

Margin Improvement Programme Monthly Progress Report

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F13 Crown Melbourne Margin Improvement Targets



Margin Improvement Program initiatives with cost savings of \$35 million are being implemented

	In \$'000	Annualised Improvement (Total Project) \$'000	F13 Contribution Improvement (\$'000)	F13 YTD Implemented Improvement	F13 YTD Implemented and In Progress Annualised Improvement	
Marketing	Reduced Complimentary and Loyalty Program	\$18,368	\$14,303	\$3,240	\$9,069	25%
Jinc	Back of House Labour	\$3,520	\$2,848	\$1,033	\$2,417	7%
Labour	Front of House Labour	\$12,715	\$10,746	\$2,893	\$10,992	31%
Other	Other Expenses	\$15,804	\$13,864	\$5,719	\$13,371	37%
	Total Cost Savings	\$50,407	\$41,760	\$12,886	\$35,849	
Revenue	Revenue Generating	\$4,057	\$3,401	\$1,043	\$3,623	
	Total MIP	\$54,465	\$45,162	\$13,929	\$39,473	

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Crown Melbourne Summary Projects as at November 2012



Department	Budgeted ('000)	Phase 1 Targets Unbudgeted ('000)	Phase 2 Targets Unbudgeted ('000)	Grand Total MIP Targets	Total MIP Submitted ('000)	Yet to be identified (credit indicates targets exceeded)
Cage & Count	\$48	\$351	\$300	\$699	\$834	(\$135)
Crown Hotels	\$170	\$1,524	\$1,500	\$3,194	\$2,932	\$262
Finance	\$0	\$155	\$200	\$355	\$370	(\$15)
Food & Beverage	\$606	\$5,200	\$0	\$5,806	\$6,281	(\$475)
Gaming Machines	\$4,364	\$2,041	\$4,000	\$10,405	\$9,839	\$566
Government & Media	\$0	\$13	\$10	\$23	\$22	\$2
Human Resources	\$556	\$193	\$500	\$1,249	\$1,112	\$136
International Gaming	\$218	\$2,157	\$2,000	\$4,375	\$4,332	\$43
Legal & Compliance	\$12	\$171	\$130	\$313	\$1,447	(\$1,134)
Marketing	\$0	\$524	\$1,000	\$1,524	\$1,408	\$116
MIS	\$98	\$263	\$300	\$661	\$692	(\$31)
Property Services	\$584	\$2,291	\$500	\$3,375	\$3,658	(\$284)
Security	\$400	\$675	\$1,000	\$2,075	\$2,009	\$66
Signature	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$372	(\$372)
Supply	\$0	\$138	\$60	\$198	\$95	\$103
Surveillance	\$0	\$103	\$100	\$203	\$206	(\$3)
Table Games (inc. Interstate)	\$319	\$5,404	\$4,000	\$9,723	\$9,732	(\$9)
Parking	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$268	\$32
Tenancies & Retail	\$20	\$475	\$200	\$695	\$1,098	(\$403)
Total	\$7,394	\$21,678	\$16,100	\$45,172	\$46,707	(\$1,535)

Crown Melbourne Projects over \$1m Budgeted



Department	Project Name	Project Detail / Objective	Implementation Date (When Benefit is Budgeted From)	Annualized Improvement (Total Project) \$'000	F13 Contribution Improvement \$'000
Gaming Machines	Welcome Back Effect	Amending the Bonusing System to require registration at VIK for each program based bonus offer, this will ensure that members are aware of the benefit not just identify a mystery bonus at a machine on commencement of the play. This initiative will reduce bonusing redemptions thus increase hold rates and in turn revenue. Expected contribution is the additional revenue at \$1.8m less tax.	Jul-2012	\$1,329	\$1,329
Gaming Machines	Food Jackpot Initiatives	Amending the Gaming Machines Food Program to be controlled by the Linked Jackpot Equipment to reduce costs and increase profit and margin. The estimated cost for F13 is \$8.4m, revenue will reduce by this amount but is expected to have other benefits.	Jul-2012	\$2,461	\$2,461

