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Review of Alcohol-Free Zones & Alcohol Prohibited Areas

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10.3 Community and Culture Directorate

10.3.1 Review of Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

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Executive Summary

Following a thorough review in consultation with NSW Police, the purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to establish new and re-establish existing Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs) across the Shellharbour Local Government Area for a period of up to four years from 22 December 2025 to 21 December 2029 and publicly exhibit the proposals for a period of 30 days.

Recommendation

That:

- 1. Council endorse the:**
 - a. re-establishment of existing Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs);**
 - b. extension of existing AFZs and APAs; and**
 - c. the establishment of new AFZs and APAs;**

as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 30 days.
- 2. If no submissions are received as a result of public exhibition that require further consideration, that Council adopt the re-establishment of existing AFZs and APAs, extension of existing AFZs and APAs and the establishment of new zones as attached to this report.**

Background

The public consumption of alcohol can result in anti-social behaviour such as malicious damage, assault and offensive conduct.

The establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) in Shellharbour aims to enhance public safety by enabling alcohol-related problems to be addressed in public places where they have been deemed to be an issue.

The main objective of an AFZ and APA is to facilitate an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible drinking leading to incidents involving serious crimes.

AFZs relate to public places that are public roads, footpaths, or public car parks within a defined area where the consumption is prohibited 24 hours, seven days a week.

APAs relate to non-road related public spaces such as parks, reserves and beaches where the consumption of alcohol is prohibited 24 hours seven days a week or for a specific time period.

Furthermore, individuals can apply at any time to Council to establish a new or amend an existing AFZ or APA. This is reviewed by Council and Police and, if supported, this is reported to Council for adoption and placed on public exhibition.

Establishment and Review Process

A comprehensive assessment of all existing AFZs and APAs have been conducted as well as a review of any potential new areas for establishment based on a demonstrated need.

The review involved:

- analysis of background information and legislative requirements;
- a review of Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data and hotspots for crimes likely to be related to irresponsible consumption of alcohol in public places, including malicious damage to property and non-domestic assault;
- reports to Council regarding problems related to public drinking;
- locations and impact of nearby licensed venues and takeaway alcohol outlets;
- Community Survey responses related to community safety;
- Police advice on how AFZs and APAs are used to perform their duties;
- feedback from stakeholders and community; and

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audits.

Community members affected by new or extensions to existing AFZs and APAs showed strong support for the establishment in these new areas.

Lake Illawarra Police provided advice and data through their Intelligence Unit to inform the re-establishment of existing zones, extension of zones and establishment of new zones. Police assisted Council in revising proposed boundaries of extension areas and new areas to only include areas where irresponsible behaviour from the consumption of alcohol is occurring, in line with the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones 2025 (Ministerial Guidelines).

Council has used an evidence-based approach and strong stakeholder engagement to demonstrate a strong community need before proposing these restrictions. This balanced approach aims to reduce alcohol-related harm in our community while also considering any potential further impacts on vulnerable community members to ensure they are not disproportionately impacted.

Council currently has 18 AFZ and APA zones. After the comprehensive review, changes are proposed to four zones and the establishment of three new zones is also proposed.

Lake Illawarra Police have shown full support of the proposed AFZs and APAs for adoption and utilise AFZs and APAs as part of their crime and harm minimisation plan, enabling a proactive approach to engage members of the community before behaviour escalates.

A letter of support from Lake Illawarra Police for the recommendations contained within this report has been provided to Council.

AFZ and APA Exemptions for Events

AFZs and APAs provide a tool that can assist in maintaining safety in public places.

Positive activation is also a tool to enhance community safety. Council has a process in which event organisers can apply to temporarily suspend an AFZ and APA, with approval from Council and Police.

In 2023, Council passed a resolution to allow the Chief Executive Officer to approve the temporary suspension of APAs following the appropriate application and approvals.

This Council resolution removed the need to seek individual Council resolutions in order to suspend part of an APA for one-off events, allowing for a more efficient process.

Council Implications

FINANCIAL / RESOURCES

The current collection of AFZ/APA signs throughout the LGA have, over-time, become inconsistent with differences in look and language. With the newly released 2025 Ministerial Guidelines, there is a new set of language and design requirements. These changes warrant Council's consideration to develop a completely new series of signs to ensure consistency across the LGA. The cost implication of this is not yet known; however, it is proposed that the updates to the signs be delivered in two phases.

