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Commissioners inspect and hear from Ararat venues

Ararat's gaming and liquor venues received a visit by Commissioners this week as they joined inspectors on their local inspection rounds.

Commissioners from the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation were in Ararat for the VCGLR's Knowledge Exchange and used the opportunity to take part in our regional compliance operations.

Several venues were visited and found to be compliant with their legislative obligations including liquor signage, Responsible Service of Alcohol registers and were actively monitoring minors attempting to access gaming facilities and electronic betting terminals.

The VCGLR's Compliance Director Stephen Berriman said it was pleasing to see local gaming and liquor venues take their obligations seriously.

"When venues are compliant with their licence conditions and obligations, patrons and the local community can enjoy an evening in and around Ararat's licensed premises in safety," Mr Berriman said.

"Our Commissioners also took the time to talk with licensees and hear about some of the issues gambling and liquor licensees can face in regional areas."

The VCGLR's Knowledge Exchange is a free event with a focus on two-way communication and sharing information and insights with industry, local government and the community on gambling and liquor issues. The Chair and Commissioners met with local licensees, council representatives, community groups and gambling support groups to discuss trends unique to Ararat.

"It's an essential part of our role as a regulator to engage with the gambling and liquor industries and to ensure we educate local licensees and the community. Through events like the Knowledge Exchange, we continue to work with local government and our co-regulators to minimise potential harm to employees, patrons and the community," said VCGLR Chief Executive Officer Catherine Myers.

The Knowledge Exchange is a regular VCGLR event that travels to Victoria's metropolitan and regional areas.

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