



NSW Club Operational Benchmarking & Gaming

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NSW 60 Large Club Groups Financial Benchmarking Study 2019 & 2020

Revenue, earnings, balance sheet



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The Club model - 2019



GAMING
\$73



BAR
\$11



CATERING
\$13



OTHER
\$3



GAMING SURPLUS
\$40 (55%)



BAR SURPLUS
\$2 (18%)



CATERING SURPLUS
<\$1 (3%)



OTHER
\$3



FRONT OF HOUSE GP
\$46 (46%)



OVERHEADS
\$27 (27%)



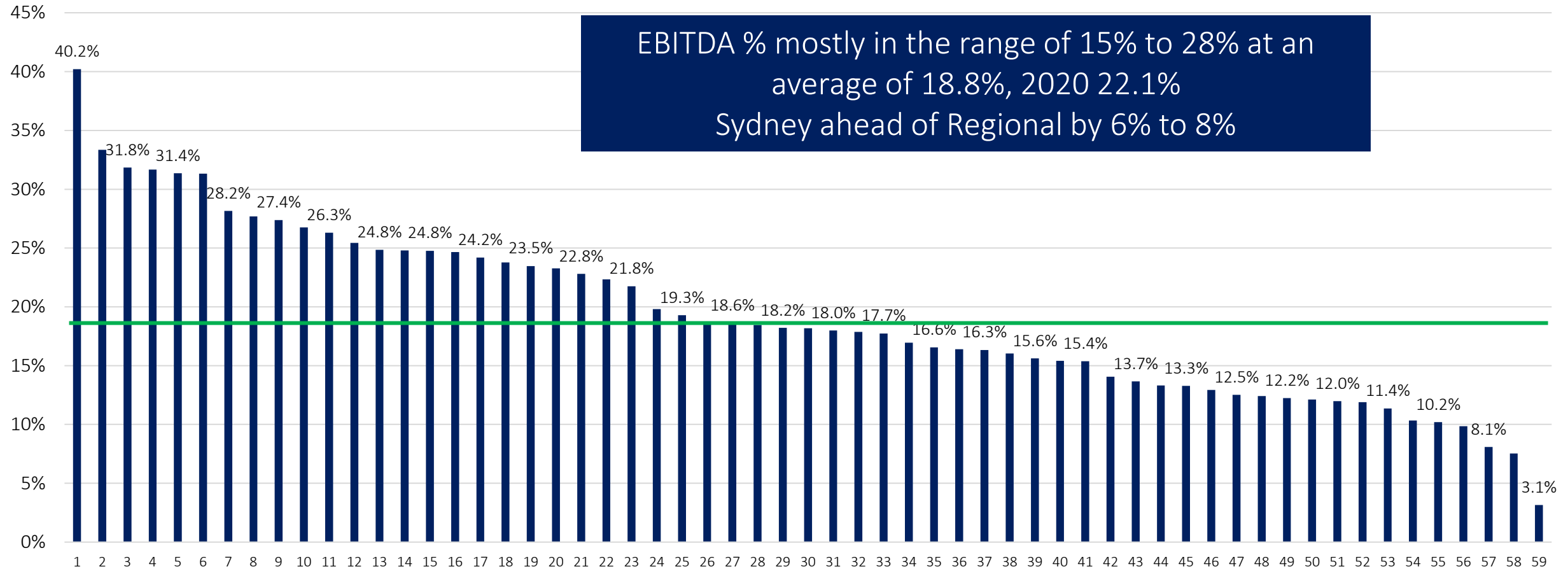
EBITDA
\$19 (19%)



EBITDA per Group dropped from
\$8.55M (at 18.8%) in 2019 to \$8.16M
(at 22.1%) in 2020

EBITDA is profit before interest, tax,
depreciation, amortisation

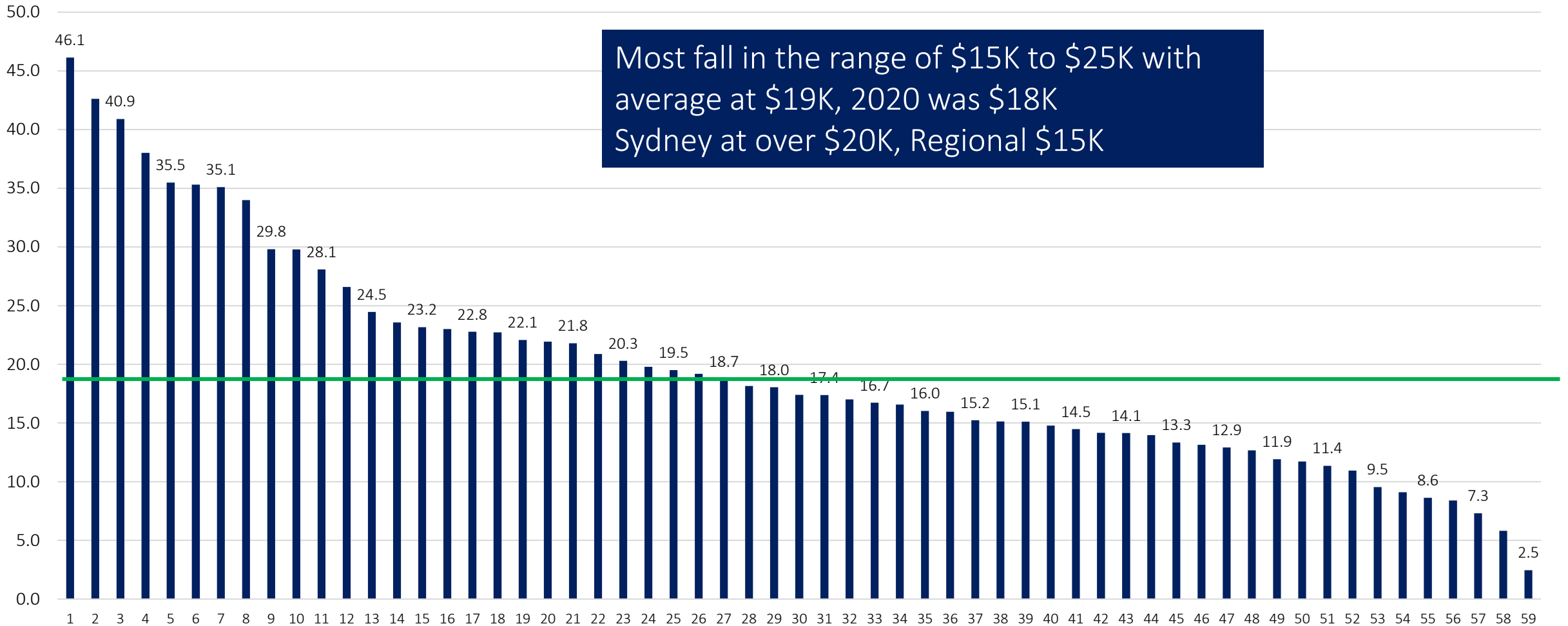
EBITDA % spread - 2019



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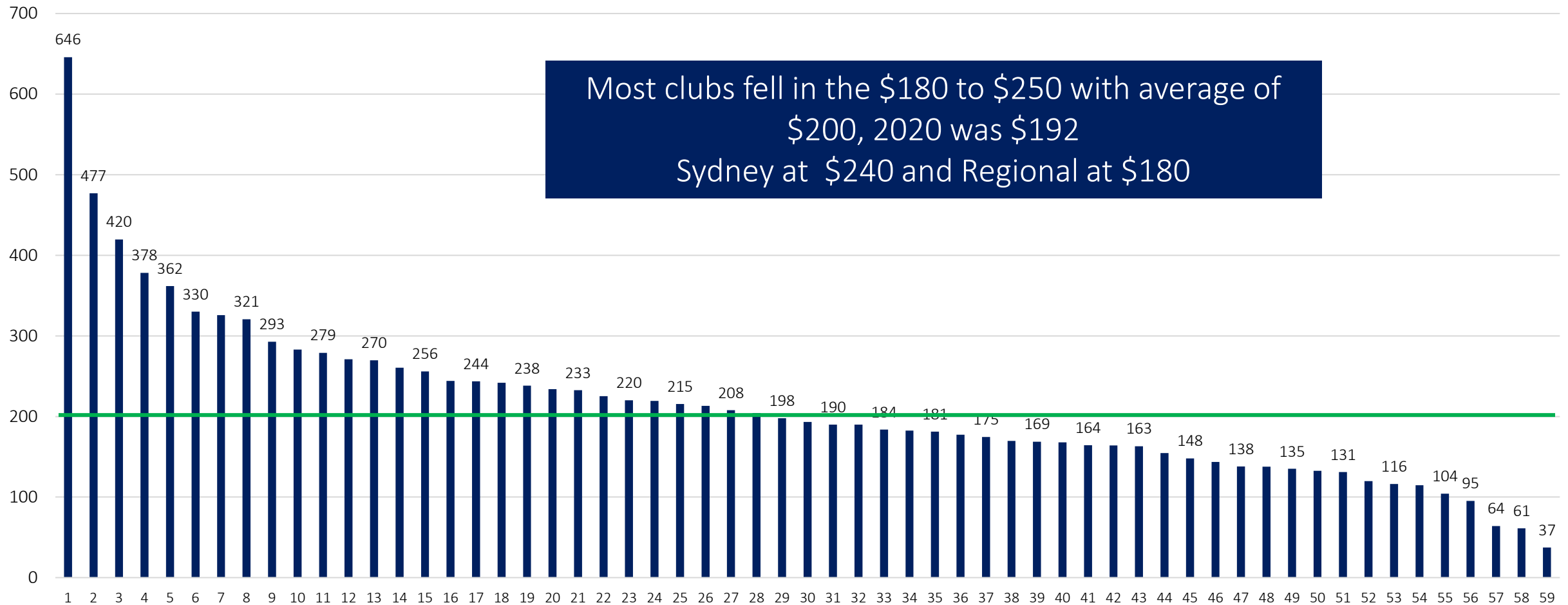
EBITDA per machine - 2019



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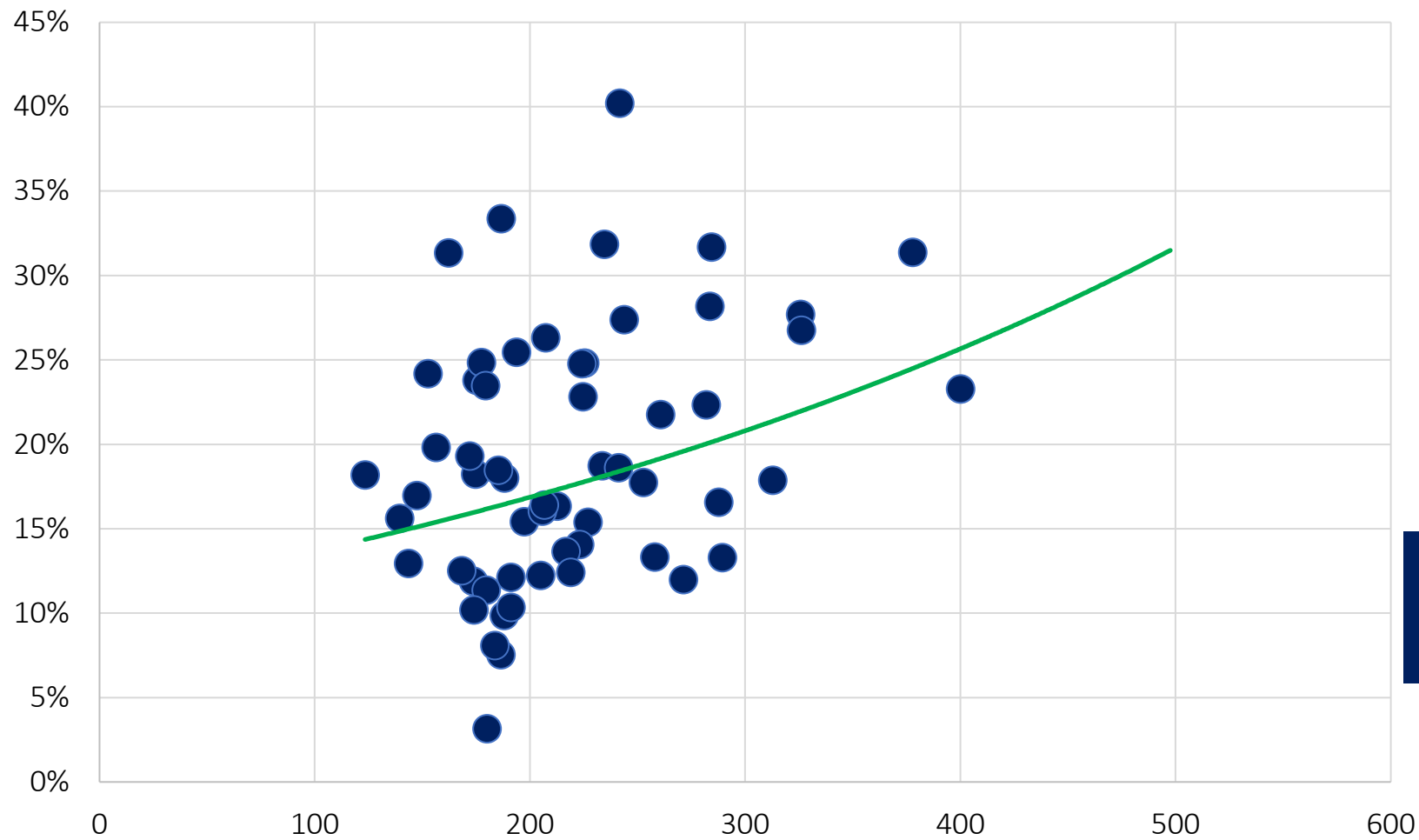
EBITDA per member - 2019



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Correlation EBITDA & ADR

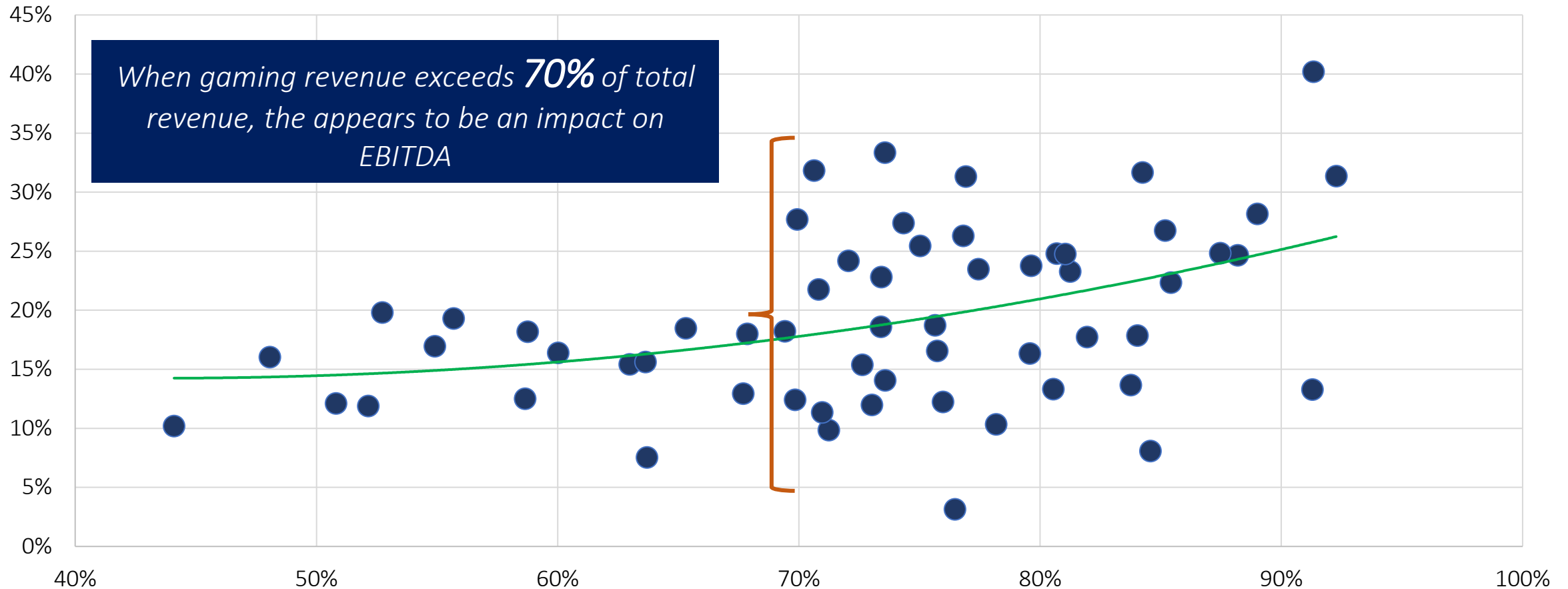


| ADR | EBITDA% |
|-----|---------|
| 150 | 15.7% |
| 200 | 17.7% |
| 250 | 19.7% |
| 300 | 21.7% |
| 350 | 23.7% |
| 400 | 25.7% |

