

# **Local Impact Assessment Class 1 Application**

**The St George Motor Boat Club Ltd  
2 Wellington Street  
SANS SOUCI NSW 2219**

**St George Motor Boat Club Limited  
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This document is a Local Impact Assessment Class 1 to accompany a Threshold Increase Application made for the approval of a 'low range' gaming machine threshold increase of ten (10) in relation to the St George Motor Boat Club Limited (the "Club"). The Club is situated at 2 Wellington Street, Sans Souci NSW 2219, which is located in the Band 2 SA2 of Sans Souci-Ramsgate within Georges River Council LGA.

The Club's current gaming machine threshold is 100. The Club proposes to increase its gaming machine threshold by a further ten (10) gaming machine entitlements for the threshold to be 110. This LIA provides details of the Local Community.

### **2. RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING MEASURES**

Chapter 3 of this Report details the mandatory and additional responsible conduct of gambling measures put in place at the Club.

### **3. LOCAL COMMUNITY**

The Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 has been identified as the Local Community. Chapter 5 provides a demographic description of the area and Local Community.

### **4. POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION**

Chapter 6 of this Report details the benefits that the Club will provide to the Local Community if the application is approved.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

Given the satisfaction of the requirements of the *Gaming Machines Act 2001* ("the Act") and the associated Gaming Machines Regulation 2019 (the "Regulations") through the conduct of gaming machine operation at the Club in a responsible manner, along with the evidence of a positive contribution to the Local Community, it is the Club's belief that this LIA meets the requirements of the Legislation.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Report is a Class 1 Local Impact Assessment (“LIA”) to accompany a Threshold Increase Application for a Band 2 SA2 Venue for a “low-range” increase. The increase will be for ten (10) gaming machines to be installed at the St George Motor Boat Club Limited located at 2 Wellington Street, Sans Souci, located in the Georges River Council LGA.

### *Methodology*

In respect of LIAs relating to threshold increase applications, the LIA Guidelines provide that the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (the “Authority”) can only approve a LIA where the LIA complies with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations and demonstrates that gambling activities will be conducted in a responsible manner.

The Guidelines further state that a Class 1 LIA must demonstrate that the proposed increase in the gaming machine threshold for the Club will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community in which the Club is situated.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE VENUE

- 2.1 The St George Motor Boat Club Limited was established in 1921 to meet the needs of its members. The Club’s building has undergone extensive renovations and improvements to become one of the largest marinas in Southern Sydney.
- 2.2 The Club provides dining, catering, reception and conference facilities in conjunction with the state-of-the-art marina. Entertainment is offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, whilst promotions and raffles are conducted throughout the week. The facilities offered by the Marina include secure access, 24-hour fuel availability, sewage pump out and showers and toilets available 24 hours a day. The Marina has the ability to accommodate boats from 8 to 18 metres.
- 2.3 During the last financial year, the Club made a series of donations to a number of deserving charities and community projects amounting to in excess of \$30,000. These donations were made to, but not limited to, local sporting clubs, Marine Rescue, Brighton-Le-Sands Public School, Little Wings Cancer and local Probus Clubs.
- 2.4 The Club’s gaming machine threshold is currently approved for 100 gaming machine entitlements, with the Club operating 100 gaming machines.
- 2.5 The intention of this application for a further ten (10) gaming machine entitlements to be procured and transferred to the Club’s licence is to allow 110 gaming machines to be operated at the Club.
- 2.6 The Club’s licence is not restricted in relation to trading hours. The Club usually operates the following hours:
  - Monday to Thursday – 11.00 am until 10.30 pm;

- Friday – 11.00 am until 12.30 am the following day;
- Saturday – 11.00 am until 1.30 am the following day;
- Sunday – 11.00 am until 9.30 pm.

The standard gaming machine shut down period applies to the Club's licence, being 4.00am to 10.00 am each day.

**2.7 *The internal floor space area of the Club's building is approximately 3020 square metres. The floor space for the Club's gaming room is approximately 325 square metres.***

2.8 The Club is not a new club, as defined by Section 4 of the Act. Accordingly, clause 31 of the Regulation does not apply to this application.

### **3. RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING MEASURES**

3.1 The provision of gaming machines is only one aspect of the services and facilities provided at the Club.

3.2 Gaming is provided within a designated gaming room, which is restricted to persons over the age of 18 years.

3.3 The requirements of the Act and Regulations are complied with, in that:-

- (a) All staff involved in gaming duties hold a current and approved responsible conduct of gaming (RCG) competency card (or interim certificates). Copies of competency cards (or interim certificates) are kept by each staff member when working at the Club and are available for inspection;
- (b) The Club makes arrangements through ClubsNSW for the provision of gambling counselling;
- (c) The Club participates in the ClubsNSW Gaming self-exclusion scheme and policy;
- (d) Staff are trained in the requirements of the self-exclusion scheme and associated referral process;
- (e) All statutory signage is prominently displayed throughout the gaming room;
- (f) Pamphlets informing patrons of the dangers of problem gambling and of the availability of counselling and the self-exclusion scheme are displayed within the Club in a number of community languages;
- (g) The Club's automatic telling machine (ATM) is located outside the gaming room. Patrons are not permitted to make withdrawals on credit;

- (h) The Club does not advertise the availability of the gaming machines operated at the Club;
- (i) The Club does not accept third party cheques or the cashing of cheques by patrons;
- (j) There is a limit of \$5,000 on cash payment for winnings;
- (k) Minors are not permitted entry to the Club's gaming room;
- (l) Consumer information on the chance of winning maximum prizes and jackpots is made available in the gaming area;
- (m) The Club does not publish any gaming machine advertising;
- (n) All gambling-related signs are situated within the Club and are not visible from the exterior of the Club's premises; and
- (o) Inducements are not offered at the Club for the use of the gaming machines.

