

<b>POLICY:</b>	SPORTING FACILITIES – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES — CONSUMPTION AND/OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT COUNCIL’S SPORTING FACILITIES
<b>DATE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:</b>	14 OCTOBER 1997
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	PARKS AND RECREATION
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CO-ORDINATOR PARKS AND RECREATION

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***That Council:***

1. ***Adopts the following Policy for the “Consumption and/or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Council’s Sporting Facilities”;*** and

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***That Council will, through the Procedures related to this policy:***

- ***Protect the amenity of residents near Council-owned or Council-managed sporting facilities;***
- ***Ensure compliance with requirements of the Liquor Licensing Commission; and***
- ***Clarify Council’s role in the provision of sporting facilities for community groups.***

***PROCEDURE***

1. ***Application Procedure***

***Prior to a sporting club being granted permission to consume and/or sell alcoholic beverages at one of Council’s sporting facilities, the sporting club is required to contact the Liquor Licensing Commission to discuss the procedure for obtaining the appropriate licence.***

***The sporting club must apply in writing to Hobsons Bay City Council for permission to consume and/or sell alcoholic beverages at one of Council’s sporting facilities.***

2. ***Registration of Premises***

***Prior to Council granting permission for a sporting club to consume and/or sell alcoholic beverages at one of Council’s indoor sporting facilities, the venue must have the appropriate registration under the Food Act.***

***Council will not fund any building improvements that are necessary to enable a facility to comply with statutory requirements for the purpose of obtaining a liquor licence.***

**3. Planning Permit Required**

**Where a facility is located on land that is not zoned “Public Open Space”, a planning permit is required to be obtained by the applicant sporting club for the consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages. The permit will stipulate the authorised hours.**

**4. Planning Permit Not Required**

**Where a facility is on land that is zoned “Public Open Space”, a planning permit to consume and/or sell alcoholic beverages is not required by the sporting club.**

**5. Duration of Authority to Consume Alcoholic Beverages**

**Any permission granted by Council for the consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages at a Council sporting facility will remain valid only for the duration of the relevant Service Agreement or Lease between Council and the sporting club pertaining to the use of the facility.**

**Council may revoke permission for the consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages at a Council sporting facility if the relevant sporting club breaches any terms of the pertinent Service Agreement or Lease.**

**6. Authorised Hours for Consumption of Alcohol**

**Where a planning permit is not required and the appropriate Liquor Licence has been obtained, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Council, alcoholic beverages may only be consumed at a Council sporting facility during the following times:-**

- **Mondays to Fridays inclusive:**

**From 5.00pm until 10.00pm**

**OR**

**From 5.00pm until 11.00pm if served with a bona fide meal (N.B. Not finger food);**

- **Saturdays and Melbourne Cup Eve:**

**From 12.00 midday until 8.00pm**

**OR**

**From 12 midday until 8.00pm and from 8.00pm until 12.00 midnight if served with a bona fide meal (N.B. Not finger food);**

- **Sundays:**

**From 12.00 midday Until 8.00pm**

**OR**

**From 12.00 midday Until 8.00pm and From 8.00pm Until 10.00pm if served with a bona fide meal (N.B. not finger food);**

- **and subject to the following conditions :-**

- ✂ ***The times and days must be consistent with the times and days nominated by the sporting club on any seasonal application form or lease to use the sporting facility; and***
- ✂ ***Alcoholic beverages will not be consumed in conjunction with junior activities such as Junior Training and Junior Competition.***

**7. Residential Considerations**

***If any residential properties are located in close proximity to the facility, Council shall require the applicant Sporting Club to notify nearby residents of the club's intention to consume and/or sell alcoholic beverages at the facility prior to agreeing to the above hours. If valid objections are received from residents, Council may vary the above hours in order to address matters raised by residents.***

- 8. *Request that copies of the Policy for the "Consumption and/or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Council's Sporting Facilities" be included in Council's "Sport & Recreation Facilities Management Strategy" for distribution to schools, community groups and sporting clubs located in the City of Hobsons Bay.***
- 9. *Request that the time stipulated by Council for the cessation of the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at any of Council's sporting facilities also be stipulated as the time by which that facility must be vacated.***