

KAVA MANAGEMENT PLAN – YIRRKALA COMMUNITY

This Kava Management Plan has been prepared by the Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association on behalf of the Yirrkala Community

1. Boundary of the area to be included as the kava licence area

The Yirrkala Kava Licence Area comprises an area bounded by the circumference of a circle with a radius of 2 kilometres at which the centre is situated at the most northern northwestern corner of the main office block in the town site of Yirrkala at approximate latitude 12 degrees 15 minutes 1 second and approximate longitude 136 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds but excluding there from all that part of the Gulf of Carpentaria to the seaward side of Low Water Mark, which is the same boundary used to declare the Yirrkala restricted area under the NT Liquor Act.

2. Where kava will be sold

From a local retail outlet within the declared area such as the YDC Store Takeaway.

3. Where kava will be consumed

Kava may be consumed only if purchased within the Yirrkala Kava Licenced Area and only at such places within the declared licence area as the Council shall from time to time designate as consumption areas by both diagram and appropriate description lodged with the Licensing Commission. In the Yirrkala Kava Management Plan, these areas are Marika Park (Lot 65) and Area 3, that is the Cultural Use Area, (Lot 177, 178 and 179).

4. Who may purchase kava

Persons, including visitors from other communities, who are over 18 years of age. Kava must not be sold to minors.

5. Limits on individual kava purchases

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

6. Days of sale

Monday to Saturday.

7. Hours of sale.

12.00pm to 8.00pm

8. Community expectations or rules.

Sales to be responsible and accountable. The impact of kava consumption on the community workforce, social, and cultural events will be monitored and further discussions held with the community should problems arise through irresponsible kava consumption. Yirrkala Council has the responsibility to take an active role in establishing and monitoring community expectations and to work with the NT Licensing Commission and retail licensee regarding the rules controlling kava sales.

The community will require a major education program in responsible kava use. This program should include non-kava drinkers as well as kava drinkers. It is envisaged that the Council in conjunction with the kava retailer and the Health Clinic will be involved in the education program.

Binge drinking of kava is recognised as a potential problem. Should binge drinking occur, the Council will take action by talking with drinkers and their families. Should the clinic have serious concerns about the health of binge drinkers, these concerns to be passed to the Council who will request the retailer not to sell to binge drinkers.

It is intended that all kava users will be registered and provided with a simple laminated card with an individual bar code on it. Kava consumers will need this card to purchase kava, and the electronic reader at the retail point of sale will only allow the sale of up to 400 grams of kava in specially marked bags to any one person on any one day. To obtain a card in the first place, the person will need to attend the responsible kava use education program.

9. How the impact of kava use will be monitored within the community

The retailer will be required to produce sales figures and any other information reasonably and lawfully requested by the Yirrkala Council. The clinic to note and report any kava related accidents / illness to the Yirrkala Community Council. The Department of Industries and Business will also monitor the impact of kava use through Government agencies.

10. Actions the community may take addressing responsible kava use

Provide signs, health brochures and counseling through clinic. Should concerns due to irresponsible use of kava occur, Members of the community may complain to the Council or the Licensing Commission, seeking a review of the way kava is sold and consumed. Strict individual purchases will be enforced.

It should also be noted that the Yirrkala Dhanbul Council has a “no work, no pay” policy. This relates to the Council’s approach to responsible self-management whereby community members are expected to be socially responsible as part of the broader self-determination ethos within the community.

Retail sales conditions may be reviewed and approval for changes sought from the Licensing Commission. On request from the Yirrkala Community Council, the retailer may be required by the Licensing Commission to suspend kava sales.

11. Options the community may take if irresponsible kava use occurs

Sales to specific individuals may be banned and the retailer advised accordingly. Retail sale conditions, including hours of sale, may be reviewed and approval for changes sought from the Licensing Commission and included in licence conditions. People who break the law will be reported to the Police.

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