

1.54 Smoke-free Outdoors Policy

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Objective

To limit community exposure to second-hand smoke in the outdoor areas of the City of Albany (City) owned and managed public facilities, with the aim of:

- Reducing harm caused by exposure to tobacco smoke;
- Raising community awareness of the issues associated with exposure to second-hand smoke;
- Providing positive role-modelling and reducing the visibility of smoking to children and young people;
- Providing community leadership on the issue of protecting health and wellbeing; and
- Minimising cigarette butt pollution on Council facilities.

Scope

This policy provides the framework through which the City will limit community exposure to second-hand smoke in outdoor public places and applies to the Albany Local Government Area.

Policy Statement

- A. This Policy requires that the following areas are smoke-free:
- Within 10 metres of entrances, doorways, breezeways, and air intake vents of City owned or managed public facilities, at all times.
 - Centennial Park Sporting Precinct, including:
 - Within the outdoor boundaries of the Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre, at all times.
 - Within the outdoor boundaries of the Albany Youth Precinct, at all times.
 - Precinct ovals, playing fields, pitches and spectator areas during organised sporting games, events, and training.
 - At City -run outdoor events (as per event sponsorship/funding requirements).
 - Smoke-free signage and ongoing public communication and education strategies will be used to inform the community that these areas are smoke-free.
- B. Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) will be established at specified sites and events, only if identified as a necessary risk management action. DSAs will be located at least 10 metres away from:
- Facility entrances and public pathways.
 - Popular congregation/public usage areas.
 - Playing/sporting field boundaries.
 - Food and drink outlets.

- C. DSAs will be signposted, and cigarette bins will be provided for the disposal of cigarette butts.
- D. Compliance: Compliance with the Policy is expected to occur through self-regulation by community members and groups and increased public awareness of smoke-free areas and designated smoking areas.

Legislative and Strategic Context

Relevant Strategic context (Community Strategic Plan) and/or Federal or State legislation, directives, guidelines, Acts or Regulations that provide the broad framework within which the policy operates and/or with which it needs to comply:

- [Public Health Act 2016](#)
- [Tobacco Products Control Regulations 2006](#)
- [City of Albany Public Health Plan 2018 to 2022 \(currently under review\)](#)
- [Strategic Community Plan 2032 » City of Albany](#)
 - **Pillar:** People. A welcoming, healthy, and inclusive community, with pride in our rich history and heritage.
 - **Outcome:** 2. A happy, healthy, and resilient community.
 - **Service and facilities:** The City will deliver and continuously improve services and facilities that support the achievement of the People's aspirations and outcomes, including:
 - Public health and wellbeing programs.
 - Public health plan.

Review Position and Date

This policy is to be reviewed every two years.

Definitions

Key terms and acronyms used in the policy, and their definitions:

- **Smoking** is defined as the smoking of tobacco via cigarettes, cigars or pipes or the use of devices or products that may be used to smoke or mimic smoking including water pipes (hookahs), vaporizers, and electronic cigarettes.