

Clean Air Update

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- *Everybody has the right to breathe clean air, free from the poisons in tobacco smoke.**
- *If you can smell tobacco smoke, then the poisons are going into your lungs and your family's lungs and DOING HARM.**
- *There is no legal obligation for any proprietor to provide a smoking space/area.**
- *Smoking should not be allowed where it MAY DO HARM TO OTHERS**
- *Children should not be allowed to enter smoking-allowed areas.**

Forgotten Workers *indoors* in smoky Pubs and Clubs in NSW and Victoria



Victoria and New South Wales must reverse the 75/25 “unenclosed” definition – a smoking-allowed room which is 75% enclosed cannot be regarded as safe for workers. Additionally, smoking on stage and in high-roller casinos must be banned all around Australia.

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We may have come a long way, baby, but there's still a long and bumpy road ahead, especially in gaining individuals' and families' rights to smoke-free homes, free from smoke assault by their own family/friends and from their neighbours' toxins. Please let us know if we can help - at times it simply means a quick chat to know you're not alone, occasionally a meeting with Local MP or Council, and sometimes much more..

From the Archives –***Non-smokers to form activist group*** 15 August 1977 *Canberra Times*
SYDNEY: A Sydney engineer has begun a campaign to severely restrict smoking in all public places.

The engineer, Mr Brian McBride, of Greystanes, said yesterday he would hold a public meeting tomorrow night at the Parramatta Community Services Centre to form the Non-Smokers Rights Movement.

The movement will lobby the State Government and local councils to have smoking banned on public transport and restricted in restaurants, lifts and other public areas.

Thanks, everyone, for your support of this very important cause – Australia leads the way in some of the battle, but we still have about 2,500,000 smokers in this country –a lot of toxins to avoid.

Margaret Hogge, President, NSMA Inc.

OCEANIA TOBACCO CONTROL CONFERENCE, PERTH 20 – 22 OCTOBER 2015 – Another opportunity to share ideas and support others in our battle for clean air rights.

PROXY PURCHASING : UK Government in October 2015 will further protect young people from taking up smoking by making it illegal for friends or family to purchase tobacco on behalf of under-age potential smokers. NSMA has been calling for this type of regulation for years (it's not enough to stop retailers from supplying) so, hopefully, Australian Governments will follow. We need to get tough.

TOBACCO FREE GENERATION: Meanwhile, in Tasmania, Independent MP Hon. Ivan Dean and his supporters are forging ahead with committee hearings. They aim to make it illegal for a retailer to sell tobacco to anyone born after year 2000AD. This very gradual process of protecting future Australians has great merit. We face an evil enemy with deep pockets –tobacco continues to kill more Australians than any other single product and yet, for nicotine addicts there are alternative, easily accessible, safer nicotine replacement products.

TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP : Reports say that the deal has “carve-outs” that will prevent Big Tobacco from being able to sue governments over anti-smoking regulations in secret tribunals. Wait and see.

E-CIGARETTES: Banned indoors in many jurisdictions. These totally unregulated cigarette look-alikes are being pushed by Big Tobacco. As “training aids” for kids, they should be banned under the Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act. We will follow this through.

Forgotten Workers.....When a smoking poker machine player wants a drink, a worker delivers the drink and sucks in toxins: when a smoking pokies player wants a snack the worker brings it and sucks in more toxins; when a smoking pokies player wants assistance with a poker machine problem or payout, the worker stands right beside the machine sometimes for several minutes and sucks in more toxins. Multiply this by thirty or forty and try to imagine the amount of toxins to which these workers can be subjected during just one shift.

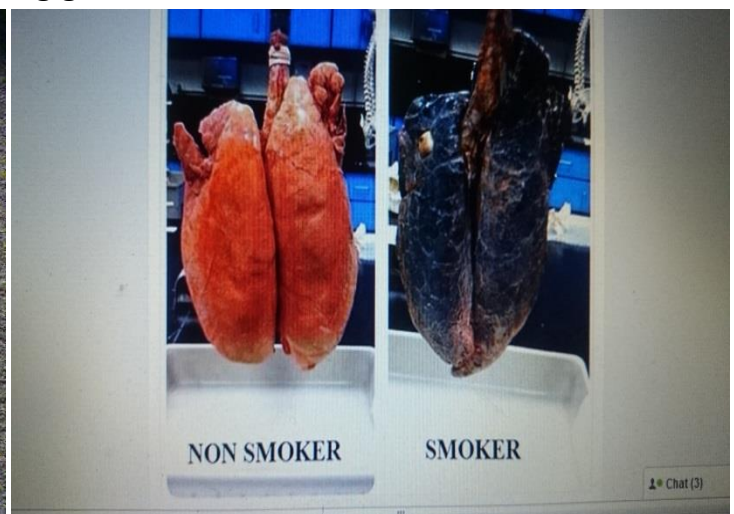
The only thing the worker doesn't do is to **WIPE THEIR BUMS**.

