



Smokefree Policy

June 2020

(To supersede the 2017 Smokefree Areas, and the 2010 Smokefree Parks and Reserves Policies)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- increase the likelihood that people, particularly young people, will remain smokefree by reducing the number of places where they see others smoking
- improve the clean air environment of Invercargill.

Scope

This policy will aid in reducing the visibility of smoking in public through the provision of smokefree areas, supporting the Central Government goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025. The areas covered by the policy include all Invercargill City Council owned Parks and Reserves, Council owned children's playgrounds, sports fields, Splash Palace and the Splash Palace car park, Queens Park Aviary and Queens Park Animal Reserve. This would be supported by signage where possible.

Definitions

Smokefree

This Policy covers the use of any smoking device, such as cigarette, e-cigarette, or vaporiser.

Smokefree Area

The Policy applies to the defined smokefree areas within the Invercargill City Council boundary which are listed below. Smokefree areas include all public access ways to commercial buildings (footpaths, doorways etc.) and facilities in the area; outdoor public areas; events organised and held within the area; outdoor dining areas and others. The policy also applies to any workplace, and includes entrances to all Parks, Reserves, playgrounds and sportsgrounds, and Splash Palace pool and car park.

Location of Smokefree Areas

The smokefree policy applies to the following areas:

The Invercargill city centre, a map of the area covered can be found at **Appendix A**.

Maps of Council owned Parks, playgrounds, reserves, and a link to allocated sportsgrounds can be found at **Appendix B**.

Maps of the Council owned pool – Splash Palace, can be found at **Appendix C**.

Council's Responsibility and Implementation

This policy seeks to discourage smoking within the smokefree areas through the use of signage and promotion.

The focus of signage will be targeted in high density areas, areas where smoking is prevalent, and at commercial buildings and facilities within the CBD area.

Parks and Reserves will show smokefree signage where possible, especially around play areas and equipment, and at allocated sports grounds.

Council will request events to be smokefree and that appropriate signage is displayed where appropriate.

It is acknowledged that some businesses allow staff members to smoke at the back of their buildings, away from main thoroughfares. This is at their discretion.

This policy is not a ban on smoking in a public place and enforcement measures will not be used against those who breach the policy. The purpose of the policy is to fulfil Council's commitment to promote positive health choices and outcomes.

Revision History:

Effective Date:

Review Period:

This policy will be reviewed every five years, unless an earlier review is required due to legislative change, or is warranted by another reason requested by Council.

New Review Date:

Associated Documents / References:

Nil

Supersedes:

Smokefree Areas Policy 2017, and the
Smokefree Parks and Reserves Policy 2010.

