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Welcome to the 16th 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 –Club 7 on Enterprise-Mackay brothel is seeking full time approved managers.

Days/Nights/Weekend shifts with **Excellent Remuneration.**
Contact Jim on 4952 6767

Vacancy - Truly Elegance is seeking part-time approved managers. Located at 120 Robinson Road Geebung.

Days/Nights/Weekends.
Contact Jimmy or Corey on 3865 6066 for details.

Vacancy –The Viper Room

A vacancy exists for approved managers at 945 Fairfield Road Yeerongpilly. **Excellent Remuneration** Please contact 3392 7070 for details.

Vacancy –Black Orchid Bliss at Burleigh is looking for approved managers in preparation for 24/7 trading. Email resume to licensee@blackorchid.com.au

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

Deadline for the next edition:
Friday 24th November 2006

Visit our website -

www.pla.qld.gov.au

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

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 - Vaccinations for sexual health

Sexuality is an integral part of being human and sexual health is an important part of general health and wellbeing. Unfortunately many preventable infections can be transmitted through unprotected sex and close sexual contact. The good news is that vaccination is one of the most effective methods for preventing transmission of some STIs.

Hepatitis B is an ancient infection that is second only to tobacco as a cause of human cancers and ill health. The Hepatitis B virus causes inflammation of the liver. Over time this inflammation can result in liver damage in people who have chronic infection. Many people who have chronic infection were exposed to the virus around the time of their birth or in early childhood. Chronic carrier is a term that has been used to describe people with chronic infection. The Hepatitis B virus can be found in the blood and body fluids of an infected person and can be passed on during unprotected sex.

HBV vaccination is a safe and effective means of prevention of infection. Since 2000 this vaccination has been made available to all babies born in Australia. Adolescents (10-13 years) have been offered the vaccination since 1997. Many people such as health care workers have been vaccinated as part of occupational health and safety programs.

Sexual health clinics usually offer the HBV vaccination free of charge to uninfected people who are at risk of exposure to HBV through sexual contact. Adults usually receive a course of three injections over a six month period.

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A small proportion (5%) of people may not respond adequately and can require further doses or other advice.

Although vaccination can not help people with chronic infection they should have regular health assessments as new treatments are becoming available that may prevent any long term health problems from chronic HBV infection.

Hepatitis A is another virus that causes inflammation of the liver. It does not usually lead to long term problems but adults who become infected can have quite a severe illness lasting up to several months. The illness can be more severe in people who have either Hepatitis B or C infection. The Hepatitis A virus is spread by the faecal oral route. The virus passes out in the faeces of a person with acute infection. This is most likely to occur up to two weeks before the onset of any obvious illness so there is the potential for infection to spread before a person feels sick. The Hepatitis A virus is a very hardy virus and can survive on surfaces for many weeks. Faecal contamination of food or drink is also a common means of transmission. Household contacts and sexual partners of an infected person are most at risk of acquiring the infection.

The infection can spread easily in households and early childhood services such as child care centres. Many infected children have only a mild illness and the problem does

not become apparent until older household members are infected. Many large outbreaks of Hepatitis A have been related to eating contaminated shellfish particularly oysters. Hepatitis A outbreaks have also occurred in injecting drug users and men who have sex with men.

Protection against Hepatitis A is available through vaccination. A combined vaccine (Twinrix) that protects against both Hepatitis A and B is also available. These vaccinations are not free but are a good investment in future health.

Hepatitis A and B vaccination is recommended for people who have Hepatitis C to prevent any further liver damage from infection with these viruses. There is at present no vaccine for protection against Hepatitis C infection.

A recent addition is the HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine. These vaccines can protect against infection with several strains of HPV that have been associated with genital warts and high risk HPV types associated with the development of cervical cancer.

The development of these vaccines has provoked some intense discussion. HPV vaccines are licensed for females aged 9-26yrs. HPV infection is very common and usually occurs soon after the onset of sexual activity.

If vaccination is to offer protection against infection it needs to be given in adolescence.

Concerns have been raised in some quarters that vaccination of adolescent girls may lead to risky behaviour and earlier sex. These concerns seem unrealistic as many studies of sex education for young people show that well informed young people are less likely to have early or unprotected sex.

The development of the HPV vaccine is likely to be recorded as one of the greatest advances in women's health ever.

While rubella is not a sexually transmissible infection it can have serious consequences for sexual and reproductive health. Rubella (German measles) is a common childhood infection that often occurs in epidemics. If a pregnant woman becomes infected with rubella in the first eight weeks of pregnancy her developing baby is at great risk of serious damage. Multiple abnormalities such as blindness, deafness, heart damage and intellectual disability can occur.

The MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine is offered to all children but many older members of the community are not immune and outbreaks still occur. All young women and especially those women planning a pregnancy at some time in the future should be screened with a blood test to check for protection against rubella.

