

## Relevant Information for Council

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Emma Rigney, Director City Life

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 7.3 – Post Exhibition - Review of Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

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### For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

### Purpose

To provide further information on proposed Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

### Background

At the meeting of the Resilient Communities and Economy Committee on 12 August 2024, further information was sought on the following:

#### ***Seasonal breakdown of data from NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research***

A review of NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) data over the last two years has indicated there has been minor seasonal trends in incidents of outdoor alcohol-related assaults across the Local Government Area (LGA) with slightly more incidents occurring during the Autumn/Winter months, however the total number of incidents has declined over this period, as outlined in the table below:

<b>Season</b>	<b>Number of incidents of outdoor alcohol-related assaults in 2022</b>	<b>Number of incidents of outdoor alcohol-related assaults in 2023</b>
Autumn/Winter	184	166
Spring/Summer	150	142
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>308</b>

***Outdoor alcohol restrictions around Star Casino and signage at Jones Bay Road in Pyrmont***

The streets that surround and cover all main entrances to the Star Casino are included on the list of recommended alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas to be established for a four year period. This includes Pirrama Road and Pyrmont Street (between John Street and Allen Street). Jones Bay Road is not currently an alcohol free zone and there is not a main entrance to Star Casino located on this street. The signage related to outdoor alcohol restrictions located at the corner of Pyrmont Street and Jones Bay Road will be replaced with a larger sign to improve visibility.

***Outdoor alcohol restrictions on Glebe foreshore and New Year Eve arrangements***

The Glebe Foreshore Walk is currently a timed alcohol prohibited area from 10.00pm - 10.00am (with the exception of New Years Eve when alcohol is permitted). Through the review of outdoor alcohol restrictions, it was identified that this area did not meet one or more of the criteria used to develop the list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas placed on public exhibition.

A review of BOCSAR data over the last twelve months has indicated that in the Glebe area there are very low incidents of alcohol-related assaults with no seasonal trends in these incidents. As a result, this area was not included in the proposed areas in the most recent public exhibition process and the current restrictions on this area will expire on 20 August 2024.

***Outdoor alcohol restrictions on Regent Street, Redfern and Botany Road, Waterloo***

The alcohol free zones on Regent Street from Cleveland Street to Boundary Street in Redfern and Botany Road from Boundary Street to Raglan Street, Waterloo were placed on public exhibition and are recommended to be established for a period of four years.

***Ongoing data collection to inform effectiveness of Outdoor alcohol restrictions***

As per the resolution of Council on 14 June 2024, the Chief Executive Officer will:

- (i) write to the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force to request NSW Police provide data on the use of enforcement under outdoor alcohol restrictions to inform the development and implementation of harm minimisation approaches to alcohol management within the community;

- (ii) write to NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics to notify them of those locations where outdoor alcohol restrictions have been removed and request they develop a methodology to appropriately assess the outcomes arising from those removals.

City staff will monitor the data provided by NSW Police and BOCSAR, particularly in those areas where outdoor alcohol restrictions will expire on 20 August 2024, to assess the effectiveness of the restrictions and will report back to Council once at least a full 12 months of data has been collated and analysed in order to ensure an adequate level of data is obtained prior to any further recommendations being made.

**Memo from Emma Rigney, Director City Life**

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