



CLUB ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT POLICY

This policy aims to provide a basis for the responsible management of alcohol by Peninsula Camera Club Inc. (PCC), its Management Committee (MC) and its members, in accordance with the provisions of the Liquor Control Act 1988 (the Act).

The club recognises the right of adults to enjoy alcohol in moderation. It is an unfortunate fact that alcohol is widely misused in our society, that the misuse of alcohol is the cause of many social problems, including but not limited to serious illness, injury and social violence.

1. Service of Alcohol

While the club has a number of social events each year and the club **will not serve alcohol** at any of these events, it will however respect the right of responsible adults to bring their own (BYO) alcoholic beverages for consumption with meals.

2. Promoting the Responsible Use of Alcohol

- The club will actively demonstrate its commitment and pro-active attitude relating to the responsible use of alcohol.
- The club and its members will not advertise, promote or serve alcohol to persons under the age of eighteen under any circumstance.
- The club will educate club members and supporters about this alcohol policy.
- The club will never bring alcohol into the place at which they are guests without first seeking permission from the host to do so.
- The club members will ensure that all drinks both alcoholic and non-alcoholic are consumed within the confines of the host's legally appointed area.

3. Intoxicated People

- Intoxicated people will be asked to leave the club's venue.
- Intoxicated people will be refused entry into the club's venue.

4. Underage Drinking

- Alcohol will not be served to persons under the age of 18 years by any club member or guest under any circumstance – this includes parents.
- A member of the MC will request proof of age, where appropriate.
- Only government-issued photographic ID will be accepted.

5. Safe Transport

- The MC shall **encourage** members and visitors to make alternate safe transport arrangements if they are *considered* to exceed the legal limit to drive.
- The Club will encourage the use of designated drivers and discourage the excessive consumption of alcohol.
- Contact telephone numbers for taxi services will be displayed at the entrance.

6. Club Committee Responsibilities

The presence of MC members or an approved manager is essential to ensure policy compliance. Key responsibilities of the duty committee members are to:

- Ensure the informed admission of members and their guests.
- Compliance in respect of persons under 18 years of age on premises/venue.
- Ensuring intoxicated people are asked to leave the premises.
- Ensuring strict compliance in accordance with the key provisions of this policy.
- Meet visiting police or other authority, cooperate and assist with any inquiries.

7. Non-compliance

All club MC members will enforce the alcohol management policy and any non-compliance will be handled according to the following process;

- Explanation of the club policy to the person/people concerned, including identification of the section of the policy not being complied with.
- Continued non-compliance with the policy should be handled by MC members who will use their discretion as to the action taken, which may include asking the person/ people to leave the club facilities or function.

In the event that it comes to the notice of an official MC member that alcohol is being consumed in contravention of this policy, the MC agree to assist where possible implementing the following procedures and action:

- A member of the club's MC will approach the offender and ask them to remove their alcohol and if this request is not followed then the Police will be called.

8. Promoting the “Club Alcohol Management Policy”

The club will promote the alcohol management policy regularly by;

- Distributing a copy to all club members.
- Displaying a copy of the policy on the club web site.
- Periodic announcements to members at functions.

The club recognises the importance of educating club members in the benefits of implementing an alcohol management policy and will endeavour to provide information to assist this process.

9. Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for club operation and that it reflects both community expectations and the provisions of the Act, the policy will be reviewed annually.