



Media Statement

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Smokos Over

Work break 'smokos' will be a thing of the past for Maylands resident Clive Peters as of January 1.

Long time smoker Clive Peters, who works in the mailroom at Royal Perth Hospital, will be quitting the cigarettes on January 1 thanks to the Smoke Free WA Health System Policy.

"I have tried to quit smoking several times after pressure from friends and family, but this time I am quitting for myself," Clive said.

"I often go on smoke breaks at work, but once the ban comes in next year I won't have the chance to smoke."

All WA Health facilities including hospitals, grounds, buildings, car parks and vehicles will be completely smoke free.

The Smoke Free WA Health System Policy is a mandatory policy directive from the Minister for Health and it will cover both RPH sites at Wellington St and the Shenton Park Campus.

Under this policy visitors, patients, employees and contractors will no longer be permitted to smoke on any WA Health owned or leased buildings, grounds or vehicles.

Different forms of Nicotine Replacement Therapy such as patches and lozenges may be offered to employees to help those who would like to quit smoking.

Clive said the Hospital smoking ban has given him the motivation he needs to quit.

“If I’m not able to smoke for eight hours straight, I will want to smoke less in the long term.

“This time I am prepared and I know I will quit.”

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