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Welcome to the June issue of *In Touch*.

In Touch aims to present participants in the Queensland sex industry with information which we hope will assist people to better understand their rights and responsibilities within the legal sex industry, and to give you some information about the PLA and its role.

We are always keen to hear any comments and stories and to answer any questions. Feel free to drop us a line with any contributions or feedback for future editions. Just write or email care of "The Editor" at the contact details below.

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From the Chairman's Pen

As the new Chairman of the Prostitution Licensing Authority (PLA) I look forward to continuing the orderly development of the regulated sex industry in Queensland. My colleagues on the PLA Board have a great wealth of knowledge and experience which will be invaluable in assisting me as Chairman.

The regulated sex industry in Queensland has developed markedly since the introduction of the Prostitution Act 1999 and, in many ways, the State is now entering the next phase of regulated prostitution.

We await the Government's response to the Crime and Misconduct Commission's (CMC) Evaluation of the Prostitution Act 1999. We also await the outcome of the CMC's current inquiry into the legalisation of escort or outcall prostitution services.

While the PLA will work to continue the orderly development of the industry, I am mindful that it is a regulator. At times this regulatory role must balance the needs of the community with the development aspirations of the industry. I believe, however, that this can be achieved in a consultative and informed manner.

In my position as Chairman, I look forward to meeting the many industry representatives, licensees and managers and am sure that your ideas will provide useful information on the needs of the industry.

I have already met with representatives of the Queensland Adult Business Association Inc. (QABA). I have agreed to meet every two months with representatives of QABA to discuss matters of concern.

My door is always open to licensees and others to discuss problems.

Regards

*Manus Boyce QC
Chairman, PLA*

WELCOME

PLA Welcomes New Board Member

Dr Diane Rowling is the PLA's newest member of the Authority and replaces inaugural member, Dr Ian Wilkey. Diane has extensive experience and a wealth of knowledge in community and sexual health issues.

We congratulate Dr Rowling on her appointment and wish her well in her new role.

PLA's Annual Report Award

The PLA was recently recognised at the Queensland Public Sector Annual Report Awards. The PLA received an Award of Merit under the Other Public Sector Entities Section. The Registrar Margaret Isaac accepted the award on behalf of the PLA. It is the fourth year in a row that the PLA has been recognised by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

An Award of Merit is given to an organisation whose report:

- is a well presented and readable communication document
- discloses the achievement of its corporate objectives
- discloses policies and procedures for the management of risk
- satisfies most of the evaluation criteria, commensurate with the size of the organisation

The next annual report is due out later in the year and as always, we welcome any feedback from you concerning our publications. You can email us at plaadmin@iprimus.com.au or by telephoning the office on (07) 3858 9500.

Date claimer reminder as at 1 July 2005

Please note that from 1 July 2005 current Senior First Aid Certificates, including the CPR component and SQWISI certificates must be forwarded with all new and renewal applications. The application process will not commence until they have been received.

We only need copies of the certificates please - **No** originals.

ADVERTISING FOR APPROVED MANAGER'S SHIFTS AT LICENSED BROTHELS

We have our first advertisements for Approved Managers shifts:

The Oasis At Sumner Park - 61 Spine Street Sumner Park is looking for approved managers for various shifts.

If you are interested please contact Ray at the brothel (07) 3715 5166.

Silks on Upton - 44 Upton Street Bundall is looking for a part-time approved manager.

If you are interested please contact the brothel (07) 55 382 088.

This publication is widely circulated so if you want to advertise for approved managers let us know by phoning us at the PLA office on (07) 3858 9500 or emailing us at plaadmin@iprimus.com.au.

Deadline for the next edition: Friday 26 August 2005.

Remember -

www.pla.qld.gov.au

For information on a range of issues that relate to the industry.

The website now has the updated Approved Manager's Application forms, Approved Manager's Variation forms and Brothel Licence Application forms. These all link to the schedule of fees and can be downloaded for your convenience.

Sole operators and brothels can download or view a copy of the relevant advertising policy.

There are also copies of the PLA's publications available, as well as links to various other sites that you may find interesting.

So go to www.pla.qld.gov.au and see it for yourselves - we welcome feedback on how you find the website so email any comments to plaadmin@iprimus.com.au or contact the office on (07) 3858 9500.

PLA BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE QUARTER

The PLA Board members meet on the first Thursday of each month. The following are the meeting dates for the next quarter:

Thursday 7 July 2005

Thursday 4 August 2005

Thursday 1 September 2005

These dates are tentative and are subject to change without notice. They are current at time of printing.

Can you live on without knowing these things?

Many years ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was called "Gentlemen Only ... Ladies Forbidden".... And thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Coca Cola was originally green !

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Q. What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common?

A. They were all invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Interesting information??????

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the brides' father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month Which we know today as the honeymoon.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA)

From time to time enquiries are made to the PLA in relation to students or work visas. The appropriate Australian Government Department to administer the *Migration Act 1958* is DIMIA. The following general information is taken from the DIMIA website for information only . If sex workers, licensees or managers require further information go to the DIMIA website then contact DIMIA if required.

The term worker is used broadly in this article. Definitions of who may be classified as a "worker" should be verified with DIMIA.

Who can you employ in Australia?

The DIMIA website offers help to Australian employers in their dealings with people already in Australia who MAY have the right to work while on their visit.

People who **migrate** to Australia are entitled to work. But people **visiting** Australia may or may not have the right to work.

By checking a visitor's work rights, employers can ensure that only those people entitled to work in Australia are given jobs.

A Guide on Work Rights is designed to help Australian employers check the work rights of people visiting Australia, and offers information about the issue of illegal workers in Australia.

