

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposals for the Establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones 2009

BACKGROUND

To validly establish an alcohol-free zone a council must comply with the procedures in *sections 644 to 644C* of the *Local Government Act* and the *Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, 2009*.

An alcohol-free zone is a means by which a council may limit the locations within its area where the consumption of alcohol is permitted. Matters to be addressed need to include:

- 1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone**
The irresponsible consumption of alcohol on roads and footpaths and in public car parks can compromise their safe use by members of the public without interference. Reasons stipulated must reflect the fact that irresponsible behaviour arising from the consumption of alcohol is occurring on those roads and footpaths and in those public car parks such as obstruction, littering, the actual commission of, or police intervention to avoid the commission of, more serious offences under the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002*, *Summary Offences Act 1988* or the *Crimes Act 1900* such as malicious damage.
- 2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone**
An alcohol-free zone may only be established to include a public road, footpath or a public place that is a car park (i.e., car parks on public land or Crown land).
- 3. Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone**
An alcohol-free zone may be established for a maximum period of four years. Once established, it applies twenty-four hours per day.

Where a problem with irresponsible street drinking exists only in relation to a special event within the local area, an alcohol-free zone may be established only for that special event. An alcohol-free zone declared for a special event also has a maximum duration of four consecutive years.

- 4. Consultation with the Police**

In preparing a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone a council must consult with relevant police Local Area Commander about the appropriate number and location of alcohol-free zones.

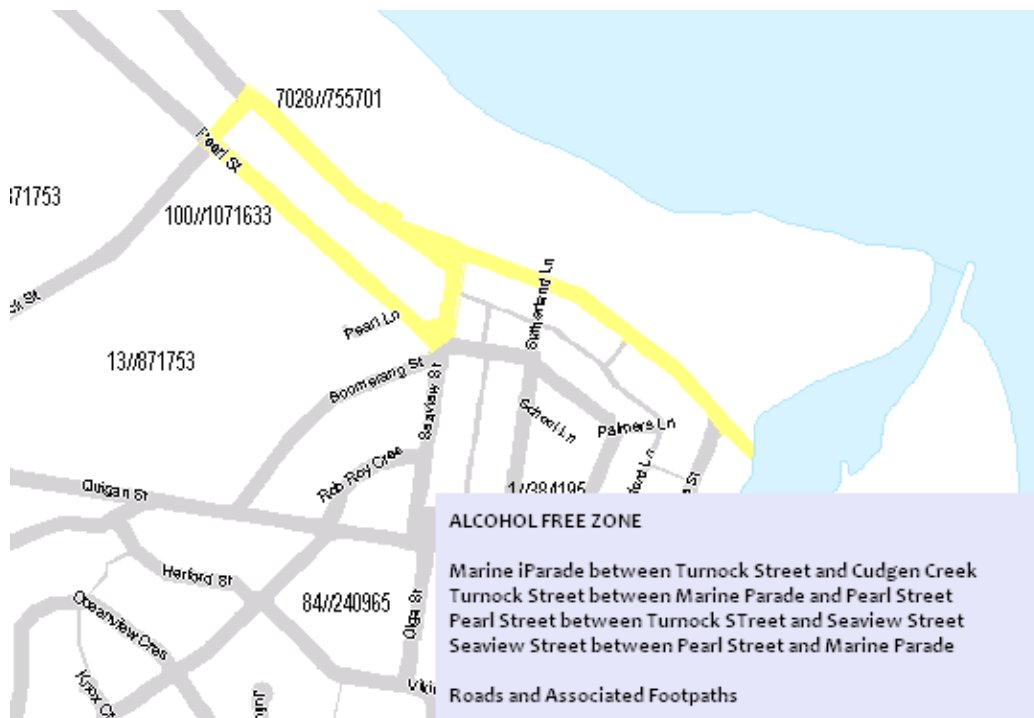
Kingscliff

1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property damage
- Police invention

2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Over parts of Marine Parade, and Turnock, Seaview and Pearl Streets



3. Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

24 hours per day, all days

4. Consultation with the Police

Undertaken previously

Salt

1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property demand
- Police invention

2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Over parts of Bells Boulevard, Salt



3. Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Between the hours of 4pm December 31 to 10am January 1

4. Consultation with the Police

Direct request

Murwillumbah

1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property damage
- Police invention

2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Over all or parts of numerous streets and public car parks in the Murwillumbah Town Centre including:

- Queensland Road from 'Harry Williams Gate' of the Murwillumbah Showgrounds to Main Street Murwillumbah, including the car park area near Mount Saint Patricks School on Queensland Road.
- Bent Street from Queensland Road to Church Lane
- Church Lane
- Police Lane
- Queen Street from Main Street to Church Street
- Main Street from the intersection of Nullum Street to Queen Street.
- Wharf Street from Queen Street to Tumbulgum Road.
- Commercial Road from Wharf Street to King Street.
- King Street from Commercial Road to Brisbane Street.
- Brisbane Street from Main Street to Condong Street.
- Condong Street from Brisbane Street to Nullum Street.
- Nullum Street from Condong Street to Main Street.
- Wollumbin Street from Nullum Street to the Commercial Road roundabout.
- Alma Street from the Commercial Road roundabout to the Alma Street/Pacific Highway roundabout.
- Tumbulgum Road from Wharf Street to Racecourse Road.
- Factory Lane.
- Budd Park car park.



