

Minutes of the Flemington LAC Liquor Accord Meeting held at DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 10:00am

ATTENDEES:

Peter Denmead (Chairman), Constable Paul Aishou, Constable Shannon Thomson, Nathan Titmuss, Greta Fletcher, Glenn Fraser, David Calder, Rosie Vranic, Wayne Nolland, Ann Batkin, John Jansen, Geoff Jansen, Julie Milsom, Tamara Lewis, Alex Beddolph, Tony Currer, Rowan Eastbrook, Owen Madden, Justin Corcoran, Neil Hendro, John Aonga, Paul Pellegrini, Yuval Yaavl. Marylenn Simonetta, John Seward, Dwane Goodman, Ben Renneberg, John Ross, Patrick Pignataro, Samuel Barnard.

APOLOGIES:

Megan Desent, Margaret Ward, John Martin, Rhonda Tresnan, Damien Smith, Raymond Leong, Ying Xia, Julie Isaak, Leimin Duong, Sue Max.

The Chairman Peter Denmead declared the meeting open at 10:10 am and thanked all members for the participation.

REVIEW MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5TH AUGUST 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of meeting held 5th August 2014 be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

No matters arising from those minutes.

SENIOR CONSTABLE PAUL AISHOU - FLEMINGTON LAC Presentation

Constable Paul Aishou introduced Senior Constable Shannon Thomson, who will be working alongside with him for the next 3 years.

Constable Paul Aishou then provided a brief presentation on alcohol related crimes for the period of August – October 2014:

- Incidents by day of week - Sundays are the worst, followed by Saturdays and Wednesdays.
- Incidents by time of day – 12am-3am is the worst period, followed by 9pm-12am, then 3am-6am.
- By category – 15 registered assaults; 6 traffic offences and 3 powers – move on incidents, linked to licenced premises in that period.
- Last place of consumption report August – October 2014 shows 21 incident being related to licenced premises, 16 being home/private residents; 4 – public places and 5 - other.
- New risk-based licence fee scheme coming in 2015. Constable Paul Aishou briefly explained the changes that will take place and shared information as per following plan.

A new risk-based licence fee scheme

When does the scheme start?

The scheme starts in the 2014/15 financial year (ending 30 June). Fees will be introduced in two stages.

Fees for **2014/15**, comprising the base fee and the trading hours risk loading, will be determined on 15 March 2015 (i.e. the 'assessment date').

Fees for **2015/16**, comprising the base fee and each of the four risk-based loadings (trading hours, compliance history, location and patron capacity), will be determined on 15 March 2016.

For 2015/16, the compliance history risk loading will be assessed on the basis of a conviction for a prescribed offence during 2015, and/or any strikes in force at 15 March 2016 (the assessment date) and/or the venue being listed as a declared premises.

Future years will follow the same pattern of compliance assessment.

What can I expect to receive from OLGR?

Following the calculation of the risk-based licence fee, which is done by OLGR on the assessment date, a licensee will receive an invoice. Invoices will be generated from 14 April each year, commencing in 2015.

The amounts payable under the scheme will be itemised to reflect the various components that make up the licence fee. Invoices generated from 14 April 2015 will include the base fee and trading hours risk loading. Invoices in later years will include the base fee and all risk loadings.

Invoices will be payable in full by 29 May (the due date). Electronic payment facilities will be available.

What happens if a fee is not paid?

If a licence fee is not paid in full by the due date, a reminder notice will be issued to the licensee.

If the fee remains unpaid after 26 June (i.e. more than 28 days after the original due date), the liquor licence will be suspended. The sale and supply of liquor is prohibited if a licence is suspended. Significant penalties apply if this law is breached.

A notice of suspension and a 'late payment fee' will be generated, allowing a further 28 days from the suspension date for payment of the licence fee, together with the late payment fee. The late payment fee will be \$50 for a limited licence (multi-function) and a former community liquor licence, and \$100 for any other type of licence.

If any part of the fee, including the late payment fee, remains unpaid after 24 July (56 days after the original invoice due date), the liquor licence will be cancelled.

The sale and supply of liquor is prohibited if a licence is suspended or cancelled. Significant penalties apply if this law is breached.

An application for reinstatement of the licence can be made within 56 days of the cancellation date. A condition of reinstatement is that the licensee must pay all outstanding fees, as well as any application fee, within the

same 56 day period. If outstanding fees are not fully paid within the 56 day reinstatement period, the licence cannot be reinstated.

