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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 2006 Wrap Up

Well, another year has flown past once again. You will no doubt be sharing in our surprise that Christmas is now only a short time away and are madly rushing to complete all of those end of year commitments and preparing for celebrations and the arrival of 2007!

It has been an interesting year and I have appreciated the opportunities presented to get to know some of you a little better and reacquaint myself with some of you. This time last year we were all looking forward to the release of the CMC's report in respect of their inquiry into outcalls from licensed brothels. While the report is now some months old, we note that significant industry attention is still being paid to its recommendations. 2007 is shaping up to be a critical year and in respect of our work, no less busy.

Due to staff absences/availability, the office will be closed from 25 December 2006 to re-open on 8 January 2007 inclusive. Please keep this in mind if you are considering any new advertisements during this time.

On behalf of myself, Heather, Scott, Stephen, Kym, Karen, Steven and Jan, may I wish you safe holidays and a Happy New Year. For those of you working over the holiday break, take care and don't forget to take some 'personal' time.

Many thanks to those of you who have been in touch to give your thanks and best wishes. We all look forward to seeing/speaking with you again in 2007.



Merry Christmas,
Margaret

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website -**

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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.





Approved Manager's Shifts at Licensed Brothels

Vacancy – The Viper Room

A position exists for an approved manager at the Viper Room, 945 Fairfield Road, Yeerongpilly.

Excellent Remuneration. Please contact 3392 7070 for details.

Vacancy – Bluebirds on Carmel

is seeking approved managers.

Please contact the brothel on 4779 9555 or Gabby Stathooles 0418 777 912 for details.

Vacancy – 88 on Logan-

8ty8 is looking for a casual manager. Please call Sandy on 3891 1198.

Vacancy – Cleos on Nile-

Seeking approved duty managers for grave shifts. Please call Sharren or Lyn on 3391 1678.

Vacancy – Resort Two Six-

Resort Two Six is a busy brothel in Crestmead. We are looking for a licensed manager for part time or full time work. The position is available immediately.

Please contact 3803 1000 for details.

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 23rd February 2007

Christmas Trivia

Christmas is the festival of miracles. There are several facts and strange Christmas customs related to the festival that will make you smile:

- Handed down from Druids, burning Yule Log as a good luck charm was part of the ancient 12-day Christmas celebration.
- In the Middle Ages, Boar's head used to be a traditional Christmas dish. This custom started when a bear attacked a university student and he saved himself by ramming a book of Aristotle's writings down its throat. The bear choked to death and then he cut off its head and brought it back to his college.
- Originated from a Celtic legend about the harvest god Dagda, who stirred a porridge made up of all the good things of the Earth, Frumenty was a spiced porridge, enjoyed by both rich and poor, which is now replaced by modern Christmas puddings.
- Some people connect modern traditions related to Father Christmas to ancient Celtic or Pagan religion. Santa's elves are considered to be the modernisation of the nature folk while reindeers are believed to represent the Horned God, which was one of the Pagan deities.

Crime and Misconduct Commission Final Report – Regulating Outcall Prostitution

On Thursday 5 October 2006 the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) released its final report on the possible introduction of outcall prostitution services for licensed brothels in Queensland. Twenty three recommendations are contained within the CMC's report, which are yet to be considered by Parliament. Amongst other things, the CMC recommended against the introduction of outcall prostitution services from licensed brothels.

The final decision on whether outcall prostitution services will be allowed from licensed brothels is a policy matter for consideration by Government.

The report, *Regulating Outcall Prostitution*, is available from the CMC website www.cmc.qld.gov.au or by contacting the CMC on telephone number (07) 3360 6060

PLA Board Meeting Dates for 2007

The PLA will now meet on the first Monday of each month.

