

Maitland Liquor Accord

Minutes of Meeting, 24 September 2008

The George Tavern, Greenhills



Present

Arch Humphrey	Maitland City Council
Barry Meyers	NSW Police, Central Hunter Command
Brian Mosley	Hunter Valley Buses
Darren Mulligan	Beresfield Bowling Club
Helen Smyth	Port Stephens Council, Tomaree and Port Stephens Accord
J Nichols	Maitland Business Chamber
Jeff Mears	Windsor Castle
Jenny Wotherspoon	Maitland Taxis
Jo Henderson	Telarah Bowling Club
John Mantle	Maitland Taxis
John Scanlon	East Maitland Bowling Club
John Vander Veen	Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Josh Murphy	Belmore Hotel
Kate Lyon	Maitland Ex-Serviceman's Club
M Bonsor	Woolworths Liquor Maitland
M Bull	Woolworths Liquor Greenhills
Michael Farley	Clubhouse Hotel
Michelle Sales	Maitland City Bowls, Sports and Recreation Club
Paul Farrell	George Tavern
Paul Hunter	Clubhouse Hotel
Paul Murphy	Belmore Hotel
Paul Tapley	NSW Police
Ralph Ward, Chairperson	Maitland Business Chamber
Rob Kerr	Maitland City Council, Community Planner
Ross Parr	Maitland City Bowls, Sports and Recreation Club
Scott Bevan	BWS Rutherford
Steve Orr	Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Steve Warham	Ministry of Transport
T Morley	Beresfield Bowling Club
Terry Buckley	Hunter Valley Brewery

Apologies

Adrian McNamara	Molly Morgan Motor Inn
Alison Marshall	Maitland City Council, Road Safety Officer
Bruce Woods	Bush Rangers Bar & Brassiere, and AHA
Frank Terenzini	Member for Maitland
Jeff Mears	Windsor Castle
Jenny Tindall	Hunter New England Population Health
John King	Maitland Leagues Club
Michael Sealy	Metford Ice Box
Mike Thomas	Shenanigans
Ray Sutherland	Tarro Hotel
Vicki Woods	Bushrangers Bar and Brassiere

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Ralph Ward opened the meeting and thanked the George Tavern for hosting today's meeting. Ralph also distributed a Report from the Chair.

Apologies called for, noted and accepted.
Moved; Arch Humphrey, Seconded; Paul Farrell

MANAGEMENT

2. Minutes of the previous meetings (30 July 2008)

The minutes from the previous meetings were adopted.
Moved; Terry Buckley, Seconded; Josh Murphy

3. Correspondence

In

Ralph Ward	Reimbursement of Biz Safe Breakfast Forum expenditure – Accords Contribution
Steve Warham - Email	Suggestion that the Accord makes an application to the Ministry of Transport for funding of a secure taxi rank.
Department of Health and Ageing	Acknowledgement of receipt of application for funding under the Communities Level Initiative – Binge Drinking program
E-Accords Weekly	OLGR – News update

ACTIONS:

Out

RTA	Funding Application for the Alternative Transport project – the Maitland LOOP
Department of Health and Ageing	Application for funding under the Communities Level Initiative – Binge Drinking program. SMART

Correspondence noted:
Moved: Arch Humphrey

4. Financial

Financial Position at 23 September 2008

Trust Accounts

Membership	16,197	
Projects	10,549	
Alcoholiser	766	\$27,512

Operational Accounts

Council Vote 07/08	2,295	
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Council Vote 08/09	5,330	
Alternative Transport	11,512	\$19,137
Total		\$46,649

Authority for Expenditure of Accord Funds

The Maitland Liquor Accord resolved:

That authority is given to the Maitland Liquor Accord Chairperson, Ralph Ward, for the committing and expenditure of Accord funds on minor operational matters.

Moved Arch Humphrey, Seconded Josh Murphy

REPORTS

5. YouthSafe Forum

Rob Kerr attended this forum held in Sydney that had the theme "*it's your shout – cracking youth drinking culture*"

Whilst the presenters were high calibre, the subject matter did not contain any real answers/solutions to 'cranking youth drinking culture'. Majority of the morning was spent on statistics.

Of relevance to the Accord at this time was a workshop aimed at working up strategies to identified issues; it may be possible to look at this process in a working party situation.

STANDING ITEMS

6. Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing

Steve Orr;

- Key issues for Maitland are intoxication and migration.
- Through the Liquor Accord Delivery Unit OLGR can now provide better support to Accords, and distributes the e-Accords Weekly.
- OLGR efforts being directed to hot-spot areas.
- Conducted an operation in Maitland on Saturday night 20 September, noted;
 - Intoxication and migration a concern
 - Venue security patrols operating well within the Mall area.
- Need to establish mechanisms for OLGR to work better with the Accord
- OLGR has some initiatives/strategies that the CBD venues and the wider Accord may be able to implement across Maitland.