All in aid of the notorious "gambling trance" which must not, at all costs, be broken – otherwise the gambler might pause, worry about how much he/she has lost, and then stop!

Hospitality workers are frightened of losing their jobs – they don't dare complain about the conditions – they need the jobs and are aware that someone else will step into that job if they demand safe working conditions.

Employers (pubs and clubs), our governments and unions should never have allowed this situation to arise – this notorious 75%/25% "unenclosed" smoking loophole has allowed smoking in gambling palaces for far too long (about eight years). What damage has been done over that time? How many have suffered ill-health? How many have died? And how many potential workers have missed out on jobs due to the discriminatory nature of the workplace – some would not have been able to take these jobs for fear of either damaging their health and/or dying on the job. We demand that pub and club workers in NSW and Victoria are afforded the same protection from tobacco's toxins as every other worker. We also demand the same protection for all workers on the stage and in High-roller rooms around Australia.

NSMA has initiated a local campaign and is calling for NSW Health Ministry, Union and WorkSafe action to ensure that workers are no longer faced with such blatantly unsafe conditions, all engineered in pursuit of gambling greed.



PROTECTION FROM NEIGHBOURS' SMOKE – SMOKE SEEPAGE (within) and SMOKE DRIFT (around) MULTI-UNIT PUBLIC HOUSING, STRATA & RETIREMENT VILLAGES

NSMA continues to call on our Governments, make submissions, attend public meetings, and Strata meetings, and advocate for safe, smoke-free multi-unit housing.

Some recent legal cases in Australia and Strata decisions give us some hope but there remains a mind-set amongst many that “you should be able to do what you want in your own home” – this may be so out in the bush or on an island but, where people live in communities such as Strata properties and Retirement Villages, they should not behave in a manner which may harm others in that community – make loud noises, keep vicious pets or smoke tobacco – the toxins can trigger a wide array of heart and lung diseases, such as SIDS (Sudden Infant death Syndrome), emphysema, COPD (Cardio Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and cancer. (See Cancer Council NSW site for Strata by-law advice).

We have several members who are obliged to live near neighbours who smoke or who, for some quite ridiculous and selfish reasons don't smoke but are unwilling to support a sensible smoke-free plan which protects people and property. A Smoke-free by-law is excellent insurance against the time when a chain-smoker may move in and literally ruin life in that community – you can't block out or get away from the poisons and the stink.

At one Strata meeting, an owner suggested that the victimized family actually sell up and move! NO! Move the smoke away! At another Strata meeting, a heavily pregnant owner objected to a smoke-free by-law as she has some friends who visit a couple of times a year and they “might want to smoke on our balcony” – so she was prepared to sacrifice her baby's and her neighbours' health for an occasional selfish visitor.



There's some hope- we celebrate finding the very fine Baptist-Care “The Gracewood” complex at Kellyville just west of Sydney – clean and friendly and totally smoke-free – it's

written into the original contract! Residents, administrators, cleaners and contractors love it. Congratulations. Our own members who live in Retirement Villages continue to battle for their rights –one smoker can badly affect the health of residents and workers in a retirement property.

Some significant milestones in Sydney and NSW – but there’s a glitch!

11th May: Smoke-free Martin Place, “PROUD TO BE SMOKE-FREE” the city’s biggest pedestrian thoroughfare – it’s good to see people enjoying strolling and sitting around in this iconic centre of Sydney without being assaulted by poisons – enforcement is quite good. Please respond to [City of Sydney/smoking in public places](#) website to ensure this one-year trial leads to a permanent, positive change. Even better would be a totally smoke-free CBD (Central Business District) with just one smoking bin/space per city block for a limited time. Smokers would know where to go and the rest of us would know where to avoid. Pitt Street Mall, (with seating taken over by smokers) has turned into the smokiest part of Sydney. Doctor Death gave free hugs there on World No Tobacco Day 31st May 2015.



Monday 6th July 2015 – NSW Smoke-free Outdoor Dining ONLY!

NSMA members were out and about early on that cold morning, finding excellent compliance and enjoying the smoke-free outdoor café atmosphere, especially in the city. Even Chinatown at Haymarket had good signage, all ashtrays had been removed, and smokers no longer blew poisons over everyone. That was until some proprietors panicked and took up the legal loophole option where smokers can smoke and drink but can’t eat as long as they are 4 metres from entrances and diners.