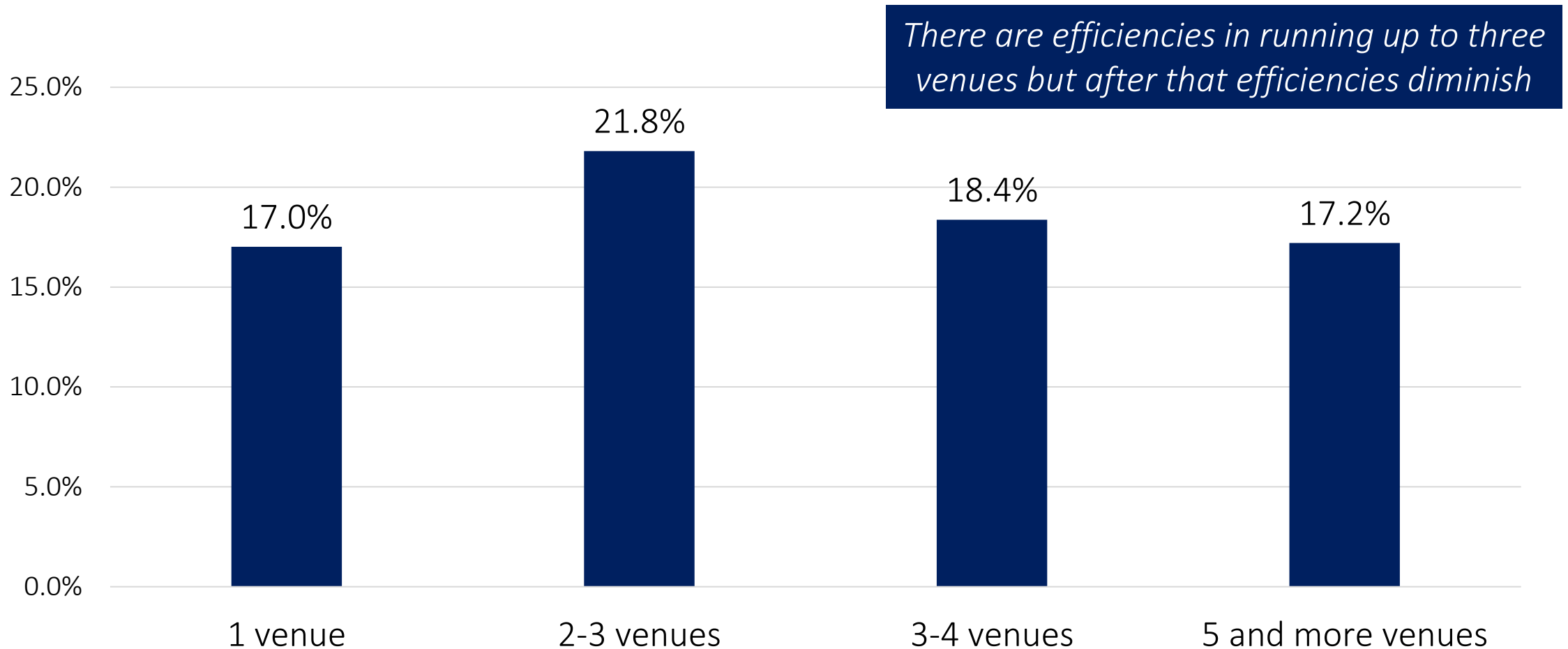
For every \$50 increase in ADR, EBITDA% increases by 2%

Correlation EBITDA & % gaming rev - 2019

EBITDA % Operational Revenue



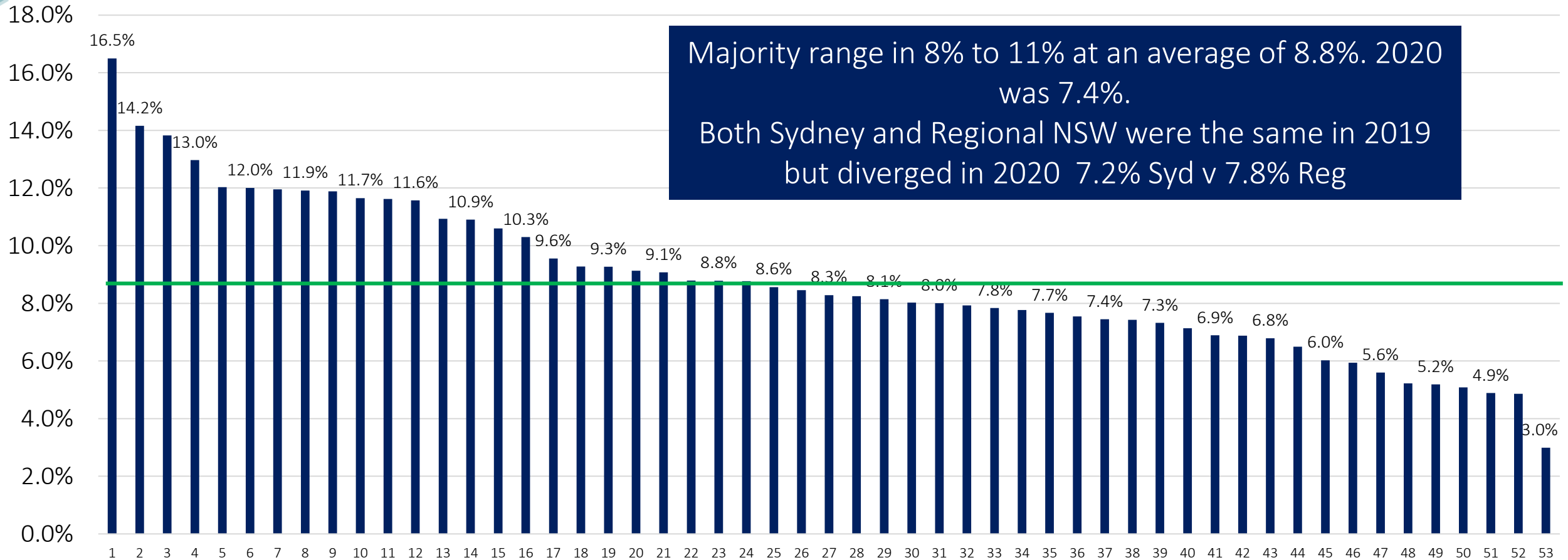
EBITDA by number of venues



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AEMP – 2019

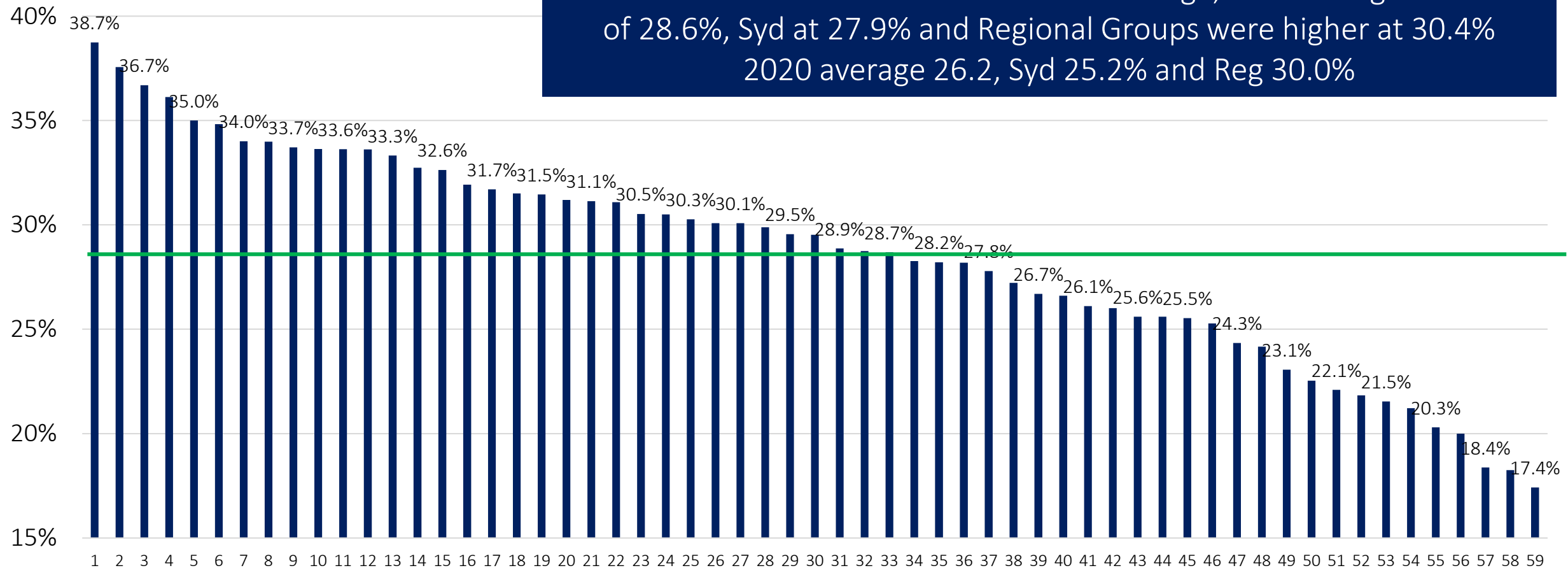


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Total Remuneration costs % Rev – 2019

Most are in the 25% to low 30% range, with average of 28.6%, Syd at 27.9% and Regional Groups were higher at 30.4%
2020 average 26.2, Syd 25.2% and Reg 30.0%





O/head cost items - % total revenue

| | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Repairs and maintenance | 2.17% | 2.67% |
| Power costs | 2.10% | 2.38% |
| Cleaning costs | 1.75% | 1.80% |
| Security costs | 1.41% | 1.40% |
| Insurances | 0.86% | 0.92% |
| Professional fees & audit | 0.34% | 0.38% |



EBITDA profile by EBITDA range 2019

| | High 25% and over | Mid 18% - 25% | Low below 18% |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Groups (number in segment) | 16 | 17 | 26 |
| Venues (number in segment) | 28 | 44 | 61 |
| Machines (operational in segment) | 6,015 | 8,339 | 12,399 |
| Members (in segment) | 0.635 | 0.806 | 1.090 |
| ADR \$ | \$265 | \$223 | \$207 |
| Gaming revenue % | 81.1% | 74.1% | 69.8% |
| F&B revenue % | 13.4% | 20.1% | 23.3% |
| Other revenue % | 5.6% | 5.8% | 6.9% |
| Total revenue % | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| F&B GP % | 57.9% | 54.9% | 61.7% |
| AEMP % | 9.1% | 7.4% | 6.8% |
| Remuneration costs % | 24.5% | 24.9% | 31.0% |
| EBITDA % | 28.8% | 20.3% | 13.0% |
| EBITDA per member \$ | \$297 | \$210 | \$145 |
| EBITDA per machine \$ | \$31,323 | \$20,312 | \$12,747 |

Region v Sydney profile 2019 & 2020

| | Regional '19 | Regional '20 | Sydney '19 | Sydney '20 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Groups | 17 | 17 | 42 | 42 |
| Venues | 39 | 39 | 94 | 94 |
| Machines | 6,473 | 6,521 | 20,280 | 20,258 |
| Members millions | 0.567 | 0.571 | 1.964 | 1.941 |
| ADR \$ | \$171 | \$192 | \$242 | \$250 |
| Gaming revenue % | 63.7% | 66.5% | 76.6% | 79.6% |
| F&B revenue % | 28.2% | 25.7% | 17.7% | 15.6% |
| Other revenue % | 8.1% | 7.8% | 5.7% | 4.8% |
| Total revenue % | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| F&B GP % | 64.5% | 63.3% | 56.6% | 55.1% |
| AEMP % | 8.8% | 7.2% | 8.8% | 7.8% |
| Remuneration costs % | 30.4% | 30.0% | 27.9% | 25.2% |
| EBITDA % | 14.3% | 14.9% | 20.4% | 24.6% |

What are the benchmarks for NSW clubs?

| NSW club benchmarks 2020 | Regional | NSW - Great | NSW - Medium | NSW - some Improvement |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Gaming | | | | |
| ADR | \$190 or higher | \$280 or higher | \$250 | \$180 or lower |
| Gaming revenue % | 68% or higher | 80% or higher | 75% | 60% or lower |
| Gaming promo/loyalty/comps | 5% or lower | 4% or lower | 5% | 6% or higher |
| Gaming wages (exc on-costs) | 5% or lower | 4% or lower | 5% | 6% or higher |
| Bar | | | | |
| COGS | 37% or lower | 34% or lower | 36% | 38% or higher |
| Bar wages (exc on-costs) | 23% or lower | 20% or lower | 22% | 24% or higher |
| Main dining and café | | | | |
| COGS | 37% or lower | 34% or lower | 36% | 38% or higher |
| Food wages (exc on-costs) | 46% or lower | 42% or lower | 45% | 48% or higher |
| Functions | | | | |
| COGS beverage | 35% or lower | 32% or lower | 34% | 36% or higher |
| COGS food | 35% or lower | 32% or lower | 34% | 36% or higher |
| Function wages (exc on-costs) | 44% or lower | 40% or lower | 43% | 46% or higher |
| Overheads | | | | |
| AEMP venue wide | 4.7% | 4.0% | 4.5% | 5.0% |
| Repairs and maintenance | 2.5% | 2.2% | 2.4% | 2.7% |
| Power costs | 2.4% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 2.4% |
| Cleaning costs | 1.9% | 1.7% | 1.8% | 2.0% |
| Security costs | 1.6% | 1.4% | 1.5% | 1.6% |
| Insurances | 1.1% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.1% |
| Professional fees and audit | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.5% |
| Overhead wages and oncosts | 13.7% | 12.0% | 13.0% | 14.0% |
| Other overheads | 1.6% | 1.2% | 1.5% | 1.8% |
| Total overheads | 29.7% | 25.8% | 28.3% | 31.0% |
| Overall business measures: | | | | |
| EBITDA | 18.5% or higher | 25% or higher | 20% | 17% or lower |
| Total remuneration | 28% or lower | 24% or lower | 27% | 30% or higher |
| Total AEMP | 7% or lower | 8% or lower | 9% | 10% or higher |
| Members per machine | 90 | 110 | 95 | 85 |
| EBITDA per member | \$190 | \$300 | \$210 | \$150 |
| EBITDA per machine | \$18,000 | \$32,000 | \$21,000 | \$13,000 |

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Benchmarking Summary

- EBITDA on revenues ran at 18.8% Pre COVID, increased to 22.1% in 2020
- Sydney Groups are achieving better EBITDA levels than Regional NSW Groups with higher ADR levels
- Key differences in costs
 - AEMP went from 8.8% to 7.4%, REM 28.6% to 26.6%
 - But other overheads were harder to adjust down in 2020
- EBITDA is boosted when gaming revenue is over 70%
- Extra \$50 ADR → +2% in EBITDA
- 3+ venues are harder to maintain efficiencies on EBITDA

NSW Gaming Trends

2017 to 2021 - 5 Years of Data
Reported as Calendar Years
2 Years of COVID impact



