



**Liquor Accord Interest Meeting
Circular Head Council
Council Chambers
1st February 2011**

Meeting Opened: 10.30am

1. Attending:

Bruce Horton (Smithton Club), Kathleen Kay (RSL), Shelley Nicholls (Smithton Country Club), Anthony McConnon (THA), Maree Airey (Marawah Tavern), Dean Aitken (Rocky Cape Tavern), John Dabner, Matt Gillow (Tall Timbers), Mary Allen (CHCRC), Julian Jacobs (Stanley Hotel), Sgt Lee-Anne Walters (Smithton Police), Peter O'Sullivan, Bill Krushka (Liquor & Gaming Branch), Louise Maynard (DIER Road Safety), Andrew Dare, Matt Solty (Licensing – Tas Police), Deb Mainwaring (Circular Head Council).

2. Apologies:

Detective Kim Steven (Tasmania Police Western Division), Kelli Neilson (Bridge Hotel);

Chairperson Shelley Nicholls welcomed all attending and invited introductions

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

Moved John Dabner seconded Maree Airey that the minutes are a true and correct record
Carried

4. Business Arising

a) Adoption of Constitution

Points raised:

Point 1 Include Tasmanian Hospitality Association as key players

Point 3 Incident book – Peter to forward copy for distribution

Point 10 Confirm nomination fees, annual subscriptions and levies

Point 14 Adjust members eligible for office and to vote - *Reaffirm that Government agencies do not have a vote*

Point 19 Accord meetings to be held quarterly

Point 24 Delete members must have attended two out of the last three meetings to be eligible to vote

Moved John Dabner seconded Bruce Horton that the Constitution be adopted with the appropriate changes
Carried

Louise Maynard, Andrew Dare and Matt Solty entered the meeting at 10.40am

b) Membership Fee

Peter O'Sullivan advised that the current membership with the Launceston Liquor Accord is \$30 Clubs/Restaurants \$50 Hotels

Moved John Dabner seconded Julian Jacobs that the membership fee be set at \$30 Special License holders and \$50 On/Off License holders. Carried

Peter O'Sullivan will provide a subscription/membership document

Chairman Shelley advised that the Accord will now require a treasurer.

Bruce Horton nominated Dean Aitken seconded Maree Airey Carried

It was resolved that membership fees would come into effect following the Annual General Meeting to be held in July/August 2011.

c) Community Road Safety Program

Deb Mainwaring/Louise Maynard advised that posters for "Look out for your Mates" have been distributed to Hotels and Parks and Wildlife office Arthur River.

Two breathalyser kits have been provided to Marrawah Tavern and Tall Timbers Hotel for patrons to utilise.

Maree Airey (Marrawah Tavern) advised that there has been a high participation rate and has definitely assisted patrons. Maree also inquired if it was possible to have the kit until the March long weekend due to annual surf carnival, Louise advised that this was possible.

John Dabner acknowledged that the kit has only been available to patrons in the dining room and had not had a huge take up rate. John suggested that additional signage may be required for other areas of the complex.

Louise thanked the Smithton Police for assisting with demonstrations at the venues.

John inquired if "Look out for your Mates" bar mats were going to be available; Deb advised that costings have been received and would be ordered soon.

d) DES rebranding

Deb advised this has not commenced.

e) Safe Party Information

Matt/Andrew advised that their visit to the Smithton High School was well received.

Students from the Circular Head Christian School also attended the information session.

Lee-Anne advised that the 'I Party' session was also held which involves service providers discussing information on sexual health, safe partying, drug and alcohol issues, register your party information, safety and basic first aid.

No major issues occurred with parties and the main party was well organised/supervised

John Dabner advised that there had been no incidents at Tall Timbers and suggested that this information be placed on the Accord's action list to engage with the schools early December.

Lee-Anne also commented that due to social networking there is a risk of uninvited "guests" arriving at organised parties and this issue should also be highlighted at the information sessions.

Dean Aitken advised that the Smithton High School also took a proactive role in encouraging safe behaviour and the consequences that may occur if people do the wrong thing.

f) Transport/Security

Shelley advised that she was unable to contact the Taxi Operator and the Security representative was unable to attend.

