



## **MORDIALLOC LIFE SAVING CLUB**

### **SMOKE FREE POLICY AND REGULATIONS**

Smoking is now banned at all of Victoria's patrolled beaches, in the areas between the red-and-yellow lifesaving flags and within a 50-metre radius of a red-and-yellow flag. This is applicable here at Mordialloc Life Saving Club.

The ban applies during patrolled times, when one or more red-and-yellow flags installed by Mordialloc Life Saving Club are in place.

Lots of children, young people and families visit Victoria's patrolled beaches. Children are influenced by what they see going on around them.

When smokers light up in their company, children notice. The more they see smoking in public places like beaches, the more they will tend to think that smoking is acceptable, rather than harmful.

Smoking has been banned on Victoria's patrolled beaches to protect everyone – especially children and young people – from exposure to tobacco smoke and from seeing adults smoking.

Banning smoking on beaches also helps the environment. Cigarette butts are the most common form of litter on Victorian beaches and can release toxins and pose a choking hazard for small children.

An inspector can issue an infringement penalty of one penalty unit for smoking on a patrolled beach, and one penalty unit if a person fails to stop smoking on request by the inspector. The current value of a penalty unit is listed on the *Legislation and regulations* page.

The maximum court-ordered penalty that can be issued for smoking on a patrolled beach is five penalty units. An additional penalty of five penalty units can be ordered if a person did not stop smoking when asked to do so by an inspector.

Lifesavers perform a valuable service keeping Victorian families safe at the beach every summer. They do not have a role in enforcing the smoking ban on patrolled beaches. However, along with any other beach user, lifesavers are free to remind any smoker of the 'No smoking' signs.