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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission G.P.O. Box 1428 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission for the Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission.

Kingsgrove RSL Club Ltd is located in the Rockdale City Municipality on the East Hills railway line south west Sydney.

We have approximately 6000 members of which 55% are over 44 years of age.

The Club is an RSL Club and was established in 1952 to promote membership of the Returned Service's League of Australia. Over the years this has continued and broadened to include our assistance to the local community.

We still maintain a strong active Sub Branch of Returned Service men and women with annual ceremonies commemorating Anzac Day, Battle of the Coral Sea, VP Day and Remembrance Day. These ceremonies involve the sub branch members, Cadets from 233 Army Cadet Unit, Cadets from the T. S. Sirius, local scouts, girl guides, school students and members of the local community.

The Club provides the following facilities for our members and their guests.

- Restaurant
- Function rooms
- Keno
- Poker machines
- Sub Branch
- Sporting Clubs Snooker

**Darts** 

**Indoor Bowls** 

Fishing Snooker

We currently employ 43 staff. - Permanent 10

Part time 4 Casual 29

Our work hours assist many of our employees to be able to maintain employment within school hours, while undertaking tertiary education and supplement work.

On average the Club's hours of employment equate to approximately 29 full time employees.

All our employees have Responsible Service Alcohol certification and Responsible Conduct of Gambling certification.

The revenue raised in 2008 was derived 75% from poker machine services and 25% from bar, keno, functions and catering rent as our restaurant facilities are sub contracted.

For the 2008 year the Club contributed \$846K in State poker machine taxation and \$61K in State payroll tax, plus our Goods and Services Tax payments.

The Club has maintained a strong social contribution toward our local community through both Community Development and Support Expenditure and other donations.

The Club, in 2008 provided donations totalling over \$22K to the following:

Aunties and Uncles
Kingsgrove Community Aid
Legacy
Nova Employment
Homewood Nursing Home
Eddystone Nursing Home
Shoalhaven Heads Rural Fire Brigade
Shoalhaven Heads Surf Life Saving
St. George Migrant Resources
St. George Youth Services
United Church Bardwell Park Play Group
233 Army Cadet Unit

We also provide in kind support for the following:

Job Support
Kingsgrove Community Group
Bardwell Valley Golf Club
De La Salle Cricket Club
Homecare
Hurstville Minotaur's Soccer
Kingsgrove Cricket Club
Roseland's Soccer Club
St.Ursula's College
St.Ursula's/Fatima Netball Association
Earlwood Aged Care

Other donations of over \$5K were provided to the following local schools:

Clemton Park Primary School Kingsgrove High School Kingsgrove Public School Kingsgrove Infants School Kingsgrove North High School Mc Callum's Hill Public School Our Lady of Fatima St. Ursula's College

We have also continually supported local sporting clubs, with sponsorship in 2008 totalling \$21K to the following

De La Salle Cricket Club Hurstville Minotaur's Soccer Club Kingsgrove Cricket Club Roseland's Soccer Club St. Ursula's/Fatima Netball Club Kingsgrove Colts JRLFC

The Club also financially supports the Gidley King Scholarship and Alf Preston Sports Scholarship to the following schools.

Kingsgrove High School Kingsgrove North High School St. Ursula's College

We also provide financial assistance to the Kingsgrove RSL Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary and the Kingsgrove RSL Club Community Group with their fundraising for local nursing homes, Legacy and other charities.

In total all donations, sponsorship and in kind support to local charities, schools, sporting clubs, local community recipients and our club sporting groups, amounted to 90K for the 2008 year.

In closing the Kingsgrove RSL Club is an organisation that derives revenue from gaming activities that are provided responsibly so as to maintain our existence but also to constantly improve and update our amenities for the benefit of our members and their guest, and be able to provide financial and welfare support for the local community and the Returned Service men and women.