



## **Issue 13-December 2005**

Welcome to the Christmas and New Year 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 welcome your comments and stories. Feel free to drop us a line if you have any questions you need answering or concerns.

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Should you request that your contribution be treated anonymously, it will be. (Please note that we reserve the right to select letters for printing in *In Touch*).

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## Registrar's 2005 Wrap Up

I can't believe another year has gone by... 2005 seems to have flown past us at a greater speed than even last year! It has been an interesting time getting to know the new members of the Authority, our new licensees and certified managers.

Our commitment to the licensed sex industry has been the major driving force for 2005 and we look forward to the Crime and Misconduct Commission's recommendations in respect of their inquiry into outcalls from licensed brothels.

We have a new Compliance Officer starting with the PLA in January 2006, Scott Mowat, who will be working with Heather Reynolds. Some of you will no doubt get to meet Scott during the various audits and inspections that will be conducted next year.

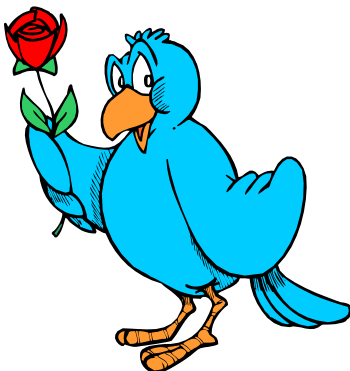
The office will be closed from 26 December 2005 to 2 January 2006 inclusive. Please keep this in mind if you are considering any new advertisements during this time.

On behalf of all of us here at the PLA may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those of you working over the holiday break, stay safe and don't forget to take some 'personal' time.

My thanks to those of you who have contacted the office to give your personal thanks and best wishes. We look forward to seeing/speaking with you again in 2006.

Kind regards,

Margaret



*Get Well Soon*

We understand that Cheryl Matthews, State Manager SQWISI, is on extended sick leave until early 2006. The PLA would like to extend their very best wishes to Cheryl and pray for her good health. We all look forward to working with Cheryl upon her return to work in the New Year.

## Lodging a Manager's Application with the PLA

Over the past few years the volume of managers' applications received at the Prostitution Licensing Authority (PLA) has increased significantly. The PLA place a high priority on processing applications promptly and also acknowledge the vital role of managers' who work at licensed brothels.

Before the PLA can commence processing an application it ***must*** include:

- Copy of current Senior First Aid Certificate including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR)
- Copy of current SQWISI Sexual Health Workshop Certificate
- Two passport size photographs
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Certified copy of Driver's Licence
- Relevant fees – application fee **and** certificate fee
- Signed letter from licensee advising intent to work as a manager
- All information completed in relevant forms including Statutory Declarations
- Any other relevant documentation, eg. Passport.

Over the past few months the PLA has received many applications that are incomplete i.e. incorrect fees, not enough information to determine eligibility to apply etc. The PLA cannot commence processing these applications until all required documentation/information/fees are received. If an application is sent to the PLA with incorrect fees, the application will be returned. The *Prostitution Act* states that applications must, amongst other things, be accompanied by the relevant fees.

Please note that any delay in providing the required information or documentation to the PLA will mean a consequential delay in both the processing and consideration of the application.

Our thanks go to those applicants who respond promptly to requests for further information and advice and also to those who submit correctly completed applications.



Please do not hesitate to contact the PLA office on phone: 3858 9500 if you have any queries regarding the application forms or the process.

## Approved Manager's Shifts at Licensed Brothels

**Vacancy** - A position exists for an approved manager at the Viper Room 945 Fairfield Road Yeerongpilly. **Excellent Remuneration.** Please contact 3392 7070 for details.

**Vacancy** - New licensed brothel opening early 2006 "B Tempted" at 180 Abbotsford Road, Bowen Hills, is looking for approved duty managers to work on a rotating roster. Full-time and part-time positions are available. If you are interested please email your resume to [tentrike@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tentrike@bigpond.net.au), or fax (07) 4124 2483 or phone (07) 4128 1700.

