

Select stories in the media – March 2007

Date	Title	Journalist/Author	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
31 Mar 07	Smoking a job hazard		21	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on research published in <i>Tobacco Control</i> .
30 Mar 07	Smoking causes sickies		10	Australian	Reports on research published in <i>Tobacco Control</i> .
30 Mar 07	Beachgoers butting out	Green, Glenis	22	Courier-Mail (Brisbane)	It has been two years since the introduction of smoking bans on Queensland patrolled beaches and only 12 fines have been imposed.
30 Mar 07	Smoking banned in cars		30	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	The SA government has banned smoking in private cars carrying children. The new laws are effective from May 1.
29 Mar 07	Smoking ban in cars while kids are present		5	Courier-Mail (Brisbane)	Queensland is considering banning smoking in private cars carrying children.
28 Mar 07	Rooting out the evil weed		14	Canberra Times	Report about National Youth Free Tobacco Day, a day designed to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking in the 10-25 year age bracket.
28 Mar 07	Puffed up but yet to pounce	Creagh, Sunanda	5	Sydney Morning Herald	Report about the Sydney Councils that have taken tough measures on smoking in public places.
28 Mar 07	Where there's a smoker, there's a firebrand under siege	McDonald, Brian	20	Sydney Morning Herald – Stay in Touch	Opinion piece about Mosman Council's new smokefree rules.
25 Mar 07	Smokers in peril		28	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney)	Research published by the George Institute for International Health found female smokers are twice as likely to die from lung cancer than male smokers.
23 Mar 07	Smoking is more risky for women		14	Advertiser (Adelaide)	Research published by the George Institute for International Health found female smokers are twice as likely to die from lung cancer than male smokers.
23 Mar 07	Smoking hits women – twice the death risk		14	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Research published by the George Institute for International Health found female smokers are twice as likely to die from lung cancer than male smokers.
21 Mar 07	Quitting cigs aids arteries		27	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on research published in <i>Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association</i> .

20 Mar 07	Let's not confuse health and morality	Chapman, Simon	12	Australian	Chapman argues that antismoking measures have gone too far. "The evidence base for public health policy must be vigilantly respected and the arguments for tobacco control never allowed to haemorrhage into the moralism that characterised tobacco control of previous centuries. For enthusiasts of untethered paternalism that abandons respect for smokers' choice to harm themselves, their hubris awaits its inevitable fate."
20 Mar 07	No butts about it		8	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Figures from the Cancer Council Victoria show that four out of five Victorian smokers have tried to quit, about one third are successful.
20 Mar 07	Car cigs harmful		10	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Results of a survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia found that children exposed to cigarette smoke in cars were more than twice as likely as other kids to develop asthma.
20 Mar 07	McGinty support for public smoking ban excludes Parliament	Batcheler, Alison	5	West Australian (Perth)	"Health Minister Jim McGinty has refused to push for smoking to be banned in Parliament House despite urging local councils to outlaw the habit in all public areas they control."
20 Mar 07	Lack of support for car smokes ban hypocritical, says Hames	Batcheler, Alison	5	West Australian (Perth)	"Shadow health minister Kim Hames said Health Minister Jim McGinty was hypocritical to support proposals to ban smoking in alfresco dining areas and public places but not efforts to outlaw smoking in cars with children."
19 Mar 07	Smoking in car asthma risk for children		26	Advertiser (Adelaide)	Results of a survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia found that children exposed to cigarette smoke in cars were more than twice as likely as other kids to develop asthma.
19 Mar 07	Smoking in car doubles asthma risk		7	Australian	Results of a survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia found that children exposed to cigarette smoke in cars were more than twice as likely as other kids to develop asthma.
19 Mar 07	Smoking in cars causes asthma in kids		13	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Results of a survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia found that children exposed to cigarette smoke in cars were more than twice as likely as other kids to develop asthma.
19 Mar 07	Threatened with a smoking gun	Saleh, Lillian	23	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Discusses recent Council smokefree zone rulings, in particular, Mosman Council, and how Mosman Council's council rangers will act as "smoking police".