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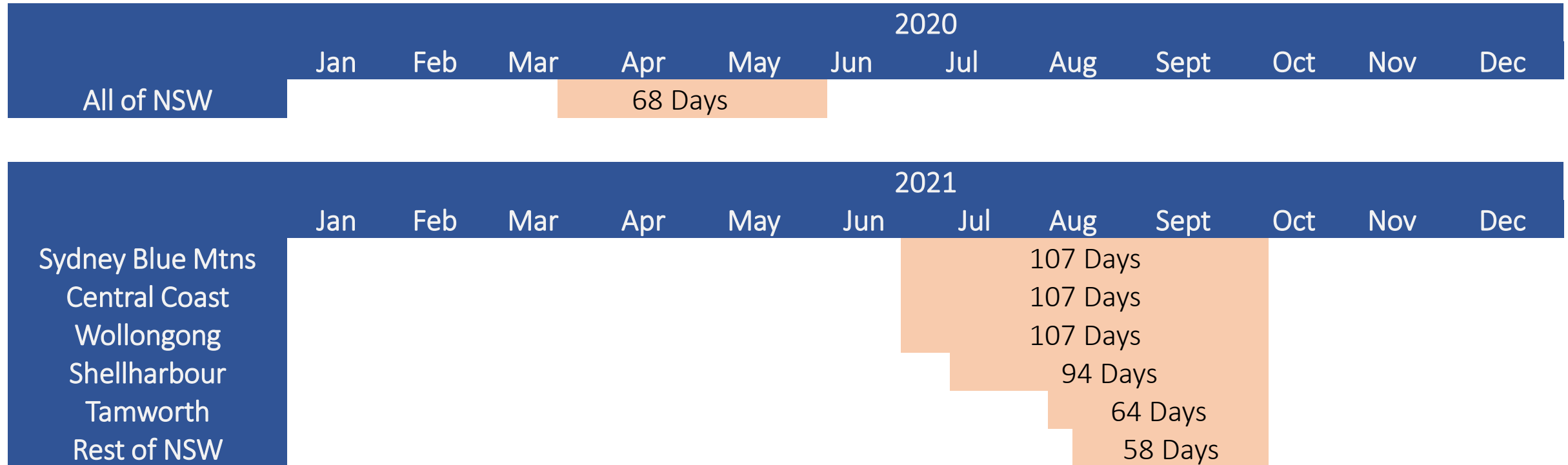
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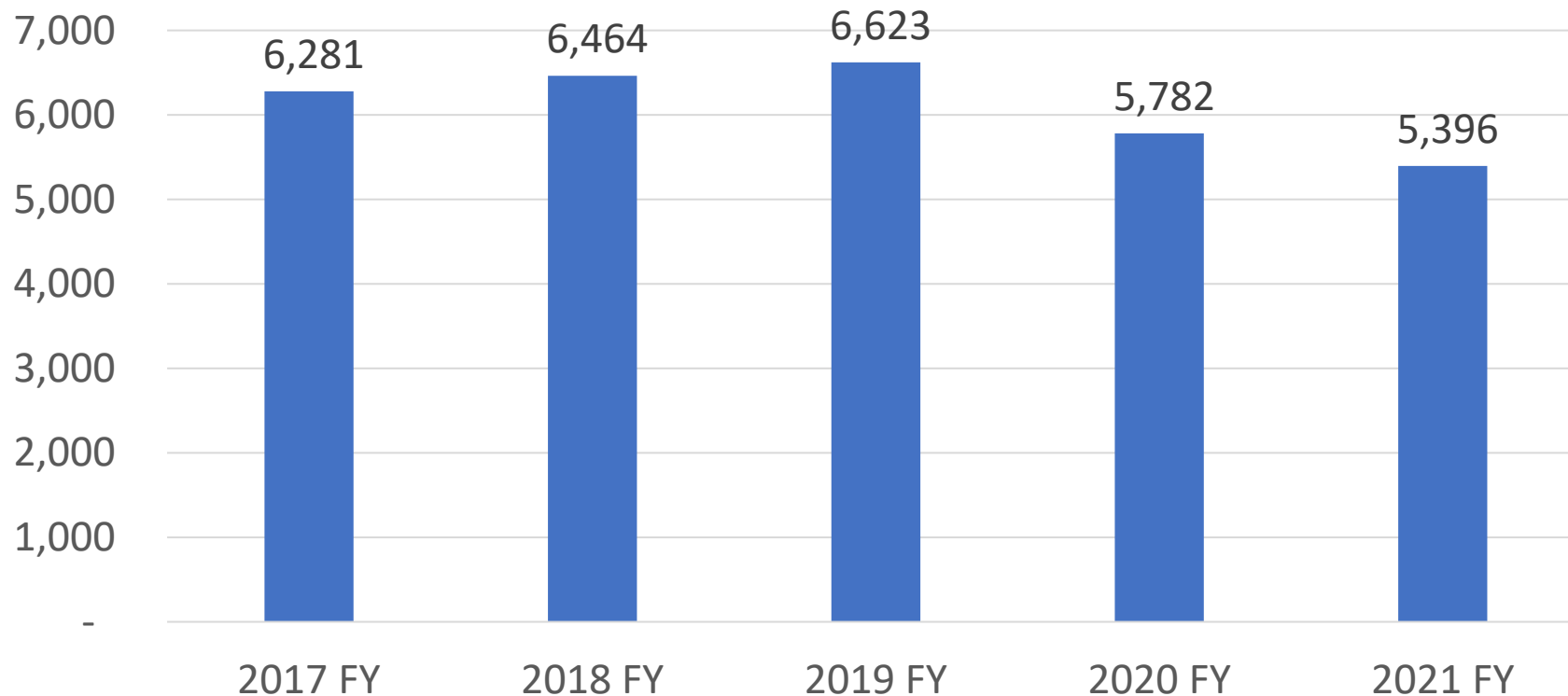
COVID Closure Dates NSW 2020 and 2021

For ADR calculations we have adjusted for days closed



Clubs & Hotels - Total NSW Annual Gaming Trend

Total NSW Clubs Hotels Gaming Net Profit
Full Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



● Growth of 2.5-2.9% prior to COVID

● 2020 COVID drove 12.7% decline

● 2021 COVID drove a further decline of 6.7% vs 2020

● 2021 18.5% decline vs 2019

| 2018 FY | 2019 FY | 2020 FY | 2021 FY |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| +2.9% | +2.5% | -12.7% | -6.7% |

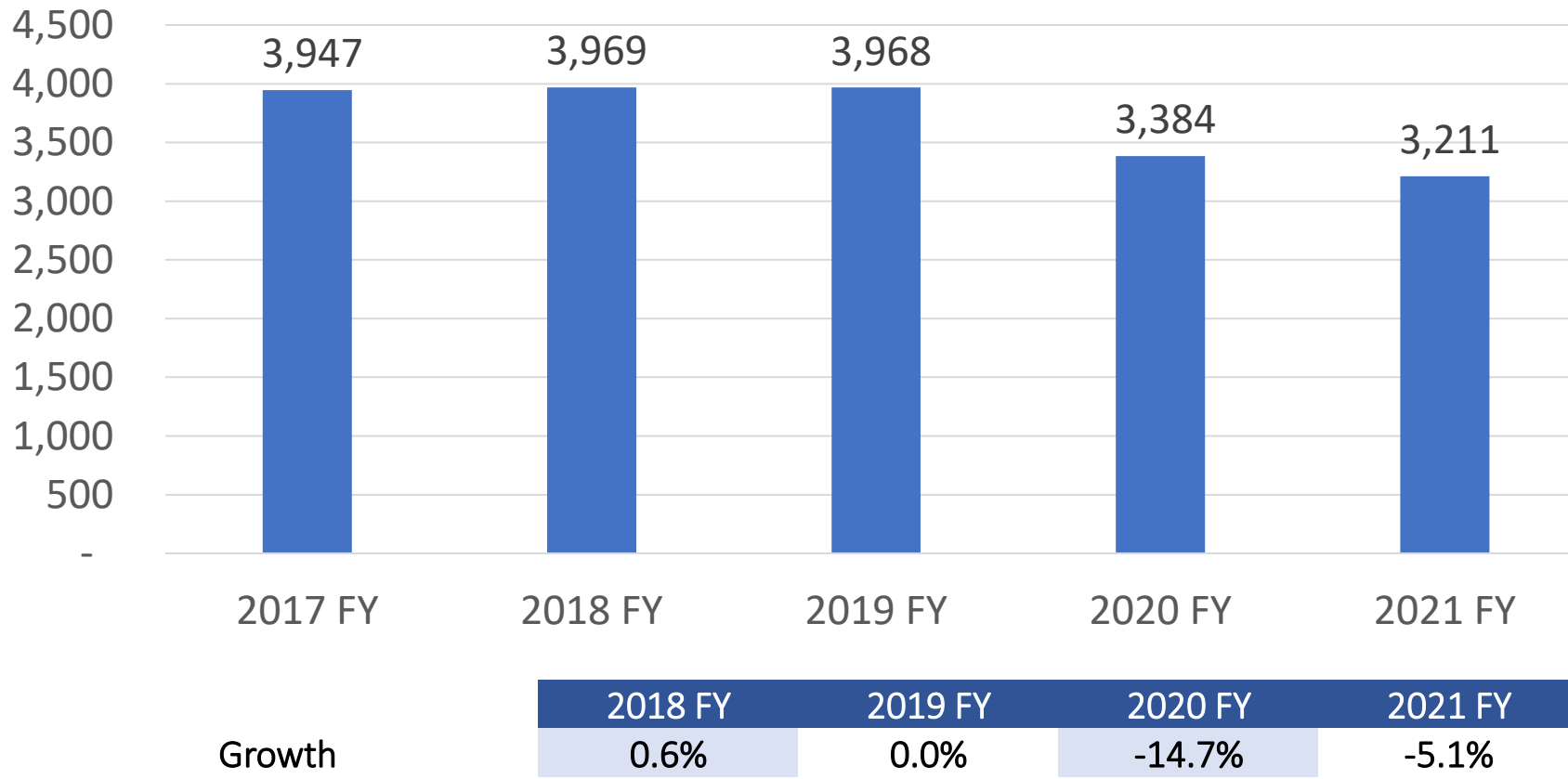
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Clubs Total NSW Net Gaming Profit Trend

Total NSW Clubs Gaming Net Profit
Full Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



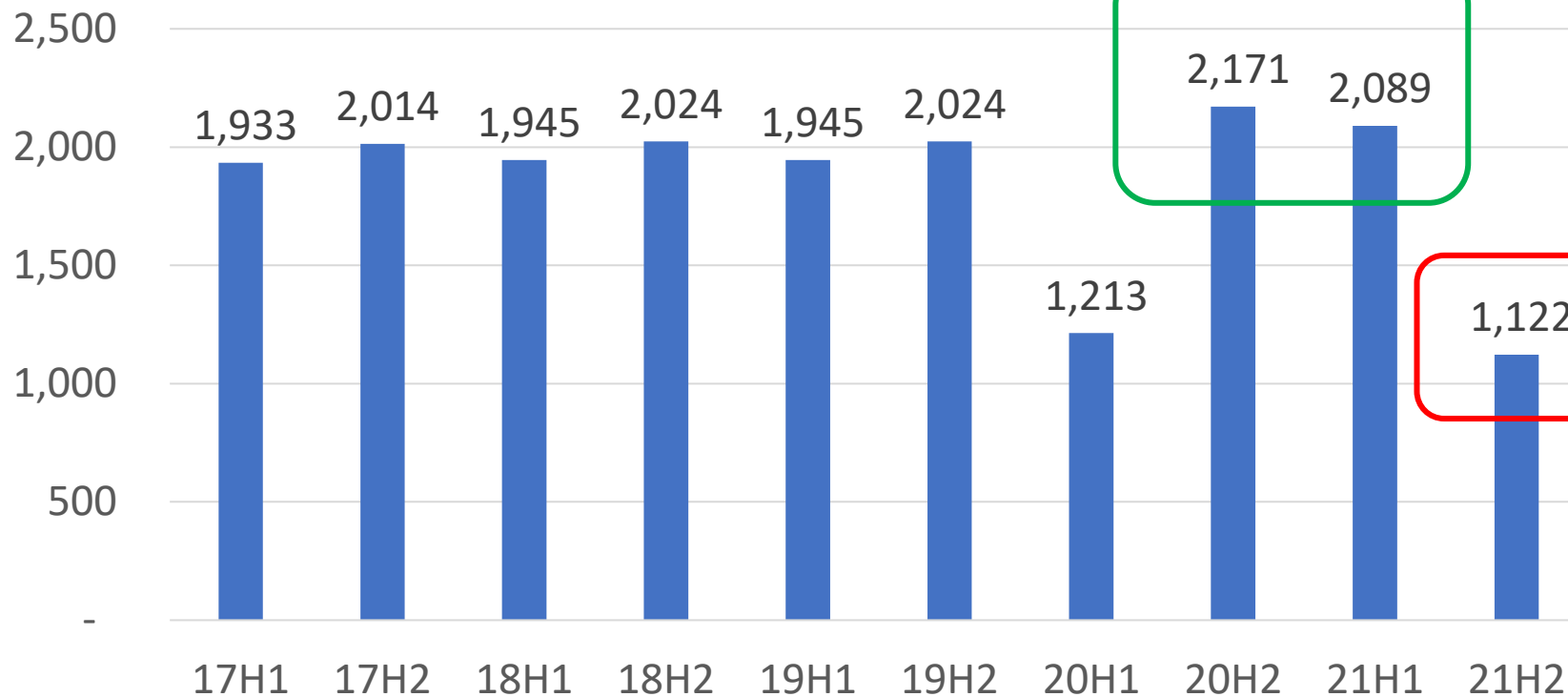
🌐 Marginal growth of 0%-0.6% prior to COVID

🌐 2020 COVID Drove 14.7% decline

🌐 2021 COVID drove further decline of 5.1%

Clubs Total NSW 6 Monthly Gaming Net Profit

Total NSW Clubs Gaming Net Profit
Half Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



● Growth of 0% to 0.6%% Pre-COVID

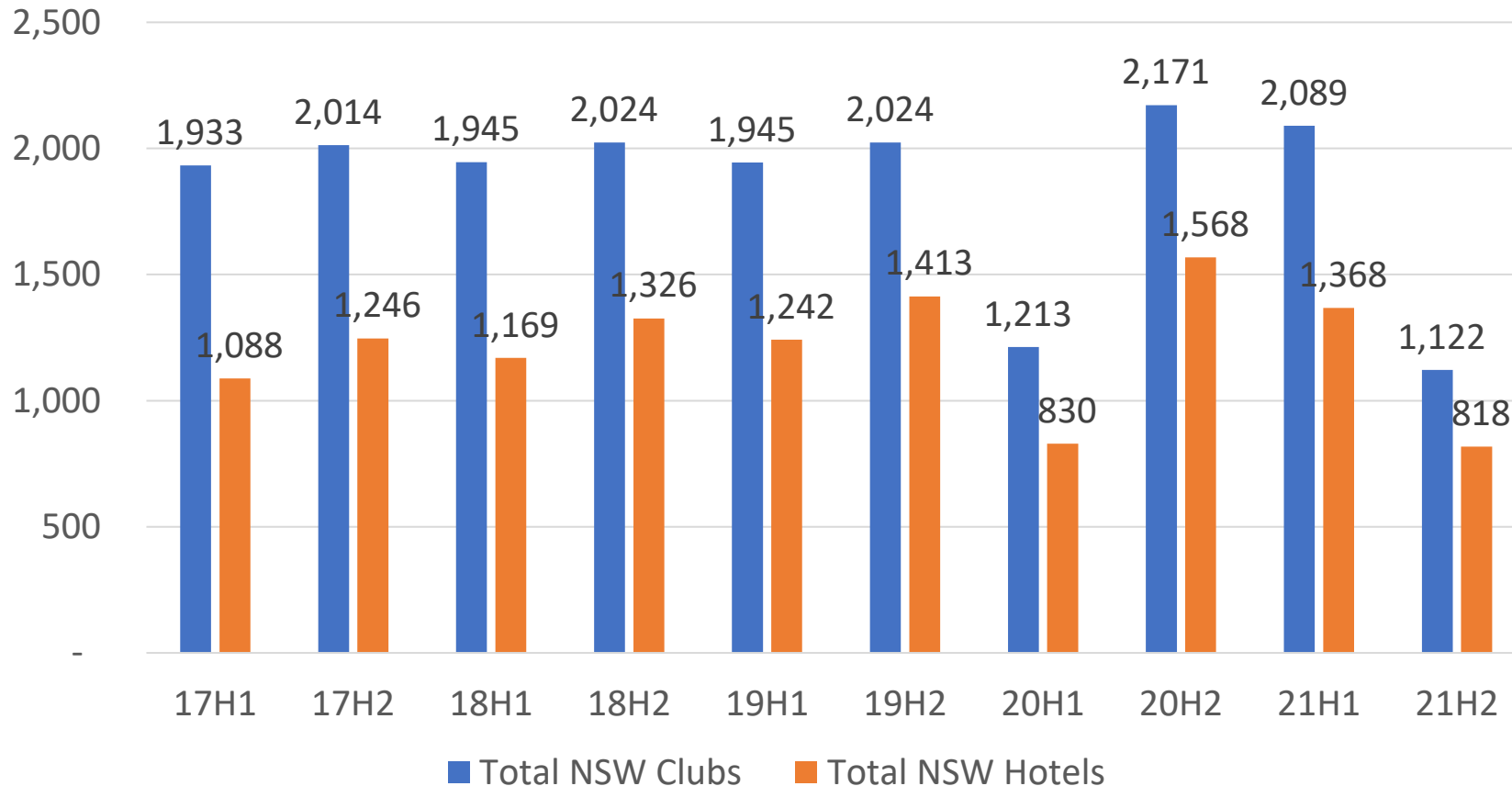
● Record 6 monthly highs in 20H2 & 21H1

● 21H2 significantly impacted by COVID -48% vs year ago

| | 18H1 | 18H2 | 19H1 | 19H2 | 20H1 | 20H2 | 21H1 | 21 H2 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|------|-------|--------|
| Growth | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -37.6% | 7.3% | 72.3% | -48.3% |