Crown Melbourne Projects over \$1m Unbudgeted



Department	Project Name	Project Detail / Objective	Implementation Date (When Benefit Begins)	Annualized Improvement (Total Project) \$'000	F13 Contribution Improvement (\$'000)
Table Games	Complimentary Beverage Review	Reduce comp outlet costs to Gaming. Project cost savings will be derived from more efficient scheduling of labour in comp outlets, more accurate tracking of supply (swiping), lower COS on comp items (e.g., change from Mumm champagne to Chandon)	Aug-2012	\$2,363	\$2,166
Table Games	Mahogany Labour Efficiency	Reduce disparity between rostered hours in VIP International and significantly lower actual open hours. Focussing on reducing HD shifts, reviewing changes to shift start times, removing under-utilised open hours and removing inefficiencies due to over-rostering.	Aug-2012	\$2,188	\$2,006
Table Games	Complimentary Beverage - Discount and Pay	Depending on membership tier, discount cost of drinks (Black - 100% free, Platinum 100% free in MR & 50% elsewhere, etc.)	Dec-2012	\$4,052	\$2,195
Gaming Machines	Complimentary Beverages	Modifications to complimentary beverage issuance process. Beverages at restaurants will be charged under the daily food offers. Patrons will be asked to use points or cash for pay for beverages at bars. Card swipes will also be introduced for 'at device' drinks to measure the cost effectiveness of drinks.	Aug-2012	\$1,261	\$1,156
Gaming Machines	Complimentary Beverage Discount Charging	Depending on membership tier, discount cost of drinks (Black - 100% free, Platinum 100% free in MR & 50% elsewhere, etc.)	Dec-2012	\$3,500	\$2,042

Crown Melbourne Projects over \$1m Unbudgeted continued



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F&B Admin	Labour Efficiencies	Labour review and development of a revised recruitment strategy for food & beverage to ensure a flexible and efficient workforce is provided. Savings are expected in all F&B areasthis project will be implemented progressively throughout the financial year.	Sep-2012	\$2,400	\$2,000
F&B Admin	Purchasing Review	Comprehensive Purchasing review to ensure: • Existing SKU's / catalogues are rationalised • A strategic approach to procurement and tendering is in place i.e. open process, removal of limitations such as controlled contracts, more robust spec'ing • Processes are in place (in Purchasing and F&B) for continual review and monitoring of external pricing benchmarks and seasonal trends • Key considerations are leveraged in contracts such as early payment discount, pricing for volume	Sep-2012	\$1,800	\$1,500
F&B Admin	Cost of Sales - Beverage Wine Tenders	Implementation and monitoring of wine offer across all F&B outlets to ensure appropriate match with food offer at casual end and distinction of wine lists at premium end. Engagement of new wine manager to implement purchasing efficiencies and alignment of offer along with management of property wine tender and associated rebates for marketing.	Jul-2012	\$1,600	\$1,600

Crown Melbourne Projects between \$500k - \$999k



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Table Games	Direct to Table	Deliver cards direct to table - removal of card shuffling room	Jan-2013	\$500	\$250
Table Games	Labour Efficiencies	Identify further labour efficiencies - draw down as projects identified	Jan-2013	\$600	\$300
F&B Admin	Menu Engineering	Review of menu engineering process and execution of price changes to drive margin	Oct-2012	\$700	\$525
Hotels	Operating Expenses	Various expense accounts have been identified that will provide savings	Jul-2012	\$798	\$798
Hotels	Revised FTE levels	Run under budgeted FTE levels in several FOH areas. Achieved via periods of recruitment and general rostering.	Jul-2012	\$715	\$715
Security	Operational Labour Review - MSS - First Round	Labour Review - realignment based on operational requirements and business demand.	Aug-2012	\$574	\$486
Security	Operational Labour Review - Crown Roster	Roster Review - implementation of new Crown Labour Security Roster. Roster will need to be "voted in" by EA Employees.	Nov-2012	\$729	\$486
Int. Gaming	Mahogany Room FOH - Open Hours Efficiency	Reduce open hours from 17.3% budgeted to 13%. This aims to increase the product efficiency by way of increasing patron density i.e. improving rated hours/open hours ratio.	Aug-2012	\$567	\$520

