

Select stories in the media – July 2006

Date	Title	Journalist/Author	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
31 Jul 2006	Anti-smoking law: Hotel, clubs on notice		14	Adelaide Advertiser	Snippet about the new smoking bans in pubs and clubs in WA. People found in breach will be fined \$2000.
31 Jul 2006	Pub, club smoking ban spreads		13	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Snippet about the new smoking bans in pubs and clubs in WA.
31 Jul 2006	Phase-in tip for pub ban on smokes	Guest, Debbie	10	West Australian (Perth)	Public places in Western Australia became smoke free on July 31, 2006. However, WA Australian Hotels Association (AHA) Chief Bradley Woods said "There will be some time before everyone gets the message consistently and fully and I would expect there to be transgressions". "We're not in any way, shape or form physically manhandling people because they refuse to put out a cigarette."
30 Jul 2006	Cigs out, gardens in vogue	Lampathakis, Paul	7	Sunday Times (Perth)	Effective from 31 July 2006, enclosed public places in Western Australia became smoke free.
29 Jul 2006	Talking point: Do shock tactics work in anti-smoking campaigns?		7	Age (Melbourne) - Insight	Six celebrities and professionals give their views. Five out of the six responses were Yes.
29 Jul 2006	Smoke it again, Sam	Rifkind, Hugo	8	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Exposé on smoking in movies.
29 Jul 2006	Smokes ban fires drunk menace	Waterhouse, Charles	13	Hobart Mercury	Asserts that smoking bans in pubs and clubs has led to an increased level of unsocial behaviour around Hobart's waterfront area.
29 Jul 2006	Smoking 'victim' an actor	Pirani, Clara	3	Weekend Australian	The new Quit TV commercial uses an actor to depict someone suffering from mouth cancer.
29 Jul 2006	A puff too far for smokers		30	Weekend Australian	Focuses on the medical condition chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). One in six smokers and former smokers over the age of 45 has COPD.
29 Jul 2006	Nicotine makes you drink more	White, Christine	31	Weekend Australian	Story in "The Pulse" section reporting on research published in <i>Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research</i> that found that nicotine in cigarettes can lower blood alcohol concentrations, leading to more drinking.
27 Jul 2006	Horror campaign		12	Adelaide Advertiser	Snippet about the new Quit antismoking campaign that focuses on mouth and throat cancer.

27 Jul 2006	Ex-smoker finds cancer warning is hard to utter	Rumble, Chantal	10	Age (Melbourne)	Story on the new antismoking campaign focusing on mouth and throat cancer. Tania Trotta, an ex-smoker now in remission from mouth cancer, told her story at the launch of the campaign in Melbourne. Nearly five Victorians are diagnosed with mouth cancer every week. The mouth cancer graphic health warning will appear on tobacco packets from November.
27 Jul 2006	Quit ready to help smokers kick the habit [letter to the editor]	Mitchell, Glenn	22	Hobart Mercury	Glenn Mitchell from Quit Tasmania identifies the need for more funding in order to provide more on-the-ground services.
27 Jul 2006	Graphic ads lead counterattack on smoking	Clennell, Andrew	2	Sydney Morning Herald	Story on the new antismoking campaign focusing on mouth and throat cancer. Frank Sartor was at the NSW campaign launch and it is reported that the NSW government is again considering forcing retailers to display graphic health warning images at the point of sale (ie on their counters) following the recommendations from the Inquiry into Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales. Karen Thompson, a survivor of mouth cancer was at the NSW launch: "I endured a seven-hour operation ... Part of my tongue and mouth tissue were removed. I lost a lot of teeth ... [and] had a tracheotomy ... I used to think giving up smoking was like losing a good friend ... Quit. Don't leave it like I did. Don't put it off until it's too late."
26 Jul 2006	Xenophon moves to end tobacco display 'shame'	Kelton, Greg	28	Adelaide Advertiser	South Australia is yet to implement any controls on the display of tobacco products for sale.
26 Jul 2006	Smoking time bomb: Tassie women hit by new leading cancer killer	Paine, Michelle	1	Hobart Mercury	Figures from the 2002 Tasmanian Cancer registry show that lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of Tasmanian women.
26 Jul 2006	Where there's smoker there's cancer [editorial]		20	Hobart Mercury	Editorial on the need for health authority warnings. Nicotine addiction keeps smokers puffing.
26 Jul 2006	Fines for fake fags		5	West Australian	Retailers in WA caught selling confectionery cigarettes or toy cigarettes will face fines up to \$80,000.
23 Jul 2006	Hospital stubs out smokers		47	Sun Herald	Hospitals in the Hunter New England area will be banning smoking anywhere on hospital grounds from October 31.
23 Jul 2006	Risks of nicotine		40	Sunday Telegraph	US researchers report that nicotine seems to make existing cancers more aggressive.