Total NSW Clubs & Hotels 6 Monthly Gaming Trend

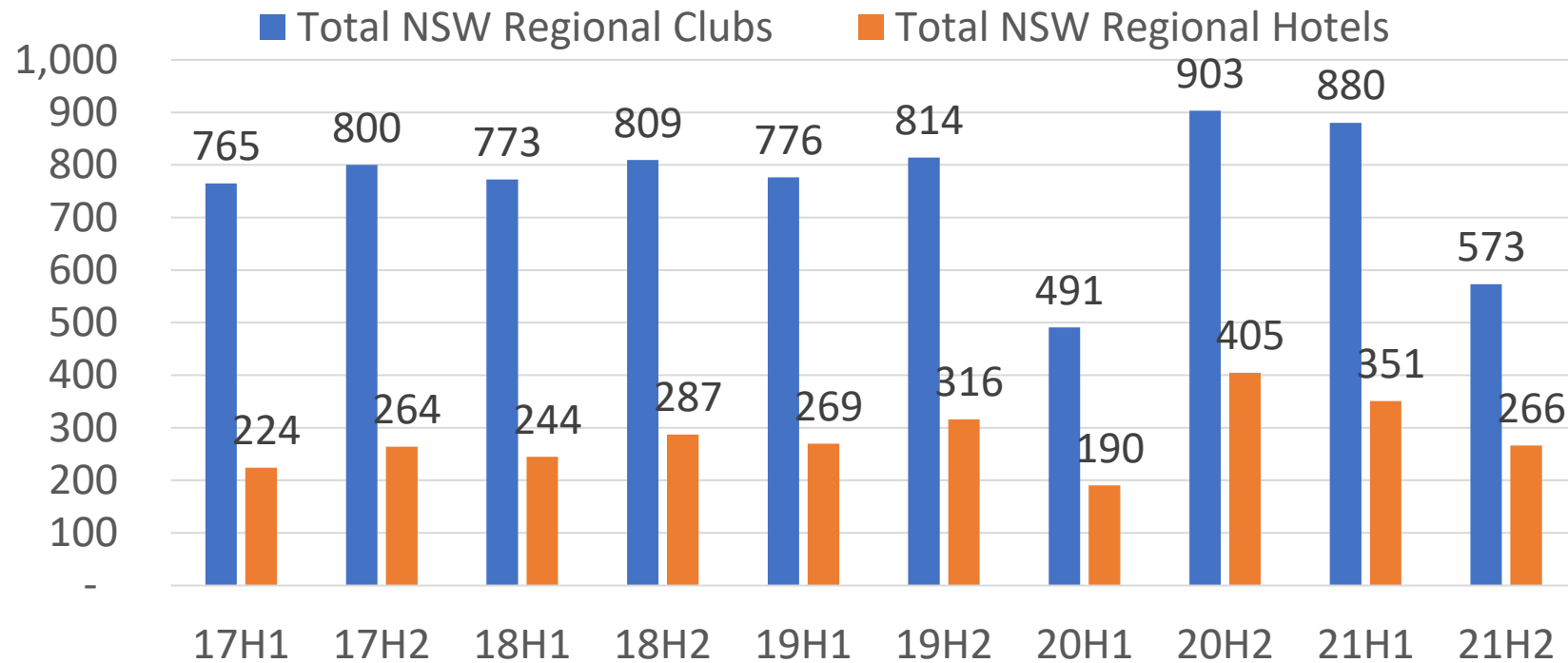
Total NSW Clubs vs Hotels Gaming Net Profit
Half Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



- Prior to COVID clubs were stable while hotels were growing at 6% to 7%
- Clubs and hotels both had strong 6 monthly periods in between the lockdowns
- 21H2 vs 19H2 clubs were down 45% while hotels were down 42%

Regional NSW Clubs & Hotels 6 Monthly Gaming Trend

Regional NSW Clubs vs Hotels Gaming Net Profit
Half Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



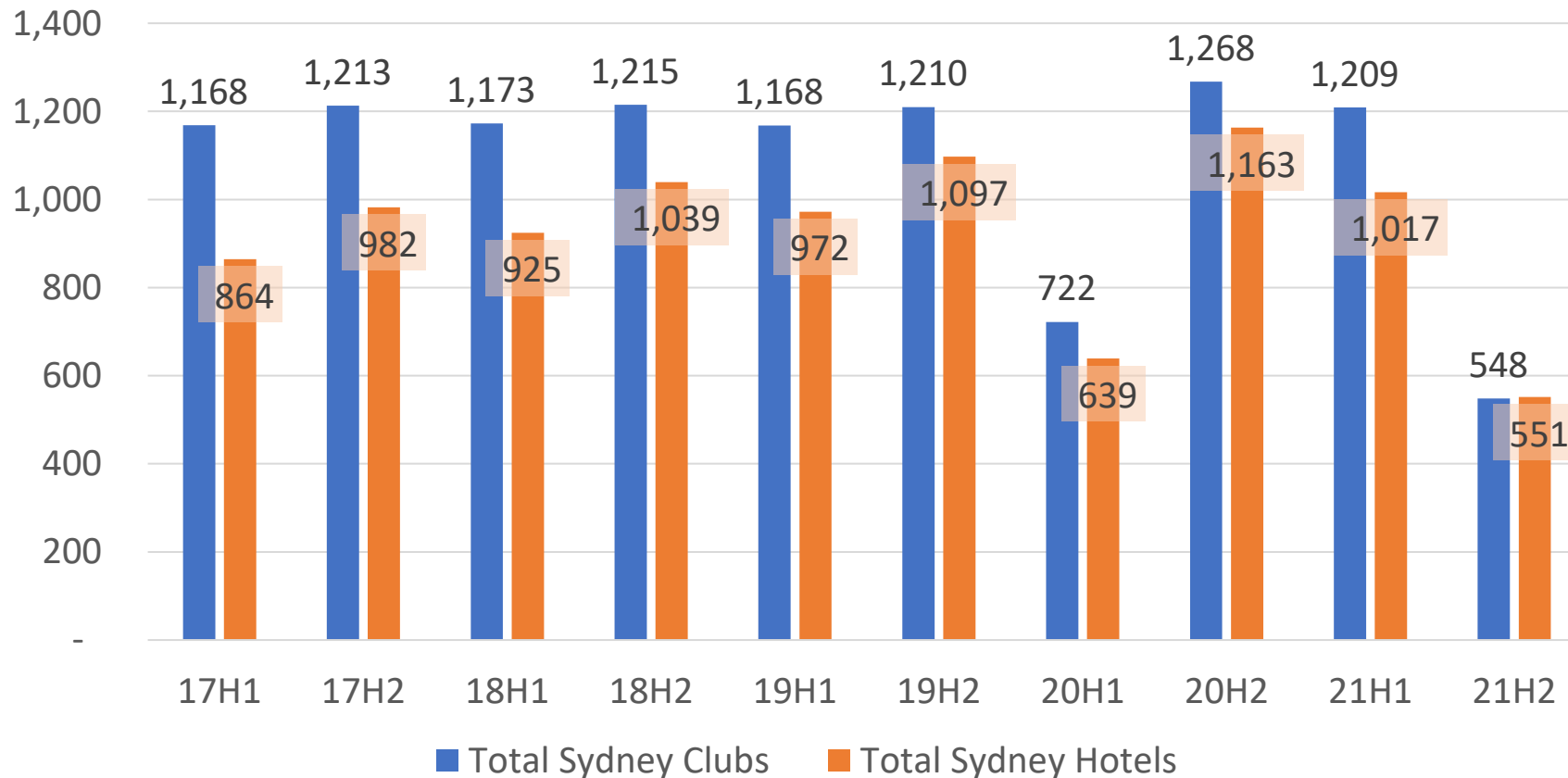
• Prior to COVID Regional clubs were flat while hotels were growing at 9% to 10%

• Clubs and hotels consecutive record 6 monthly periods in between the lockdowns

• 2021 lockdown less severe than 2020 likely showing member resilience after reopening

Sydney Clubs & Hotels 6 Monthly Gaming Trend

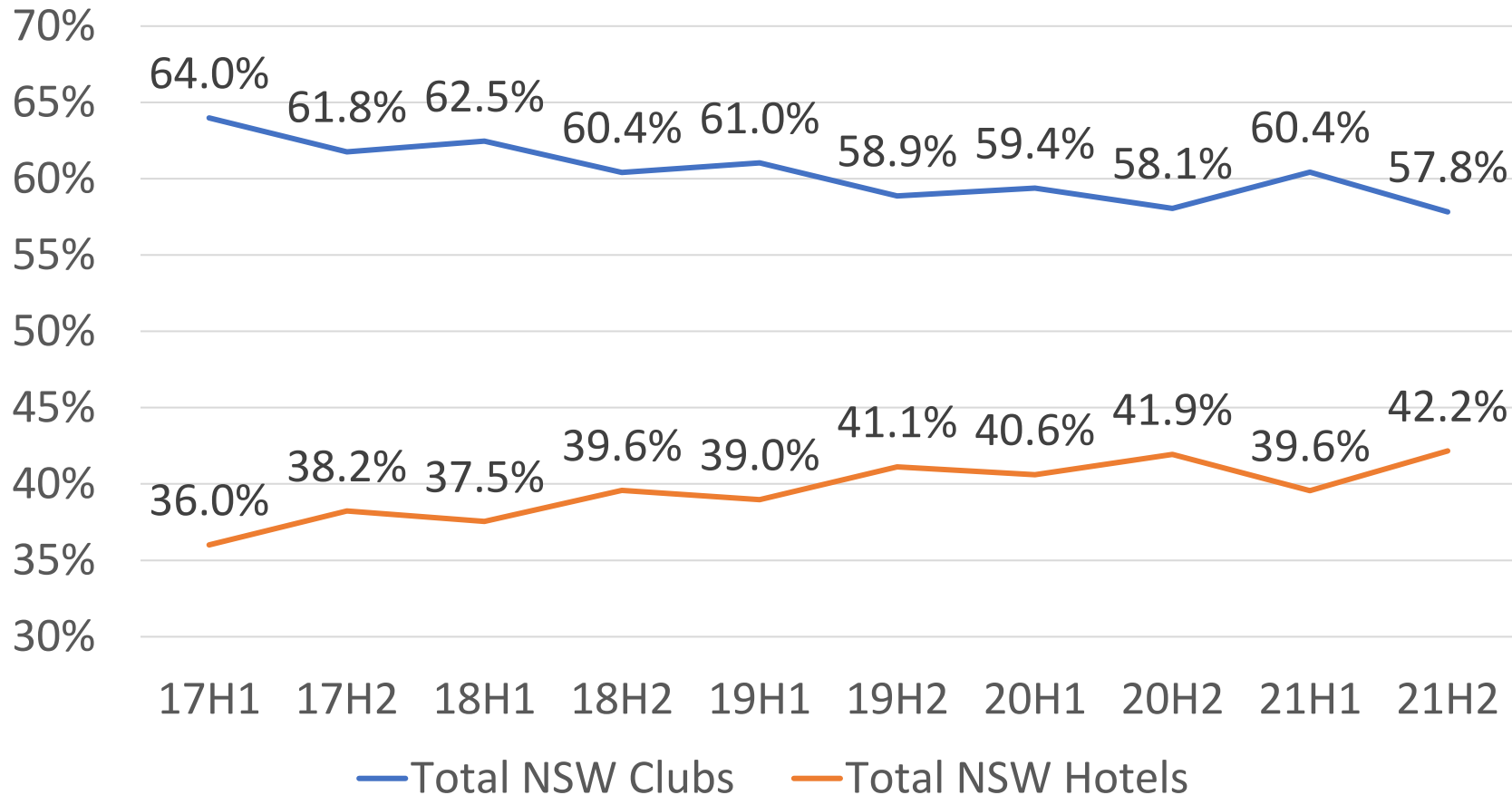
Sydney Clubs vs Hotels Gaming Net Profit
Half Years 2017 to 2021 \$M



- Prior to COVID Sydney clubs were flat while hotels were growing at 5% to 7%
- Clubs had consecutive record 6 monthly periods in between the lockdowns
- Hotels had a record half in 20H2 but fell in H2 2021
- 2021 lockdown longer 107 days so more severe than 2020

Total NSW Market Share Clubs vs Hotels

Market Share Total NSW Clubs Vs Hotels



Steady trend of clubs losing share to hotels, 6% share lost in 5 years

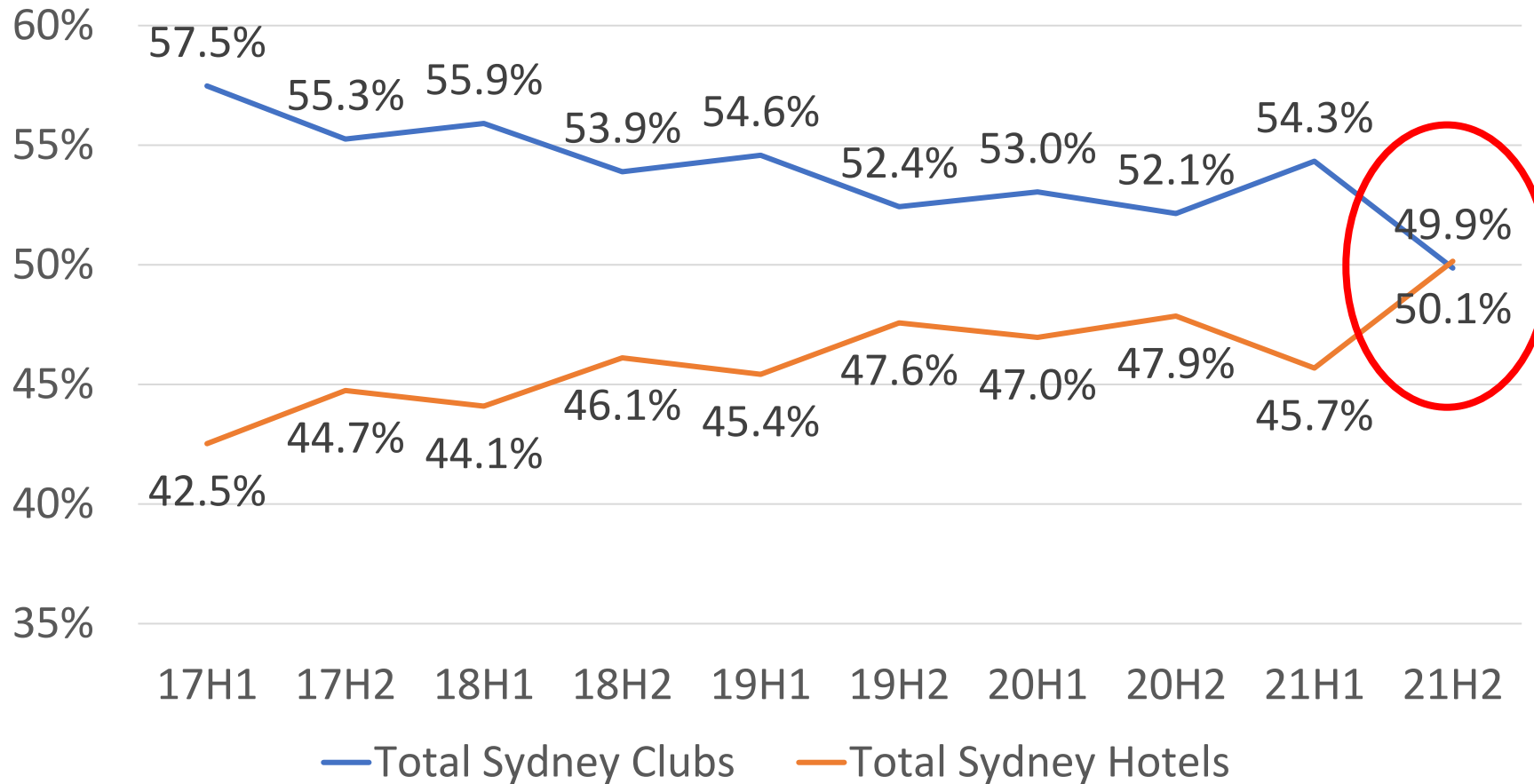
Every 1% market share is \$66M in revenue

Increase of club's market share in 2021 H1 reversed in 2022 H2

Continuation of this trend for 5 more years would see a loss of \$330m from clubs to hotels

