

# BUNINYONG BOWLING CLUB Incorporated

## SMOKE FREE POLICY



### Purpose

This policy outlines our procedures for tobacco and e-cigarette (including all Electronic Non-Nicotine and Nicotine Delivery systems) in use at the club venue and at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. It represents our club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs and associations play in building strong and healthy communities.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Meets its duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our members, volunteers and visitors who attend club games, special events, functions and other activities.
- Upholds the reputation of our club, our sponsors and partners.
- Understands the risks associated with tobacco use and our role in minimising this risk.

### Rationale

Buninyong Bowling Club recognises that:

- Environmental (second-hand) tobacco smoke is a health hazard and that non-smokers should be protected from it.
- Role modelling can have a significant impact upon the junior members of the club.
- Smoke free areas make smoking less visible and less socially acceptable.
- Smoke free areas support smokers who are trying to quit as well as reduce their overall cigarette consumption.
- Outdoor smoke free areas help to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter (reducing clean-up costs, fire risk and children's health risk due to swallowing discarded butts).
- Smoke free environments are advantageous in attracting new members as well as positively promoting the club in the community.

Victorian legislation (*Tobacco Amendment Act 2013*) also bans smoking within 10 metres of a sporting arena during underage (U18) competitions, training or practice sessions or any break or interval during these underage activities.

Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, spectators, visitors and other volunteers and/or staff of the club.

### General

Our club will comply with all relevant state and local government smoking restrictions.

Our club recognises the importance of educating club members, particularly players, of the benefits of implementing a smoking management policy and will provide information to assist this process.

The following policy will apply to all club members, volunteers and visitors:

- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and other tobacco products will not be sold, including from vending machines, at any time at or by the club.
- Young people hold parents, teammates and coaches in high esteem, and smoking around them sends the message that smoking is okay. Therefore we expect that coaches, players, officials and volunteers will refrain from smoking while involved in an official capacity for the club, on and off the field.

- To foster our club's reputation as a healthy environment, no images of club volunteers, members, officials, coaches and players smoking at club-related activities are to be placed on social media.

### **Smoke Free Areas**

The Buninyong Bowling Club requires the following areas of the club's facility to be smoke free:

- All indoor areas (including the verandah along the greens side of the building)
- All outdoor playing / training areas, including the greens surrounds and walkways
- All spectator areas (standing and seated, covered and uncovered)
- All canteen, catering and eating areas

Smoke free areas will be signed and promoted in club materials. A designated smoking permitted area is located externally at the Eastern end of the clubroom building.

### **Functions**

- At club functions, (including social and fundraising events and meetings), that are held at the club facilities, all indoor areas are to be smoke free.
- At club functions, (including social and fundraising events and meetings), that are held away from the club, all indoor facilities are to be smoke free wherever possible.
- Smokers may only smoke in outdoor designated smoking areas and are to dispose of cigarette butts safely before entering facilities.

### **Non-compliance**

All club Board / committee members will uphold this policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process:

- Club members and/or guests should notify a Board member of any breach of this policy.
- A friendly approach will be made to the person smoking, explaining the club policy and directing them to the area where smoking is permitted.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by at least two Board / committee members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/people to leave the club facilities or function.

### **Policy Promotion**

Our club will:

- Educate members, volunteers and guests about our policy and its benefits.
- Ensure this policy is easily accessible and is promoted via our website, newsletters, social media and announcements during events and functions.
- Placing non-smoking signage in prominent locations both indoors and outdoors.

### **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

**Approved By:**

*Board of the Buninyong Bowling Club*

**Endorsed By:**

*BBC Board meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021*

**Date for Review:**

*February, 2022*