Phase one would include sticker amendments to existing signs as a temporary update, as well as the manufacture and installation of new signs for newly developed zones. The costs for this will be covered through the existing 2025/26 Community Development operational budget.

Phase two would include the manufacture and installation of all new signs to replace the older, existing stock. Once the costs for this phase are calculated, a budget would need to be allocated.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY (INCLUDING ADVOCACY, STRATEGIC AND OTHER PLANS)

- AFZs are covered under Sections 642-648 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.
- APAs are covered under Section 632A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

The process for establishing and re-establishing AFZs is detailed in sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* and the associated Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones 2025 (Ministerial Guidelines).

The legislation and Ministerial Guidelines require that any establishment or re-establishment of AFZs must involve consultation with Police and a public consultation process inviting representations or objections for a period of at least 30 days.

While not required under the Ministerial Guidelines, Council reviews APAs at the same time as it reviews AFZs to ensure a consistent and considered approach.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Council is committed to providing public spaces that are of high quality, safe, accessible and activated. AFZs and APAs can promote social wellbeing by creating safer and more inclusive public spaces. This can lead to increased community engagement, improved social connections and a greater sense of belonging.

The recommendations in this report will enhance positive social outcomes for the community through providing Police with a tool to enforce alcohol restrictions in locations with evidence of anti-social behaviour likely related to irresponsible consumption of alcohol on roads and footpaths and in public car parks.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

By making public spaces more attractive and safe, AFZs and APAs can encourage people to visit and spend time in those areas, potentially benefiting local businesses and the overall economy.

AFZs and APAs can contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing litter and waste associated with alcohol consumption in public spaces as well as malicious damage to property.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

AFZs and APAs are legal tools used to manage alcohol consumption in public spaces and address issues related to irresponsible drinking in public places.

These zones are established under the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, with AFZs applying to road-related areas like streets and footpaths, and APAs applying to non-road public spaces such as parks, reserve and beaches.

Councils can set these restrictions for up to four years, and Police have the power to confiscate alcohol within these designated areas.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

- Business Risk - Adoption of the proposed AFZs and APAs will allow Council to determine where the consumption of alcohol is permitted in public spaces during the following four-year period, providing greater control over the reduction of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.

- **Corporate Risk** - The public image of Council may be enhanced by working in partnership with NSW Police and providing a regulatory framework for the NSW Police to manage alcohol consumption in public spaces.
- **WHS and Public Risk** - Community safety is identified as a strategic risk to the Shellharbour Local Government Area. The review, establishment and monitoring of AFZs and APAs are one part of a broader approach to community safety and will assist in addressing identified community safety and crime prevention priorities.
- **Environmental Risk** - The establishment and re-establishment of AFZs and APAs is unlikely to have any discernible environmental impacts.
- **Delivery Program Risk** - Council's established AFZs will expire on 21 December 2025. Any approved AFZ must be signposted, and the public notified at least 7 days in advance of an AFZ being established or re-established. Council is reviewing APAs in conjunction with AFZs for a considered and coordinated approach. This project is accommodated in Council's Delivery Program, taking into consideration the resources available and the aligning operational budget.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

This report supports the following objectives, strategies and actions of the Community Strategic Plan:

- 1.1 We have connected, creative communities embracing our rich cultural history**
- 1.1.2 Plan and investigate opportunities that benefit and respond to our communities needs
- 1.1.2.01 Enhance liveability, sustainability and connectedness outcomes for our community through data driven and evidence-based planning services that inform and deliver appropriate outcomes for Shellharbour

Previous Council Resolutions

[26 September 2023](#)

[17 December 2024](#)

Consultation

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External

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Lake Illawarra Police - Note: NSW Police have emailed Council permission to attach their letter of support as a public document.

Residents and property owners close to new or extended AFZ and APA zones

Aboriginal Advisory Committee briefed 20 August 2025

Stakeholders invited to provide feedback:

- Guwara
- Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation
- Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service
- Licensed premises located within or nearby to new proposed AFZs and APAs
- Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra

Political Donations Disclosure

Not Applicable

Options

Option 1:

Endorse the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas for the purpose of placing this on public exhibition for a period of 30 days.

This is the preferred option as the current AFZs expire on 21 December 2025.

Option 2:

Amend the establishment of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas.

This is not the preferred option as the proposed areas and boundaries align with an evidence-based need identified through data, site audits and stakeholder consultation.

