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COMPLIANCE AUDITS OF LICENSED VENUES

The Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing (OLGR) is conducting compliance checks of Parramatta and Manly licensed venues this week to ensure they are complying with licence conditions and the State's liquor and gaming laws.

OLGR Director of Compliance and Enforcement Anthony Keon said it was part of ongoing audits being conducted throughout the summer period focusing on venue management and operating procedures.

"The Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing (OLGR) as well as NSW Police conduct targeted inspections of licensed venues across the State to ensure they are operating responsibly and in line with community expectations," Mr Keon said.

"This includes ensuring proper management and operating procedures are in place to support responsible service of alcohol and prevent intoxication of patrons, as well as other potential harms. This is particularly important with the busy summer season including the lead-up to Australia Day."

Mr Keon said the Audit Program is focusing on both engagement and education to ensure compliance and heightened awareness of licence conditions and liquor and gaming laws, as well as unannounced inspections aimed to test venue compliance during risk trading periods.

Inspectors will be particularly focusing on:

- Practices to prevent intoxication
- Undesirable liquor promotions and activities
- Sale of liquor to minors (both take away sales and on premises)
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) accreditation.

"These audits will ensure venues have suitable controls in place to ensure responsible trading and compliance, and will assist in the identification and targeting of any high risk activities that can contribute to alcohol-related harm, including violence," Mr Keon said.