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Welcome to the 15th 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 - 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.

Vacancy – Utopia in Paradise Opening Soon-positions exist for approved managers full time or part time at Utopia in Paradise to be located on the Gold Coast at 2/37 Upton Street Bundall. Days/Nights/Weekends. Contact: 0433 112 740 for details.

Vacancy – Silks on Upton Gold Coast brothel is seeking an approved manager. Casual position available with excellent remuneration. Please contact either Michelle or Susan for details on 5538 2088.

Note: 1000 copies of this publication are 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 16th August 2006



Visit our website -

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 PLA on (07) 3858 9500.

PLA Board Meeting Dates for 2006

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

The following dates have been set for the remainder of the year:

Thursday, 5 October 2006

Thursday, 2 November 2006

Thursday, 7 December 2006

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

Keeping you Informed

In line with our aim of providing information relevant to the industry we continue to provide information that covers the issue of sexual health.

- Dr Diane Rowling, PLA board member and community physician working in sexual health, continues her contribution to *In Touch*. If you have any ideas or topics you would like to see covered in *In Touch* please contact the Editor and let us know.

Sexual Health – Pap Smears- Protection against Cancer of the Cervix

Human papilloma virus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmissible infection (STI). Anyone who has ever had sex may have been infected with HPV at some point in their lives. There are many different types of the HPV virus group that can infect the genital area of both men and women. Only a few types of this virus (high risk types) can lead to serious health problems such as cancer of the cervix or anus. Other types (low risk types) can result in genital warts. Although warts are highly infectious for sex partners they do not carry the virus types that have been linked to the development of cancer.

Infection with all genital HPV types is passed on during sexual activity by skin to skin contact. The virus enters the body through small invisible breaks in the skin that commonly occur during sexual activity. Most people with genital HPV infection do not have any symptoms so the infection is passed on unknowingly. Using condoms consistently and correctly can reduce the risk of getting HPV infection but because condoms do not protect all the genital area they are unable to prevent the spread of HPV infection.

The high risk types linked to cancer of the cervix cause infection that is invisible to the naked eye. Most people will clear the virus and never suffer any long term health problems. In some women changes occur in the cells of the cervix that could, over a long period of time, lead to cervical cancer. Cigarette smoking is an additional factor that could be involved in the progression to cervical cancer.

The good news is that cervical cancer can be prevented. The Pap smear test can pick up early changes that can be monitored and treated if necessary. Cervical screening (Pap smear test) has been available in Australia since the 1960s. A national program was introduced in 1991 to encourage women in the age group 20-69 who have ever been sexually active to have a regular Pap smear every two years. Even if women have not been sexually active for many years they should still continue with regular Pap tests. If changes are found on the Pap smear they can be monitored and treated if necessary to prevent the development of cervical cancer. Many of the changes found on Pap smear will never lead to cervical cancer but they should be monitored to be certain of this. Many women who develop cervical cancer have either not kept up with regular two yearly Pap smears or they have not followed through with further tests and treatment when changes have been found.

Since the introduction of the Pap smear test the number of women in Australia with cervical cancer has reduced dramatically. This test has saved the lives of thousands of women across the world in the last 50 years. The Pap test involves the collection of cells shed from the cervix.

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The cells are placed on a glass slide and examined in the laboratory for changes that, in some women, could lead to cancer of the cervix.

The important thing is to have a Pap smear test every two years and have further tests and treatment as advised if changes are found.

Since the discovery that certain HPV types are linked to cervical cancer, vaccines that protect against HPV infection have been developed recently. The coming years will see the availability of vaccines to prevent HPV infection, genital warts and cervical cancer. Ideally these vaccines will be given at an early age before sexual activity is commenced. The future hope is for vaccines to treat women who already have HPV infection that will protect them against the possibility of developing cervical cancer.



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.

Quotations

I do everything for a reason. Most of the time the reason is money.—*Suzy Parker*

People think I sit here and push buttons and get things accomplished. Well, I spent today kissing behinds.—*Harry S. Truman*

I did it for the loot, honey, always the loot.—*Ava Gardner*

I went into the business for the money, and the art grew out of it. If people are disillusioned by that remark, I can't help it. It's the truth.—*Charlie Chaplin*

I've been in trouble most of my life; I've done the most unutterable rubbish, all because of money. I didn't need it . . . the lure of the zeros was simply too great.—*Richard Burton*

Taken from website
www.mcwilliams.com/books/aint/306.htm

Ain't Nobody's Business If You Do

PART III: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CONSENSUAL CRIMES

Cyber sex a bigger turn on

From: Reuters

April 18, 2006

WHEN America's top sex researchers gathered recently to discuss the next decade in their field, some envisioned a future in which artificial sex partners could cater to every fantasy.

"What is very likely to be present before 2016 would be a multi-sensual experience of virtual sex," said Julia Heiman, director of the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction at Indiana University, Bloomington.

"There is a possibility of developing erotic materials for yourself that would allow you to create a partner of certain dimensions and qualities, the partner saying certain things in that interaction, certain things happening in that interaction."

A field dubbed "teledildonics" already allows people at two remote computers to manipulate electronic devices such as a vibrator at the other end for sexual purposes.

