

# Deniliquin RSL Club Ltd.

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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission  
GPO Box 1428  
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission

Deniliquin RSL Club is located in the Riverina area of the state and was established in **1958**. The club is an RSL club with 6000 members.

The club provides many and varied facilities for our members and community.

- Keno;
- Bistro;
- Restaurant;
- Coffee Shop;
- Bowling Greens;
- Poker Machines;
- Function Rooms;
- Gymnasium;
- Cadet training rooms;
- Squash Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Children's play ground and public park

Deniliquin RSL Club currently employees 65 staff (12 full time, 8 part time and 45 casual)

Poker machines and gambling services accounted for 64% of the Deniliquin RSL Clubs revenue during 2008. Other forms of revenue generated from food and beverage services accounted for 36%. In 2008 our level of taxation increased to 19% due to ever increasing costs and down turn in the community due to the drought, the club has seen a 6% reduction in total revenue in the 2008 year.

For over fifty years Deniliquin RSL Club has played an integral role in the sponsorship of many sporting teams and organisations in within the community. We have many groups that operate under our umbrella as sub clubs that have the use of our facilities.

- Cricket Club
- Rock n Roll Club
- Fishing Club
- Life Ball
- Netball
- Squash Club
- Carpet Bowls

- Outdoor Bowls

The entire Deniliquin community also benefit greatly from the Deniliquin RSL providing a public park and playground, continual assistance to the local golf course and the assistance to keep the local Jockey Club and race course operating. With out the continual support these vital community assets would not be able to exist.

The Deniliquin RSL Club also has been committed for the last three years to the Max Potential Program which is a youth program aimed at Year 11 and 12 students, encouraging them to be involved in the community as leaders, giving them the knowledge and skills to do so, the club also in the 2008 year we sent 3 young people from the Deniliquin community on the Kokoda youth challenge.

In the last financial year, the club provided financial support to the following organizations...

- Deniliquin Community Health
- Deniliquin Sports Park
- Youth Career Services
- Intereach
- Deniliquin Mental Health
- St Vincent de Paul
- Kiwanis Club
- Navorina Nursing Home
- Deniliquin Legacy Group
- Camp Quality
- Gulpa Pre School
- Deniliquin Pre-School
- Edward River Art Society
- Deniliquin Child Care
- Meals on Wheels
- Max Potential
- Kokoda Youth Leadership Program
- Department of Education
- Deniliquin Menshed Inc
- Deniliquin Amateur Swimming Club
- St Michaels School
- Mayrung Public School
- Deniliquin South School
- Edward Public School
- Deniliquin North School
- Conargo Primary School
- Blighty Primary School
- Deniliquin High School
- Four Post Youth Camp
- The Rotary Club
- Deniliquin Girl Guides
- Royal Children's Hospital
- Golden Rivers Boxing Club
- Deniliquin Chamber of Commerce

- Deniliquin Sheep Dog Association
- Deniliquin Pastoral and Agricultural Society
- P & A Ladies Committee
- Deniliquin Rodeo
- Deniliquin Croquet
- Deniliquin Tent Pegging
- Deniliquin Sun Festival
- Barham Police
- Deniliquin Drovers Football Club
- Deniliquin Wanderers Football Club
- Deniliquin District Soccer
- Deniliquin Lawn Tennis Club (junior tournament)
- Deniliquin District Football Club

As can be seen by the above list our club provides extensive community support, last year contributing in excess of \$160,000 to the community. It is with close liason with the Deniliquin Council that we are able to address the various community organisations and sporting leisure groups etc that require important financial assistance. We enjoy a very close relationship with the Deniliquin Council who have been extremely helpful in assisting us.

Our club takes our commitment to the responsible provision of gambling services seriously. It is club policy that all staff assisting in the delivery of gaming services complete the Responsible Conduct of Gaming Certificate. The club is a member of the Club Safe program and operates within the guide lines of this program.

Poker machine revenue is an important revenue stream that has allowed Deniliquin RSL Club to grow and provide many facilities to our members and general community.

Regards,

Deniliquin RSL Club

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