



Hobart City Council has been involved in responding to the issue of alcohol & other drugs use in Hobart for some time and is reviewing its current Alcohol & Other Drug Strategy. Community input is sought about current issues and potential solutions. Please take the time to read the information included below and fill out this survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2GL7SHF>

Alternatively you can log on to www.hobartcity.com.au and access the survey under *Latest News*.

The survey closes on 28 February

HISTORY

Hobart City Council has been involved in responding to the issue of alcohol & other drugs use in Hobart for some time. In 2001 these activities were formally articulated in the Council's initial Drug & Alcohol Strategy, which was a crucial framework to lead effective and coordinated action to reduce the health, economic and social harms associated with licit and illicit drug use in the municipal area.

In 2005 the Drug & Alcohol Strategy 2001 was reviewed and considerable effort was made to align the new strategy with Australian and State government frameworks for action. The Alcohol and Other Drug Strategy 2006 – 2009 provided strategic direction for Council's policies and programs to address alcohol and other drug related harm in the Hobart municipal area.

Late in 2008 the Council became a participant in the Cities For Safe & Healthy Communities Program embarking on the collection of baseline data on alcohol related activities in Hobart, as the first stage of the program.

In August 2009, as part of its continuing active role in community safety, Hobart City Council established the Safer Hobart Community Partnership (SHCP) with Tasmania Police, Department of Treasury – Liquor & Gaming, Department of Health & Human Services, Department of Education, Tasmanian Hospitality Association, Metro Tasmania, and a representative of the business community. In terms of alcohol

issues the SHCP focuses on responses to alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, particularly at night, as a part of its action plan.

In April 2010 Council approved and adopted the Social Inclusion Strategy 2010-2013, which includes a framework for Council's role in responding to social issues, including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs use and the resulting anti-social behaviours.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established a Reference Group to assist Council in the implementation of the Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2001
- Delivering an ongoing Public Toilet Awareness Raising Program, now covering over 100 toilets in Hobart
- Reviewed the Council's Sharps Collection Policy and reduced the incidents of inappropriately discarded injecting equipment through the placement of sharps disposal units in public toilets, and the Hobart Rivulet tunnels
- Established and delivered the Safe Summer health promotion campaign in partnership with a broad range of health agencies
- Involved in the Hobart Community Police Liaison Group as a means of identifying issues, co-ordinating local responses and information sharing
- Promoting and practising best practice in urban design solutions – CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- Participating on relevant working parties and groups at a national, state and local level, including Council of Capital City Lord Mayors Drug Advisory Committee and National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Advisory Committee
- Delivered the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing National Illicit Drug Strategy funded – Transition and Pathways Program and Linchpin Programs
- Providing support through the Council's grants programs for appropriate and relevant community projects which address alcohol and other drug issues
- Completed an internal alcohol policy for Hobart City Council employees
- Supporting the Australian Drug Foundation in the delivery of the Good Sports Program in the Hobart municipal area, including investigating incentives for clubs in Council-owned facilities
- Supported Tasmania Police to limit access to alcohol in prescribed areas - Salamanca Lawns, St David's Park, Princes Park, Franklin Square & Parliament Lawns

- Prescribed all Hobart City Council playgrounds as no smoking zones
- Support for the Salamanca Lawns Village over the 2009 & 2010 Christmas periods
- Installed a taxi rank and special events bus stop on Castray Esplanade
- Providing entertainment in Elizabeth Mall
- Researched and banned smoking in Elizabeth Mall, Bus Mall and Wellington Court
- Providing for the upgrade of CCTV coverage throughout the city
- Increasing lighting provisions in key areas
- Responding to race-related incidents in partnership with a broad range of stakeholders

CURRENT RESOURCES

Council utilises a range of resources to respond to alcohol and other drugs issues, often involving multiple staff from across the organisation. These staff are carrying out professional roles in:

- Development planning appraisal
- Environmental health management
- Infrastructure planning, development and management, including public toilets
- Community development
- Customer service
- Economic development
- Public space management , including parks, malls and bushland

The resources applied in these roles can include:

- Staff time
- Infrastructure costs
- Cleansing costs
- Health promotion costs
- Specific project costs

Thank you for your input

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