

Wholesalers

Liquor that you buy from a wholesaler can't be consumed on the premises; you have to take it away. If you buy liquor from a wholesaler in the ban area, you won't be breaching the bylaw if you take your alcohol from the ban area promptly. If you have to walk through the ban area, for example to take your liquor home, the liquor must not be opened. If you are found lingering in the ban area with liquor, or found consuming liquor in the ban area, the police may take action.

Pubs & Bars

The bylaw does not apply to licensed areas within the ban area (e.g. pubs, bars, restaurants), so you can still drink, provided you stay within their premises. However, if you take your drink outside, for example to smoke, you may be in breach of the bylaw. If you are caught drinking on the streets, you may be prosecuted, and if convicted of a breach of the bylaw, you may be fined up to \$20,000.

Special Events

The liquor bans cover areas that may be used for special events, for example the Hunterville Huntaway Festival, the Taihape A & P Show, and will remain in force unless the organiser applies for a waiver or exemption of the liquor ban for the duration of the activity.

Forms to apply for the waiver or exemption are available from the Council. An exemption will allow people to bring liquor into the ban area during the event without breaching the bylaw.

Any applicant applying for a waiver or exemption will need to outline what steps will be taken to ensure that liquor does not create a problem. While you aren't directly responsible for the actions of people who do bring liquor into the ban area, you should ensure that people are safe and not intimidated, and that there is no damage to public and private property.

Enforcement

Responsibility for enforcing the Liquor Control Bylaw rests with the Police. If you are concerned about people drinking in public, or believe that the liquor ban is being breached, contact the nearest Police station:

Taihape Police: 06 388 2170

Marton Police: 06 327 6555

For more information about Council bylaws, contact the Council directly.

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Liquor Control Bylaw 2010

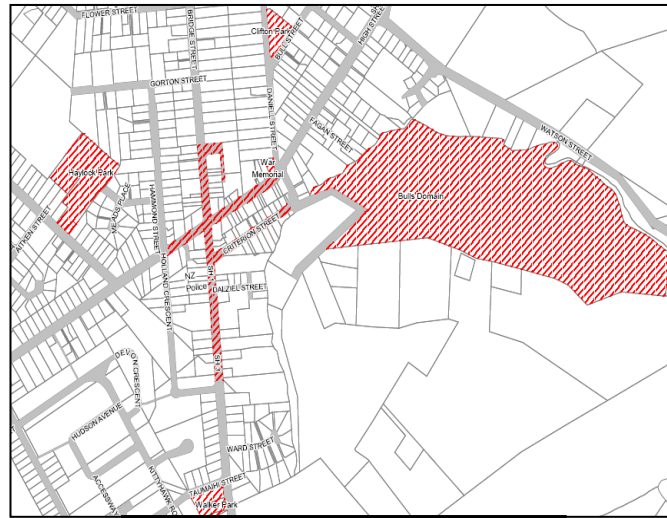


The Bylaw

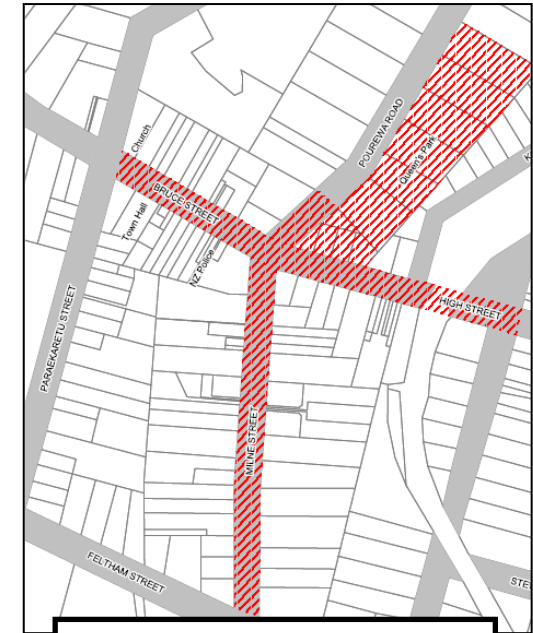
The Council's Liquor Control in a Public Place Bylaw 2010 bans drinking liquor on the streets and in public parks in certain areas within Bulls, Marton, Ratana, Hunterville and Taihape. The ban applies to footpaths, roads, parks (including vehicles parked on roads or in parks) within each of the liquor ban areas. The maps below show the specific areas. From the 1st of September 2010, it is illegal to bring liquor into the ban area, possess liquor in the ban area, or consume liquor in the ban area.

Police have the power to confiscate liquor found in breach of the bylaw, and may arrest and prosecute you. If you are convicted for breaching the bylaw, you may be fined up to \$20,000.

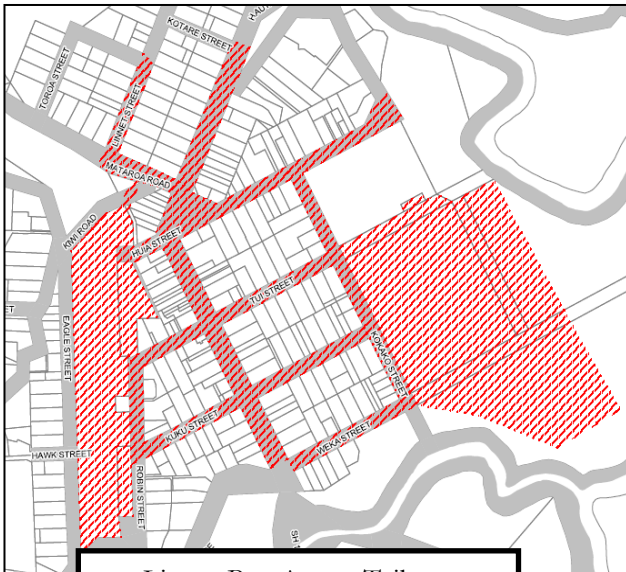
The liquor ban does not apply to people consuming alcohol in their own homes, or on private property.



Liquor Ban Area – Bulls
(Ban is red shaded area)



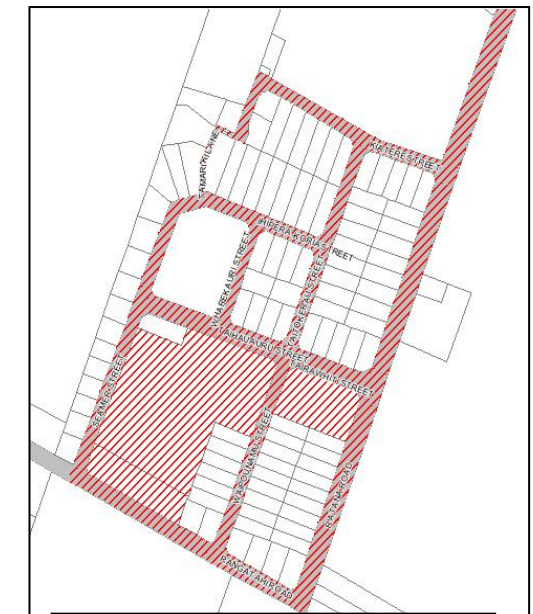
Liquor Ban Area – Hunterville
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Liquor Ban Area – Taihape
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Liquor Ban Area – Marton
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Liquor Ban Area – Ratana
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