# Thinking big on smokefree outdoor areas



### **SEMINAR**

Friday 12 February 2016 University of Otago, Mein St, Newtown, Wellington

We invite you to an **ASPIRE2025** seminar with Councillor Richard Foster from Melbourne, Australia.

Councillor Foster is an Australian leader in the creation of smokefree pedestrian areas, and has helped drive the growing downtown smokefree outdoor policies in Melbourne. He is the chairperson of the People City portfolio of Melbourne City Council.

Councillor Foster will discuss Melbourne City's successful experience in making downtown areas smokefree. He will outline the processes involved, practical solutions and successes.

This is an opportunity for businesses, planners, the health sector and others to learn about this interface between urban design and health.

Register now and think big on smokefree streets.

## Keynote Address: Councillor Richard Foster

Richard Foster is a Councillor in Melbourne, Australia. He is the chairperson of the People City portfolio of Melbourne City Council

Richard has enjoyed a long career in the legal industry and the welfare sector. In 2012, Richard was made an Industry Fellow of the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash.



In public office since 2012, Richard has focused on making Melbourne more liveable for those who often miss out. Homelessness has been an issue on which he has advocated strongly, as well as delivering better public transport and building a safer city. But he is perhaps best known as the Councillor who introduced smoke-free zones to Melbourne. From a successful pilot in 2013, Richard has since moved to introduce seven permanent smoke-free zones across the CBD in areas including outdoor dining precincts, retail areas and event spaces - all overwhelmingly popular among businesses, residents and visitors. He plans to introduce additional smoke-free zones during 2016.

#### Seminar Schedule

12.15pm Coffee & registration

12.30pm Welcome

12.35pm Keynote address

1.15pm Questions & discussion

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

There is no cost to attend this seminar but registration is required. To register, please email <u>fran.wright@otago.ac.nz</u> by Wednesday 10 February.

NOTE: This seminar is also available by webconference. Email Fran for details as above.

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