

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 NSW Ministry of Health

Attachments

1. Copy of letter from NSW Ministry of Health (contained within this report)
2. Copy of Council's letter (contained within this report)

Responding to Council's letter regarding smoking in spectator areas at sporting grounds and other recreational areas.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting (Greiss/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Minute Resolution Number 213

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1



Health

H13/80056

Mr Michael Sewell
Acting General Manager
Campbelltown City Council
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Dear Mr Sewell

Thank you for your correspondence to South Western Sydney & Sydney Public Health Unit, regarding smoking in spectator areas at sporting grounds and other recreational areas. Dr Susanne Benjamin, Acting Director Public Health has asked me to respond. I apologise for the delayed response.

In relation to your question about spectator areas, the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* requires all spectator areas to be smoke-free. A 'spectator area' is defined in the Act as 'an area set aside for or being used by spectators to watch an organised sporting event at a sports ground or other recreational area'. The Act does not prohibit smoking at outdoor events such as concerts, other public events or gatherings organised at sporting grounds or recreational areas. However this does not preclude event organisers from implementing their own smoke-free policies for such outdoor events.

The NSW Government is committed to reducing smoking rates and community exposure to second-hand smoke and tobacco-related harm. The smoke-free areas covered by the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* were selected based on a number of sources of evidence relating to research on the health effects of outdoor smoke and tobacco control measures of other jurisdictions.

NSW Health is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* and NSW Health Inspectors are authorised to enforce these bans. While local clubs are encouraged to support the bans, they are not responsible for their enforcement or for non-compliance by individuals while on their grounds.

The NSW Ministry of Health has a comprehensive state-wide education campaign in place to ensure a high level of community and business awareness and compliance with the new laws. All campaign materials can be accessed via the NSW Health website at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-legislation.aspx>

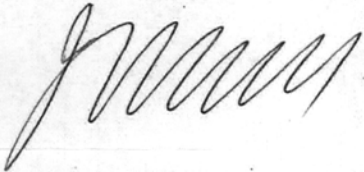
NSW Health is also working with NSW Sport and Recreation to target key industry stakeholders such as state sporting organisations and major sporting venues to increase awareness of and compliance with the provisions of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*.

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Should you require any further information about the package of reforms, please visit the NSW Ministry of Health's website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smokefree-areas-faq.aspx> or contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 or email tobacco@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Dr Jo Mitchell
Director, Centre for Population Health (Acting)

ATTACHMENT 2



8 January 2013

NSW Ministry of Health
South Western Sydney Public Health Unit
PO Box 374
CAMPERDOWN NSW 2050

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Smoke free legislative reforms – outdoor public places

I refer to written notification of the above matter received from Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director-General Population and Public Health dated 22 November 2012 advising of the introduction of the abovementioned smoke-free reforms.

I advise that Council considered a report on this matter at its Ordinary Meeting on 18 December 2012. As part of its report deliberations, Council wished to seek further clarification in respect of outdoor smoking bans as they apply to spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas.

Council noted advice that indicated smoking is banned in spectator areas (both covered and uncovered) at public sports grounds and other recreational areas, however only when organised sporting events are being held. This advice was based primarily on information contained within the NSW Health fact sheet relating to smoking bans in spectator areas at public sports grounds.

In view of the above, Council seeks clarification from the NSW Ministry of Health that the bans in respect of spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas only apply during sporting events and do not extend to other public events or gatherings upon sports grounds or recreational areas.

Furthermore, if your advice maintains that the ban does not extend to events other than of a sporting nature, it would be appreciated if you would be able to provide an explanation as to why public gatherings for other events have not been incorporated into the outdoor smoking reforms.

Should you require further clarification or information with respect to the abovementioned please contact Council's Director Planning and Environment Mr Jeff Lawrence on (02) 4645 4575.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sewell", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Sewell
Acting General Manager

6.2 Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia - Macarthur Sub Branch INC

Attachments

Copy of letter

Thanking Council's staff for their efforts in setting up the grounds, seating and flag poles for the Commemoration Service held in Mawson park on 18 August 2013.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting (Glynn/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Minute Resolution Number 214

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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4th October 2013

OCT08'13 08:15:31 RCVD

The General Manager
Campbelltown City Council
PO Box 57
Campbelltown NSW 2560

Attention: Manager Property and Support Services

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Day 2013 Organising Committee, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Grounds Staff of Campbelltown City Council for their efforts in setting up the grounds, seating and flag poles for our Commemorative Service at Mawson Park, Campbelltown held on the 18th August 2013.

Their hard work and amicable approach to all that was requested ensured we had a memorable service and all who attend the service were most appreciative of their efforts.

Please pass on our thanks and appreciation to your staff.

Attached is a "Certificate of Appreciation" from us to Campbelltown City Council for recognition of the assistance and effort given to us on the day.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely;

John D Lees JP
Honorary Secretary

6.3 Marilyn and Michael Reardon-Small

Attachments

Copy of letter

Thanking Council for providing them with the opportunity to share their treasured collections with the people of Macarthur and the general public.

Officer's Recommendation

That the letter be received and the information be noted.

Council Meeting (Borg/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Minute Resolution Number 215

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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Dear Sue,

THANK YOU – OUR HOUSE EXHIBITION

Marilyn and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the Campbelltown City Council Executive for inviting us to share our treasured collections with the people of Macarthur and the general public.

We are very humbled and honoured to be afforded this very prestigious privilege.

In addition we would also like to thank Michael Dagastino and Megan Monte for coming up with this innovative & brilliant concept of Our House, Jenn Blake and her magnificent staff for translating the concept into reality at the Arts Centre and last but not least, Yasmin Ivanac for her innovative promotion of Our House. It has been an excellent team effort by all the staff involved in the production of Our House.

This is why we consider the Campbelltown Arts Centre to be a Centre of Excellence and we feel honoured to have been part of this magnificent team.

What a success Our House has been!!!

Visitor figures were excellent and believe it to be up there with the best exhibitions at the Arts Centre, although we were told our figures were a little behind the Great Gatsby Film!!

Over the exhibition period, the Friends Volunteers and we have conducted numerous tours of our exhibition and the feedback has been overwhelming & very rewarding. This has convinced us that we have made the right decision with our bequest as we know that our treasured art collection will be cherished and loved by all the people of Macarthur.

In addition, we have also had two requests to showcase Our House at another two (2) venues. The first one is to be in the foyer of the New South Wales Parliament House and the other one at the Hazlehurst Regional Gallery in the Sutherland Shire. We were very humbled and honoured by these requests as you can sincerely appreciate.

Overall, we have been totally blown away with the success of our exhibition which would not have been possible without the support of you and the Executive which we sincerely thank you and the staff involved in the production of Our House at the Arts Centre.

It would be most appreciated if you could personally thank the Arts Centre Staff on our behalf for their dedication and commitment to excellence in the production of Our House.

We would also like to nominate the Arts Centre Staff for Team of the Year if you have a scheme within Council or something similar.

Finally, we look forward to working with you and the Council on the forthcoming Fishers Ghost Arts Festival.

Yours sincerely

M. Reardon-Small

Marilyn Reardon-Small

M. Reardon-Small

Michael Reardon-Small