

SMOKE-FREE AREAS FACT SHEET

Waverley Council is committed to protecting the community from passive smoking by expanding smoke-free areas.

In the second half of 2015, Council officers engaged with businesses in Bondi Junction to measure their support of the establishment of a Smoke-Free area on a trial basis. The findings of this were presented to Waverley Councillors and at the December Council Meeting on December 15 2015, Councillors voted unanimously to commence a 6 month trial in Bondi Junction (from the hours of 7am-9pm) in early 2016.

This fact sheet outlines the scope of the trial and what it means to you.

Existing smoke-free areas in Waverley

Waverley Council already has a smoking ban in place on the sand of all of our beaches.

There are also additional locations where smoking is not permitted which are covered under NSW state legislation. For more information about where smoking is not permitted visit <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx>.

Breathe easy in Bondi Junction

Waverley Council is proud to be undertaking a smoke-free trial in the busy, open-air space of Oxford Street Mall, Spring Street and the adjoining parts of Newland Street and Bronte Road. The six month trial aims to promote a focus on a healthier way of life and improve the amenity of this area.

New signs will be installed and Council staff will be on sight to raise awareness about the new smoke-free area. The trial is scheduled to commence on 1 February 2016.

What are the benefits of smoke-free areas?

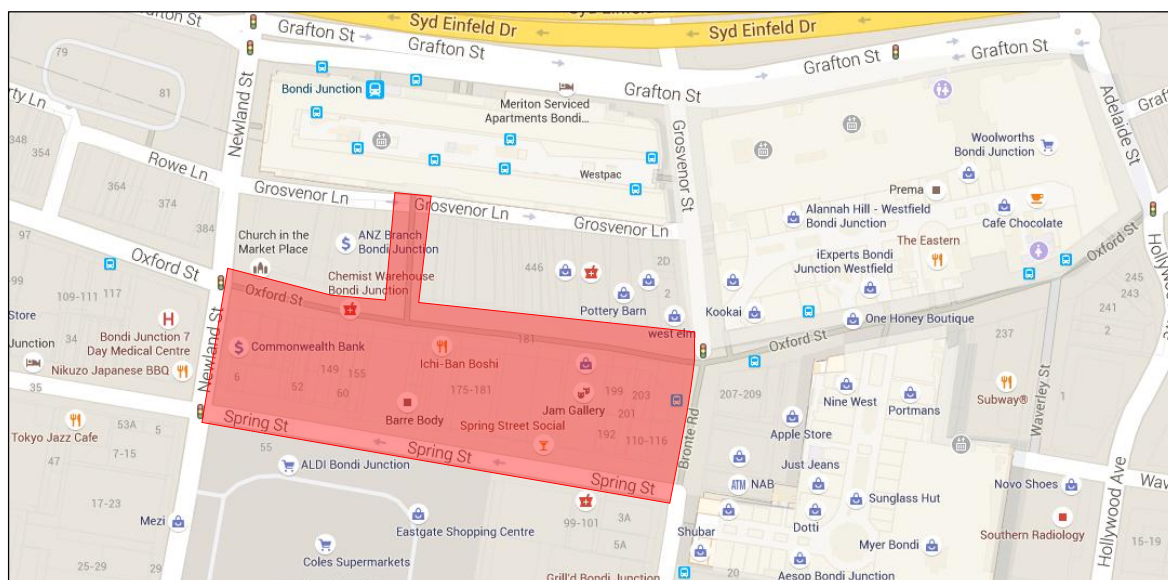
Smoke-free areas support the community in three main ways:

- Protect community from passive smoking
- Reduce uptake of smoking behaviour in children and young people by modelling non-smoking behaviour
- Provide a supportive environment for people who smoke who are trying to quit or have recently quit.

What is the smoke-free area in Bondi Junction?

The smoke-free area includes (refer to map below):

- Spring Street (from Bronte Road to Newland Street)
- Bronte Road (from Oxford Street to Ebley Street)
- Oxford Street Mall (including Rowe Street)
- Newland Street (Spring Street to Oxford Street)



How does Waverley Council select new locations to consider as smoke-free areas?

Waverley Council selects sites for consultation based on a number of criteria including location and total number of businesses, those with outdoor dining, adjoining buildings/properties, pedestrian traffic, as well as existing smoking controls.

What are the effects of passive smoking / second-hand smoke?

Exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of illness and death in non-smokers, from infancy through to adulthood. iCanQuit NSW says research has found second-hand smoke or passive smoking causes heart disease and lung cancer. For more information about passive smoking and second-hand smoke visit the iCanQuit website.

How do I have my say about the proposed smoke-free trial?

We want to know what you think about the smoke-free trial would be in the Bondi Junction. In order to facilitate this, we have hosted an online forum and quick survey on our website haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/smokefree.

Next steps

The smoke-free trial will be evaluated and a report will be submitted to Council. We encourage you to give us feedback about the trial as part of the evaluation process.

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