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Welcome to the 14th 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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Approved Manager's Shifts at Licensed Brothels

Vacancy - AABS180 is seeking an approved manager to join our team. We have a full-time position available with excellent remuneration. AABS180 is conveniently located at 180 Abbotsford Road Bowen Hills – close to the City. All applicants are to lodge their interests via email at aabs180@bigpond.net.au or phone 0421 188 865.

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 - Truly Elegance is seeking two part-time approved managers Located at 120 Robinson Road Geebung. Days/Nights/Weekends. Contact Chris Bale on 3865 6066 for details.

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.

Deadline for the next edition:
Friday 16 June 2006

Remember

- www.pla.qld.gov.au
for information on a range of issues that relate to the industry.

There are copies of the PLA's publications available including the Approved Manager's Handbook, as well as links to other sites that you may find interesting.

So go to www.pla.qld.gov.au – we welcome feedback so email any comments to 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 next quarters meeting dates:

Thursday, 6 April 2006

Thursday, 4 May 2006

Thursday, 1 June 2006

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

Welcome

Scott Mowat New Compliance Officer

Hi, my name is Scott Mowat and I have recently taken up the position as the new compliance officer at the PLA. I have a lengthy history of compliance work throughout a variety of Government departments and my wife and I have run a number of family businesses. My weekends are usually a hectic affair, having three sons, with Mum and Dad's taxis constantly clocking up the kilometres to various sporting events. I have already had the opportunity to meet a number of you within the industry whilst travelling around with Heather learning the ropes. I hope to be able to visit all licensed brothels and meet you all in the near future.

Brisbane Sexpo 2006

Once again the PLA had a stand in the Sexual Health Education section of Brisbane Sexpo. 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.

This year we put together a Sexpo edition of *In Touch* for all those people who came to our stall. We also asked people to complete a questionnaire and we will compare these responses to last year's results. Look out for the responses in our next annual report.

If you came up and said hello, we really appreciated it. We had a lot of feedback and it was great to talk to so many interested people. If you have any suggestions about how to improve the PLA stand and/or you have some thoughts about what you would like to see more or less of, please let us know. Just contact the Editor - *In Touch* and give us your ideas.



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.

Keeping you Informed

In line with our aim of providing information relevant to the industry we have started off the first edition of 2006 with an article that covers the issue of sexual health.

- *Sexual Health - More Than STIs* has been provided by Dr Diane Rowling who is a PLA board member and community physician working in sexual health.

Sexual Health - More than STIs

Sexual health is not just about disease or injury of the genital organs. Health bodies such as the World Health Organisation have long recognised this fact and have promoted a view of sexual health that addresses the social factors such as poverty, violence and displacement that can lead to poor sexual health. The global spread of the HIV virus is a good example of the complex interaction of physical and social factors that can put people at risk of a sexually transmissible infection.

Closer to home, Australia has, for the first time, produced a national sexual health strategy that recognises the important part that sexual health plays in both physical and mental health and general wellbeing. While the focus is on sexually transmissible infections, the strategy recognises that the old venereal disease approach of identification of infections, tracing sexual partners and treating all with antibiotics will not have a lasting impact on the sexual health of the population.

The strategy refers to raising awareness of STIs in the community particularly in young people. Critics of the strategy refer to the absence of a strong push for sexual health education and

condom use in the general population. It is recognised that condom use is the single most important factor in the low incidence of all sexually transmissible infections in commercial sex workers in Australia. For sex workers sexual health is not just an occupational health issue. Health statistics for workers show that sexual service providers are no more likely than the general population to use condoms in their private lives. It is not surprising then that a regular partner is often the source of infection for a worker.

Promotion and widespread availability of condoms is a key element to the reduction of STIs in all populations, particularly young people.

In 2004, 35189 cases of Chlamydia were reported in Australia. This rate has more than doubled over the last five years. Sadly the numbers represent the tip of the infection iceberg in the general population. Most infected people will not have symptoms and so will not seek health care.

Women carry the burden and long term health consequences of this infection while men, particularly young men who seldom seek health care are often the source of infection.

The federal Government has recognised this fact and has set aside funding for studies to improve the awareness, testing and treatment of this important infection. Non-invasive testing such as screening of urine samples and easier single dose effective treatments have helped to identify and treat people with infection.

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However the high rates of infection tell us that Chlamydia is well established in the Australian community and is likely to lead to long term health consequences such as pelvic infection and ectopic pregnancy if the underlying factors that put people at risk of infection are not addressed. A positive body image, self-awareness, skills for sexual decision –making and the ability to create effective relationships are important resources that everyone needs for sexual health. Access to health services and understanding attitudes of health care providers to sexuality issues are other important areas where improvements will lead to more people seeking care for sexual health issues. The sexual health of a population is also a reflection of community attitudes, healthy or otherwise, to sexuality and sexual health issues. Clearly there is more to sexual health than STIs!