The following dates have been set for the year:

5 February 2007

5 March 2007

2 April 2007

May 2007 (date to be advised)

4 June 2007

2 July 2007

6 August 2007

3 September 2007

1 October 2007

5 November 2007

3 December 2007

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





Christmas Jokes

Laugh with your family and friends this Christmas by sharing the one-liners and jokes on Christmas:

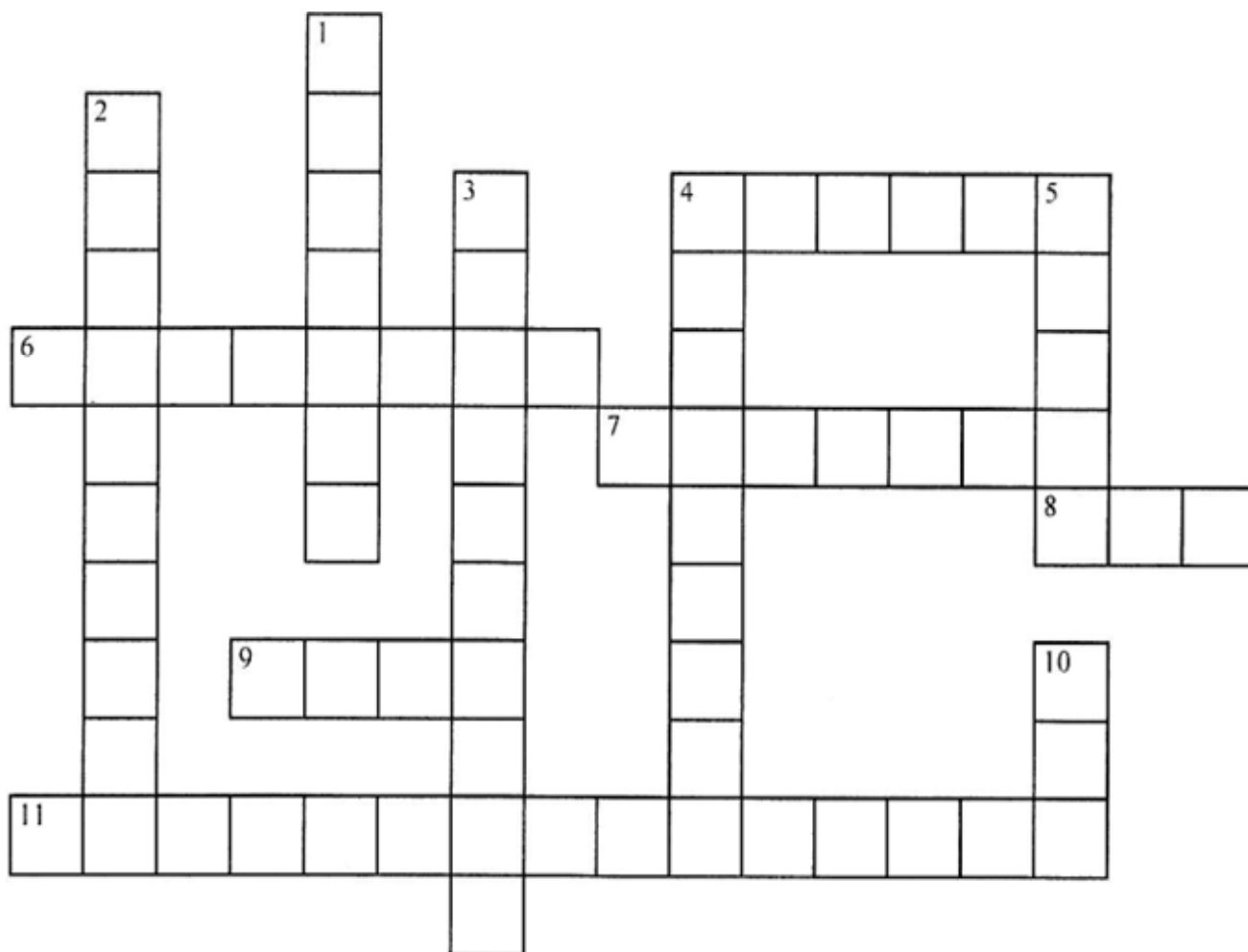
- A small cute little boy regularly went to Sunday school where he learnt stories from the Bible. One Sunday, he heard the story of the Three Wise Men guided by the Holy Star. His version of the story, which he told his parents after returning home, was:
"On the first Christmas, there was no Santa. So, three men had to deliver toys to baby Christ on camels. Since they didn't have Rudolph's red nose to guide them, they used a spotlight in the sky to guide them around."
- The day you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas.
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? - Frostbite
- What's the best thing to give your parents for Christmas? - A list of everything you want!
- Where did the mistletoe go to become rich and famous? - Holly-wood.

