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CORPORATE SERVICES - PROPERTY SERVICES

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To lead the community towards a safer and healthier smoke-free environment.

POLICY STATEMENT

A In the interests of providing a smoke-free environment, Council will discourage smoking in all public places and Council controlled land, in particular places used for recreation and places used by children.

B Council will declare smoke-free zones in the following areas:

- 1 Within 10 metres of all children's play areas and facilities for the use of children.
- 2 All playing fields, sporting grounds, recreation reserves, beaches and foreshore reserves.
- 3 Footpath areas within 5 metres of the entrances to Council buildings.

"Smoke-free zone" means part of an outdoor area in which smoking is not permitted. The smoke-free zone will be identified by the presence of one or more signs displaying the phrase "smoke-free zone". Smoking means smoking, holding or otherwise having control over an ignited smoking product. Smoking product includes any tobacco or other product that is intended to be smoked.

C Council will pursue declaration of smoke-free zones within footway dining areas in all new or renewed licence agreements.

D Council will work with sporting clubs, Gosford City Sports Council and community groups using Council outdoor areas to promote this policy and to adopt NSW Health's "Smoke-Free NSW" programs including:

- 1 Banning smoking by minors at club activities.
- 2 Banning coaches and club officials from smoking at club activities including coaching and training.
- 3 Banning smoking by club members and team members at all club activities including training sessions.
- 4 Requiring team meetings on the field or during breaks to be smoke-free.
- 5 Banning sale of tobacco products at club facilities or events.
- 6 Erecting and maintaining appropriate notices and signs to educate, warn and enforce the bans.

- E Council will undertake, on its own account or in conjunction with State and Commonwealth Health authorities, education campaigns on this issue for the benefit of residents and visitors.
- F Council will supply, upon request, to each delegated committee or association occupying or otherwise using a Council controlled property, sufficient signs to advise users of the smoking ban.

DELEGATION

The General Manager, at his/her discretion, may exempt any premises from this policy.

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