

**NSW Department of Industry
Liquor & Gaming NSW**

APPLICATION NO:	APP-0004509459
APPLICATION FOR:	Small bar liquor licence
TRADING HOURS:	Monday to Sunday: 12:00 PM to 2:00 AM
APPLICANT:	Alison Flett
LICENCE NAME:	The Newsagency
PREMISES ADDRESS:	74-76 Pyrmont Bridge Rd, ANNANDALE, NSW 2038
ISSUE:	Whether a delegated Liquor & Gaming employee on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) should grant or refuse the liquor licence application
LEGISLATION:	Section 45(1) of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

ILGA DELEGATED DECISION – APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE
The Newsagency

Under delegation issued by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority under section 13 of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*, a designated Public Service employee or other Public Service employee of Liquor & Gaming NSW in the Department of Industry, has decided to grant the application for a small bar liquor licence, application number APP-0004509459.

On 10 October 2018, and after careful consideration of the application and other material, the delegate decided to approve the application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions imposed:

1. Section 11A of the *Liquor Act 2007* applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of 6 hours between 4:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.
2. Consumption on premises

Good Friday	Not permitted
Christmas Day	Not permitted
December 31st	Normal trading

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Note: Trading is also allowed after midnight into the early morning of Good Friday and Christmas Day if authorised by an extended trading authorisation. Trading must cease at the time specified under the authorisation. The latest time that can be specified is 5:00 AM.

3. Crime Scene preservation

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:

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.

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 (eg. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.

4. CCTV

The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements:

- (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 six (6) 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:
 - a. all entry and exit points on the premises,
 - b. the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises, and
 - c. all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises.
- (e) The licensee must also:
 - 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 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.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. Material before the ILGA delegate

CM9 Ref: DF18/012322

- (1) Application for small bar liquor licence, dated 11 July 2018
- (2) Plan of Management for The Newsagency dated October 2018
- (3) Development Consent 2018/359 issued 26 September 2018 by Inner West Council for a small bar, with live entertainment permitted.
- (4) BCA Report for the small bar application, stamped by Inner West Council 26 September 2018.
- (5) An Analysis of Acoustic Impacts of the venue by Inner West council has also been forwarded in support of the application
- (6) Police submission received 5 September 2018
- (7) Plan of the proposed licensed premises
- (8) Email correspondence from Liquor & Gaming NSW to the applicant requesting additional information in support of the application.
- (9) Email correspondence from the applicant to Liquor & Gaming NSW in response to the requests for additional information.

2. Legislative framework, statutory objects and considerations

In determining the application, the delegate has considered relevant provisions of the Act, including the objects and considerations that are prescribed by section 3, which state:

3 Objects of Act

- (1) The objects of this Act are as follows:
 - a. to regulate and control the sale, supply and consumption of liquor in a way that is consistent with the expectations, needs and aspirations of the community,
 - b. to facilitate the balanced development, in the public interest, of the liquor industry, through a flexible and practical regulatory system with minimal formality and technicality,
 - c. to contribute to the responsible development of related industries such as the live music, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries.
- (2) In order to secure the objects of this Act, each person who exercises functions under this Act (including a licensee) is required to have due regard to the following:
 - a. the need to minimise harm associated with misuse and abuse of liquor (including the harm arising from violence and other anti-social behaviour),

- b. the need to encourage responsible attitudes and practices towards the promotion, sale, supply, service and consumption of liquor,
- c. the need to ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of liquor contributes to, and does not detract from, the amenity of community life.

3. Statutory tests

- (1) In determining an application for a licence, under section 45(3) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must also be satisfied that:
 - a. the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates,
 - b. practices will be in place as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that liquor is sold, supplied or served responsibly on the premises and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises and that those practices will remain in place, and
 - c. if development consent is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (or approval under part 3A or part 5.1 of that Act is required), to use the premises for the purposes of the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates – that development consent or approval is in force.

