



LAKE MACQUARIE LIQUOR ACCORD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

at 9.00AM ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023

at BELMONT 16s

CHAIRMAN: Scott Williams

PRESENT:

ALDI Toronto	Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
ALH Group	Marks Point Sports Club
Bay Hotel Motel	Orana Hotel
Belmont 16s	Pippis at the Point
Belmont Golf Club	Swansea Hotel
BWS Morisset	Swansea RSL
BWS Toronto	Teralba Bottleshop
Cardiff Bowling Club	Teralba Hotel
Cardiff RSL Club	Toronto Diggers
Club Charlestown	Toronto Workers
Club Macquarie	Valentine Bowling Club
Costco	Wangi Bowling Club
Dan Murphys Cardiff	Wangi District Workers Club
Dan Murphys Charlestown	Warners Bay Hotel
Dan Murphys Edgeworth	Warners Bay Sports Club
Dan Murphys Glendale	Waratah Golf Club
Fennell Bay Cellars	West's Cardiff
Gateshead Tavern	Windale Gateshead Bowling Club
Great Northern Hotel	Woodrising Cellars
Gunyah Hotel	Yardkings Brewery
Kraken Boat Hire	

POLICE IN ATTENDANCE: Sergeant Daniel Bishop (Licencing)
 Senior Constable Mark Edwards

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION Christine Spiteri

TRANSPORT FOR NSW Priscilla Page
 Sarah Pope

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL Tony Ellitt

APOLOGIES: Commercial Hotel Boolaroo
Iron Horse Inn
Mattara Hotel

Dan Murphys Swansea
Lake Macquarie Tavern

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed the Police, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Transport for NSW and Liquor Accord Members to the October 2023 Lake Macquarie Liquor Accord Meeting and AGM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the *Lake Macquarie Liquor Accord AGM* held on Tuesday 5 October 2022 were confirmed as correct and carried with no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received during the period other than circulars and the monthly newsletters from Liquor & Gaming NSW which are received by all licensees.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

• Courtesy Bus App

- Currently 25 LMLA venues, also venues in Cessnock and Port Stephens Accords now using. Interest from other Accords including Great Lakes, Upper Hunter, and Tuggerah Lakes Liquor Accord.
- At the previous meeting it was agreed to try and transfer ownership to another stakeholder. No interest from Liquor and Gaming or Transport for NSW. Zimple Digital (app developer) are happy to issue new log ins for no charge as a community service but have no interest in ownership.
- Agreed to waive the fee payable for any new Accords wishing to use the app.
- Further agreed that the committee will meet in early 2024 to discuss whether funds should be utilized to promote the app.

• High School Education Program

- Local High Schools have requested we consider an education program for local senior students similar to that delivered by some Accords.
- Concept was to host an annual day for Year 12 students to attend and listen to presentations from various stakeholders including the Police, Transport for NSW, and Lake Macquarie City Council.
- It was agreed that the Committee would meet in early 2024 to discuss in more detail.
- There was general consensus from members that this activity would be beneficial to the community.

• Think Safe to Drink Safe

- New educational campaign launched by Minister for Gaming and Racing.
- Intent is to raise awareness of drink spiking and keep patrons safe.
- Think Safe to Drink Safe tool kit available on Liquor and Gaming website.

TREASURER'S REPORT **MOVED: Cardiff RSL** **SECONDED: Toronto Workers Club**

That the treasurer's report was distributed and are a true and fair view of the association's performance.

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- The Chairman stated that we currently have a balance of \$23,428.82 in the bank.
- Participants were reminded that the annual subscriptions are now due and that the application forms for payments have been distributed and are also available.
- Further that we are an incorporated association, and an annual financial report for year ended 30 June 2023, which was distributed last night, needs to be tabled at the AGM and reported to NSW Fair Trading.
 - Initial balance was \$20,460.50 with income of \$3,950 from subscriptions; expenses incurred was for Website updates and the Courtesy Bus app fees totaling \$981.68.

ANNUAL SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

FOR THE PERIOD 01 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023

CREDIT BALANCE brought forward 01 July 2022 \$23,428.82

ADD INCOME:

▪ Membership Subscriptions (1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023) \$3,950.00

EXPENSES:

▪ Courtesy Bus App Costs \$462.00
 ▪ Website Updates \$469.68
 ▪ Duplicated Payment Refund \$50.00

CREDIT BALANCE as at 30 June 2023 **\$23,428.82**

Scott Williams

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL
REPORT**

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman thanked the existing committee for their participation and declared all committee positions vacant.

No nominations have been received and the existing committee expressed interest in running again if there are no new nominations. The Chairman asked participants if there was interest in being on the Committee with no responses and as such nominated the existing committee for re-election.

