

# Hastings Yacht Club Inc

## Smoke - Vaping Free Environment Policy

### Adoption

This policy was amended and adopted by the Hastings Yacht Club Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### Preamble

The Club acknowledges its duty of care to members, visitors, contractors and children attending the HYC clubrooms and immediate surrounds and wishes to protect all users from the damaging effects of second-hand smoke or vaping by-products.

The club and clubrooms are Licenced Premises within the meaning of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*. The Club recognises its legal obligations and responsibilities under this Act and in particular to not allow smoking or vaping within 4 metres of these premises.

The Club recognises an ongoing problem with cigarette butt litter on the lawn in front of the club. This will ultimately end up in the sea. The lawn area in front of the club is where the disabled people and sail training children stage their activities. The *Environment Protection Act 1970* covers both private and public property and provides for penalties in respect of littering by individuals.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has recently released its *Smoke Free Environment Policy*. Key aspects of this policy are to reduce the prevalence of smoking and vaping and to reduce the damaging effects of second-hand smoke and vaping by-products as well as reducing the environmental impact of smoking and vaping related litter.

### Policy

1. No smoking or vaping is allowed in the following areas:
  - The upstairs clubroom and kitchen.
  - The whole of the upstairs veranda/balcony area and stairs.
  - The downstairs clubroom.
  - The downstairs undercover bar and barbecue area.
  - The whole of the lawn area from the club building to the sea and between the north fence and the slipway.
  - The Committee room.
  - The front foyer and lift.
  - The showers and toilets.
  - The sheds.
2. Appropriate "No Smoking or vaping" signs are to be displayed in all of the enclosed areas of the club, both upstairs and downstairs as well as the outside bar and barbecue area downstairs.

### Enforcement of the Policy

Enforcement will initially be by way of education and encouragement. The committee does not wish to be put in the position of acting as a policeman, however, repeat offending will lead to the person being asked to appear before the committee.