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Welcome to the 18th 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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Redesign of the PLA Website



www.pla.qld.gov.au

The PLA website has been re-designed to enhance the level of information provided and ability to navigate the site and is based on feedback received by the PLA. Please take the time to visit the website for a range of information that relates to the industry.

As the PLA website has been restructured, some hyperlinks may be broken. This will most probably affect bookmarks (favourites) or hyperlinks to the PLA website that are contained on other sites. It is advised that anyone with hyperlinks or bookmarks to the PLA website update them accordingly. The website address is still the same, so just retype the address www.pla.qld.gov.au and have a look around.

The PLA welcomes any comments you may have on its website or ideas to improve the information provided. Contact the PLA on pladmin@iprimus.com.au or telephone number (07) 3858 9500.

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:

2 April 2007

14 May 2007

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.

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 and conditions. Initial contact to administrator@theviperroom.com.au or Mob. 0421 877 223

Vacancy – The Oasis at Sumner Park

At The Oasis there is an opportunity for a back-up/on-call manager. You might want to keep some involvement in the industry or just look for a few additional shifts. At times we are in need of a manager who can work additional shifts in a pleasant and friendly environment in one the best brothels in Queensland. Please contact Ray at fun@the-oasis.com.au or leave a message on (07) 3715 5166

Vacancy – 88 on Logan

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

Vacancy – Club Tigerlily

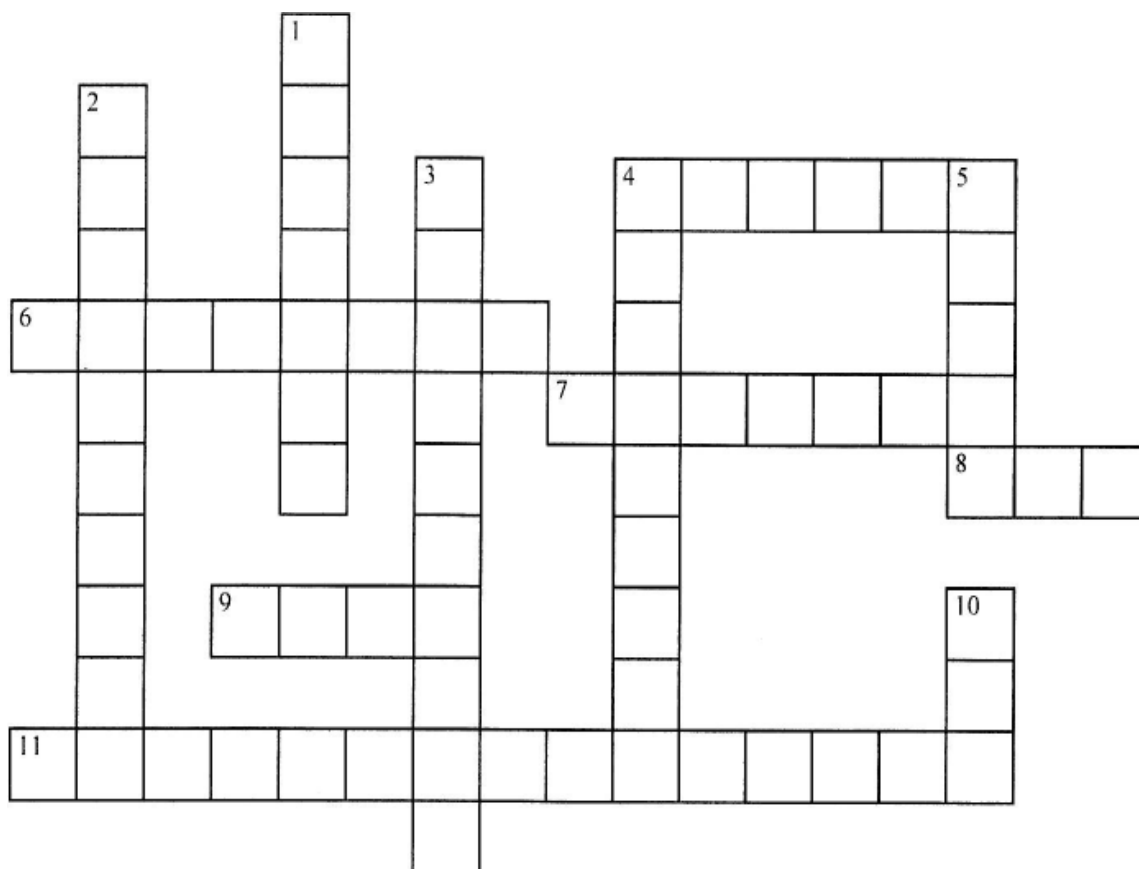
Club Tigerlily is seeking the services of a permanent full-time or part-time Approved Brothel Manager. We offer excellent remuneration package, high quality work environment and negotiable working hours. Manager rosters are developed quarterly (in advance) to facilitate adequate personal/family arrangements. For further information please contact Nicole Mair on 0412 229 244.