**Note:** 1000 copies of this publication is circulated state wide so if you would like to advertise for approved managers please let us know by phoning the PLA office on (07) 3858 9500 or emailing [plaadmin@iprimus.com.au](mailto:plaadmin@iprimus.com.au).

Deadline for the next edition: **Friday 17 March 2006**

# Remember

- [www.pla.qld.gov.au](http://www.pla.qld.gov.au) for information on a range of issues that relate to the industry.

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

There are copies of the PLA's publications available, as well as links to other sites that you may find interesting. New Items: Annual Report for 2004-05 is now available on-line.

So go to [www.pla.qld.gov.au](http://www.pla.qld.gov.au) and see it for yourselves - we welcome feedback so email any comments to [plaadmin@iprimus.com.au](mailto:plaadmin@iprimus.com.au) or contact the office on (07) 3858 9500.



## PLA Board Meeting Dates for 2006

The PLA generally meet on the first Thursday of each month.

The following are the proposed meeting dates for the New Year:

No meeting in January 2006	Thursday, 4 May 2006	Thursday, 7 September 2006
Thursday, 2 February 2006	Thursday, 1 June 2006	Thursday, 5 October 2006
Thursday, 2 March 2006	Thursday, 6 July 2006	Thursday, 2 November 2006
Thursday, 6 April 2006	Thursday 3, August 2006	Thursday, 7 December 2006

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

## Some Christmas Cheer!



- Christmas is in my heart twelve months a year and thanks to credit cards, it's also on my Visa Card Statement twelve months a year.
- Some of these new toys are so creative and inventive. This year they have a Neurotic Doll. It's wound up already.
- I wanna tell you what kind of luck I've got. If this year I cornered the mistletoe market, they'd postpone Christmas.

**Christmas:** When you exchange hellos with strangers and good buys with friends.

Christmas is the time when people put so many bulbs on the outside of their houses, you don't know if they're celebrating the birth of Jesus or Energex.

**Christmas** is a time when people get emotional over family ties, particularly if they have to wear them.

Christmas: the time when everyone gets Santamental.



## **Sole Operator Outcalls**

The PLA has continued to receive numerous calls about whether sole operators can provide outcalls/escort services in Queensland. Apparently some clients are being advised by brothel staff that escort services are unlawful in Queensland. This is confusing and concerning to some clients who have previously accessed escort services from sole operators.

Sole operators – where a single sex worker works alone – are legally able to provide outcall prostitution services in Queensland.

In respect of clients requesting an outcall service from a licensed brothel, they should be informed that outcalls from licensed brothels are illegal. However, it is not correct to inform them that all outcall services are illegal in Queensland, as sole operators are legally able to provide this service.

The Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) have recently held a public inquiry regarding the possible legalisation of escort or outcall prostitution services in Queensland. The CMC are investigating whether licensed brothels and/or independent escort agencies should be able to legally provide escort prostitution services in Queensland. The CMC will make their recommendations to the Government shortly. Until there is resolution in respect of the CMC inquiry, the current legal framework applies.

## **Updated Versions of the Advertising Policies**

Over the last few months the PLA has dealt with a number of advertising inquiries that were not fully described in current advertising policies.

Given that a number of new licensed brothels have opened and the increase in the number of advertisements from sole operators, the PLA determined that the current policies should be reviewed.

As a result, revised policies – version 4 for licensed brothels and version 6 for sole operators became effective as of November 2005.

While there have been no major changes to either of the previous policies the revised policies more clearly identify the “do’s” and “don’ts” of advertising.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call the office on (07)3858 9500 should you need any clarification.

The revised policies can be viewed or downloaded from the PLA’s website at [www.pla.qld.gov.au](http://www.pla.qld.gov.au)

## **Brisbane Sexpo 2006**

The PLA will have a stand in the Sexual Health Education section of Brisbane Sexpo, which runs from 16 to 19 February 2006. Sexpo provides us with an excellent opportunity to distribute information to both the industry and the general public about prostitution-related issues, the legislation in Queensland and the work we do in an appropriately adult-only forum.

If you are at Sexpo, make sure you come up and say hello. We are always happy to talk to people in the industry and any feedback or comments you have will be most welcome.

