## INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Gerda

PLACE:

**Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)** 

NAME:

Joseph Di Pietrantonio

**ADDRESS:** 

**Known to the ICAC** 

**OCCUPATION:** 

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Serbian Centre Club trading as Bonnyrigg Sports Club

TELEPHONE NO: Known to the ICAC

DATE:

4 February 2020

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- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 62 years of age.
- 3. On 18 November 2019, I commenced as the Chief Executive Officer of the Serbian Centre Club trading as Bonnyrigg Sports Club ('the Club') at 610 Elizabeth Drive Bonnyrigg, Sydney, New South Wales. I am responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Club, as well as maintaining its business records.

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- 4. I have been asked by ICAC Investigators to provide information in relation to the club's Board of Directors and membership. I have also been asked about links (if any) the club has with a Melbourne based amusement game supplier, Zax Amusements.
- 5. The club has a Board of Directors, President and a membership. The Board consists of nine Board members, who are responsible to represent the members in the planning and business affairs of the club. The President is a Board Member who is responsible for chairing the meetings and being the representative of the Club. The Club management staff report to me and I report to the Board.
- 6. I have reviewed the business records of the club, and could not identify any records of any person called 'Boris' as having held the position of President of the Club. There was however, a Boris Beleuski, who was General Manager of the Club in 2004-5. I am unaware of any other 'Boris' who has worked at the club in management from 2015 onward or who is / was a senior member of the club.
- 7. The club's Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the purchase of poker / gaming machines within approved Board's authorised budgets in accordance with the legislative entitlements of the Club. The Club is only entitled to have specified number of gaming machines (entitlements) at any one point in time, we can replace old machines with new machines, but we can't purchase additional machines without obtaining approval from the NSW Liquor and Gaming, and this is only possible if and when gaming entitlements are on the market and available for sale / purchase.

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- 8. The club normally purchases gaming machines from the major licenced poker machine manufacturers and suppliers such as Aristocrat, IGT, Ainsworth, etc. These are international companies but we always use the local offices in Sydney, NSW. The club is able to negotiate on the purchase price of a machine, however the manufacturers are fairly set on price, and we can only get some discounts if we purchase a larger number of machines. The club does not use Zax Amusements as a supplier, I have never heard of them.
- 9. According to the club's records Emir Balicevac and Tejan (or Dejan) Velickovic are not recorded as current members of the club.

Joseph Di Pietrantonio