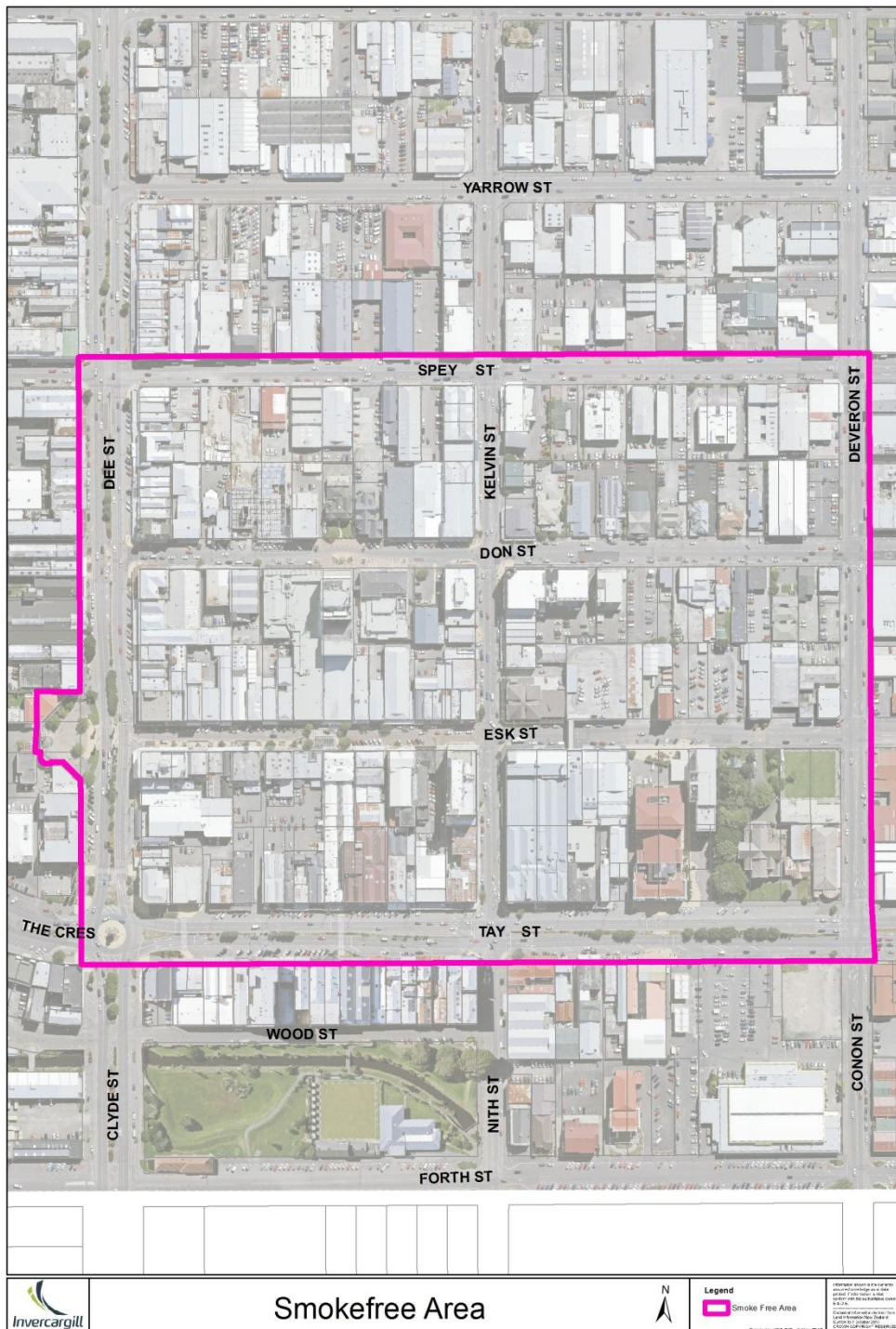
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