



# Torquay Bowls Club

## # 20 - Smoking Policy

Responsible Department - BOM

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Next Review 2 years

### Introduction

To control the effect of smoking on others with rules to ensure safety and enjoyment of attending Torquay Bowls Club

### Scope

To ensure compliance and for all members to ensure that they assist others to comply

### Definition

A safer way to ensure members and patrons are safe for passive smoking or the unpleasant effects of others engaging in smoking.

### Manager responsibility

To have staff aware of this policy and assist in attaining compliance.

*In accordance with the new Victorian Tobacco Reforms commencing 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, smoking will be banned:*

- *In outdoor areas at hospitality and food venues used for eating food. This includes footpath dining areas, courtyards and beer gardens during times food is being eaten, or is available to be eaten*
- *In all outdoor areas at food fairs. A food fair is an event where the principal activity is the supply of food for consumption at the event*
- *Within 10 metres of a food stall or food vendor at organised outdoor event (other than food fair)*

*To complement smoke-free outdoor dining, smoking is banned in an outdoor drinking area if any part of that area is within 4 metres of an outdoor dining area, unless separated by a wall of at least 2.1 metres high.*

*Clubs must display acceptable "No Smoking" signage to indicate smoke-free areas.*

**In accordance with the new Reforms, Torquay Bowls Club Inc (TBC) has TWO designated Smoking areas that conform to the new Smoking regulations.**

- **Area 1** – the designated area at the western end of the clubhouse outside the access gate
- **Area 2** – the designated area at the eastern end of the building beyond the bottom of the ramp

**The two designated Smoking areas are clearly signed - 'SMOKING AREA'.**

**Unless clearly signed, all areas in the TBC precinct are designated SMOKE - FREE areas (includes clubhouse; external deck; greens and surrounds)**

These latest reforms include restrictions on **E-Cigarettes** which CANNOT be used in Smoke free areas.

- Smoking is not permitted in the club house, on the external deck, on the greens and surrounds, or between the clubhouse and the greens.
- Cigarette butts and other remnants of smoking must be placed in the containers provided.
- This new Smoking Policy will be displayed in the club house, and all TBC committees and sub-committees will be informed.
- It will be the responsibility of all Committees, Sub-committees and TBC staff to implement and monitor at the various club activities – including Barefoot bowls; Functions & Bookings; Social Events; Midweek and Saturday Pennant bowls; Social bowls; Twilight bowls; and Championships & Tournaments.
- The Board Secretary is responsible for the display of this policy.