





## Alcohol-Free Zone Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

Alcohol-free zones help to prevent disorderly behavior, caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas, in order to improve public safety. Alcohol-free zones are an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible drinking on streets to incidents involving serious crime.

## **2. Purpose and Scope**

The primary objectives of this policy are to promote the positive use of public open spaces and to outline the process for establishing alcohol-free zones (AFZ) within the Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area. This policy will allow Council to limit the locations where the consumption of alcohol is permitted. These zones are enforced by the NSW Police Force.

The application of this policy applies to Council owned and managed reserves, including parks and footpath areas across the Murrumbidgee Council area.

## **3. Establishment and Re-establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones**

The decision to establish a new AFZ will be made by Council after consultation with the community and relevant stakeholders. Current AFZ will be reviewed by Council every four years.

The establishment and re-establishment of AFZ will be undertaken by Council following the guidelines provided in the Local Government Act, 1993, and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, February 2009.

## **4. Delegation to the General Manager**

Council will provide delegated authority, through this policy, to the General Manager to suspend operation of an AFZ for special events such as Australia Day in accordance with section 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Such suspensions will be for a specific time period and will be removed when the event has finished. Such declarations will be publicly notified prior to the date of the suspension, and alcohol-free zone signage will be covered at the relevant event site.

Individuals, groups or organisations must apply in writing to Council to request suspension of the AFZ at least one (1) month before the scheduled event.

## **5. Relevant Acts and Legislation**

- NSW Local Government Act 1993
- Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, February 2009

## **6. Policy Review**

This Policy:

- To be reviewed within the first year of the new Council term;
- May be reviewed and amended at any time at Council's discretion (or if legislative or State Government policy changes occur).

## Schedule 1. Current Alcohol-Free Zone Policy

Council has the following alcohol-free zones established that restrict the consumption of alcohol at any time:

TOWNSHIP	APPLICABLE STREETS
Jerilderie (see figure 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerilderie Street, between Bolton and Kennedy Streets</li> <li>• Powell Street in its entirety</li> <li>• Wood Street between Jerilderie and Mahonga Streets; and</li> <li>• Luke Park and the Lake foreshore</li> </ul>
Darlington Point (see figure 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWA Park, Shire Hall and basketball court, Carrington Street</li> </ul>



Figure 1: Jerilderie Alcohol free zone signed areas. (Yellow indicates public roads, footpaths and areas included)



Figure 2: Darlington Point Alcohol free zone signed areas. (Yellow indicates public roads, footpaths and areas included)