## **Interesting Industry Facts**

MORE than a third of Australian men aged 70 and over are still having sex, including a few who continue to pay for prostitutes, a study has found.

The findings form part of the Men in Australia; Telephone Survey (MATeS) which questioned almost 6000 randomly selected men aged 40 to 98 about their health.

Of the 1393 men aged 70 and over, 37 per cent reported still being sexually active in the previous 12 months, including half a dozen who paid commercial sex workers.

They told researchers in a 20-minute interview that physical pleasure with a partner did not change as they aged.

Details of the study relating to sexual activity, fertility and contraceptive use in middle-aged and older men were recently published on-line in the international journal, *Human Reproduction*.

More than a quarter of the men in their 70s and older said they wanted more sex than they were actually getting.

*Adapted from News.com.au 21-11-05*

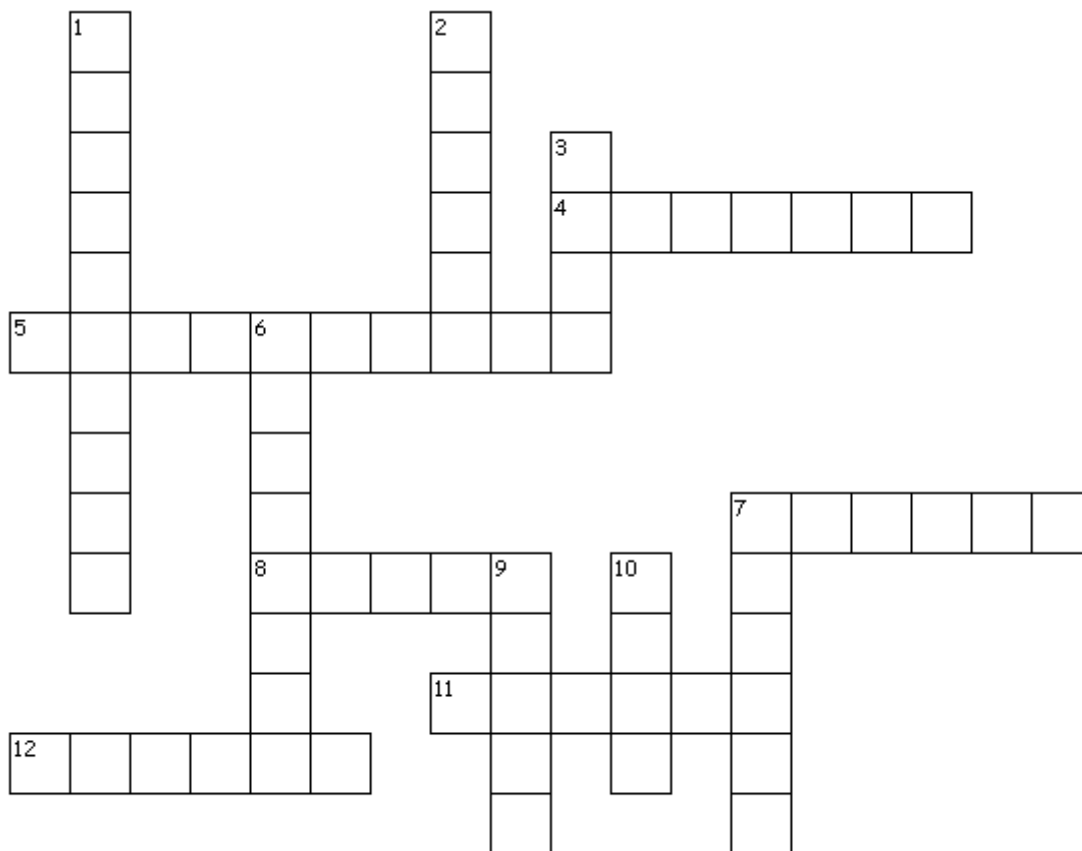
## **Quotes by Great Ladies**

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me into a department store and he asked for my autograph - *Shirley Temple*

Inside every older lady is a younger lady - wondering what the hell happened?  
- *Cora Harvey Armstrong*

I refuse to think of them as chin hairs. I think of them as stray eyebrows.  
- *Janette Barber*

# The PLA Christmas Puzzle



## Across

4. What is the name of the PLA's industry newsletter?
5. Who is the current PLA Chair?
7. For how many months are brothel licences valid?
8. How many PLA board members are there?
11. In what suburb is the PLA office?
12. What is the name of Queensland's community based sex worker organisation?

