

# STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Food and Drink in Public Spaces Guidelines

### 1. Purpose

The State Library develops collections that reflect the interests and ambitions of Western Australians, and provides spaces for the public that are dynamic, safe and inclusive with resources and connections to stimulate research, creativity and curiosity. In order to do this we need to ensure the preservation of our heritage library materials, and the quality of our facilities.

### 2. Definitions

'Food' refers to anything edible that is dry, non-odourless and non-greasy. Exceptions will be made for lozenges or lollies for medical reasons only. These should be kept in sealed containers.

### 3. Guidelines

- (i) Consumption of food and covered drinks is permitted on the ground floor and mezzanine floor in the Story Place and Education areas of the State Library.
- (ii) To protect collections, equipment and facilities the following restrictions to the consumption of food and drink apply:
  - (a) Leah Jane Cohen Reading Room – No food or drink permitted
  - (b) Public Areas (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors) – Only bottled water permitted
  - (c) Theatre – Only bottled water permitted
  - (d) Ground Floor Gallery – Only bottled water permitted
  - (e) Story Place and Education Centre – Hot drinks not permitted on the mezzanine floor.
- (iii) By temporary arrangement for events, food and drink may be consumed in other designated areas as approved by the Chief Executive Officer
- (iv) Food and drink can be consumed in designated venue rooms.

### 4. Responsibilities

Director Library Services

### 5. References

*Library Use Policy, 2017*  
*Pest Management Procedure, 2013*  
*Venue Hire Policy, 2016*

### 6. Authorisation and Review

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