

# SMOKEFREE POLICY 2018

## CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT

### Purpose

The purpose of this smokefree policy (the Policy) is to:

- ❖ Support the Central Otago District's Community Outcome of "A Safe and Healthy Community" reflected in 'Central Prospects – Community outcomes and Actions 2014/15 to 2020/2021'.
- ❖ Reduce the impacts of smoking and tobacco use on non-smokers. This includes reduced exposure to second hand smoke and de-normalisation of smoking.

### Policy Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

- ❖ Give effect to Central Otago District Council's commitment to supporting the New Zealand Government's policy goals for a smokefree New Zealand / Aotearoa 2025.
- ❖ Improve the health and well-being of our communities by decreasing the prevalence of smoking and decreasing public exposure to second-hand smoke.
- ❖ Increase the likelihood that people, particularly the young, will remain smokefree by reducing the number of places where they see others smoking.

### Principles

- ❖ The policy will be guided by national legislative and policy direction, and by community opinion.
- ❖ The policy will take a non-punitive approach to controlling smoking in particular public places, aimed at lessening the effect of smoking on other people.
- ❖ The focus of the Policy will be on providing more smokefree public environments, particularly for young people.

### Scope

This policy covers Central Otago District Council's position in relation to:

- ❖ Smokefree public places
- ❖ Smokefree Events

This policy focuses on where people are requested not to smoke. Whether people choose to become smokefree is outside the scope of this policy. Assistance to become smokefree is offered through health agencies.

Smokefree public places will apply in respect of both tobacco products.

### Smokefree Public Places

This policy recognises and supports smokefree areas designated through Government legislation.

Places specifically designated as smokefree under this policy include public outdoor areas for Central Otago as follows:

- ❖ Council owned parks and reserves, tracks and walkways, sportsgrounds and playgrounds.
- ❖ Within ten metres of public pedestrian entrances to Council owned buildings (including libraries, swimming pools etc.). For the main entrance to Council's civic buildings, the smokefree area will include the full forecourt from the public footpath.
- ❖ Bus stops, including a ten metre perimeter from bus shelters, signs, or bus stop markings.
- ❖ Areas set up primarily for café or dining purposes on publicly owned land; and Council owned tables in public areas.

Businesses or organisations that wish to implement further smokefree places on their own property (or on property where they have the authority to do so) will be able to access free smokefree signs or stickers, as available.

The policy shall be implemented progressively from 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018.

## Smokefree Community Events

To promote healthier public places and a healthier Central Otago under this policy:

- ❖ Events held at any of Council's public places will be smokefree.
- ❖ Public events receiving Council funding will be required to support smokefree messages.

The Southern District Health Board can support event organisers to deliver smokefree messages through the provision of resources, including signage and flags. All smokefree signage must have appropriate consents.

## Review

The Council will review this Policy every three years, or at an appropriate alternative time. The Policy remains in force until such time it is reviewed.

## Education and Enforcement

Signage promoting positive smokefree messages will be installed in appropriate places as per the Smokefree Central Otago Action Plan 2018 attached to this policy. The Policy will be educative, self-policing and no fines will apply.

## Background

### GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AND GOALS

#### SMOKEFREE NEW ZEALAND/AOTEAROA 2025

Government's commitment to the goal of a Smokefree New Zealand/Aotearoa 2025 is defined as:

- ❖ Our children and grandchildren will be free from tobacco/smoke and enjoy tobacco/smokefree lives.
- ❖ Almost no-one will smoke (greater than 95% of the population smokefree).
- ❖ Tobacco will be very difficult to sell, supply or purchase.

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## SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS ACT 1990

This policy is consistent with the purposes of the Smoke-free Environments Act, which prohibits smoking inside workplaces and other public enclosed areas and in both the open and indoor areas of schools and facilities for young children. The Act also refers in Section 20 to local authorities having powers to provide greater protection from tobacco smoke.

The purposes of Part 1 of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 are:

- a) To prevent the detrimental effect of other people's smoking on the health of people in workplaces, or in certain public enclosed areas, who do not smoke or do not wish to smoke there; and
- b) To prevent young people who are being taught or cared for in registered schools or early childhood education and care centres from being influenced by seeing other people smoke there; and
- c) To prevent the detrimental effect of other people's smoking on the health of young people who are being taught or cared for in registered schools or early childhood education and care centres.

The purpose of Part 2 of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 includes:

- a) To reduce the social approval of tobacco use, particularly among young people.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002

The Council is taking a non-punitive policy approach to controlling smoking in particular public places to lessen the effect of smoking on other people. Public consultation was used to inform the Policy.

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) part 6 requires councils to consult with communities and provides for participation by communities in decision making.

Part 8 of the LGA 2002 provides Council with the ability to regulate and enforce behaviours. This includes having control over behaviours in public places.

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## HEALTH IMPACTS

The Southern District Health Board recognises that:

- ❖ Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in New Zealand.
- ❖ The burden of cancer, cardiovascular disease and respiratory illness in New Zealand is attributable to high rates of smoking.
- ❖ Exposure to second hand tobacco smoke also accounts for significant illness, with children and young people most susceptible to conditions caused or exacerbated by tobacco smoke, including low birth weight, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, respiratory infections and glue ear.<sup>1</sup>

The Ministry of Health recognises that:

- ❖ Smoking kills more than 50 percent of smokers.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Southern District TOBACCO CONTROL PLAN July 2015 - June 2018

<sup>2</sup> Health Effects of Smoking. Ministry of Health. <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/addictions/smoking/health-effects-smoking>

## STATISTICS

Census data shows that there has been a decrease in the Southern region in people classifying themselves as regular smokers, from 21% in 2006 to 16% in 2013.

## CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

### CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

The Central Otago District Council Smokefree Policy 2017 confirms and reinforces the smokefree policies in the following Reserve Management Plans for Central Otago.

- ❖ Molyneux Park Reserve Management Plan – December 2013
- ❖ Pioneer Park Reserve Management Plan – December 2014
- ❖ Teviot Valley Ward Reserve Management Plan – January 2014
- ❖ Cromwell Sports Parks RMP – September 2015
- ❖ Maniototo Ward Reserve Management Plan – July 2016

### CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL SMOKEFREE PLAYGROUND POLICY 2013

The Central Otago District Council Smokefree Policy 2018 confirms and reinforces the Central Otago District Council Smokefree Playground Policy 2013.

# SMOKEFREE CENTRAL OTAGO ACTION PLAN 2018

## Actions and Activities 2018

Smokefree Events and Extending Central Otago's Smokefree Outdoor Areas	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make bus stops smokefree – install signage</li> </ul>	Property/Infrastructure Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect key themes and messaging in signage for civic buildings, community centres halls and libraries.</li> </ul>	Property Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect key themes and messaging in signage for parks, reserves, tracks, walkways and playgrounds.</li> </ul>	Parks and Recreation Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and update material provided to event managers to integrate key smokefree messages.</li> </ul>	Tourism Central Otago

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- Work with the sector to have smokefree and cessation support (such as space for stalls etc.) at events.
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