

Perth Royals Football Club (inc)

In response to concerns from residents to our application to extend our liquor licence in the months of January to March.

We have been at Lee Reserve for 39 years and have had a good relationship in general with residents and other park users. We do not want to affect the amenity of anybody in this area. We have received very few complaints with regard to our operations and many residents enjoy the games on a Sunday.

We have a current Club Restricted Licence that restricts our hours of trading from January To March to 6.30-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11.30 to 5pm on Sundays

The main reason for our application is that the current licenced hours for the period January to March do not work as training is from 6.30 – 8.00pm and any preseason matches on a Sunday are likely to finish around 4.45pm.

This time of the year we are bringing in new members to the club so it is important for us to be able to socialize and also do the required administration after training and also on Sundays.

The new hours requested will bring us into line with the trading hours we already have from April-September.

Consultation submissions	
Comments Received	Perth Royals' responses
Submission 1 Objected	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised regarding balancing and being fair with how much they are affected by noise and nuisance behaviours throughout the year. • Concerned that most problems happen at night and warmer months. • Concern that the Club being granted the original liquor licence has changed the continuing night time peace and enjoyment of their homes which are closest to the building. • Concerns that the licensee fails to attend an anti- social behaviour and fighting and as a result the police were called • Concerns that partying go past 9pm, when the licensing hours for that day is 8pm. • Concerned that since the club became licensed, the Town's staff had received numerous complaints and have been the responders to the complaints. Complaints have also been made to Liquor and Gaming. • Concerned that the Town's building which the club uses is four metres from the rear boundary of the abutting house along Gallipoli Street. There is a group of five aged person's units. • Concerned that the Town's building which the club uses has public toilet/shower room on its north western corner end and a second one on its southern western corner. This is always locked but the former is not. It is used by anyone who needs it. There is a gated but unlocked playground/sandpit area 7 metres 	<p>The club does all it can to limit noise and do not want to ruin the amenity of this nice area for residents.</p> <p>We have a licence to 10pm from April to September but rarely are we at the premises after 9pm on training nights and are always packed up before 7pm on Sundays. There has been little change due to the liquor licence.</p> <p>There has been no fighting or anti-social behaviour and the police have not been called on any occasion.</p> <p>There is no partying on training nights and we have council consent to be at the premises until 10pm. Even if we are not serving alcohol after 8pm</p> <p>There has only been a couple of complaints to council from 1 resident the club has dealt with those issues and have also satisfied liquor and gaming and the police liquor squad that there are no issues with our operations.</p> <p>Issues with the Town's building are an issue for the Town of Victoria Park.</p> <p>The layout of the building is an issue for the council and not the club.</p> <p>The playground next to the licenced area is used by many children of our members as well as the public on match days, so we are very aware of the need to have a code of conduct for</p>

from the paved area where the club members/visitors gather. This places any children who might be there subject to the club's drinking, smoking or language that occurs.

- Concerned that the Town's building which the club uses has all the rooms along the front of the building facing the south east. The roof projects past the building, fully covering the paved area where all the drinking happens. The paved area is open on three sides. The building being open this way does not contain any club noise. The houses most affected by noise and the like are along Midgley and Streatley Roads and are only 20 and 60 metres across clear open ground. In the absence of any physical barrier, in the quite of night time, any noise coming from the building becomes very amplified and intrusive to these residents.
- Concerns raised regarding the club. It has had almost two years of licensed liquor trading. In that time, it has had repeated complaints from residents and then subsequent contact from the Town as well as from Liquor and Gaming. If it were managing its license correctly and also honouring the Town's Seasonal Hire Agreement (sec 16 of the agreement. *"(Seasonal hiring clubs are required to minimise nuisance, unreasonable noise and disturbance to local residents arising from any club activities by players, spectators and visitors)"*).
- Concerns that it would be reasonable to expect the club to have tried to find ways so as not to continue to cause undue offence, disturbances or annoyance to local residents, but it has done nothing nor made any improvements. The club has been loose with keeping to the existing liquor hours and

members related to Alcohol, Smoking and language around that area.

Liquor and Gaming had no issue with the playground being next to the licenced area.

The building is issue for council not the club.

We have been at this park for 39 years and have had only 2 complaints regarding noise in all that time. The house 20 metres away was approved by council with the knowledge that club was there.

There have been only 2 official complaints from the same resident and both times we satisfied liquor and gaming and the council that we have put measures in place so that these issues do not arise again.

We have always traded as per our liquor licence and take responsible service of alcohol very seriously. We have also obtained one of extended trading permits for other days and times that are not covered by our existing licence. The council has also

days that it is allowed to trade and its members have never shown concern or ever been seen to make efforts to as not to cause nuisance or disturbance with their personal behaviour either at the building or when leaving to their cars at night.

