

Alcohol-free and smoke-free policy

To acknowledge and support the spiritual, cultural customary and historical values and community significance of the Tūpuna Maunga, the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (Maunga Authority) has adopted a policy declaring the Tūpuna Maunga generally alcohol-free and smoke-free at all times.

Rationale for the Policy

The rationale that underpins the policy are as follows:

- The Tūpuna Maunga hold paramount place in the historical, spiritual, ancestral and cultural identity of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau. They are taonga tuku iho (treasures handed down the generations) to be protected and revered.
- The Tūpuna Maunga and the wider volcanic field are unique on a global scale. The Tūpuna Maunga are among the most treasured and distinctive natural and modified connected landscape features of Tāmaki Makaurau and creates and contributes to Aucklanders sense of pride, 'place' and home.
- The Tūpuna Maunga are publicly accessible natural spaces to engage in pursuits with whanau, friends or individually, and these qualities are highly valued by people. The Maunga Authority's policy promotes a peaceful and family-friendly space for the community to reflect on, enjoy and connect with the Tūpuna Maunga.
- The policy is intended to protect the environment and enhance peoples' experience of these treasured places by decreasing the associated litter, potential fire hazard, intoxication and anti-social behaviour which can be associated with alcohol consumption and smoking.
- The policy is intended to support the health and well-being of Auckland's communities by reducing the prevalence of smoking and alcohol consumption. The health and ora tonutanga (intergenerational wellbeing) of the mauri of the Tūpuna Maunga and the people is interdependent.

Implementation of alcohol-free and smoke-free policy

The Maunga Authority's alcohol-free and smoke-free policy will be implemented through signage and interpretation and will be included in the Integrated Management Plan (currently being developed).

The policy will also be implemented through other strategic and operational frameworks, including the Filming and Events permit conditions and leases entered into over the Tūpuna Maunga.