

## 8.6 Re-Establishment of Alcohol Free Zones

REPORT BY THE MANAGER BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT  
TO 19 APRIL 2023 ORDINARY MEETING  
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### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Building and Development on the Re-Establishment of Alcohol Free Zones; and**
2. **support the re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones to April 2027 within the Central Business Districts of Kandos, Rylstone, Mudgee and Gulgong in order to:**
  - a) **Improve community safety by preventing disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in a public place.**
  - b) **Contribute to and foster, accessible and safe areas, community confidence and pride in local identity.**
  - c) **Assist in preventing damage to business premises and infrastructure by creating safe areas adjacent to those business premises with the Central Business Districts.**

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### Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to re-establish the existing Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) within the Central Business Districts (CBDs) of Gulgong, Mudgee, Kandos and Rylstone as the existing AFZs will expire 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The location of these AFZs can be seen in the attached maps.

The Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones states that an AFZ can be re-established under Section 644B Clause 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a maximum period of four (4) years.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

In June 2009 Council resolved to establish Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) within the Central Business Districts (CBDs) of Gulgong, Mudgee, Kandos and Rylstone. These zones were subsequently re-established in 2019 and will soon expire. As such this report seeks to re-establish all four AFZs for a further 4 years.

Council staff have consulted with Sergeant Mr Andrew Pearce who is the Licensing Supervisor for the Orana Mid-Western Police District (OMWPD), which incorporates all four towns.

Mr Pearce has advised that the AFZs are an important part in the reduction of alcohol related crime. Mr Pearce further advised that the OMWPD supports updating the signage in the listed areas.

As there are no proposed changes to the locations of the AFZs or the signs, further community consultation is not considered necessary.

Six signs, three in Mudgee, one in Gulgong, and two in Rylstone are required to be sourced in order to replace missing or stolen signs. In addition to the six new signs, it is proposed to keep all other existing signs (63 in total) and only replace the approved date range on the signs with new stickers. This will be facilitated by the Health and Building Department.

## Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Vibrant towns and villages
Strategy	Maintain and promote the aesthetic appeal of the towns and villages within the region

## Strategic implications

### **Council Strategies**

Towards 2040 Community Plan - Strategy 1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.

### **Council Policies**

Not Applicable

### **Legislation**

Local Government Act 1993

## Financial implications

The approximate cost of supplying and installing 6 new signs and 63 stickers to update dates on existing signage is \$2000 (+GST). This expense will be covered from existing budgets.

## Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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*Attachments:* 1. Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, and Kandos Alcohol Free Zone Maps.

### APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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