



## **Issue 19 – June 2007**

Welcome to the 19th 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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# PLA Website



**[www.pla.qld.gov.au](http://www.pla.qld.gov.au)**

Visit the website. The PLA welcomes any comments you may have on its website or ideas to improve the information provided. Contact the PLA on **[plaadmin@iprimus.com.au](mailto:plaadmin@iprimus.com.au)** or telephone number (07) 3858 9500.

## **PLA Board Meeting Dates for 2007**

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

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.*

The PLA meet on the first Monday of each month.

## **Vacancies for Approved Manager's**

### **Vacancy – The Viper Room**

**Position** exists for an approved manager at the Viper Room, 945 Fairfield Road, Yeerongpilly. Work for a brothel that cares. **Excellent remuneration and conditions.** Please contact **[administrator@theviperroom.com.au](mailto:administrator@theviperroom.com.au)** alternatively (07) 3392 7070 or 0421 887 223.

### **Vacancy – AABS180**

A part time / full time position exists for an approved manager at AABS180, 180 Abbotsford Road, Bowen Hills. Please contact 3852 2057 for details.

### **Vacancy – Cleos on Nile**

Seeking approved managers for grave and weekend shifts at Cleos on Nile, the most luxurious bordello in Brisbane, located at 12 Nile St, Woolloongabba. Please telephone Sharren or Lyn 3393 1678.

### **Vacancy – 88 on Logan**

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

**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](mailto:plaadmin@iprimus.com.au)**.

Deadline for the next edition:  
**Wednesday 22 August 2007**



## **Renewals information for Approved Managers**

To assist you in the renewal process of your manager's certificate, the PLA forwards a renewal letter and a renewal application 3 months prior to the expiry of your current certificate. If the renewal application is not lodged with the PLA within 1 month prior to the certificate's expiry date, the PLA will forward an URGENT Reminder Notice. Failure to respond to this reminder notice will be taken by the PLA as an indication that you are not intending to renew your certificate.

Accordingly, it is very important that you advise the PLA of any change in circumstances, particularly in this case, any change of residential/postal address within 10 days of the change happening.

The PLA is unable to accept a renewal application which is lodged after the certificate has expired. In this case, you must complete a new manager's application and you will not be able to work as an approved manager until the PLA

has considered and decided on your application and a new certificate has been issued to you.

There is no provision in the Prostitution Act 1999 which allows for the issue of any "interim" certificates.

SQWISI offices have closed. The PLA however, still requests that you visit the [www.sqwisi.org.au](http://www.sqwisi.org.au) website to undertake the on-line training, and advise the PLA of the certificate number and date of completion when renewing or applying for your manager's certificate. The Chair and Registrar will ask you about the training when you are interviewed prior to consideration of your new or renewed application by the Board.

## **Fee Increases**

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 of 2.9% may occur sometime after 1 July 2007 and lodgement of any application or variation to certificates following the fee increase will attract the new fees.

Further, any increase in fees beyond CPI is a matter for government.

The PLA will notify licensees and managers once new rates have been approved.

If you are submitting an application after 1 July 2007 and are unsure of the correct fees, please check the PLA website [www.pla.qld.gov.au](http://www.pla.qld.gov.au) or give the PLA office a call on telephone number (07) 3858 9500 **prior** to sending the application.

## **GIRLS OUTDO GUYS AT OGLING**

Women are worse oglers than men – despite the widespread belief they are less physically focused.

Scientists used eye-tracking technology to pinpoint what people looked at when shown a series of sexy photos, reports The Sun.

They expected women to be more interested in faces and men in the

naughty bits – but it was the other way around.

Dr Heather Rupp of the US-based Kinsey Institute said: “Men looked at the female face much more than women and both looked at the naughty bits comparably.”

Taken from [www.ananova.com](http://www.ananova.com).

## **DUREX APPEAL FOR TESTERS**

Durex has been inundated with queries after launching its first UK recruitment drive for condom testers.

The firm wants a panel of 5,000 people who are single, married, or in couples to report their experiences of using its condoms and lubricants.

