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Welcome to the 20th 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

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** or telephone number (07) 3858 9500.

PLA Board Meeting Dates for 2007

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

1 October 2007

5 November 2007

3 December 2007

Current at time of printing.

The PLA meet on the first Monday of each month.

V acancies for A pproved M anager's

Vacancy – AABS180

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

Vacancy – Cleos on Nile

Seeking approved manager for shifts at Cleos on Nile, the friendliest and most beautiful bordello in Brisbane - located at 12 Nile St, Woolloongabba. Flexible hours with great conditions.

Please contact Sharren / Lyn on (07)3393 167 or admin@cleosonnile.com.

Vacancy – 88 on Logan

Managers required 8ty8 on Logan, Brisbane's finest boutique brothel requires approved managers for an immediate start, excellent conditions. Our managers are not required to do 2nd health checks, for a confidential interview please phone Sandy 38911198.

Vacancy – Pentagon Grand

Approved managers/receptionists required. Must be available weekends and nights. Please phone Rachel on (07) 5564 7278.

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:
Tuesday 20 November 2007

"WISInfo" - Workers in the Sex Industry Information Sex Worker Interim Project

Queensland Health has established an interim project for the provision of information to sex workers and service providers whilst a review of sex worker HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmissible infection (STI) education and prevention needs is undertaken and acted on.

Aim

To provide a part time statewide information service related to reducing the risk to sex workers and the general community of HIV, hepatitis C and STIs. This will be done via phone, email, website and provision of printed information to sex workers and service providers.

Contact Details

Project Officer: Annie Park
PH: 3250 0251 (will divert to an answering machine message if not available)
Email: wisiinfo@a.optusnet.com.au
Website: www.sqwisi.org.au (temporary)

Availability

Part time position (20 hours/3 days a week, 26 June 2007-30 December 2007)

The responsibilities of the project are to:

1. provide information to sex workers and service providers, who have contact with sex workers, through phone, email, provision of printed information and referral to the website;
2. maintain the availability of current information for sex workers and service providers via a website;
3. supply printed information and workshop materials to sexual health clinics and community based organisations as appropriate;
4. consult with community based organisations and sexual health services to assist services to identify ways in which sex workers may access condoms/tube from other sources (NB: there will be no **provision of condom/lube etc supplies via this interim project**);
5. gather information, in the course of undertaking other project responsibilities, from sex workers, community based organisations, Prostitution Licensing Authority (PLA), sexual health services and other stakeholders to ascertain the potential requirements for sex worker HIV, hepatitis C and STI education and prevention service provision in the future; and
6. provide ongoing updates on service provision relating to HIV, hepatitis C and STI education and prevention for sex workers to sexual health clinics, community based organisations and other stakeholders as it becomes available.

Future provision of education and prevention services for sex workers after the interim project:

Queensland Health will engage with a provider to conduct a review of the education and prevention needs related to reducing the risk to sex workers and the general community of HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmissible infections. It is anticipated this review will be conducted over an 8 week period commencing in August 2007. The provider will be required to consult with relevant state and national stakeholders.

Following this review Queensland Health will tender for a supplier to provide the approved program as an outcome of the review process. It is anticipated this program will commence in January 2008.

Fee Schedule

If you are submitting an application 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.



Prostitution Licensing Authority
 Queensland Government
 Prostitution Regulation 2000

SCHEDULE OF FEES

	\$
<u>Licences</u>	
1 Application fee under section 10(2)(b) of the Act	5,500.00
2 Licence fee under section 10(2) (b) of the Act	7,165.00
	plus 2,867.00
	for each
	room in the
	brothel
3 Annual licence return fee under section 19(5)(d)(i) of the Act.	3,500.00
	the amount
4 Annual licence fee under section 19(5)(d)(i) of the Act.	under item 2
	the total of the
5 Renewal fee under section 23(2)(b) of the Act.	amounts
	under
	items 1 and 2
	the amount
6 Licence fee under section 33(5) of the Act, for each year	under item 2
7 Replacement licence	16.80
<u>Certificates</u>	
8 Application fee under section 35(2)(b) of the Act.	760.00
9 Certificate fee under section 35(2)(b) of the Act	40.00
10 Annual return fee under section 44(4)(d)(i) of the Act.	560.00
11 Annual certificate fee under section 44(4)(d)(i) of the Act.	the amount
	under item 9
12 Variation fee under section 46(2)(b) of the Act.	56.80
	the total of the
13 Renewal fee under section 49(2)(b) of the Act.	amounts
	under items 8
	and 9
14 Replacement certificate.	16.80
<u>Other Fees</u>	
15 Administration fee under section 6(2) of the Regulation	56.80
16 Fee for giving particulars of a change under section 20(2)	
or 45(2) of the Act	56.80
17 Fee for inspection of register	nil
18 Fee for copy of entry in register under section 111(2)(b) of the Act	22.70
	plus 0.50 for
	each page
19 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	1,500.00

For sex workers - What is the role of an approved manager?

The functions of the manager may vary however an approved manager also has statutory responsibilities. Manager's must be aware of the conditions of their certificate and that they are responsible for the brothel operations when the licensee is absent.

Requirements of managers may include:

- Safety and security of sex workers and staff
- Record keeping
- Complaints management
- Infection control
- General professional management of the brothel systems, facilities and workplace ensuring that it is operated in accordance with all government requirements.

The manager has responsibilities both under both the *Prostitution Act 1999* and conditions placed upon their certificate. The manager needs to be fully aware of these. In the absence of the licensee the approved manager assumes the role and obligations of the licensee.

