

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/046370

Ms Kelli Blacksell

30 July 2025

Dear Ms Blacksell,

Application No.	SR0001367575, SR0001371089
Applicant	WOOLI BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD
Application for	Change of boundaries and non-restricted area authorisation variation
Application date	17 February 2025
Decision date	18 June 2025
Licence name	Wooli Bowling & Recreation Club Co-operative limited
Licence number	LIQC300237664
Trading hours	<u>Consumption on premises</u> Unrestricted <u>Takeaway sales</u> Monday to Friday 05:00 AM – 12:00 AM Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Premises	Main Street Wooli NSW 2462
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 18, 19, 20, 40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, 66 and 123 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> Sections 10 and 22 of the <i>Registered Clubs Act 1976</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Application for a change of boundaries and non-restricted area authorisation variation – Wooli Bowling & Recreation Club Co-operative limited

We **approve** the application above under section 94 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 contribute to, not detract from, the amenity of community life.

Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Wooli. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Clarence Valley.

The application seeks a change of boundaries and non-restricted area authorisation variation to extend the licenced boundaries to include the bowling greens, to include those areas for social and sporting events.

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 of the:

- health statistics – the rate of alcohol-attributed deaths in the LGA is higher than in NSW
- crime rates – the incident rate of all crime categories we considered is higher in the LGA than in NSW
- demographic information – the percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI) population in the LGA is higher than in NSW¹

¹ 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. (2024))

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

- there were no objections received from government agencies or the community
- the licence will be modernised with additional conditions which will help reduce risks associated with an increase in alcohol consumption on the premises and management of patrons consuming alcohol
- the premises is not identified as being located near any crime related hotspots within the suburb
- harm-minimisation measures are outlined in the plan of management and appropriate licence conditions have been imposed, as set out in Schedule 1.

The material we considered

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the legislation
- the application material — including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- a Statement of Risks and Potential Effects
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- a plan of management for the licensed business

- a 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
- 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.

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 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Lamb

Chairperson

Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed - Woolli Bowling & Recreation Club Co-operative limited

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	Consumption on premises	Good Friday: Normal trading Christmas Day: Normal trading December 31 st : Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later.
2.	Take away sales	Good Friday: Not permitted December 24 th : Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on Sunday Christmas Day: Not permitted December 31 st : Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on Sunday.
3.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated November 2024 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.
4.	Overall impact	The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of overall impact on the well-being of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the application and other information submitted in the process of: 1. obtaining the change in licensed boundaries on 18 June 2025 2. varying the non-restricted area authorisation on 18 June 2025
5.	Liquor accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
6.	Complaints register	1. A complaints register is to be maintained at the premises at all times which records the following: a. the name and number of the complainant b. the time and date on which the complaint was received c. the nature of the complaint, and d. the measures taken to resolve the complaint. 2. Details of complaints received, either in person or over the phone, must be: a. recorded in the complaints register, and b. reported to the duty manager. 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, 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.

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
7.	CCTV	<p>1. The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close (or, in the case of a premises that is not required to cease trading, continuously at all times), b. recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, c. any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, d. the system's cameras must cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all entry and exit points on the premises, (ii) the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises, and (iii) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises. <p>2. The licensee must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, b. ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and c. provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.
8.	Non-restricted area authorisation	Areas: Clubhouse, Bowling greens 1 and Bowling greens 2 – excluding the Poker machine room, Bar area and Lounge.

Licence conditions to be revoked - Woolli Bowling & Recreation Club Co-operative limited

Condition to be revoked	Reason
Condition 3010 Non-restricted area authorisation Areas: Foyer, Restaurant, Dance Floor, Part of Lounge area adjacent to bar area and adjacent Amenities and Back-of-house Areas.	To be replaced with condition #8 above.