DIMIA provides the following services to help employers and labour suppliers check potential employee's work rights:

The Work Rights Freecall Faxback Facility 1800 505 550

The Work Rights Faxback Facility is a toll free fax service that provides written confirmation from DIMIA to employers of an employee's work rights status.

Employers and labour suppliers must complete an *Authority to Obtain Details of Work Rights Status form* from DIMIA, ask the employee to sign the form and then fax it to the above number.

The form is also available by contacting the Employers' Work Right Checking Line, or by visiting the DIMIA website at www.immi.gov.au/employers/authority.doc

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Employer information hotline

The Employers' Work Right Checking Line 1800 040 070

The Employers' Work Right Checking Line is a toll free phone service that provides employers with assistance with understanding work conditions on visa labels. The service also provides information about the Work Rights Faxback Facility or Illegal Worker Warning Notices (IWWNs).

You can use the freecall phone line service for enquiries about:

- general work rights issues;
- help with reading visas; and
- information about the new warning notices

This service operates across all Australian time zones from:

- 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Employer Awareness Sessions

DIMIA can provide on-site information sessions to assist employers and labour suppliers to check employee's work rights. If you wish to have a session conducted at your work place, information can be obtained through the DIMIA website.

Online facility to check work entitlements

Allows employers and labour suppliers to check the work entitlements of prospective employees who were born outside Australia online. You need to register to use this service. To register select [Entitlement Verification Online](#) and follow the online instructions. This service is available 24 hours, seven days a week.

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Available services

A new service called Entitlement Verification Online (EVO) has been introduced to allow registered organisations to check aspects of a person's Australian immigration status.

The following organisations can register for the service:

- employers and labour suppliers to check the work entitlements of prospective employees;
- licensing authorities to check the work entitlements and residence status of persons applying for a licence; and
- educational institutions to check the study entitlements of students

Working Holiday Makers

The Working Holiday Program provides opportunities for people between 18 and 30 to holiday in Australia and to supplement their travel funds through incidental employment.

The visa allows a stay of up to 12 months from the date of first entry to Australia, regardless of whether or not the whole time spent is in Australia.

Workers are allowed to do any kind of work of a temporary or casual nature, but working for more than three months with any one employer is not permitted.

Student Visas

For information relating to student visas contact the student compliance team on (07) 3360 5085 or email - studentcompliance team@immi.gov.au

ORIGINAL MANAGER'S CERTIFICATES

1. Who should keep hold of an Approved Manager's certificate?

S44 (1) of the *Prostitution Act 1999* (the Act) states that a certificate authorises **the holder** of the certificate to be an Approved Manager of a licensed brothel stated in the certificate.

The certificate is issued to the Approved Manager who then has a responsibility for notifying the PLA of:

- any change in information
- variation
- application for renewal
- surrender

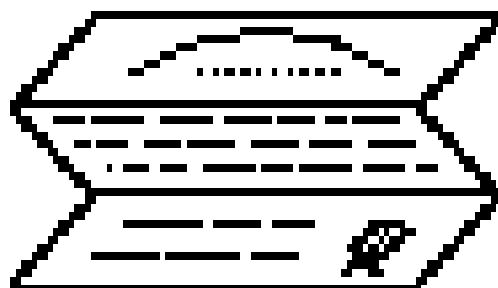
The Act also states that the Authority may require the Approved Manager to produce the certificate for endorsement of a variation, revocation or addition.

Approved Managers should therefore be the holder of the certificate.

2. Must they be displayed as does the licence?

No they do not. The Act currently states under S87 (1) A licensee must keep the licensee's licence for a brothel displayed in a conspicuous place inside the front entrance of the brothel. No such requirement is made by the PLA to display an Approved Manager's certificate.

If any further clarification is needed on these or other matters please feel free to contact us at the PLA office on (07) 3858 9500.



Licensed brothels in Queensland

Here is an up-to-date list of all the licensed brothels operating in Queensland:

The Viper Room

945 Fairfield Road
YEERONGPILLY QLD 4105
Phone: 3392 7070

Truely Elegance

120 Robinson Road East
GEEBUNG QLD 4034
Phone: 3865 6066

The Oasis at Sumner Park

61 Spine Street
SUMNER PARK QLD 4074
Phone: 3715 5166

Black Orchid

12 Greg Chappell Drive
ANDREWS QLD 4220
Phone: 5522 1400

Silks on Upton

44 Upton Street
BUNDALL QLD 4217
Phone: 5538 2088

Club 7 on Enterprise

7 Enterprise Street
PAGET QLD 4740
Phone: 4952 6767

Intimate Encounters

22 Brewer Street
CLONTARF QLD 4019
Phone: 3283 6111

Scarlet Harem

14 Avian Street
KUNDA PARK QLD 4556
Phone: 5476 5044

Purely Blue

175 Abbotsford Road
BOWEN HILLS QLD 4006
Phone: 3854 0366

88 on Logan

88 Logan Road
WOOLLOONGABBA QLD 4102
Phone: 3891 1198

Club Tigerlily

1094 Kingsford Smith Drive
EAGLE FARM QLD 4009
Phone: 3868 4340

Pentagon Grand

30 Jade Drive
NERANG QLD 4211
Phone: 5597 0777

Intrigue of Marcoola

13 Cessna Street
MARCOOLA QLD 4564
Phone: 5450 7577

Australian Maid

17 Hugh Ryan Drive
GARbutt QLD 4814
Phone: 4725 5888

Bluebirds on Carmel

15 Carmel Street
GARbutt QLD 4814
Phone: 4779 9555

Whispers in Paradise

48 Callemondah Drive
GLADSTONE QLD 4680
Phone: 4978 1144

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