Durex was inundated with 14,000 applicants on the first day it started a similar scheme in France. Excerpt from [www.annanova.com](http://www.annanova.com)



## **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.

## **Syphilis is making a comeback!**



Syphilis is an ancient infection that raged across Europe for centuries following the wars of the 1400s. Soldiers and camp followers returning from various conflicts carried the infection with them to all corners of Europe. Depending on where you came from (or who you wished to blame) the infection was known as the Great Pox, the Italian Pox, the French Pox, or the Turkish or Spanish Disease. Historical texts are full of references to the syphilitic afflictions of notable kings, poets, authors, gangsters and popes. No effective treatment was available and syphilis was a leading cause of death and disfigurement. Congenital syphilis was the number one cause of infant and baby deaths in Parisian hospitals in the 1700s.

Without effective treatment or a clear understanding of the infectious nature of the disease, syphilis was regarded as a moral or religious problem and those affected suffered much shame and stigmatisation. Syphilis was associated with sin and immorality. Women and the poor bore the brunt of this stigma. In some countries women were publicly flogged if they could not prove that the infection came from their husband or a soldier. Both means of transmission were highly likely but, as it is today, the person passing the infection on often had no obvious signs or symptoms to indicate that they were infected.

Effective treatment of syphilis became available with the discovery of the miracle drug Penicillin in 1943. Between 1944 and 1946 more than 50,000 US servicemen who had fought in World War Two were treated with penicillin prior to discharge. Australia joined in the action warning the troops about the evils of syphilis as you can see from the cartoon below.



Until the 1990s it looked as though syphilis was going to be a curious infection of the past. The world is now seeing a resurgence of syphilis. No continent has been spared and Queensland has certainly not been left out. Like all STIs, syphilis can spread rapidly in any sexual network where there is a high rate of partner change and unprotected sex. Unprotected oral sex has probably been a major driver of the increase in syphilis infections which up until recently have mostly occurred in men having sex with men.

There is now evidence across the world that syphilis is spreading

beyond the gay population. Many outbreaks, particularly in young heterosexuals, have been described in the UK and there is concern that we will see the same pattern of spread here if syphilis becomes more prevalent in the population. Awareness of the risks of infection, a commitment to protected sex and regular sexual health screening including tests for syphilis will go a long way to preventing the spread of syphilis and other STIs.

Syphilis infection can present in many different forms. Many people with infectious syphilis are not aware of any health problems. The infection may only become apparent when syphilis screening is done as part of a sexual health check. Sores or ulcers on the genitals can be present in early infection. The ulcers are usually painless and are easy to miss especially if located in the throat, mouth, vagina or rectum. Longer standing infections can cause many different symptoms including fevers, recurring rashes of the body, hands and feet, hair loss and eye problems.

The good news is that the incidence of STIs including syphilis in legal brothel workers is currently very low. The professional approach of workers to service provision and 100% condom use for all sexual contact whether oral, vaginal or anal has made this so.

## **Sexual Health Checks**

As you will be aware, SQWISI no longer operates to provide sexual health check services, referral or information. The following contact numbers of sexual health clinics have been provided to assist you with any health related queries. They can provide general information to you relating to sexual health as well as sexual health checks.

