

Minutes of the full Council meeting on 22 November 2011.

Full resolution carried, that Council:

(a) advocate to the state government for statewide smoke free playgrounds, entrances to public buildings, parks, beaches, government-funded outdoor events and alfresco dining areas;
(b) work with Quit Victoria, the Heart Foundation, VicHealth, and local government peak bodies for adequate resourcing of initiatives that will assist in reducing harms from smoking and supporting communities to denormalise smoking, especially when children and adolescents are present;
(c) work with local health services and other agencies to provide support to smokers who want to quit, with programs tailored to meet the needs of specific demographic groups. This could include a Health Plan priority area in a future Community Grants program;
(d) incorporate bans on smoking in playgrounds and around Council building entrances in the City of Yarra Environment Local Law when this is reviewed in 2012, and introduce appropriate signage and health promotion campaigns to support these bans; and
(e) signal its intent to work towards making Yarra's parks, Council funded events and footpath dining areas significantly smoke free by 2015, should these not be covered by state legislation by then.
2. That Council incorporate a report on the above activities through the Health Plan annual updates in the Implementation Plan including reference of any resource implications to the 2012/13 budget
3. That Council's Economic Development Unit prepare a report on how Council might engage venue proprietors in a voluntary program to create smoke free outdoor dining areas.