

# WYONG LAKES FOOTBALL CLUB

## SMOKE FREE POLICY

### Rationale

The Wyong Lakes Football Club recognised that passive smoking (inhaling second-hand smoke) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from tobacco smoke. Accordingly the following policy has been developed by Wyong Lakes FC to help protect people's health. The move to go Smoke Free also complements the Wyong Lakes FC's desire to create a healthy family friendly environment. The Wyong Lakes FC believes that such an environment and image will be advantageous in attracting new members and positively promoting the club in the community.

Legislation and the legal duty of care also provide reasons to have a Smoke Free club. Under Statute and Common law the Wyong Lakes F.C. has a legal duty of care to ensure that employees, volunteers, players and officials are not exposed to potentially harmful situations.

As of 7 January 2013, changes to legislation on smoke-free outdoor areas came into effect across NSW. These changes are a key strategy in reducing community exposure to second-hand smoke, tobacco-related harm and the uptake of smoking. The smoke-free areas were chosen as they are public outdoor places popular with children and families, or which can be crowded, or at which there is limited opportunity to avoid second-hand smoke.

By Law Smoking is now banned in the following outdoor places:

- Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public spaces;
- Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas;
- Swimming pool complexes;
- Railway platforms, light rail stops, light rail stations, bus stops, taxi ranks and ferry wharves;
- Within four metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act also stipulates that employees and working volunteers must have a safe environment to work in. Victorian Smoke Free dining legislation also states that enclosed dining areas must be Smoke Free.

### Who is affected by the policy?

This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players and visitors of the Wyong Lakes F.C.

### Timing

This policy is effective from 16/02/2014.

### Designated Smoke Free Areas

The Wyong Lakes F.C requires the following areas to be Smoke Free:

- Club and social rooms
- Administration and office areas
- Changing rooms
- Toilet blocks
- Indoor spectator viewing areas
- Playing areas
- Eating areas
- Near entries and exits of buildings, facilities, and the ground
- All spectator area's