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24 hours per day, all days

4. Consultation with the Police

On-going

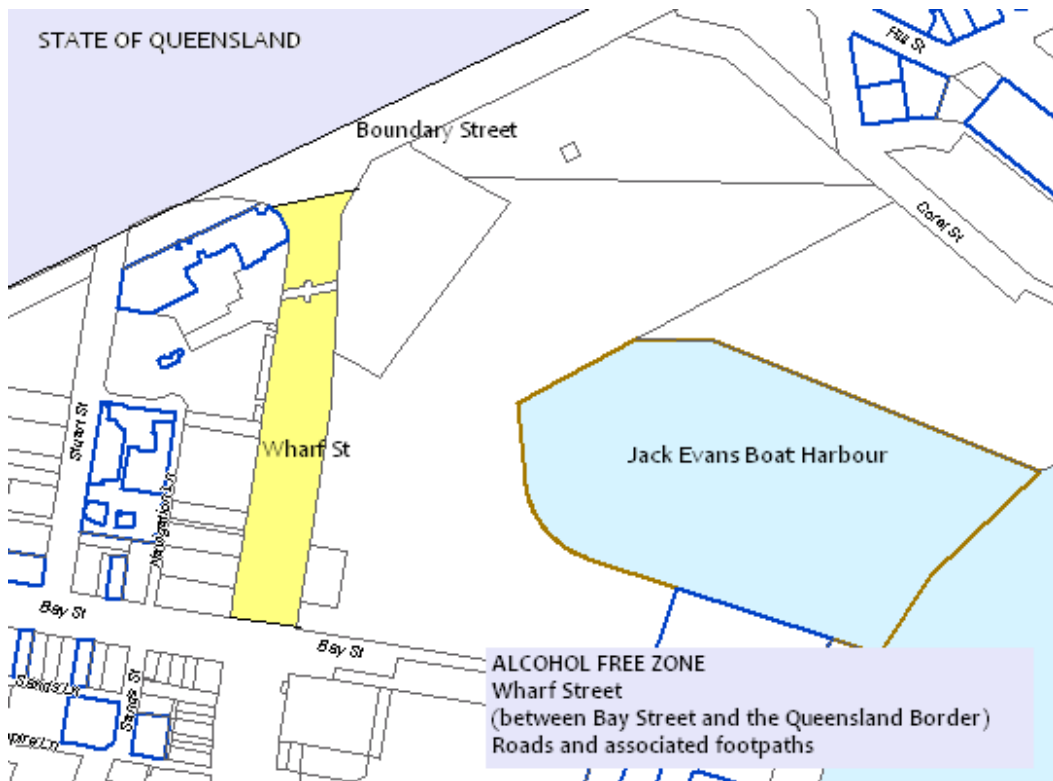
Tweed Heads

1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property damage
- Police invention

2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Over part of Wharf Street, Tweed Heads



3. Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

24 hours per day, all days

4. Consultation with the Police

Undertaken previously

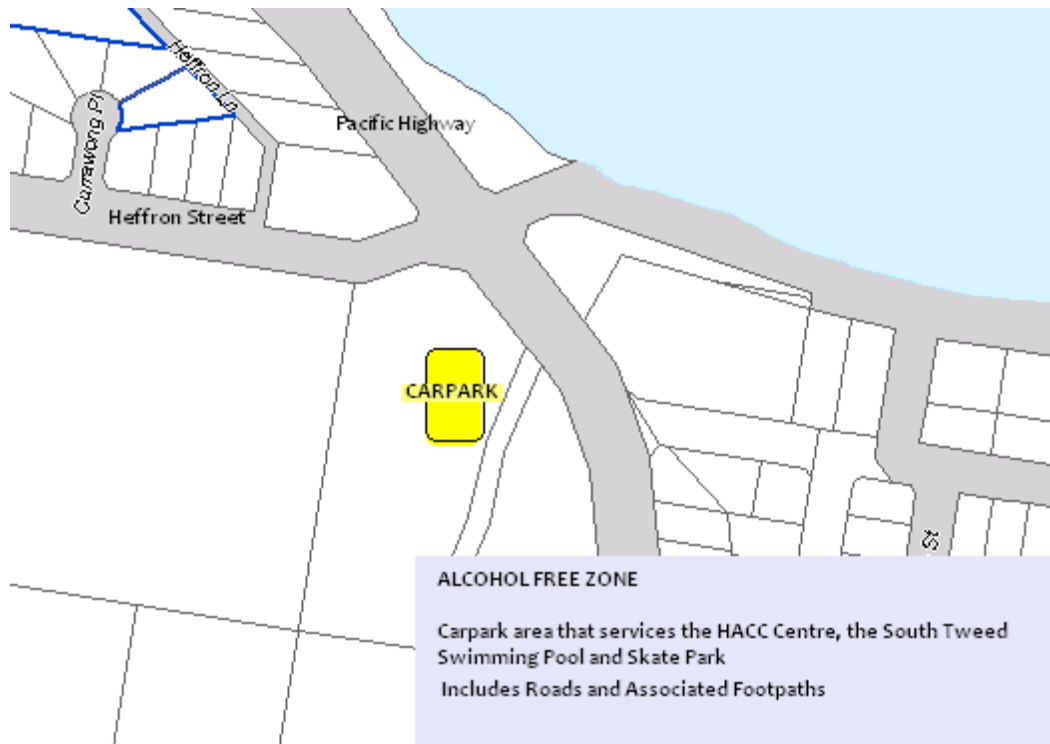
Tweed Heads South

1. Reasons to Support the Alcohol-Free Zone

- Littering
- Property demand

2. Location of the Alcohol-Free Zone

Public car park servicing South Tweed Swimming Pool, HACC and skate park.



3. Duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone

24 hours per day, all days

4. Consultation with the Police

On-going