Women who are not immune through past infection or vaccination should consider vaccination before falling pregnant. It is usual to check for rubella immunity in the blood tests performed as part of the antenatal screen in early pregnancy. Pregnant women who find that they are not immune to rubella are offered vaccination after their baby is born.

In laboratories around the world work is continuing on the development of vaccines against other sexually transmissible infections. A vaccine that could protect women against genital herpes infection is currently undergoing trials. The ultimate goal is to develop a vaccine to protect against HIV infection.

Best singles ad ever printed in a newspaper

This is said to be one of the best singles ad ever printed in a newspaper.

It was listed in the Atlanta Journal.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work wearing only what nature gave me. Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy, I'll be waiting.

Over 15,000 men responded and **found** themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8 week-old black Labrador retriever.

Ya gotta luv it eh!



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.



Variations to managers' certificates

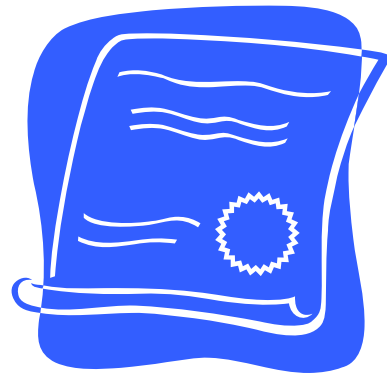
From time to time, the circumstances of an approved manager may change. An approved manager may want to work at another brothel or alternatively, work at more than one brothel. Section 46 of the *Prostitution Act 1999* requires an approved manager to apply to the PLA to vary information included in the manager's certificate. In this case, a new certificate will be issued. An approved manager can not work at a brothel unless the brothel is stated in the certificate.

An approved manager wishing to work at an additional or different brothel must complete an *Application for Variation of an Approved Manager's Certificate* and forward it to the PLA together with the prescribed variation and certificate fee currently \$69.70. The form is available from the PLA office or alternatively can be downloaded from the PLA website at www.pla.qld.gov.au.

Further, Section 45 of the *Prostitution Act 1999* requires that an approved manager **or licensee** must, within 10 days of becoming aware of any change of information for a certificate application, give particulars of the change to the PLA by signed notice.

This includes a change of name, address or contact details. It should be noted that an applicant must state the address of the brothel where they will be working as a manager. Licensees who seek to employ, or otherwise engage, a certified manager from another licensed brothel must ensure that the change of information is reported to the PLA within the required time.

If you are unsure or have any questions about the type of changes you need to notify the PLA about, please contact the PLA on telephone number (07) 3858 9500 for further information.





OUR JOBS ARE SAFE AS LONG AS THESE PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE.....

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

"We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter.

"You don't?" I replied.

"We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply.

"So I can't order half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?"

"That's right."

So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

I was checking out at the local Target with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed.

After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "divider," looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me, "Do you know how much this is?"

I said to her "I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today."

She said, "OK," and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

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A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM "thingy."

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Life is tough... It's tougher if you're stupid☺



Can you change your working name?

Enquiries have been made to the PLA concerning the ability of sex workers to change their working name. The important issue for the PLA is the matching of brothel records of sex workers on past shifts and the identification of the appropriate sexual health certificate for that name and date.

For example if you worked as “Candy” on the 2 June 2006 the sign in register for that day will indicate your name as “Candy”. The Compliance Officers will ask the licensee to provide the sexual health certificate for “Candy” for that date. The brothel records will normally indicate that Candy had a certificate for that shift. If “Candy” is now working under the name “Sandy” this change of name will usually be reflected in the file kept for the worker. The newer sexual health certificates will therefore be in the name “Sandy” and the file name changed.

The PLA does not wish to restrict the ability of a sex worker to change their working name.

The PLA **does not need to be notified** of any name change but sensibly it helps if any name change is done in consultation with the brothel management to ensure that brothel management can keep track of the changes. This will help management at audit to provide the appropriate sex worker records requested by the Compliance Officers. As far as the PLA is concerned, name changes are fine but the brothel does need to record the change.

Did you know? Some interesting dates in history

- 1161 State sanctioned brothels were legitimised in England. This tolerance only ended in 1545.
- 1191 At the start of his first crusade against the infidels, King Richard the Lion Heart arrived at Marseilles and was horrified to discover that his advance party of trusty knights had spent all the campaign funds on prostitutes.
- 1527 The term ‘venereal disease’ was coined by Jacques de Bethercourt.
- 1560 In the wake of history’s first recorded syphilis epidemic, Gabriel Fallopius invented the condom, a linen sheath which

