

**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord Annual General Meeting
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club
Tuesday 25th February 2014**

In Attendance:

Harry Hunt – Comfort Inn Hunts Liverpool
Ben Atkins – Liverpool Catholic Club
Conor Murray – El Toro Hotel
Jillian Gibson – Liverpool Police
Paola Jamett-Caru – Liverpool City Council
George Garcia – Content Wines Wholesaler

Kee Sisouvath – Green Valley Police
Brendan Bernie – Green Valley Police
Anthony Lynes – Liverpool Police
Rachel Palermo – Liverpool City Council
John Zahija – BWS Miller
Stephen Malomitis – Macquarie Hotel

Apologies: Chris Donovan, Dean Johnson

H.Hunt declares the meeting open at 11.25am.

Welcome of Accord members and individual introductions.

B. Atkins reads the minutes from the previous meeting. C. Murray moves to accept the minutes as read, seconded by George Garcia.

There being no business arising from the minutes the chairman moves on.

New Business: There being no new business the chairman moves on.

Correspondence: There being no correspondence the chairman moves on.

Annual General Meeting:

Nomination and election of executive officers. There were no new nominations and all current executive committee members were happy to stay on for another 12 months. There were no objections from the floor and it was moved by J. Gibson and seconded by C. Murray that the current executive committee members hold positions.

General Business:

No Treasurers report is presented as there was no income for the period and expenses are minimal.

K. Sisouvath presents the Green Valley LAC report (see attached).

J. Gibson presents the Liverpool LAC report (see attached). Notes changes to legislation. RSA training is no longer available online and takeaway sales of alcohol will cease at 10pm. This applies to clubs and pubs as well as bottle shops. From the Liquor Act Review the AHA has called for membership of Liquor Accords to be made mandatory, although ClubsNSW believe the current structure is sufficient. A recommendation made from the Liquor Act review was to extend Liquor Accords to include late trading venues such as food vendors, internet cafes and service stations. J. Gibson suggested that we table and vote as an Accord to encourage these late trading venues to attend our Accord meetings as a trial so they can see what the Accord is all about. J. Gibson noted that she is part of an alcohol advisory group and that she is happy to be contacted with any issues relating to licensing. They are

currently looking at an education campaign in relation to the 'cowards punch' and domestic violence.

G. Garcia asked if an RSA obtained online could possibly be revoked under the new legislation. J. Gibson advised that it shouldn't be, but if it was you would have a good argument to be put through a current accredited course as you had already paid for it.

J. Gibson noted that security guards should be 'fit and proper' persons and have the ability to communicate effectively. It has been found that venues that employ security guards with poor communications skills put the premises at a higher risk of violence.

H.Hunt noted the current advertising campaign in relation to the 'cowards punch' was a great initiative.

R. Palermo noted it is only 6 weeks to Easter and today she will be emailing licensed venues for expressions of interest in breath testing machines. Machines will come with the relevant complying signage.

P. Jamett- Caru noted that CCTV is being installed in taxi ranks and is currently in the testing phase.

H.Hunt suggests that the Executive Committee will need to come up with some ideas that will increase attendance rates at meetings.

H.Hunt is on committee of Airport Alliance in relation to Badgery's Creek Airport. The government is now getting behind it. State opposition leader has put his support behind the airport at Badgery's Creek, although Barry O'Farrell is yet to commit. J. Hollands has put in a submission to build the extension of rail line through to Badgery's Creek.

There being no further business the chairman declares the meeting closed at 12:05pm.

Proposed agenda for next general meeting, 27th May 2014:

1. Welcome, introduction of new members and apologies
2. Adoption of previous minutes
3. Business arising
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurers report
6. Liverpool/Green Valley Police report
7. General business
8. Close of meeting and confirmation of next general meeting.

LIVERPOOL CITY LIQUOR ACCORD MEETING
25th February 2014

1. Alcohol Related Crime Stats for period November 2013 – January 2014 for Green Valley LAC:

Legend:

POI - Person of Interest

VIC - Victim

LPC – Last Place of Consumption

+ = Increase

- = Decrease

All Incidents total 196 (+29)	5% (+1%) total POI = 84 (+7) total VIC = 64 (+19)
Assault total 41 (+5)	22% (-5%) total POI = 28 (+8) total VIC = 27 (0)
Domestic Violence total 74 (+2)	14% (-4%) total POI = 35 (-8) total VIC = 28 (+9)

LPC:

