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Dear *Good Sports* clubs,

At the end of another financial year, it is time to reflect on what a big 12 months it has been.

In NSW, we have seen an addition of 321 accredited clubs, taking us to over 950 clubs. We have seen 12 clubs go from level 2 to 3 for a total of 20, so particular congratulations to those clubs. Also 111 clubs have moved to level 2, of which we now have 173.

The progression of clubs is where we start to see the changes in club practices. Research shows that as clubs progress through the levels of accreditation, the amount of drinking at risky levels decreases, as does the rate of drink driving.

The Hunter New England region continues to lead the way in numbers of clubs committing to good alcohol management practices (and nutrition) through their participation in the *Good Sports* program. Sydney also has shown substantial growth in the past six months.

A partnership with AFL NSW/ACT was formalised a few months ago with the inclusion of *Good Sports* into their Quality Club program. We also continue to receive great support from NSWRL.

Recently we saw a wonderful competition between two *Good Sports* accredited football (soccer) clubs playing off for a major trophy – the Waratah Cup. Congratulations to both Manly United and Mounties Wanderers. While Manly won on the day, they are both winners in our eyes.

We are conscious there are some regions that are currently without a Project Officer and are in the process of recruiting more PO's. In the meantime however, if you need any information or support please contact the NSW office. Or if you know someone who might be interested in a PO position, please pass on our details.

With the end of winter season approaching, many clubs start thinking about end of season celebrations. We have included an article in this newsletter to help you plan for safe celebrations.

Once again I would like to recognise the Roads and Traffic Authority for their support of *Good Sports* and their continued efforts to decrease the incidents of drink driving and make the roads safer for us all.

John Reid
State Manager *Good Sports* (NSW)





Club numbers update (as of 25th July 2011)

NSW has now achieved 954 accredited clubs, of which 20 have reached level 3 and 173 are level 2.

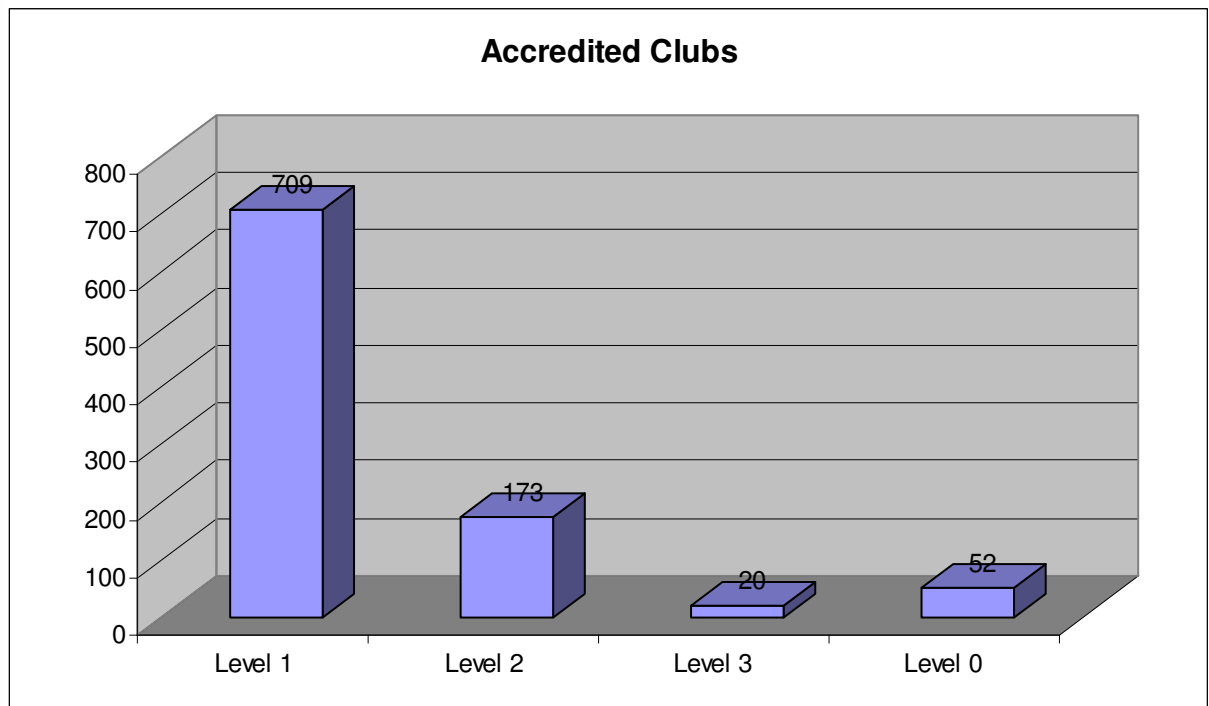
Total *Good Sports* accredited club numbers in NSW = **954**

Level 0= 52

Level 1= 709

Level 2= 173

Level 3= 20



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Responsible Serving of Alcohol courses

The Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course is a great way to learn how to deal with alcohol related situations. They run for six hours and provide the knowledge and awareness necessary to serve liquor responsibly. Successful participants receive a Liquor Licensing industry recognised RSA certificate.