Option 3:

Not proceed with the establishment of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas.

This is not the preferred option as it would imply the termination of the Alcohol Free Zones once the current permits expire on 21 December 2025. This option will not support community and stakeholder expectations, nor will it provide an appropriate regulatory framework for the NSW Police to manage alcohol consumption in the city.

Conclusion

Shellharbour City Council has established AFZs and APAs across the city to assist in improving and maintaining community safety. They are one community safety strategy, among many, and act as an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible alcohol consumption in public places to incidents involving serious crime.

A comprehensive and evidence-based review of all current AFZ and APAs demonstrates Council's commitment to identifying the establishment and re-establishment of AFZs and APAs where there is a demonstrated need. It acts to further support NSW Police in reducing alcohol-related crime and harm that can occur from the consumption of alcohol in public spaces.

Attachments

1. Proposed AFZs and APAs
2. NSW Police letter of support

Review of Alcohol-Free Zones & Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Council Meeting

26 August 2025

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Introduction

In line with the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones 2025, and Sections 642-648 and Section 632A of the Local Government Act 1993, which address Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs), respectively, Council is required to review our AFZs every four years. Council chooses to review both AFZs and APAs at the same time. Current AFZs expire on 21 December 2025.

The following sections provide an overview of:

1. Proposed changes (extensions) to existing AFZs and APAs
2. Proposed new AFZs and APAs
3. Existing areas to remain unchanged.

The below key applies to the maps.

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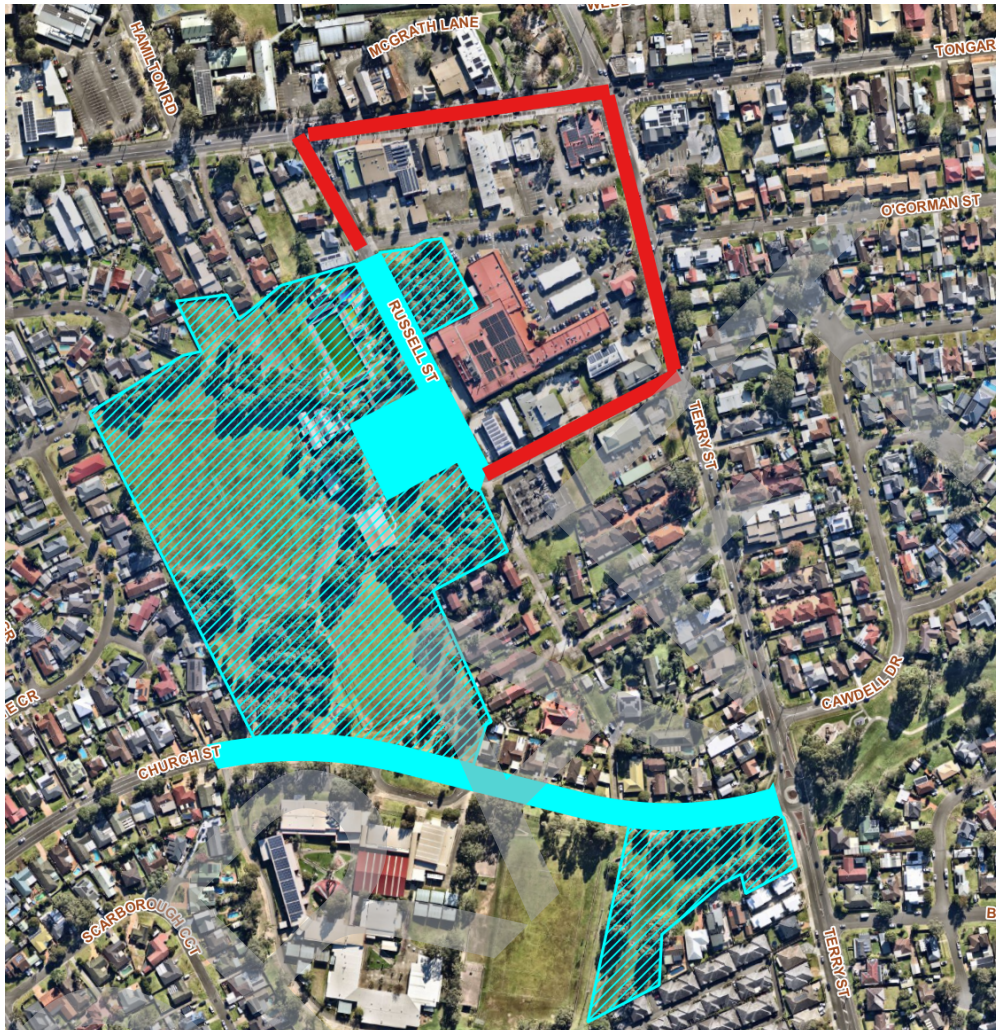


