

**Class 1**  
**Local Impact Assessment**

**Prospect Hotel**  
**Great Western Highway**  
**Prospect NSW 2148**

**Licence Number: LIQH400104782**  
**LGA: Blacktown City Council**

## **1. Executive Summary**

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- 1.1. The applicant submits a Class 1 Local Impact Assessment ("LIA") in support of an application under the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* ("the Act") for a low-range increase to the gaming machine threshold with an increase of four (4) gaming machines for the Prospect Hotel ( the "Hotel")
- 1.2. The threshold increase of four (4) gaming machines would bring the overall total of the threshold to thirty (30).
- 1.3. The subject premises is situated at Great Western Highway, Prospect NSW 2148.
- 1.4. The hotel is located within the Band 2 Local Government Area ("LGA") of Blacktown.
- 1.5. The Act requires the Authority to be satisfied of the following in order to approve the subject gaming machine threshold increase application.
  - (a) The LIA complies with the Act & Regulation requirements;
  - (b) The LIA has demonstrated that gambling activities will be conducted in a responsible manner;
  - (c) The proposed increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the local community; and
  - (d) The LIA has adequately addressed any community concerns arising out of the consultation.

It is submitted that the Authority would be so satisfied.

## **2. Hotel Background**

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- 2.1. The premises are located at Great Western Highway, Prospect NSW 2148..
- 2.2. The primary purpose of the Hotel is for the sale of liquor by retail. The keeping and operation of gaming machines at the Hotel will not detract unduly from the character of the Hotel or from the enjoyment of persons using the Hotel otherwise than for the purpose of gaming. The Hotel currently operates 26 gaming machine entitlements.
- 2.3. The Hotel provides a full range of facilities for their patrons, including bars, beer garden, three function rooms, bottleshop, TAB, Keno, gaming and bistro facilities and motel. The only current entertainment is trivia on Wednesday evening.
- 2.4. The Hotel's current total internal floor space is approximately 2459 square metres.
- 2.5. The Hotel is bounded by the Great Western Highway, the M4 Western Motorway and Clunies Ross St, as shown on the attached aerial photograph, remote from residential development.
- 2.6. Attachment "A" depicts the existing floor plan with the proposed layout of the additional gaming machines inserted.  
  
Attachment "B" is an aerial photograph showing the Hotel, and attachment "C" is photographs of the Hotel.
- 2.7. The hotel has some 19 employees, providing local employment.

## **3. Responsible Gaming and Harm Minimisation**

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- 3.1. The Hotel's management and staff will be supportive of and encourage responsible gaming practices. All members of staff engaged in the operation of gaming machines have completed the prescribed *Responsible Conduct of Gambling Course*. A register of the RCG certificates and competency cards of all staff will be maintained at the Hotel.
- 3.2. The Hotel currently has 26 gaming machines. All gaming machines will be located within a gaming room as prescribed by Clause 9 of the Gaming Machines Regulation 2002, in that:-
  - (a) The gaming room is located in a bar area of the Hotel,
  - (b) The gaming room is physically separated from the general bar area by walls and doors,
  - (c) Patrons are not compelled to pass through the gaming room in order to enter or leave the Hotel or in order to gain access to another part of the Hotel,
  - (d) Entry to the gaming room is free of charge,
  - (e) The machines cannot be seen from any place outside the Hotel that is used by the public or to which the public has access,
  - (f) All gaming machines are suitably spaced in order to facilitate access,
  - (g) The gaming room is supervised at all times by way of electronic means and physical presence of the licensee or an employee,
  - (h) The gaming room has two (2) doorways that provide reasonable access to and from the gaming room to at least one operating bar and at least one toilet for each gender without the need for patrons to go on a public street, or to any area not forming part of the Hotel when moving from the gaming room to other facilities, and