Currently running frontline RSA courses for bar and security staff 'RSA on the Front Line'.

Action:

- The OLGR to deliver 'RSA on the Front Line' course for Maitland Liquor Accord members. Venue, Maitland City Bowls, Sports and Recreation Club. Date and time to be confirmed.

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7. CBD Working Party

Arch Humphrey;

- Police and NRMA organized a BizSafe Breakfast Forum for CBD businesses regarding recent issues within the Maitland CBD. Approx 80 people attended indicating the significance of concern in the area.
 - Attendees were made aware of what the Police, local hotel industry, Business Chamber and CBD Working Party are doing to address issues such as anti-social behaviour.
 - The Forum reinforced that there is a requirement that all parties contribute to a resolution, whether that be Council and improved lighting, businesses providing better security of their premises etc. There needs to be a coordinated approach.

Josh Murphy;

- A report was tabled at the last CBD Working Party meeting.
 - The Report included a coordinated approach by the Belmore Hotel, Club House Hotel and the Hunter Valley Brewery in addressing security in their venues and the CBD, and management practices.

Barry Meyers;

- Circulated a map showing incidences within the CBD
- At the last CBD meeting Council presented some maps with one indicating the areas patrolled by the CBD venues. When comparing the two maps it is clearly shown that some patrolled areas need to be extended. Venues are looking into the feasibility of resourcing the extension of security patrols.
- 1am curfew was also discussed and it was agreed to look at extensions to security patrols first.

Ralph Ward;

- New CBD manager appointed by Council. This new position will look at the CBD Safety Audit, the CBD Report prepared by the CBD venues and work with the Accord to prepare a CBD Plan of Management that may be adopted by Council.
- Currently working on a checklist of issues that encompass all stakeholders.

8. Policing

Paul Tapley, Licensing Coordinator NSW Police for the Northern Region, was introduced. Key role includes:

- Assist local Police and Accords in developing strategies for hot-spot areas
- Provide a conduit between Accords in different areas and regions across the State to share ideas and initiatives
- Support for OLGR
- Training of Liquor Accord personnel, licensee staff and Police

9. Road Safety

Alison Marshall – Council Road Safety Officer has apologized for not being able to attend today's meeting

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- Steve Warham, Ministry of Transport suggested that Maitland Liquor Accord consider making an application to the MoT for a 'secure taxi rank'. These ranks have proven to be popular and effective in a number of areas across the State.
 - Maitland Taxis and the Belmore Hotel are currently making an application for a temporary rank in High Street and within the bus stop area. The rank will operate during limited hours on Friday and Saturday nights.
 - Similar arrangements are at the Hunter Valley Brewery and Club House. The three venues will provide security at these temporary ranks as part of their security plan for the CBD.
 - John Mantle, Maitland Taxis, raised the issue of location where venues are separated geographically, and the difficulty in getting drivers to work in areas where they receive abuse of are in risk of damage to their vehicles.

10. Health – Hunter New England Population Health

Jenny Tindall has apologized for not being able to attend today's meeting

BUSINESS

11. Matters arising out of Minutes

Nil

12. Matters arising out of correspondence

Nil

13. Matters arising out of reports

Nil

14. Other business

Alcohol Free Zones

Work in Progress

Resolution: Accord members to forward requests for AFZs to Barry Meyers NSW Police. A copy of the request also is sent to the Accord Secretariat. Requests for consideration should cover all existing AFZ areas of the City, and new areas.

Action: Barry to put forward a draft plan to the Accord

1am Curfew

Councillor Arch Humphrey raised concern about anti-social behaviour in Maitland CBD and put a motion to the Accord to implement a 1am curfew at the three late night trading venues.

Moved Arch Humphrey, Seconded Barry Meyers

Discussion ensued:

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Generally agreed, (Police, OLGR and CBD venues) that there needs to be a 'packaged' approach to the issue and not just the implementation of a curfew. In addition, many of the issues are across the Accord area and these need to be addressed as well.

Resolution:

OLGR and Paul Tapley, NSW Police, put a draft package together for the CBD Working Party and work with the CBD WP in determining the best approach.

Note: Councillor Humphrey withdrew the motion for a 1am curfew in the Maitland CBD.

PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Police projects

Maitland not selected to run 'You're Choice' and 'Supply means Supply'.

Sensible Management of Alcohol Related Times (SMART)

'Teen Smart' (safe partying) is a new category for the project. Waiting on advice of success or otherwise.

Maitland LOOP

Alternative transport project. Application lodged with the RTA for additional funding for promotion.

Accord Based Plan of Management

Work in progress

NEXT MEETING

Date: **26 November 2008**

Venue: Telarah Bowling Club, South Street, Telarah.

Time: Commencing 9:30am