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## **KAVA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

### **1. Boundary of the area to be declared as the Kava licence area:**

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#### **MINJILANG KAVA LICENCE AREA**

All that parcel of land near Croker Island in the Northern Territory of Australia containing an area of 3200 square kilometres more or less and bounded by lines described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Meridian of East Longitude 132 degrees 28 minutes with Parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 12 minutes; thence west by the said Parallel to intersect Meridian of East Longitude 132 degrees 15 minutes; thence north by the said Meridian to intersect Parallel of South Latitude 10 degrees 58 minutes; thence east by the said Parallel to intersect Meridian of East Longitude 133 degrees 5 minutes; thence south by the said Meridian to intersect Parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 8 minutes; thence southwesterly to the intersection point of Meridian of East Longitude 132 degrees 49 minutes with Parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 22 minutes; thence south by the said Meridian to intersect Parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 25 minutes; thence west by the said Parallel to intersect Meridian of East Longitude 132 degrees 40 minutes; thence north by the said Meridian to intersect Parallel of South Latitude 11 degrees 23 minutes; thence west by the said Parallel to intersect Meridian of East Longitude 132 degrees 36 minutes; thence northwesterly to the point of commencement. All co-ordinates quoted herein being on Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA 94).

The Minjilang Kava licence area is also shown in the attached map.

## **2. Place and method of Kava sales:**

From a community based retail outlet based in a modified shipping container outlet in Minjilang.

## **3. Where Kava may be consumed:**

Kava may be consumed only if purchased within the Minjilang Kava licence area and only within the places described in Section 1, but may not be consumed in these public places which are excluded:

- Council Office.
- Community Hall.
- Community Chapel.
- HACC Kitchen and Outdoor area.
- CDEP Office and Compound.
- Visiting Officers Quarters.
- Council Housing Shed and Workshop Sheds.
- Power & Water Compounds.
- Community Oval.
- Community Public Toilets.
- ALPA Store.
- Mamaruni School.
- Harry Rudbuk Health Centre.
- Jibulwanagu Resource Centre.
- Batchelor Study Centre.
- Jarbu Fishing Lodge.
- Broome Pearls, Point David.
- Airstrip and airport waiting room.
- Barge landing.
- Empty and/or derelict houses.
- Roads.
- Mission Bay Beach.
- Public places.

## **4. Days of Sale:**

Kava sales will occur on Friday and Monday, based on a Thursday to Wednesday week which aligns with Council and CDEP pay weeks.

## **5. Hours of Sale:**

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. which is after shop trading hours.

## **6. Limits of Kava purchases:**

The maximum daily purchase per person is 400gms, ie two (2) bags of Kava per day. The Minjilang Council will require the retailer to maintain a register recording the name and daily sales to each and every customer. In any one week individual customers will not be sold more than 800gms, ie four (4) bags of Kava per week.

## **7. Community expectations or rules:**

People will act responsibly in their purchase, possession and consumption of Kava.

People will not indulge in binge drinking.

Kava will not be sold or given to anyone under 18 years of age.

Kava will not be sold or given to anyone who is pregnant or breastfeeding.

Kava drinking should not affect attendance at ceremonies and other cultural business.

Kava drinking should not affect attendance at work or recreation activities.

Kava drinkers are to fulfil their responsibilities to their family and community. This includes ensuring that families have food and that children attend school.

People will not drive motor vehicles or any other mode of transport if intoxicated by Kava.

Kava will only be purchased from the licensed Kava retrailer.

The Kava retail licensee will operate within the guidelines developed by the Minjilang Community Kava Management Committee of 14 people comprising:

- 2 from each of the 4 main language groups;
- 2 Council members;
- 1 Health Committee member;
- 1 Shop Committee member;
- 1 School Committee member; and
- the Town Clerk/CEO.

Meetings to have a quorum of 6 members.

## **8. Actions to support the responsible use of Kava:**

Community education on health and economic matters and the effect irresponsible use of Kava.

Community leaders will lead by example in the responsible use of Kava.

Community members must be responsible to ensure food is supplied to families.

The Harry Rudbuk Health Centre to provide statistics on health matters.

The Alpa Store to provide statistics on food purchasing trends.

The Mamaruni School to provide statistics on attendance.

## **9. Actions if irresponsible Kava use occurs:**

The Kava Management Committee will have the power to

- identify persons who misuse Kava for health and traditional purposes and advise the retailer to cease sales to those persons.
- obtain from the retail licensee information about the amount of Kava sold per week.
- direct the retailer to suspend sales to the Community if irresponsible use occurs.
- provide personal counselling by the appropriate family to persons who misuse Kava.
- have police on their monthly patrols deal with persons who break the law.

## **10. How the impact of Kava will be monitored:**

The Minjilang Council and the Kava Management Committee requires the retailer to produce sales figures and any other information as requested from time to time.

The Alpa Store, Mamaruni School and Harry Rudbuk Health Centre will provide statistics on Kava matters.

The Minjilang Council and Barrah CDEP will monitor absences from their work programs. Both the Council and CDEP have a no work, no pay policy.

## **11. Other Information:**

The Minjilang Community in the past has experienced the effects of alcohol abuse, petrol sniffing and uncontrolled kava and substance use. The Minjilang Community has been declared as a dry Community under the NT Liquor Act. The Minjilang Council has adopted the policy to sell only diesel and com gas within the community and with support and control from the people petrol sniffing has ceased.

The Minjilang Community has consulted widely and is resolved to implement these strategies to control kava within the legal requirements of the law.

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