- **Biala House**  
Floor 1, 270 Roma Street, Brisbane, 4000  
Phone: 3837 5611 Fax: 3837 5640
- **Princess Alexandra Hospital-Brisbane South**  
Princess Alexandra Sexual Health Clinic,  
Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba, 4102  
Phone: 3240 5881 Fax: 3240 6540
- **Wide Bay Sexual Health Service**  
Floor 2, Link Building, Bundaberg Base  
Hospital, Bourbong Street, Bundaberg,  
4670 Phone: 4150 2754 Fax: 4150 2769
- **The Dolls House**  
Cairns Base Hospital, Cairns, 4870  
Phone: 4050 6205 Fax: 4050 6359
- **Gold Coast Sexual Health Clinic**  
2019 Gold Coast Highway, Miami, 4220  
Phone: 5576 9033 Fax: 5576 9030
- **Ipswich Sexual Health Clinic**  
Ipswich Health Plaza, Bell Street, Ipswich,  
4305 Phone: 3817 2428 Fax: 3281 0565
- **Logan Sexual Health Clinic**  
Outpatients Department, Logan Hospital,  
Corner Armstrong & Loganlea Roads,  
Meadowbrook, 4131  
Phone: 3240 5881 Fax: 3240 5540
- **Mackay Sexual Health Clinic**  
12-14 Nelson Street, Community Health  
Centre, Mackay, 4740  
Phone: 4968 3919 Fax: 4968 3885
- **Mt Isa Sexual Health Clinic**  
Doreen Street Clinic, Mt Isa, 4825  
Phone: 4744 4805 Fax: 4745 4590
- **Palm Island Sexual Health Clinic**  
Beach Road, Joyce Palmer Health Services,  
Palm Island, 4816 Phone: 4770 1144  
ext.114 Fax: 4770 1265
- **Redcliffe/Caboolture Sexual Health**  
Redcliffe Community Health Centre, 181  
Anzac Avenue, Kippa-ring, 4021  
Phone: 3883 7300 Fax: 3883 7311
- **Rockhampton Sexual Health Clinic**  
8 Canning Street, Rockhampton, 4700  
Phone: 4920 6262 Fax: 4920 6337
- **Sunshine Coast Sexual Health Clinic**  
87 Blackall Terrace, Nambour, 4560  
Phone: 5441 2459 Fax: 5476 2491
- **Thursday Island Sexual Health Clinic**  
Douglas Street, Thursday Island, 4875  
Phone: 4069 0413 Fax: 4069 2235
- **Kobi House**  
Peachey Street, Toowoomba, 4350  
Phone: 4616 6446 Fax: 4616 6456
- **Townsville Sexual Health Clinic**  
33 Gregory Street, Townsville, 4810  
Ph: 4778 9600 Fax: 4778 9640

For information on the progress of any future developments in relation to services that may be provided to the sex industry, contact Annie Park (Project Officer) on  
Phone: 3250 0251

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



The PLA receives a number of calls from sex workers in relation to what identification is required to be given to a licensee to demonstrate proof of age. You must be 18+ to provide sexual services within 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 licence.

The licensee must demonstrate to an officer the PLA that the licensee has sighted photographic

identification such as a driver's licence, passport or other sufficient photographic identification to establish that the worker is 18+. The licensee or an approved manager must sight the identification and sign your induction records (or another record) as evidence of this.

The PLA and licensees realise that there are concerns for sex workers in relation to any photocopies of these personal records that might be taken. If the licensee requests a photocopy of your details it is not a requirement of the PLA. It is between yourself and the licensee if this occurs as part of the particular brothel's policy and if you are happy to allow this.



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### **PONDERISMS**

The only reason I'm in Hollywood is that I don't have the moral courage to refuse the money.—*Marlon Brando*

I made appearances at cocktail parties in Florida for \$500 a pop, pretending to be an old friend of the host.—*Mickey Rooney*

I'd love to sell out completely. It's just that nobody has been willing to buy.—*John Waters*

Taken from website [www.mcwilliams.com/books/aint/306.htm](http://www.mcwilliams.com/books/aint/306.htm)

# PEACE

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank 1929-1945  
Jewish schoolgirl diarist and victim of Nazi regime  
From the book "The pursuit of Peace M. Pinckney"

**Hold your head high  
Stick your chest out.  
You can make it.  
It gets dark sometimes  
But morning comes...  
Keep hope alive**

Jesse Jackson 1941

**The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers. (Taken from Training Briefs – QPS May edition)**

## 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

### **Forbidden Apple**

(Opened 21 May 2007)  
7 Owen Close  
Portsmith, Cairns Q 4870  
Ph: 4041 3552

### **Intimate Encounters**

22 Brewer Street  
Clontarf Q 4019  
Ph: 3283 6111

### **Intrigue of Marcoola**

13 Cessna Street  
Marcoola Q 4564  
Ph: 5450 7577

### **Northern Belle**

11 Cava Close  
Cairns Q 4870  
Ph: 4033 5955

### **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  
Callemondah  
Gladstone Q 4680  
Ph: 4978 1144

### **Yimi476**

476 Boundary Road  
Archerfield Q 4108  
Ph: 3277 7318

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