

Our ref: DF23/011868

Mr Andrew David Arthur Frater
Lawson Bowling Club Ltd
By email to: [REDACTED]

8 February 2024

Dear Mr Frater

Application No.	SR0000970461 – COB, 1-8484582219 – vary NRAA
Applicant	LAWSON BOWLING CLUB LTD
Application for	Amendment – club licence and change of boundaries
Application date	11 April 2023 (First submission – 28 November 2022)
Decision date	21 June 2023
Licence name	Lawson Bowling Club Ltd
Trading hours	Monday to Saturday 05:00 AM – 12:00 midnight Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Premises	2 Loftus Street Lawson NSW 2783
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 18, 40, 44, 45 and 48 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

**Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority
Application for an amendment – club licence and change of boundaries –
Lawson Bowling Club**

We **approve** the application above under section 94 of the *Liquor Act 2007* (the Act) — with the conditions set out in Schedule 1.

Statement of reasons

Overall, we are satisfied that the social impact of approving the application will not be harmful to the well-being of the local or broader community, while also promoting a balanced and responsible development of the industry.

Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is Lawson. The broader community is the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA).

Positive social impacts

We are satisfied the proposal would benefit the local and broader communities by providing increased convenience and choice to members and their guests, including provision of an outdoor seating option. The variation to the non-restricted area authorisation would permit minors in the company of a responsible adult to access the additional proposed areas (excluding the gaming room).

Negative social impacts

We accept that the proposal could contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities because of the:

- licence boundary of the club expanding by three and a half times its existing size
- venue being located in a high-density crime hotspot for malicious damage to property
- crime rate for incidents of malicious damage to property and alcohol-related disorderly conduct in the suburb being higher compared to all of NSW.

However, we are satisfied that these risks are reduced by the:

- venue not being located in a hotspot for domestic or non-domestic assault, or alcohol-related assault
- lower crime rates in both Lawson and the Blue Mountains LGA for incidents of alcohol-related domestic and non-domestic assault
- lower rate of alcohol-attributable hospitalisations in the Blue Mountains LGA compared to NSW
- indication of an above-average level of socio-economic advantage in the Blue Mountains LGA and an average level of socio-economic advantage in Lawson
- Lawson Bowling Club being the only licensed club in the suburb
- trading hours remaining unchanged - the club is licensed to operate unrestricted hours but trades under reduced hours Tuesday to Sunday (not opening on Mondays)
- patron capacity remaining unchanged - licensing the bowling green and outdoor area will service existing club members
- club being surrounded on three sides by a permanent fence, with access to the bowling green only via the front entrance of the building
- harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1.

The material we considered

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material — including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- a community impact statement (CIS)
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- a plan of management for the licensed business
- statistics from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics on the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates and health issues in the local and broader communities
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered [Guideline 6](#) to assess the likely social impact to the local and broader community.

This decision will be published on the [Liquor & Gaming NSW website](#) in accordance with section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

If you have any questions

Please contact the case manager, Leonie Jennings, at leonie.jennings@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Lamb', written in a cursive style.

Caroline Lamb

Chairperson

For and on behalf of the **Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

**Schedule 1 – Licence conditions to be imposed
Lawson Bowling Club**

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	Consumption on premises	Good Friday - 12:00 noon - 10:00 PM Christmas Day -12:00 noon - 10:00 PM (liquor can only be served with or ancillary to a meal in a dining area) December 31 st - Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later
2.	Social impact	The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of social impact on the wellbeing of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the Community Impact Statement, application and other information submitted in the process of changing the licence boundaries of the premises..
3.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated 1 May 2023 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises, and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
4.	Liquor accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
5.	Incident register	<p>1. The licensee must maintain a register, in which the licensee is to record the details of any of the following incidents and any action taken in response to any such incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the premises, b) any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises, c) any incident that results in a person being turned out of the premises under section 77 of the Act, d) any incident that results in a patron of the premises requiring medical assistance. <p>2. The licensee must, if requested to do so by a police officer or inspector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make any such incident register immediately available for inspection by a police officer or inspector, and b) allow a police officer or inspector to take copies of the register or to remove the register from the premises. <p>3. The licensee must ensure that the information recorded in the incident register under this condition is retained for at least 3 years from when the record was made.</p>
6.	CCTV	<p>1) The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close (or, in the case of a premises that is not required to cease trading, continuously at all times), (b) recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, (c) any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, (d) the system's cameras must cover the following areas:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all entry and exit points on the premises, (ii) the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises, and (iii) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises. <p>2) The licensee must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, (b) ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to sub-clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and (c) provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.
7.	Crime Scene Preservation	<p>Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises or a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving an act of violence causing injury to a person on the premises, the person in charge of the licensed premises and/or staff member must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred, 2) retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the crime scene preservation guidelines issued by NSW Police, as published from time to time on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website, 3) make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and 4) comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred. <p>In this condition, 'staff member' means any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, the licensee of the premises, and includes any person who is employed to carry on security activities (e.g. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.</p>