

Smoke free Public Spaces Policy

Relevant Legislation

On 3 December 2003, an amendment to the Smokefree Environments Act 1990 was passed. The amendment (the Smokefree Environments Amendment Act 2003), required, among other things that:

- the buildings and grounds of schools and early childhood centres became Smokefree from 1 January 2004;
- licensed premises (bars, restaurants, cafes, sports clubs, casinos) became Smokefree indoors from 10 December 2004;
- other workplaces became Smokefree indoors from 10 December 2004 – including offices, factories, warehouses, work canteens and 'smoko' rooms.

1. Policy Objective

- 1.1 Western Bay of Plenty District Council will role model and demonstrate leadership by promoting a smoke free lifestyle as being both desirable and the norm in the Western Bay of Plenty district. By focusing on reserves, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, gardens, beaches, parks and Council-owned enclosed spaces the Council will send a positive message that our children's health and the environment should be protected from the effects of smoking.

2. General Approach

- 2.1 The public will be encouraged to refrain from smoking in the reserves, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, gardens, beaches, parks and Council-owned enclosed spaces. Signage will be displayed at the entrance to high and low use parks and children's playground areas with positive smoke free messages to discourage smoking in these areas. Messages on the signage will focus on the positive rather than the punitive.
- 2.2 Smoke free logos will be added to all other reserve signs and beach signs on renewal. Events held in parks, reserves, etc. will be consistently promoted as *smoke free events*.
- 2.3 Over the next three years signs will be erected in the 30 high use and 30 low use reserves, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, beaches, parks, Council-owned enclosed public spaces and gardens. Smoke free logos will be added to all reserve and beach signs on renewal.
- 2.4 The policy is educational only and will be community enforced.

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3. Policy criteria and conditions

3.1 The following areas are covered by this policy:

- reserves;
- playgrounds;
- skate parks;
- sports fields;
- gardens;
- beaches;
- parks;
- Council-owned enclosed public spaces - all Council-owned enclosed public facilities, such as public halls (land around the halls and provide smoke free signage to Hall Committees if not already smoke free), are smoke free. Appropriate signage will be clearly displayed.

3.2 This policy excludes Council workplaces and vehicles.

4. Policy procedures

1. Design and produce signs with positive messages to discourage smoking.
2. The local public health unit can assist with designs and access the smoke free logo and Cancer Society daffodil logo for the signs.
3. Where appropriate contact owners of sports facilities to seek approval to affix sign to their building.
4. 30 signs to be erected in 15 high use* parks (2 signs per park) in 2009/10
5. A further 30 signs to be erected in the other 15 high use* parks (2 signs per park), in 2010/11.
6. 30 signs to be erected in 30 low use parks (one sign per park) in 2011/12.
7. Smoke free logos added to all reserve and beach signs on renewal 2009 onwards.
8. Pamphlet to be developed and produced for Council offices, libraries, halls, etc. to inform the public of the policy.

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9. Include information on the policy in the Western Bay section of local papers in high peak times i.e. April and December.
10. The policy will be reviewed as required.

*Attached is a list of the 30 high use parks.

Associated Policies

Smokefree Policy (HR404)

Associated Procedures

Reserve Management Plans, which take account of relevant Council policies.

Group	Engineering Services	Contact (3rd Tier Manager)	Reserves & Facilities Manager
Supersedes			
Creation Date	22 October 2009	Resolution Reference	
Last Review Date		Resolution Reference	
Review Cycle	Three yearly/legislative revisions, not later than	Date	October 2012
Authorised by	Council	Date	

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Western Bay of Plenty District high use reserves, playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields, gardens and parks

Waihi Beach

Brighton Reserve, Waihi Beach
Pohutukawa Park, Waihi Beach
Seaforth Rd and Broadway Road
Waihi Beach Community Centre

Athenree, Bowentown and Ongare Point

Waione Ave Reserve, Athenree
Dr North Memorial Reserve, Athenree
Tui Park, Bowentown
Ongare Point

Katikati

Katikati Library park and playground, Katikati
Gillfillan Reserve, Katikati
Uretara Domain, Katikati
Moore Park, Katikati

Omokoroa and Te Puna

Western Ave reserve, Omokoroa
Omokoroa Domain, Omokoroa
Maramatanga park, Te Puna

Te Puke

Donovan Park, Hayward Park
Centennial Park
Fairhaven Park
Ben Keys reserve
Jubilee Park
Te Puke Domain

Maketu

Maketu sports field
Park Road reserve

Pukehina

Seabreeze reserve
Ororoa Park
Palm Park
Midway Park