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1. Proposed Changes to Existing Zones

Zone 1: Russell Street Community Precinct

Albion Park

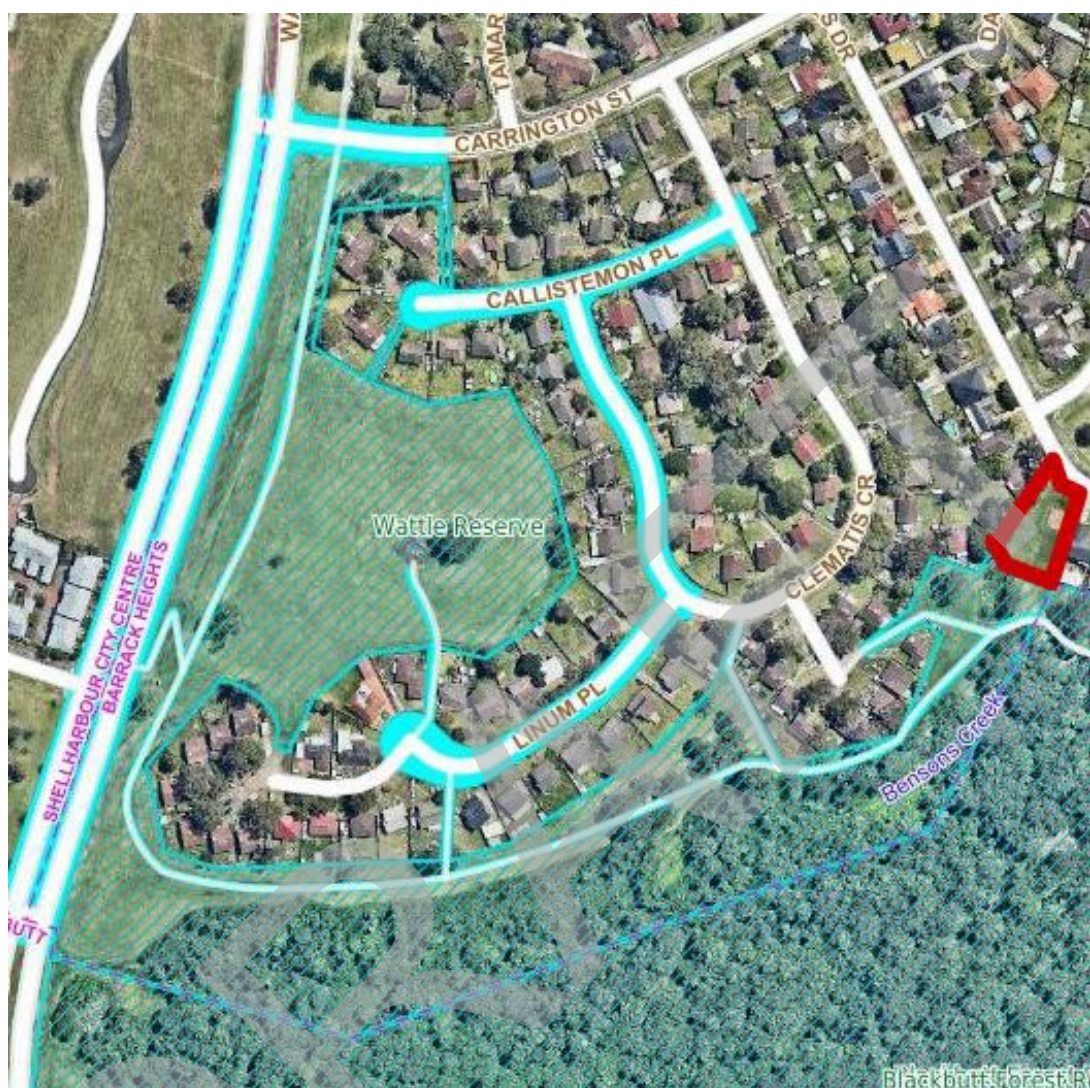


Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Con O'Keefe Park		
Di Gorman Oval		
Bicentennial Park, the reserve near Albion Park High School as far as Terry Street		
Melaleuca Park		
Russell Street car park and adjoining roadway		
Church Street – Roadway in front of Albion Park High School		
Proposed additions		
Terry Street, from Tongarra Road to Russell Street		
Tongarra Road, from Terry Street to Russell Street		
The rest of Russell Street		

Recommendation:

Re-establish existing zone; extend boundary.

