

Select stories in the media – 6-13 December 2004

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| 7 Dec 2004 | NSW Parliament approves smoking ban | | | Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News | "Clubs and hotels have criticised the ban, saying it will lead to the loss of thousands of jobs." |
| 7 Dec 2004 | No butts about it | | 18 | Daily Telegraph | Story about the problems of cigarette butt pollution and the lack of bins to facilitate butt disposal. |
| 7 Dec 2004 | Quitting `not that hard' | Mayne, N | 10 | Geelong Advertiser | Story about the Barwon Health Countdown Challenge smoking cessation program. Profiles Christine Benney, a participant in the program. |
| 7 Dec 2004 | Smoking dangers taught to youths | | 22 | Macarthur Chronicle | Reports on a new health education program targeted towards educating Afghan and Iraqi youth about the dangers of smoking. |
| 7 Dec 2004 | Landmark butts | | 10 | MX (Australia) | Reports that cigarette butt pollution is rising due to the lack of bins. |
| 8 Dec 2004 | New smoking laws passed in NSW Upper House | | | Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News | Reports that the New South Wales Upper House has passed legislation that will ban smoking in all pubs and clubs by 2007. From mid-2006 smoking will be restricted to one room and will be phased out completely over the following two years. |
| 8 Dec 2004 | Smoking ban near | | 2 | Daily Telegraph | Reports that the New South Wales Upper House has passed legislation that will ban smoking in all pubs and clubs by 2007. From July 2006 smoking will be restricted to one room and will be phased out completely over the following two years. |
| 9 Dec 2004 | Publicans reminded of looming smoke bans | | | Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News | Warns Queensland publicans prepare for the new smokefree laws to avoid prosecution. The new laws commence on January 1, 2005 and require one third of pub space to be smoke-free. |
| 9 Dec 2004 | Kiwis extend smoking bans | | 17 | Geelong Advertiser | Reports on New Zealand's Smokefree Environments Act and the new smokefree indoor air laws that come into force on December 10, 2004. |
| 9 Dec 2004 | Results show top marks for non-smokers | | 7 | MX (Australia) | A study by researchers at Aberdeen and Edinburgh universities in Scotland found that long-term smokers suffer damage to their memory, and their ability to think quickly and solve problems. |

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| 10 Dec 2004 | NZ pubs and restaurants go smoke-free | Williams, P | | Australian Associated Press General News | Reports on New Zealand's new indoor venues smokefree laws. |
| 10 Dec 2004 | Call for smokefree deadlines to be brought forward | | | Australian Associated Press General News | Health Groups call for the NSW, Victorian and South Australian governments to bring forward the timetable for the implementation of smokefree pub laws with new research linking tobacco smoke to breast cancer. Notes Zealand have managed go smokefree now. |
| 10 Dec 2004 | Smoking is not only unhealthy - it makes you stupid | Yapp, R | 29 | Daily Telegraph | A study by researchers at Aberdeen and Edinburgh universities in Scotland found that long-term smokers suffer damage to their memory, and their ability to think quickly and solve problems. |
| 10 Dec 2004 | IQ smoke link | | | Herald-Sun | A study by researchers at Aberdeen and Edinburgh universities in Scotland found that long-term smokers suffer damage to their memory, and their ability to think quickly and solve problems. |
| 10 Dec 2004 | Film smokes butt out child ban | Antonyson, L and Miller, M | 2 | MX (Australia) | New story about the proposed New Zealand special age restrictions on films showing smoking. "Quit Victoria executive director Todd Harper said there was merit in the Kiwi age ban, which could apply to all young people under 18. But Harper said he did not think a blanket ban was appropriate for Australia." |
| 10 Dec 2004 | Yes, smoking is stupid | | 7 | The Australian | A study by researchers at Aberdeen and Edinburgh universities in Scotland found that long-term smokers suffer damage to their memory, and their ability to think quickly and solve problems. |
| 10 Dec 2004 | Something a bit stupid about smokers | | 14 | The Gold Coast Bulletin | Reports on research published in the New Scientist. "Smokers performed significantly worse in five different cognitive tests than did both former smokers and those who had never smoked". |
| 11 Dec 2004 | Smokes stay | | 74 | The Advertiser | Brief news noting that the New Zealand government has rejected the proposal to place special age restrictions on films that show smoking. |
| 11 Dec 2004 | Smoking film ban | | 48 | The Gold Coast Bulletin | Reports that New Zealand health officials are considering stopping young people from seeing movies in which actors smoke. Notes that new NZ laws came into force on 10 December and smoking is now banned in bars, cafes, restaurants and workplaces. |
| 12 Dec 2004 | Fed: Smokers dateless but not necessarily desperate | | | Australian Associated Press General News | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". |

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| 12 Dec 2004 | 1000 pubs and two inspectors How the Government is tackling smoking | Heggen, B; Pilkington, J | 3 | Sunday Mail | The South Australian government has appointed two officers to enforce the new smoking bans. "Australian Hotels Association public affairs manager Hamish Arthur praised the Government for adopting an 'instructional rather than heavy-handed approach for the first month or two'." |
| 12 Dec 2004 | Smoking study - nurses top nation | | 40 | Sunday Telegraph | Results from a survey of student nurses published in the <i>Journal of Advanced Nursing</i> found 24 per cent of female student nurses smoked, compared to the national average of 18 per cent for women. |
| 12 Dec 2004 | Your IQ could be going up in smoke | Yapp, R | 50 | Sunday Times (Perth) | Reports on research published in the New Scientist. "Long-term smokers suffer significant damage to their memory and their ability to think quickly and solve problems." |
| 13 Dec 2004 | Love goes up in smoke | Labi, S | 17 | Daily Telegraph | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". |
| 13 Dec 2004 | Make a date to quit smoking | | 23 | Herald-Sun | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". |
| 13 Dec 2004 | Smokers most likely to be among lonely hearts | AAP | 13 | Hobart Mercury | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". Study findings: Compared with the general population, a higher proportion of women and older men who advertise themselves on a dating website are smokers. Smokers may be perceived as less attractive. See http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/181_11_061204/cha10482_fm.html |
| 13 Dec 2004 | Smokers go down in flames on dating sites | AAP | 5 | The Australian | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". |
| 13 Dec 2004 | Social drags send smoke signals | Labi, S | 7 | The Courier Mail | Reports findings of a study published in the MJA by Simon Chapman, Melanie Wakefield and Sarah Durkin entitled "Smoking status of 132 176 people advertising on a dating website". |

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