3.4 The Club engages a Gaming Room Attendant who is present to provide supervision of this area. The presence of the Gaming Room Attendant allows management to make early detection of any possible signs of problem gambling being experienced at the Club.

#### **4. LOCAL COMMUNITY**

4.1 The Local Community is the Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2.

4.2 The charitable contributions made by the Club have been outlined above. In addition, community organisations such as Rotary, Probus and Marine Rescue make use of the facilities. The Club further shows its commitment to the local community with its Clean Marina Program.

#### **5. DEMOGRAPHICS**

5.1 The Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 had a population of 15,976 at the 2016 Census, with an area of 4.6km<sup>2</sup>.

5.2 Other relevant demographic information for the Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 is set out below:

- 47.3% of the population is male
- 52.7% of the population is female
- The median age is 44
- 21.2% of the population have obtained a bachelor's degree or above.

5.3 Of people aged 15 and over, 16.7% reported having completed Year 12 as their highest level of educational attainment, 13.9% had completed a Certificate III or IV and 7.6% had completed an Advanced Diploma or Diploma.

- 5.4 63.1% of the population work full-time which is higher than the state average of 59.2 % and the national average of 57.1%. 27.2% of the population work part-time, which is slightly lower than the State average of 29.7% and the national average of 30.4%.
- 5.5 The most common occupations in Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 included professionals 22.0%, clerical and administrative workers 17.6% and managers 15.3%. The number of professionals is only slightly lower than the State average of 23.6% and the national average of 22.2%.
- 5.6 The Census of Population and Housing: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2016 discloses the following scores in Sans Souci-Ramsgate:

INDICATOR	Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 Score	Sans Souci-Ramsgate SA2 Decile
IRSEAD	1038	7
IRSED	1027	7
IER	1011	6
IEO	1036	7

- 5.7 Using the gaming machine data report prepared and issued by Liquor and Gaming NSW, for the period 1 December 2020 to 31 May 2021, the net profit for all gaming machines for clubs in the Georges River LGA is \$56,420,818, with the average profit per machine being \$34,635.25 for that 6-month period.
- 5.8 A gaming performance data report for the Club shows the total revenue for a 12-month period, from 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021, to be \$3,206,520.70, with the average profit per machine being \$32,065.20 for that 12-month period.
- 5.9 The profit per machine of the Club for the nominated 12-month period is similar to the profit per machine for the 6-month period from 1 December 2020 to 31 May 2021 for the LGA. Accordingly, the Club's profit per machine is significantly less than the LGA's profit per machine for the reported corresponding 6 month period.

## 6. POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION

- 6.1 Clause 35 of the Regulation requires this LIA to include details of the benefits that the Club will provide to the local community if the Application is approved.
- 6.2 A positive contribution shall be made by way of a financial contribution of \$240,489.05 if this Application is approved. The proposed contribution will be made to the Secretary of the Responsible Gambling Fund pursuant to Section 36A of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 and Section 115B of the Casino Control Act 1992.

### **Calculation of Amount of Financial Contribution**

- 6.3 The amount of the financial contribution was calculated in accordance with the formula set out in the current edition of the Class 1 Local Impact Assessment Process Guidelines published by the Authority.

- 6.4 The average profits were calculated from 12 months of gaming performance data from 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021.
- 6.5 In addition, the Club will continue to support local sports/community groups and other deserving charities within the Local Community as it has done in the previous years.
- 6.6 The positive contribution will benefit the Local Community as determined by the Responsible Gambling Fund. The Club will also review and implement new responsible gaming and harm minimisation strategies (if considered necessary) in order to minimise any potential negative impacts on the local community.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 This LIA, pursuant to Clause 33 of the Regulations, defines the Applicant's Local Community, details the positive contributions that the Club will provide to the Local Community if the Threshold Increase Application is approved, and details the harm minimisation and responsible gambling measures that are in place at the Club's premises.
- 7.2 The Club operates gaming machines at the Club's premises in compliance with mandated legislative requirements. The Applicant implements the ClubsNSW self-exclusion program.
- 7.3 The Applicant submits that this Class 1 LIA accompanying the 'low range' application satisfies the requirements of Section 36(3) of the Act, and applicable regulations and guidelines. This application demonstrates the purposes of Section 36(3)(a) and (b) namely that gambling activities in the Club are currently conducted responsibly and will continue to be conducted responsibly if this application should be approved.
- 7.4 The proposed increase in the gaming threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community on the basis of the Club's proposed financial contribution to be paid in accordance with Section 36(3)(a) of the Act.
- 7.5 It is therefore submitted that the tests as set out in the Guideline and Regulations are met and the Club submits that the Threshold Increase Application should be approved.