

It's the Right Thing to Do

The negative health, litter and pollution consequences of smoking are now generally accepted. The community also understands that broken glass is a health risk and a clean up problem.

Surf Coast Shire is the first Victorian council to ban smoking and glass on its beaches, but with 55 kms of coastline, we will need your help to make this work. So please, do the right thing and encourage others to do so too.

The police and our local laws officers now have the power to issue a \$100 on the spot fine, with higher penalties able to be determined by the courts, should it get that far.

But we would prefer people to show their respect for others and for the environment by observing the rules. **It's simple - no smoking on any sand areas of our beaches at any time. And no glass containers either.**

Smokers can use the foreshore areas beside the main beaches and dispose of their cigarette butts in one of the bins provided.

Taking these extra steps simply reinforces existing bans on drinking alcohol in public places and littering.

Keep off the Dunes

Changes to the local law also mean that all sand dune areas of beaches throughout the Shire are prohibited areas. This applies to all fenced sand dune areas and, where an area is unfenced, the entire sand dune from the bottom of the sand dune closest to the sea.



No Butts No Cuts

smoke free and glass free beaches



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**NO SMOKING or GLASS
on any sand area of any
beach, all year round.**



More Information

For more information about these changes contact
Surf Coast Shire's Regulatory Services Unit on 5261 0600
 or the **Great Ocean Road Coast Committee on 5220 5055**
 (The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is the land manager for much of our foreshore.)

**Smoking & Glass are banned on
 ALL sand areas of
 ALL Surf Coast beaches
 ALL year round**

No Butts : No Cuts!

Surf Coast Shire Council has amended its local law to:

- **make the sand areas of all beaches in the Shire smoke and glass-free all year round**
- **designate three foreshore grass areas glass-free from 15 November to 31 January each year.**

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The changes have been guided by input from the general community, Council's three Community Impact Advisory Committees (CIAC's) and a working group that included the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, DSE (who between them are the land managers for our coast) and the Surfrider Foundation.

They reflect far reaching government and other health, environment and anti litter campaigns and a changing community attitude towards our health, wellbeing and precious environment.

Safety

Too many glass related injuries occur over summer. Injuries can occur well after the summer season - despite cleanup efforts, broken glass is extremely difficult to detect in sand or on the foreshore.

Environment

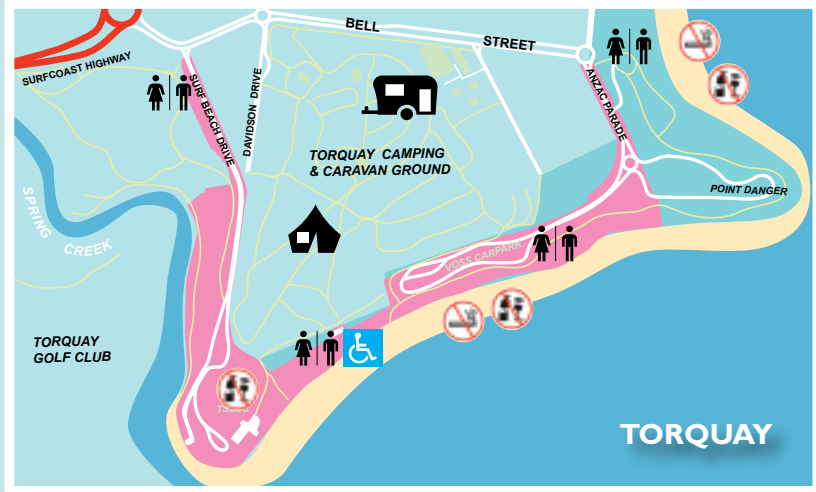
Over 32 billion cigarette butts are dropped in Australia each year. Butts are a major source of beach pollution and are difficult and expensive to clean up. They contain pollutants that can harm wildlife and damage coastal environments. Butts can take up to five years to break down in sea water.

Health

Smoking is our largest single preventable cause of death, killing over 15,000 Australians a year. A recent study showed that a person's exposure to second-hand smoke can be just as high outside as it is indoors.



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NO GLASS ALLOWED
between 9pm - 6am
15 November to 31 January

