

## **Smoking Policy**

### **Introduction**

The Cooma Ex-Services Club recognises that non-smoking patrons may prefer areas in the venue that are smoke free. For the enjoyment of all patrons all indoor areas of the Club are now smoke free; the Club provides designated areas where patrons are able to smoke in accordance with the Smoke Free Environment Act 2000.

### **Objective**

This policy aims to capture all aspects of smoking, passive smoking and limiting the exposure of smoke within the premises of the Cooma Ex-Services Club.

### **Policy Aims**

The purpose of the Policy is to set out the guidelines for patrons and employees wishing to smoke within the Cooma Ex-Services Club.

### **Policy statement**

The Board has a responsibility to Club members and patrons for the conduct of the affairs and activities of Cooma Ex-Services Club. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board undertakes to serve the interests of all Club members, employees, other stakeholders and the broader community.

Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is a combination of exhaled and sidestream smoke. Exhaled smoke is smoke that is smokers exhale into the atmosphere; sidestream smoke is smoke that emits from the end of a lit cigarette.

This policy sets out guidelines to ensure exposure to ETS is minimised and outlines smoke free areas of the Club.

### **Designated Smoke Free Areas**

The following areas of the Club are smoke free areas:

- Indoor areas of the Club
- Administration and offices
- Function, meeting and Board rooms
- Dining areas
- Indoor Gaming areas
- Amenities areas
- Cellar
- Stairwells and lift
- External areas within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to the Club

## **Designated Smoking Areas**

Smoking is permitted in the following areas of the Club:

- Outdoor Gaming areas
- Outdoor Smoking area
- External areas not within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to the Club

## **Electronic Cigarettes**

An electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or personal vaporizer (PV) is a battery-powered device which simulates tobacco smoking by producing a vapor that resembles smoke. It generally uses a heating element known as an atomizer that vaporizes a liquid solution. Some solutions contain a mixture of nicotine and flavorings, while others release a flavored vapor without nicotine.

As e-cigarettes are designed to simulate tobacco smoking, for the health and safety of patrons within the venue the Club will treat e-cigarettes with the same regard as tobacco cigarettes under this policy.

Persons wishing to use an e-cigarette are welcome to do so in the Club's designated smoking areas.