

As most of you are aware, it is the policy of the Commissioner for Licensing to establish liquor accords across the state - in major metropolitan areas (such as Hobart, Launceston and Burnie) and other regional areas as appropriate (such as Circular Head, Devonport and Glenorchy).

So far we have established accords in Burnie, Launceston and Circular Head (at the request of the local community). Planning has commenced for an accord in Devonport after a successful information session held last Thursday. Discussions have also been held with the Glenorchy City Council, the THA and Tasmania Police - Glenorchy, on whether there is any appetite to establish an accord in Glenorchy. An information session for Glenorchy licensees and the local business community is being planned within the next month.

It is proposed to resume the planning process for the Hobart Accord (commenced in late 2009) in May this year, after the Devonport and Glenorchy Accords planning processes are established and well underway.

The aim and strategy for 2011 is to have (at least) six accords operating across the state by the end of the year.

Although accords are owned and conducted by local licensees in conjunction with the business community, it is important in the establishment of these accords and for their ongoing success that they receive strong support from local government, Police, industry groups such as the THA and my own Liquor and Gaming Branch. To date, your cooperation and enthusiasm in the establishment of accords has been exemplary and the work done by existing accords is a clear justification for our continuing support of them.

I look forward to your cooperation in facilitating new accords across the State and thank you again for your efforts to sustain the accords already successfully in operation.

Leon Atkinson-MacEwen
Commissioner for Licensing

Regulating the sale of alcohol and the conduct of gaming for the benefit of the Tasmanian community
