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ONLINE TOOL TO CURB ALCOHOL-FUELLED VIOLENCE

The NSW Government has made it easier to create a local liquor accord by launching a new online registration tool and strategy selector to help communities find local solutions for their alcohol-related problems.

New online resources will help communities to develop and update a local liquor accord by sharing information about a range of successful strategies already in place in communities across NSW.

Liquor accords involve local licensees, councils, and police working together with the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) to tackle alcohol-related violence, antisocial behaviour and other harm. About 140 liquor accords are currently active.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice Troy Grant said the accord model allows each community to respond to local circumstances using voluntary measures without the need for regulatory intervention.

"Some of the accords employ a range of effective measures, tailored to a particular community, including banning outlaw motorcycle gang clothing, all-day bans on shooters and shots and subsidising bus and taxi transport," Mr Grant said.

"To help, the Government has streamlined the process for establishing and updating liquor accords by developing an online registration system which is consistent with a recommendation of the 2013 Liquor Act statutory review."

Alcohol-related, non-domestic assaults have fallen an average of 8.4 per cent a year across NSW in the three years to September 2014.

For further information please contact OLGR's Industry Support team on (02) 9995 0312 or email accords@olgr.nsw.gov.au. Liquor accords online registration and the strategy selector tool can be found at www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/accord registration form.asp.

**A full list of current local liquor accords is available at: http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/accords_currntaccrds.asp

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