

Policy

SMOKEFREE OUTDOOR AREAS

TEAM:	Strategy and Policy
RESPONSIBILITY:	Strategy and Policy Manager
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REVIEW:	Every three years, or as required
CONSULTATION:	Consultation undertaken in accordance with section 82, Local Government Act 2002, if required.
RELATED DOCUMENTS:	Elderly Persons Housing Policy 2017 Use of Footpath for Alfresco Dining Policy 2017 Health Act 1956 Local Government Act 2002 Smokefree Environments Act 1990 Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Goal

Policy Objective

Ashburton District Council believes the children and young people of our district have a right to be able to enjoy playground and sport field facilities provided by Council in a smokefree environment.

Policy Statement

This policy is not a ban on smoking in a public place. No enforcement measures will be used against those who breach the policy. The purpose of the policy is to fulfil Council's commitment to promote positive health choices and outcomes.

The community will be advised through appropriate signage and ongoing communication, as deemed necessary by Council.

Council declares other areas under its control to be smokefree via the Elderly Persons Housing Policy and the Use of Footpath for Alfresco Dining Policy.

For the avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of this Policy and other Policies regulating smokefree areas, smoking includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapes, and smokefree means free from the smoking of tobacco and e-cigarettes and vapes.

1. Playgrounds

All Council owned playgrounds are smokefree. This includes any new playgrounds when they are

vested in Council.

2. Sports Fields and Courts

The following Council owned sports fields and courts are smokefree:

- Argyle Park
- Ashburton Domain
- Ashburton Skate Park
- Digby Park
- Electricity Ashburton (EA) Networks Centre – outdoor sports courts
- Methven Skate Park
- Robilliard Park

3. Reserves and Domains managed by Reserves Boards

The following areas of Reserves and Domains managed by Reserves Boards are smokefree:

- All playgrounds covered by clause 1 of this Policy
- Sports fields or courts covered by clause 2 of this Policy

Specified areas of Reserves and Domains listed in Schedule 1.

4. Events

Council recognises the role that public events can play in promoting a positive smokefree message. Council supported events (Council funded or Council run) will be consistently promoted as Smokefree through inclusion of Smokefree messages on material promoting the events, and advertising at the events.

5. Council buildings

Smoking is not permitted within 10 metres of the entrances and exits to buildings located at the following areas:

- Ashburton Art Gallery and Heritage Centre
- Ashburton District Council Administration building
- Ashburton District Council Chambers
- Ashburton District Council Library
- Oval Pavilion (once transferred to Council ownership)
- Walnut Ave Pavilion (once transferred to Council ownership)

6. EA Networks Centre

Smoking is not permitted in the following locations at the EA Networks Centre:

- Within 10 metres of the entrances and exits to buildings
- The entire car park
- Outdoor sports courts.

7. Signage

Where possible signage will be installed to indicate areas that are smokefree. Signage requirements will be assessed on an individual basis.

8. Monitoring and evaluation

Council will partner with Smokefree Canterbury members when reviewing this policy.