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BIKIE COLOURS BAN IN KINGS CROSS STARTS TODAY

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher and Minister for Hospitality, George Souris have welcomed the ban on bikies wearing gang colours in all late trading licensed venues in Kings Cross which comes into force today (April 27).

Mr Gallacher said the initiative is part of a NSW Government crackdown on recent incidents of shootings and violence perpetrated by Outlaw Motor Cycle Gang (OMCG) and Outlaw Crime Gang (OCG) members.

The Director General of NSW Trade & Investment, whose department oversees the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, imposed the 'no bikie colours' measure on 58 pubs, clubs and restaurants following a submission by police under the liquor laws.

Minister Souris said the NSW Government is determined to assist licensees and their staff to prevent illegal and undesirable behaviour at Kings Cross venues.

"This ban on bikie colours gives licensees legal force to refuse entry to gang members seeking to take over their venue and intimidate staff and patrons trying to have a peaceful night.

"From 5am today any person wearing any clothing, jewellery or accessory with a link to 23 OMCGs and OCGs, including their name, colours, club patch, insignia or logo or the '1%' or '1%er' symbol, is prohibited from entering or remaining on these premises.

"This initiative will help protect the public safety, good order and amenity of the Kings Cross precinct.

"It will also significantly reduce the risk of licensees, their staff and patrons being subjected to violence, intimidation or threats from gang members. The Director General's decision reflects the preparedness of the overwhelming majority of licensees to stamp out this problem and willingly accept the imposition of licence conditions.

“The ban on bikies wearing colours has been introduced under the terms of the Kings Cross Precinct Liquor Accord. All late trading licensed venues in Kings Cross must comply with the accord terms including this measure as a condition of their liquor licence.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher said that licensees can be assured they will have the full co-operation and support of police in implementing and enforcing this measure to reduce the presence and influence of gang members.

“Police have committed to providing an increased physical presence in and around licensed premises in Kings Cross as a highly visible deterrent to support the implementation of the ban including immediate assistance to licensees and security staff if required.

“The NSW Government will continue to support police and licensees in targeting violent, intimidating and threatening behaviour in our entertainment precincts to ensure they are safe and enjoyable for everybody.

Mr Gallacher said that the Government is committed to backing police officers and ensuring they have the ability to address the problems that exist on our streets, particularly in areas like The Cross.

“Police are working around the clock to tackle gun related violence, and we continue our call for the Federal Government to address the issue of border security and the illegal importation of guns that continue to arrive on our streets.

“Operation Spartan has made great results and since January have made more than 300 arrests and laid more than 500 charges,” Minister Gallacher concluded.