

[TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOLS MANUAL]

PART 20A – CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN PUBLIC PLACES

68B Prescription by the Council

68B.3.1 The Council may prescribe a public place (or part of a public place) to be a Prescribed Area under Part 20A only if the Council is satisfied that there is an imminent risk to the safety or welfare of members of the community if the prescription is not made.

68B3.2 Every prescription must specify or otherwise prescribe the public place (or part of the public place) being prescribed as a Prescribed Area, whether by map, plan or other means.

68F Directions by Authorised Officer

This Part of the Local Law is not intended to criminalise social or economic disadvantage or chronic health issues, nor to create barriers to seeking or receiving support from appropriate health and social services.

Before giving any direction under clause 68F, an Authorised Officer should consider whether there are extenuating circumstances in respect of the apparent breach of clause 68C or 68E and whether, given the apparent situation of the person to whom a direction would otherwise be given, the person is vulnerable such that it is preferable to offer support to the person through a local health and outreach service.

People will be vulnerable if they are:

- (i) experiencing homelessness;
- (ii) socially, culturally or economically marginalised; or
- (iii) experiencing chronic physical or mental health issues

For these reasons, in situations in which provisions in this Part of the Local Law would usually apply, Authorised Officers must address the reason for the apparent breach of the provision and first offer the person who is vulnerable the option of support through local health and outreach services and/or considering the non-punitive options.

Possible health and outreach services to which a person can be referred include:

- **Launch Housing** (homelessness outreach in Yarra) 03 8598 1111
- **North Richmond Community Health** (alcohol and other drugs support) 03 9418 9811
- **Directline** (alcohol and other drugs support 24hrs) 1800 888 236
- **Lifeline** (psychological support) 13 11 14
- **Youth Support and Advocacy Service (YSAS)** (alcohol and drug, mental health and other support services for young people) 9415 8881

<https://askizzy.org.au/> (for a list of services across a range of social supports based on location)