Shire of Peppermint Grove

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Purpose	The Shire recognises the extreme negative health impact that tobacco smoke, including environmental tobacco smoke, has on all people exposed to it. Tobacco smoking increases the risk of cancers, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and other illnesses. It is the greatest single risk factor for health and has been estimated to cause 10 per cent of the total Australian burden of disease (NT Department of Health). The Smoke Free Policy has been developed to protect and promote the best health outcomes for its staff and for the users of our services. The Policy has been developed to: • Safeguard our staff against the health impacts of tobacco smoke, including environmental tobacco smoke; • Protect those who use our services and visit our facilities; • Promote an attitudinal and behavioural change to smoking.

Policy

This Smoke Free Policy applies to the Grove Precinct where tobacco smoking will not be permitted within the buildings and grounds. This policy extends to all staff, contractors, volunteers and customers.

Appropriate signage will be provided to advise that the precinct is a smoke free area.

The Grove Precinct includes the Shire Office, Community Centre, Library and all grounds.

Related Procedure	Nil
Amended Authority Level	Council
Related Delegation	Nil
Related Local Law/Legislation	Nil
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