- Concerns raised in regards to the club's current licensed hours of 6.30pm until 8pm on Tuesday and Thursday and from 11.30am until 5pm on Sundays between January and March of each year is already the period for the noise and behaviour that cause offence, annoyance and disturbances to those of us who live close by. During this period, we do not want to see any extension of these hours on any day.
- Concerns raised regarding Sunday being a traditionally and culturally a day of rest and peace and for some of us also a day of faith. Therefore, the club being able to sell and consume alcohol until 10pm at night on Sunday is especially and strongly opposed.
- In this quiet residential area, the club already has almost exclusive access to the public reserve from 11.30am until 10pm for 6 months on 25 Sundays of the year and then from 11.30am until 5pm on Sundays for another 3 months of the year. This is already more than reasonable and clearly favours the club.
- Concerns raised in regards to a situation that if the club is granted its application to trade from 11.30am until 10pm on Sunday between January until September each year it will mean that the club has full use of 40 out of 52 Sundays of the year, throughout the whole day, and then late into the night on each of those Sundays. This leaves just 12 Sunday nights where no alcohol is

given us permission to trade at these other times.

Extending the hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday's from January to March is required by the club because training is from 6.30-8pm and therefore the existing hours do not work for us to bring in new members to socialise and do membership and registration functions.

The club may have a licence to 10pm on Sunday's but all of the last 2 seasons we have locked up and left by 7pm on a Sunday. Our original application only requested to trade to 8pm on Sunday but the licence was issued with 10pm.

There are many sporting grounds in the town that are used all year round.

We do use the park for 8-9 months of the year but on many of those weeks we only use one pitch, therefore half of the park is still available for public use.

We already have a licence for 9 months of the year that was approved by council and liquor and gaming.

We have also already stated there is no late-night drinking on Sundays.

<p>being sold and consumed late into the night. This would be unreasonable, it would lack equity and would just be grossly unfair to us who live close closest to the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a proposal that the club can at any time apply to Liquor and Gaming and obtain a permit to trade for a function that is outside of its normal days or hours. • Concerns raised about Public Interest as a poorly defined concept. • Concerns raised that allowing this application will take away the last few months of quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their homes at night time. 	<p>We are able to request a extended trading permit to trade outside our normal days and hours only after we get approval from the council.</p> <p>It is in the public interest for clubs to remain financially viable so they can continue to provide a healthy outdoor recreation for all at the lowest cost</p>
<p>Submission 2: Objected</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised in regards to illegal parking, abandoned cars and drunkenness. • Concerns raised regarding the actions of the club users that has directly affected their day to day amenity and giving them more time to drink will not be helping them. 	<p>There is no illegal parking by members of the club. We are committed to the responsible service of alcohol and as per our licence we do not continue to serve anyone that shows any signs of intoxication.</p>
<p>Submission 3: Objected</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter wanted the Town's staff to check the Town's complaints database and that of Department of Liquor and Gaming under the currently held license of Perth Royals Foot Ball Club. 	<p>We have had no official noncompliance registered on our licence from liquor and gaming. Any issues have been dealt with the council and the club will ensure they do not happen again.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitter commented that any record of non-compliance would indicate inadequate self-regulation on the part of the Club and thus suggest that renewal and particularly extension of trading is not warranted • Submitter suggested that if longer trading hours than those currently allowed are required by the Club for fund raising activities, the Club should apply for one-off trading licenses for these activities. • Concerns raised regarding disturbances in the Park where Police were called. Submitter said, “while these disturbances have not necessarily been caused by the Club members, licensed longer periods of drinking time, will increase the numbers gathered which in turn would increase the risk of such disturbances occurring, causing strain on Police services”. • Concerns raised that Council should take into account the license terms for the Perth Football Club. The overall risks of selling alcohol to members of two sporting organisations within a 500m radius should be considered as a “package” for home owners and residents of Lathlain. • Submitter wanted to ensure that after the application had been considered and decided that the Council write again to Owners and Occupiers informing them of its final decision and advising them of the proper processes for registering occasions of non-compliance. 	<p>We do apply for one of extended trading permits for fund raising such as our annual quiz night</p> <p>The police have never been called due to any actions by club members.</p> <p>The police liquor squad did come for a check on one Sunday and could see no issues that needed attention.</p> <p>The council had a lot of input into our original application and they gave us both planning and health department approval.</p> <p>This is an issue for council.</p>
<p>Submission 4: Objected</p>	
<p>The fourth submitter raised concerns by posing four questions;</p>	

- The submitter asked whether we would you like to live next door to what is basically an open air pub.
- Submitters asked whether we would like to have our children play in a playground meters away from a venue full of men getting drunk.
- Submitters asked whether we would like to find cans and bottles strewn all along your street and have to pick them up.
- Submitters asked whether we would like our small children having to listen to large groups of aggressive men screaming the F word and the C word every time there is a football match being payed.

The club has a licenced area that extends out on to the verandah and 5 metres onto the grass. Both approved by council and Liquor and Gaming.

This council has never had an issue with the club regarding litter as we tend to clean up all litter around the ground as well as dog faeces