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NSMA had written in August 2014 to NSW Health Minister Skinner, saying that smoke-free outdoor dining **MUST** be concurrent with smoke-free outdoor drinking, but the ridiculous situation now prevails where smoke continues to spew out from many cafes and restaurants and children continue to suffer in the smoke and to regard smoking as a normal part of life.

[Quote from NSW Health website:](#) **Why do we need to ban smoking in outdoor areas?**

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can worsen other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Exposing ex-smokers to other people's tobacco smoke increases the chance of relapsing to smoking.

For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children's airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed. These differences make children more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke, such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.

Emerging evidence on the impact of smoking on air quality in outdoor locations, such as alfresco cafes, parks and access points to public buildings, has found that under some circumstances, tobacco smoke affects air quality in outdoor locations just as much as indoor locations.

Creating smoke-free outdoor areas supports those who have quit and makes smoking less visible to children and young people.



A VERY NAUGHTY PIECE OF TOAST DEFYING A “NO FOOD TO BE CONSUMED” SIGN OUTDOORS.

Victoria is finally considering smoke-free outdoor dining, and several health groups have combined to call for sensible, non-confusing concurrency with smoke-free outdoor drinking. The response so far is quite negative, but we will continue the call for this positive, healthy and timely change. Smoke-free outdoor drinking is also overdue in other States.

Monday 10th August 2015 Tobacco-free Prisons in NSW

Corrective Services Officer Joe Charles died nearly 5 years ago from lung cancer contracted in his workplace – he never smoked in his life. We continue to support his family’s legal battle for compensation.

With a three-week amnesty in place, and considerable advice from other smoke-free prison jurisdictions, and with supplies of alternative nicotine products, the changeover to tobacco-free status has, so far, been quite effective. Hopefully our prison worker member can now carry out his duties without the cumbersome industrial mask which he needed to protect him in the workplace for the last several years.

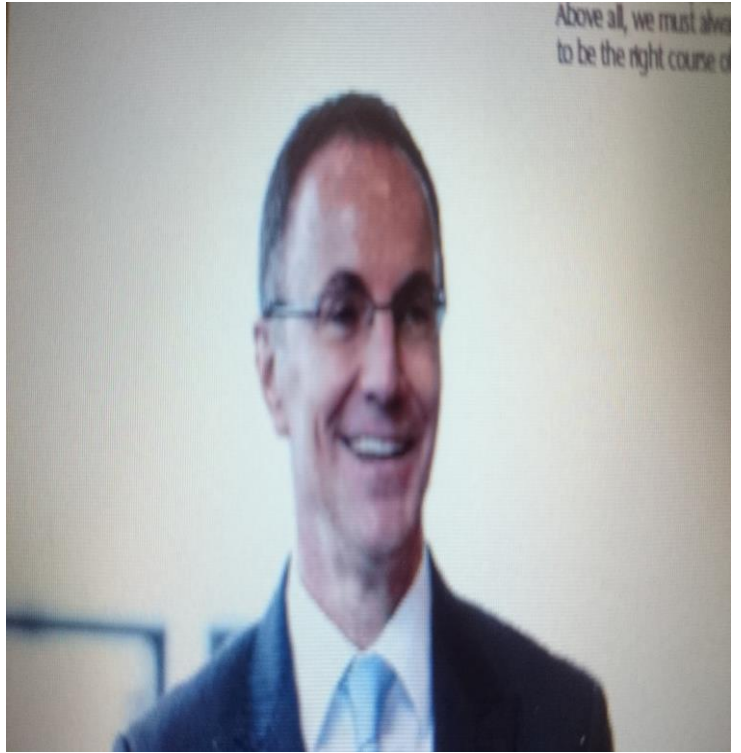
BELOW: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR WORKERS WHO HAVE DIED FROM WORK INJURY – SPONSOR: WORKSAFE

RIGHT: NSMA MEMBERS AT JOE’S GRAVE DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO 10TH AUGUST.



Western Australia must provide protection to all staff and inmates by declaring total bans, not only indoors. South Australia has a trial smoking ban in the Adelaide Remand Centre. It has yet to implement safe, smoke-free conditions across the State.

TRYING TO DEFEND THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IS LIKE TRYING TO PICK UP A PIECE OF EXCREMENT BY THE CLEAN END.



Greiner, Duranto, Wheatley, Crow – some current and former Australian and international faeces of Big Tobacco



NOT REPLACEMENTS ! STOP THIS CARNAGE!