Crown Melbourne Projects Completed in October over \$50k



Department	Project Detail / Objective	F13 Contribution Improvement (\$'000)
Table Games	Review morning shift spreads for savings including close L1 WE (Mon - Fri)	\$217
Tenancies / Retail	The 3 Crown Retail shops have been outsourced to City Convenience from 1 July. Rent-free for 3 months	\$105
Marketing	Revised approach to Riverwalk Activation. As an alternative of 6 months continuous activity on Riverside as proposed during F13 BP, revert back to 3 periods of activity over the Summer period (Nov to Mar). These events being SRC live site (Nov), Australian Open/CNY (Jan/Feb), MFWF/GP (Mar). Proposed reduction in F13 budgeted Opex: \$350k	\$350
Events & Sponsorship	Revised approach to River walk Activation. A further reduction to our Riverside Activations by relocating the Spring Racing live site to The West End and Atrium Bar. The funds will be used to theme the spaces over the Caulfield and Flemington Carnivals and elevate the 'content' during these periods. The new Masters Golf activation on the River walk would be cancelled. Business Impact/Risks: Low business impact and risk as we believe that this change will allow us to build visitation to these new assets and generate more on spend to gaming. Recommendation is to reinstate for F14 in line with our marketing strategy to activate the Crown River walk.	\$ 200
Cage & Count	Close level 1 Cage on dayshift 7 days a week 64 hours - \$115,000 pa. Service impact to customers in this area - Customers would have to travel down a level to Main or Western Cages for service	\$86

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Crown Melbourne Projects Completed in October over \$50k continued



MIS	Alter the maintenance arrangement with Micros Fidelio for point of sale terminals and printers from a contracted service to a Time and Materials agreement. To minimise the cost utilise some of the current FY13 PC replacement budget to replace older Work Station 4 units (planned for replacement in FY14) which have significant estimated repair costs. Seek alternate lower cost repair options for the printers.	\$113
MIS	Reduce the external monitoring of the network by taking the Metropol & Promenade switches off external monitoring. Reduce number of switches monitored by 64 (45 + 19). Increase in system outages and longer timeframes for restoration; potential patron impact	\$68
Int. Gaming	Decision to cancel Golden Week Baccarat Tournament (Burswood are hosting \$1m tournament around same time)	\$200
Various	Other Minor Projects	\$78
	Total Projects Completed In OCTOBER 2012	\$1,791
	Total Projects Completed IN SEPTEMBER 2012	\$1,713
	Total Projects Completed IN AUGUST 2012	\$1,223
	Total Projects Completed IN JULY 2012	\$11,885
	Total Projects Completed YTD	\$16,612
	Other Projects in Progress	\$19,237
	TOTAL COST SAVING PROJECTS F13	\$35,849

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Crown Perth Completed Projects



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TOTAL F13 \$ 1,725

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Table Games	Pit Boss Breaks	Breaks have been reduced from 90 minutes (three half hours) per shift to 45 minutes (one half hour and one 15 minute break) per shift enabling more efficient rostering and improving Pit Boss productivity.	Apr-2012	\$300	\$300
Table Games	Productivity Initiatives	Identification and approval of game variations to improve Table Games performance – Blackjack Plus, Gaming Floor Live, 2:1 Baccarat.	Nov-2011	\$1,200	\$1,200
Hotels	Guest Amenities Program	Mirror guest amenities and recognition programs at Crown Melbourne pursuant to Perth hotels rebrand - Both hotels have adopted the VIP / Guest Recognition programs when rebranded to Crown. Recognition gifts are based on the number of visitation (not per visit) and complimentary gifts such as fruits and wine are given to hotel guest based on whether the hotel management deems the guest as VIP (was previously given to all Ambassador IHG members each visit). This change has resulted in savings in CMP. However at CPP, complimentary gifts are unbudgeted expenses because according to the old IHG reward program, no recognition gifts were given.	Jul-2012	\$225	\$225



TOTAL ANNUALISED \$10,650

TOTAL F13 \$2,380

Department	Project Name	Project Detail / Objective	Date When Benefit expected to begin	Annualised Improvement (Total Project) \$'000	F13 Cont'n Improvem't (\$'000)
Table Games	Review and amend FATG supervision levels	Currently Table Games Inspectors are approved to service hand pays to the FATG customer. We have provided a submission to the Regulator to have Ticket capability made available on FATG's thereby removing the requirement for labour attendance at hand pays. Awaiting feedback from the Regulator following a meeting in late October.	Mar- 2013	\$300	\$100
Table Games	Review and amend supervision levels	Enabling Inspectors to be able to supervise more than two game types which will assist with improved game layout and operational efficiencies. Have had positive feedback from the Regulator and a submission is currently being prepared.	Jun- 2013	\$400	\$0
Table Games	DEQ Review	DEQ – a system to execute Table Games jackpots is currently under review. Crown Perth has submitted an alternative jackpot configuration for review and potential development by DEQ. We are also awaiting a performance review from Crown Melbourne.	TBC	ТВС	TBC
Table Games	Labour Efficiencies	Review of labour spreads for MGF subsequent to opening of new expanded floor. Initial approach to opening was tables in new area were opened aggressively to ensure any excess visitation was able to find a game, especially during ongoing existing floor refurbishment. A concerted effort to identify opportunities to productively reduce table open hours is underway following the opening of the casino expansion. To date, 4,000 hours per month have been taken out of the expansion roster (approx \$200k per month). This review is continuing.	Nov- 2012	\$1,800	\$750
Table Games	Temporary Table Close (Atom)	Currently when we close a table, which occurs any time a patron leaves the table, an audit of the entire chip tray takes place. It takes approximately 20 minutes each to close and reopen a table. A temporary close eliminates down time and labour cost with the proposal to only close a table at the end of a patron's trip or upon settlement. Received positive feedback from Regulator and are currently preparing a formal proposal.	ТВС	TBC	TBC