- 3.3. The Hotel gaming shutdown period is 4am to 10am Monday to Friday and 6am to 9am Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays and it presently trades 10:00am to 4:00am Monday to Thursday, 10:00am to 6:00am Friday to Saturday and 10:00am to midnight Sunday.
- 3.4. The Hotel will maintain an active membership of the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) New South Wales and will continue to support its practices and procedures for gaming harm minimisation.
- 3.5. Patrons of the Hotel will be made aware of the AHA's counselling services and of the government funded "gambling HELP" counselling service.
- 3.6. Patrons will be made aware of the chances of winning and the problems associated with excessive gambling through prescribed signage required to be located on each gaming machine and throughout the gaming room by way of the prescribed notices on display.
- 3.7. The ATMs located within the Hotel also display the appropriate signage to notify patrons of the problems associated with gambling.
- 3.8. The Hotel does not offer prizes associated with the use of its gaming machines and the Hotel has a policy of not cashing cheques.
- 3.9. The Hotel will comply with advertising requirements in respect to gaming:-
- (a) The Hotel will not use the word "casino" in any description or promotion of the Hotel,
  - (b) The Hotel will not permit gaming related advertising material to be displayed on the exterior of the premises,
  - (c) The Hotel will not promote irresponsible gaming or gaming practices,
  - (d) The Hotel will display a clock, that is set to, or within 10 minutes of, the correct time and is in view of patrons in the gaming room,
  - (e) The Hotel will not publish the details of any person who has won a prize in excess of \$1,000, and
  - (f) The Hotel will display the prescribed signage in the gaming room, on all gaming machines, and on the ATM or any EFTPOS facilities.
- 3.10. The Hotel provides gaming related help line pamphlets and has signage located throughout the hotel.
- 3.11. The Hotel managers are highly trained to watch for problem gamblers and talk regularly to patrons, assisting patrons when required.
- 3.12. The Hotel implements the AHA's Game Care problem gaming counselling and self exclusion scheme and gaming code of conduct and is a member of the Local Liquor Accord.

#### **4. Local Community**

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- 4.1. The Hotel is frequented by a range of different clientele. It services the local community, workers in the surrounding industrial area and there is also significant number of transient patrons, due to the motel accommodation and location on the Great Western Highway.



- 4.2. For the purpose of this application the local community has been identified as the Blacktown L.G.A.

## **5. Demography**

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- 5.1. The population of the suburb of Prospect was 4,621 (2011 census) and 4,716 (2016), and that of Blacktown LGA was 301,000 (2011) and 336,900 (2016).
- 5.2. Both areas rated in their seventh decile on the SEIFA Index of Advantage and Disadvantage (Prospect 1,031 and Blacktown 974) indicating relative advantage.
- 5.3. The LGA has a higher median household weekly income of \$1711 compared to NSW median of \$1486 and median mortgage monthly payments of \$2150 compared to NSW of \$1986.

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

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The applicant proposes to make a donation of \$80,000 to Rosie's Place Inc. Attached is a copy letter from the applicant to Rosie's, a copy of the minutes of the collective meeting of Rosie's Place Inc of 6 December 2017 resolving to accept the proposed offer and its statement of proposed use of the intended donation.

## **7. Negative Effects**

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- 7.1. There may be some intangible negative impacts created as a result of an increase to the gaming machine threshold in relation to problem gambling.
- 7.2. The Hotel proposes to make a financial contribution in the sum of \$80,000 to the funding of organisations that provide support to problem gamblers and others helping people dealing with social problems, therefore offsetting any potential negative impacts that could arise from the approval.
- 7.3. The positive contributions will benefit the local community and the operators will continue to review and implement new responsible gaming and harm minimisation strategies in order to negate any negative impacts on the local community.

## **8. Conclusion**

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- 8.1. It is submitted that the foregoing information complies with the guidelines for a Class 1 Local Impact Assessment attaching to an application for an increase in the gaming machine threshold of the Hotel by addressing the responsible gaming and harm minimisation measures taken by the Hotel; identifies the local community of the Hotel; and provides information to show that a positive contribution will be made to the local community if the LIA and increase application are approved.
- 8.2. Approval of the gaming machines threshold to thirty (30) will result in a direct positive impact by way of financial support and contributions to local and/or charitable organisations to the sum of \$80,000.
- 8.3. Based on the foregoing information and as the Hotel is located in a Band 2 Local Government Area and the application is for a low-range increase in the gaming machine threshold, we submit that there are more positive impacts for the community if the threshold application is approved than any negative impact by the installation of an additional four (4) gaming machines within the local government

area. In addition, the installation of four (4) gaming machines at the Hotel will also reduce the overall number of gaming machines state-wide due to the forfeiture provisions.

