



Smokefree Policy

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To set out Council's actions to support the New Zealand Government's goal of Smokefree Aotearoa 2025.
- 1.2 To encourage the community to refrain from smoking in public spaces, Council facilities and public outdoor areas.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Smokefree Environments Act 1990 prohibits smoking in workplaces, education and childcare centres, public transport, passenger services, and certain other public areas, and restricts smoking in restaurants, cafes and casinos.
- 2.2 The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020 added references to vaping to the above Act. Vaping is disallowed or restricted in the locations described in 2.1. The Act allows some use of vapes in approved vaping premises.
- 2.3 In March 2011 the government adopted the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal. The government aims to have less than 5% of New Zealanders smoking by 2025.
- 2.4 The Local Government Act 2002 states that local government's purpose is to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community, both

current and future. The Health Act 1956 states that it is the duty of every council to improve, promote and protect public health.

2.5 The policy aligns with two of the Council's community outcomes defined under the 2021-31 Long Term Plan:

- a place to belong and grow; and
- a future planned together.

2.6 This policy also contributes to the goals of Council's Community Development Strategy by supporting physical well-being (Te Taha Tinana), under the Te Whare Tapa Whā model of health.

2.7 Council already has smokefree or smoke and vape-free provisions in place in the following locations:

- inside halls (Halls Terms and Conditions); and
- at the Library and Makino Aquatic Centre (Conditions of Entry).

3 Policy Statement

3.1 Manawatū District Council endorses the goal of Smokefree Aotearoa 2025.

3.2 Council will work with stakeholders towards reaching the Government's stated goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025.

3.3 Through signage and the provision of educational material where appropriate, Council will encourage the public to refrain from smoking in the following Council controlled public areas:

- Playgrounds
- Sportsgrounds
- Leisure and recreation facilities
- Bus shelters (Owned by Horizons Regional Council)
- Council facilities and their surrounds, including halls, libraries and the Makino Aquatic Centre
- Other council-owned public places including parks and reserves.

3.4 Council will consider applying smoke and vape free clauses to new or renewed leases of Council property

3.5 Council will work with Council Controlled Organisations involved in the management of public places to consider whether a smokefree policy is appropriate for their location/s.

3.6 Smokefree signage may be displayed where it is determined to be most effective to discourage smoking in these areas.

3.7 Council-run or supported events will be run and promoted as Smokefree events.

3.8 Events run or funded by Council will be required to meet Smokefree criteria in funding applications before funding will be granted.

3.9 Council will take an educational rather than enforcement approach to this policy.