

Ombudsman reveals huge drinks bill hidden behind “room hire”

Product Code	Description	PLU	Qty	Unit Price	Total Inc
Table/TAB: 18 Date/Time: 06/09/2018 10:18:55 PM Terminal: 102 - 6077 - RESTAURAI Clerk: 0 - System Administrator					
10300	Pale Ale Schooner	10300	1	\$8.50	\$8.50 1
10303	Pale Ale \$6 Schooner	10303	1	\$6.00	\$6.00 1
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1008	dumpling basket	1008	1	\$16.50	\$16.50 1
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101	Cascade Light Stubby	101	1	\$6.50	\$6.50 1
10303	Pale Ale \$6 Schooner	10303	1	\$6.00	\$6.00 1
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10303	Pale Ale \$6 Schooner	10303	1	\$6.00	\$6.00 1
10303	Pale Ale \$6 Schooner	10303	1	\$6.00	\$6.00 1
213	G Rose	213	1	\$8.00	\$8.00 1
1111	Dinner Special one	1111	1	\$26.00	\$26.00 1
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1106	Pork Belly	1106	1	\$34.00	\$34.00 1
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10379	Korean Chick	10379	1	\$26.50	\$26.50 1
1325	Sallys Paddock Cab	1325	1	\$125.00	\$125.00 1
10303	Pale Ale \$6 Schooner	10303	1	\$6.00	\$6.00 1
1322	The REDMAN	1322	1	\$115.00	\$115.00 1
213	G Rose	213	1	\$8.00	\$8.00 1
313	Canadian Club	313	1	\$9.50	\$9.50 1
10287	Ginger Ale	10287	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
1305	Cheese Plate	1305	1	\$18.50	\$18.50 1
213	G Rose	213	1	\$8.00	\$8.00 1
313	Canadian Club	313	1	\$9.50	\$9.50 1
10287	Ginger Ale	10287	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
1346	Good Doctor Tannat cab shiraz	1346	1	\$85.00	\$85.00 1
313	Canadian Club	313	1	\$9.50	\$9.50 1
10287	Ginger Ale	10287	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
352	Bombay Gin	352	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
352	Bombay Gin	352	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
374	Frangelico	374	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
374	Frangelico	374	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
805	Fiat White	805	1	\$4.00	\$4.00 1
352	Bombay Gin	352	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
352	Bombay Gin	352	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
374	Frangelico	374	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
374	Frangelico	374	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
352	Bombay Gin	352	1	\$10.00	\$10.00 1
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					\$736.50

Carol

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More from Ombudsman's report: ROOM HIRE #1:

At last we know the truth [behind the first of two “room hires”](#) at Lady Bay Hotel, this one on 6 Sept 2018.

The ‘room hire’ was not room hire at all, but in fact an unofficial thankyou party for a council staff member, organised by former tourism head David McMahon and paid for on his credit card.

The invoice was a foil to hide a drinks bill of \$538.50 that

included three bottles of red wine for a total cost of \$325. (Food made up the total bill of \$736.50).

According to the Ombudsman's report, City Growth Manager Andrew Paton and Director Corporate Strategies Peter Utri both attended this function and offered to pay their share as they did not consider it work related.

Mr McMahon had a different view: " I can't speak for them, but I went there under the full knowledge that this was a work 'thank you' function. I don't remember anyone having a discussion ..."

Mr McMahon's lawyer had a similar view and told the Ombudsman's investigation:

"[David McMahon] was asked to arrange a thank you dinner by his employer for a staff member. There was never any discussion about payment. His employer attended the dinner. There was no offer to pay or contribute to the bill."

The second "room hire", as it turns out, was also a euphemism for a huge drinks bill.

I will post that in a moment. (My head is swooning at the lies.)