

Minutes – Wollongong Liquor Accord Meeting

Tuesday 1st June 2010
Wollongong Golf Club

1. **Accord President/Chairman - Karl Gilmore** opened the meeting and welcomed all members.
Meeting commenced at 11:10 am
Apologies: Sandra Tait (Bulli Workers Club), Raz Dema (RDL Group), Mark Stead (Beaches Hotel), Phill Driver (Ryan's Hotel), Lorenzo Pagnan (Lorenzo's Diner), Glen McMillan (Thirroul Bowling Club)

2. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 7th September 2010 – 11:00 am at Wollongong Golf Club
(Narine Ockwell stated the Golf Club is willing to continue the current relationship and host the meetings.)

3. **Secretary's Report**
Minutes of previous meeting were presented.

4. **Business arising from previous Minutes**
None

5. **Election of Accord Executive Committee Members**
Existing Executive members nominated to retain their current positions. No other nominations were presented.
Existing Executive was therefore re-elected as follows:

Hotels	Karl Gilmore (Gilmore's Hotel Coniston)–President/Co-ordinator
Clubs	David Renehan (Collegians Football Club)
Hotels	Phillip Driver (Ryan's Hotel, Thirroul)
Bottle Shops	Robyn Hampton (Crown Cellars)
Night Clubs	Bev Thompson (RDL Investments)
Restaurants	Lorenzo Pagnan (Lorenzo's Diner)

Karl spoke with Duncan Brown regarding a representative for Liquorland (Coles) outlets being appointed onto the committee. No outcome as yet – further discussions required.

There was no representative from Woolworths present.

6. **Finances**
Bank Account:
St George Bank (Figtree Branch)
BSB: **112-879** Acc No: **473653191** Acc Name: **Wollongong Liquor Accord**

Balance at last report date \$2,700.00Cr
Current balance (25/08/10) \$3,101.77Cr

7. **Correspondence**
 - 11/08/2010 - Email from Communities NSW requesting Karl Gilmore attend a meeting with Elizabeth Tydd (PLA Chair) and other Wollongong Precinct Liquor Accord stakeholders.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss Accord boundaries, implementation guidelines, local issues and draft strategies. Meeting to take place on 19th August 2010.

- New “under 18” licenses. Details can be viewed on the RTA website.

8. **General Business**

- Lisa Westwood (Wollongong Police) requested licensees inform police of any intended functions/promotions relating to the World Cup that may attract large crowds.
- There have been occurrences of several licenses presented for the use of identification at venues being unlawfully altered/manipulated.
- “Take the Hint” Coasters are available for purchase. Karl will notify licensees contact details.
- Bev Thompson (RDL) stated that now the Summer Bus has stopped running, a bus stop near the Town Hall has been rezoned as a loading zone, which has made the operation of RDL’s patron transport bus extremely difficult in that location.
- Karl Gilmore asked Sgt Darrell Simmons if the crime stats for the mall area have changed in any way. Darrell could not give a definite answer on this matter at the time.
- Discussions occurred regarding the non-existence of available toilets in the CBD at night. Paul Anzani (Illawarra Hotel) asked how the Accord could address the problem of no public toilets in the area – should Council be addressed on this matter.
- The question, “Why isn’t Wollongong Council part of the Accord” was asked. Karl explained that when he was reforming the Accord he requested from Council that they may be able to assist the accord in any way, especially with documenting minutes, correspondence, etc. Karl was informed that the Council would not provide any assistance or participation but would provide a room to conduct meetings.
- Police will contact Ministry of Transport regarding bus implementation at night in the CBD.
- Karl addressed Darrell Simmons regarding the inability of OLGR to provide licensees with copies of their liquor licenses. Karl also stated that from information obtained from OLGR, his TAB area was defined as an “Approved Area”, as requested after recent renovations. He has since been told by several other licensees as well as a TAB representative that TAB areas can only be defined as a “Restricted Area”. Darrell informed Karl he would check up on the matter.
- Stuart Barnes (WEC) asked where are, or what are the initiatives of the Accord. After Stuart’s comment several discussions occurred regarding initiatives/strategies
- Karl and Darrell Simmons will be participating in a program tonight at Edmond Rice College. The program presents an imaginary situation where young people attend a party and includes instances resulting from the night of partying. Students and parents will be asking questions and discussing implications resulting from alcohol consumption within the younger community.

Meeting Closed at 11:50am.