visitors not suffering the detrimental effects of "uncontrolled alcohol fuelled parties."
7. **Jim Rogers** of **St Kilda McDonalds Restaurant** wrote in support of the ban due to the decrease in anti-social and violent behaviour by alcohol-affected customers since its' introduction.
8. **Paul Hauserman** of **Ambulance Victoria** wrote in support of the ban as a public health measure, stating that around 50% of Ambulance callouts to the foreshore area involve drug or alcohol use.
9. **Jerrill Richter** as the **CEO of VicHealth** wrote in support of the ban.
10. **Frank van Haandel** of **Stokehouse Restaurant** wrote in support of the ban.
11. **St Kilda Tourism & Events** wrote in support of the ban to address the "serious negative impacts" of unsupervised alcohol consumption, and the demonstrable positive impact of the dry zone implemented over Australia Day weekend.

Summary of Verbal Submissions

These speakers made verbal submissions at the 7 February 2018 Ordinary Meeting Of Council:

1. **Kevin Donovan** of **Donovan's Restaurant** spoke in support of the ban.
2. **Angela Dawson** on behalf of the **St Kilda Licensees Association** and the **St Kilda Traders Association** spoke in support of the ban.
3. **Edwina Green** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.

4. **Andrew Rolleston** as a **local resident and business owner** spoke in support of the ban.
5. **Aaron Webb** representing the "**Ban the Ban**" **Facebook group** spoke against the ban, stating that it would impinge upon many people who acted responsibly.
6. **Travis Atkins** on behalf of **St Kilda Sea Baths, St Kilda Tourism and Events** and **St Kilda Traders Association** spoke in support of the ban.
7. **Alex Hill** on behalf of **Bays Backpacker in Elwood** spoke in support of the ban, and encouraged Council to consider planned celebrations and events for public holidays such as Christmas Day and Australia Day.
8. **Corey Lovell** on behalf of the **St Kilda Life Saving Club** spoke in support of the ban.
9. **Frank van Haandel** on behalf of the **Stokehouse Restaurant** spoke in support of the ban.
10. **Mary Stewart** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.
11. **Jason Kelly** on behalf of **Victoria Police** and as the local area police commander spoke in support of the ban.
12. **John van der Laan** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.
13. **Kathryn McKay** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.
14. **Peter Bellion** on behalf of the **South Melbourne Life Saving Club** spoke in support of the ban.
15. **Judy Marrington** implored the Council to explore other options, stating that the ban impacts mostly upon those people who have done the right thing.
16. **Teresa Warren** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.
17. **Trish Robata** as a **local business trader** spoke in support of the ban.
18. **Mark Graham** as a **local business trader** spoke in support of the ban.
19. **Kristina Kynst** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.
20. **Fred Warschauer** as a **local resident** spoke in support of the ban.

Written Submissions

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Bernadene Voss - Mayor
Subject: Alcohol Bans

Dear Mayor Voss,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any extension or expansion of the alcohol bans on St Kilda Beach. As a long-time resident of St Kilda and a regular beach user, I feel strongly that any further extension or expansion of the alcohol bans would serve only to punish well-behaved and responsible residents.

I know that this is a difficult issue, and I know the council has struggled with it for some time. Please be aware that I appreciate your efforts.

Regarding the disgusting behaviour of visitors to St Kilda Beach on Christmas Day, I did not witness the event, so I will not comment on whether it was disgusting, or whether those responsible were visitors. I will admit to feeling some level of disgust that Council was not better prepared with contingency plans to deal with such recurring, if irregular, events. Further, it appeared at least one councillor's comments had a distinct flavour of xenophobia, which I would like to think is unwelcome in this city.

As the city's website notes, already there is an alcohol ban in public places from 8 pm to 9 am daily throughout the year. Largely unenforced, this would be a surprise to most beach visitors.

The ongoing public safety hazard on the beach is not alcohol, but glass. Like smoking, glass has been banned already, yet I have seen precisely NO enforcement of that ban. Moreover, the council has not attempted to socialise the ban. Has anyone asked nearby bottle shops and backpacker accommodation to post signs advising of the glass ban?

Rather than more unenforced bans, the answer would seem to be:
simple preventative steps to advise of and socialise the current rules,
better preparedness, such as quick response plans that coordinate with the police and
facilitate immediate rubbish removal; and
real enforcement of existing bans.

Yes, these things cost money. That's what I expect of my council. The amazing speed and efficiency with which the foreshore was cleaned up on Boxing Day demonstrates these things are possible if the will is there.

Thanks and regards,

[REDACTED]
St Kilda VIC 3182

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 29 December 2017 17:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Port Phillip Alcohol Ban till February 2018

Hello [REDACTED]

Just saw the news about the increased ban. I applaud our Council for doing this. I am sure you would understand that as a resident who lives directly opposite the beach where the recent incidents with the African people brawling and the Christmas Day party, I am fed up with them. Of course, as a rate payer, I am also furious at the cost to clean up the beach.

I hope that the police will be sure to charge any drunken louts who breach the ban. I know how much our police force are forced to work without enough back-up services, places for offenders and a cavalier justice system. But, we certainly need to send the message that St Kilda has had enough of such behaviour.

I was told that the police were forced to apologise on 3AW over a recent incident that took place elsewhere in Melbourne. This was very disappointing because we never hear any apologies from these thugs and offenders. In fact, all I could read after the Christmas Day debacle was excuse after excuse on my FB. Even blaming our Council. How on earth could they have foreseen that 5,000 people would turn up to party on the day.

The age of entitlement is making me sick. I hope that our police members will be safe over the NY period.

Thank you for the great improvements that I have witnessed here. And a big thank you to our new councillors as well. I look forward to a well policed 2018 in St Kilda.

Regards
[REDACTED]