

Welcome to the next edition of *Liquor Accords eNews*!

### **Liquor industry forums**

The Liquor Licensing Division, in conjunction with Queensland Health and Drug Arm, will host a free workshop titled *Moving the liquor agenda forward: getting the best outcomes through a planned approach*.

We are seeking your ideas and views on the major challenges associated with managing the responsible sale and consumption of alcohol and patron safety. The outcomes from the workshop will be used to improve new and existing liquor accords across Queensland.

#### Forum dates

- Gladstone - Tuesday 17 June, 9.00am-1.00pm at the Gladstone Library (meeting room).
- Brisbane CBD Forum - Wednesday 25 June, 1:00pm-3.30pm at 111 George St, Brisbane (auditorium, lower ground floor).
- Fortitude Valley Licensee Forum - Thursday 10 July, 10.30am-1.30pm at 184 St Pauls Tce, Spring Hill (Auditorium).
- Caxton Street Forum - Thursday 17 July, 10.30am-1.30pm at Lang Park, PCYC (6th Floor).

#### Contact details

For Brisbane, Fortitude Valley and Caxton Street workshops, please contact Polash Mondal on (07) 3620 8852 or by emailing [polashM@drugarm.com.au](mailto:polashM@drugarm.com.au).

For the Gladstone workshop, please contact Tracey Thorburn on (07) 4976 3224 or by emailing [Tracey\\_Thorburn@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Tracey_Thorburn@health.qld.gov.au).

### **Accords initiate blanket ban on unruly patrons**

A number of liquor accords have implemented 'blanket bans' on unruly or violent patrons in a bid to outlaw troublemakers.

Recently, licensed premises in Hervey Bay, Lockyer Valley, Murgon, Goomeri and Wondai coordinated voluntary codes of conduct with their local police and liquor licensing officers to stop known offenders from entering establishments in certain localities.

For more tips on formulating strategies to address local issues, visit the liquor accords website at [www.liquor.qld.gov.au/Accords](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au/Accords).

### **Congratulations Safer Venues Awards recipients**

The *Safer Venues Program* aims to improve patron safety in and around licensed venues in Fortitude Valley.

The *Safer Venues Program* is an initiative of Queensland Health in partnership with the Liquor Licensing Division, Brisbane City Council, Queensland Police Service, Valley Liquor Accord and Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On Tuesday 6 May, gold, silver and bronze awards were presented to 12 venues at the 2007-08 awards night. *The Elephant and Wheelbarrow* received the overall Excellence Award.

All 12 venues have made significant changes in their venues in relation to responsible service of alcohol, access to the venue, and security.

**New coordinator for liquor accords**

The Liquor Licensing Division congratulates Kerry McAllister on her recent appointment as Senior Development Officer, Industry and Sector Development Department of Sport and Recreation. We are sorry to see her go, but wish her well in her new position.

The Division has appointed two new people in a job share capacity who will take on the role of coordinating the Division's support for liquor accords around Queensland. You will all no doubt have contact with them both over the next few months.

**Further information**

For further information on liquor accords, please contact our Project Officers, on (07) 3225 2737 or by email to [liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au](mailto:liquorcomms@dtftwid.qld.gov.au). Alternatively, you may wish to visit the liquor accords website at [www.liquor.qld.gov.au/Accords](http://www.liquor.qld.gov.au/Accords).