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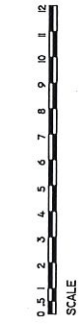
EXISTING GROUND  
FLOOR PLAN

**PROSPECT HOTEL**  
3 Great Western Highway  
**PROSPECT**

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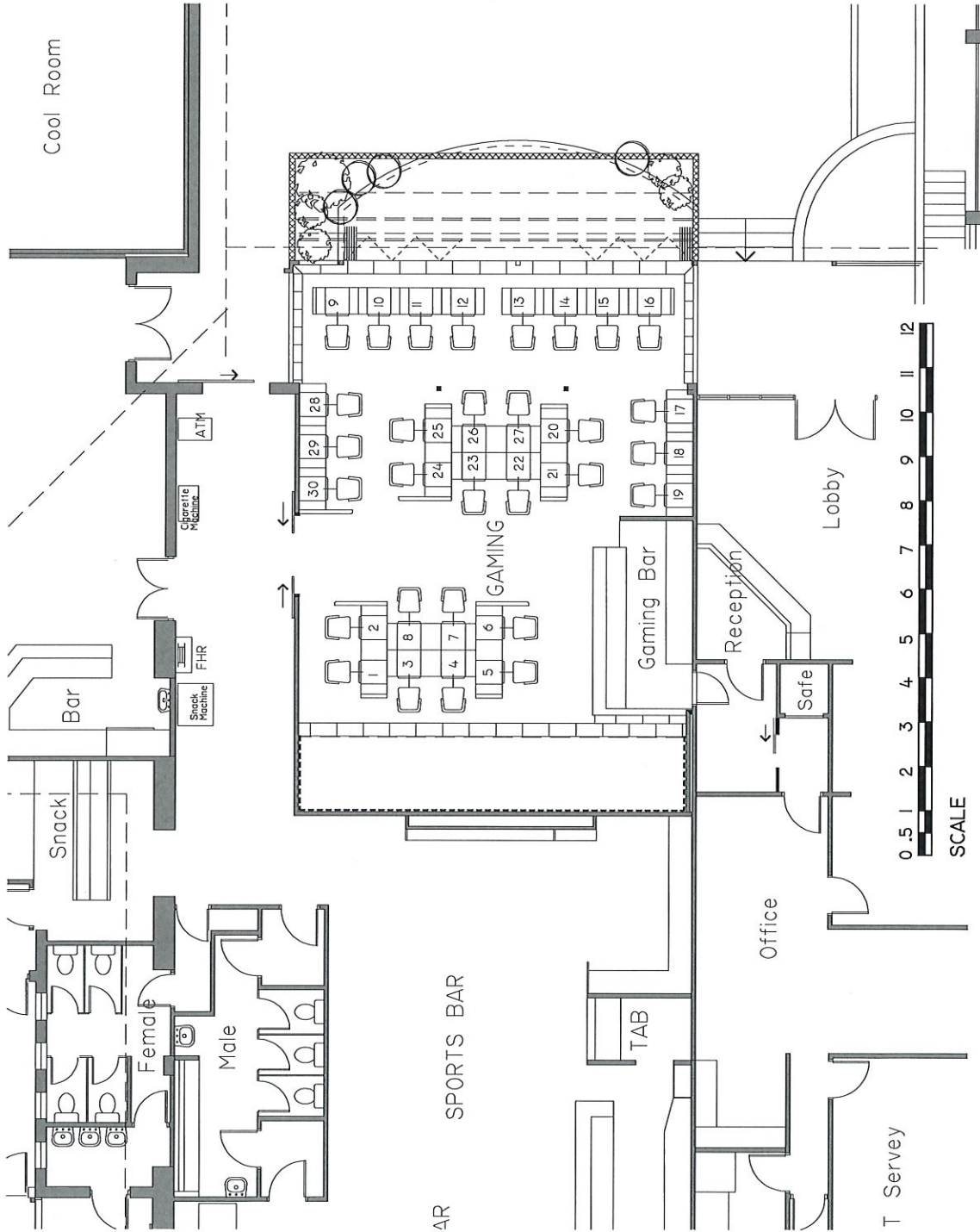
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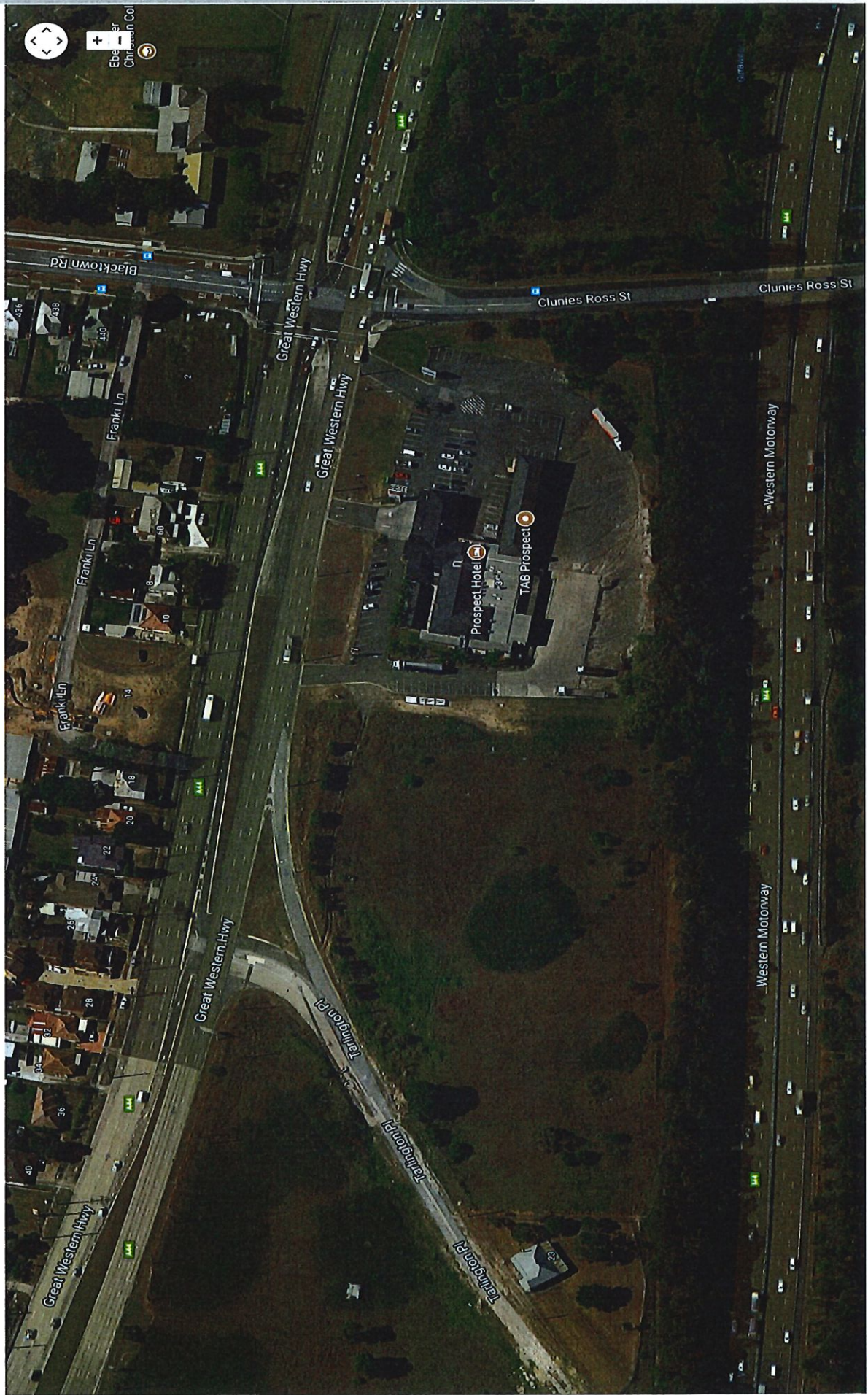


