

Maitland Liquor Accord Inc. – www.mla.org.au
Minutes of Meeting, 24 February 2010
The Belmore Hotel, Maitland



Present

Adam Peak	Icebox Liquor
Alison Marshall	Maitland City Council, Road Safety Officer
Angela Chaff	Maitland Ex Serviceman's
Barry Meyers	Central Hunter Police
Bruce Woods	Bushrangers Bar & Brasserie and AHA
Dave Bender	Central Hunter Police
Gene De Crewis	Woolworths Liquor Rutherford
Geoff Billiet	Woolworths Liquor Greenhills
Ian Frame	Beresfield Bowling Club
Jerry Bowden	Central Hunter Police
John Ferguson	Rutherford Hotel
John VanderVeen	Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR)
Lynn Morton	Maitland City Council, Manager of Community & Recreation
Mark Neilson	The Belmore Hotel
Melissa Quinn	Grand Junction Hotel
Myffy Oakes	Maitland City Council
Nicole Eslick	Paterson Tavern
Paul Farrell	The George Tavern
Paul Hunter	Kandy Bar
Ralph Ward	Chairperson
Reuben Farmer	Woolworths Liquor Maitland
Todd Morley	Beresfield Bowling Club
Zac Davis	East Maitland Bowling Club

Apologies

Amy Richardson	Hunter New England Population Health
Ben Quinn	Grand Junction Hotel
Frank Terenzini	Member for Maitland
Peter Roose	Grand Junction Hotel
Steve Warham	NSW Transport and Infrastructure

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Ralph Ward, Chairperson, opened the meeting and thanked The Belmore Hotel for hosting today's meeting.

Apologies called for, noted and accepted.

Moved: Mark Neilson, Seconded: Barry Meyers

MANAGEMENT

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (25 November 2009)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved; Barry Meyers, Seconded; Paul Hunter

3. Correspondence

- Letter from Rob Kerr regarding his resignation from Maitland City Council
- Email from Steve Warham to Alison Marshall regarding his contact details for those who require his services
- Email from Emily Burgess to Ralph Ward regarding eWitness Head Cams and brochure
- Letter to Lana Bladwell, NBN News from Maitland Liquor Accord regarding Codes of Practice

4. Financial Report

No report tabled. It was indicated that little had changed with the financial accounts.

REPORTS

5. Nil

STANDING ITEMS

6. Draft Accord Plan of Management (POM) – Liquor Stores and Packaged Liquor

Still in draft. Ralph to investigate further with each premises.

7. Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing

- RSA Marshalls – not to be used as pseudo security. They are to patrol around patrons and take note of anyone who may make a disturbance and a licensed security guard are to remove patrons from the premises. Fines will be issued if it's discovered that RSA Marshalls are being used as security guards, as venues are not adhering to the Code of Practice. See John for contact details of licensed security guards if you are having trouble finding a company.
- Drink Promotions – Licensed Premises to follow Liquor Promotions Guidelines. Happy Hours with prices at 50% or excessive drinking promotions will be directed to end immediately.

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8. Policing

Barry Meyers, Jerry Bowden & Dave Bender from the Central Hunter Police Reported:

- New Year's Eve – few minor incidents
- Australia Day – few minor incidents
- Maitland Show – good police presence, minor incident, very busy in the CBD over the show weekend.
- Advised Licensees to trust staff's judgement and not to let a member of the public that had been escorted from the premises back in again.
- Central Hunter Police are aware that the street assaults are continuing, they are doing everything possible with the Accord members to reduce these assaults. Within the Maitland area lack of lighting is an issue. Advised that CCTV is a great deterrent for businesses but recognises that it comes down to finances.
- An issue of members of the public drinking privately of a Friday and Saturday night and walking into town around 10.00pm-10.30pm and "topping up" while in a Licensed premises and then moving on to other venues was brought up.

Police have operations in and around these venues and are encouraged to stop and search members of the public walking the streets for alcohol. It was suggested that operations should be considered for "bottle shops" as the private drinking is a problem.

Discussions of Supermarket liquor shop Regulations have been in the media.

- ANZAC Day being on a Sunday, massive law enforcement through out the state for the long weekend.

9. Road Safety

Alison Marshall reported

- Alcoholiser was damaged in a lightning storm in January at the Hunter River Hotel. Will be serviced soon.
- Suggested another Alcoholiser to be purchased
- Alison to email everyone with information on RTA funding opportunities.

10. Health – Hunter New England Population Health

- Not in attendance

11. Australian Hotels Association (AHA)

Bruce Wood reported

- Australia Day – It was good to see Police presence
- It was thought that the timing of Centrelink's collection of statistics at Tamworth was inappropriate when one of the biggest festivals was being held on the Australia Day long weekend.
- \$17 Drug tests to be used in hotels in conjunction with alcohol related operations.

BUSINESS

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12. Matters arising from Minutes

Nil.

13. Matters arising from Correspondence

Nil

14. Matters arising from Reports

Nil.

15. Business Other

- Replacement for Rob Kerr – Maitland City Council to look into what service level can be provided. An administration assistant will be at meetings to help provide the minutes for the time being but will not be able to take on any workload. Rob Kerr's position is being assessed by Maitland City Council. Lynn Morton to discuss with Executive of Accord.

16. Projects and Initiatives

- **Transport.** The sharing of alternate transport by various venues. Russell Richardson (HVB) didn't think it warranted to have the bus running. Business has slowed down in the last seven months. People were waiting up to an hour for a taxi but of late only two to three people are waiting for a taxi at 2.30am-3.00am. Asked for the Accord to pay the insurance as he pays for the registration of the vehicle. The Chair said that the Accord would help to get something up and going but not assist the project continuously.
- Alison Marshall is now looking after "LOOP" project until the end of financial year and to look into further funding for the project.

17. Other

- Road WHYZ program – Accord input by helping provide a BBQ lunch for the one day program
- "Groove in the Moo" – Melissa Quinn concerned. Last year the train and Maitland train station toilets were closed and underage members of the public were going to the Grand Junction to use their facilities, staff had to turn away these people. The Grand Junction Hotel to send correspondence to Ralph Ward to take to the "Groove in the Moo" planning meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

NEXT MEETING

Date: **Wednesday 26 May 2010**
Venue: **Rutherford Hotel, 160 New England Highway, Rutherford**
Time: **Commencing 9:30am**

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