23 Jul 2006	10 ways to cancer-proof your future: Don't panic. You can protect yourself and your family from cancer, by making simple changes to your lifestyle	Barr, Lollie	4	Sunday Times Body and Soul	Reports that 50% of all cancers are potentially preventable and are directly linked to lifestyle factors.
21 Jul 2006	Cigarettes sold, no questions asked	Owen, Michael	4	Adelaide Advertiser	The South Australian Health Department conducted undercover audits of 300 retail stores during the last financial year and over 40 retailers were caught selling cigarettes to minors.
18 Jul 2006	Smoke but no fire for cheats	Fisher, David; Benson, Simon	3	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	The NSW Health Department does not have a dedicated, full-time environmental health officer to police the new smoking rules in pubs and clubs. There have been complaints but no licensed establishment has been fined or prosecuted.
18 Jul 2006	Smoke but no fire [editorial]		14	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Editorial highlighting the NSW government's "big on rhetoric and deficient in action" over smoking bans in pubs and clubs.
18 Jul 2006	Reach for sky as smoke bans bite	Lindsay, Nicole	54	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Some clubs and pubs in Melbourne are preparing for the 2007 smoking bans by creating rooftop beer gardens to accommodate smokers. Reports that some venues have already installed implemented a non-smoking policy, which has proven to be successful. The venues noted are Northcote Social Club, Water Rat Hotel South Melbourne and the Fix Nightclub.
17 Jul 2006	Public to report club, pub anti-smoking breaches	Cox, Nicole	13	West Australian	New public smoking bans coming into to force in WA at the end of July will not be policed by health officers instead the public will be relied upon to report any breaches.
16 Jul 2006	Test to predict lung cancer		32	Sunday Herald Sun	Reports on research published in the <i>Journal of Thoracic Oncology</i> that discusses a blood test that was able to detect the body's immune response to tumours.
16 Jul 2006	Breath of new life: wedding vows give Zita courage	Kelly, Jim	23	Sunday Times (Perth)	Story about Zita Roberts, the face of the 2006 antismoking campaign in WA.
15 Jul 2006	Ads draw women to smoking, says report		20	Canberra Times	The international Network of Women Against Tobacco (INWAT) report an increase in the number of women smoking cigarettes around the world.

15 Jul 2006	Breast cancer risk 'doubled'	O'Leary, Cathy	16	West Australian	Passive smoking can almost double the risk of breast cancer by causing DNA damage, according to research findings discussed at the World Conference on Tobacco or Health.
13 Jul 2006	Smoke lingers for those who keep hospitality flowing	Hatch, Brad	14	Australian Financial Review	Story about the continued efforts needed to protect hospitality workers from secondhand smoke.
13 Jul 2006	Female smokers: first the bad news		11	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Research published in the <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i> found female smokers are twice as likely to get lung cancer as men but are more likely to survive.
12 Jul 2006	Smoking toll		37	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Snippet about the global tobacco toll.
12 Jul 2006	Butt out or get out: call for tougher smoke bans	McKimmie, Marnie	3	West Australian (Perth)	Reports on the new tobacco control laws being introduced into WA banning smoking in all enclosed public places, including pubs and clubs. Antismoking groups are calling for more laws to ban smoking in outdoor public areas.
11 Jul 2006	Feel like a smoke?: take a jab instead	Tuller, David	1	Sydney Morning Herald	Nabi Biopharmaceuticals is trialling NicVAX (Nicotine Conjugate Vaccine) in the US. NicVAX is a vaccine to prevent and treat nicotine addiction.
10 Jul 2006	Footpaths may be smoking gun for pubs	Phillips, Mark	57	Australian Financial Review	Report on the new smokefree laws being adopted in pubs and clubs and the problems of patrons smoking on the footpath to satisfy their addiction.
10 Jul 2006	Smoke gets in your eyes [letters to the editor]		18	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Letters to the editor.
9 Jul 2006	Behaving badly	Weaver, Clair	3	Body and Soul Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	There is the "ladette" culture in the UK and the "ockerette" in Australia – young women pushing their way into traditional male dominated territory. "They're aggressive and rowdy and the smoke and drink like men."
8 Jul 2006	Drug kicks butts harder	Sommerfeld, Jeff	24	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	The smoking cessation drug Varenicline (Chantix) available in the US has been found to reduce the chances of relapse during the first six months after stopping smoking.
8 Jul 2006	Ashes to ashes	Condon, Matthew	12	Courier Mail (Qweekend)	Condon writes about his attempts to quit smoking after a health scare.

