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NEW TRAINING FRAMEWORK TO HELP CLUBS STAY IN SHAPE

A new training framework for directors of registered clubs and managers is being developed by the NSW Government with the support of ClubsNSW and the Club Managers' Association Australia, Minister for Hospitality, George Souris said today.

Mr Souris said the new training framework, which was announced today by the Premier in his speech to the Clubs NSW Conference, would help the State's 12,000 club directors develop the skills to ensure their clubs remain sustainable.

"This is another significant reform identified in the Memorandum of Understanding that we signed with ClubsNSW to help secure the viability of registered clubs across the State," Mr Souris said.

"Clubs provide much needed jobs, high quality facilities and services and financial support for community and sporting organisations. They are particularly important in regional NSW where the local club is often the backbone of the town.

"According to the Allen Consulting Group and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, NSW clubs employ 44,000 people and spend more than \$1.2 billion on wages.

"The research has also shown that clubs mobilise 44,000 volunteers in support of their core purposes, provide 1,550 bowling greens, 366 golf courses, 163 playing fields, 80 gymnasiums and 66 swimming pools.

"The new training framework has been developed in close consultation with ClubsNSW and the Club Managers' Association Australia.

"The NSW Government is working closely with the industry to ensure clubs are involved in developing the framework and they benefit from the opportunities it presents."

Mr Souris said the NSW Government would deliver this much-needed training framework for club directors, secretaries and managers to help secure the long-term future of the club industry.

"Training helps to ensure club boards have the appropriate governance skills to make significant business decisions, while understanding their responsibilities in managing community-owned assets," Mr Souris said.

"Training for directors will focus on board operations and club finances, including analysing financial reports and budgets. Club secretaries and managers will receive training on board governance and the role of the club secretary.

"The training will be appropriate to the role these office-holders play in their clubs and to the size of the club, with sufficient time allowed for training to be undertaken. The new training requirements will commence from 1 July 2013."

More information on the new training framework for clubs will be available from www.olqr.nsw.gov.au

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