Licensed Premise	11% (-4%) total 32 (-8)
Public Place	9% (-1%) total 27 (+1)
Home/Private Residence	65% (+2%) total 195 (+30)
Not Known	15% (+3%) total 46 (+12)

Intoxication Level by LPC:

LPC	Not Affected	Slightly Affected	Moderately Affected	Well Affected	Seriously Affected
Licensed Premise	2 (-3)	18 (+3)	6 (-4)	6 (-2)	0 (-3)
Home/Private Residence	20 (+7)	57 (+13)	73 (+22)	40 (-11)	5 (-1)
Public Place	5 (-1)	4 (-1)	14 (+8)	3 (-4)	1 (-1)
Other	0 (same)	0 (same)	0 (same)	0 same	0 same
Not Known	2 (+2)	8 (+1)	16 (-2)	14 (+8)	6 (+5)

PCA Report – Total: 5 (same)

High	Medium	Low	Special	Other
1 (-1)	1 (+1)	3 (same)	0 (same)	0 (same)

2. Police consider an incident to have occurred *on licensed premises* if it:
 - (i) *Occurs on the premises itself,*
 - (ii) *Occurs in the immediate vicinity of the premises (eg footpath or car park) where there is evidence of direct involvement with the premises, or*
 - (iii) *Can be directly attributable to the premises.*

3. **If a licensee permits intoxication, violent, quarrelsome, or disorderly conduct on licensed premises, the licensee is liable to be issued with \$1100.00 penalty notice, or a Court Attendance Notice for any breaches.**
Re: Sect 73 Liquor Act (NSW) 2007

- ❖ Pursuant to Sect 149 Liquor Act (NSW) 2007, Licensees and Managers are liable for act of employees.

4. **House Keeping.**
Venues are responsible to carryout regular checks/internal audits of all records, registers, and mandatory liquor and gaming signage at your respective licensed premises.

- ❖ *Self audit checklists for licensed premises are on the OLGR website that can be downloaded.*

5. **Minors.**
Minors have been detected in licensed premises or attempting to gain entry to licensed premises with fake identification, or using other persons ID. Management, staff and security to be vigilant with ID checks.

6. **Important Date:**
Next Liquor Accord meeting is to be advised.

Liverpool City Liquor Accord Police News



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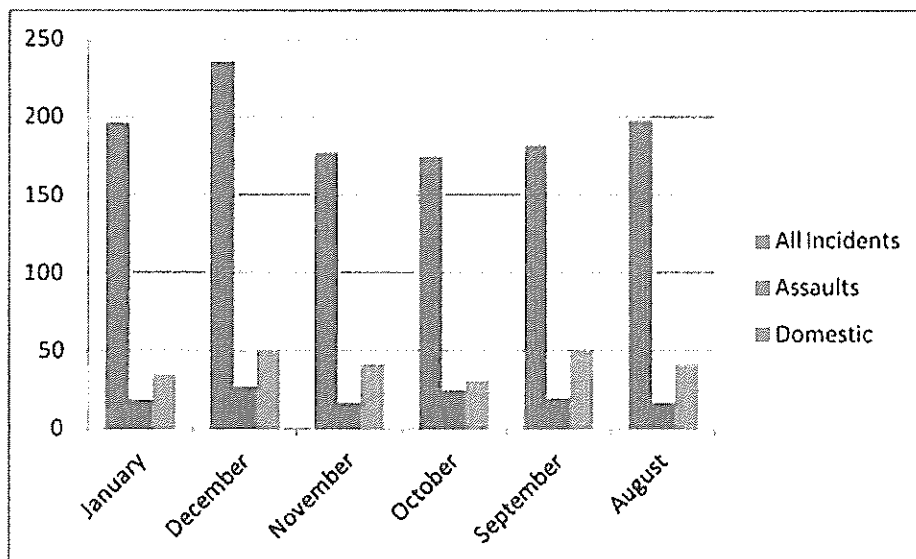
Reports

The alcohol linking report has been compiled and looks at not only total incidents but breaks down specifically into assaults and domestic violence.

These are two areas which can commonly be put back on alcohol as a contributing factor.

Over the past 6 months there was a slight increase over the December period but it appears have remained consistent.