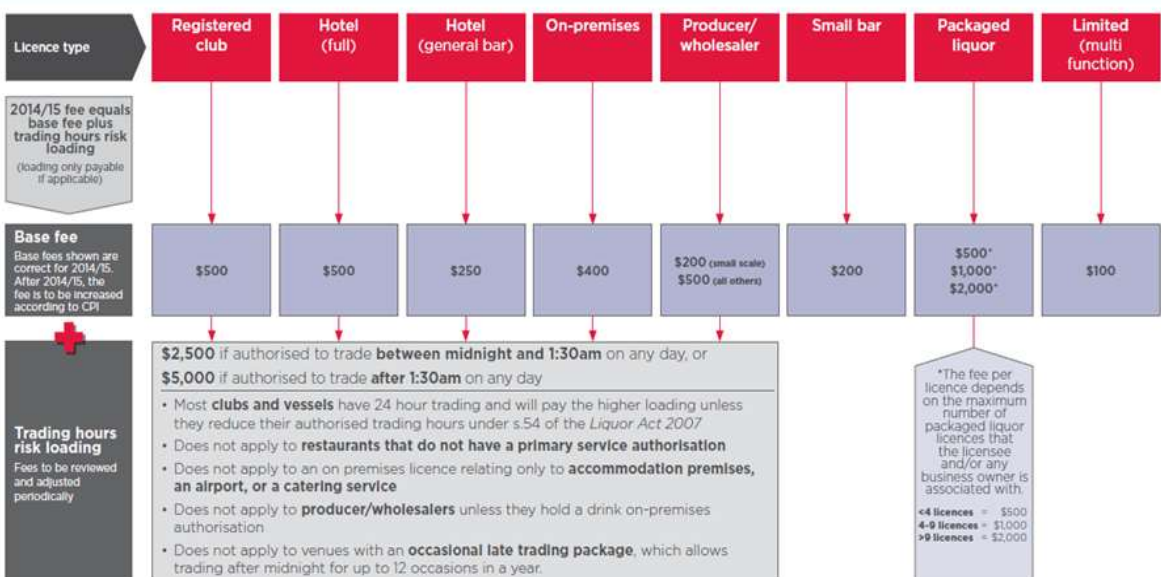
Can fees be waived?

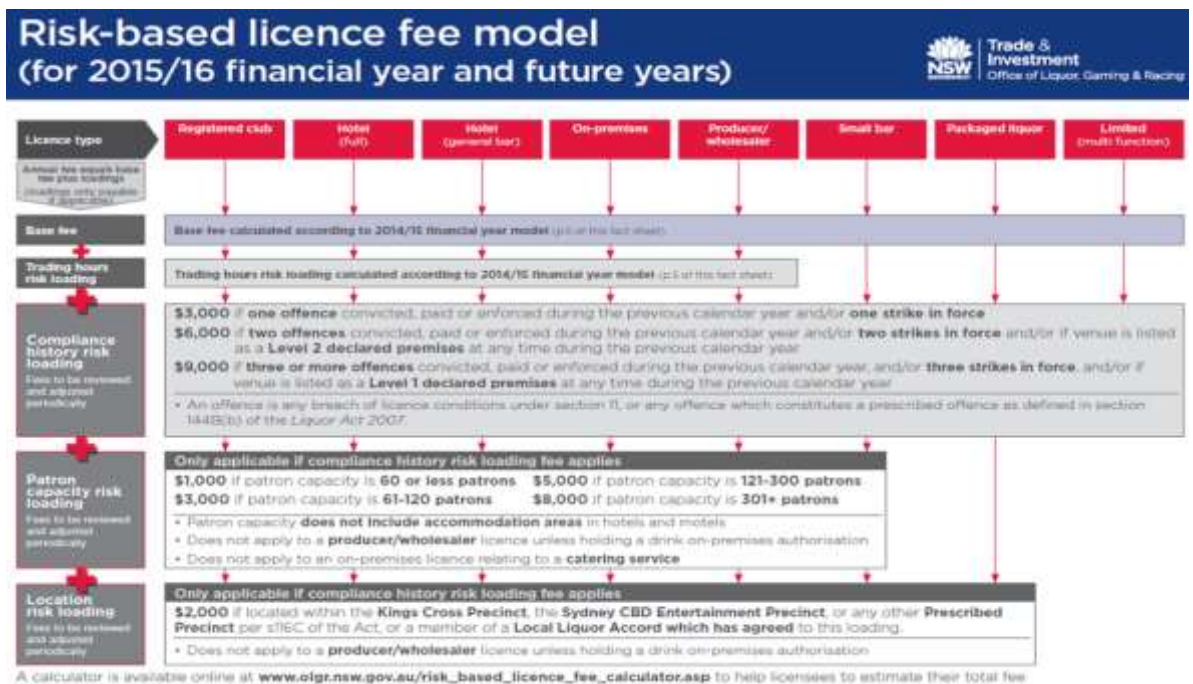
A fee may be waived (in full or in part) in certain limited circumstances specified by the Secretary of NSW Trade & Investment. A waiver may cover the base fee and/or any applicable risk loadings. OLGR will publish a waiver policy in the second half of 2014.

