

# LIQUOR LICENSING UPDATE

Regular News and Updates from the Liquor Licensing Division

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## New factsheet for competitions, games and other activities on licensed premises

From April 2006, new conditions relating to drinking practices were introduced in the Brisbane City Council area to ban drinking competitions and restrict other activities on licensed premises that may lead to rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol.

Binge drinking has been a major factor in alcohol-fuelled incidents in and around licensed premises and the new conditions aim to curb irresponsible drinking and significantly improve the safety of patrons, hospitality employees and the general public.

The new factsheet provides a user-friendly compliance guide to conducting competitions, games and other promotional activities on licensed premises.

In short, licensees can continue to provide competitions and games as long as they:

- are conducted responsibly
- do not involve the consumption of liquor as the competition
- do not offer free or discounted liquor as a prize

For a copy of the new fact sheet visit [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

## New smoking laws a breeze

The final phase of the new smoking laws have breezed in without too much protest.

Signposted Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas (DOSAs) are now part of the licensing landscape creating a breath of fresh air for non-smokers and diners.

Patron education, good staff training and the three-staged implementation of the laws have been central to this relatively smooth transition.

Many publicans have found that patronage has increased amongst families and non-smokers and more people from both camps are ordering meals now that noses and tastebuds are enjoying a cleaner smoke-free environment.

It is important to keep enforcing the new laws with your patrons and staff as you can both be fined if people are caught breaching the smoking laws.

If you need more information about DOSAs and other smoking laws, call the Tobacco Hotline on 1800 005 998.

If you require more information about your licensed area contact Liquor Licensing on 13 13 04 or [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

## Mapoon's revised alcohol restrictions

Revised alcohol restrictions began on Monday 24 July 2006 at Mapoon.

New conditions allow 2 litres of wine (excluding fortified wine) and either:

- two cartons of 30 x 375ml cans (22.5 litres) of light or mid strength beer and one carton of 24 x 375ml cans (9 litres) of premixed spirits with an alcohol content of not more than 5.5%; or
- three cartons of 30 x 375ml cans (33.75 litres) of light or mid strength beer.

For more information, please contact the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy on 1300 789 000 or Liquor Licensing Division on 13 13 04.

## Queensland Wines bowl 'em over at the MCG

The Brisbane Lions may not be in the running to appear at the MCG on Grand Final Day this year, but our Granite Belt Wineries 'kicked some winning goals' at the MCG's prestigious Long Room Food & Wine Society dinner last month

Eight local wineries were selected to showcase their award winning wines.

There is a 2-3 year waiting list for Australian wineries to provide wines to the Society.

The selection was a welcome recognition that the Queensland wine industry is coming of age.

Prestigious events, such as the Long Room Food and Wine Society dinner provide the industry with important access to a broader audience of food and wine aficionados

## Restaurant & Catering Queensland regional winners

Congratulations to the following regional winners in the *2006 Restaurant & Catering Queensland Awards for Excellence*.

### *Best Tourism Restaurant*

Darling Downs: **Anna's Restaurant**  
 North Queensland: **The Brewery**  
 Brisbane Metro: **Vino's Restaurant & Bar**  
 Gold Coast: **The Tandoori Place - Surfers Paradise**  
 Sunshine Coast: **Cato's Restaurant**  
 Far North Queensland: **Red Ochre Grill**

### *Best Restaurant Wine List Featuring Queensland Wines*

Darling Downs: **Anna's Restaurant**  
 North Queensland: **Bar Zu**  
 Brisbane Metro: **The Boroughs Café Wine Bar**  
 Gold Coast: **Songbirds in the Forest**  
 Sunshine Coast: **The 4th Floor**

The winners will all be vying for a State Award in Brisbane on 18 September 2006.

## REMINDERS

### Change to application fees and forms

Liquor Licensing has been busy updating all its licensing application forms to incorporate changes to fees and legislation. The new forms are now available and existing forms have been accepted for applications lodged on or before 27 July 2006. Anyone applying for a new licence should review the *Liquor Licensing Fees* fact sheet available for downloading at [www.liquor.qld.gov.au](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au).

### Good Sports Program in the regions

Liquor Licensing and Good Sports will co-host forums in Brisbane and Toowoomba for sports clubs over the coming months. The forums will update and educate clubs on specific liquor licensing issues and initiatives and introduce clubs to the benefits of the Good Sports Program.

Interested in participating? Contact Good Sports on 3224 7195 or visit [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au).

### Drink spiking information for staff

A national drink spiking awareness strategy has been initiated by the Australian Government so drink spiking information is currently being distributed to liquor industry staff, hospital emergency staff and the police force. For further details on how to obtain these free resources, please email [liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au](mailto:liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au).

### Feedback

To provide feedback or comments on the *Liquor Licensing Update* or to change your contact details, please email: [liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au](mailto:liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au).

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