## Down

1. Who was the inaugural PLA Chair?
2. On what day does Christmas fall this year?
3. What is the maximum number of rooms available for prostitution at any one time in a Queensland licensed brothel?
6. How often are sex workers in licensed brothels required to obtain sexual health certificates?
7. How many licensed brothels are now operating in Queensland?
9. On what date does the PLA commence business in 2006?
10. What is the acronym for the (Queensland) police task force that assists the PLA with their probity inquiries?

## **Merry Christmas to All the Recipients of the PLA Newsletter**

English/Australian: Merry Christmas

New Zealand (Maori): Meri Kirihimete

Vietnamese: Cung Mung Giang Sinh

Chinese: (Cantonese) Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun

(Mandarin) Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan

Japanese: Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto

Italian: Buone Feste Natalizie

Greek: Kala Christouyenna!

Korean: Sung Tan Chuk Ha

We apologise if we haven't translated "Merry Christmas" into your native tongue but the message is clear... we here at the PLA wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



## Licensed Brothels in Queensland

<p><b>88 On Logan</b> 88 Logan Road WOOLLOONGABBA QLD 4102 Phone: 3891 1198</p>	<p><b>Intrigue of Marcoola</b> 13 Cessna Street MARCOOLA QLD 4564 Phone: 5450 7577</p>	<p><b>The Viper Room</b> 945 Fairfield Road YEERONGPILLY QLD 4105 Phone: 3392 7070</p>
<p><b>Australian Maid</b> 17 Hugh Ryan Drive GARBUTT QLD 4814 Phone: 4725 5888</p>	<p><b>Paradise Penthouse</b> 29 Expansion Street Ashmore QLD 4214 Phone: 5564 5599</p>	<p><b>Truely Elegance</b> 120 Robinson Road East GEEBUNG QLD 4034 Phone: 3865 6066</p>
<p><b>Black Orchid</b> 12 Greg Chappell Drive ANDREWS QLD 4220 Phone: 5522 1400</p>	<p><b>Pentagon Grand</b> 30 Jade Drive NERANG QLD 4211 Phone: 5597 0777</p>	<p><b>Whispers in Paradise</b> 48 Callemondah Drive GLADSTONE QLD 4680 Phone: 4978 1144</p>
<p><b>Bluebirds on Carmel</b> 15 Carmel Street GARBUTT QLD 4814 Phone: 4779 9555</p>	<p><b>Purely Blue</b> 175 Abbotsford Road BOWEN HILLS QLD 4006 Phone: 3854 0366</p>	<p><b>Yimi 476</b> 476 Boundary Road ARCHERFIELD QLD 4108 Phone: 3277 7318</p>
<p><b>Cleos on Nile</b> 12 Nile Street WOOLLOONGABBA QLD 4102 Phone: 3393 1678</p>	<p><b>Resort Two Six</b> 26 Magnesium Drive CRESTMead QLD 4132 Phone: 3803 1000</p>	
<p><b>Club 7 on Enterprise</b> 7 Enterprise Street PAGET QLD 4740 Phone: 4952 6767</p>	<p><b>Scarlet Harem</b> 14 Avian Street KUNDA PARK QLD 4556 Phone: 5476 5044</p>	
<p><b>Club Tigerlily</b> 1094 Kingsford Smith Drive EAGLE FARM QLD 4009 Phone: 3868 4340</p>	<p><b>Silks on Upton</b> 44 Upton Street BUNDALL QLD 4217 Phone: 5538 2088</p>	
<p><b>Intimate Encounters</b> 22 Brewer Street CLONTARF QLD 4019 Phone: 3283 6111</p>	<p><b>The Oasis at Sumner Park</b> 61 Spine Street SUMNER PARK QLD 4074 Phone: 3715 5166</p>	

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