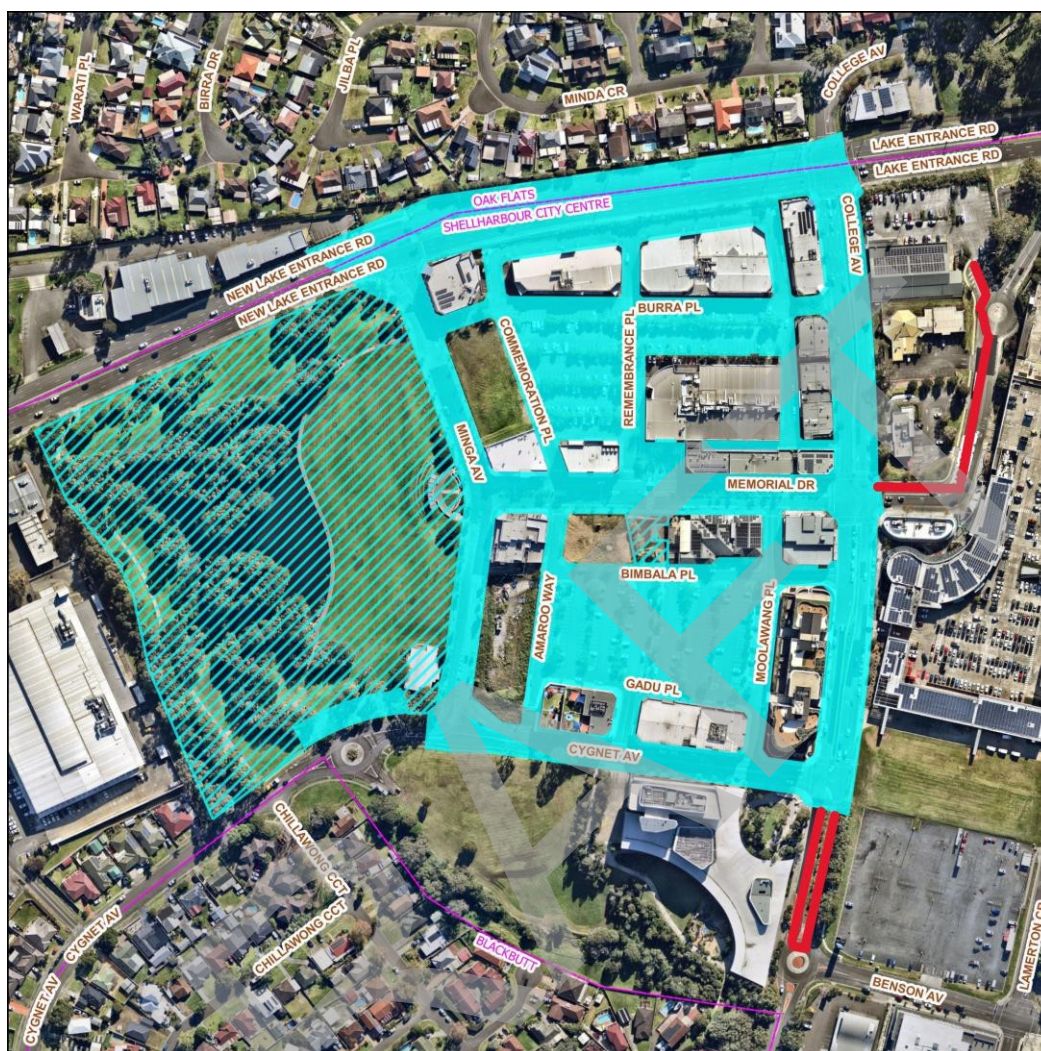
Zone 4: Wattle Reserve
Barrack Heights



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Wattle Reserve, all public land from Blackbutt Reserve to Carrington Street		
Wattle Road from Wallaroo Drive to Carrington Street,		
Callistemon Place		
All laneways to Linum Place and Callistemon Place		
All footpaths within Wattle Reserve		
Proposed additions		
Loftus Park		

Recommendation:
 Re-establish existing zone; extend boundary.

