



Mildura Rural City Council

## Alcohol Management Policy

### Policy – CP099

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#### 1. The purpose of this policy is

- To maximise the potential for licensed premises to contribute to social and economic vitality and land use diversity.
- To guide the design, location, size, mix and hours of operation of licensed premises in order to prevent and minimise potential harm.
- To protect groups and areas most vulnerable to alcohol-related harms.
- To facilitate collaboration between key stakeholders responsible for the prevention and management of alcohol-related harms.

#### 2. Policy Statement

This Policy outlines the areas of action that Council will take to influence:

- The social, economic, physical and environmental determinants of harm associated with the misuse and abuse of alcohol.
- The social and health harms associated with the misuse and abuse of alcohol.
- The inclusion of best practice principles in relevant plans and strategies that underpin a harm prevention and harm minimisation approach to addressing alcohol-related impacts.

#### 3. Principles

This Policy acts on the following three principles:

- Demand reduction – preventing or delaying drinking by young people, and community education programs about risks associated with inappropriate use.
- Supply reduction – controlling and managing availability of liquor licenses and conditions such as opening hours.
- Harm reduction – reducing the impacts on individuals, families and communities through treatment, social programs and addressing community safety and amenity issues.

#### 4. Who is responsible for implementing this policy?

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy lies within all Council Departments which have responsibility in the following areas:

- Strategic
- Statutory planning
- Regulations and enforcement
- Safety and amenity
- Evidence and data collection
- Advocacy.

Specifically Managers of, Community Futures, Leisure and Culture, Development Services and Community Care Services.

#### 5. Definitions

*Licensed Premises* means the premises in respect of which a licence (other than a pre-retail licence) or BYO permit is granted but does not include premises referred to in section 13(1)(a) (wine and beer producer's licence).

#### 6. Legislation and other references

##### 6.1 Legislation

For further information related to this policy see:

- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998.
- Planning and Environment Act 1987.
- Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

##### 6.2 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Mildura Rural City Council's Council Plan 2013-2017 identifies alcohol as an issue of concern for our municipality under section 1.3 community health and wellbeing.
- Municipal Strategic Statement.
- Local Planning Policy Framework.
- State Planning Policy Framework.
- Practice Note 61. Licensed premises: Assessing cumulative impact.
- The Municipal Public Health and wellbeing Plan 2013-2017 identifies alcohol as a public health issue in our municipality.
- Mildura Rural City Council Alcohol Management Plan. Part one- Background report (Simplan June 2015).
- Community Safety Plan 2015-2020.
- Northern Mallee Community Alcohol Partnership Plan.

### 6.3 Risk Assessment Reference

*Please tick the corporate risk(s) that this policy is addressing.*

<b>Risk Category</b>	✓	<b>Risk Category</b>	✓
Asset Management		Financial Sustainability	
Committees		Human Resource Management	
Compliance – Legal & Regulatory		Leadership & Organisational Culture	✓
Contract Management		Occupational Health & Safety	
Contract Tendering & Procurement		Organisational Risk Management	✓
Corporate Governance		Project Management	
Environmental Sustainability		Public Image and Reputation	✓