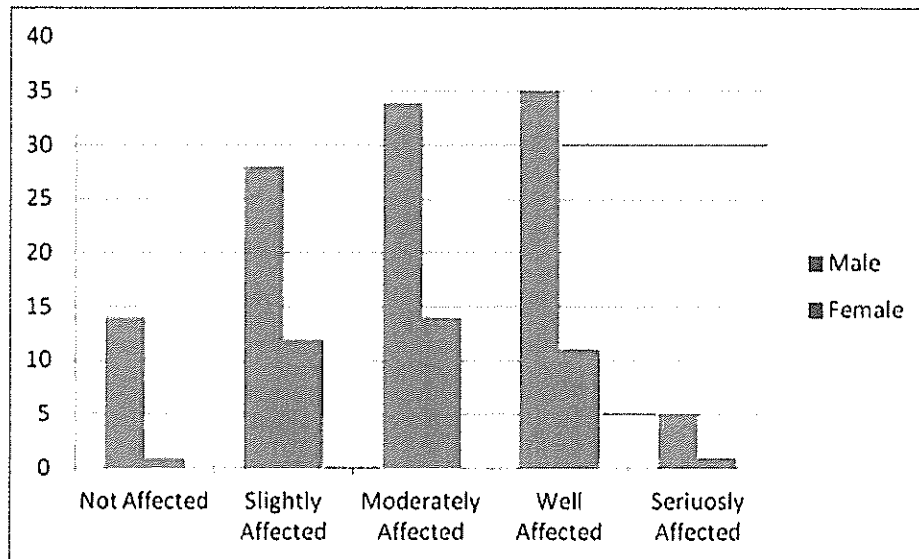
Of interest is the statistical data which states that the total number of incidents attended by police where alcohol was a contributing factor totalled 1,164. The total number of incidents attended by Liverpool Police during this 6 month period was 16,593. Alcohol was only linked back to 7% of incidents attended.



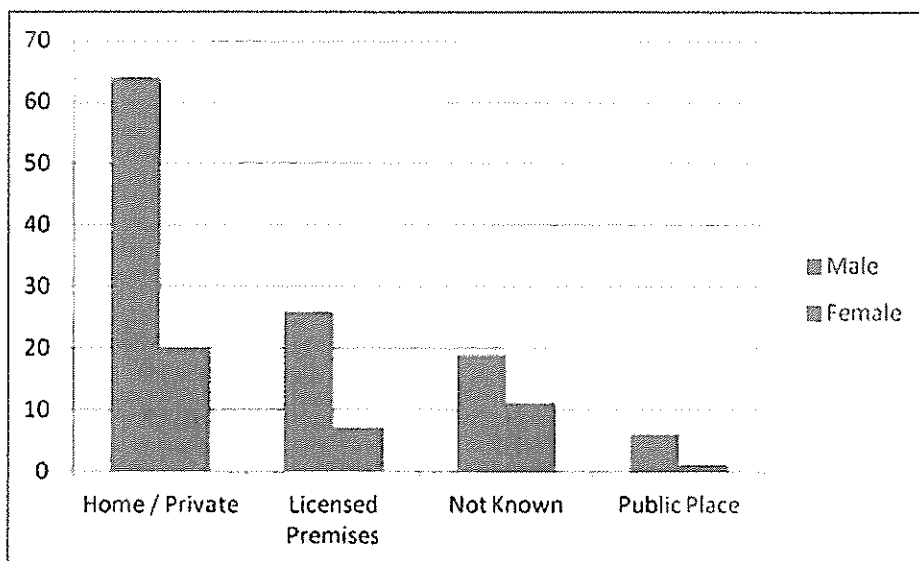
Over the last 12 months there has been a decrease in use of police powers including person searches and move on directions and the detection of street offences. For the same period last year police have been involved in 9,548 incidents relating to these categories. For the current period we are 1,266 below this figure.

The level of intoxication also detected during police interactions has also decreased by 509 with significant reductions in the levels of intoxication of persons in the moderate to slightly affected categories and no rise in other fields.

