

## MAV State Council Meeting – 18 May 2018

To submit a motion for consideration by State Council on Friday, 18 May 2018, please complete this form and email to the **State Council** email address [S2@mav.asn.au](mailto:S2@mav.asn.au), **no later than 20 April**. Please note, motions received by **12 April** (early motions) will be distributed to all MAV representatives on **13 April**. Submitters may amend their own motions up to 5pm on **27 April**.

<b>Motion</b>	
<b>Middle Years Funding</b>	
<i>Submitted by: Monash Council</i>	
<b>MOTION:</b>	
The motion and rationale should be no longer than one page.	
That the MAV advocate to the State Government for additional funding to support children and young people in the primary school age group, particularly the 5 – 10 year group.	
<b>MAV Strategic Work Plan (SWP):</b>	
<b>Indicate whether or not the subject matter of your motion is included in the MAV SWP 2017-19.</b>	
Is the subject matter of this motion included in the SWP?	No
If yes, identify the following:	
Objective No.	
Priority No.	
Item No.	
<b>RATIONALE:</b>	
Councils are committed to providing services to young children, young people and their families demonstrated by the provision of a variety of programs such as playgroups, childcare, kindergarten infrastructure, kindergarten central enrolment, maternal and child health, immunisation, parent education among others.	
While there is some cross over with Youth Services supporting young people in the 10 to 12 year age group, there is a clear gap for children aged 5 -10 years. This gap in services is not only one caused by a lack of funding, but also limited best practice models, research and an appropriately trained workforce.	
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As reported in the Australian Child Wellbeing Project “Are the Kids Alright? Young Australians in their Middle Years” (February 2016), a significant number of young people in the primary school age group have poor health and wellbeing and are missing out on opportunities at this crucial time. This is exhibited through:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High levels of health complaints</li> <li>- Increased experience of bullying</li> <li>- Low levels of engagement at school</li> <li>- Low levels of subjective wellbeing</li> <li>- Low levels of social support</li> </ul>	
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*\*Note: Motions must be submitted by **one** council but may be supported by other councils. The council submitting the motion will need to supply written confirmation from any council(s) listed as supporting the motion. All relevant background information in support of the motion should be included in the space provided for the rationale and not in attachments. **The motion and rationale should be no longer than one page.***