

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the shareholders of,  
PALACE HOTEL (HAWTHORN) PTY LTD

### Scope

We have audited the Community Benefits Statement of the Palace Hotel for the year ended 30 June, 2005. The Directors are responsible for the Community Benefit Statement and we have conducted an independent audit of that Community Benefit Statement in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our audit has been conducted under the requirements of section 3.6.9 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 and in accordance with other information as issued from The Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or the statement to which it relates to any person other than the beneficiaries, or for any purpose other than that for which it is prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance that the Community Benefit Statement is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the calculation of amounts and other disclosures in the Community Benefit Statement, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates used. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion on whether, in all material respects, the Community Benefit Statement is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.


The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the Community Benefit Statement in relation to the Palace Hotel presents fairly, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in Australia, and, consistent with the auditor's understanding of sections 3.6.9(2)(a) and (b) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 (the Act) the Palace Hotel (Hawthorn) Pty Ltd's compliance with the Act, in relation to the Palace Hotel for the financial year ended 30 June 2005.



William Buck  
Chartered Accountants



David Ashmore  
Partner

Dated: The 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.