Benefits include:

- Greater awareness of legal liabilities
- Increased knowledge of alcohol and its effects
- A safer environment for servers and patrons
- Assists clubs to achieve *Good Sports* accreditation

Good Sports NSW organises sports club oriented RSA courses at a subsidised rate throughout NSW (subsidy amounts depend on region). We have now organised RSA training for over 1600 club members. Please contact your local Project Officer or the NSW office if your club is interested in having members trained in RSA.

A message from the RTA



PLEASE REMEMBER

- Zero alcohol for L-Plate drivers
- Zero alcohol for P-Plate drivers

In support of road safety we recommend if you are planning to drive, you don't drink at all. Also remember, even if you leave your car to pick up later, you can still be over the legal limit the next day. Time is the only way for alcohol to leave your system so plan your travel carefully.

Does your sports club have a liquor licence?

Check your licence conditions online

Do you know what your club's liquor licence conditions are? Here's an easy way to find out.

Visit the Government Licensing Service (GLS) website at <https://www.licence.nsw.gov.au/LicenceCheck>.





Type in the name of the liquor licensee or your liquor licence number and your organisation's licence conditions will be displayed. Being familiar with your liquor licence conditions is a vital step in ensuring your organisation is complying with NSW liquor laws.

RSA on the Frontline workshops

The Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing holds free workshops which provide practical information on responsible service of alcohol strategies.

Find out more by visiting

http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/liquor_seminars.asp

Sport & Recreation Participation Grant Program

Now open for applications. Click on the below link for further details:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/>

Latest news & information – www.goodsports.com.au

Congratulations for getting ahead of the game

Good Sports congratulates our clubs and partners for the hard work and great effort in building healthy clubs and strong communities.

Coolamon skips 'Mad Monday' to do charity work

The Coolamon Cricket Club was recently profiled in the *Daily Advertiser* in Wagga Wagga for their progressive and responsible attitude to celebrating the completion of their cricket season.

The *Good Sports* program applauds the club on this great initiative and example to other sporting clubs across the country. To access the article, click the following link:

http://www.goodsports.com.au/images/stories/19_3_11_daily_advertiser_wagga.pdf

"Teaching old Dogs new tricks"

The Thurgoona Football Netball Club were recently featured in The Age newspaper as an example of *Good Sports* making a change to club communities. To access the article, click the following link:

<http://www.smh.com.au/afl/afl-news/teaching-old-dogs-new-tricks-20110618-1q988.html>

Does your club have a good news story?

Does your club have a good news story worth sharing? The *Good Sports* team wants to hear all about it. Tell us how your club is effectively managing alcohol and creating a desirable culture by emailing goodsportsnsw@adf.org.au

We are keen to share case studies like below and always welcome appropriate photos if you have any.

Case Study

WALLSEND FOOTBALL CLUB (INC) (Inter-District Football Association)

In June 2009, *Good Sports* met with the Wallsend Football Club and discovered the club had been selling alcohol without a liquor license.

As their home ground is located at a greyhound track with a licenced venue, the Club assumed this also covered them, even though they were using their own facilities in a different location to the established race track bar and at times when the races were not on.

The club's bar was earning about \$20,000 per annum, however had been operating without a liquor license for several years.

There was also no signage for the bar, no RSA trained persons behind the bar, no copies of responsible service of alcohol certificates and no incident register.

If the club had of continued to sell alcohol without a licence, they could have incurred a number of fines including:

- \$1,100 fine for each unit of alcohol sold plus a maximum court penalty of \$11,000 for operating without a license,
- \$220 on-the-spot fine for not having license signage plus a maximum court penalty of \$2,200,
- \$220 on-the-spot fine to venue staff not RSA trained plus an additional \$2200.
- \$1,100 on-the-spot fine for not having an RSA register plus a \$550 on-the-spot fine for each person selling alcohol who cannot produce their RSA certificate.

After the *Good Sports* program was presented to the committee, the Club unanimously agreed to stop selling alcohol, become an accredited *Good Sports* club and apply for a Liquor License. They also agreed to get several of their members to attend the *Good Sports* subsidised RSA training.

Wallsend Football Club has been at level 1 for over a year now and is currently working towards achieving level 2.

Project Officer update

Good Sports now has total of 39 Project Officer's working throughout NSW.