Zone 11: City Centre Area Shellharbour City Centre



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
All public roads, pathways and carparks within the City Centre area, bound by New Lake Entrance Road, Minga Avenue, College Avenue, and Cygnet Avenue, including all road reserves.		
Blackbutt Youth Centre carpark		
Harrison Park		
Proposed additions		
All Holm Place		
College Avenue, from Cygnet Avenue to Benson Avenue		

Recommendation:

Re-establish existing zone; extend boundary.

Zone 14: Warilla CBD
Warilla



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7
Current	
George Street from Shellharbour Road to Osborne Parade	
Beverley Park from George Street to Woodford Avenue	
Carpark west of Beverley Avenue	
Hall Lane, Spanish Lane, Shacklock Lan, McKeon Lane	
Susan Avenue	
Joan Avenue from George Street to Woodford Avenue	
Arcadia Street	
Sparta Street	
Terry Avenue	
Brian Avenue	
Shellharbour Road from Terry Avenue to Woodford Avenue	
Proposed additions	
Carpark at 2 Terry Avenue	

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone; extend boundary.

2. Proposed New Zones

Proposed New Zone: Albion Park Rail main street Albion Park Rail

Proposed zone (red)



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Proposed		
Rotary Park either side of Princes Highway		
Station Street adjacent to park		
Road reserve and footpath on northern side of Princes Highway		
Creamery Road from Princes Highway, adjacent to carpark		
Carpark behind shops adjacent to Creamery Road		
Hobart Lane		

Recommendation: Establish new AFZs and APA.

Proposed New Zone: Mount Warrigal Reserves Mount Warrigal

Proposed zone (red)



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Proposed		
Andrew Park		
Jones Park		
Reserve 6 (south of Jones Avenue shops)		
Reserve 7 (north of Jones Avenue shops)		
Footpath within Andrew Park		

Recommendation: Establish new APAs and AFZ.

Proposed New Zone: Oak Flats CBD
Oak Flats

Proposed zone (red)



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area		AFZ 24/7
Proposed		
Central Avenue from Hopetoun Street to Wentworth Street.		
Ayers Lane		
Reynolds Lane		
Fisher Street Carpark		

Recommendation: Establish new AFZs.

3. Existing/Unchanging Zones

Zone 2: Reserve on Drysdale Road

Albion Park

Existing zone



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Drysdale Reserve 143 Lot 361 DP1032188		
Windermere Avenue		
Drysdale Road - stretch adjacent to the reserve		
Mortlock Drive from Ashburton Drive to Kalgan Way		
Ellenbrook Way from reserve to Kalgan Way		
Kalgan Way from Mortlock Drive to Ellenbrook Way		
All footpaths within Lot 361 DP1032188		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 3: Albion Oval
Albion Park Rail

Existing zone



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Albion Oval		
Albion Oval carpark		
Adjacent stretch of Ash Avenue		
Adjacent stretch of Tongarra Road/ Princes Highway		
Adjacent stretch of Woollybutt Drive		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 5: Glider Reserve
Blackbutt



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Public reserve at Glider Avenue, Reserve 159 Lot 4187 DP 804877		
Laneway between the public reserve and Glider Avenue		
All footpaths within Reserve 159 Lot 4187 DP 804877		

Recommendations: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 6: Blackbutt Forest Reserve
Blackbutt



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Blackbutt Forest Reserve		
All carparks and footpaths within Blackbutt Forest Reserve		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

**Zone 7: Eric Creary Park
Barrack Point**



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Eric Creary Park		
Eric Creary Park car park		
The adjacent stretch of Junction Road		
The strip of foreshore and beach between north boundary of Eric Creary Park and the coastal side of 40A-44 Shell Cove Road		
Footpaths within the strip of foreshore and beach between north boundary of Eric Creary Park and the coastal side of 40A Shell Cove Road		
Strip of footpath on the coastal side of 40A-44 Shell Cove Road		

Recommendations: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 8: Reddall Reserve
Lake Illawarra



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Reddall Reserve		
Roads, footpaths and carparks along Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra adjacent to Reddall Reserve from Entrance Street to carpark adjacent to Shellharbour Road		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 9: Boonerah Point Reserve
Mount Warrigal



