



PROPOSAL TO MAKE MORE AREAS SMOKE-FREE

At its March 2011 meeting, Council decided to seek feedback on ways to stop people smoking near playgrounds and in outdoor dining areas, amongst other places.

Council is now seeking feedback from local residents, businesses and the wider community on how best to reduce smoking in outdoor areas in Yarra.



People are encouraged to join an online discussion at www.yarraconsultation.com.au/smokinginyarra. Written feedback can be sent to Clare Murrell, Consultation Officer, c/o Yarra Council, PO Box 168, Richmond, 3121 or at Clare.Murrell@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Council officers will compile the feedback into a report which is expected to be considered by Council at its meeting on Tuesday 22 November 2011. At that time, Council is expected to decide whether or not to make particular areas smoke-free. Council will also consider whether it is appropriate to introduce a local law to enforce a ban.

For more information, contact Clare Murrell on 9205 5154 or at Clare.Murrell@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Welcome

Welcome to *Food News* - a quarterly bulletin produced by Yarra City Council to keep businesses informed about current food safety news and health requirements.

Information on food safety is also provided on our website at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au.

Would you like to receive a copy of Food News and other business information electronically? If so, please email your details to: info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

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TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

– LET'S CONTINUE THE LOW TREND

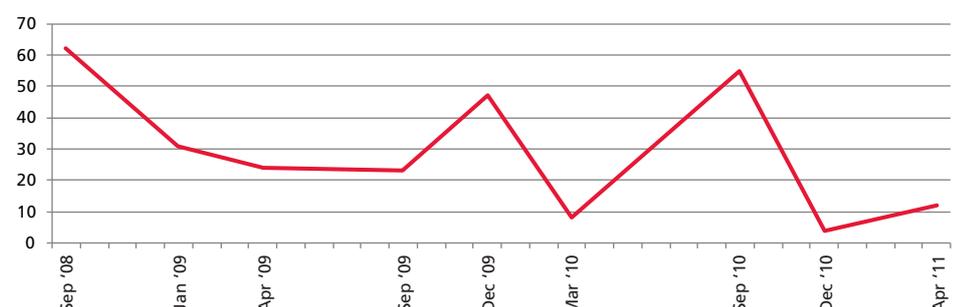
Council participates in a statewide tobacco test purchase program which is co-ordinated by the Department of Health in partnership with local councils. Teenagers (typically aged 15–16 years old) are employed to attempt to purchase cigarettes from local tobacco retailers.

Since Council began its program in 2008, sales to minors have fluctuated. However, the last two tests have returned low sale rates of 4 and 12 percent respectively. Council hopes to see this low trend continue.

It is important that all staff are aware of the laws against selling tobacco to people under the age of 18. Offending retailers face on-the-spot fines of \$478 for individuals and \$7167 for companies.

Re-offending businesses will be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court, where they will be subject to fines of up to \$14,018 for individuals and \$70,092 for companies.

Tobacco Sales – non-compliance rates %



BEE HIVES AT FOOD PREMISES

A few food businesses in Melbourne and Yarra have begun keeping bee hives at their premises. This emerging trend is a way for businesses to sustainably produce their own honey on-site. The hives are often located on the roof or in the rear yard of the premises.

If you wish to set up a hive at your food business, please be aware of the following requirements:

- Depending on the location of your business, you may be required to obtain a planning permit from Council before installing a bee hive. To find out if you require a permit, please contact Council's Statutory Planning unit on **9205 5373**.
- The Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 requires anyone who owns a bee hive to register as a beekeeper with the Department of Primary Industries. For more information on how to register as a beekeeper, contact DPI on **136 186** or visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au

- You must ensure the bees are kept in accordance with the requirements of the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 and the Apiary Code of Practice 1997
- There may also be occupational health and safety considerations.

To discuss in more detail, please contact Council's Public Health Unit on **9205 5166**.



PENALTY INFRINGEMENTS

Name of proprietor on premises

In addition to infringements outlined in the last edition of Food News, please note that it is a requirement for all food businesses to display the name of the proprietor at the front of the premises. Fines of \$238.90 for individuals and \$358.35 for a body corporate apply to businesses that do not comply.

Late registration – infringements issued

In April 2011, Council's Public Health Unit issued fines to 11 food premises that were more than three and half months late completing their registration.

A complete list of offences for which infringement notices may be issued can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/guide/tools.htm

ANNUAL BUSINESS SURVEY

Local business operators are encouraged to tell Council how it can improve its services to business in Council's first Annual Business Survey.

The online survey is available at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/business. It takes about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey enables business operators to rate their level of satisfaction with a range of Council services including street cleaning, planning, traffic management, and promotion of Yarra as a tourism destination.

There are also general questions about what business operators feel are the

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biggest challenges to their success, and how they think their business, the local economy and the broader economy will perform in the next 12 months.

The survey results will be used by Council to identify ways of improving its services and providing more support generally to businesses.

The survey closes on Friday 8 July.

For further information contact Helen Ruddell, Coordinator – Economic Development, on **9205 5303** or at Helen.Ruddell@yarracity.vic.gov.au