

Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation



Information Notice

Application Type: Community Club licence
Trading Name: Samford & Districts Rugby League Football Club
Address of Premises: 34-38 Main Street, Samford Village
Date of the Decision: 22 May 2025
Applicable Legislation: Part 4, Division 5 of the *Liquor Act 1992*

Brief Summary of the Reasons for the Decision

As Executive Director, I conducted a review of the application for a community club licence lodged by the applicant on 21 November 2024. In deciding the application, I took into account the following findings of fact:

1. The applicant is eligible to apply for a community club licence under the *Liquor Act 1992* (the Act).
2. The club currently holds a community other licence, trading 25 hours a week.
3. The application was advertised for public comment with four letters of objection and a petition with ten signatures received.
4. No objections were lodged by the local authority, police or OLGR Compliance.
5. Appropriate conditions will be imposed on the licence to mitigate any potential amenity impacts.
6. The Act provides avenues to complain and empowers the OLGR to address issues in the event non-compliance should be substantiated.
7. Human rights are not limited by my decision to approve the application.

I have considered the relevant matters outlined in Part 4, Division 5 of the Act.

I took into account the objections received which outlined concerns about an anticipated increase in rubbish, vandalism, and noise levels particularly from vehicles of departing patrons. Other matters included safety concerns from an increase in late night activity within a residential area.

In response to the objections received, I am satisfied the granting of the community club licence would not necessarily have an adverse effect on the amenity of the locality as:

1. There are no objections to the application from police, the local authority, and OLGR compliance.
2. The club has neighbours within close proximity and has had some adverse compliance history regarding noise, but nothing of note since 2019.
3. The licensee has a responsibility to ensure that entertainment noise and other club activities do not impact neighbouring residents.
4. The OLGR has a complaints system and can take action to address any substantiated breaches of licence terms and conditions should the licensee be unable to meet their responsibilities under the Act.

After considering all of the relevant factors and information, both positive and negative, and the aforementioned findings on material questions of fact, I decided to grant the community club licence, subject to the following conditions:

- *Liquor may be sold or supplied only whilst the premises adheres to its principal activity of the provision of facilities and services to the club's members and the achievement of the club's objects.*
- *Liquor may not be sold for consumption off the licensed premises after 10:00pm or be taken away from the premises after 10:30pm.*
- *Noise emanating from the premises including amplified and/or non-amplified noise and/or patron noise must not exceed 75 dB(C), fast response, when measured approximately 3 metres from the primary source of the noise.*
- *Non-amplified entertainers and/or speakers used to amplify noise must not be located in any outdoor area of the premises, including verandah, patio, footpath or beer garden.*