

Minutes – Wollongong Liquor Accord Meeting Tuesday 2nd June 2009 at Ryan's Hotel

1. Accord Chairman/President, Karl Gilmore formally opened the meeting and thanked Phill Driver (Licensee of Ryan's Hotel) for the use of his venue.
2. The following apologies were noted:
 - Noel Weeks – Wollongong Council
 - Robyn Hampton – Crown West Cellars
 - Rada Jordan – Wollongong Council
 - Adriana Gervaise – Towradgi Surf Club/Illawarra Surf Lifesaving
 - Sandra Tate – Bulli Workers Club
 - Raz Dema – RDL Group
 - Mark Smith – Harp Hotel/RDL Group
 - Nancie Clisby – Illawarra Health
3. Venue for next meeting on Tuesday 1st September 2009: Sgt. Darrell Simmons informed the meeting that Wollongong Golf Club has offered the use of their venue for a 12 month period, to hold meetings. This will be confirmed by Karl Gilmore.
4. Previous minutes were distributed – Karl asked for any discussion on these minutes. Questions regarding PoPE requirements were asked of Sgt. Darrell Simmons. Karl discussed a circular on PoPEs but many questions were left unanswered. A decision to invite Jason Lamberger from Wollongong Council to the next meeting was made to enable Jason to fully explain the new requirements.
5. Karl told of his frustration with Wollongong Council regarding their lack of response to emails and phone calls in relation to requests for Council's assistance with accounting and administration of the accord.
6. Sgt. Darrell Simmons reminded those present of new signage requirements coming into effect from 1st July. Information is available on OLGR's website.
7. Sgt. Darrell Simmons spoke on matters relating to Outlaw Motor Cycle Gangs and mentioned what he believed were the benefits of having an endorsement on liquor licenses that banned any persons wearing OMCG colours or identification symbols. Darrell also informed the meeting that previous agreements by licensees to have these endorsements placed on their licenses did not go through the courts and get finalized.
8. Sgt. Darrell Simmons also mentioned problems associated with alcohol related issues in and around the CBD area. Police are considering the implementation of a 1:00 am lockout of CBD venues in an attempt to curb assaults and alcohol related violence. Discussions on the Linking System and its rating of levels were also discussed at length.
9. Paul Anzani (Illawarra Hotel) spoke at length with Darrell Simmons regarding lockout times and methods, repercussions and benefits of a lockout as well as the potential loss of income for effected venues.

Meeting Closed at 12:15pm
33 attendees (approx.)