



BACKGROUND:

Lake Macquarie Council and the Morisset Football club are committed to the smoke free environment Act.

The outdoor smoking bans fall under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000, which includes cigarettes, e- cigarettes, vaping, and other devices used for smoking. Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as in public sports grounds and recreational areas, can support those who have quit and make smoking less visible to children and young people.

ACTION:

For these reasons it is now appropriate for a smoke free area and banning of smoking by players, volunteers and spectators for the duration of the game within

- 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building. This includes the Bernie Goodwin Soccer Club veranda, steps, club rooms, player and non-player access areas and the grassed area in front of the clubhouse. The law will prohibit smoking in all spectator areas of the facility, regardless of whether seating is provided, or the area is covered or uncovered.
- 10 metres from the game area and other areas set aside for or being used by spectators to watch an organised sporting event at a sports ground or other recreational area, but only when an organised sporting event is being held there.

Does the ban only cover the time that the players are competing?

No. The smoking ban applies for the entire duration of the organised sporting event. This includes pre match and half-time games and entertainment that form part of the sporting event.

Designating Smoking Areas

Having a designated area can keep other club members safe from harm from second hand smoke. The Western and Eastern ends of the Bernie Goodwin oval are areas where smokers are away from others reducing the risk of second-hand smoke and harm.

As community leaders, local sporting clubs have a responsibility to promote healthy behaviour to members and their guests. If you wish to discuss quitting smoking, please see your club safety official, your local general practitioner, call the National quit line or access free information from NSW Health at: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/quit-smoking-tips>