

**GREENWELL POINT BOWLING & SPORTS CLUB  
LIMITED**

**CLASS 1 LOCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
FOR THRESHOLD INCREASE APPLICATION  
FOR PREMISES AT GREENS ROAD, GREENWELL  
POINT**

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This class 1 Local Impact Assessment is lodged by the Greenwell Point Bowling & Sports Club Limited ("**the Club**") in support and as part of an application to increase the gaming machine threshold ("**Threshold**") of its premises at 110 Greens Road, Greenwell Point ("**Premises**") by twenty (20).
- 1.2 The current Threshold of the Premises is thirty six (36), thirty six (36) poker machine entitlements are issued to the Premises, and thirty six (36) gaming machines are kept and operated at the Premises.
- 1.3 The premises are located in the Shoalhaven 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 The remainder of this LIA contains the following sections:
  - (a) Information on the Club and proposed transfer of entitlements;
  - (b) Responsible conduct of gambling;
  - (c) The local community;
  - (d) Positive contribution;
  - (e) Conclusion.
- 1.5 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

- 2.1 The Club was created in 1974, originally as a bowling club.
- 2.2 From 30 August 1974, the Club has occupied and traded from the Premises located in Greens Road, Greenwell Point.
- 2.3 Greenwell Point is located on the South Coast of New South Wales (approximately 13 kilometres east of Nowra) in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.
- 2.4 Greenwell Point is a coastal township and a major holiday centre on the South Coast.
- 2.5 The Shoalhaven Local Government Area has a population of approximately 92,812 people. The major centres of the Shoalhaven Local Government Area are Nowra, Bomaderry, Milton-Ulladulla, Huskisson, Vincentia, St George's Basin District, Culburra Beach and Sussex Inlet.
- 2.6 The floor space of the Premises is 980 square metres.
- 2.7 The Club has approximately 2893 members providing quality restaurants, bars, lounges, entertainment and sporting activities with various sporting sub clubs and sections.
- 2.8 The Club offers various forms of community support and donations to local community groups in Greenwell Point and the Shoalhaven Local Government Area generally.
- 2.9 The Club is applying to increase the threshold of the Premises to allow for the possible future transfer of the poker machine entitlements from one or more registered clubs located outside of the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.
- 2.10 The Club is a member of the Shoalhaven Liquor Accord.

### 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 Greenwell Point in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding the size of Greenwell Point’s population, a number of persons attend the Club from other areas within the Shoalhaven Local Government Area, including persons from Nowra-Bomaderry (which is only a ten (10) minute drive).
- 4.5 Furthermore as the Club is located in a coastal town and is a major holiday centre on the South Coast, the Club has a number of persons visit from outside the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.
- 4.6 Accordingly the Club’s local community for the purpose of this LIA is:
- (a) Persons located in Greenwell Point; and
  - (b) Persons located within the Shoalhaven Local Government Act;
  - (c) Persons who attend Greenwell Point for holidays.
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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 twenty (20) so that twenty (20) additional entitlements can be transferred to the Premises, the Club proposes to do make the following donations:
- (a) \$4,000.00 to Shoalhaven Marine Rescue; and
  - (b) \$4,000.00 to Greenwell Point Fire Brigade;
  - (c) \$4,000.00 to Greenwell Point Hospital Auxiliary;
  - (d) \$4,000.00 to Meals on Wheels.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
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**6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 The Club complies with its responsible conduct of gambling obligations in the legislation and takes the additional steps set out in section 3 of this local impact assessment.
  - 6.2 The approval of the local impact assessment, increase in the Threshold of the Premises and transfer of the entitlements to the Premises will result in a positive contribution to the local community as set out in section 5 of this local impact assessment.
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