19 Mar 07	Smoke-filled cars caution Study drives home kids' asthma risk		9	Hobart Mercury	Results of a survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia found that children exposed to cigarette smoke in cars were more than twice as likely as other kids to develop asthma.
19 Mar 07	Footpaths next as no-smoking zones	Creagh , Sunanda	3	Sydney Morning Herald	Discusses recent Council smokefree zone rulings, in particular Mosman Council.
19 Mar 07	Fremantle hotel faces probe over smokers	Curtis, Jennifer	5	West Australian (Perth)	"Fremantle's Newport Hotel is at the centre of a row after it was accused of flouting a ban on smoking indoors."
19 Mar 07	Health boss supports a blanket ban on smoking	Curtis, Jennifer	5	West Australian (Perth)	WA Health Minister, Jim McGinty, is urging WA councils to follow the example of Mosman Council and introduce blanket bans on smoking in all public areas.
18 Mar 07	Ads ban for `light' cigarettes		39	Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	"A federal judge in Washington yesterday prohibited top tobacco companies from marketing cigarettes overseas as "low tar" and "light," in a move applauded by anti-smoking activists."
18 Mar 07	Council goes smoke-free - Mosman bans lighting up in all its public spaces	Dickins, Jim	11	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney)	Mosman Council has banned smoking in every council-controlled public space.
18 Mar 07	Smoke-less suburb		26	Sunday Times (Perth)	Mosman Council has banned smoking in every council-controlled public space.
17 Mar 07	Rise and rise of medical costs	Carruthers, Fiona	21	Australian Financial Review	"The professor of Molecular Sciences at the University of Sydney, Brian Morris, has argued for people to improve their diets and lifestyles in an attempt to save money on medical expenses."
17 Mar 07	Alfresco smoke ban splits city	Daly, Kym	61	West Australian (Perth)	Reports that the decision to ban smoking along Fremantle's alfresco dining strip has locals divided.
16 Mar 07	Camp bans butts	Metlikovec, Jane	5	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Port Fairy's Gum Tree caravan park owners have declared their site a smoke-free zone from 1 July 2007. It is being hailed as the first caravan park in Australia to ban smoking.
16 Mar 07	Extend alfresco ban, say anti-smoking groups	Batcheler, Alison	11	West Australian (Perth)	Antismoking groups in WA are calling on the State government to ban smoking in all outdoor areas at restaurants and hotels.
15 Mar 07	Cancer council backs push for school toilet smoke alarms			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	"A Bonalbo man who wants to see smoke alarms installed in high school toilets says he has won support from the Cancer Council of New South Wales."

