

# Council Policy

# Smoke-Free Public Places

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# 1. Background

The Kawerau District Council (Council) first adopted a smoke-free public places policy in 2011. Since then it has reviewed the policy six times, adding further smoke-free places, including a goal of Kawerau being smoke-free by 2025 and setting standards for smoke-free signage.

## 2. Introduction

This policy encourages adults to be positive role models for children and young people by not smoking in outdoor public places and events. It is an educational policy and its effectiveness relies on community support. Evaluations of educational smokefree policies have shown such policies to be effective. The key is to ensure good signage and good communication of the policy. Signage is displayed in the places subject to the policy to remind people who smoke that not smoking in these places is considerate, healthy and the 'right' thing to do. It also empowers non-smokers to assert that they don't want to be exposed to second hand smoke. Therefore, the policy is enforced from within the community rather than by Council.

## 3. Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- 3.1.1. Positively communicate and promote the message of being smoke-free and the goal of 'Smoke-free Aotearoa 2025' and 'Smoke-free Kawerau 2025'
- 3.1.2. Encourage people who smoke to refrain from smoking in outdoor public places and events.
- 3.1.3. Enable people who do not smoke to avoid exposure to second-hand smoke in outdoor public places and events.
- 3.1.4. De-normalise smoking in outdoor public places and at events, so as to influence children and young people.

## 4. Policy Principles

- Council has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to prevent nuisance and harm to people in areas it owns or controls.
- Council has a leadership role in relation to smoke-free messaging in the District.
- People have the right to breathe smoke-free air in outdoor public places and at

events.

- Adults in a community should be encouraged to provide positive influences for children and young people.
- A smoke-free environment is particularly appropriate for recreation reserves, which are created to provide areas for recreation, sport and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public.

## 5. Definitions

**Public places** means all those outdoor public places owned or controlled by Kawerau District Council.

**Events** means all events that are held at public places or involve a level of Council support, as outlined in the Second Schedule to this policy.

**Recreation reserves** means reserves designated under section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977 for purposes including providing areas for recreation and sporting activities, for physical welfare and enjoyment of the public.

## 6. Policy Statement

This policy applies to all the public places in the First Schedule and the events in the Second Schedule of this policy.

Council will install and maintain bright and durable smoke-free signage in the public places subject to the policy.

Smoke-free branding and other collateral will be used at the events to which this policy applies.

All smoke-free messaging is positive and focused on being smoke-free and the goal of 'Smoke-free Aotearoa 2025' and 'Smoke-free Kawerau 2025'.

This policy is not enforced by Council, but compliance is achieved by co-operation from within the community.

Council will also show leadership in relation to the smoke-free message in its role as an employer.

## 7. Relevant Delegations

The Chief Executive Officer or his/her nominee has delegated authority for the implementation of this policy.

## 8. References and Relevant Legislation

- The Smoke Free Environments Act 1990 and its amendments
- Kawerau District Council Reserves Management Plan

## 9. Review

Council will review this policy no later than April 2025. However, if Council receives advice from the Ministry of Health and/or Toi Te Ora Public Health to include vaping in the policy, it may conduct a full or partial review before that time.

### First Schedule – Smoke-free Public Places

All children's playgrounds, the public<sup>1</sup> outdoor areas of all recreation reserves, and all other places listed in this Schedule are designated as smoke-free public places under this policy. The places are:

1. The Maurie Kjar Memorial Swimming Pool Complex
2. Prideaux Park, including the Rangī Delamere Courts
3. Tarawera Park
4. Boyce Park and the River Road and Waterhouse Street Reserves
5. Firmin Field
6. The skate park, BMX track and children's playground located between Glasgow Street and the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre
7. Stoneham Walk
8. Monika Lanham Reserve
9. Keith McKenzie Park
10. Lyn Hartley Reserve
11. Roy Weston Walk
12. The Kawerau Cemetery

<sup>1</sup> Where a club holds a lease for part of a recreation reserve and a liquor licence is granted, the licence may designate an outdoor area as a smoking area for members and guests of the club. Any such area is not open to the public and therefore not subject to these provisions.

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13. The children’s playground located in the town centre

14. The public footpaths and pedestrian malls in the area bounded by Plunket Street, Islington Street and Onslow Street (known as the Kawerau Town Centre)

15. The public footpaths within a reasonable distance from schools, as nominated by the relevant school and endorsed by Council.

16. All the recreation reserves shown in the table below:

| <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Description/Area</b>                  |
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| Ballance Street Reserve                       | Lot 118 DPS 4502 0.2102 hectares         |
| Beattie Road Reserve                          | Lot 1004 DPS 35475 0.1386 hectares       |
| Boss Road Reserve                             | 2 Lot 1318 SO Plan 48993 0.1755 hectare  |
| Cobham Drive Reserve                          | Reserve Lot 156 DPS 9932 0.2706 hectares |
| Fraser Street/River Road Reserve              | Pt Lot 1 DPS 5882 2.6759 hectares        |
| Hadley Street Reserve                         | Lot 96 DPS 27245 0.2296 hectares         |
| Hilldale Reserve                              | Lot 116 DPS 34299 4.2681 hectares        |
| Mackenzie Street Reserve                      | Lot 58 DPS 7302 0.2408 hectares          |
| Porritt Drive Reserve                         | Allot 528 Matata Parish 0.1019 hectares  |
| Robinson Street Reserve                       | Lot 106 DPS 5882 0.1108 hectares         |
| Seddon Street Playground                      | Lot 122 DPS 4502 0.0782 hectares         |
| Shepherd Road Reserve                         | Lot 239 DPS 35475 0.3967 hectares        |
| Tūwharetoa Road Reserve                       | Lot 40 DPS 26873 0.1443 hectares         |
| Valley Road/Delamere Drive Reserve            | Lot 45 DPS 30483 1.1080 hectares         |
| Valley Road/Marshall St/Kirk Crescent Reserve | Lot 1547 0.7911 hectares                 |
| Valley Road/Ryder Place Reserve               | Lot 85 DPS 30067 0.7911 hectares         |
| Weld Street Reserve                           | Lot 52 DPS 4603 0.0840 hectares          |

## Second Schedule – Smoke-free Events

All events run by the Kawerau District Council, sponsored by Council or held at Council facilities will be promoted as smoke-free.

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| Responsibility       | Community Awards Committee |
| First Adopted        | 1 June 2020                |
| Revisions/Amendments | 1 June 2020                |
| Review Cycle         | Five yearly                |
| Review Required      | April 2025                 |
| Authorised By        | Kawerau District Council   |