- What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? - It's Christmas, Eve
- Why was Santa's little helper depressed? - Because he had low elf esteem.
- Christmas is in my heart twelve months a year and thanks to credit cards, it's on my Visa card statement twelve months a year.
- Three phrases that sum up Christmas are:
 - Peace on Earth,
 - Goodwill to All, and
 - Batteries not included.
- Two foolish friends were searching for a suitable Christmas tree for their homes in frozen woods. After hours of harsh cold weather and exhausting but fruitless searching the first said to another, "Let's just hack any tree we get, whether it's decorated or not!"





PLA 2006 Christmas Crossword



ACROSS

- 4** The number of months a brothel licence is current
- 6** A service the CMC recently recommended against
- 7** Regular newsletter published by the PLA
- 8** How many legal forms of prostitution are there in Queensland?
- 9** How many newsletters are published by the PLA each year?
- 11** Another term for the word sex worker

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- 1** A word that you may not use in prostitution advertising
- 2** Name of the current PLA Chair
- 3** Name of the inaugural PLA Chair
- 4** The number of licensed brothels operating in Queensland as at November 2006
- 5** Number of PLA Board members in total
- 10** Something that must be renewed every year when applying for a licence or certificate

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase

Recently the state government approved an increase of 2.9% on all fees effective from 12 October 2006. This increase is in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The new fee structure is set out below and affects all lodgements after 20 October 2006.



Prostitution Licensing Authority

Queensland Government

Prostitution Regulation 2000

SCHEDULE OF FEES

	\$
<u>Brothel Licence</u>	
1 Application fee	1,663.60
2 Licence fee under section 10(2) (b) of the Act	5,545.80
	plus 2,218.30 for each room in the brothel
3 Renewal fee	the total of the amounts under items 1 and 2
4 Licence fee under section 33(5) of the Act, for each year	the amount under item 2
5 Replacement licence	16.40
<u>Manager's Certificate</u>	
6 Application fee	415.80
7 Certificate fee	16.40
8 Variation fee	55.20
9 Renewal fee	415.80
10 Replacement certificate	16.40
<u>Administration</u>	
11 Administration fee under section 6(2) of the Regulation	55.20
12 Fee for giving particulars of a change under section 20(2) or 45(2) of the Act	55.20
13 Fee for inspection of register	nil
14 Fee for copy of entry in register	22.10
	plus 0.50 for each page
15 Fee payable on lodging notice of appeal to independent assessor, including for- . giving notice of appeal to other parties . documents provided by assessment manager . independent assessor's preliminary assessment . giving notice of decision	831.70
<u>TOTAL OF ANNUAL FEES</u>	
<u>Licensee</u>	
Brothel licence and application (one licensee and 5 rooms)	\$18,300.90
Each additional licensee requires an additional application fee	\$1,663.60
Renewal for brothel licence and application (one licensee and 5 rooms)	\$18,300.90
Renewal of additional licensee	\$1,663.60
<u>Manager</u>	
Manager's Certificate and application	\$432.20
Renewal of Manager's Certificate and application	\$432.20



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 – Safe sex after an STI

A common concern for anyone infected with an STI is when they can safely have sex without the risk of passing on the infection to a partner. This can be a complex issue and the correct advice is not always straightforward.

Despite technological advances in tests and treatments the rates of many common STIs continue to rise in countries around the world. Old infections such as syphilis that have been rare in developed countries since the introduction of antibiotics

in the 1940s are now making a worrying comeback.

While prevention is the best cure, early diagnosis, simple effective treatment and treatment of exposed partners will go a long way towards reducing the rates of many STIs such as chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhoea. Gonorrhoea is becoming more complex to treat as the bacteria that cause the infection have learnt to adapt and have become resistant to many antibiotic treatments. Part of the reason for this resistance is that antibiotics are readily available over the counter in many overseas countries. People are able to buy treatments that may relieve their symptoms and they resume their usual sexual activity. In the meantime the partially treated bacteria have learnt to adapt and become resistant to the antibiotic. The infected person then passes on a resistant strain of the infection.

For any bacterial infection it is usual to treat with the most effective antibiotic available. The usual advice is to refrain from any sexual activity until the antibiotic has had a chance to clear the infection. The length of time advised (often called exclusion time) will depend on what is known about the infectivity of the organism and how it behaves in the body. Different bacteria have different life cycles and multiply at different rates.