Sydney Market Share Clubs vs Hotels

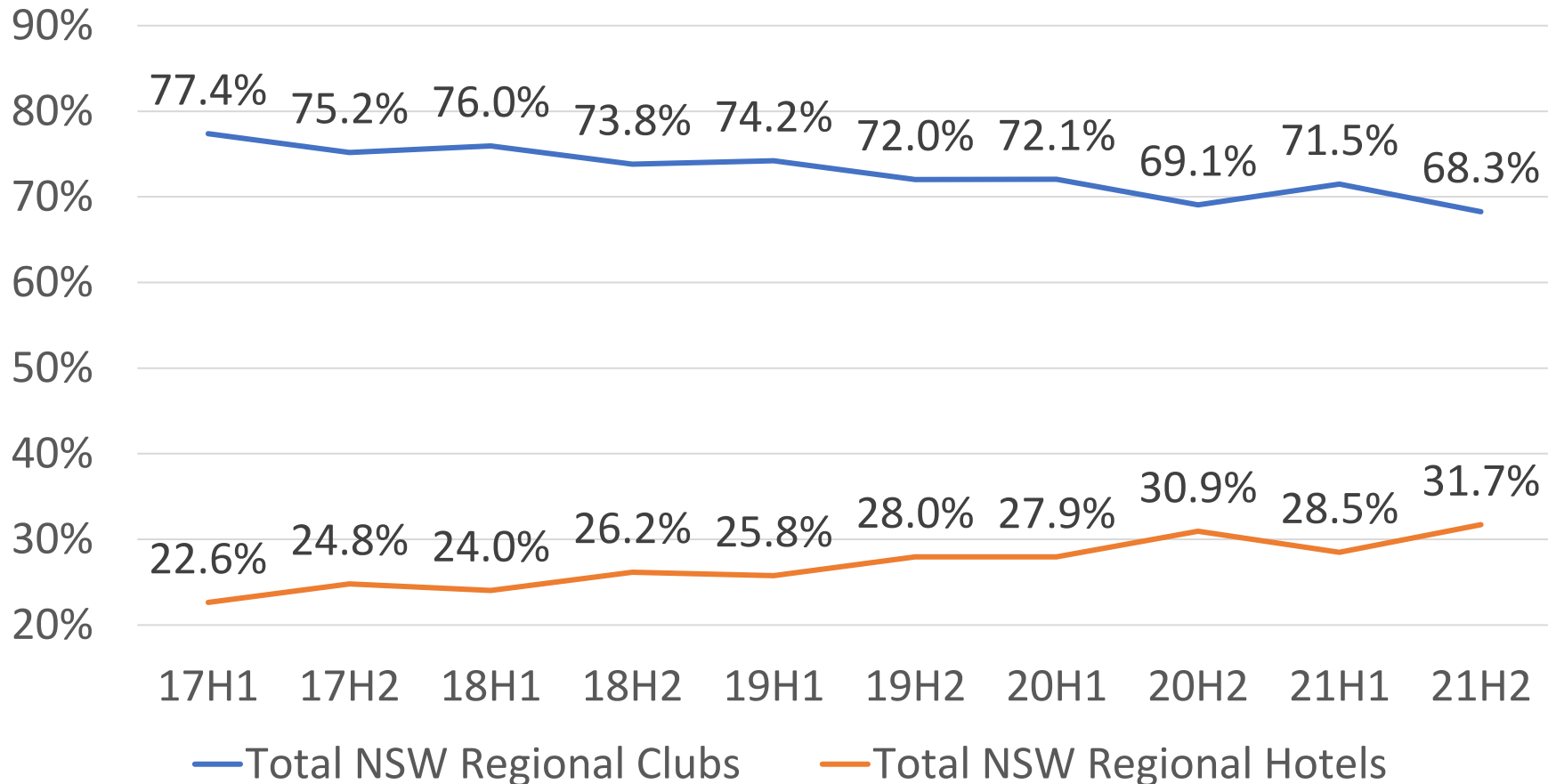
Market Share Sydney Clubs vs Hotels 2017 - 2021



- Market share convergence - spike in hotels share now at 50% vs clubs
- Increase of club's market share in 2021 H1 reversed in 2022 H2
- Sydney Clubs call to action to understand and counter this concerning trend

Regional NSW Market Share Clubs vs Hotels

Market Share Regional NSW Clubs Vs Hotels

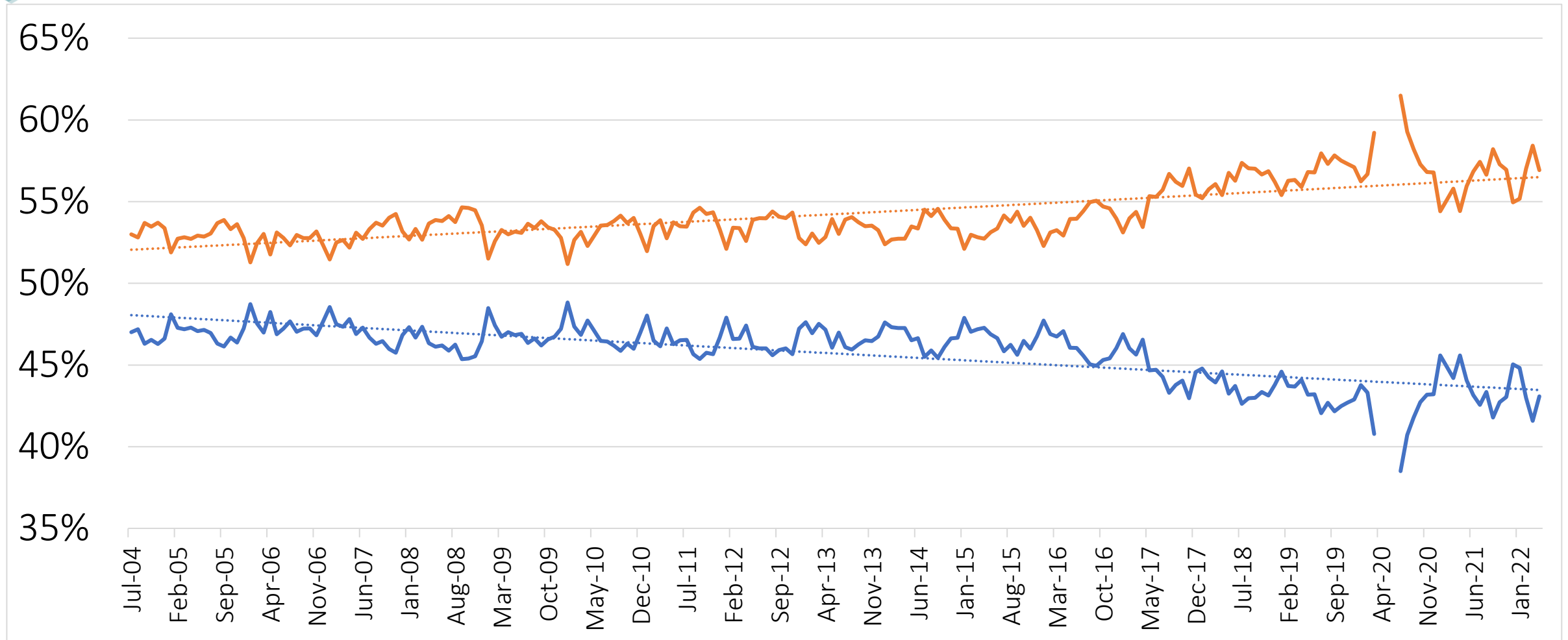


Steady trend of clubs losing share to hotels

Increase of club's market share in 2021H1 reversed in 2022 H2

Regional clubs still dominant and should be focusing on how to compete with hotels while still dominant

Qld is worse



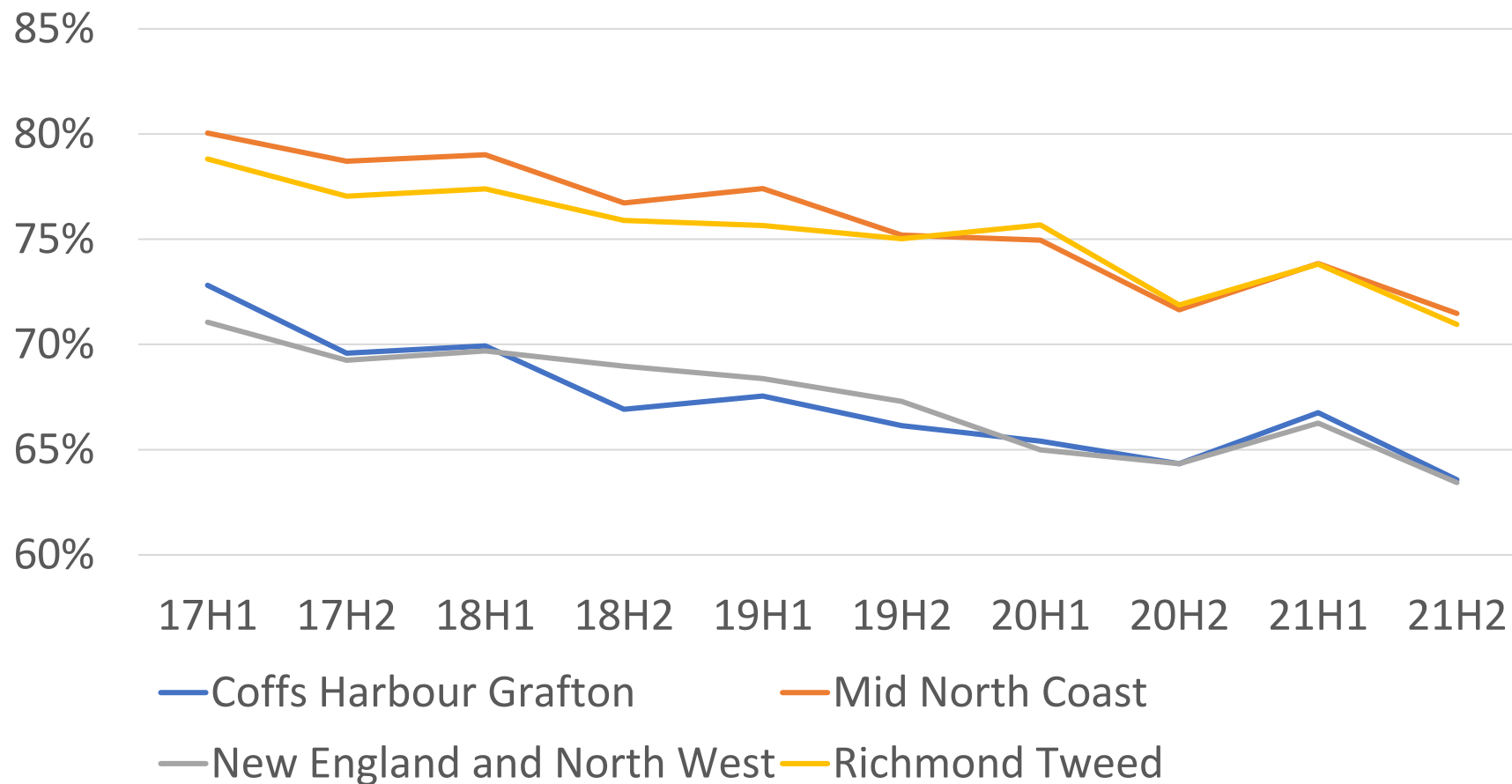
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Market Share – NSW Regions

Market Share Clubs - Northern NSW



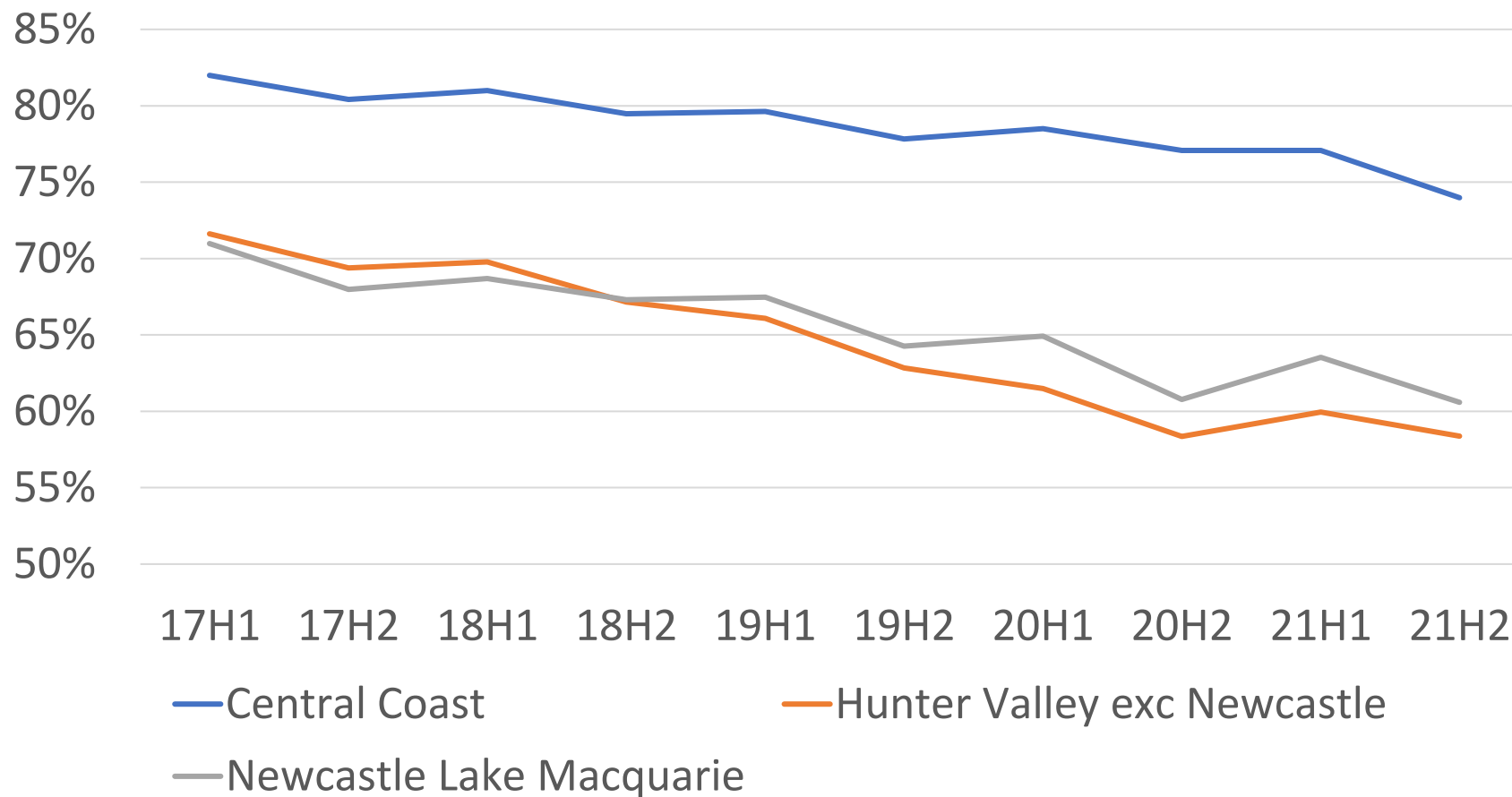
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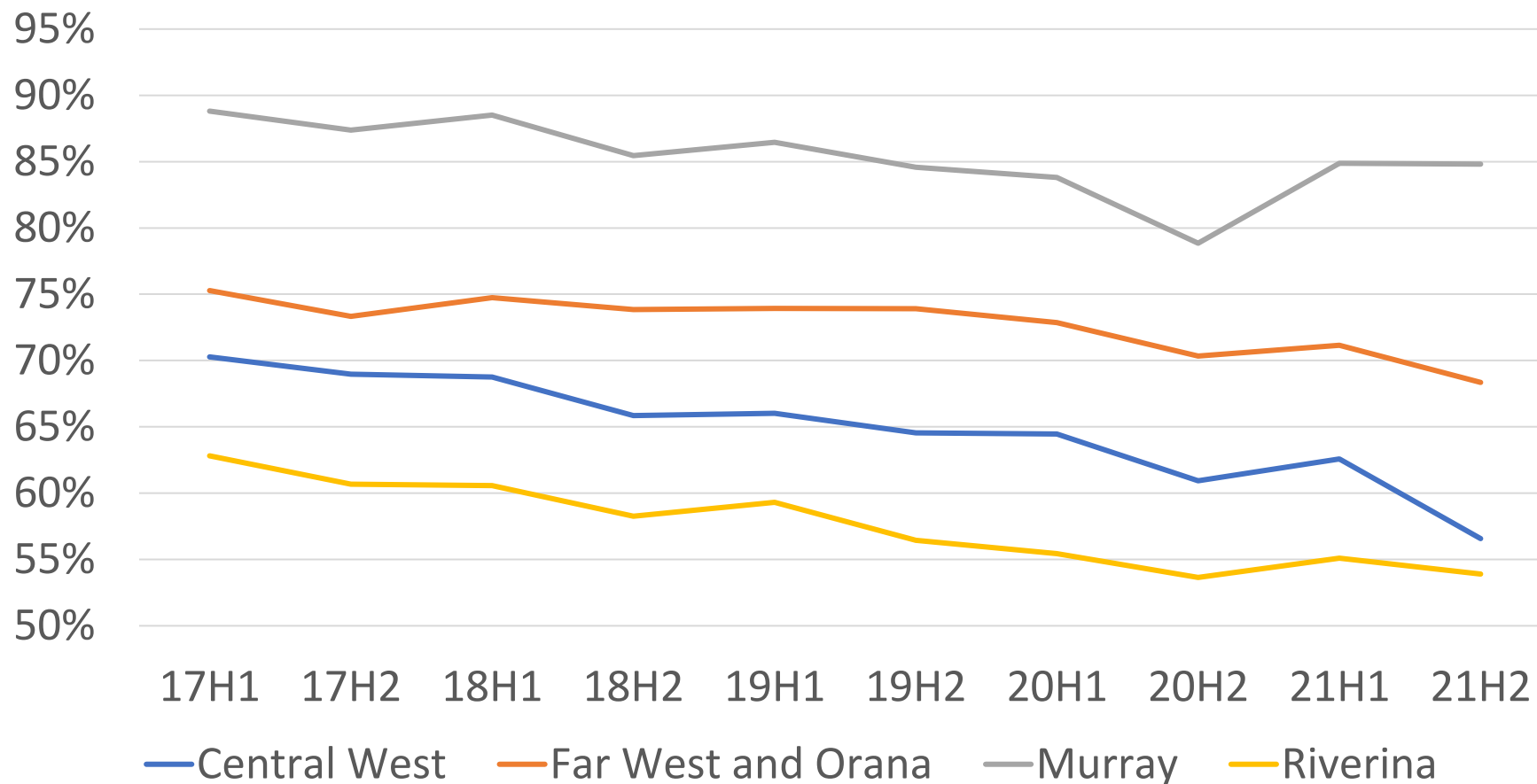
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Market Share Clubs Mid North Coast