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 18th May 2007



PLA 2006 Christmas Crossword Answers



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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



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.

A Short Guide to Sexual Health Checks, Tests and Certificates

Many people come to a sexual health clinic with the request to “test me for everything”. Their aim is often to reassure themselves or a partner that they are not infected with a sexually transmissible infection (STI). In the same way, service providers in the sex industry have regular check-ups not only because of legislation requirements (Prostitution Act 1999) but also because workers are keen to maintain good sexual health. Queensland Health has developed

guidelines to enable sex workers and health professionals not only to act within the provisions of the relevant legislation but to assist workers in maintaining good sexual health. These guidelines are available on the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/sexhealth .

It is important when workers have a sexual health check-up and STI tests that they understand there are limitations to examination and testing in detecting all possible STIs. In the example given above “test me for everything” is not the key to good sexual health and is not insurance against coming in to contact with or passing on an STI.

A sexual health check-up involves history taking, examination and testing. A check-up is not complete without all three elements. The sexual health exam and testing will depend on sexual history, symptoms or signs and risks such as a broken condom or other mishap. Many STIs such as genital wart virus and herpes are passed on by skin to skin contact so 100% condom use does not protect against these infections. History taking involves questions about sexual partners, sexual practices and symptoms (for example pain, discharge, soreness, and ulcers). Often there will be no symptoms or signs so screening tests are important for many infections. The most common example of an STI that may not show any signs or symptoms is Chlamydia. A physical examination is important because often signs

such as skin splits, irritation, soreness, discharges or ulcers are missed or thought to be normal. In this situation specific tests can be taken at the sexual health check-up to ensure that they are not due to an STI.

As explained on the Qld Health website information, the certificate provided to workers is a certificate of attendance to indicate that a sex worker has undergone a routine sexual health check according to the guidelines provided by Queensland Health. The frequency of examination at the present time is every six weeks. The examining clinician will assess whether a certificate is issued on the day of attendance or deferred until test results are available. By signing the certificate the clinician is indicating that at the time of examination the person did not have any evidence of a sexually transmissible infection. The clinician would not provide the certificate in instances where there may be signs or symptoms that could indicate an STI. In this case it would be usual to wait for the results of any tests or in the case of genital warts to provide treatment and wait until the warts had resolved.

The Prostitution Act states that “a person must not work as a prostitute at a licensed brothel during any period in which the person knows he or she is infective with a sexually transmissible disease”. When a worker has a check-up the clinician and worker

must make arrangements to ensure that the worker receives the test results. In the case where a worker has been given a certificate of attendance and a test result comes back positive a few days later (for example Chlamydia) the certificate is no longer valid. Once the infection has been treated and the appropriate exclusion time has passed then the certificate can be reissued.

Test results are confidential to the worker and their treating clinicians and are not provided to a third party such as licensees. However many STIs are notifiable diseases. The Health Act requires laboratories and clinicians to notify the Communicable Disease Unit, Queensland Health of positive test results. In most instances the Health Department takes no further action. However if a worker receives a positive STI result and continues to work without treatment this would be a breach of the law and the health department would take action.

