

Select stories in the media – November 2006

Date	Title	Journalist/Author	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
30 Nov 2006	Smoking in public places runs out of puff	Cronin, Danielle	7	Canberra Times	In November 2003, the ACT was the first jurisdiction to ban smoking in enclosed public places, phased in over a three year period. The phase-in is complete and from 1 December 2006, pubs and clubs in Canberra will be smokefree.
30 Nov 2006	The passive smoking campaigners have run out of puff: causal links between second-hand smoke and early death are far from certain	Robertson, James	21	Canberra Times	Opinion about tobacco control measures to protect public health.
30 Nov 2006	Smoke ban works		35	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	The results of an independent study in Queensland found that 2% of smokers polled reported that they had ceased smoking because of the new tobacco laws.
29 Nov 2006	No smoking if kids in car		3	Age (Melbourne)	Christopher Pyne, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, has backed calls for a ban on smoking in private cars with children.
29 Nov 2006	Genetic link to smoking		8	Canberra Times	Reports on research conducted in Queensland at the Mater Hospital that found children of mothers who smoked during pregnancy are more vulnerable to develop nicotine dependence if they do start smoking. The research was published in <i>Tobacco Control</i> .
29 Nov 2006	Tobacco toll to rise		10	Sydney Morning Herald	World Focus – Reports on new World Health Organization projections that tobacco related disease will kill 6.4 million people by 2015.
29 Nov 2006	Liberals under fire for accepting donations from tobacco companies	O'Leary, Cathy	10	West Australian	The Western Australian Electoral Commission's 2005 report reveals that the Liberal Party received donations from British American Tobacco and Philip Morris to the value of \$23,517.
28 Nov 2006	Cutting back no help		6	MX (Melbourne)	Research from Norway shows that smokers who reduce their intake of cigarettes were just as likely as heavy smokers to die of cardiovascular disease or cancer.

26 Nov 2006	Net is going up in smoke No butting out on video clips	Healey, Kelvin	1	Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne)	The internet site YouTube (a popular free video sharing Web site which lets users upload, view, and share video clips) is posting photos of sexy teens who are smoking. Tobacco control advocates fear that YouTube may be a new way cigarette companies can promote smoking.
26 Nov 2006	Young still on a binge		32	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney)	Snippet about the results of the Australian Secondary Students' Use of Alcohol and Drugs Survey.
25 Nov 2006	Clubs and pubs all set to stub out smokes from inside		B05	Canberra Times	All pubs and clubs in the ACT will be smokefree from 1 December. The venues that applied for exemptions due to having indoor areas with special ventilation systems must comply from Dec 1.
24 Nov 2006	Car smoke ban wait		11	Hobart Mercury	Laws to prohibit smoking in cars carrying children and the public display of cigarettes are still under consideration in Tasmania.
23 Nov 2006	Split pack cigs ban	Duncan, Philippa	6	Hobart Mercury	Wallet style or 'split' pack cigarettes will be banned in Tasmania. A bill was tabled on 22 November.
23 Nov 2006	Just the shot – or not	Pollard, Ruth	18	Sydney Morning Herald (Health & Science)	Health experts are concerned about the vaccines being developed to prevent nicotine addiction and other drugs of addiction, such as cocaine.
22 Nov 2006	Arabic smokers get the message - 2006 National Multicultural Awards		47	The Australian	Special advertising report. The Sydney South West Area Health Service tobacco control advertising program has won the 2006 National Multicultural Marketing Award, Government category.
19 Nov 2006	Hospitals give smokers the flick	Johson, Ben	18	Sunday Telegraph	Hospitals and health centres in Sydney's West and the Hunter Valley banned smokers from lighting up anywhere on hospital grounds from November 1.
18 Nov 2006	Cigarette 'kiddie packs' outlawed	Smith, Bridie	4	Age (Melbourne)	The ACCC has ordered British American Tobacco to withdraw the Dunhill wallet style packet from sale.
18 Nov 2006	Gaming tax hike, indoor smoking ban hurt clubs	Dutt, Kanchan	13	Canberra Times	Usual industry rhetoric over the introduction of smoking bans in clubs.
18 Nov 2006	Whiff of tobacco firm	Lee, Julian	2	Sydney Morning Herald	The internet site YouTube (a popular free video sharing Web site which lets users upload, view, and share video clips) is posting photos of sexy teens who are smoking. Prof Simon Chapman will be conducting research into whether the tobacco industry is using this as a covert way to promote smoking.

