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## **HOTELS GEAR UP FOR A CHALLENGING BATHURST 1000**

Bathurst hoteliers are calling on patrons to be respectful and patient as they gear up for a very different operation at this year's Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000.

AHA NSW Director of Liquor and Gaming John Green said pubs will be dealing with changing rules on patron numbers outdoors, tight restrictions on numbers indoors and must still adhere to strict COVIDSafe rules during the town's biggest weekend.

"Both up on the mountain and in venues in town there will be strict limits on the number of people allowed – this will create challenges for licensees," said Mr Green.

"Those spectators allowed on the hill still need to eat at night, as do the race crews so this will be a challenge like no other for licensees"

Mr Green said hotels will also be adjusting to rule changes allowing more patrons outside which come into effect on Friday, 16 October.

"The relaxation on outdoor spaces to 1 patron for every 2 square metres will provide benefits for those venues with outdoor spaces," said Mr Green.

"But those laws only begin Friday, so hoteliers and staff will have to get their heads around exactly what this means for them.

"We're asking patrons to be respectful and patient with our staff. They are doing their best in difficult circumstances so if they ask you to sit down, or put a limit on your meal service period, please comply."

Mr Green will be in Bathurst on Thursday, 15 October visiting with hoteliers who are geared up for the weekend, with extra security, staff and procedures in place to ensure patrons have a good and safe time.

"Despite the difficulties Bathurst hotels are well prepared for the race weekend and there's no better place to call into for a feed and a drink," Mr Green said.

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