8 Jul 2006	Don't take up the fags	Kogan, Julia	226	Northern Territory News	An amputee warns youth of the dangers of smoking.
8 Jul 2006	Where there's pub smoke, the hotel lobby's on fire	Clennell, Andrew	10	Sydney Morning Herald	Reports on the NSW government's watered down pledge to ban smoking in pubs and clubs. Lobbying by hotel groups has helped to dilute measures to ban smoking in licensed premises.
6 Jul 2006	Tobacco company sidesteps ruling	Carson, Vanda	8	Australian	Reports on the Brambles vs British American Tobacco Australia Services (BATAS) case that was being heard in the NSW Dust & Diseases Tribunal. BATAS reached a confidential out-of-court settlement over money paid to Alan Mowbray who died of lung cancer in 2002. This means BATAS do not have to comply to an order to release thousands of internal documents.
6 Jul 2006	Retailers keen for kids to quit [letter to the editor]	Wise, Peter	32	Hobart Mercury	Letter to the editor by the General Manager of Tasmanian Independent Retailers responding to report about retailers in Tasmania selling cigarettes to the underage.
5 Jul 2006	Profits give pubs something to toast	Wilmot, Ben	13	Australian Financial Review	The ABS annual survey of pubs and clubs shows healthy profit margins.
5 Jul 2006	Kids as young as six having smoking habit	Wilson, Alf	36	Koori Mail	A project launched in Queensland to help indigenous people quit smoking has found that children as young as six have taken up smoking.
5 Jul 2006	No ifs or butts	Knight, Dominic	3	Sydney Morning Herald - Radar	Author comments how NSW is lagging behind Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania with their smokefree laws.
4 Jul 2006	Diehard smokers alight from their hospital beds	Sommerfeld, Jeff	7	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Reports on the smokefree policy at the Royal Brisbane and Royal Women's Hospital.
4 Jul 2006	Smoke bans backed	Pountney, Michelle	8	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Story on the new Victorian tobacco control laws that will ban smoking in pubs, bars and clubs from July 1, 2007. A survey by Quit and the Cancer Council of Victoria found almost four out of five Victorians supported the new laws.

3 Jul 2006	Smokers handed their last orders	Barrass, Tony	6	Australian	Reports on the new state tobacco control laws banning smoking in pubs. From July 31, Western Australia will become the third state after Tasmania and Queensland to implement prohibit pubs and clubs.
3 Jul 2006	1000 caught: smokers nabbed breaching laws	Sommerfeld, Jeff	10	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Since 1 January 2005, over 1000 Queenslanders have been fined for breaching the new tobacco control laws. On 1 July 2006, the last phase of the new laws was implemented with smoking banned inside all licensed premises.
3 Jul 2006	Hypocrite charge on polities who puff	Mason, Graham	11	West Australian	The WA Parliament is alleged to have some of the most lax smoking rules within WA with MPS allowed to smoke in the courtyard and near doorways and on and under balconies.
3 Jul 2006	Smoking, drinking a deadly cancer duo	Guest, Debbie	11	West Australian	Reports on a study commissioned by the Australian Council of Smoking and Health that reviewed more than 300 scientific papers.
3 Jul 2006	Opinion: smell of hypocrisy from smoking MPs		18	West Australian	Editorial on the tolerance of smoking at WA Parliament.
1 Jul 2006	Anger over smokes display delays	Kelton, greg	7	Adelaide Advertiser	Antismoking groups call for the SA government to ban tobacco displays in retail outlets.
1 Jul 2006	Get serious on smoking [editorial]		64	Adelaide Advertiser	Editorial discussing the South Australian government's dithering over banning displays of tobacco products in retail stores.
1 Jul 2006	No smoke at playgrounds		7	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Reports on recommendations made by the Tobacco Smoking Committee in relation to the Inquiry into Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend banning smoking in and near children's playgrounds, restricting the display of tobacco products in shops to 1 square metre and a licensing system for wholesalers and retailers.

1 Jul 2006	Catwalk revenge for nerds in cardigans: this week – geek chic, packet jackets and the new colour of money	Murray, Elicia	26	Spectrum – Sydney Morning Herald	The <i>Trend</i> column includes a few paragraphs on the new cigarette packet covers “packet jackets” that are proving popular among smokers to cover up the new graphic health warning labels.
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