"People who use it are just blown away," said Steve Rhodes, president of Sinulate Entertainment, which has sold thousands of Internet-connected sex devices over the past three years.

"This is not something that just the lunatic fringe does."

Excerpt from News.com.au

CMC Evaluation and Inquiry

In December 2004 the Chair of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) handed the CMC report *Regulating Prostitution: An Evaluation of the Prostitution Act 1999 (Qld)* to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The report contained 29 recommendations for the Government to consider. The CMC report is available on the CMC website www.cmc.qld.gov.au

In March 2006 the Queensland Government introduced the Prostitution Amendment Bill 2006. The Bill is currently being considered by the Queensland Parliament and is not yet law. The Bill is available from the Queensland legislation website www.legislation.qld.gov.au

In March 2005 the CMC called for submissions from key stakeholders and members of the public to provide comment on the possible legalisation of escort prostitution services from agencies or licensed brothels in Queensland. In December 2005 the CMC released an Interim Position Paper regarding the Inquiry. The CMC have not yet released a final report. Any recommendations proposed by the CMC will then be a matter for the Government to consider. Until then, the current legal framework applies. The Interim Position Paper is available on the CMC website www.cmc.qld.gov.au. If you require further information please contact the CMC direct on telephone number: (07) 3360 6060.

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 PLA annual report provides a great deal of information regarding the PLA's operations as well as information on the licensed industry in Queensland. Copies of the annual report are available from the PLA website www.pla.qld.gov.au or by contacting the office.

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.

Manager's Certificates

Approved managers of licensed brothels undergo checks by the PLA to assess their suitability under the *Prostitution Act 2000* to be granted a certificate. In the absence of the licensee on the premises the approved manager must then also **assume the responsibility of the licensee** in relation to the operation of the brothel. Approved managers must be aware of their obligations and responsibilities.

1. Can a manager work at more than one brothel?

Managers may work at more than one brothel just as sex workers must be free to work at more than one brothel or as a sole operator. In respect of managers they must, however, apply to the PLA for a variation to their certificate under S44 (1) of the *Prostitution Act 1999*. A licensee who directly or indirectly prohibits the rights of a person to work at another brothel may be in breach of Industrial Relations law.

2. Who should have possession of an Approved Manager's certificate?

Like many documents the approved manager's certificate is the property of the manager to whom it has been issued. Licensees should keep copies only for their records. **The certificate should be held by the approved manager** who then has a responsibility for notifying the PLA of:

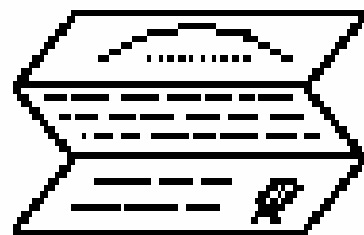
- any change in information
- variation
- application for renewal
- surrender

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.

3. Must they be displayed in the brothel like 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 Act 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.



Remember -Lodging a Manager's Application with the PLA

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.

Annual CPI Fee Increase

Please be aware that there is a whole-of-Government requirement that fees are increased annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). It is anticipated that a CPI fee increase will occur sometime after 1 July 2006 and lodgement of any application or variation to certificates following the fee increase will attract the new fees.

The PLA will notify current licensees and managers once the new rate has been approved.

If you are submitting an application after 1 July 2006 and are unsure of the correct fees, please check the PLA website www.pla.qld.gov.au or give the PLA office a call on telephone number (07) 3858 9500 **prior** to sending the application.

Licensed brothels in Queensland

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88 Logan Road
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Ph: 3891 1198

Club Tigerlily

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

Scarlet Harem

14 Avian Street
Kunda Park QLD 4556
Ph: 5476 5044

AABS180

180 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills Qld 4006
Ph: 3852 2057

Intimate Encounters

22 Brewer Street
Clontarf QLD 4019
Ph: 3283 6111

Silks on Upton

44 Upton Street
Bundall QLD 4217
Ph: 5538 2088

Australian Maid

17 Hugh Ryan Drive
Garbutt QLD 4814
Ph: 4725 5888

Intrigue of Marcoola

13 Cessna Street
Marcoola Qld 4564
Ph: 5450 7577

The Oasis at Sumner Park

61 Spine Street
Sumner Park QLD 4074
Ph: 3715 5166

Black Orchid

12 Greg Chappell Drive
Andrews QLD 4220
Ph: 5522 1400

Paradise Penthouse

29 Expansion Street
Ashmore QLD 4214
Ph: 5564 5599

The Viper Room

945 Fairfield Road
Yeerongpilly QLD 4105
Ph: 3392 7070

Bluebirds on Carmel

15 Carmel Street
Garbutt QLD 4814
Ph: 4779 9555

Pentagon Grand

30 Jade Drive
Nerang QLD 4211
Ph: 5597 0777

Truely Elegance

120 Robinson Road East
Geebung Qld 4034
Ph: 3865 6066

Cleos on Nile

12 Nile Street
Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Ph: 3393 1678

Purely Blue

175 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills QLD 4006
Ph: 3854 0366

Whispers in Paradise

48 Callemondah Drive
Callemondah
Gladstone QLD 4680
Ph: 4978 1144

Club 7 on Enterprise

39 Enterprise Street
Paget QLD 4740
Ph: 4952 6767

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