



Friday 5 May 2017

BANKSTOWN KARAOKE BAR SHUT DOWN DUE TO SERIOUS LIQUOR LICENCE BREACHES

The NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Board has today shut down Replay Karaoke at Bankstown due to irresponsible service of alcohol, including selling shots and full bottles of spirits prohibited under the venue's licence and operating outside its approved trading hours.

ILGA has ordered the bar to close from 5pm on Friday 5 May until 5pm on Monday 8 May.

Liquor & Gaming NSW undercover inspectors attended the karaoke bar on Friday 28 April and detected these breaches of licence conditions. The inspectors also found a severely intoxicated female patron unable to stand unassisted and vomiting into a bucket provided by venue staff.

Under NSW liquor laws, licensees are obliged to prevent intoxication from occurring on their premises.

Following the undercover operation, Liquor & Gaming NSW applied to ILGA on Wednesday, 3 May seeking a short term closure of the venue.

The ILGA Board acknowledged the swift intervention from Liquor & Gaming NSW helped to maintain community safety.

Liquor & Gaming NSW's Director of Compliance Operations, Sean Goodchild, said the case should serve as a warning to rogue operators across NSW that they cannot operate outside of NSW liquor laws.

"Liquor licensees who blatantly flout their licence conditions and responsible service of alcohol jeopardise the safety of their patrons and the community.

"Most venues do adhere to their liquor licence conditions, but this case shows that those who choose to ignore their licence conditions can expect to face regulatory action."

Media inquiries: Breanna Gietzel (02) 9995 0302 or 0499 452 395