ATTACHMENT "A"



REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	INITIAL	ISSUE
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ATTACHMENT "C"





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Monday, 4 December 2017

Rosies House

Cathy Want

Dear Cathy,

RE: Proposed Donation

I am the licensee of the Prospect Hotel, Great western Highway, Prospect and I am preparing to apply to the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority for an increase in the gaming machine threshold of the premises from 26 to 30. I have discussed this intention with you. We expect the application to be lodged within the next month,

The Gaming Machines Act requires that I demonstrate to the authority that there will be a 'positive contribution towards the local community' if the application is granted. The accepted means of demonstrating that is to make a donation to a local organisation which works with those, particularly, young people, who may be impacted, directly or indirectly, by alcohol or gambling related abuse. I believe your organisation would be a worthy recipient and propose making a cash donation to Rosies House.

The purpose of this letter is to determine whether or not your organisation would accept this donation which could be made after the Authority grants this application. We do not know when that may be but it should occur in the first half of next year. Similarly, we do not know the quantum of that payment but expect it to be in the order of \$80,000.

It is likely that the Authority may be specific that the donation be used for counselling or youth development dealing with the issues arising from alcohol abuse, problem gambling or like matters. We assume your organisation could use the money in that matter.

We would appreciate your advice on whether or not your organisation would be in a position to accept our donation and as to how it might be used. You might also comment on whether there will be a positive contribution to the local community if the application is granted.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 9631 3461 option 5, or 0414 651 687.

Yours sincerely

Joel Clarke

Licensee, Prospect Hotel





# Rosie's Place Inc

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## Rosie's Place Inc Collective Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Present:** Cath, Frances, Alison, Jo, Marnel, Krystal, Bec, Deborah, Robyn, Danielle, Dilsat

**Apologies:** Debra

**Previous Minutes read and**  
Accepted by Frances and Marnel

**Business Arising from previous minutes**  
No business arising

**Correspondence**  
Letter to be raising under general business

### Managers Report

**Staff** – Current staff list, Cath read out hours each staff member is currently working and what we would like to have next year if budget allows us. Cath will continue on 35, Jo on 29, Ben will increase to 35, Nic on 20, Bec will reduce hours to 16 but once My returns from mat leave Bec will no longer be able to stay employed with us as a counsellor, due to financial restraints of the organisation.

Marnel stressed that the budget is very tight and that the conditions of the next 6 month worker hours are: that staff do not accrue more than one weeks time in lieu; workers are to use up their annual leave if they have a high number of hours; and Cath needs to continue to obtain professional fees for her training.  
All collective members agreed to the budget for the next 6 months.

**Contracted work ECAV** – Cath will continue her training and curriculum development with ECAV. Maggie will also continue that work with ECAV. DVSM will contract Maggie to create a resource kit around protective behaviours and talking with mums and kids around the impact of Domestic Violence, like a train the trainer kit for refuge/front line DV workers. DVSM will pay her hours 8 a week and pay for the printing of the resource.

**FVS** – We were contracted by FVS to run two childrens groups, one group we ran in third term however due to a number of reasons we are not going to be able to run the second group and will work out a way to return the money to them.

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**Partnership with PHFS,** Cath has been running mums DV group with a worker from PHFS. Cath mentioned the group is going really well and the mums are in safe places no longer living with the violence. Cath will also be writing up a group program to go with this work.

We will be looking into running a partnership with PHFS called the Lullaby Project, it is around using music as therapy for mums who are pregnant or have little babies and have been impacted by DV. Cath has been in contact with Nordoff Robins Music Therapy at WSU and will start looking at this joint work in the New Year.

Marnel mentioned that PHFS will pay for Caths hours to write the program and hours to run the groups, as they got a grant to do this partnership.