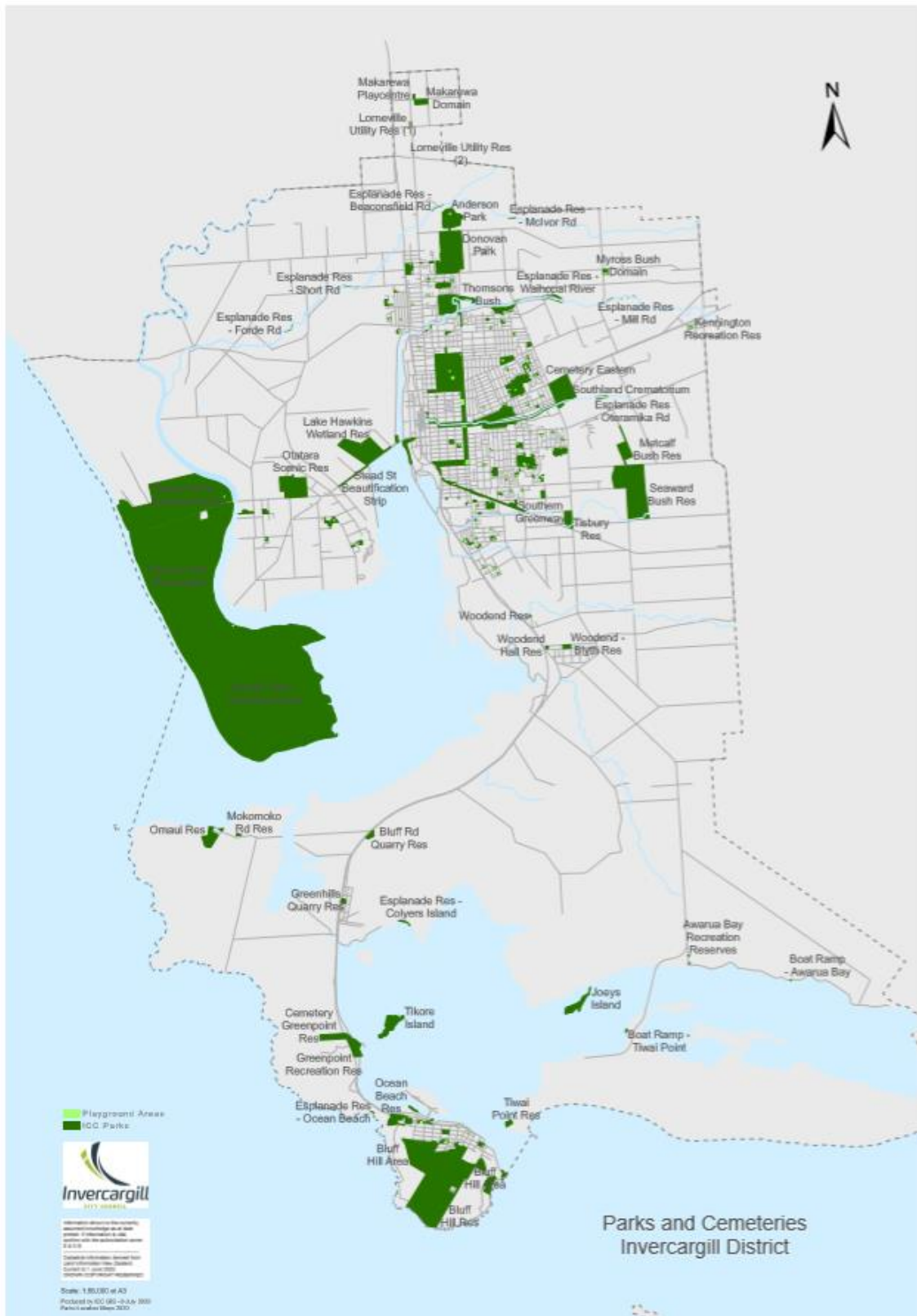
Appendix A

