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WORKSHOPS TO STRENGTHEN NSW LIQUOR ACCORDS

A series of 48 workshops is being staged across the State to support local liquor accords in introducing new measures to reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour.

Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing George Souris said the *Liquor Accords – Step to Success* program will boost the capacity of the State's 148 liquor accords to develop local ideas and real solutions to local alcohol issues.

"The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing's Liquor Accord Delivery Unit will stage the free workshops across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW over the next nine months," Mr Souris said.

"This year's program is aimed at executive members, local police and councils – arming them with a strong knowledge and leadership base to operate a more successful accord.

"It will provide expert advice, information and resources on how to strengthen the operation of accords, deal with current issues and tailor strategies to local areas.

"New resources will be available to accords on branding and marketing opportunities to increase member participation and promote accords to the broader community.

"There will be particular emphasis on the use of dedicated websites, social media such as Facebook and e-newsletters to promote the accord and increase communication with members and key stakeholders.

"Attendees will be provided with up to date information on the liquor laws including the new 'three strikes and you're out' policy for rogue licensees, new photo cards for mandatory Responsible Service of Alcohol training for venue staff, and offence provisions to deal with troublesome patrons.

"Local statistics on alcohol related offences will also be discussed as well as initiatives to reduce alcohol problems during major annual events such as local race days and festivals.

"These workshops also provide a sound opportunity for OLGR and participants to exchange new ideas and stories of successful initiatives that accords have introduced to make their venues and local communities safer.

"Liquor accords are a vital part of our efforts to reduce the impact of alcohol consumption and the operation of licensed venues on local communities.

“NSW has the highest number of liquor accords out of any Australian State and Territory – more than 5,100 pubs, clubs, bottleshops, restaurants, race tracks and even licensed vessels belong to the State’s 148 Liquor Accords.

“Liquor Accords are voluntary community-based organisations deigned to find local solutions to local alcohol problems with membership including licensees, councils, police, OLGR, the RTA, NSW Health, Ministry of Transport and other business and community groups.

“They have had a great deal of success in addressing local alcohol issues through voluntary strategies such as lockouts and restrictions on high strength alcohol products, security initiatives, patron transport schemes and responsible service of alcohol education campaigns.

“I encourage all executive members of liquor accords and other key stakeholders to attend these worthwhile workshops.”

LIQUOR ACCORDS – STEPS TO SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDING ACCORDS
September 6	11am – 12.30pm	Goulburn	Goulburn, Yass
	3pm – 4.30pm	Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan
September 8	10am – 11.30am	Sydney	City Central, City North, Darling Harbour, Kings Cross, Sydney Harbour Charter Vessels
September 20	10.30am – 12pm	Bathurst	Bathurst, Blayney, Orange
	3pm – 4.30pm	Mudgee	Mudgee
September 21	9am – 10.30am	Gulgong	Gulgong
	12.30pm – 2pm	Kandos	Kandos/Rylstone
September 22	10am – 11.30am	Katoomba	Blue Mountains Upper, Blue Mountains Lower, Lithgow
October 12	10am – 11.30am	Maroubra	Botany Bay, Eastern Beaches, Eastern Suburbs
October 19	10am – 11.30am	Surry Hills	Rose Bay/Paddington, South Sydney, Surry Hills
October 26	10am – 11.30am	Lismore	Lismore, Richmond Valley and Kyogle, Tenterfield
	1.30pm – 3pm	Grafton	Grafton, Lower Clarence
October 27	10am – 11.30am	Kingscliff	Brunswick Valley, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads and Tweed Coast, Tweed Valley, Ballina
November 2	10.30am – 12pm	Penrith	Blacktown, Mount Druitt, Penrith/St Marys
	2pm – 3.30pm	Riverstone	Quakers Hill, The Hills, Hawkesbury
November 9	10am – 11.30am	Parramatta	Eastwood/Gladesville, Flemington, Holroyd, Parramatta, Rosehill
November 15	2pm – 3.30pm	Deniliquin	Berrigan Shire, Deniliquin
November 16	9am – 10.30am	Moama	Murray Shire
	2.30pm – 4pm	Albury	Albury, Corowa and Howlong, Mulwala
November 24	10am – 11.30am	Camden	Camden, Campbelltown, Picton, Southern Highlands
November 29	9.30am – 11am	Albion Park	Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wollongong
	4pm – 5.30pm	Merimbula	Bega Valley
November 30	1pm – 2.30pm	Batemans Bay	Eurobodalla
January 24	2.30pm – 4pm	Broken Hill	Barrier
January 25	10am – 11am	Wilcannia	Wilcannia
	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Ivanhoe	Ivanhoe
February 1	10am – 11.30am	Fairfield	Bankstown, Cabramatta, Fairfield, Liverpool City
February 8	10am – 11.30am	Ashfield	Ashfield, Burwood/Canada Bay, Campsie, Marrickville
February 15	3pm – 4.30pm	Nambucca	Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Macleay Valley, Nambucca

February 16	12.30pm – 2pm	Taree	Gloucester, Great Lakes, Hastings, Manning Valley
February 22	10am – 11.30am	Newtown	Leichhardt/Balmain, Newtown, Sydney Uni
February 29	10am – 11.30am	Miranda	Hurstville, Miranda, St George, Sutherland
March 7	1pm – 2.30pm	Cootamundra	Cootamundra, Gundagai, Tumut, Wagga, Young
March 8	9am – 10.30am	Griffith	Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, West Wyalong
	2.30pm – 4pm	Forbes	Cowra, Grenfell, Forbes, Lachlan, Lake Cargelligo, Parkes
March 14	10am – 11.30am	Manly	Harbourside North, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai, Manly, Northern Beaches
March 28	11am – 12.30pm	Armidale	Armidale and District, Glen Innes and District, Inverell, Tamworth & District, Uralla & District, Walcha
March 29	10am – 11.30am	Narrabri	Boggabri, Gunnedah, Moree, Narrabri, Warrumbungles
April 18	11am – 12.30pm	Gosford	Gosford, The Beaches, The Entrance, Wyong/Toukley, Woy Woy Peninsula
	3pm – 4.30pm	Singleton	Cessnock, Dungog, Maitland, Singleton, Upper Hunter, Liverpool Plains
April 19	10am – 11.30am	Raymond Terrace	Port Stephens, Tomaree
	2pm – 3.30pm	Newcastle	Hamilton, Newcastle CBD, Newcastle Western, Stockton, Lake Macquarie
May 8	3pm – 4.30pm	Lightning Ridge	Lightning Ridge
May 9	9am – 10.30am	Walgett	Coonamble, Collarenebri, Walgett
	12.30pm – 2pm	Brewarrina	Brewarrina
	4pm – 5.30pm	Bourke	Bourke
May 10	10am – 11.30am	Nyngan	Cobar, Nyngan, Warren
	2pm – 3.30pm	Dubbo	Dubbo, Gilgandra, Narromine, Wellington