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Market Share Clubs Western NSW



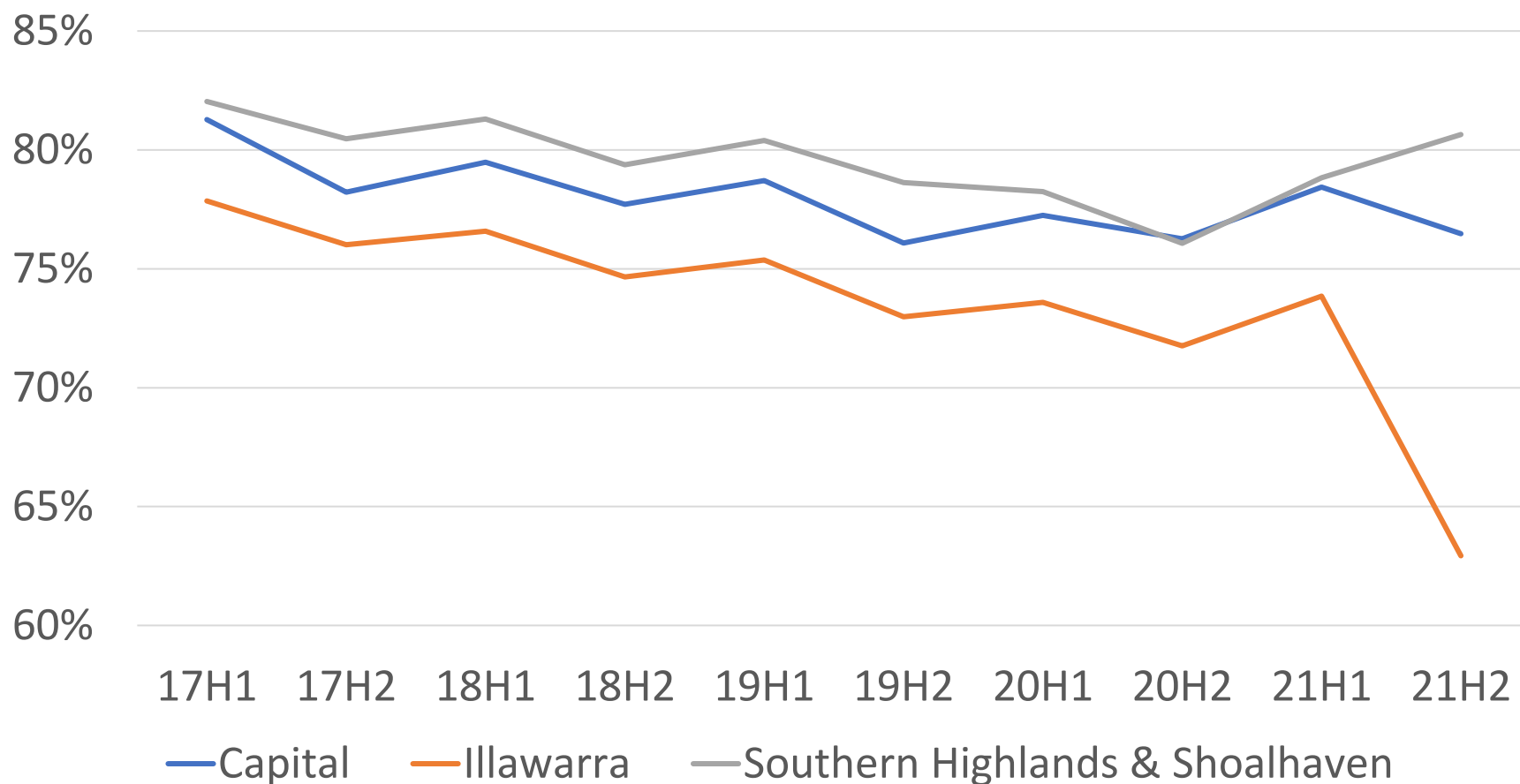
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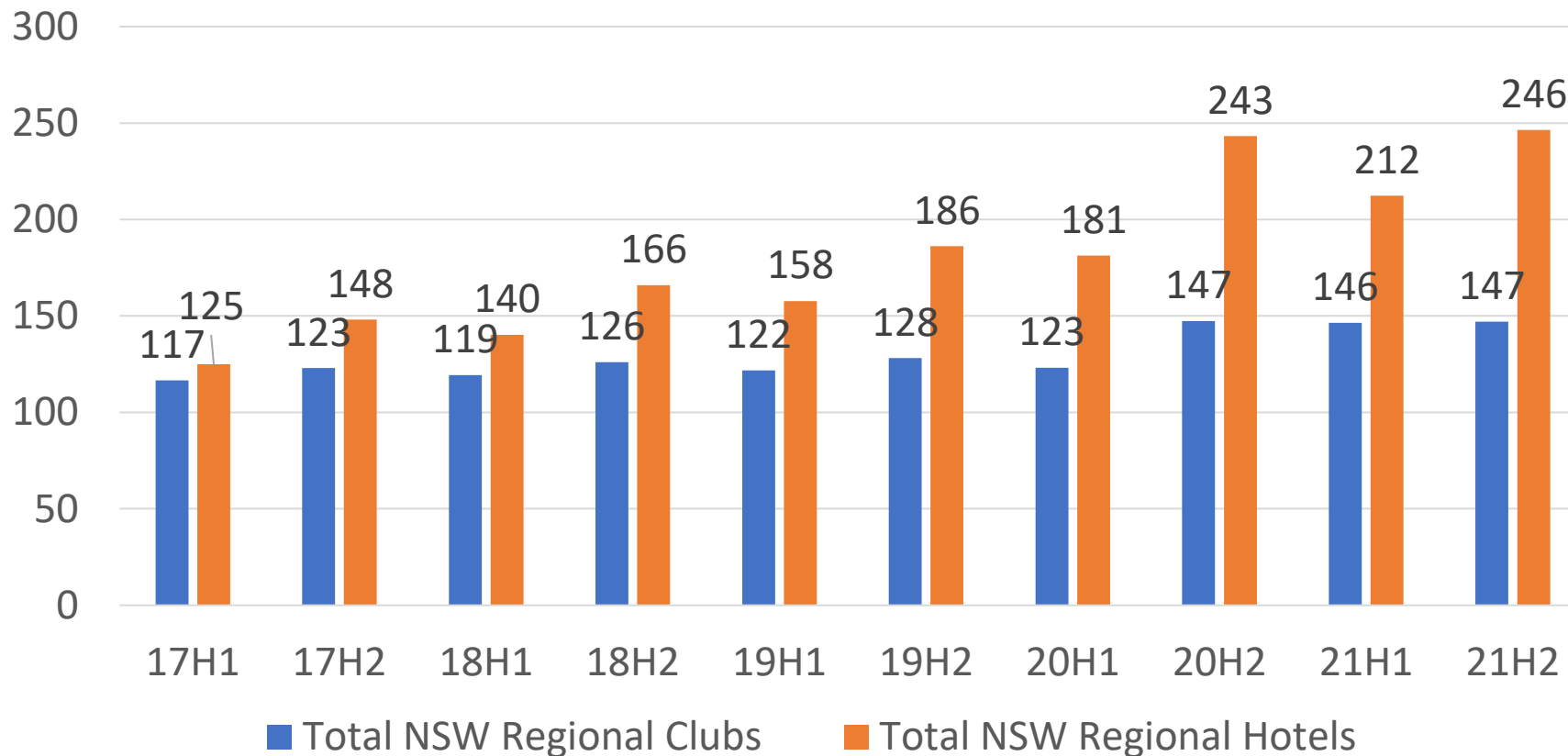
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Market Share Clubs South Coast NSW



Regional NSW Clubs vs Hotels ADR - 6 Monthly

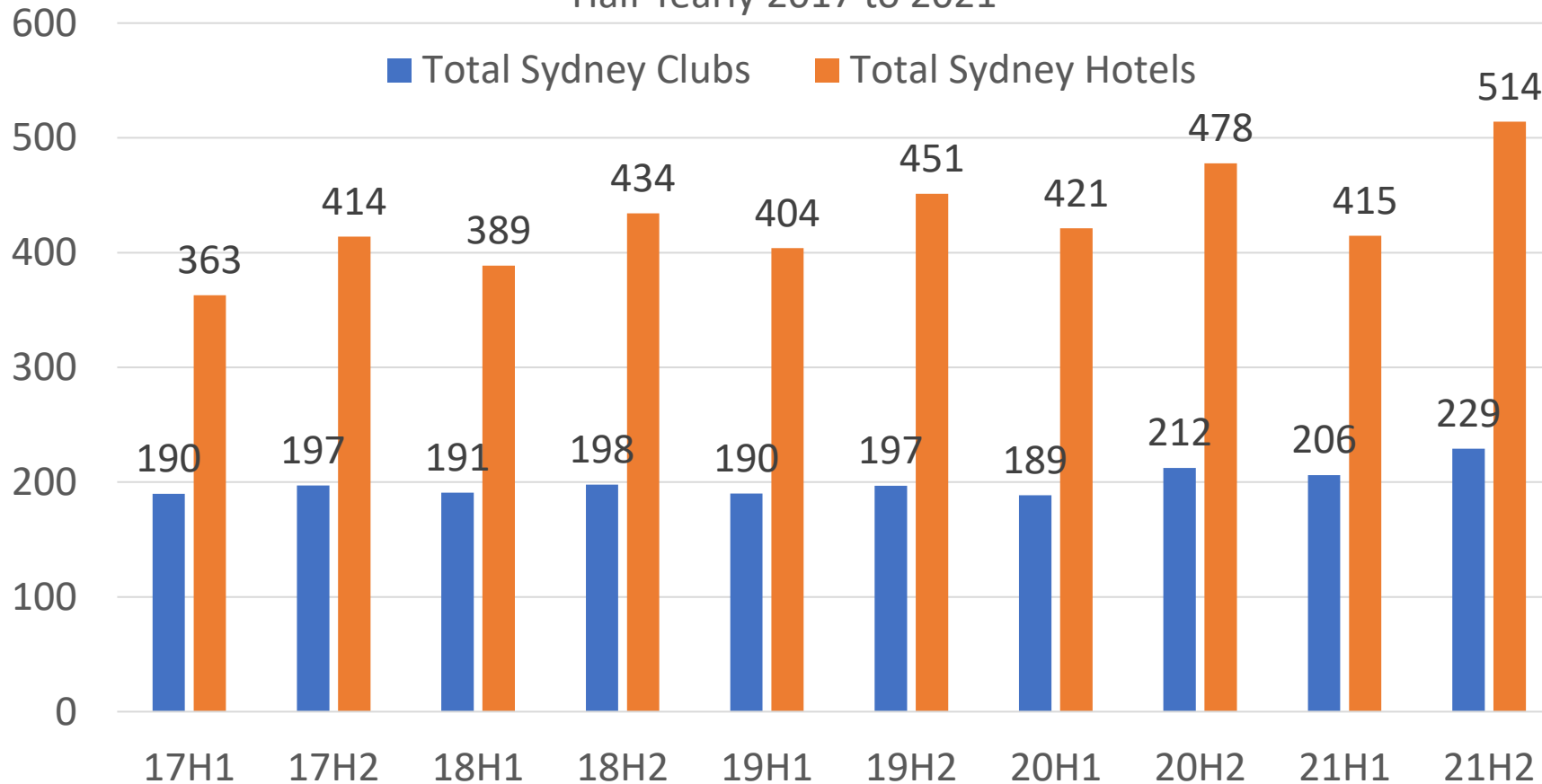
ADR Regional NSW Clubs Vs Hotels
Half Yearly 2017 to 2021



- Hotel ADR 1.7 times clubs
- Hotel ADR significant growth now at \$246 +97% over 5 years
- Hotels ADR's have spiked since 2020 H2 – Clubs need to understand drivers to compete
- Clubs ADR now \$147 +26% over 5 years
- COVID lockdowns not impacting ADR's due adjusting for days closed

Sydney Clubs vs Hotels ADR - 6 Monthly

ADR Sydney Clubs Vs Hotels
Half Yearly 2017 to 2021



Hotel ADR 2.2 times clubs

Hotel ADR significant growth now at \$514 +42% over 5 years

Clubs ADR now \$229 +21% over 5 years

COVID lockdowns not impacting ADR's due adjusting for days closed

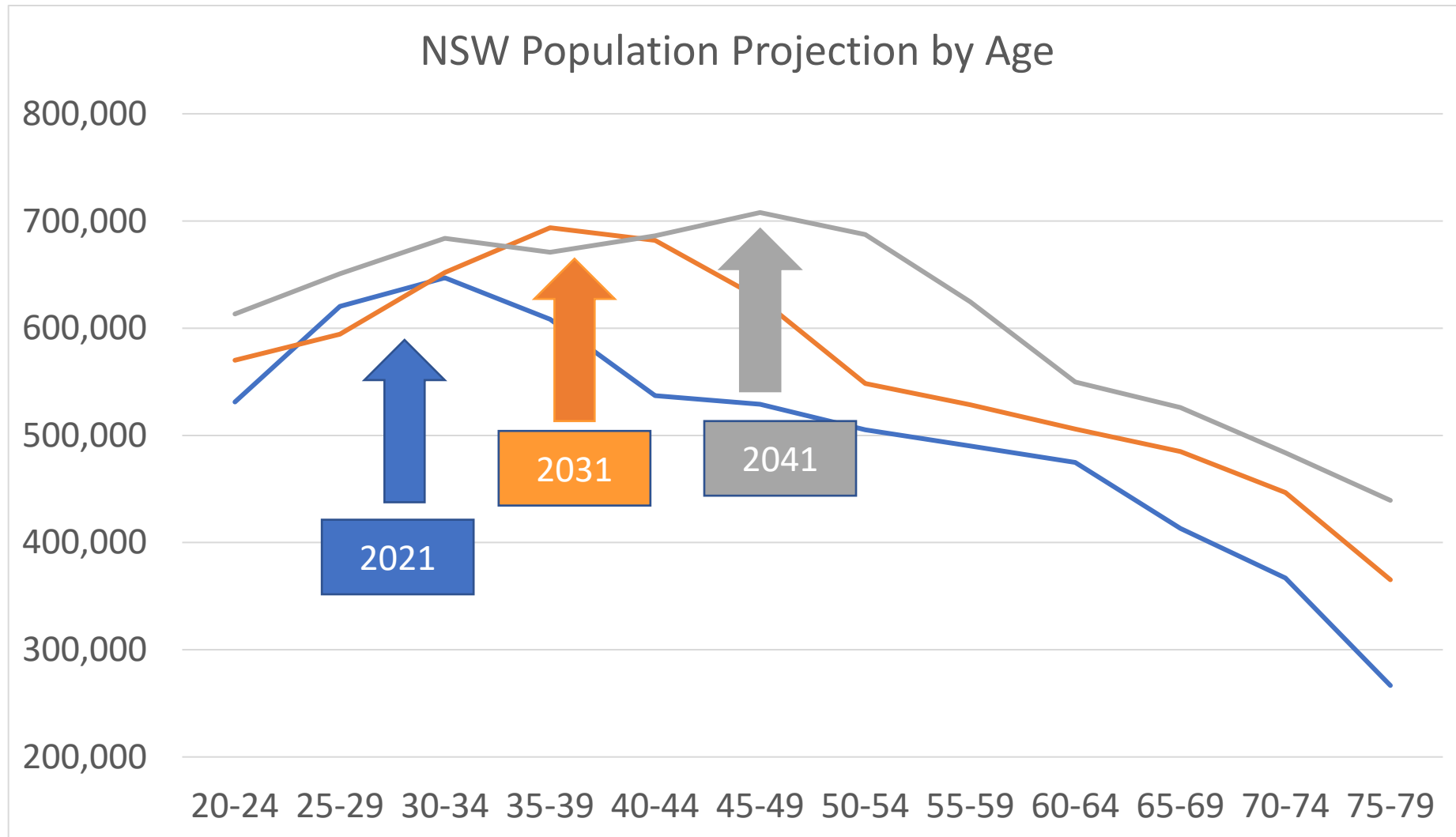
Pent up demand - members appear to betting more when clubs re-open