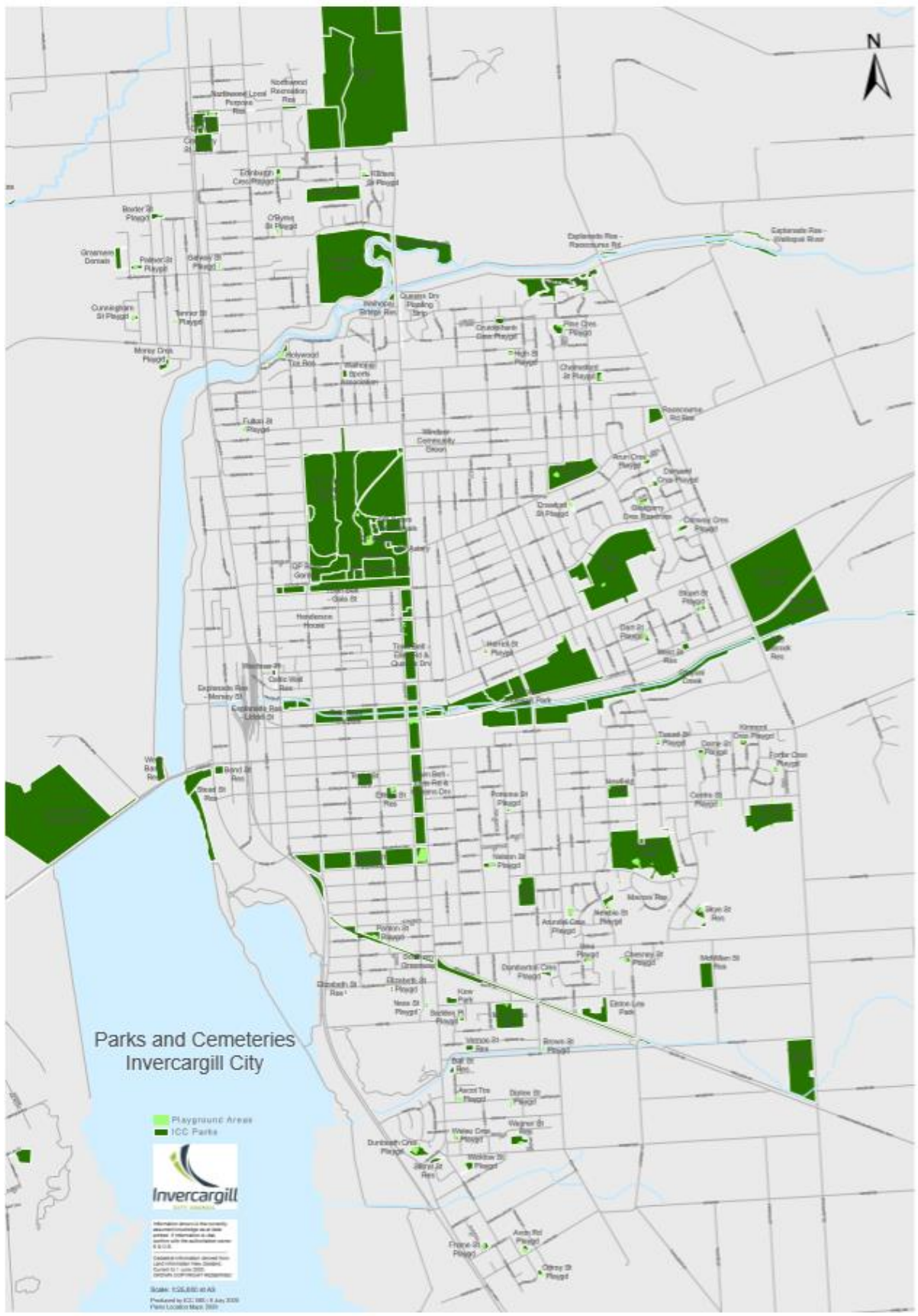
Map of Smokefree Area

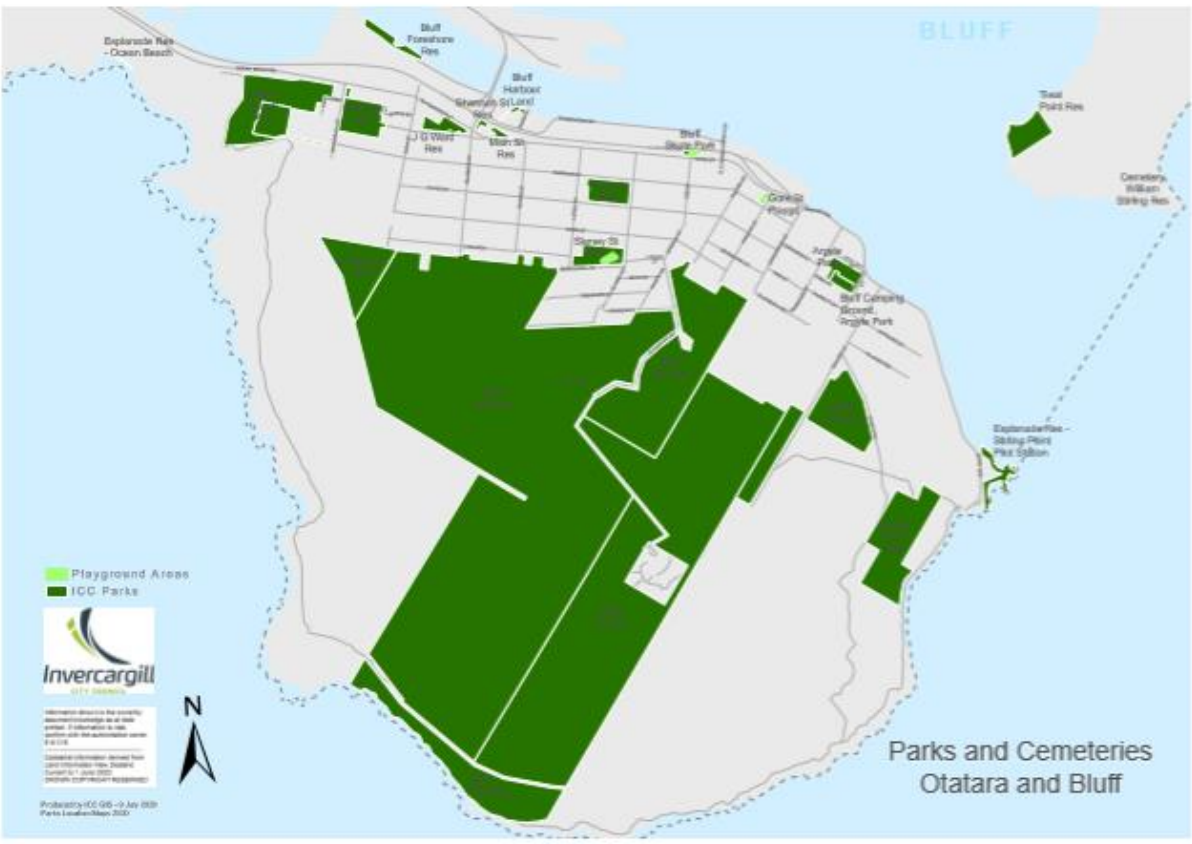


Appendix B

Maps of Invercargill City Parks and Cemeteries, including Playgrounds and Sportsgrounds. For Links to Parks and Reserves, Sportsgrounds please go to: <https://icc.govt.nz/parks-and-reserves/sport-and-recreation/>







Appendix C

Splash Palace