(Article provided by Dr Diane Rowling)



Phone: 1800 118 021

Information for Workers in the Sex Industry

Self Health for Queensland Workers in the Sex Industry (SQWISI) is a community based organisation funded by Queensland Health, to provide health and information services to the sex industry and the broader community. Amongst other things, SQWISI provides a range of support and referral services for workers in the sex industry. You can contact SQWISI on toll free number 1800 118 021 or by visiting their website

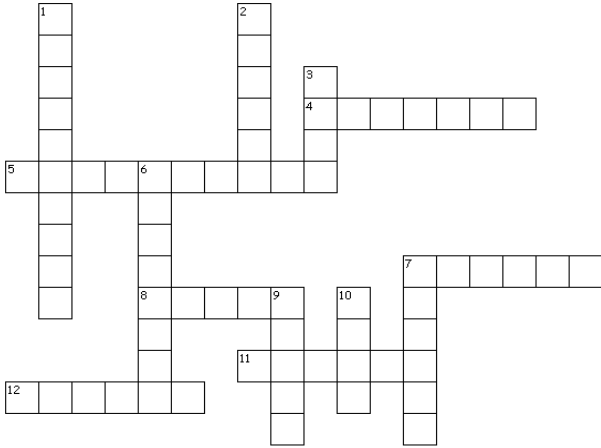
www.sqwisi.org.au for information related to issues such as:

Sexual health;

- Negotiation skills;
- Dealing with difficult clients;
- Professional safety;
- Burnout; and
- Self esteem.

PLA Christmas Puzzle Answers

Congratulations to all of those who managed to get them all right. Look out for the next one to again test your knowledge.



Across

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

Down

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

Durex Global Sex Survey Results

Durex, the worlds leading condom brand, recently conducted the *Global Sex Survey*. More than 317,000 people participated from 41 countries. This is the fourth year the survey has been conducted via the durex.com website and responses were analysed by sex and age to give an in-depth and global picture of sexual attitudes and behavior.

The survey results revealed that people across the globe were having sex an average of 103 times a year. Australians came in at 16th place, still above the average, at 108 times a year.

The survey identified that people were becoming more adventurous with their sex lives. More than two thirds of respondents admitted to having sex in a car, 54% said they preferred the park and 43% the beach.

Globally, the top three sexual enhancers were pornography (41%); massage oils (31%) and lubricants (30%). More than half of all Australians (70%) used lubricants. As for vibrators - globally they were more popular with women (26%) than men (19%), while at 42% Australians were the third most likely nation to own one. The Taiwanese came first followed by a tie between the UK and US.

The study revealed that globally people were losing their virginity younger. People aged over 45 were 17.4-years-old when they lost their virginity; 21-24-years-olds said they were just 16.1; while today's 16-20-year-olds said they lost their virginity at just 13.1. The Germans were taking the decision earlier than any other country at 13.4-years-of-age.

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Continued - Durex Global Sex Survey Results

One of the most shocking statistics to come out of the survey was that almost half (47%) of people around the globe have had unprotected sex without knowing their partner's sexual history. Worryingly, Australians were well above average with 61% of people having taken the risk. The Norwegians took the biggest risk at 73% while the lowest risk takers were in India (21%). All this, while a substantial 8% of adults and 18% of 16-20-year-olds had never heard of the nine most common sexually transmitted infections.

On a lighter note, the funniest statistics to come out of the survey came from the Australian public. Namely, who is the sexiest politician? Twenty two per cent of Australian's found Treasurer Peter Costello to be the sexiest politician in Australia beating Kim Beazley (7%) and John Howard (2%). Jamie Durie was rated sexiest TV presenter.

For all the results please go to:

www.durex.com/cm/gss2005results.asp

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180 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills Qld 4006
Ph: 3852 2057

Australian Maid

17 Hugh Ryan Drive
Garbutt QLD 4814
Ph: 4725 5888

Black Orchid

12 Greg Chappell Drive
Andrews QLD 4220
Ph: 5522 1400

Bluebirds on Carmel

15 Carmel Street
Garbutt QLD 4814
Ph: 4779 9555

Cleos on Nile

12 Nile Street
Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Ph: 3393 1678

Club 7 on Enterprise

39 Enterprise Street
Paget QLD 4740
Ph: 4952 6767

Club Tigerlily

1094 Kingsford Smith Drive
Eagle Farm QLD 4009
Ph: 3868 4340

Intimate Encounters

22 Brewer Street
Clontarf QLD 4019
Ph: 3283 6111

Intrigue of Marcoola

13 Cessna Street
Marcoola Qld 4564
Ph: 5450 7577

Paradise Penthouse

29 Expansion Street
Ashmore QLD 4214
Ph: 5564 5599

Pentagon Grand

30 Jade Drive
Nerang QLD 4211
Ph: 5597 0777

Purely Blue

175 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills QLD 4006
Ph: 3854 0366

Resort Two Six

26 Magnesium Drive
Crestmead QLD 4132
Ph: 3803 1000

Scarlet Harem

14 Avian Street
Kunda Park QLD 4556
Ph: 5476 5044

Silks on Upton

44 Upton Street
Bundall QLD 4217
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The Oasis at Sumner Park

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