

HURSTVILLE

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MEMORIAL CLUB LIMITED



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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our submission.

Hurstville RSL Memorial Club is located in the St. George Sydney area and was established in 1926.

Hurstville RSL Memorial Club has approximately 5000 members and we provide facilities' and activities to our members such as:

- Keno
- TAB
- Bistro
- Restaurant
- Poker Machines
- Functions
- Auditorium

Our Sub-clubs consist of

- Indoor Bowls
- Social Dancing
- TPI Social Club
- Card Players
- Seniors Members Group

Other community groups the Club supports are Hurstville Red Cross and the Getting Out and About Club.

Hurstville RSL Memorial Club currently employs 21 staff (9 *full time*, 2 *part time* and 10 *casual staff*).

Poker machine and gambling services accounted for 95% of Hurstville RSL's revenue during 2008. Other forms of revenue generated from bar, bistro and

restaurant services accounted for 5%. In 2008 our level of taxation increased to \$446,877.

In the past years Hurstville RSL Memorial Club has played an integral role in the sponsorship of the local community.

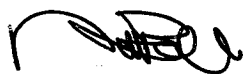
In the last financial year, the Club provided financial support to the following organisations:

- Sydney Legacy St. George Sutherland Division
- Australian Macedonian Pensioners Association
- Special Olympics Roselands Region
- Careflight
- Hurstville City Council Mayoral Charity Golf Day
- Hurstville Salvation Army
- Beat the Drum for Kids
- Starlight Children's Foundation
- Erin Finn Beijing Olympics
- Hurstville Scout Association
- The Knights of St. George Heart Association
- TPI (St. George District TPI Social & Welfare)
- Reserve Forces Day
- Victorian Bush Fire Appeal

Our Club was an inaugural member of the ClubsNSW Club Safe Program and has remained a member ever since. This Club is committed to the principles of harm minimisation with the provision of gambling services and the responsible service of alcohol.

Poker machine revenue is an important revenue stream that has allowed Hurstville RSL to grow since 1929 and to become an integral part of the community today.

Yours faithfully



Rodney Bell ACCM
Secretary Manager