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
The whole of Boonerah Point Reserve		
Boonerah Point Reserve car park		
The adjacent stretch of Reddall Parade from Gathercole Avenue to Strickland Avenue		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 10: Ski Way Park
Oak Flats



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Ski Way Park		
Ski Way Park car park		
The adjacent stretch of The Esplanade		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 12: Bardsley Park
Shellharbour



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Bardsley Park		
Stretch of public reserve adjacent to the beach as far as Surf Road		
Adjacent stretch of Wollongong Street		
Adjacent stretch of Beach Road		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 13: Shellharbour Village Area

Shellharbour



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Pioneer Park, including Shellharbour Skate Park		
Cowrie Island Reserve		
Little Park		
Grey Park		
Addison Park		
Wollongong Street from Town Street to Addison Street		
Cowrie Island Reserve car parks		
Carpark from Little Park to John Street		
John Street		
Carpark at the end of John Street		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 15: Shellharbour War Memorial Park
Warilla



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 6pm-6am
Current		
Shellharbour War Memorial Park		
Carparks and footpaths within Shellharbour War Memorial Park. Includes carparks for Warilla Pool, Warilla Senior Citizens Centre and Warilla Neighbourhood Centre.		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 16: Williams Park
Warilla



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Williams Park		
Adjacent stretch of Davidson Street		
Adjacent Stretch of King Street		
Tallon Street		

Recommendations: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 17: Crew Park
Warilla



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Crew Park		
Fryer Park		
Harvey Street		
Adjacent stretch of Queen Street from King Street to Harvey Street and public land within including Cricketers Lane		
Adjacent stretch of King Street from Harvey Street to Queen Street		
Fryer Park carpark		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.

Zone 18: Warilla Beach/Little Lake Crescent Area
Warilla



Location of Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area	AFZ 24/7	APA 24/7
Current		
Little Lake Crescent that is adjacent to the reserve, as well as the footpaths that are adjacent to and directly opposite the reserve		
Roads, footpaths and carparks from Little Lake Crescent to Osborne Parade and Entrance Street		
Strong Reserve in Little Lake Crescent, Warilla		
Reserves along Warilla Beach from break wall at Elliot Lake to eastern most car park at Reddall Reserve		

Recommendation: Re-establish existing zone.



31st July 2025

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REVIEW OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS.

Shellharbour City Council are currently undertaking a review of all Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) in the Shellharbour Local Government Area to be established for a 4 year period starting 22 December 2025.

I am the Licensing Supervisor at Lake Illawarra Police District having been a Police Officer for 15 years and spent 12 years performing licensing duties. As a result I have extensive knowledge relating the operation and cumulative impacts of alcohol related crime.

This letter is written on behalf of the Lake Illawarra Police District Commander. Lake Illawarra Police District and I, as the Lake Illawarra Police District Licensing Supervisor support the re-establishment of the existing Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) in the Shellharbour Local Government Area, and the establishment of the newly proposed Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) in the Shellharbour Local Government Area.

Lake Illawarra Police District, including the Licensing Supervisor, the Intelligence Unit Supervisor and analysis, have consulted with Shellharbour City Council throughout the process of the review, providing guidance and data to support the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) which are deemed appropriate and required throughout the Shellharbour Local Government Area.

Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) are an important tool used by Police in the Crime and Harm Minimisation Management Plan, which is used by the New South Wales Police Force to address alcohol related crime and harm associated with the misuse and abuse of alcohol in our community. The establishment of these areas enables police to take a proactive approach to engage members of the community before behaviour escalates. It provides Police with powers to intervene in order to enhance community safety and reduce alcohol-related impacts within the community as a result of irresponsible drinking in public areas.

Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) are and have been an important role in crime reduction. The areas are generally well known to the local community members who provide natural surveillance and should issues occur in those areas these community members are quick to report the matters to police.

These areas are highly utilised on significant days such as Australia Day, long weekends, school holidays, and other popular days, particularly through the warmer months of the year. Police can utilise these areas to interact with persons consuming alcohol and can use powers to confiscate and dispose of the alcohol.

SENSITIVE: LAW ENFORCEMENT

It is the position that Shellharbour City Council may at times suspend the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) in the Shellharbour Local Government Area for certain community functions and events when assessed as appropriate. Police support this process and will provide comment when required.

Lake Illawarra Police are in full support of the proposed Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) to be established and re-established and encourage Shellharbour City Council to adopt these areas to enhance community safety and cohesion.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact.



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SENSITIVE: LAW ENFORCEMENT