5. Reports

Tasmania Police

Licensing – Andrew Dare / Matt Solty

Andrew – Open containers being taken from venues or outside of venues has been increasing – 11/12 infringement notices were issued on Australia Day in the area.

John D queried about consumption of alcohol outside the actual building premises of Tall Timbers and was questioning the areas like the bottleshop forecourt which are probably included in the Liquor and Gaming mapping as forming part of the premises and therefore maybe exempt with regards to open containers being permitted in this area.

Matt advised that as it is a public street; for the provisions of the Police Offences Act, 1935 with regards to open containers, the bottleshop forecourt is a public street by definition. Similarly a footpath could be also. The bottleshop forecourt is also not an ideal place for congregation of drinking patrons due to vehicle traffic.

"public street" means any street, road, lane, thoroughfare, footpath, bridge, or place open to or used by the public, or to which the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise;

Matt also advised that a request from the Radio Room was if Key-holders at venues have changed please update via the TAS Police website.

Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA)

Anthony McConnon

Anthony advised that media (ABC) have been highlighting tourists coming to area. THA will be promoting.

Pub-watch Scheme - \$30k received from State Government; THA has received advice from Department of Economic Development that \$10k must be utilised for investigating processes hence this may cause scheme to be placed on back burner.

Anthony advised that WA is implementing a similar scheme and this may provide guidance regarding legalities of information sharing of banned patrons.

Gaming- Federal will override State legislation

Liquor and Gaming

Bill Krushka

Bill advised that Police statistics were higher in December 2010 but lower from the previous year.

North/North West patrons' numbers had decreased at late night venues

Assisting with planning events e.g. Devonport Cup, Launceston Cup, Festivale and MS Fest
Peter advised that a positive result from the Devonport Cup saw 5000 random breath tests occur with 1 exceed being recorded.

Bill advised that the program to assist Football Associations with developing alcohol management strategies is progressing. A meeting with the Northern Football Association is scheduled for 1/2/11 in Launceston. Representatives from DIER/Good Sports/Liquor & Gaming will be attending. Good Sports are the driver of the program.

DIER will promote safe transport program

Local associations will be invited to attend meeting to discuss the program

Liquor and Gaming are currently developing surveillance standards for venues which will address technical standards and capabilities to review incidents.

At some venues it is a requirement that surveillance is required or a license will not be issued.

The surveillance standards are similar to the standards required for gaming areas.

DIER

Louise Maynard

No further information

Invitation was extended to Accord members to attend the CRSP meeting on Monday 7th February 7pm at Council Chambers.

Council

Deb Mainwaring

Deb advised that the recent Australia Day celebrations were successful but with increasing crowd numbers there were issues of underage drinking and bringing alcohol into the event.

Deb suggested that the committee liaise with Liquor and Gaming prior to the event.

Youth Week activities are currently being organised with an event to be held at West Esplanade in April 2011. Service Providers will be involved to promote drug and alcohol awareness and other health information.

6) General Discussion

Liquor and Gaming

Peter O'Sullivan

Peter will circulate a contact list for members.

Licensees

Tall Timbers – John Dabner

John discussed the issue of hiring and the cost associated with providing security for functions and suggested is there a possibility that the Liquor Accord could advocate of behalf of the licensees to engage a security firm that all licensees utilise in Circular Head for a standardized rate. Suggestions were made that a security firm may train interested persons from Circular Head to work in the local area.

Matt advised that new standards may be in place regarding training for security guards which incorporates more intensive requirements which involves increased education component/hours/costs.

Dean inquired what are the legal requirements regarding providing security at events. Under licensing laws the licensee has control of the premises and how they do this is at the licensee's discretion. Licensees tend to have an understanding/knowledge of patrons attending specific functions and determine if security is required.

7) Action List

Constitution	Changes/distribute	Deb
Media	article for chronicle	Shelley/Kelli
DES Program	Rebranding	Deb/Louise
Taxi Operator/security	Invitation to meeting	Shelley
Security Firms	standardized rate/usage in CH	Deb
Membership form	to be supplied	Peter
Contact List	distribute	Peter
Incident Book	to be supplied	Peter

8) Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th May 2011, 10.30am Circular Head Council Chambers

9) Meeting Closed 11.45am

'Liquor accords seek to change, for the better, the way the community uses and thinks about alcohol'.