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10 – 20 year Demographic Trends will favour clubs



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Executive Summary – Gaming NSW

- Industry gaming low growth 2017 – 2019
- COVID closures 68 days 2020 and 58-107 days in 2021 drove overall decline of 19% vs 2019
- 2021 Gaming revenue similar to 2020 despite longer lockdowns
- Record trading in between the 2 lockdowns with clubs gaining share on hotels in this period
- Long term trend of hotels gaining share over clubs in all areas. Sydney clubs and hotels market share convergence now at 50%
- ADRs have grown during COVID showing the resilience of gaming
- Hotels ADRS significantly higher than clubs and growing faster

Key focus for clubs industry should be on understanding why hotels are growing faster than clubs and how to compete against this



National Club Member Visitation Survey Opportunity

National Online
Industry Member
Survey

Target 100,000
responses

Opportunity to Understand
Members Behaviours
Attitudes and Intentions

COVID
Impact and related Drivers of
Club Visitation

Aggregated Results National and
by State
For Benchmarking

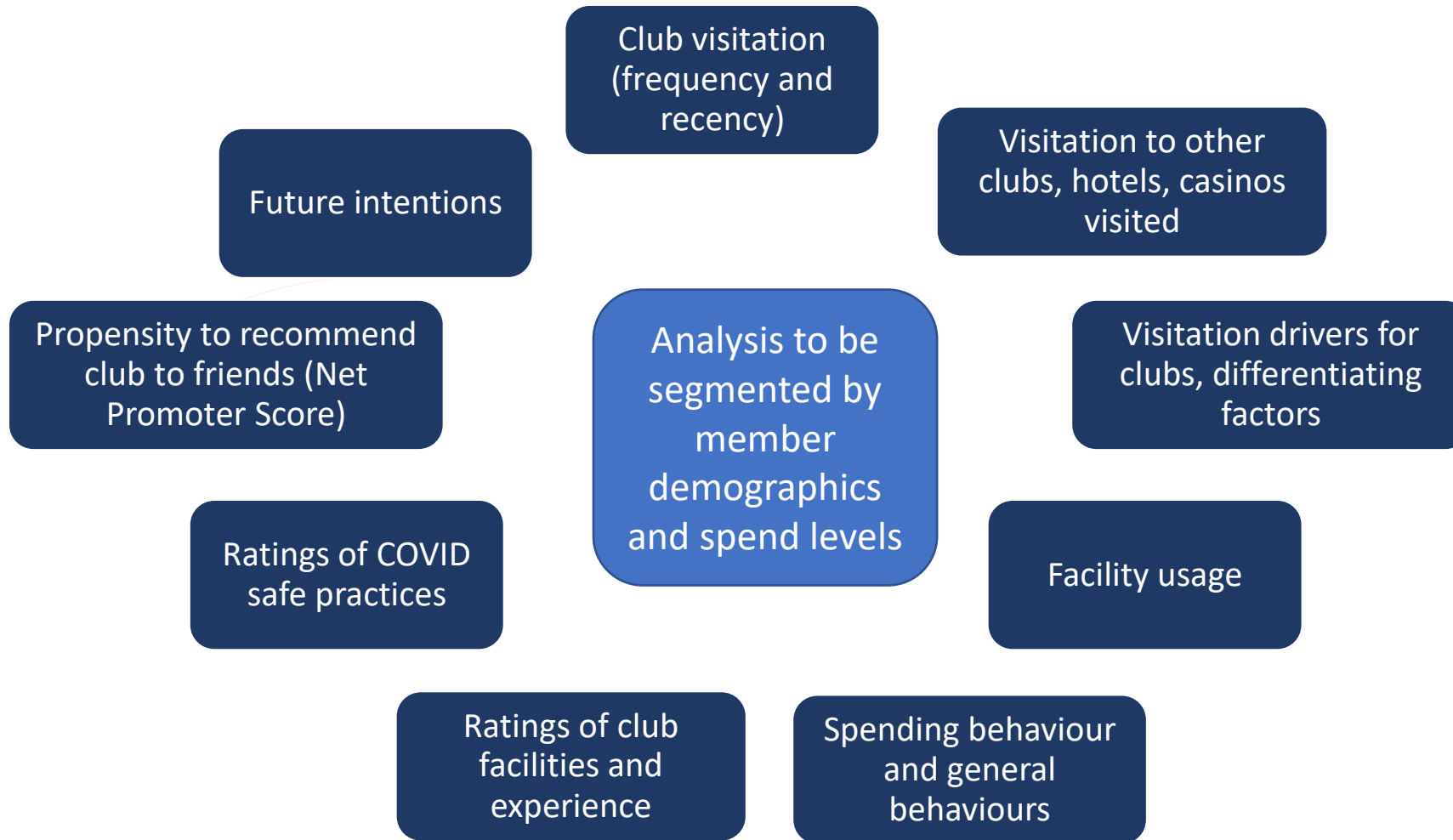
Private club specific report and
consultation

Survey
Participation
Target

| State | Minimum No. Clubs | Ideal No. Clubs |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| NSW | 20 | 40 |
| Vic | 10 | 20 |
| Qld | 10 | 20 |
| ACT | 5 | 8 |
| Total | 45 | 88 |



Club Member Visitation Survey Insights



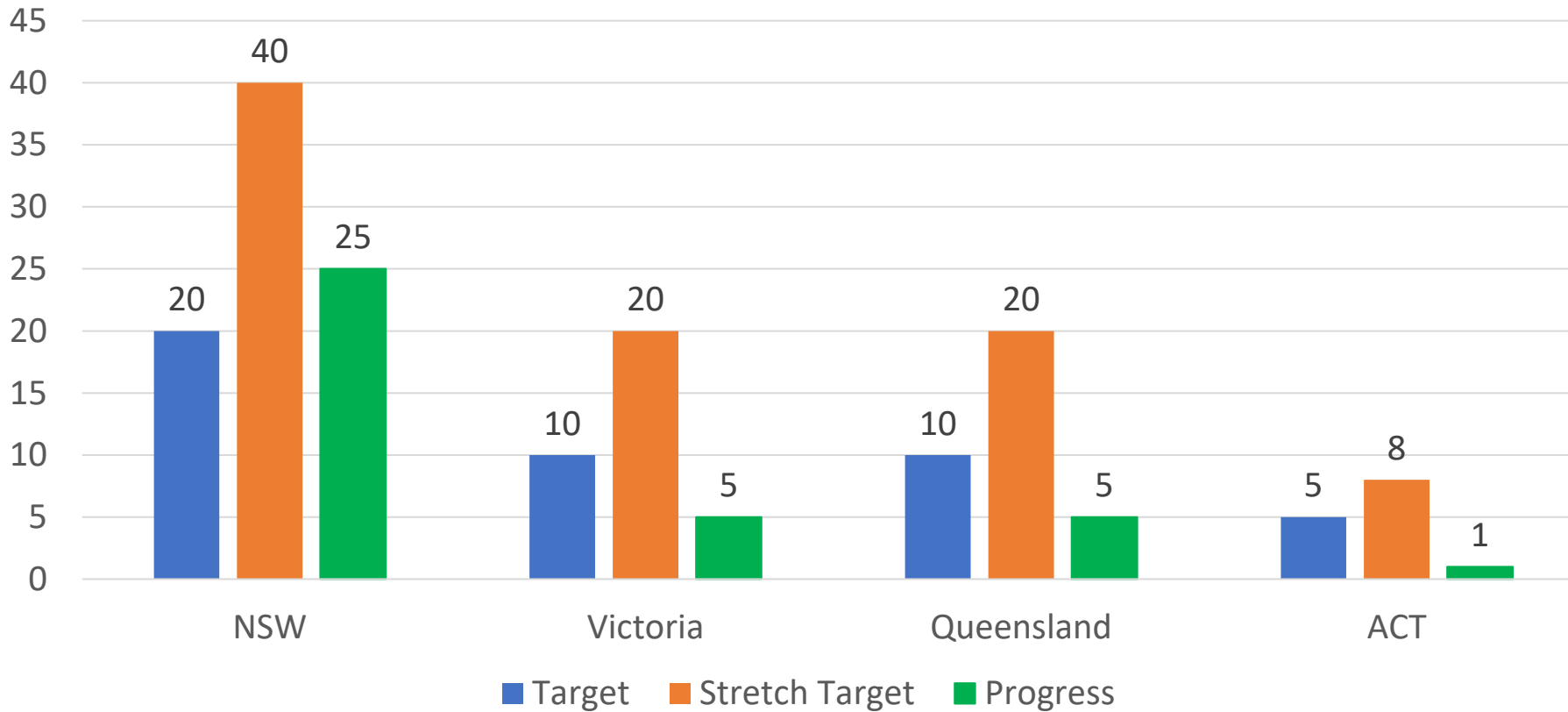
Another Invitation to join the survey will be sent out

Investment per venue
\$3,500 first venue
\$2,250 – \$3,300 for subsequent venues

We look forward to your support and participation

National Member Survey Progress

Progress on National Member Survey
Number of Clubs by State



● Total 31 vs target of 45 after just 2 months

● NSW participation ahead of target and potential to reach stretch target

● Victoria strong support with introductions from CMA

● Qld recruitment drive via Geoff Wohlsen

● ACT – next focus

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National Salary/Remuneration Survey

- National Survey to provide salary/remuneration insights to the industry.
- Important timing given current challenges of recruiting and retaining staff.
- Completed by CEO or their delegate.
- Provided free of charge by Wohlsen Consulting. Confidentiality guaranteed.



Positions Included

CEO or General Manager
Assistant General / Operations Manager
Finance Manager
Gaming Manager
Food and Beverage Manager
Marketing Manager
Human Resource Manager
Head Chef
Second/Sous Chef
Duty Manager

Information Surveyed

Salary
Annual Bonus
Other Benefits

Please support your industry by
participating



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Clubs Vs Hotels Market Share Trends



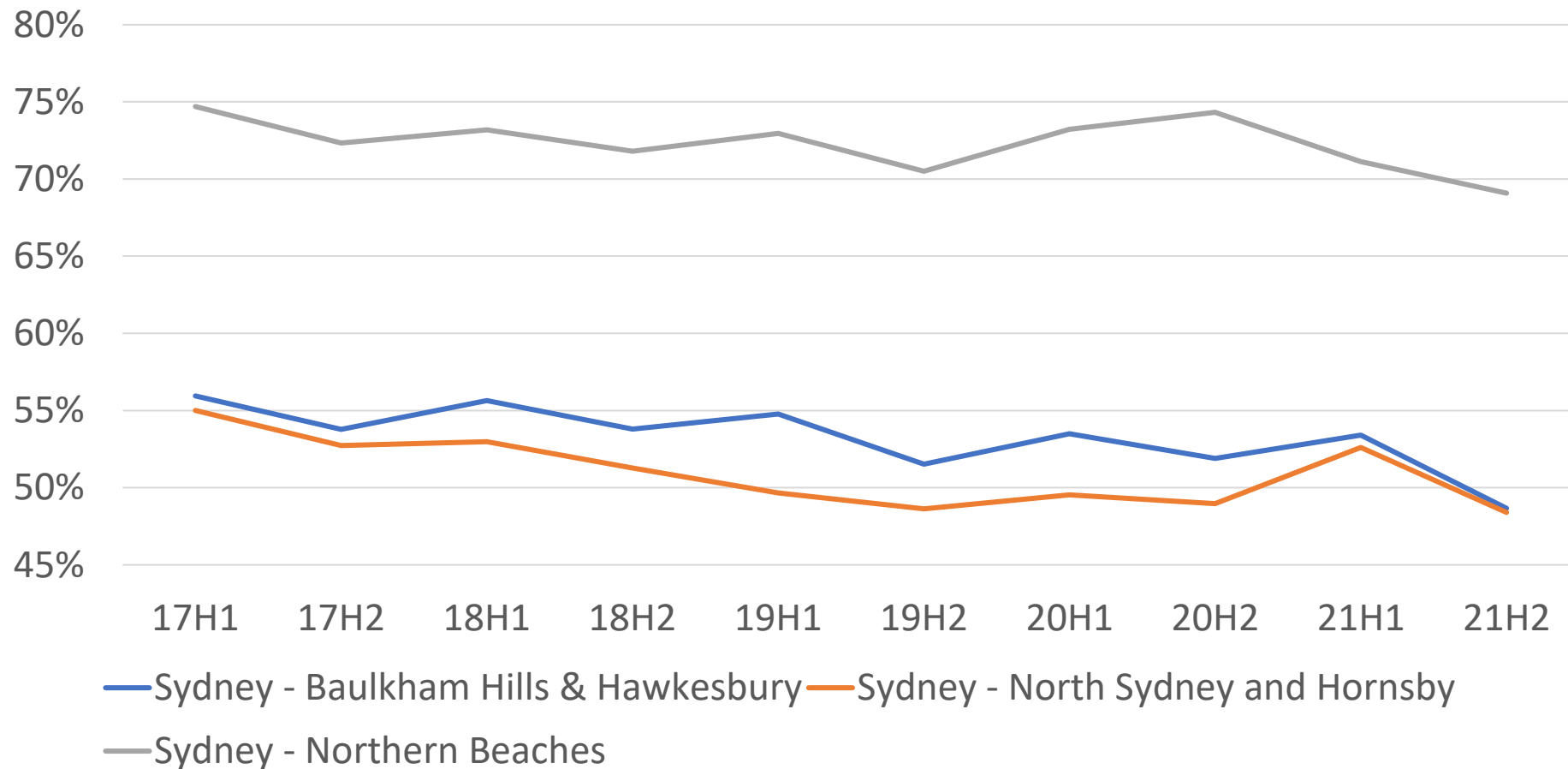
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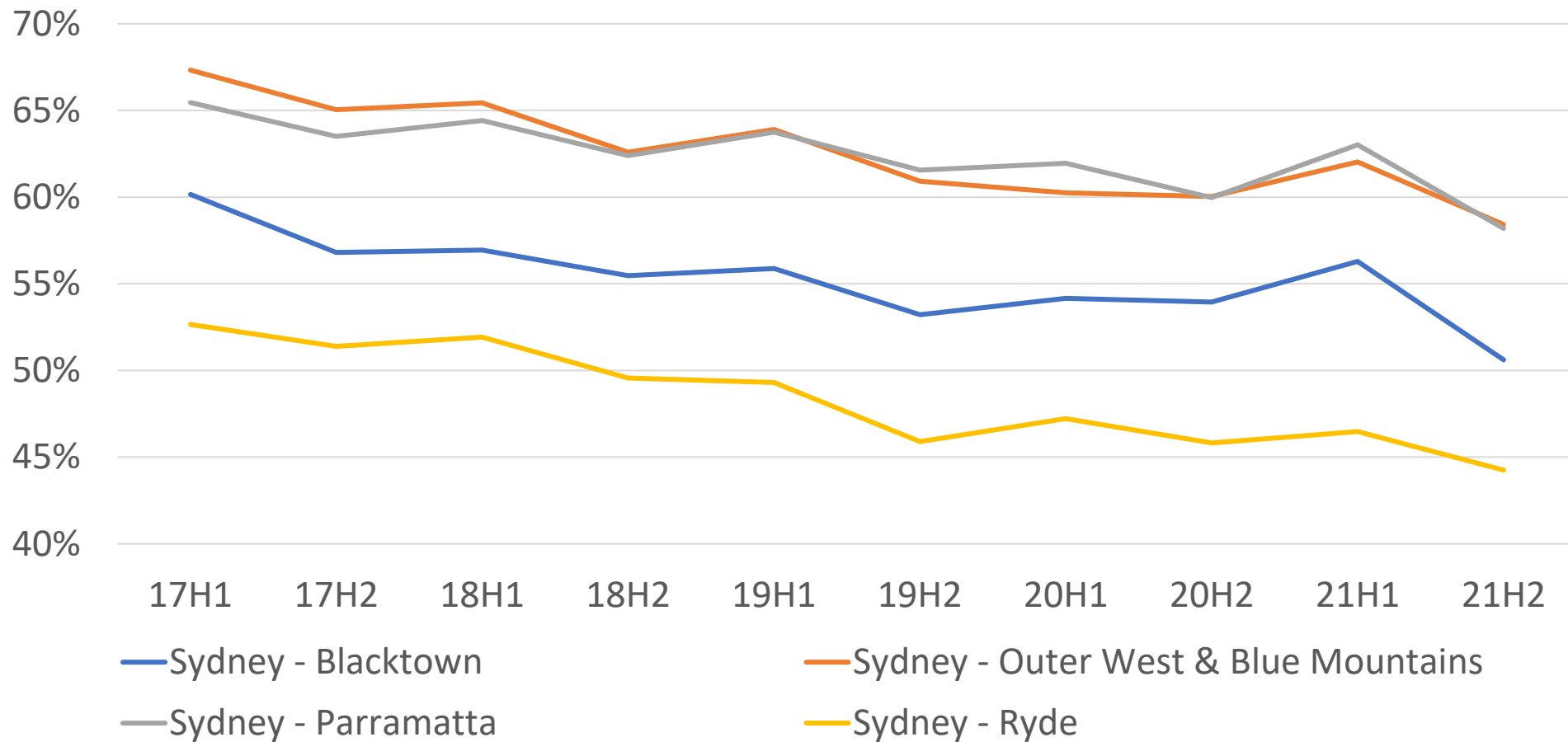
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Market Share Clubs Sydney North



