



**Alcohol Free Zones  
Proposal  
2021**

## **Purpose**

The aim of this proposal is to outline the Alcohol Free Zones in the Wollondilly Shire and to seek feedback from the community and the Police in relation to the reinstatement of the Alcohol Free Zones for a further 4 years until 2025.

## **About Alcohol Free Zones**

Alcohol Free Zones are governed by Section 644 of the Local Government Act and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones. The Local Government Act 1993 provides the legislative powers for local councils to establish alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in NSW to promote the safe use of roads, footpaths and public car parks without interference from anti-social behaviour caused by public drinkers.

The principal object of an alcohol-free zone is to prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas in order to improve public safety.

An alcohol-free zone may be established for the maximum period of four years. Once established, it applies twenty-four hours per day. AFZs do not encompass parks and reserves.

Alcohol-free zones are enforced by the police or by council enforcement officers where the Commissioner of Police gives written authorisation. Any person observed to be drinking in an alcohol-free zone may have the alcohol in their possession immediately seized and tipped out or otherwise disposed of.

## **Setting the Scene**

On 21 August 2017, Wollondilly Shire Council resolved (Motion 171/ 2017) to implement AFZs for a period of four years from September 2017 to September 2021 in the areas marked on the attached maps.

Wollondilly Shire Council is proposing to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones across the Shire for a further 4 year period until October 2025.

## **Alcohol Free Zones in Wollondilly**

The attached maps and table outline the Alcohol Free Zones for feedback.

When re- establishing an area as an Alcohol Free Zone, proposals must adequately address the following matters;

- Substantiated evidence that the public's use of those road or car parks have been compromised by street drinking;
- Substantiated evidence that the area is regularly used for the consumption of alcohol and that it is causing distress and disturbance to local residents;
- Substantiated evidence of malicious damage to property, littering, offensive behaviour and/ or other crimes being committed as a result of street drinking;
- That Police support the re- establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone and can readily enforce the area; and
- That the proposed zone has been minimised as much as practicable.

## Summary of Process

A number of steps will be completed to implement the Alcohol Free Zones:

- Consultation will be completed by Wollondilly Shire Council with the public display of this discussion paper for 30 days at Council Office and the library. This discussion paper will also be available on Your Say Wollondilly webpage and will be promoted through social media and Councils website.
- Consultation with Police NSW three Local Area Commands - Camden, Campbelltown and Nepean
- A copy of the discussion paper will be sent to local liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs in the area
- All submissions will be considered and evaluated
- A report will be submitted to Council for consideration
- All stakeholders will be notified of the outcome
- Alcohol Free Zones will be implemented, this will include updated signage

## Links to the Wollondilly Shire Community Strategic Plan 2033

### Management and Provision of Infrastructure

#### As a community, we can

Consider the assets that we value, and identify how the community can fund the effective maintenance of its assets.

### STRATEGY IN3

#### Provision of facilities

Provide a range of recreation and community facilities to meet the needs of the community.

## How to give feedback

- Online: Your Say Wollondilly engagement platform  
[www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)
- Email: council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
- Hand delivery: 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton
- Post: Wollondilly Shire Council, PO Box 21, Picton NSW 2571

## Attachments

1. Alcohol Free Zones table listing
2. Alcohol Free Zones maps
  - a) Appin
  - b) Bargo
  - c) Douglas Park
  - d) Oakdale
  - e) Picton
  - f) Tahmoor
  - g) The Oaks
  - h) Thirlmere
  - i) Warragamba
  - j) Wilton Bingara Gorge
  - k) Wilton