Key dates

Date (each year)	Event
15 Mar	Assessment date
14 Apr	Invoices generated
29 May	Invoice due date
2 Jun	Overdue payment reminders generated
26 Jun	Licence suspended if invoice unpaid. Late fee applied
30 Jun	Suspension notice generated
24 Jul	Licence cancelled if any fees remain unpaid
28 Jul	Cancellation notice generated
18 Sep	Deadline for licence reinstatement applications

Risk-based licence fee model (for 2014/15 financial year)





- Upcoming events in the area:
 - Stereosonic 29/30th November
 - V8's 5-7 December
 - AFC – Asian Cup January.
- Major concerns for the upcoming “Silly Season”:
 - Minors (during school holidays)
 - RSA/Intoxication
 - Fail to quit.
- Required procedures in case of refused entry to assist police in follow up process.
- Constable Paul Aishou wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GUEST SPEAKER – MICHELLE LAVING Presentation

CatholicCare GAINS (Gambling Awareness Intervention and Support) Program Overview

CatholicCare’s GAINS Program is a five year joint initiative of 5 Sydney Catholic Clubs building a culture of care and wellbeing at their clubs by offering a range of pathways where patrons & their family members can access information and support about gambling concerns and related issues. Program’s main concern is to extend the strong ethos of service towards conscious, appropriate care and consideration for patron well-being.

Three pronged approach focuses on:

- Culture change-marketing strategy;
- Access pathways;
- Internal roles, external partnerships (observe, engage, intervene & refer).

Primary intervention approach:

- Only a minority of problem gamblers (less than 10%) seek formal assistance for their problems and as a result there is increasing emphasis in policy towards early intervention initiatives.
- Within a public health approach primary interventions attempt to prevent problematic behaviour before it begins e.g. through patron observations & planned approach. Legislation and policy is now directed more towards prevention of harm before it occurs.

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CatholicCare Holyoake Program Overview

Holyoake, founded in the early 1970s, is now the largest NGO dealing with alcohol & other drug (AOD) issues in WA & has affiliates throughout Australia. It is one of the pioneers of the Family Systems therapeutic approach to chemical and process dependency in Australia, dealing with issues through a broader systemic view, with protective, risk, maintenance and recovery factors emerging from the family dynamic. Significant benefit - support, education and therapy programs available for the traumatised partners, parents, children and siblings of problem drug users or gamblers.

Holyoake consists of 4 individual programs:

- FOCUS – for partners;
- PAUSE – for parents;
- KALEIDOSCOPE – for children;
- PATHWAYS – for adolescent users.

People battling with problematic alcohol use may find the holiday season difficult due to:

- More opportunities for social gatherings and drinking.
- Loneliness, which might be experienced stronger over this period.
- Family get togethers, which can be very stressful.
- Increased media promotion instances for alcohol consumption.

Gambling might increase due to:

- Feeling stressed out about the financial situation & hoping to win the jackpot to solve debt problems that have accumulated over the year.
- Attempts to win money to buy presents for family & friends etc.
- Trying to escape the perceived drudgery and elevate living standards.

COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Treasurer’s Report

Account details as at 1st November 2014

Opening Balance	\$28,214.75
Total Credits	\$3,800.00
Total Debits	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$32,014.75

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairman has mentioned that just over 40 venues have paid their annual membership fees to date and raised his concerns that this is not a large number, considering the total number of licenced venues trading within the Accord area.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at DOOLEYS Lidcombe Catholic Club at 10am.

The Chairman thanked those who attended the meeting and wished a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Meeting closed 11:00 am.

Peter Denmead.....
 Chairperson

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