

**PEAKHURST BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB
LIMITED**

**CLASS 1 LOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
FOR THRESHOLD INCREASE APPLICATION
FOR PREMISES AT OLDS PARK LANE, BEVERLY
HILLS**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This Class 1 Local Impact Assessment is lodged by Peakhurst Bowling and Recreation Club Limited ("**the Club**") in support and as part of an application to increase the gaming machine threshold ("**Threshold**") of its premises at Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills ("**Premises**") by nineteen (19).
- 1.2 The current Threshold of the Premises is nine (9), nine (9) poker machine entitlements are issued to the Premises, and nine (9) gaming machines are kept and operated at the Premises.
- 1.3 The Premises are located in the Hurstville Local Government Area. This Local Government Area has been classified as a Band 2 area by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority ("**Authority**") for the purposes of section 33 of the *Gaming Machines Act*.
- 1.4 On 30 June 2014, the Club amalgamated with Club Hurstville Sports Limited ("**Club Hurstville**").
- 1.5 Club Hurstville operated licensed premises ("**Club Hurstville Premises**") in the Kogarah Local Government Area (which neighbours the Hurstville Local Government Area).
- 1.6 The Kogarah Local Government Area has been classified as a Band 2 area by the Authority for the purposes of section 33 of the *Gaming Machines Act*.
- 1.7 The Club Hurstville Premises were located approximately five (5) kilometres from the Premises.
- 1.8 The liquor licence in respect of the Club Hurstville Premises has a gaming machine threshold of nineteen (19), thirteen (13) gaming machine entitlements and an Unfilled Quota of six (6).
- 1.9 As part of the amalgamation, the Club and Club Hurstville agreed for the Amalgamated Club to operate from a single premises (being the Premises). Accordingly, the Amalgamated Club has ceased trading from the Club Hurstville Premises.
- 1.10 The application is made to enable the Club to transfer a maximum of nineteen (19) gaming machine entitlements (being the maximum number of entitlements that could be held at the Club Hurstville Premises) from the Club Hurstville Premises to the Premises.
- 1.11 The remainder of this LIA contains the following sections:
 - (a) Information on the Club and proposed transfer of entitlements; and
 - (b) Responsible conduct of gambling;
 - (c) The local community;
 - (d) Positive contribution;
 - (e) Conclusion.

- 1.12 If the proposed increase in the Threshold is granted, this will result in positive contributions to the local community in the form of donations and contributions set out in Section 5.

2. THE CLUB

General Information

- 2.1 The Club was created in 1955, originally as a bowling club.
- 2.2 From 18 November 1955, the Club has occupied and traded from the Premises located in Olds Park Lane, Beverly Hills.
- 2.3 Beverly Hills is a southern suburb of Sydney (approximately seventeen (17) kilometres south of the Sydney Central Business District) in the Hurstville Local Government Area.
- 2.4 Beverly Hills is also located in the St George Area which includes the various suburbs contained in the Hurstville, Rockdale and Kogarah Local Government Areas.
- 2.5 The Hurstville Local Government Area has a population of approximately 80,823 people and the St George Area has a population of approximately 216,895 people.
- 2.6 The floor space of the Premises is approximately 1,150 square metres.
- 2.7 The Club has approximately 708 members and provides a quality restaurant, bar, lounge, entertainment and sporting facilities for various sporting sub clubs and sections.
- 2.8 The Club offers various forms of community support and donations to local community groups in Beverly Hills, Hurstville Local Government Area and Kogarah Local Government Area.
- 2.9 The Club is a member of the Hurstville Liquor Accord.

Intention of Application

2.10 As indicated above:

- (a) The Club recently amalgamated with Club Hurstville; and
- (b) The clubs amalgamated as they were two small bowling clubs servicing the same local community;
- (c) The Club Hurstville Premises were located approximately five (5) kilometres from the Premises.
- (d) As part of the amalgamation, the clubs agreed to consolidate both clubs at the Premises;
- (e) The Club has ceased to trade from Club Hurstville Premises;
- (f) The application is made to enable the Club to transfer a maximum of nineteen (19) gaming machine entitlements (being the maximum number of entitlements that could be held at the Club Hurstville Premises) from the Club Hurstville Premises to the Premises.

3. RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

- 3.1 The Club complies with all obligations imposed on it in relation to the responsible conduct of gambling by the *Gaming Machines Act* and *Gaming Machines Regulation*.
- 3.2 In accordance with the Guidelines produced by the Authority for Class 1 Local Impact Assessments, the Club is not required to set out these matters in this LIA.
- 3.3 However, in addition to the steps and actions required by the legislation, the Club undertakes the following measures:
- (a) The Club is a member of ClubsNSW and has agreed to, and adopted, the ClubsNSW Registered Clubs Responsible Conduct of Gambling Code of Practice – Best Practice Guidelines. This involves the following:
 - (i) Promotion of responsible gambling practices that conform to local community standards and expectations.
 - (ii) Providing a patron complaint resolution process.
 - (iii) Encouraging responsible practices in advertising and promotions related to gambling and ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
 - (iv) Providing policies which ensures all legislative requirements related to cheque cashing, payment of winnings and financial transactions are implemented and encourages patrons to develop responsible practices in the use of finances for gambling purposes.
 - (v) Providing procedures for handling personal information relating to gambling patrons in a club to protect their rights of privacy.
 - (vi) Providing a pleasant and safe gambling environment.
 - (vii) Informing and training staff on legislative requirements, harm minimisation issues, the risks of not complying with legislative requirements or not adopting and practising harm minimisation strategies and taking appropriate steps to promote patron and employee care.
 - (viii) Encouraging patrons to take responsibility for their gambling activity through an effective self-exclusion procedure or other mechanisms.
 - (ix) Informing patrons and staff of the Club's responsible gambling policy and program, the nature of gambling products and the availability of support services for problem gamblers.
 - (x) Developing links between the club and relevant community organisations that will provide support and advice for problem gamblers and their families.
 - (b) The Club is also a member of the Club Safe Program. Club Safe is a club industry responsible conduct of gambling program. The Club is an active member of Club Safe which helps the Club manage responsible gambling operations which meet legislative requirements and community expectations.

- (c) Club Safe provides guidance in the responsible provision of gambling services. The Club has adopted the Club Safe principles of:-
- (i) Compliance;
 - (ii) Consumer Protection;
 - (iii) Harm Minimisation;
 - (iv) Risk Management; and
 - (v) Measurement of Effectiveness.
- (d) The Club participates in patron and staff education in providing a responsible gambling program together with providing programs and policies on the prevention and intervention of problem gamblers.

3.4 It is the Club's position that these additional members are appropriate for the Club to help prevent the misuse and abuse of gambling.

4. **LOCAL COMMUNITY**

- 4.1 In order to demonstrate the positive benefits to the local community from the granting the application, the Club has considered the definition of the "local community" for the Premises.
 - 4.2 In broad terms, the Club considers its local community to consist of persons who use the services, amenities and facilities of the Club and/or who may be affected by its operations.
 - 4.3 As indicated in 2.3, the Club is located in Beverly Hills which is in the Hurstville Local Government Area. As a result of this, a number of members attend the Club from the Hurstville Local Government Area.
 - 4.4 Due to its amalgamation with Club Hurstville, a number of persons also attend the Club from the Kogarah Local Government Area.
 - 4.5 As the Club is and Club Hurstville was located in the St George Area, a number of persons also attend the Club from the Rockdale Local Government Area.
 - 4.6 Accordingly the Club's local community for the purpose of this LIA is persons located in the Hurstville Local Government Area, Kogarah Local Government Area and Rockdale Local Government Area.
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5. POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Donations

- 5.1 If the application is granted, and the Threshold of the Premises is increased by nineteen (19) so that nineteen (19) additional entitlements can be transferred to the Premises, the Club proposes to make the following donations:
- (a) \$5,000.00 to St. George Hospital Children's Ward; and
 - (b) \$5,000.00 to St. George Hospital Oncology Ward;
 - (c) \$5,000.00 to Meals on Wheels (Hurstville Community Food Services Association Inc).
- 5.2 The total donations in clause 5.1 have been determined on the basis that:
- (a) the proposed gaming machine threshold application and transfer of entitlements result from an amalgamation and the closure of the Club Hurstville Premises;
 - (b) the Premises are in close proximity to the Club Hurstville Premises (albeit in different local government areas);
 - (c) the Amalgamated Club will continue servicing the same local community.
- 5.3 If the application is granted, and the Club therefore makes the donations referred to above, it is very conscious of the fact that those bodies would best know how the additional resources could be spent. Indeed, this is part of the reason why the Club proposes making these donations as opposed to spending the money on a project of its own choosing, as bodies directly involved in the provisions of services to the community know how best to provide this assistance.
- 5.4 Nevertheless, the Club would, if the application is granted, state, in communications with those bodies that the donations are given on the basis that the money is used on programs in the local community.