HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY

SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES



Adopted: Hurunui District Council - 28 July 2016

Replaces: [Name of any old policy being replaced]

Review date: [Date by which the policy should be reviewed]

Background

The Hurunui Youth Council has adopted a 'Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy' that seeks to limit the availability of sugar-sweetened drinks at Hurunui Youth sponsored events. The Youth Council subsequently presented to the Hurunui District Council, requesting that Council adopt a sugar-sweetened beverages policy of its own. This policy is a response to that request.

Purpose

This policy seeks to restrict the availability of sugar sweetened beverages at Council sponsored functions while also preserving an individual's right to consume the beverages of their choice.

We recognise that this policy can only make a small contribution to our community's overall sugar intake. However, the Council also recognises that it has a responsibility to lead by example, and has enacted this policy in response.

Beverage scope

This policy applies to all beverages that have had sugar added at time of manufacture.

The beverage scope does not include:

- Drinks with naturally occurring levels of sugar (for example, natural fruit juices)
- Beverages to which sugar is added at time of consumption (for example teas or coffee)
- Beverages that contain non-sugar sweeteners
- · Alcoholic beverages with fermented sugars

Function scope

This policy applies to events organised for, or sponsored solely by, Hurunui District Council, wherever they may be held.

For events where the Council is a joint sponsor, the Council will make all reasonable efforts to gain acceptance of this policy by other sponsors but is not obligated to implement the policy.

This policy does not apply to:

- Private events held in Council owned property (for example, rented halls, reserves or meeting rooms).
- Events for which the Council is only a participant (for example an A&P show).

Policy

Hurunui District Council will not provide any beverage described in the beverage scope clause at any function described in the function scope clause.

Notwithstanding this, Hurunui District Council will not prohibit participants at a function from bringing their own beverages with added sugar (provided that attendees are permitted to consume their own beverages at the function).

END OF POLICY