16 Nov 2006	Spot fines if you smoke in the car	Kelton, Greg	3	Adelaide Advertiser	Substance Abuse Minister Gail Gago introduced a bill into the SA Parliament to regulate smoking in private cars. Penalties for smoking in cars with passengers under the age of 16 range from a \$75 on the spot fine to a maximum penalty of \$200.
15 Nov 2006	Cigarette 'kiddie packs' face Federal Court action	Smith, Bridie	3	Age (Melbourne)	The Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (www.accc.gov.au) has launched legal action against British American Tobacco over the Dunhill cigarette pack that can be split into two. The allegations are that the Dunhill cigarette packs are in breach of the tobacco labelling requirements.
15 Nov 2006	Womb addiction link	Miles, Janelle	23	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Reports on research conducted in Queensland that found children of mothers who smoked during pregnancy are more vulnerable to develop nicotine dependence if they do start smoking.

15 Nov 2006	Will the ACCC send British American Tobacco's packaging packing?	Chapman, Simon		Crikey.com.au	<p>"Today the ACCC has British American Tobacco up before the court over new Dunhill packaging, following a complaint from Quit Victoria. Once out of its cellophane, the pack (below) folds apart into two compartments. Separated by a convenient perforated edge, then ready to tear into two iPod mini size packs, one with 13 lung busters and another with seven. The ACCC is seeking to injunct BAT for contravening a section of the Trade Practices Act which requires all packs to carry the prescribed pictorial warnings of inconvenient truths like gangrenous feet. Once the twin pack is torn in half, the larger section is without the required warning. Significantly, the regulator is seeking a declaration from BAT that they have contravened the Act, which could open the door to criminal prosecution and a maximum fine of 10,000 penalty points, currently set at \$110 each. Public health groups have branded the packs "kiddie" packs, designed to appeal to price sensitive kids who can split the cost and then split the pack as they step out of the shop. Strategically labelled "limited edition", the venture looks like a water-testing exercise to see if the ACCC and the courts would bite. While BAT's website drips with PR saccharine about the company's youth smoking prevention programs, in 2002/3, the value of tobacco sales to the Australian youth market was \$124.7 million, with \$18.7m going to manufacturers like BAT. An internal BAT training DVD leaked to me a few years back showed senior executives jawing about how the international parent company saw its Australian operation as a global training ground for developing "a different skill set" in how to operate in the "darkest markets" on earth, where all tobacco advertising is banned. The court's action today will domino all around the world as tobacco companies seek to ensure a healthy supply of kids as their economic future."</p>
14 Nov 2006	Older workers more productive	Franklin, Matthew	3	Australian	<p>Health insurer, Australian Health Management, released some research findings. The findings include that people who are overweight or who smoke are less productive than healthy colleagues.</p>

