



**Liquor Accord Interest Meeting  
Circular Head Council  
Council Chambers  
9<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

Meeting Opened: 7.10pm

**1. Attending:**

Maree Airey, Brett Good (Marawah Tavern), Stuart Gale (Redpa Football Club); Kathleen Kay (RSL), Shelley Nicholls (Smithton Country Club), Anthony McConnon, Steve Old, Ben Walker, Stacey Joseph (THA), Bruce Horton (Smithton Club), Kelli Neilson (Bridge Hotel); Mary Allen (CHCRC), John Dabner (Tall Timbers), John Aitken (Rocky Cape Tavern); Julian Jacobs (Stanley Hotel), Sgt Lee-Anne Walters (Smithton Police), Peter O'Sullivan (Liquor & Gaming Branch), Louise Maynard (DIER Road Safety), Matt Solty, Andrew Dare (Licensing – TAS Police), Deb Mainwaring (Circular Head Council).

**2. Apologies:**

Nil

**3. Confirmation of Minutes:**

Moved John Dabner seconded Bruce Horton that the minutes are a true and correct record  
Carried

**4. Business Arising**

**a) DES Program Update**

Additional cards have been requested from Tall Timbers  
Cards to be distributed to Smithton Country Club / Rocky Cape Tavern  
Bruce (Smithton Club) advised that requests for cards had been inconsistent; Shelley (Smithton Country Club) reiterated this comment.  
Kelli (Bridge Hotel) commented that patrons have requested the cards  
Sgt Lee-Anne Walters advised that there has been a reduction in drink driving offences – older drivers are offending with high readings and the younger drivers appear to be more responsive to the law. Promotion should continue targeting 30yrs+  
Promote through CRSP committee – prior to football season / holiday season

**b) Incident Book**

Peter O'Sullivan will follow up but suggested that each establishment should have their own incident record system.

**c) Taxi operator/security invitation**

Shelley advised that she was unable to contact the Taxi operator.

Licenses have issues with Taxi operator as there is limited service available. Members are unanimous that it is important to have formal discussions at a meeting to address the availability of taxis.

Peter O'Sullivan advised that a suggestion from the Devonport Accord was to investigate subsidizing participants to undertake training for taxi drivers through the CRSP program to relieve the shortage of drivers in the Devonport area.

#### **d) Security Firms**

Deb advised that both security companies contacted stated that it would be difficult to have "special" deals with licenses as travel and hourly rates are standard costs. Both firms are willing to provide security if available. Local firm does not have sufficient staff to cater for large events.

Kelli (Bridge Hotel) advised the Goodstone Group have advertised to employ people to train for their own security guards.

### **5. Correspondence**

Inward – THA Free Workshop Series – Marketing and Promotion

### **6. Reports**

#### Tasmania Police

Lee-Anne Walters

Recently attended a disturbance outside the Bridge Hotel; capsicum spray was discharged  
Offending locals have been barred from Hotel.

Discussion was held in regards to barred patrons – all licenses would have to commit to barring offenders from all venues. Privacy issues may arise.

Awareness notices may be an option for licenses – advising other venues of troublesome patrons.

Sgt Walters was supportive of venues addressing their own security concerns by way of engaging guards.

Open containers on streets are still an ongoing issue; this may escalate with sporting finals approaching.

#### Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA)

Anthony McConnon

Conducting free statewide Marketing and Promotion Workshop series; a workshop was held in Smithton with 7 people attending.

The Devonport Liquor Accord was launched 1/7/11 and the Hobart Liquor Accord was launched on 12/7/11. The Glenorchy Liquor Accord was launched today 9/8/11.

A fundraiser held on 26/6/11 for the Special Olympics raised \$13,000.

THA promoting "Watch your Mates" initiative; an application for iphones will be available.

Beverage Survey Guide is being developed; this will provide information on average prices within establishments – available end August

Anthony informed the meeting that a change to contestability to energy costs for accounts over \$10,000 – possible to obtain a discount through Aurora – contact Anthony for further details.

Merchants rates for members; transactions on credit cards – check rates; contact Anthony for further details.

### Liquor and Gaming

Peter O'Sullivan

Reiterated Anthony's information regarding launching of the other Liquor Accords; there are now 6 in total.

Minister Scott Bacon is to announce 19/8/11 funding may be available for Liquor Accords; option of developing a general statewide website

Licensees still need to be vigilant regarding underage accessing gaming venues/Tote

Sporting Club Initiative – No Liquor Entry signage has been provided for football clubs statewide.

### DIER/Road Safety Operations

Louise Maynard

Congratulation to all new Liquor Accords – important to look at funding options for the Accords; for sustainability funding will need to be generated other than membership fees.

Grants are always on offer for projects

Working with CRSP committee to promote road safety messages other than 'drink driving'

### Council

Deb Mainwaring

Bar Mats have been distributed

Continual promotion of the "look out for your mates" initiative is ongoing with signage boards and trailer being utilised.

Behaviour issues at Seven Up Youth Centre – young boys accessing alcohol/drugs are causing concern.

## **6) General Discussion**

### **Licensees**

#### Tall Timbers – John Dabner

John advised that due to shoplifting issues within the retail area of the hotel Tall Timbers are introducing signage promoting "hats off to beat crime" as offenders have 'hoodies and caps' on and their faces cannot be identified from security footage.

*Matt Solty advised this procedure is in place in most North West venues*

Additional signage promoting – "I D required if you look under 25" is also on display.

*Kelli (Bridge Hotel) advised this has been available for some time*

John raised his concerns with local sporting organisations/clubs regarding 'price fixing' for alcohol; drinks are being sold under the recommended retail price and this could encourage 'binge' drinking and misuse of alcohol.

#### Bridge Hotel – Kelli Neilson

Kelli inquired if other Accord members had heard the rumor that BWS was investigating establishing an outlet in Circular Head. Apparently a site has been identified;

Much discussion was held on this item and with all members voicing their objection to this 'rumored' proposal.

*8.09pm John Dabner, Steve Old, Ben Walker, Stacey Joseph left the meeting*

Kelli also raised her concerns regarding taxi availability. Patrons are unable to use the service due to limited hours provided.

This issue of limited taxi service is a major concern for licensees and other options were discussed. The availability of courtesy buses / costs involved / vouchers were raised.

Bruce (Smithton Club) also supported Kelli's concerns with the taxi service; he advised that a voucher system was in place for patrons that the establishment pays the first \$5 of the fare. This is monitored closely as on occasions it is abused.

Peter offered to investigate how many taxi licenses are held in Smithton

Matt advised there is a "banana bus" operating in the Port Sorell/Latrobe area that is privately operated and appears to work efficiently.

*Deb to investigate*

#### Redpa Football Club – Stuart Gale

Stuart advised that the football season would be ending soon; minimum incidents reported

Thursday evening – DES operates

Saturday – drop offs around Marrawah / Smithton travel is still a concern

Main aim is to stamp out drink driving

Sgt Lee-ann Walters advised that "Smashed" the BigHart film addresses binge drinking

### **7) Action List**

Media	article for chronicle	Kelli
Taxi Operator	invitation to meeting	Shelley
Incident Book	to be supplied	Peter
Taxi License	investigate number held in CH	Peter
DES cards	distribution	Deb
Courtesy Bus	investigate Banana Bus	Deb
Hoodies signage	distribute	John D

### **8) Next Meeting**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Circular Head Council Chambers

**Time to be confirmed**

### **9) Meeting Closed 8.30pm**

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