

# NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF26/023076

Ms Rebecca Thomson  
Parkes Services Railway Bowling Club  
16 June 2026

Dear Ms Thomson

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| Application No.  | SR0001450502                                                                                                                                                       |
| Applicant        | PARKES SERVICES & CITIZENS CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD                                                                                                                   |
| Application for  | Change of licence boundaries                                                                                                                                       |
| Application date | 14 January 2026                                                                                                                                                    |
| Decision date    | 20 May 2026                                                                                                                                                        |
| Licence name     | Parkes Services Railway Bowling Club                                                                                                                               |
| Licence No.      | LIQC300241572                                                                                                                                                      |
| Trading hours    | <u>Consumption on premises</u><br>Unrestricted on premises hours<br><u>Take away sales</u><br>Monday to Saturday 05:00 AM – 12:00 AM<br>Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM |
| Premises         | 4 Hooley Street<br>Parkes NSW 2870                                                                                                                                 |
| Legislation      | Sections 3, 11A, 12, 18, 19, 20, 40, 44, 45, 47B, 49, 66, 72I of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i><br>Section 10 of the <i>Registered Clubs Act 1976</i>                  |

**Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

**Application for a change of licence boundaries – Parkes Services Railway Bowling Club**

We **approve** the application above under section 72I and 90B of the *Liquor Act 2007* (**the Act**) — with the conditions set out in Schedule 1. The 6-hour closure period overrides any condition of the licence.

## Statement of reasons

We are satisfied that the overall impact of approving the application will be consistent with the objects of the Act and will not be detrimental to the wellbeing of the local or broader community.

### Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Parkes. The broader community is the Local Government Area (**LGA**) of Parkes Shire Council.

The applicant sought to amend their club licence to expand the licensed area to incorporate all outdoor sporting and recreational areas owned by the club. The effect will be to enable the lawful consumption of alcohol in these areas during bowling events, tournaments, and functions. The application did not seek to alter existing trading hours but approval would increase patron capacity from 200 to 400.

We are satisfied that the proposal would benefit the local and broader communities by providing increased convenience and choice.

### Social impacts

We accept that the proposal could contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities because the:

- incidence of all offence categories examined are higher in the suburb and LGA than the rate for New South Wales (**NSW**)
- saturation rate and total outlet density of club licences in both the suburb and the LGA are higher than the rate for NSW<sup>1</sup>
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) data, which combines Census data such as income, education, employment, occupation, housing and family structure to summarise the socio-economic characteristics of an area, indicate that the suburb and the LGA exhibit a below average level of socio-economic advantage (and disadvantage) compared with other communities across New South Wales<sup>23</sup>
- rate of alcohol-attributed deaths in the LGA is higher than the rate for NSW
- proportion of residents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (**ATSI**) in both the suburb and the LGA is higher than the corresponding proportion across NSW<sup>2</sup>
- size of the licensed premises will increase.

However, the factors below weighed in favour of approval of the application, and may also partially or fully mitigate some of the risks identified above:

- no objections were received from government agencies or from members of the community
- the premises are not located in a hotspot for any of the offence categories we examined
- the venue has a good compliance record

<sup>1</sup> High levels of hotel outlet-density, and highly concentrated clusters of hotels in an area, have been shown to be positively associated with higher rates of alcohol-related non-domestic assault (Livingston, 2008a, 2008b; Jiang et al., 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Research shows that the association between liquor outlet density and assaults is stronger in areas with higher percentages of ATSI and in areas with lower socio-economic status (Association of liquor outlet density with domestic and non-domestic assault in New South Wales; Jiang, H., Riordan, B., Laslett, A-M., Livingston, M., Lee, K., James, D., Stearne, A., & Room, R. (2023)).

<sup>3</sup> Socio-economically disadvantaged communities are at greater risk of alcohol-attributable death (NSW Health, 2021).

- approval may strengthen Responsible Service of Alcohol (**RSA**) practices and compliance by modernising the licence conditions
- the rate of alcohol-attributed hospitalisations in the LGA is lower than the rate for NSW
- the harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1 may mitigate the risk of alcohol-related harm

### **The material we considered**

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material — including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- the legislation
- the certificate of advertising
- the Statement of Risks and Potential Effects
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- the plan of management for the licensed business
- the development consent for the premises
- statistics from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics on the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates and health issues in the local and broader communities
- L&GNSW compliance materials
- the stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered [Guideline 6](#) to assess the likely overall impact to the local and broader community and [Guideline 14](#) to assess applications to change existing authorisations, conditions or boundaries.

This decision will be published in accordance with section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

### **If you have any questions**

Please contact Liquor & Gaming NSW at: [new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au](mailto:new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Lamb

**Chairperson**

**NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

## Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed - Parkes Services Railway Bowling Club

| No. | Condition to be imposed   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1.  | Liquor plan of management | The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated <b>April 2026</b> as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2.  | Liquor accord             | The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3.  | Crime scene preservation  | <p>Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises or a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving an act of violence causing injury to a person on the premises, the person in charge of the licensed premises and/or staff member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred,</li> <li>2. retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the crime scene preservation guidelines issued by NSW Police, as published from time to time on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website,</li> <li>3. make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and</li> <li>4. comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred.</li> </ol> <p>In this condition, 'staff member' means any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, the licensee of the premises, and includes any person who is employed to carry on security activities (e.g. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.</p> |
| 4.  | Complaints register       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A complaints register is to be maintained at the premises at all times which records the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the name and number of the complainant</li> <li>b. the time and date on which the complaint was received</li> <li>c. nature of the complaint, and</li> <li>d. measures taken to resolve the complaint.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Details of complaints received, either in person or over the phone, must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. recorded in the complaints register, and</li> <li>b. reported to the duty manager.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A mobile or dedicated contact number for the duty manager is to be published on the hotel's website, and on a sign to be posted at the premises entrance. If requested,</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| No. | Condition to be imposed           | Description                                                                                                                                              |
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|     |                                   | the duty manager's contact details must be provided to complainants. A messaging service must be in place if the dedicated contact number is unattended. |
| 5.  | Non-restricted area authorisation | The non-restricted area authorisation applies to all internal areas of the licensed premises excluding the gaming room area.                             |

## Schedule 2: Licence conditions to be revoked- Parkes Services Railway Bowling Club

| Condition to be revoked                                                                                                             | Reason                                            |
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| <b>Condition 3050</b><br><u>Non-restricted area authorisation</u><br>Whole of the licensed premises excluding the gaming room area. | This condition is to be replaced by condition #5. |