Kara and Maggie are creating a sand tray therapy video and book for workers to teach them how to use sand tray work with kids.

Sensory Book is nearly finished and will go to the printers soon.

Finding A way is currently being printed this resource is from our partnership with ECAV and is two separate kits. There was a discussion about how the kits will be used and sold to workers. Cath will look into this and talk to ECAV about it.

Will look into launching the resource kit in the New Year.

Before Chrissy left Rosies she wrote a book about turtles using the metaphor of their home is always carried with them. This book is mainly for kids who are in out of home care and may not have a permanent home. We have started to pay an illustrator from a council grant to illustrate the book.

**General Business** – Letter from Prospect Hotel – discussing the possibility of donating some money to Rosie's Place however in giving us this donation, it means that they can increase their poker machines from 26-30. Collective need to discuss this donation and if everyone is comfortable with it. It was an open discussion with lots of questions asked and lots of points raised, including the point that is no different from accepting the CLUBS grants money that we apply for and sometimes get each year. Cath also discussed how the money could be used in our work and how it allows us to have one or two more counsellors to support victims. A vote was called and 6 members agreed and 2 did not vote. So the majority voted yes to accept the donation if it is offered to us from Prospect Hotel. Cath will contact the licensee and let them know the outcome of the meeting. Any donation if approved will may not be available until next year.

Meeting Closed at 3.30pm and next Meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm.



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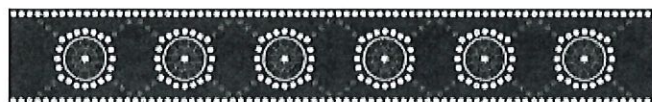


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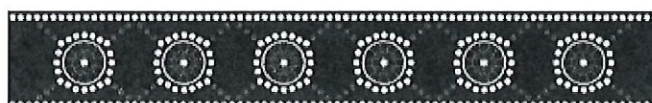
Rosie's Place is a support service for children, young people and families who have been impacted by the trauma of violence, including sexual assault and/or domestic and family violence.

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Rosie's Place workers and collective members wish to acknowledge the traditional owners, past and present, the Dharug people, on whose land this service stands.



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- Rosie's Place receives its core funding from Department of Human Services NSW, Family and Community Services, Early Intervention and Placement Prevention (EIPP) funding.
  - Rosie's Place is able to extend the work of the service through additional grants and donations. We would especially like to acknowledge West Tradies Mt Druitt (ClubGRANTS), Rooty Hill RSL Club (ClubGRANTS), UBS Asset Management Australia, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, Department of Infrastructure NSW (Community Development Grants), and Community Building Partnership grants.
  - We wish to acknowledge Aneeta Menon and her extended family and friends, who raised an abundance of money for Rosie's Place in 2016/2017 and continues to support the organisation in so many ways. Words can not express our gratitude, we thank you for your tireless support and friendship of Rosie's Place.
  - Our special thanks to the Education Centre Against Violence, Sydney West Area Health Service. Our thanks to the entire team for their ongoing, unwavering support of our service.
  - Rosie's Place would like to thank Marnel LaGarde for her continuing support of the organisation. We thank her for her wisdom, professionalism and unwavering support of the service and all the staff.
  - We wish to acknowledge our bookkeeper Linda Marsonet who spends hours supporting the organisation. Rosie's Place is forever in her debt for her patience, wisdom, expertise and integrity.
  - In 2017 we began a partnership with the Domestic Violence Service Management (DVSM) team which includes two local refuges Pam's Place and Essie's Refuge. This partnership has allowed us to support mothers and their children as they leave the violence of their past. We acknowledge the workers for their commitment to their clients and for allowing us to work with them supporting mothers and children.
  - We wish to acknowledge many of the local services who we continue to work closely with. They include: WASH House, Family Violence Service, Parramatta Holroyd Family Support, CatholicCare (Catherine Villa), Wesley Mission, and Department of Education NSW.
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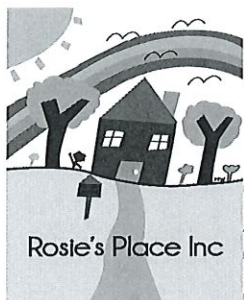
Buffy continues to be the most popular member of staff at Rosie's. Buffy has been at Rosie's Place as a therapy dog for nearly 7 years and throughout her time she has come into contact with and given her love to hundreds of children. I don't think we will ever truly know the impact she has had on clients attending the service. Many children say they only come to Rosie's Place to see her. Buffy is without doubt a special dog and has definitely earned her place as a calming, kind, comforting and playful soul who continues to give day after day.

