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SEVEN FEWER VENUES ON LATEST VIOLENT VENUES LIST

The number of hotels and bars on the NSW Government's violent venues list has fallen from 15 to eight over the past six months.

Liquor & Gaming NSW Deputy Secretary Paul Newson said the improved results are part of a longer-term downward trend in the level of violent incidents at licensed venues.

"When comparing this latest list with the first round of the scheme in 2008, there has been a fall of almost 90 per cent – from 1,270 to 146 – in the number of violent incidents at listed venues," he said.

"Alcohol-related non-domestic assaults have been dropping at around seven per cent per annum in NSW over the past five years.

"This continuing decline and the removal of nine venues from the latest list are highly encouraging and show we're heading in the right direction.

"We have more work to do and some venues need to take action to curb the misuse of alcohol and associated violence and anti-social behaviour in and around their premises."

The list reflects the number of violent incidents at venues over a 12-month period. Venues with 12 or more incidents make the list and face strict conditions and increased monitoring by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

Mr Newson said the violent venues scheme remains a strong incentive for venues to reduce the level of violent incidents so patrons can enjoy safer nights out.

"The vast majority of venues across NSW are responsible and heed the message that running an unsafe hotel, club or bar is not only bad for patrons – it's out of step with community expectations and also bad for business," he said.

VIOLENT VENUES LIST ROUND 18

Level 1 venues - 2

Venue Name	Suburb	No. of Incidents
Ivy	SYDNEY	32
Sydney Junction Hotel	HAMILTON	30

Level 2 venues - 6

Venue Name	Suburb	No. of Incidents
Pontoon Bar	SYDNEY	16
Home Nightclub	SYDNEY	15
Scruffy Murphy's	SYDNEY	14
The Sunken Monkey Hotel	ERINA	14
The Coast Hotel	COFFS HARBOUR	13
Sea Breeze Hotel	NELSON BAY	12

Venues removed from the list - 9

Venue Name	Suburb	No. of Incidents
Hotel Orange	ORANGE	11
Northies - Cronulla Hotel	CRONULLA	11
The Mill Hotel (Milperra)	MILPERRA	11
Coffs Harbour Hotel	COFFS HARBOUR	10
PJ'S Irish Pub Parramatta	PARRAMATTA	10
The Pyrmont Bridge Hotel	PYRMONT	10
The Eastern	BONDI JUNCTION	9
The Grand Hotel	WOLLONGONG	8
Narellan Hotel	NARELLAN	4

A fact sheet on the violent venues scheme is available here:

<http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/Documents/liquor/law-and-policy/fs3006-violent-venues-scheme.pdf>

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