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# KAVA MANAGEMENT PLAN

## Warruwi Community

1. *Boundary of the area to be declared as the Kava licence area*  
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### WARRUWI KAVA LICENCE AREA

All that area of land and sea near Warruwi in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows:

Commencing at a point near Gningarg Point situated at the intersection of a line 50 metres southwesterly of and parallel to centreline of the Cobourg Peninsula to Gunbalanya road with meridian of East Longitude 133 degrees; thence north by the said meridian to parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 25 minutes; thence east by the said parallel to meridian of East Longitude 134 degrees; thence south by the said meridian to parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 48 minutes; thence southwesterly to the centre of the mouth of Goomadeer River at Low Water; thence generally southwesterly by the centrelines of Goomadeer River and Jungle Creek to parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 58 minutes; thence west by the said parallel to intersect a line 50 metres westerly of and parallel to the centreline of the Cobourg Peninsula to Gunbalanya road; thence generally northerly and northwesterly by the said line to the point of commencement, all geographical co-ordinates being on the

Australian Geocentric Datum 1994 and Low Water being as at Lowest Astronomical Tide.

**2. *Place and method of Kava sales***

From a community based retail outlet based in the old Ajurumu Store building take away outlet in Warruwi.

**3. *Where Kava may be consumed***

Kava may be consumed only if purchased within the Warruwi Kava license area and only within the places described in Section 1, but may not be consumed in these public places which are excluded: the Council Office, the Warruwi Health Clinic, the Outstation Resource centre, Women's Resource Centre, the Community Hall and Oval, the Warruwi School, the Ajurumu Store, Council Workshops and Housing Shed, CDEP Compound, the Airstrip and airport waiting room, empty and derelict houses and roads, barge landing, town beach from Arlandun Creek to Watson's Tree, the old clinic, the church and public places.

**4. *Days of Sale***

Kava sales will occur on Friday, Monday and Wednesday, based on a Thursday to Wednesday week which aligns with Council and CDEP pay weeks.

**5. *Hours of sale***

5.00pm to 8.00pm after shop trading hours.

**6. *Limits on Kava purchase***

The maximum daily purchase per person is 400gms, ie two bags of kava. The Warruwi Council will require the retailer to maintain a register recording the name and daily sales to customers. Individual customers will not be sold more than 800gms ie four bags of Kava, per week.

**7. *Community expectations or rules***

People will act responsibly in their purchase, possession and consumption of Kava. People will not indulge in binge drinking.

Kava will not be given to anyone under 18 years of age.

Kava drinking should not affect attendance at ceremonies and other cultural business.

Kava drinking should not affect attendance at work or recreation activities.

Kava drinkers are to fulfil their responsibilities to their family and community. This includes ensuring that families have food and that children attend school.

People will not drive motor vehicles if intoxicated by kava.

Kava will only be purchased from the licensed kava retailer.

Kava shall not be consumed in places as defined in Section 3 of this plan.

The Kava retail licensee will operate within the guidelines developed by The Warruwi Community Kava Management Committee of 12 people comprising

- 2 from each of the 3 main language groups
- 2 Council members
- 1 Health Committee member
- 1 Shop Committee member
- 1 School Committee member
- the Community Development Officer.

Meetings to have a quorum of 5 members.

**8. *Actions to support the responsible use of Kava***

Community education on health and economic matters and the effect irresponsible use of kava.

Community leaders will lead by example in the responsible use of kava.

Community pay cheques cashed at the shop must have one third the value taken out in foodstuffs to ensure food is supplied to families.

The Clinic to provide statistics on health matters.

The Shop to provide statistics on food purchasing trends.

The School to provide statistics on attendance.

**9. *Actions if irresponsible Kava use occurs***

The Kava Management Committee will have the power to

- identify persons who misuse kava for health and traditional purposes and advise the retailer to cease sales to those persons
- obtain from the retail licensee information about the amount of kava sold per week
- direct the retailer to suspend sales to the Community if irresponsible use occurs
- provide personal counseling by the appropriate family to persons who misuse kava
- have police on their monthly patrols deal with persons who break the law.

**10. *How the Impact of Kava will be monitored***

The Warruwi Community Council and the Kava Management Committee requires the retailer to produce sales figures and any other information as requested from time to time.

The Warruwi Health Clinic, the Warruwi School and Ajurumu Store will provide statistics on kava matters.

The Warruwi Council and Barrah CDEP will monitor absences from their work programs. Both the Council and CDEP have a no work, no pay policy.

**11. *Other information***

The Warruwi Community has experienced the horrors of petrol sniffing, alcohol abuse and uncontrolled kava use in the past. It has wiped out petrol sniffing and has declared the Community as a dry Community (under the *NT Liquor Act*) which the people control vigilantly.

The Community has consulted widely and is resolved to implement these strategies to control kava within the legal requirements of the law.

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