

**Class 1 Local Impact Assessment**

**The Ocean Beach Hotel  
2 Addison Street, Shellharbour 2529**

**Licence No. LIQH400114508**

## **Executive Summary**

### **Proposal**

The Ocean Beach Hotel, Shellharbour (the Hotel) is proposing to increase its gaming machine threshold by two (2) being an increase from 16 to 18.

### **The Premises**

The Hotel is an existing hotel, located at 2 Addison Street, Shellharbour. The internal floor space is approximately 1892.4 m<sup>2</sup>.

The hotel has been operating in Shellharbour since the grant of the licence in 1958.

Shellharbour is in the local government area of Shellharbour City Council (LGA) which is a Band 2 LGA as determined by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.

### **Definition of Local Community**

For the purposes of this application the local community is defined to include Shellharbour, and certain surrounding suburbs (Barrack Heights, Barrack Point, Warilla, Blackbut and Shellharbour CBD) from which the majority of trade is drawn for the hotel.

### **Positive Contribution to the Local Community**

The applicant is able to demonstrate that the increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the local community as the hotel proposes to donate \$14,000.00 to Peterborough School, Warilla. The donation will benefit the residents of Shellharbour.

### **Responsible Gaming Measures**

The Hotel operates the hotel gaming facilities in a responsible manner. No change to the manner of operation will be affected should this application be granted.

## **1. Introduction**

This report, a Local Impact Assessment (LIA) Class 1 accompanies an application for Threshold increase for the Ocean Beach Hotel , Shellharbour (the Hotel). The Hotel is situated in the Shellharbour City Council LGA a Band 2 LGA. The application made is for a low range increase of 2 gaming machines.

Prior to granting the Threshold Increase Application the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority must be satisfied the LIA complies with the Gaming Machines Act 2001 and the Gaming Machines Regulation 2008. The Guidelines confirm that the LIA must demonstrate that the proposed increase in gaming machines for the subject premises will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community.

## **2. Proposal in Detail**

The Hotel is seeking to increase the gaming machine threshold from 16 to 18, an increase of 2. This Class 1 LIA is to be considered in conjunction with the attached Application for gaming machine threshold.

The Hotel has an internal floorspace of 1,982.4 m<sup>2</sup>.

The Hotel consists of a public bar, restaurant/bistro, outdoor deck area, restricted gaming area, bottle shop and first floor accommodation together with managers unit. There are TAB facilities adjacent to the gaming area of the hotel. The Hotel attracts custom for its good quality and value meals and friendly atmosphere as well as live entertainment on occasions. The operation of gaming machines at the Hotel does not detract from the character of the Hotel or the enjoyment of patrons using the Hotel for purposes other than gaming.

### **The Peterborough School, Warilla**

Located at 41 William Avenue, Warilla the school caters for intellectual, physical and multiple disabilities education for children 4 – 18 years of age residing in the Local Community.

Specialist education services are provided to children, suffering from various degrees of disability. In particular, the donation will assist in acquiring assistive technology equipment which supports communication needs of students.

The donation is considered to be of great advantage as it will assist the organization to further advance education of children of the local community in both primary and secondary schools.

One result of having the advanced technology is ultimate support of families in the Local Community with communication strategies for the disabled.

## **Definition of Local Community**

For the purposes of this application the definition of Local Community is considered to include the township of Shellharbour and those suburbs adjoining it (Barrack Heights, Barrack Point, Warilla, Blackbut and Shellharbour CBD). Shellharbour is a township with a population of approximately 21,444 persons with a median age around early 40's. There is an indigenous population of approximately 3%. The majority of the population are English speaking.

Shellharbour is located in the Shellharbour LGA on the south coast of NSW. The LGA consists primarily of small coastal and rural townships extending west to Macquarie Pass, south to Kiama and north to Lake Illawarra. The LGA has an area of approximately 14,739 km<sup>2</sup> and a total population of around 70,734.

In terms of Socio-economic disadvantage the Shoalhaven LGA, of which the township of Shellharbour forms a substantial part, scored 968.8.

However, the ABS undertakes a different exercise with SEIFA scores and ranks LGA's in deciles. The first being the most disadvantaged and the 10<sup>th</sup> the most advantaged. Shellharbour ranks, as compared with all LGA's, in the fifth decile for each category of its SEIFA indicators. This method, rather than comparing on a higher to lower average score (where there are a number of very high scoring LGA's that skew such an assessment) allows comparison with all LGA's.

