

## Select stories in the media – 16-23 November 2004

Date	Title	Journalist	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
16 Nov 2004	<b>Curtin bedroom fire a lesson for smokers</b>		20	The Chronicle (Canberra)	A cigarette caused a fire in a Curtin townhouse.
16 Nov 2004	<b>Tobacco sales banned</b>		28	The Advertiser - Metro	Reports that Bhutan will become the first country in the world to ban tobacco sales nationwide starting in December 2004.
16 Nov 2004	<b>The last gasp; Smokers are now everybody's favourite whipping boy as politicians and do-gooders rush in to ban smoking everywhere. Along the way statistics are manipulated, hypocrisy flourishes and the rights of a minority indulging a legal vice are stubbed out</b>	Carlyon, P		The Bulletin Volume 122; Number 46	Bulletin journalist Patrick Carlyon writes a 2500 essay taking a civil liberties stance, accusing antismoking of fabricating statistics to influence public policy. Carlyon states that his piece is not in "defence of smoking".
17 Nov 2004	<b>Hypocrites over tobacco</b>		4	The Tablelander	Rosa Lee Long, Queensland parliamentary member for Tablelands, accuses the Qld government of hypocrisy re: accepting excise but introducing tougher tobacco control laws.
17 Nov 2004	<b>It's time to head off big tobacco at the box office</b>	Forrest, Alan D.	16	The Canberra Times	Addresses smoking in films and refers to smoking in Bridget Jones' Diary: The Edge of Reason.
17 Nov 2004	<b>Fed: Shortness of breath sounds lung disease warning</b>			Australian Associated Press General News	Reports on research conducted in Queensland and South Australia that found three out of four smokers aged 40-80 who had COPD were unaware they had the condition.
17 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs vow to continue fight</b>		13	North Shore Times	Reports on a ClubsNSW northern suburbs meeting attended by ClubsNSW chief executive David Costello. ClubsNSW appear to want to use the pending smoking bans policy as leverage to lobby the NSW Government to reduce poker machine taxes.
17 Nov 2004	<b>Smoke bans to stub out members</b>	Edwards, R	407	Hume/Moreland Leader	Reports on Moreland council's smoking bans presenting opinions from some disgruntled citizens.

18 Nov 2004	<b>Display size will force jobs to go up in smoke</b>	Jowett, P	21	The Courier-Mail	The chairman of the National Alliance of Tobacco Retailers (NATR) writes this feature article. The article pushes the case for tobacco retailers claiming the new tobacco product restrictions effective from 1 January 2006 are "a profound and radical strategy targeted against small business". NATR forcibly put their case forward arguing that they should be able to display cigarette packets but believe "there are serious risks associated with smoking".
18 Nov 2004	<b>Toughen tobacco retail laws: MLC</b>		12	Inner-West Weekly	Reports on research investigating the "Health Behaviours of Secondary School Students in NSW" conducted by NSW Health and the NSW Cancer Council. The results reveal that 37 per cent of minors who purchased cigarettes had no trouble being served by shopkeepers and 35 per cent of these young smokers had not even been asked for proof of age. The number of young teens who tried to buy cigarettes had fallen.
18 Nov 2004	<b>No smoking in our parks</b>		5	Inner-West Weekly	Ashfield Council has stamped out smoking in all its parks and playgrounds, and smoke-free signs are about to be erected.
18 Nov 2004	<b>Good idea, no need to overdo it</b>		14	Hobart Mercury	Reports on the establishment of the Jim Bacon Foundation (see <a href="http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/pdf/90_of_2004.pdf">http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/pdf/90_of_2004.pdf</a> ), the aim of the Foundation is to provide financial and other assistance to persons undergoing treatment for cancer and to organisations providing support to persons undergoing treatment for cancer.
18 Nov 2004	<b>Report warns smokers</b>		10	Geelong Advertiser	Reports on research conducted in Queensland and South Australia that found three out of four smokers aged 40-80 who had COPD were unaware they had the condition.
18 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs fear Government's 'double hit'</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Wayne Krelle, Clubs New South Wales deputy chief executive officer attended a regional meeting in Laurieton where the pending smoking bans and increased taxes were discussed. The usual rhetoric surfaced re: implications for club revenue and jobs.
19 Nov 2004	<b>Motorists' butts bug fireys</b>		27	North Shore Times	Willoughby Council is offering free portable ashtrays to motorists.

20 Nov 2004	<b>Cigarettes at top of the grocery list shopping favourites</b>		20	The West Australian METRO	<p>Reports on the ACNielsen Grocery Report 2004. States that the results reveal Australians spent the most money in the past year on products from tobacco giants British American Tobacco and Philip Morris and multinational food corporation Nestle. Presents table of top grocery suppliers by dollar value.</p> <p>Rank Brands Items</p> <p>1 (1)* British American Tobacco Winfield, Benson &amp; Hedges, Holiday, Dunhill  2 (2) Philip Morris Longbeach, Peter Jackson, Alpine, Marlboro  3 (3) Nestle Nestle, Nescafe, International Roast, Peters, Milo, Maggi, Lean Cuisine  4 (5) Goodman Fielder Mighty Soft, Wonderwhite, Helgas, Meadow Lea, Uncle Tobys, Praise, WhiteWings  5 (4) Unilever Streets, Flora, Omo, Continental, Lipton, Surf, Rexona, Lynx, Domestos, Pond's  6 (6) Cadbury Schweppes Cadbury, Schweppes, Cottees, Pepsi, Pascal, Solo, Freddo  7 (7) Masterfoods ANZ Masterfoods, Dolmio, Pal, Whiskas, Mars, Snickers, Starburst  8 (8) Arnott's Campbell's Arnott's, Campbell's Soup, Tim Tam, Shapes, Thins, Kettle, Tiny Teddy, Jatz.  9 (9) The Coca-Cola Company Coca-Cola, Fanta, Sprite, Mt Franklin, (incl CC Amatil) Lift, Powerade, Pump, Fruitopia, Piccadilly  10 (10) Imperial Tobacco Horizon, Drum, Escort, Champion, PeterStuyvesant  * Last year's ranking</p>
20 Nov 2004	<b>Cigarettes at top of the grocery list</b>	Lam, M	20	The West Australian	Short piece on the AC Nielsen Grocery 2004 report.
20 Nov 2004	<b>Fed: Govt must reveal tobacco litigation advice: Democrats</b>			Australian Associated Press General News	The Australian Democrats wants the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission to release a report on possible legal action against tobacco companies for using the words "light" and "mild".

20 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs to discuss smoking bans, problem gambling</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Short piece reporting on an annual conference for clubs in the ACT that is expected to address the proposed bans on smoking.
21 Nov 2004	<b>Cigarette labels draw fire</b>		17	Sunday Times (Perth)	The Australian Democrats wants the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission to release a report on possible legal action against tobacco companies for using the words "light" and "mild".
22 Nov 2004	<b>Cigarette burn boy traumatised</b>	Andrews, J	17	Lilydale & Yarra Valley Leader	Reports on the cruelty inflicted on a young boy who was attacked and then a lit cigarette was stubbed out on his stomach.
22 Nov 2004	<b>Lung disease patients suffer in silence</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Adelaide University researchers examined more than 2,000 smokers and ex-smokers and over one third were found to have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
22 Nov 2004	<b>Health service echoes calls to ban play centre smoking</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on a call to ban smoking at the North Family Play Centre
22 Nov 2004	<b>Tobacco attack</b>		12	Townsville Bulletin	The Australian Democrats wants the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission to release a report on possible legal action against tobacco companies for using the words "light" and "mild".

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