



**Minutes of the Liverpool City Liquor Accord General Meeting  
Held at Liverpool Catholic Club  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Kiera Bollard – Crossroads Hotel	Trish Piper – Costco
Reg Deane – Green Valley Hotel	Mark Edwards – Club Liverpool
Paul McEvoy – NSW Police	Darko Palaura – Dan Murphy's
Benjamin de Cruz – ALDI Liverpool	Summer O'Neill – Dan Murphy's
Marta Liversedge – Rossmore Cellars	Troy Higgins – Moorebank Hotel
Kee Sisouvath – Liverpool Police	Amanda Warren – NSW Police
Netti Rua – Liverpool Hotel	Seng Ly – VIP Karaoke
George Fonmoa – DHI Hotels	Cong Doan – The Corner Pub
John Turnbull – Liverpool Catholic Club	John Zahija – BWS Miller
Chris Donovan – Liverpool Catholic Club	Craig Judge – Liquorland
Ben McGuinness – Moorebank Sports Club	John Henry – KCSB
Sam Ekinici – Allied Risk	Stacey Stevens – KCSB
Chris Dower – Collingwood Hotel	Nina Peera – Liverpool Liquorland

**Apologies:** Harry Hunt, Tim Lisle, Don Tulley

The acting chairman declared the meeting open at 11:10am.

Accord members present conducted self-introductions. The minutes from the previous meeting held 29th August 2017 were read.

John Henry moved that the minutes be accepted as read. John Turnbull seconded the motion and it was carried.

**General Business:**

Kee Sisouvath presented the Liverpool Police report. Alcohol related incidents represented 4% of the total for the previous quarter for the Green Valley and Liverpool combined area. This compared with 5% for the region and 8% for NSW. Kee noted that the licensing team have been conducting checklist audits with venues and recommended that licensees run through the checklists themselves to ensure they are compliant with all requirements.

**Guest Presentation:**

Sam Ekinici from Allied Risk Solutions gave a guest presentation to Accord members on managing licensing risk. He noted that Campbelltown Catholic Club was the first venue to be prosecuted under the Violent Venues Act, introduced in 2008. The Shellharbour Club was the first registered club to be breached under the Three Strikes Disciplinary Scheme.

John Henry asked what defence there would be in a scenario where a customer becomes violent after only a short period in the premises where no alcohol is consumed but is a member of a gun club requiring the venue to report the incident to police. Sam suggested that

this would be between the venue and police to resolve but that it would come down to how front-line managers are interviewing patrons and witnesses and how detailed their reporting is.

Paul McEvoy noted that incidents don't need to take place at a venue. Where an incident occurs in a public place and police ask for last place of consumption this could reflect on a venue and put them on the police radar. John Henry noted that if venues aren't informed that they have been flagged in an LPC response after an incident elsewhere it may leave them unable to investigate and report.

Sam stressed the importance of always looking to establish the cause for any incident. Before interviewing patrons, venues should ask them for ID as they are within their rights to do so, and it makes any subsequent report more meaningful. He also noted that if a patron becomes quarrelsome it is sometimes beneficial to let them become quarrelsome to a degree, as it will support your case. Many things can constitute disorderly conduct such as urinating somewhere other than a bathroom or kicking a door.

In situations where venues suspect a patron is drug affected, Sam recommended venues tie it back to Section 77 through their behaviour and use that as a basis to remove them from the premises. He stressed the importance of front-line staff knowing the definition of intoxication as well as the *relevant steps*.

John Henry noted that the online RSA qualification process is often inconsistent and poorly implemented such that it is impossible to fail. Sam explained that the training of staff is the most important thing a licensee can do to protect themselves.

John Turnbull noted that alcohol isn't currently a dominant issue when it represents only 4% of incidents in the area but that illicit drugs have been problematic. With sufficient monitoring many problematic patrons can be detected on entry before it creates a problem on the premises.

### **Meeting Close:**

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

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Proposed agenda for next General Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018:

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