

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

APPLICATION NO:	APP-0003579418
APPLICATION FOR:	On-premises liquor licence with catering service class
TRADING HOURS:	Monday to Friday: 10:30 AM to 12:00 AM Saturday: 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM Sunday: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM
APPLICANT:	ADAM BIRTLES HOSPITALITY PTY LTD
APPROVED MANAGER:	Adam Birtles
LICENCE NAME:	Athol Hall
PREMISES ADDRESS:	1 Athol Wharf Road MOSMAN NSW 2088
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
ATHOL HALL**

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 an on-premises liquor licence, application number APP-0003579418.

On 8 January 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	Normal trading
Christmas Day	Normal trading

December 31st Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. Material before the ILGA delegate

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- (1) Application for on-premises liquor licence, dated 24 November 2017
- (2) Appointment of Manager Notice, appointing Adam Birtles to the liquor licence, dated 1 December 2017
- (3) Application Notices
- (4) Certification of Advertising Application, signed by the applicant on 1 December 2017
- (5) Plan of the proposed licensed premises
- (6) ASIC Current Organisation Extract for ADAM BIRTLES HOSPITALITY PTY LTD
- (7) Email from NSW Parks and Wildlife Service ('NPWS'), the consent authority for the premises, dated 21 November 2017, advising that NPWS endorses the liquor licence application
- (8) NSW Parks and Wildlife Service overview of Athol Hall, extracted from <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/venues/athol-hall?p=1&pdfprint=true> on 29 November 2017
- (9) Alcohol Plan of Management and House Policy for the venue
- (10) Email correspondence from Liquor & Gaming NSW to the applicant, requesting further information in support of the application, dated 29 November 2017
- (11) Email correspondence from the applicant to Liquor & Gaming NSW in response to the request for additional information, dated 6 December 2017

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.
- (3) The Community Impact Statement provides the Authority with information about the views of relevant stakeholders and other aspects of the local community in which the proposed licensed premises is to be located. This includes, for example, the proximity of the licensed premises to hospitals or health facilities, nursing homes, schools and places of worship.
- (4) 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 Mosman, and the “broader community” of the Mosman Local Government Area.

5. Analysis of Submissions and other Materials

- (1) This application is for an on-premises liquor licence for Athol House, located in Sydney Harbour National Park, Mosman. The venue is approved to be used for wedding receptions and ceremonies, corporate events and private parties and functions, with a patron capacity of 120 patrons.
- (2) The consent authority, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, endorses the application for a liquor licence.
- (3) The corporate applicant describes itself as “experienced restaurateurs and caterers, and operate a number of licensed venues across Sydney under the Dockside Group banner”.
- (4) No submissions were received in respect of this application.
- (5) I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

6. Overall social impact

(1) Positive benefits

The granting of the liquor licence will enable the business to offer alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food at functions and events, which would supplement and enhance the function facilities offered.

(2) Negative impacts

No objections have been received in respect of this licence application. The applicant has prepared a comprehensive Alcohol Plan of Management & House Policy which details the practices that will be put in place to ensure the responsible service and consumption of liquor. Having reviewed all of the material, I am satisfied that the granting of this licence is unlikely to result in any significant increase in alcohol-related harm in the local community.

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.
- (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: 8 January 2018



Matt Weber
Manager Licensing
Liquor & Gaming NSW

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>