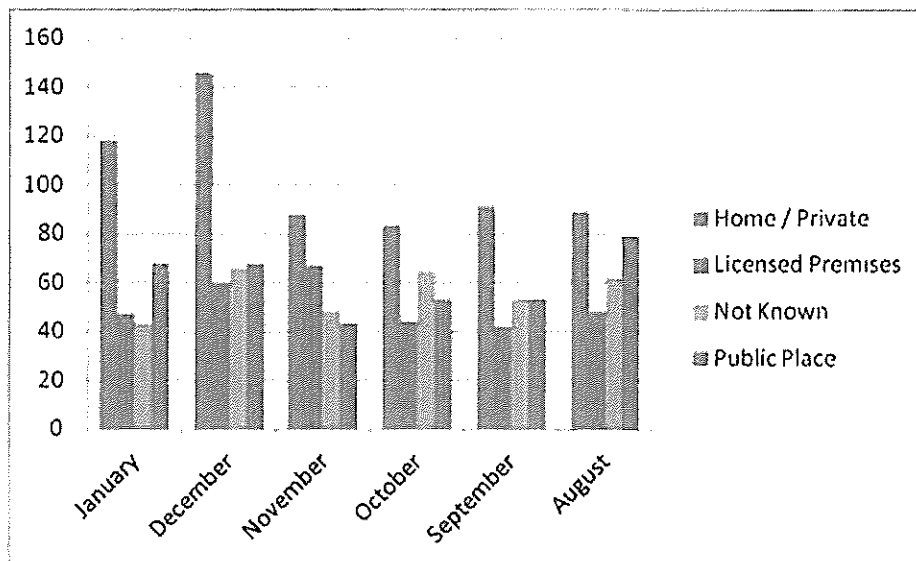
The reports below outline alcohol consumed by males and females in the previous 6 months. It depicts that majority of person coming into contact with police who are under the influence of alcohol are male. It also shows that



Level of Intoxication



Last Place of Consumption



An overall view of Last Place of Consumption as shown above shows a slight increase over summer for persons coming under notice at Licensed Premises however the main increase was in Home and Private Residences. With an increase of 58 between November 2013 (88) and December 2013 (146) at Home and private residences.

Changes to legislation

As most of you will be aware the State Government has introduced a raft of new laws in an attempt to curb alcohol fuelled violence which is affecting parts of the state.

RSA Online training has been suspended and a review of the system will commence to assess efficiency and quality of inline training.

ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES ALL TAKEAWAY SALES OF ALCOHOL WILL CEASE AT 10PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Sydney CBD and Kings Cross Precinct are now subject to 1.30am lock outs and a 3am "last drinks": for venues. The venue is still able to trade past 3am however no liquor is able to be sold. This allows for gaming patrons to continue.

This condition may not seem that it will affect Liverpool however I would be wary that may end up being an increase in person in the local area should they not make it to the city in time. The lock out prohibits re-entry into the premises after 1.30am and this includes person going outside for cigarettes etc.

Liquor Act Review

In November 2013 the statutory review of the liquor Act was completed. This review examined all submissions made and looked at the issues raised. Within the review it also looked at the practicality of sections of the law and how they were applied.

In all 91 recommendations were made, these ranged from suggested changes in legalisation to change of wording to keepings the way they are. The review aimed at improving how liquor is sold and supplied and improving how it is enforced and governed.

Amongst all the findings made were recommendations in relation to Local Liquor Accords.

The review outlines in section 10.4 that the Liquor Act provides support for liquor accords, which involve licenses and local stake holders such as police and local councils working together voluntarily to develop practical solutions to alcohol related problems.

Within the submission made by the industry representatives from the AHA called for consideration of membership of a Liquor Accord to be made mandatory, however this was not the same view of ClubsNSW who believed the current structure was sufficient.

The liquor stores Association of NSW made a valid point that by not being a mandatory body and some premises not having to enforce local accord decisions it can affect business and may give people a competitive benefit in some cases.

The Liquor Act currently provides that the following bodies or persons may be party to a liquor accord.

A licensee

The Director General

The NSW Police

Local Council

Any body or corporation (such as chamber of commerce) representing commercial or business interests in the relevant local areas.

A community or residents group with an interest in alcohol related harm or the amenity of the relevant local area, or

Any other person or body prescribed by the regulations

The review has supported and suggested the notion of broadening accord membership to include late night businesses that operate in close proximity to licensed premises and providers of security services. These two groups have vested interests in improving public safety and preserving the local amenity.

It is therefore my suggestion that we as an accord look to broaden our membership to include these providers. This should include late night food vendors, other types of entertainment providers such as internet cafes and cinemas and security providers, including mobile patrol providers.

By including these businesses within the accord it will assist in extending our membership and effectiveness within the community. An effective accord is able to address issue which affect patrons within its community. As can be seen by the statistics provided above licensed premises are not the primary location of alcohol fuelled violence within our area. This appears to be in home and private residences. By including petrol stations, late night food vendors and other security services any programs which we run will have greater reach and may be able to have a positive effect on these statistics.

It is also a great source of information and a fantastic way to build business relationships between parties.