

# LIQUOR LICENSING UPDATE

Regular News and Updates from the Liquor Licensing Division

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## Liquor Licensing Division – New Minister announced

On Friday 21 September the Liquor Licensing Division became part of Queensland Treasury, lead by the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP.

Minister Fraser attended the Liquor Licensing Lecture Luncheon on 26 September, his first official event as Liquor Licensing Minister.

Minister Fraser was elected as the Labor MP for the state electorate of Mount Coot-tha on 7th February 2004 and since then has gone from strength to strength.

After a busy time as Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport during the council amalgamations, he was recently promoted to Treasurer by newly sworn in Premier Anna Bligh.

Minister Fraser is the second youngest Treasurer appointed in Queensland History.

Despite the change in Minister it is business as usual for Liquor Licensing and services will continue uninterrupted.

Read more about the Lunchtime Lecture later in this edition.

## Liquor accords conference - Yeppoon

The second statewide Liquor Accords conference was held on 10 - 11 September 2007 at Rydges Capricorn Resort in Yeppoon.

At the conference a statewide initiative to encourage the safe service and consumption of alcohol was announced and will receive seed funding of \$25,000 to assist licensees promote responsible drinking in their venues.

The \$25,000 was raised through industry sponsorship, and will provide funding for contributions to be made available for Liquor Accord projects across the state.

Paul Newman from LLD has also been appointed as the statewide coordinator for liquor accords.

The conference program included presentations from;

- Margaret Keech MP, then Minister for Liquor Licensing
- Dr Mike McAvoy, Chief Executive, Drinkwise Australia

- Albert Gardner, Director of Liquor and Gaming, NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing
- Representatives of the following accords: VAMP (Valley), LICA (Gold Coast), Roma Accord, Caxton Street Precinct, CBD Liquor Partnership, and Goondiwindi Liquor Accord.

Industry experts from around Australia also discussed their experiences, their challenges and effective solutions put into practice in their local communities.

The 102 delegates representing the 55 Liquor Accords across the state are to be commended for the proactive stance they have taken in promoting responsible service and consumption of alcohol.

## Minors on licensed premises

There has been a number of enquires recently relating to minors in licensed premises.

A minor is generally not permitted to be on licensed premises. As a licensee, you must ensure minors do not gain entry to licensed premises. This includes bottle shops.

There are exceptions to this if the minor is a resident, employee, person conducting lawful business, undertaking training or work experience, at a function, eating a meal, or accompanied by an adult responsibly supervising the minor.

In all cases the minor would not be allowed to consume liquor.

Not only are you responsible for refusing the sale or supply of liquor to a minor, you are also required to ensure liquor is not consumed by a minor on your premises, even if another patron supplies the liquor to the minor.

## Liquor Licensing Lecture Luncheon

On Wednesday 26 September the 2007 Liquor Industry Lunchtime Lecture was held at Castlemaine Perkins, the XXXX Brewery at Milton.

This luncheon was a joint project of the Liquor Licensing Division and the Queensland Hotels Association (QHA). This year Castlemaine Perkins offered to sponsor the event by providing catering and a venue, and Clovelly Estate provided Queensland wines for the event.

Over 60 guests from the liquor industry attended the luncheon giving them the opportunity to meet and hear from the newly appointed Minister for Liquor, The Honourable Andrew Fraser MP.

This is the second in an annual lecture series, designed to encourage and foster discussion and collaboration in relation to the sustainable development of Queensland's liquor industry.

This year's guest speaker was Dr Mike MacAvoy, Chief Executive Officer, Drinkwise Australia.

Drinkwise Australia is funded by the liquor industry to promote a responsible drinking culture in Australia. Drinkwise achieves this by an approach that incorporates sustainable self-regulation, patron responsibility and effective legislation.

Dr MacAvoy spoke about increasing public education and debate around alcohol, maximising community and domestic safety, reducing alcohol-related health problems and the role of alcohol and the hospitality industry in preventing and discouraging intoxication and drunkenness.

To read Dr MacAvoy's speech visit [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

### World Cup 2007

The Rugby World Cup 2007 finals are fast approaching with most major games commencing as early as 6:00am.

The Liquor Licensing Division acknowledges there will be a significant demand for Extended Hours Permits (XHP's) during this period and has produced strict guidelines to ensure harm minimisation and reduce amenity impact.

Some of the guidelines include:

- no patrons are permitted entry or re-entry to any part of the premises at anytime after 3:00am
- all patrons must be removed from the premises within 30 minutes of the end of approved trading hours shown in the permit
- premises need to be closed for a minimum period of 1 hour after all patrons have left the premises before resuming normal trade regardless of the normal approved trading hours of the premises
- no promotions, games or competitions involving patrons consuming cheap, discounted or free

liquor are held on the premises for the duration of the XHP's.

Applications must be lodged at least 21 days before the event, therefore applications for the final on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October should be received no later than 30 September.

A fact sheet outlining the all the conditions and trading restrictions can be found on the Divisions website [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

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