The Queensland Health website is a good source of sexual health information with specific information regarding sexual health checks for workers in the sex industry. Sexual Health Clinics provide specific services for workers not only to assist with regular check-ups and certificate requirements but also to help with that important part of health and well being – sexual health.

Advertising in the Yellow™ Pages

In response to a number of inquiries to the PLA regarding Sensis® advertising, the PLA approached Yellow™ to ascertain its requirements for advertising prostitution services. The following has been provided to inform licensees and sole operators of Sensis® requirements when considering advertising for its publication.

Yellow™ advertising standards – is your ad compliant?

In all states and territories of Australia, the publishing of an advertisement for prostitution services in the Yellow™ directory must comply with relevant legislation. All such advertisements must also be submitted to Sensis® for approval prior to publication.

Sensis® works with the Prostitution Licensing Authority to ensure advertisements comply with the law.

In particular, care must be taken to ensure any pictures or photographs of a person to be used in an advertisement comply with the laws restricting advertising of prostitution services and that the person depicted in the picture or photograph has provided written consent for their image to appear. Sensis® may ask for evidence that consent has been provided by the person.

Sensis® does not accept photos which have been downloaded from the internet or supplied by an advertising agency.

Sensis® prohibits the publication of advertisements containing words or illustrations that are considered by Sensis® to be vulgar, obscene, offensive or that suggest illegal activity. Furthermore, Sensis® strives to ensure that their product does not contain material which is likely to be unsuitable for or harmful to those under 18 years of age, or offensive to reasonable adults. Sensis® delivers directories to almost every Australian household, so their product needs to be suitable for use by all audiences and age groups.

Please refer to the Sensis® Product Standards guidelines for more information about advertising standards in Yellow™ directories, available online at <http://about.sensis.com.au>. Please note that the standards are updated from time to time. Before submitting advertisements to Sensis®, it may be prudent to check the standards to ensure your copy and images are suitable to Sensis®.



Brisbane Sexpo 2007

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.

Our stand generated a lot of interest and we continue to have people ask a range of questions about the industry. Once again we asked people to complete a questionnaire about prostitution in Queensland with a large number of people taking the time to fill it out. Look out for the responses in our next annual report.

We saw a lot of people over the four days. 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 ideas 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.



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:

- a copy of current Senior First Aid Certificate including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR)
- a copy of current SQWISI Sexual Health Workshop Certificate
- two passport size photographs
- a certified copy of Birth Certificate
- a certified copy of Driver's Licence
- relevant fees – application fee **and** certificate fee
- a 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.

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 the processing of the application and submission to the PLA for consideration.

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.



As a sex worker what are my obligations for providing proof of age?

The PLA continues to receive a number of calls from sex workers in relation to what identification is required to be given to licensees to demonstrate proof of age. You must be at least 18 years old to provide sexual services in a licensed brothel. There is an obligation on the licensee to provide information to the PLA that they have established that a sex worker is 18 or over. This is a requirement of the conditions placed on their brothel licence.

A licensee must demonstrate to an officer of the PLA that the licensee has sighted proper identification such as a driver's licence, passport or other sufficient photo identification to establish that a sex worker is 18 or over. The licensee or an approved manager must sight the identification and sign your induction records (or another record) as demonstration of this.

The PLA and licensees realise that there are concerns for sex workers in relation to any photocopies of personal records that might be taken. While the PLA do not require that a copy of a proof of age document is kept by the brothel, some licensees may request a copy as a matter of policy. If you are unhappy about a copy being kept you should discuss this with the licensee.

Inspirational Quotes

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere".

Dr Martin Luther King Jr

*"Each time a person stands up for an ideal,
Or acts to improve the lot of others,
Or strikes out against injustice,
He sends forth a tiny ripple of hope,
And crossing each other from a million different centres of energy
and daring,
These ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance".*

Robert F. Kennedy

"Better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness".

Chinese Proverb

"To solve big problems you have to be willing to do unpopular things".

Lee Iocacca

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

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
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Utopia in Paradise

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