14 Nov 2006	lemma's dream for you	Benson, Simon	7	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	The NSW government has launched a 10 year plan and tobacco control is part of the plan: "Reduce smoking by 1 per cent a year".
14 Nov 2006	Nicotine drink bids for sales approval	Jones, Christiana	44	West Australian (Perth)	A Sydney based importer (Ross Bennie) is trying to gain approval to import NicLite into Australia. NicLite is a water-based drink laced with 4mg of nicotine.
13 Nov 2006	Smokers face horror	Wenham, Margaret	9	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	The mouth and throat cancer antismoking advertisement was launched in Queensland.
12 Nov 2006	Nicotine drink may prove hard to swallow	Dasey, Daniel	23	Sun Herald (Sydney)	A Sydney based importer (Ross Bennie) is trying to gain approval to import NicLite into Australia. NicLite is a water-based drink laced with 4mg of nicotine.
12 Nov 2006	Cigarettes a smoke screen for pollution [letter to the editor]	Piper, Jan	16	Sunday Age	Letter to the editor.
12 Nov 2006	Vaccinations for bad habits	Kotulak, Ronald	10	Sunday Canberra Times (Relax)	Story about vaccines being developed to prevent lifestyle related health problems.
10 Nov 2006	Kiddie pack smokes off the market		4	Adelaide Advertiser	The SA government has banned the limited edition cigarette packets that can split into two segments.
10 Nov 2006	Smoking a barrier to pregnancy	Pountney, Michelle	18	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	European researchers have compared pregnancy rates between heavy smokers (10+ cigs / day) and non-heavy smokers (<10 cigs / day or not at all) who were receiving IVF treatment using donor eggs. The findings were that heavy smokers had a much lower chance of achieving pregnancy and if they became pregnant were twice as likely to be carrying twins.
10 Nov 2006	Tobacco firm asks for gag	Dick, Tim	2	Sydney Morning Herald	The NSW Supreme Court has granted two BAT companies a temporary injunction preventing Fairfax media from publishing further stories on the contents of the leaked Clayton Utz documents.
8 Nov 2006	Training to help others quit smoking		42	Koori Mail	Twenty workers from the Bila Muuji group participated in a smoking cessation training course delivered by Sydney University's Woolcock Institute.
5 Nov 2006	Why don't they listen? [letter to the editor]	Love, Bruce	20	Sunday Age (Melbourne)	Letter to the editor by Dr Bruce Love. "For more than 40 years there has been incontrovertible evidence that smoking causes lung cancer...However, the slick advertising of the time seduced the vulnerable young to become addicted..."

5 Nov 2006	Babies into battle: new campaign aims to spur on quitters		33	Sunday Herald Sun	Story about the new round of graphic health warning images that will be appearing on cigarette packs and other tobacco products.
4 Nov 2006	Disposable cigarette warnings spark rate	O'Leary, Cathy	56	West Australian	A new series of graphic health warning images began appearing on cigarette packs from the beginning of November. Some cigarette manufacturers are using funky tins with removable stickers and cardboard sleeves to circumvent labelling regulations.
2 Nov 2006	Shops flout ban on 'fruit' cigarettes	Henderson, Nick	32	Adelaide Advertiser	South Australia implemented a state wide ban on "fruit" flavoured cigarettes effective 1 November 2006. A survey of five randomly selected outlets found that two still carried DJ Mix fruit flavoured cigarettes.
2 Nov 2006	Anti-cig ads spill big tobacco's ash	Pountney, Michelle	13	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on research published in the American Journal of Public Health that found that tobacco industry sponsored smoking prevention advertisements do not work.
1 Nov 2006	Smokers heed new warnings and quit	Anderson, Laura; Henderson, Nick	13	Adelaide Advertiser	Reports that more smokers are quitting. Also discusses the new Dunhill cigarette packaging that enables the pack to be split into two. Quit SA are calling this style of packaging a new version of "kiddie packs".
1 Nov 2006	Warnings go up in smoke		16	Adelaide Advertiser	Editorial about the new Dunhill cigarette packaging. The pack can be split into two segments (two smaller packs).
1 Nov 2006	Puffing away on profits	Brooks, Karen	33	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Opinion piece about smoking bans, lauding the Queensland government's tobacco control laws.
1 Nov 2006	Crossing the line in war on tobacco	Maguire, Tory	9	Daily Telegraph	Maguire comments on antismoking campaigns.
1 Nov 2006	Alfresco diners next to face cigarette ban	Saleh, Lillian	9	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Mayors and councillors at the Local Government Association's annual conference voted in support of a smoking ban in outside eating areas.