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Table Games	Automated Sicbo (Aruze)	Traditional Sicbo (Big & Small) is currently cost prohibitive due to labour requirements. This automated product will solve this issue. We presented a proposal to the Regulator in October 2012 and have now received in principle approval. Currently awaiting Aruze to be an approved supplier.	Apr- 2013	\$100	\$25
Table Games	Cage Buy Ins	To actively promote large buy ins at the Cage rather than at the table to increase game speed. In progress in the Pearl Room. Current patron take up is minimal.	ТВС	TBC	TBC
Table Games & Gaming Machines	Change in Pearl Room Guest Policy	Change to customer guest policy for access to Pearl Room to increase guests allowed from one to three starting with Platinum tier. Submission tabled with Regulator. The matter is presently on hold.	Mar- 2013	\$250	\$80
Gaming Machines	Cashless Gaming	To allow account based gaming on machines, uploading and downloading cash and credit balances onto card for ease of transfer across machines thereby increasing transactional efficiency at the machine for VIP customers. Software complete and approved. Support servers are in transit from Melbourne. Expected trial in the Pearl Room in February 2013.	Mar 2013	\$500	\$150
Gaming Machines	TITO	Revenue uplift and labour efficiency opportunities. Enables the customer to have the ability to more frequently change machines creating less down time and increasing the length of play and average bet and reducing the Attendant service requirement. Currently awaiting full Regulator approval, hopeful to commence implementation by 4 th quarter F13.	May- 2013	\$5,000	\$500
Gaming Machines	Hold Management	Introduction of Wild Swan Poker to replace the existing game of Black Swan Poker at an improved RTP from 93.5% to 92%. Game approved and to be rolled out progressively over the next three months.	Feb- 2013	\$1,000	\$200



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Gaming	Keno self- service kiosks	Increase exposure and ability for patrons to play Keno throughout the gaming floor whilst maintaining labour levels. Contract negotiation well advanced, anticipate increased ticket sales per year. Anticipate roll out in March 2013.	Mar- 2013	TBC	TBC
F&B	Operational & Labour review	Critical review of operating hours in all outlets with initial actions to close Market & Co restaurant for lunch Monday – Thursdays from January 2013. Concept change in Market & Co to reduce food cost has been implemented. Menu reviews to consolidate seasonal and purchased items across outlets. Critical review of rostering and labour efficiencies, particularly in newly opened outlets, to reflect current trading conditions (FOH, BOH and Stewarding focus).	Sep- 2012	\$250	\$200
F&B	Procurement	Review F&B and procurement (particularly food) practices and opportunities with a view to reducing cost of sales. Currently sharing learnings with Melbourne re PIP (Partners in Performance) process and recent tender outcomes to leverage savings in Perth. A number of supplier contracts have recently expired (particularly F&B related) and are currently under review / tender consideration.	Mar- 2013	\$500	\$125
F&B	Food Court Tenancy Opportunities	Leases have been secured with McDonalds and Subway to replace underperforming Food Court tenancies. Tenant fit out currently underway with the new Food Court to be opened in December 2012.	Dec- 2012	\$300	\$150
Security	Reduction in Security numbers monitoring casino entrances	Submission to the Regulator to amend the requirement to have three Security officers man casino entrances 24/7. We have received initial indications that the Regulator is comfortable to reduce the mandated Security numbers at casino entrances by one down to a quota of two officers. We are awaiting formal notification before changes to the roster can be made.	Feb- 2013	\$250	\$100