- 9 in Sydney
- 2 on the Central Coast
- 3 South Illawarra
- 7 in the Hunter New England
- 4 in Northern NSW
- 2 Southern Tablelands
- 2 South West Wagga Wagga
- 5 Southern Border
- 5 in the West

Project Officer Profile

Name: Trent Waters

Location: Sydney South West – Campbelltown/Camden

I have been a PO for: Approximately 18 months

Favourite Sport? Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Horse Racing (anything really)

What do you like about the role?

Meeting the variety of people involved in all the numerous sports in my area. They are passionate people doing the best they can for their chosen sport and community.

Useful tip?

Keep up to date as best you can with sport in your area via the internet, local newspaper or whatever allows you to maintain some kind of contact with what is going on in your community.

Check out which other sporting clubs are *Good Sports* clubs in your community by visiting www.goodsports.com.au

Good Sports logo & merchandise

Clubs are reminded that they are welcome and encouraged to use the *Good Sports* logo for their newsletter, website and letterhead. Clubs are **not permitted** to use the logos for any other purpose (e.g. caps, t-shirts, playing gear etc).

Newly accredited clubs at levels 1, 2 and 3 receive the following *Good Sports* merchandise.

Level 1 – Bar mat and bar sign

Level 2 – Metal outdoor sign

Level 3 – Level 3 bar mat and bar sign

Please contact your *Good Sports* Project Officer if you have any merchandise related issues.



Manly United show off their *Good Sports* merchandise after winning the Waratah Cup

Information Services Update

The Australian Drug Foundation provides free and quality assured information on alcohol, other drugs and harm prevention.

DrugInfo provides easy access to information about alcohol and other drugs, and drug prevention. Services include a website and resource centre that provides access to many free information products and publications, a specialist library service, a telephone and email information service, and email alert services for people interested in preventing alcohol and other drug-related harm. Professionals and members of the general community can use the services as their first port of call for information from local, national and international sources.

The Australian Drug Information Network is a powerful search engine. It provides

access to quality online alcohol and other drug information.

Somazone offers young people a free and safe space to share stories, ask questions



and find help about drug use, mental health issues, relationships, sexual health, harassment, and body image.

Don't let end-of-season celebrations become a hangover

As the winter sports season winds down, many sporting clubs hold events to celebrate (or commiserate) at licensed venues, such as hotels, registered clubs or at their club premises, if they have a liquor license. These events are great opportunities for club members, their family and friends to get together socially, and share the stories and events of the season.

However, with the idea of 'Mad Mondays' for example becoming more commonplace, there can be a serious side to celebrating. No one wants their party ruined by drunken behaviour, damaged property or injury.

Here are our top tips for celebrating safely:

- Don't allow entry to anyone arriving intoxicated,
- All bar staff, including volunteers, must by law have RSA certificates in order to serve alcohol.
- No one under the age of 18 will be served alcohol and parents/guardians or other adults are not to provide alcohol to a minor.
- Make sure all alcohol is served in opened drinking containers, such as glasses. (This is a legal requirement for all limited licences for single or multiple events.)
- Set a limit on the number of drinks a person can buy at one time.
- Conduct proper ID checks for proof of age.
- Make sure the licensee, or the licensee's nominee, is present at all times to supervise the sale of alcohol for the duration of the event. (This is also a legal requirement for all limited licences.)
- Implement strategies to ensure patrons do not take alcohol away from the venue.

To help attendees celebrate safely your sporting club or venue should:

- Provide free self serve water to encourage club members to have a break from alcohol throughout the night.
- Offer low-alcohol drinks and non-alcohol options such as coffee, tea and soft drinks.
- Have plenty of food available – eating can slow the pace of drinking, fill people up so they are less likely to drink, and slow down the process of getting drunk.
- Discourage any drinking games.
- Provide free soft drinks or food to designated drivers.
- Consider transport arrangements for people after your event, especially for rural or remote communities who may have an added distance to travel or fewer safe transport options.
- Never automatically top up someone's drink.

Your legal requirements

- By law, you cannot serve people who are intoxicated or violent. Licensees, either individuals or organisations, and their bar staff can face court fines of up to \$11,000 and \$1,100 penalty notices for intoxication offences.
- If someone is intoxicated, you must cease service and ask them to leave the licensed area for the remainder of the event. Court fines of up to \$5,500 and \$550 penalty
- notices apply to intoxicated people for these offences and you risk loss of liquor license.
- No one can supply alcohol to a person under 18 years on licensed premises without parental permission and then only with a meal.



For licensees, the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Regulation Intoxication Guidelines gives a great overview of the law preventing intoxication and dealing with intoxicated patrons and can be downloaded from the www.olgr.nsw.gov.au

For more information about celebrating safely at your sporting club, download the *Good Sports* fact sheet, *End of Season Events: reducing the risks for sporting clubs*, from www.goodsports.com.au under Resources.