15 Mar 07	Call to ban lighting up in US films	Hellard, Peta	34	Courier-Mail (Brisbane)	The American Medical Association has called for an R rating for all films that show smoking following new US research that found that smoking in films does influence underage smoking initiation.
15 Mar 07	R-rating for film smoking	Masters, Clare; Hellard, Peta	6	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Australian antismoking groups are calling for a crackdown on movies that show smoking following new US research that found that movies influence underage smoking initiation.
15 Mar 07	Smoking ban on outdoor diners	Curtis, Jennifer	1	West Australian (Perth)	The City of Fremantle is set to ban smoking among diners along its famous alfresco dining strip.
14 Mar 07	MP super money in petrol, tobacco	Henderson, Nick	9	Advertiser (Adelaide)	Super SA, the super fund for SA public servants and politicians, has \$230 million in Exxon Mobil shares and \$164 million in shares of cigarette manufacturer Philip Morris' parent company, Altria Group.
14 Mar 07	Smoking fines for motorists		13	Advertiser (Adelaide)	The SA parliament are debating banning smoking in private cars carrying children. The bill was passed in the upper house of SA parliament. Motorists would be fined \$75 if caught smoking in a car with children under 16 years old.
14 Mar 07	Boomers choose drink over super	Alexander, Cathy	8	Canberra Times	A University of Canberra- AMP report found that baby boomers are spending more on alcohol and cigarettes than investing in super.
13 Mar 07	Standards body backs self-extinguishing cigarettes			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Standards Australia is calling for the federal government to legislate to force the introduction of reduced fire risk cigarettes across the country.
13 Mar 07	Pub customer left fuming after smoking dispute	Creach, Sunanda	5	Sydney Morning Herald	Smokers are being confined to gambling areas in pubs as these are the only smoking areas. From July 2 a total ban on indoor smoking in pubs will come into effect. However, an area is defined as outdoors if 25 per cent of the room is open to the outside.
12 Mar 07	Lib stand on young smokers rejected	Henderson, Nick	4	Advertiser (Adelaide)	"Police and teachers are unable to confiscate cigarettes from children under current laws in South Australia."
10 Mar 07	Drawing on the fag end of infotainment - Sunday, March 11	Matchett, Stephen	28	Australian	Review of 'A Day in the Life of a Cigarette' screened on SBS.
8 Mar 07	Graphic ads get up the noses of non-smokers, too	Escombe, Luke	26	Sydney Morning Herald – Stay in Touch	Opinion about the current antismoking campaigns.

7 Mar 07	Cigarettes sold to minors		15	Adelaide (Advertiser)	South Australian Health Department statistics reveal that in 2006, inspectors found 53 instances of cigarettes being sold to minors.
6 Mar 07	Clean air on the menu	Butler, Ben	67	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	"Publican Julian Gerner has hit out at claims the new smoking laws will lose pubs and clubs business. "
6 Mar 07	Last puff for smokes Bars move to meet smoking deadline	Butler, Ben	67	Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	Effective from July 1, 2007 smoking will be banned inside all Victorian pubs and clubs. Pubs and clubs are preparing for the bans by creating outdoor areas.
4 Mar 07	Fetus smoke risk		14	Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on US research that found women who smoke while pregnant may cause permanent cardiovascular damage to the foetus.
4 Mar 07	Smoking ban `would help kids'		26	Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne)	AMA (Vic) are calling for the Victorian government to follow Tasmania's lead and ban smoking in cars carrying children.
4 Mar 07	Council butts out of fire plan	Dickins, Jim	24	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney)	"Plans for a cigarette-butt patrol to help prevent bushfires in the Blue Mountains have been scrapped due to cost constraints."
4 Mar 07	Butt out for kids	Lampathakis, Paul	24	Sunday Times (Perth)	AMA (WA) are calling for the WA Government to follow Tasmania and ban smoking in cars carrying children.
3 Mar 07	And the poised light up, blowing smoke at the law	Lee, Julian	7	Sydney Morning Herald	NSW health is investigating several ads glamorising smoking for fashion brands for possible breaches of anti-tobacco advertising laws.
2 Mar 07	Hot and bothered over smoking ban	Este, Jonathan	32	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Este is critical of the ruling made by the Office of Fair Trading regarding smoking causing a nuisance to other residents in a strata complex.
2 Mar 07	Car cigs ban on way Raft of smoking rules clear Cabinet	Paine, Michelle	3	Hobart Mercury	The Tasmanian government has agreed to legislate to ban smoking in private cars carrying children. Other new tobacco control measures include the prevention of the introduction of fruit flavoured cigarettes targeted at children.
2 Mar 07	Extra time for anti-smoking moves	Guest, Debbie	43	West Australian (Perth)	New tobacco control laws effective from January in WA will not be enforced until May.
1 Mar 07	Smoking deterrent		26	Advertiser (Adelaide)	A research study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that graphical health warnings are an effective means to inform about the dangers of smoking.

1 Mar 07	Smokers gasping		11	Northern Territory News/Sunday Territorian	A research study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that graphical health warnings are an effective means to inform about the dangers of smoking.
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