The existing committee were re-elected to the following positions unopposed:

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| ▪ Scott Williams | (Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club) | - to the position of Chairperson |
| ▪ Adam Klufft | (Kahibah Sports Club) | - to the position of Secretary/Treasurer |
| ▪ John Owens | (Fennell Bay Cellars) | - to a position of Committee Member |
| ▪ Garry Malone | (Cardiff RSL) | - to a position of Committee Member |
| ▪ Pilita Wild | (Kraken Boat Hire) | - to a position of Committee Member |

POLICE REPORT

- The chairman introduced Sergeant Daniel Bishop (Licensing) and thanked him for addressing the meeting.
- Superintendent Tracy Chapman will take over as Commander of the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command in December.
- Alcohol related crimes (including assaults) are down in Lake Macquarie and are tracking well in NSW. Thank you for your assistance.
- Clubs and Hotels should be conscious of their obligations for the removal of external gaming signage.
- In the lead up to Christmas events, venues should be conscious of the following and brief their staff accordingly:
 - Excessive consumption leading to intoxication.
 - Service to minors (including secondary service).
 - Apprentices at Christmas parties (please check ID).
- High quality fake IDs are currently in circulation (particularly NSW Provisional Licences). If in any doubt, please check a secondary ID such as a Digital Licence on their phone.

- Venues should reinforce RSA requirements with staff regularly and ensure that their CCTV systems are recording.
- If your venue is having a Melbourne Cup event, please email lmlicensing@police.nsw.gov.au
- An email will be sent to all venues in early December requesting New Years Eve information such as trading hours, entertainment, security staffing levels etc.
- Sgt Bishop called for questions:
 - The question was raised whether Police can organise for a drug dog visit. Sgt Bishop stated that dogs are a limited resource and are assigned on a risk basis. He suggested that venues be proactive with patrons who may be using or distributing drugs including referring specific details to Police.

LAKE MACQUARIE POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

The Lake Macquarie Area Command is based at Belmont Police Station, with the following contact details:

Belmont Police Station

2 Herbert Street
BELMONT NSW 2280 02 4922 8899

Domestic Violence Unit

- Senior Constable Alex Cant 02 4922 8836
- Senior Constable Jodie Wilson : 02 4922 8837

Licensing

- Sergeant Daniel Bishop : 02 4922 8858
- Senior Constable Trevor Willemsen : 02 4922 8824
- Senior Constable Mark Edwards : 02 4922 8824
- Licensing Mobile Telephone 0448 882 184
- **Lake Macquarie Licensing Police : lmlicensing@police.nsw.gov.au**

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION

- Christine Spiteri from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation delivered a presentation.
- Foundation is a harm prevention organisation who are funded by the State and Federal Governments and focus on the following programs:
 - Good Sports Program
 - Focus on sporting Clubs to provide resources, encourage good governance and policies to create a positive culture.
 - Accredited Clubs have the opportunity to secure grant funding.
 - Local Drug Action Teams
 - Source to provide information on alcohol and drugs, harm minimisation, research, and support.
 - Resources include Drug Facts, Drug Information such as 'text the effects' and 'what drug is that' guidelines.
- More information as follows:
 - Contact Christine Spiteri - christine.spiteri@adf.org.au or 0449 258 584
 - ADF Resource Directory – separate attachment
 - ADF Presentation – separate attachment

TRANSPORT FOR NSW

- Priscilla Page from Transport for NSW delivered a presentation to members focusing on alcohol related crash statistics in Lake Macquarie and Plan B strategies.
- Drink Drive Campaign statistics for the Lake Macquarie LGA:

Road User	2019 – 2021 Casualties	2020 – 2022 Casualties
Motor vehicle driver	30	27
Motorcycle rider	14	12
Pedestrian	0	1
Motor vehicle passenger	9	9
Motorcycle passenger	2	2

- Transport for NSW are happy to collaborate with venues for a Plan B activation and have various resources available including bar runners and T shirts.
 - Contact Priscilla Page - priscilla.page@transport.nsw.gov.au 0401 566 728

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Chairman called for any items of general business. No matters were raised.

The next meeting for the Lake Macquarie Liquor Accord details are as follows:

- **Date** : Tuesday 9 April 2024
- **Time** : 8:45am for 9.00am
- **Venue** : Belmont 16s

MEETING CLOSURE

Chairman Scott Williams reminded those venues hosting Melbourne Cup events to email Licensing Police with the event details and thanked everyone for attending and reminded them to collect the Transport for NSW merchandise when they are leaving.

The meeting was declared closed at **9.55** am.

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