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SNOWY MOUNTAINS LICENSED VENUES WELL PREPARED FOR SNOW SEASON PEAK

With the snow season entering its peak period, Snowy Mountains licensed venues are working with Liquor & Gaming NSW and local police to help keep patrons safe.

Member for Monaro John Barilaro said the Government recognises the proactive approach Snowy venues are taking to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for visitors to socialise this season.

“The annual snow season provides great economic benefits for local businesses including pubs, clubs, bars and restaurants,” Mr Barilaro said.

“It’s in everyone’s interests for all venues to be well run and safe.”

Minister for Racing Paul Toole said more than 200 venues in the region are gearing up to cater for an influx of skiing tourists, and ensuring they have in place proper measures for the responsible service of alcohol.

“Last week, more than 100 local licensed venue staff attended training sessions run by Liquor & Gaming NSW to learn about the latest laws and procedures,” Mr Toole said.

“The Snowy Mountains liquor accord is doing great work in bringing together venues, police, Liquor & Gaming NSW and other stakeholders to promote a successful snow season.

“The accord has introduced some innovative measures including a ‘Banned from one, banned from all’ policy for known troublemakers, and a patron code of conduct.

“A new liquor accord has recently been set up in Cooma and is working with the Snowy Mountains accord on a coordinated effort across the entire region throughout winter.”

Liquor & Gaming NSW staff will be working with venues in Jindabyne, Thredbo and Perisher to ensure venues are meeting legislative requirements relating to:

- Patron behaviour and intoxication levels
- Undesirable liquor promotions and activities
- Compliance with licence conditions
- Responsible service of alcohol (RSA) and responsible conduct of gambling (RCG) accreditation
- Prevention of alcohol sales to minors.

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