Many of the bacteria will be eliminated soon after treatment but it is the tailenders that can cause trouble if sexual activity is resumed too early. For some infections it is usual to repeat testing after treatment to be sure that the infection has been cleared. This is often referred to as a test of cure. This repeat test is particularly important where resistant bacteria are known or suspected to be circulating in the community.

The usual advice for avoiding sexual activity after the treatment of all forms of gonorrhoea and chlamydia is for at least 72 hrs after completion of treatment. It is important for the infected person and any partners to be treated at the same time so as to avoid the chance of reinfection.

Transmission of infectious syphilis is unlikely after all visible sores or lesions have healed and treatment has been completed. When syphilis is diagnosed in its latent stage (usually of more than two years duration and with no visible signs or symptoms) the chance of passing the infection to a sexual partner is low and it is not usual to recommend any exclusion time.

People with certain conditions such as HIV infection and forms of chronic Hepatitis B are not permitted to work as a service provider in the sex industry.

For herpes and genital wart virus, sexual activity should be avoided until no visible lesions are apparent although it is important to realize that transmission of both these viruses can occur when there is nothing to see or feel. Condoms can offer only partial protection against transmission of herpes and genital wart virus (HPV).

A recent study showed that around 1 in 8 adult Australians have been exposed to the Herpes Type 2 virus (HSV2). Many people are not aware of their exposure to HSV and the potential to pass this infection on to sexual partners. The herpes virus remains dormant in the nerve roots of the spinal cord. Even people who have only occasional or no visible outbreaks of infection can shed the herpes virus from the genital area, buttocks and thighs passing the infection on to sexual partners through skin to skin contact. The risk of transmission can be reduced but not eliminated by avoiding sex around the time of visible lesions and using condoms consistently. The use of suppressive antiviral medication has also been shown to reduce the risk of transmission to sexual partners.

The use of condoms has made a great contribution to the prevention of all STIs but condom failure occurs even with correct and consistent use. The failure rate can vary greatly.

The rate of breakage or slippage is estimated to be around 0.4 to 5% depending on level of expertise and lubricant use. Regular checkups along with prompt and expert treatment and advice for any infections can help keep everyone safe.



News Release from SQWISI

Gold Coast and Brisbane SQWISI office operations suspended until March 2007

Self Health for Queensland Workers in the Sex Industry (SQWISI) president Rod James, speaking on behalf of the volunteer management committee, has announced that the committee have had an external organisational review which produced 51 recommendations for a complete restructure.

Mr James has advised that the Gold Coast and Brisbane offices of the SQWISI organisation are currently suspended to focus on a complete organisational restructure.

“After reviewing the recommendations, the management committee has decided that we need to employ a full time administrator.

Once employed, the administrator will consult with key stakeholders to ensure the service is more inclusive, more responsive and delivers better coverage across the state. In line with our Mission Statement, SQWISI is committed to providing all clients with a high quality service and to do this, we need to do an operational restructure” Mr James said.

Two casual staff have been employed in Cairns and Townsville to maintain service delivery in those areas. While the south-east Queensland branches have been suspended, sex workers in these areas are being referred to appropriate services.

“We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we look forward to working with sex workers, brothel owners, government and non-government organisations to build a more effective and dynamic organisation” said Mr James.

For assistance in relation to sexual health, Mr James advised people to call Sexual Health clinics on the Gold Coast at 5576 9033 or Brisbane at 3837 5611.

For those wishing to undertake an online SQWISI sexual health workshop, please telephone 4724 4853 or 4031 3522.

A Christmas Gift

A guy's wife was nagging him hard for a four x four but still he bought her a beautiful extravagant diamond ring for Christmas. The husband's friend was amazed at his decision and asked him in secret, "Why couldn't you buy a car instead of the diamond ring?" The husband smiled and answered, "Fake cars are not easy to find."



PLA Christmas and New Year Office Closure

The PLA Office will be closed over Christmas and New Year for the following period:

- Close of business Friday, 22 December 2006 and reopens on Monday 8 January 2007.



Merry Christmas to all 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... the PLA wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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

Northern Belle

**(expected opening 15
December 2006)**
11 Cava Close
Cairns Q 4870
Ph: 4033 5955

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
Callemondah
Gladstone Q 4680
Ph: 4978 1144

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476 Boundary Road
Archerfield Q 4108
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