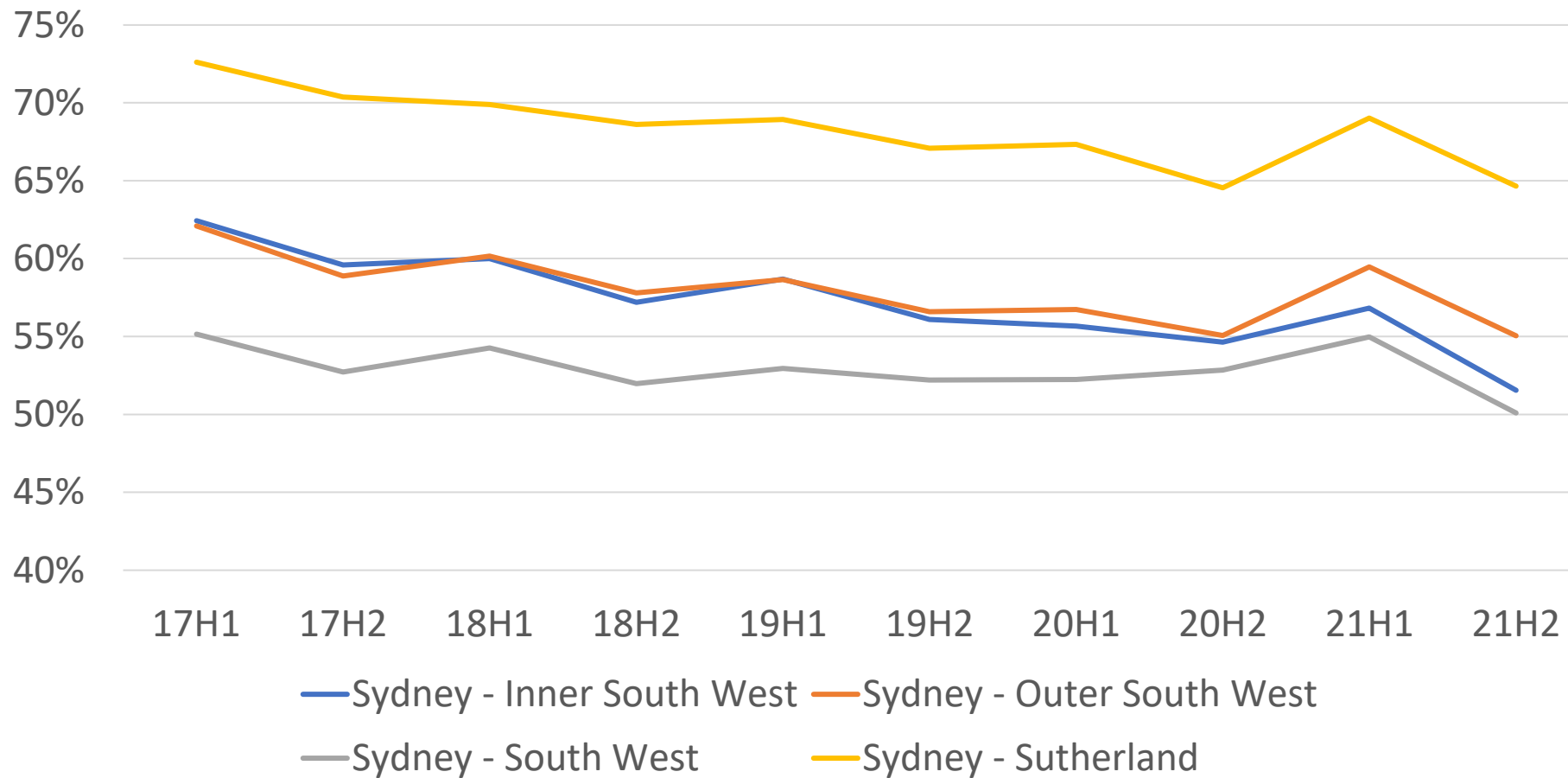
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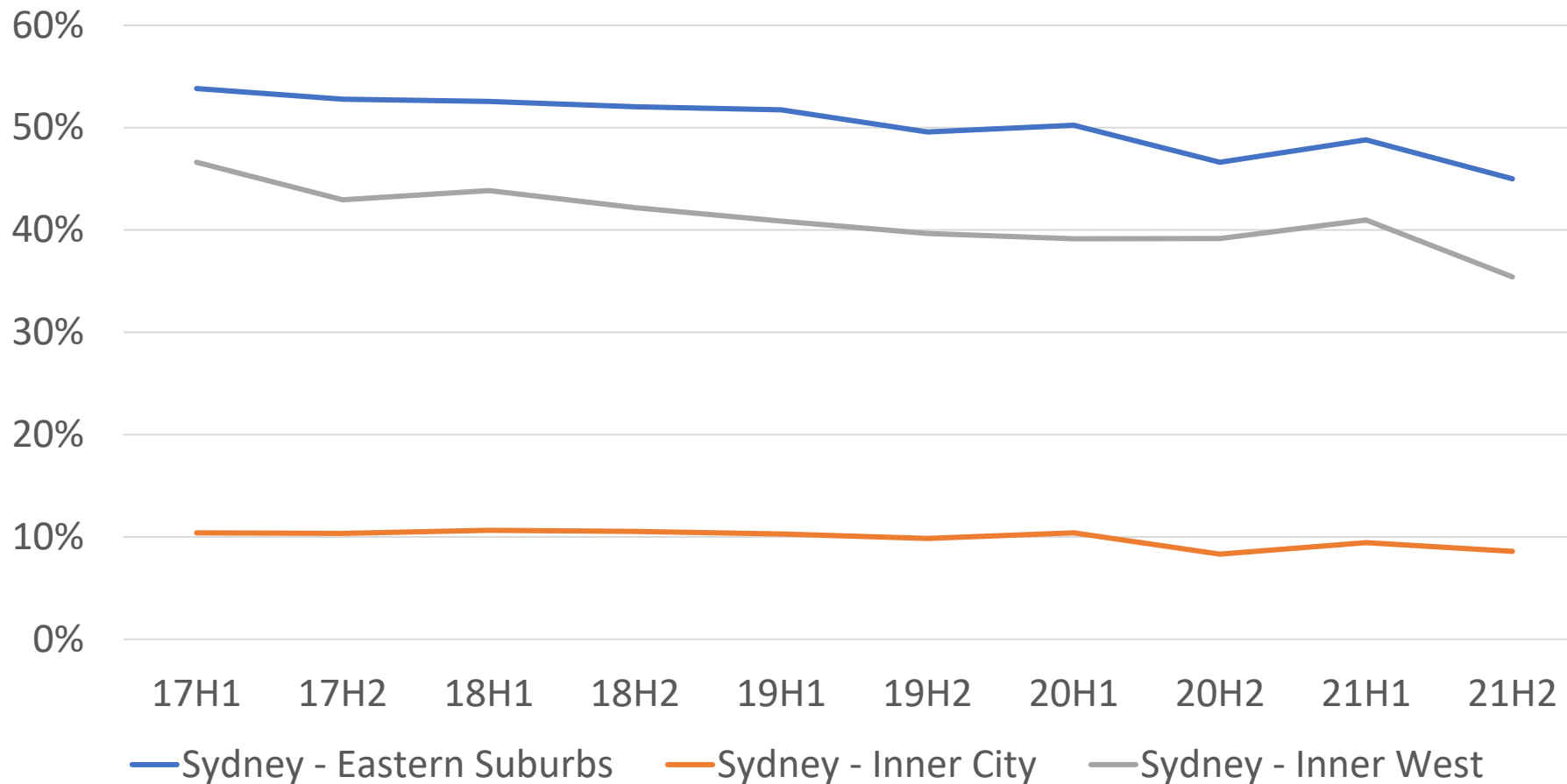
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Clubs Vs Hotels Machine Numbers



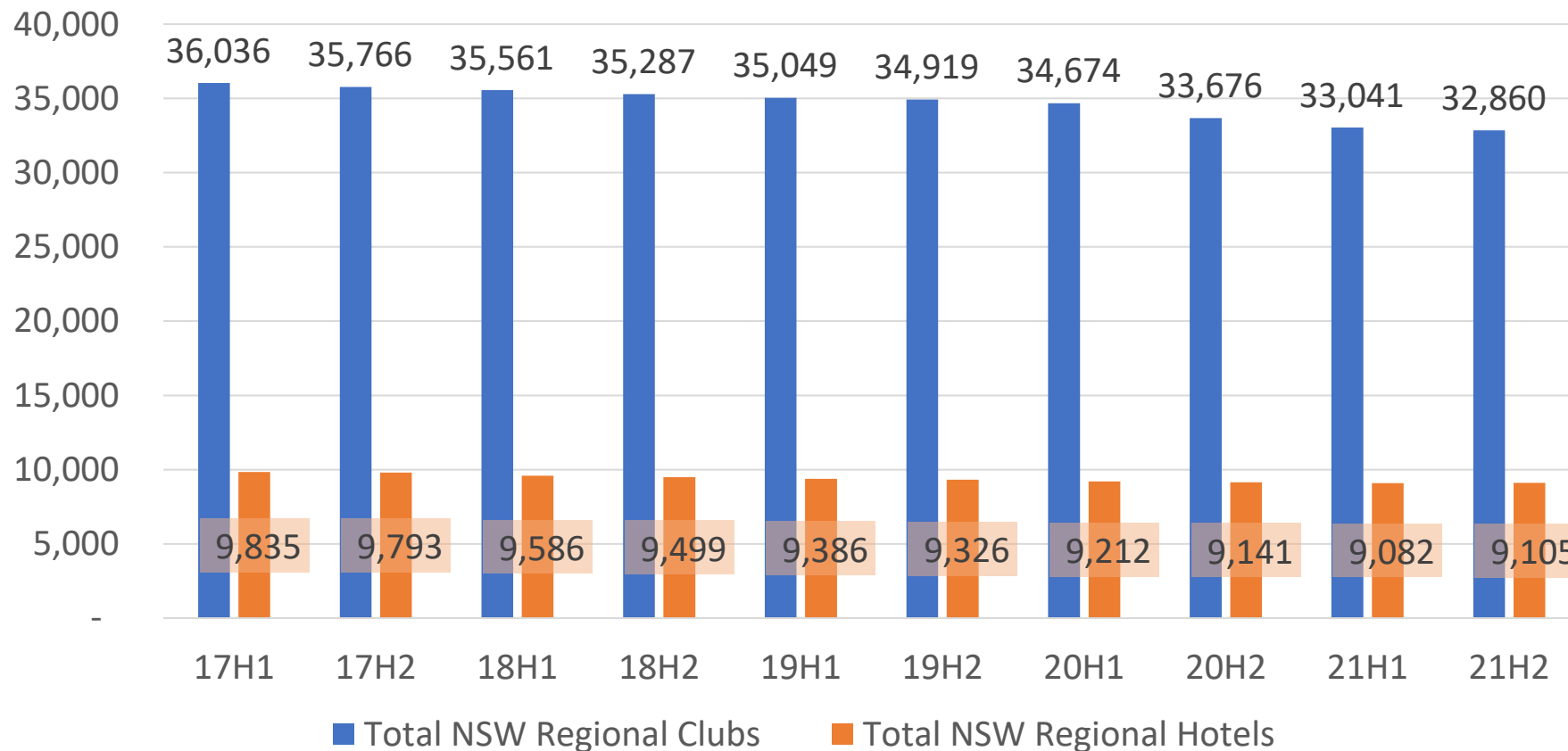
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Regional NSW Gaming Machine Numbers Clubs vs Hotels

Gaming Machine Numbers
NSW Regional Clubs vs Hotels

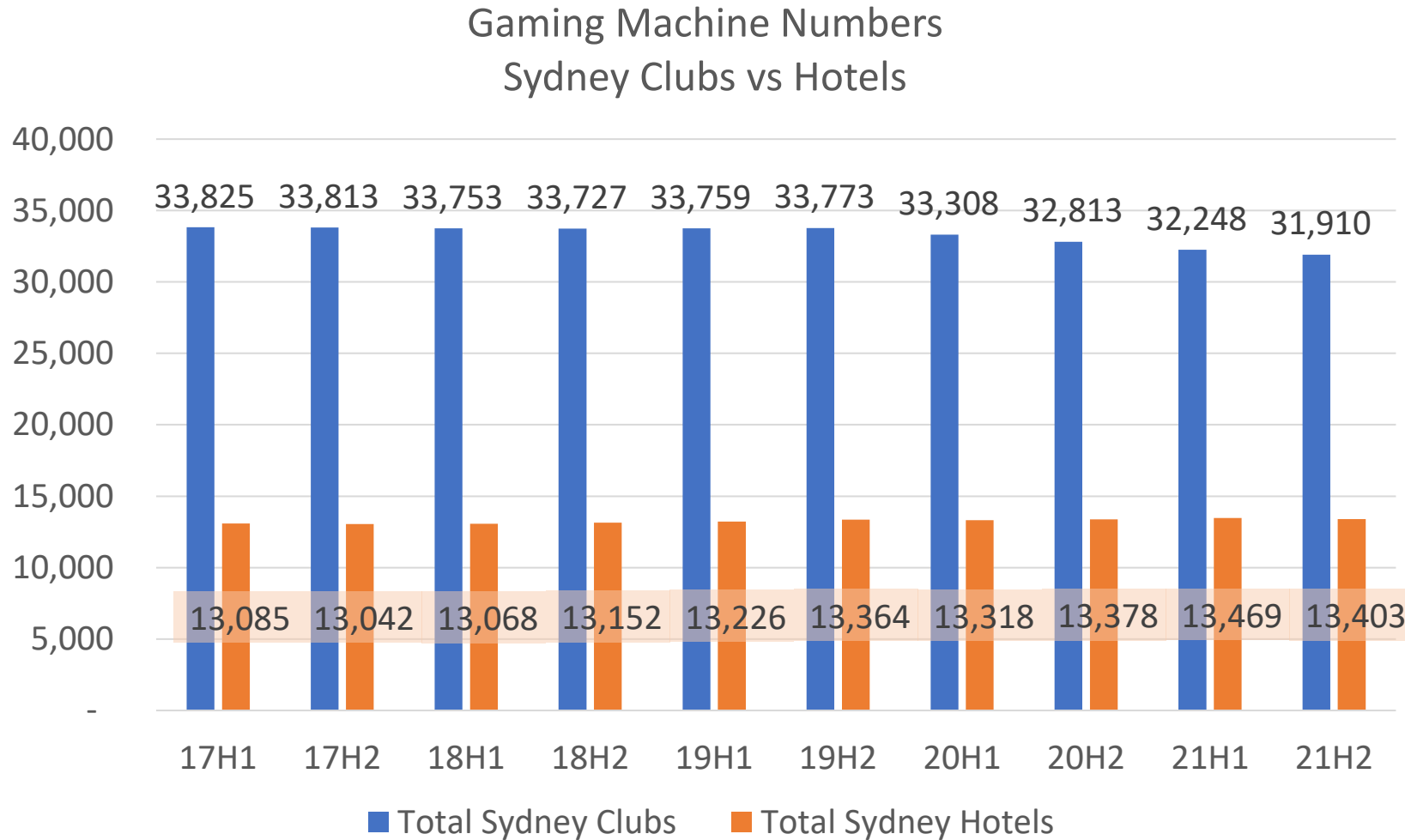


Machine numbers down by 9% for clubs and 7.5% for hotels

Industry appears to be pursuing efficiency in machine numbers

Sydney Gaming Machine Numbers Clubs vs Hotels

Sydney Clubs -6% while
Sydney Hotels + 2.4%





Thank you

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