

Victorian Marine and Coastal Council

Privacy collection statement – gift offers

Background

This privacy collection statement is published in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles in Schedule 1 of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

This council is part of the public sector. As such, it complies with a range of laws and related obligations, including:

- the *Public Administration Act 2004*;
- the *Minimum accountabilities for the management of gifts, benefits and hospitality* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission; and
- the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

Collection, retention and use of information

As part of this council's compliance with its obligations and with good public sector governance practice:

1. If an individual or organisation offers a gift to a council member or employee of the agency as a result of that person's role with the council, information about the offer will be recorded, retained, and used by the agency.
2. Details of the information that will be recorded, retained and used by the council are set out in the council's policy on *Gifts, benefits and hospitality – responding to gift offers* ('gifts policy').
3. The council's gifts policy is published on its external website [www.marineandcoastalcouncil.vic.gov.au].
4. As set out in its gifts policy, the council publishes a 'de-identified' copy of its gifts register on its external website [www.marineandcoastalcouncil.vic.gov.au].
5. The purpose of publishing the 'de-identified' copy of the council's gifts register on its external website is to:
 - promote transparency in public sector decision making; and
 - comply with the *Minimum accountabilities for the management of gifts, benefits and hospitality*.

Viewing information

If you have offered a gift to a council member or employee of this council as a result of that person's role with the council you can view the information that has been recorded by contacting: **email - vmacc@vic.gov.au , phone (03) 9637 8893**.

Please note that, in accordance with the council's gifts policy, whilst information on both 'reportable' and 'token' gifts (as defined in the policy) are recorded, retained and used by the council:

- only information on reportable gifts is recorded in the gifts register; and
- steps have been taken to 'de-identify' personal information in the copy of the gifts register that is published on the council's external website.