## **Responsible Gambling Measures**

The Hotel operates gambling activities in a responsible manner. These will continue to operate if this application is granted. The responsible gambling measures undertaken by the hotel include:

- Gaming machines in the hotel do not operate for the purposes of gambling during the gaming machine shutdown hours
- Compliance with the prohibited publication of gaming machine advertising and signage requirements
- Gaming machines are not located in a manner designed to attract attention of members of the public outside the hotel
- Prohibition on offering promotional prizes in the form of cash, a promotion price that exceeds \$1,000 in value, on the exchange of a promotional prize for cash, or any bonus or reward points accumulated under a player reward scheme to be redeemed for cash (except where permitted by the legislation)

- Problem gambling counseling services are available
- Refusal to accept prize winning cheques
- Prohibition on the issuing of prize winning cheques unless the patron is identified in accordance with the Gaming Machines Act
- No cash dispensing facility being offered which is capable of providing cash from a credit card account
- Limitations on the cashing of cheques being adhered to
- Compliance with anti money laundering requirements
- Compliance with the industry codes of practice - the hotel has adopted the AHA Gamecare Self-Exclusion Program and the AHA Gambling Code of Conduct is displayed in the gaming room
- Access by patrons to a self-exclusion scheme and the availability of and information about are published in the hotel
- Minors are not permitted to operate gaming machines and are not permitted in the gaming machine areas
- Availability of information, in specified languages, for patrons and the display of the changes of winning a major prize from the operation of any gaming machine in the hotel
- All gambling notices and signage as prescribed by the Gaming Machine Regulations being displayed in the hotel or on each gaming machine, as relevant
- A clock in good working order operating where the gaming machines are located
- No gambling inducements are provided
- All staff associated with gaming machines have completed the responsible gambling course and a copy of each certificate is kept in a register in the hotel

### **Community Concerns**

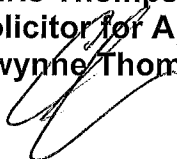
The Hotel and its management are not aware of any community concerns, however, if any arise they will be addresses following the notification

requirements relevant for this type of application.

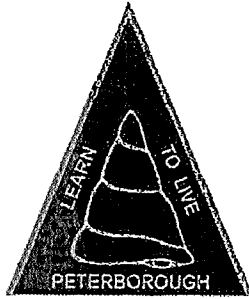
### **Conclusion**

1. The Hotel has conducted gambling responsibly in the past and has demonstrated that it will be able to continue to do so in the future.
2. The Hotel application being granted and the threshold increase approved will provide a positive contribution towards the Local community, as demonstrated, by the contribution of \$14,000.00 towards Peterborough School, Warilla. See letter and attachments provided.
3. These funds will assist the staff at the School, in providing beneficial services to the special students attending the school from the Local Community who are in need and specialist educational services.
4. This LIA has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Gaming Machines Regulation 2008 (as amended) and the Gaming Machines Act 2001. It defines the Local Community and outlines the positive contribution proposed to be provided should the Threshold Increase Application be approved and details the responsible gaming steps taken at the Premises.
5. It is respectfully submitted that the test as set out in the Guidelines, the Regulation and Act have been met and the application should be approved.

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**PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL**

2nd May 2017

Michael Dennis  
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Shellharbour NSW 2528

Dear Mr Dennis,

Donation by The Ocean Beach Hotel

I refer to your very generous offer to donate \$14 000 to Peterborough Special School.

As a school supporting the needs of 90 students with intellectual, physical and multiple disabilities aged 4—18years old we would be very grateful to receive your donation. We would plan to use your donation to provide technology to support the needs of students in our care.

Many of our students are non-verbal and most have difficulties in communicating with their peers and family.

Your generous donation would be used to purchase technology to support students in their communication needs including a Tobi Dynavox (quote attached) which allows students with physical disabilities to use eye gaze to communicate and an interactive whiteboard which would provide all students with the opportunity to participate in the curriculum.

Funds would also be used to support teachers in using a communication assessment tool developed by the University of Melbourne and to support families in their understanding of communication and how communication strategies can be used in the home.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to hearing from you.

If your require further information please don't hesitate to call..

Kind Regards,

Susanne Corkery  
Principal  
2/5/2017

Quote: 20161023

**Quote**

Quote date: 06/09/2016

**Bill to:**  
 Susanne Corkery

**Expiry:**  
 05/11/2016

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	UNIT PRICE (inc GST)	TAX TYPE	AMOUNT (inc GST)
113217	Tobii Dynavox EyeMobile Mini Featuring Surface Pro 4. This package contains the Tobii Dynavox EyeMobile Mini Bracket, the Tobii Dynavox PCEye Mini, and a Microsoft Surface Pro 4 (128 GB / Intel Core i5 - 4GB RAM).	Qty 1	4,795.00	GST Free	4,795.00
410221	Tobii Dynavox Communicator 5 Gold - UK. AAC sw supporting different input methods. Providing access to IR*, Phone*, Email, Facebook. Sono Suite, Symbolstix, Acapela voices incl.; 3 activations. No physical delivery.	Qty 1	699.00	GST Free	699.00
410193	Look to Learn Complete (Classic + Scenes & Sounds). Single user. Delivered via Email.	Qty 1	900.00	GST Free	900.00
000100	Support and Service Package 1. Includes Remote Setup Service or training (2 hours) and access to E-Learning resources.	Qty 1	324.50	GST	324.50
000001	Shipping & Handling	Qty 1	82.50	GST	82.50
				GST:	\$37.00
				<b>TOTAL (inc GST):</b>	<b>\$6,801.00</b>

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