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Cage	Drop Box Collection Process	Obtain approval from the DRGL to only collect drop boxes from tables which have been opened during the day, so that unused / empty boxes do not have to be collected and counted. Currently under review in conjunction with monthly count process and the use of metered revenue.	ТВС	TBC	TBC
Cage	Monthly Count Process	Currently monthly count must be completed within the first three days of the following month. Due to expansion and additional product this requirement impacts upon labour rostering (overtime and penalty rates) and causes customer disruption at peak times. Currently preparing draft presentation for Regulator. Change will require a change to legislation (Burswood Island Agreement).	TBC	TBC	TBC
General	Cross Property Review	Review of functional areas across the Melbourne and Perth properties to determine opportunities for streamlining tasks and effort. First area of review is Finance with workshops planned in Perth in December 2012.	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Department	Project	Objective	Comments
Table Games	Pit cam in the Pearl Room	Install Pit Cam in the Pearl Room to reduce Pit Boss and Inspector supervision levels for Salon and Pearl Room play.	Regulator approval required.
Table Games	Touchbet tables to be counted as per live gaming table	Currently the 2 touchbet terminals are counted as an additional gaming table. DRGL have indicated that these terminals form part of the "live" gaming table they are attached to. Therefore, there are an additional 2 gaming tables which could be opened during peak times.	Opportunity now that expansion has opened.
Table Games	Supervisor Point Allocation in Pearl Room	Move to normal supervisor point allocation in the Pearl Room, currently above MGF levels, not regulated	Further investigation required, union consultation and agreement issues.
Table Games	Triple zero Roulette	To further enhance our low limit Table Games strategy. House edge improved from 2.7% on single zero to 5.3% on double zero to 7.7% on triple zero.	Regulatory approval required.
Table Games	Complimentary Beverage Review	Aligning customer service to the appropriate tiers.	Beverage policy in the Pearl and Riviera rooms to be reviewed.
Table Games	Direct to Table	Deliver cards direct to table - removal of card shuffling room. Investigate process further at Crown Melbourne to see whether a similar arrangement could be replicated in Perth.	To be investigated.
VIP Gaming	Limousine Services	Current contract expires in February 2013, presenting an opportunity to tender and / or secure more competitive rate structure.	Tender process to commence in the New Year upon contract expiry.

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Gaming Machines	Carded Lucky Time	Introduce a time based jackpot through IGT Advantage whereby a large number of small infrequent jackpots are issued to designated players	Regulatory approval required.	
Gaming Machines	Review Car Jackpot prize	Adjust increment rate to reduce number of cars given away from average 12 per year to 10 per year	2 cars at retail cost. Given the product moves required due to MGF refurbishment, implementation will be delayed until March 2013	
Hotels	Review outsourcing model of Housekeeping	To compare in house costs v outsourced cost.	Further investigation required	
Hotels / Conventions / F&B	Review Credit Card service fees and consolidation of existing fee structure	Consider increasing existing fee from \$1.50 and ensure existing merchant provider fees are consistent across the property	Under consideration. Working with merchant providers to ensure all existing and new outlets are treated the same.	
HR & Gaming	Implementation of 4 Week Roster	To improve flexibility in rostering	May form part of CA negotiation	
OSH	Review Medical Expenses	Review current annualised outsourced medical expenses for Pearl Room with an internal nurse structure	Further investigation required	
Cage	Review Cash Holding	Review level of cash holding in Cage and Cage related areas to identify opportunity to reduce these cash holdings.	Pending and also impacted by TITO implementation	
Cage	ATM Fees review	Increase ATM transaction fees from \$2.20 to \$2.50 (shared with ATM provider)	To review in the New Year once rebrand activity settles down	

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Procurement	Procurement Process and Service Review including offsite warehousing impacts and opportunities.	The departure of the Purchasing & Supply Manager presents an opportunity to strengthen this role within the business (GM Purchasing & Supply) and to conduct a review of procurement and logistics operations in the business. The timing is also favourable given the recent completion of the casino expansion and additional F&B outlets.	Recruitment process currently underway.
Cleaning	Outsource vs internal model	Currently a portion of the cleaning requirements for common areas and operating areas such as the Food court are outsourced. Traditionally we have assessed the preferred cleaning model on a case by case basis but an opportunity exists to review existing cleaning arrangements for the most cost effective and efficient solution.	Ongoing. Will also complete a complex wide review. Union consultation required and may be something we leave until after the next CA negotiation.



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