On most days Buffy is joined by Ruby who is a cavoodle and whilst she will never take the place of Buffy, her spirit and cuteness has also had a positive impact on the clients.

**Front Cover:** Buffy and children in the sensory garden at Rosie's Place.

**Photograph:** Allira Fontana Photography





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## 1. Organisation details

**Name of organisation:** Rosie's Place Incorporated

**ABN:** 67 028 901 946

**Type of Organisation:** Incorporated Entity

**Registered for GST** Yes

**DGR Endorsed** Yes (Item 1)

**ATO Charity Type:** Public Benevolent Institution

**Registered Charity No:** 22667

**Registered Address:** P.O. Box 40 Rooty Hill 2766 NSW

**Phone:** (02) 96252599 Email: [rosiesplace@bigpond.com.au](mailto:rosiesplace@bigpond.com.au)

**Contact persons:** Catherine Want. Service Manager. (0414643989)

Josene Perri. Administration Manager (0417269915)

## 2. About the organisation.

Rosie's Place is a community based therapeutic service for children, young people and families impacted by violence and abuse, specifically child sexual assault and domestic and family violence. The service is situated in Western Sydney and primarily services the Blacktown LGA.

Established in 1986, Rosie's Place has established itself as a solid service in the community and is also recognised amongst professionals in the field as a practice of high standard. An indication of this is the training provided by our team to other workers in the trauma field and the numerous resources we have published over the years.

Being a small organisation Rosie's Place has gained great support and partnerships with other services in the community, especially those services that work with families subjected to violence, including sexual assault and domestic and family violence.

Being a community based organisation is a responsibility that our service identifies closely with the community we serve. Rosie's Place is more than a counselling service, noted by the fact that, compared to other similar services, we have developed programs and interventions responsive to the needs of our community.

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### 3. Proposed use of donation.

There is an established link between problem gambling and domestic and family violence. Research clearly indicates that people who have significant problems with gambling are more likely than people without gambling problems to be either the victims or perpetrators of family violence. Furthermore, the use of Electronic Gambling Machines accounts for about 75-80% of problem gambling.

Although less than 1% of Australians have significant issues with their gambling it is estimated that for each person with significant gambling problems, 7.3 significant others are adversely affected, including loss of household money, increased debt, arguments, anger problems and domestic violence.

Our service does not work with perpetrators of domestic violence but we do provide counselling and support to women and their children who have been subjected to this violence.

We especially understand the importance of working with boys and young men, given the connections for male children exposed to domestic violence and increased risk of drug and alcohol abuse, gambling problems and using violence themselves as they move into young adulthood. For example, we know that approximately 95% of perpetrators of domestic violence are male and that women are significantly less likely to be problem gamblers compared to men (0.47% and 0.95% respectively).

Our intention would be to employ a full time male worker to work specifically with boys and young men who have lived with domestic violence to build their resilience and skills to break this intergenerational cycle of harm, trauma and abuse. Enabling children, especially boys, to develop life skills separate from violence will support them to move away from intergenerational cycles continuing.

Evidence indicates that resilience, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is enhanced through healthy connections within their communities, having other sources of support, developing problem solving skills, and managing their own emotions to buffer stress. Supporting boys and young men to build these skills would be the primary purpose of both individual and group based counselling made possible because of this additional funding.

It must also be stressed that Rosie's Place endeavours to prioritise all funding to direct service work due to the relatively small size of our organisation compared to other services (equivalent 5 full time workers) which removes the need to support a large infrastructure. We endeavour to restrict costs outside direct service work to 10-15% of our total income on an annual basis.

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