4. Community impact test

- (1) Under section 48(5) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must not grant a licence, authorisation or approval of a kind prescribed by section 48(2) of the Act unless the Authority is satisfied, having regards to the Community Impact Statement, where required, and any other matter the delegate is made aware of during the application process, that the overall impact of the licence, authorisation or approval in question being granted, will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.
- (2) The test applying under section 48(5) relates to delegated decisions in relation to the granting or removal of:
 - a. a small bar licence,
 - b. a packaged liquor licence (limited to telephone/internet sales),
 - c. an on-premises licence relating to a restaurant that, in the case of a new licence, includes an application for a primary service authorisation,
 - d. an on-premises licence relating to a karaoke bar, a catering service or a vessel,
 - e. an application for a producer/wholesaler licence that, in the case of a new licence, includes an application for a drink on-premises authorisation
 - f. an application for ongoing extended trading hours to permit the sale of liquor after midnight in relation to any of the above licence types.

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- (3) Local and Broader Community - for the purposes of this decision, the delegate is satisfied that the relevant “local community” is the community within the suburb of Annandale, and the “broader community” of the Inner West Council.

5. Analysis of Submissions and other Materials

- (1) This application is for a, “Community focussed” small bar which aims to provide an intimate, safe and enjoyable environment for patrons whilst providing on occasion, quality live performances ranging from singer/songwriters, cabaret to bands.
- (2) The application was lodged within 2 days of lodging application for development consent, therefore not requiring a CIS to be lodged with this application.
- (3) Appropriate development consent is now in place for use of the premises as a small bar. The development consent restricts trading hours to 12:00 midnight for a trial period for 12 months from the date of the occupation certificate. After this period the operating hours will revert to 8:00 PM Sunday-Thursday and to 10:00 PM Friday/Saturday. Although the liquor licence will be endorsed with the standard small bar trading hours permitted by the *Liquor Act 2007*, the licence must be exercised in accordance with the lesser hours prescribed by the local consent authority.
- (4) Police have requested conditions to be imposed on the licence which have been duly considered by the delegate.
- (5) The Compliance branch of L&GNSW have not forwarded a submission for this application.
- (6) I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

6. Overall social impact

(1) Positive benefits

The granting of the licence will contribute to the diversity of small low risk venues in Annandale, which will enable patrons to enjoy a drink with or without a meal in a safe setting whilst enjoying live entertainment.

(2) Negative impacts

A range of factors suggest that the small bar is unlikely to have any significant negative impact on the local or broader community, including, the small patron capacity and the limited trading hours. Although the venue will provide live entertainment, the Plan of Management and licence conditions will serve to mitigate any potential negative impacts.

7. Conclusion

- (1) I am satisfied that procedural fairness was afforded to the applicant and interested parties regarding the decision whether or not to grant the application, as all of those required to be notified of the application were provided with the opportunity to make written submissions and all submissions received were considered and helped inform this decision.

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- (2) In accordance with section 45(3)(a) of the Act I am satisfied that the proposed licensee is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates.
- (3) Having considered the venue management plan and related material, under section 45(3)(b) of the Act, I am satisfied that practices will be in place at the premises as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises, and that those practices will remain in place.
- (4) Consistent with section 45(3)(c) of the Act requiring development consent from the local council, I am satisfied that the required development consent or approval is in force.
- (5) In making this decision under delegation of the Authority, all statutory objects and considerations prescribed by section 3 of the Act were considered and accordingly, I have determined to grant with conditions the licence application.

Decision Date: 10 October 2018



Manager, Licensing (Business Licensing)
Delegate of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Important Information:

In accordance with Clause 5 of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Regulation 2008, this decision is reviewable by ILGA.

The licence applicant and persons who were required to be notified of the application and who made a submission can apply for an application for review. An application for a review must be lodged with ILGA within 28 days of the date of the publication of this decision. An application fee applies. For original applicants, the review application fee is the same as the initial application fee. For non-original applicants, the application fee is \$100.

For ILGA reviews of delegated decisions, make an application for review via the Liquor and Gaming Application Noticeboard

at: <https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/pages/public-consultation/online-application-noticeboard/online-application-noticeboard.aspx>. The Review Application form can be accessed on line via the Application Number hyperlink.

Further information can be obtained from the Reviews page on the Liquor & Gaming website at: <https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ilga/decisions-of-interest/reviews-of-decisions/reviews-of-liquor-and-gaming-decisions.aspx>