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- Madame de Seveigne was later to describe as 'gossamer against infection, steel against love'. Fallopius also gave his name to the female fallopian tube.
- 1560 France outlawed prostitution.
- 1655 *L'Ecole des Femmes* was published. This anonymously penned guide to the joys of sex, for women only, included practical tips on contraception and how to choose a proper merkin (pubic wig).
- 1695 The world's first lonely hearts advertisement was published in John Houghton's *Collection for the Improvement of Husbandry and Trade*. It read: 'A Gentleman about 30 years of age that says he has a Very Good Estate, would willingly Match Himself to some young Gentlewoman that has a fortune of 3000 or thereabouts, And he will make settlement to content'.
- 1727 Helen Morrison, a lonely spinster in Manchester, England became the first woman to place a lonely hearts advertisement. It appeared in the *Manchester Weekly Journal*. The mayor promptly committed her to a lunatic asylum for four weeks.
- 1798 The Bishop of Durham warned Britain's House of Lords that France had given up on the idea of conquering England militarily and was instead attempting to destroy the moral underpinnings of English society by smuggling in hordes of ballet dancers.
- 1844 With the invention by Goodyear of vulcanised rubber, a new and improved condom went on the market.
- 1857 Publication of William Acton's *The Functions and Disorders of the Reproductive Organ*. It concentrated primarily on the 'evils' of 'self abuse'. It also noted that in general, other than mistresses and prostitutes, women 'are not very much troubled with sexual feelings of any kind'.
- 1869 The term 'homosexuality' was coined by Dr Benkert, a Hungarian physician.
- 1872 Sexologist Richard von Krafft-Ebing coined the term 'sadism'.
- 1882 Aletta Jacobs opened the world's first birth control clinic in Holland. She popularised the

- diaphragm, which was known as the 'Dutch cap'.
- 1907 Clarence Richwood patented the first hand held vibrator. Powered by water pressure rather than electricity it required that the user be near a convenient tap.
- 1927 K-Y Jelly was patented for medical use. It was not sold to the public until 1980.
- 1944 Ernst Grofenberg discovered the female 'G-spot', situated inside the front wall of the vagina behind the pubic bone and along the urethra.
- 1947 The first screen kiss was shown in Japan. Up until then kissing was considered a shockingly private and erotic activity.
- 1953 *Playboy* magazine first appeared on American newsstands. The first edition was undated because publisher Hugh Hefner didn't know whether there would be a second.
- 1961 The world's first contraceptive pill went on sale in the United States. It appeared in Britain a year later.
- 1965 *Penthouse* magazine was introduced in London. An American *Penthouse*, the first to show pubic hair, would not be published until 1968.
- 1970 Germaine Greer published *The Female Eunuch*.
- 1971 The world's first commercial sperm bank was opened in New York.
- 1993 The female condom went on sale.
- 1998 Viagra, the first oral medication designed to overcome impotency, was launched. It was the most successful new drug in history. 120,000 prescriptions were written in the first week.

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Licensed brothels in Queensland

88 on Logan

88 Logan Road
Woolloongabba Q 4102
Ph: 3891 1198

AABS180

180 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills Q 4006
Ph: 3852 2057

Australian Maid

17 Hugh Ryan Drive
Garbutt Q 4814
Ph: 4725 5888

Black Orchid

12 Greg Chappell Drive
Burleigh Heads Q 4220
Ph: 5522 1400

Bluebirds on Carmel

15 Carmel Street
Garbutt Q 4814
Ph: 4779 9555

Cleos on Nile

12 Nile Street
Woolloongabba Q 4102
Ph: 3393 1678

Club 7 on Enterprise

39 Enterprise Street
Paget Q 4740
Ph: 4952 6767

Club Tigerlily

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

Intimate Encounters

22 Brewer Street
Clontarf Q 4019
Ph: 3283 6111

Intrigue of Marcoola

13 Cessna Street
Marcoola Q 4564
Ph: 5450 7577

Paradise Penthouse

29 Expansion Street
Ashmore Q 4214
Ph: 5564 5599

Pentagon Grand

30 Jade Drive
Nerang Q 4211
Ph: 5597 0777

Purely Blue

175 Abbotsford Road
Bowen Hills Q 4006
Ph: 3854 0366

Resort Two Six

26 Magnesium Drive
Crestmead Q 4132
Ph: 3803 1000

Scarlet Harem

14 Avian Street
Kunda Park Q 4556
Ph: 5476 5044

Silks on Upton

44 Upton Street
Bundall Q 4217
Ph: 5538 2088

The Oasis at Sumner Park

61 Spine Street
Sumner Park Q 4074
Ph: 3715 5166

The Viper Room

945 Fairfield Road
Yeerongpilly Q 4105
Ph: 3392 7070

Truely Elegance

120 Robinson Road East
Geebung Q 4034
Ph: 3865 6066

Utopia in Paradise

2/37 Upton Street
Bundall Q 4217
Ph: 5539 0224

Whispers in Paradise

48 Callemondah Drive
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