Amongst other things approved managers may do the following to meet their (and the licensees) obligations:

- Establish that a sex worker is over 18 by sighting photo identification and recording the date of birth of a sex

- worker, as well as the type of ID that was provided i.e. driver's licence, passport etc.
- Obtain copies of original sexual health certificates from sex workers. These must be current and be in the approved form provided to clinics and general practitioners by Queensland Health. A "fit to work" note from a doctor does not meet this requirement therefore managers may request that a sex worker obtain the correct certificate from their health professional.
Note that with amendments to the *Prostitution Act 1999* sexual health certificates are now current for 3 mths. So if you obtain a certificate on the 20 of August it will now be current until midnight on the 20 November.
- Responsible for records that record details including the name of sex workers on shift and the times that the sex workers worked.

Records and work practices such as the above are assessed at regular audits by the PLA.



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.

INFORMATION ABOUT HPV VACCINATION

It is now well known that most cervical cancers and severe abnormalities on Pap smear (high grade) are due to infection with what are called high risk human papilloma viruses (HPV). Other HPV types (low risk) cause genital warts and minor (low grade) abnormalities on Pap smears. High risk HPV types have also been linked to cancers of the vagina, vulva, anus and some head and neck cancers.

A new vaccine that offers protection against the two most important high risk HPV types (16 and 18) became available to Australian women in 2006. Two vaccines are now available with the trade names Gardasil and Cervarix.

HPV infection is common. Around 70% of men and women will become infected within five years of their first sexual experience. The HPV viruses are spread by skin to skin genital contact. Condoms can offer only limited protection against infection. Some people will develop genital warts as a result of infection with low risk types while infection with high risk types does not usually produce any obvious signs or symptoms. Most people will clear the infection within a few years without any long term problems. However persistent infection with high risk types can lead to changes associated with the cancers mentioned earlier.

The vaccine, Gardasil, provides protection against the high risk types 16 and 18 and additional protection against infection with the low risk types 6 and 11 that are associated with genital warts. It is licensed for use in girls and women aged 9 to 26 years and boys aged from 9 to 15. Cervarix provides protection against the high risk types 16 and 18 and is licensed for use in women up to age 45 years.

Vaccination against HPV infection will be most effective when given before young people become sexually active. The Australian government has funded a program to provide free vaccination for girls and women between the ages of 12 and 26. Vaccination is available through school programs, general practitioners and community based clinics such as sexual health clinics and family planning clinics. Males, and women who cannot commence the vaccination course before their 27th birthday, are not eligible for free vaccination. Women accessing free vaccination through community clinics must be eligible for a Medicare card. The vaccination course consists of three injections. The first two shots are ideally given two months apart and the third shot is given six months after the first. Both Gardasil and Cervarix are also available on prescription for around a total cost of \$450 for the three injections.

While vaccination against HPV protects against the risk of developing cervical cancer it is still very important for women to have their regular two yearly Pap smear. It is not possible to protect against all possible HPV types that have been linked to cervical cancer. It is also not possible to exclude past exposure to HPV types in women who were sexually active prior to vaccination.

Women who are already sexually active may not receive the full benefit of vaccination but they

should still consider vaccination. The greatest risk of HPV infection is linked to the total lifetime number of sexual partners. It is unlikely that anyone has been exposed to all the different HPV types so sexually active women would still benefit from vaccination. Women who have had genital warts or Pap smear abnormalities in the past are also likely to receive some benefit from vaccination and should not be discouraged or excluded from vaccination. All eligible women should be encouraged to take up the chance of vaccination and obtain the benefits of this highly effective vaccine.

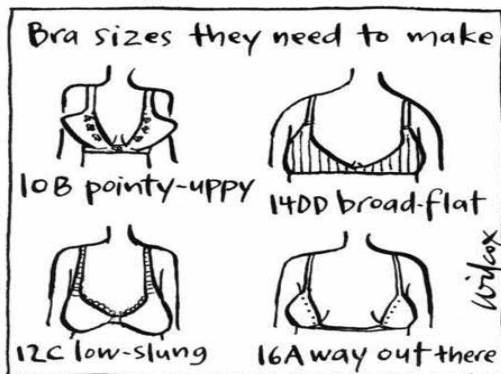


Illustration: Cathy Wilcox.

World's breast practice

Caroline Davies, London | July 24, 2007

Curvy women around the world may soon find a bra revolution that makes life slightly more comfortable.

For 70 years, bra designers have stuck to a formula that decides sizes through measuring under and across the bust.

But now researchers in Hong Kong have come up with a different mathematical equation, which they say will produce shapelier outlines and greater comfort for Chinese women.

If successful, their bra-sizing system may then be adopted around the world.

They say there are more than 100 key measurements necessary to produce the perfect fit, and bra sizes should be based on a new depth-width ratio, the so-called DWR.

Writing in the *International Journal of Industrial Ergonomics*, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University team says that a "woman's breast is a very complex 3D geometry" and the existing sizing system may be "inappropriate" in categorising breast sizes.

As a result, the report points out, as many as 70 per cent of women in Britain are wearing the wrong-sized bra.

Until now, bra sizes have followed a formula devised in the US in 1935.

"Alphabet" bras were born, advertised then as A cup (youthful); B cup (average); C cup (large); and D cup (heavy). The Hong Kong team's system follows 3D scanning of 456 Chinese women.

The researchers' 100 measurements have been honed down to just eight factors to describe the breast shape: overall build, breast volume, inner, outer and lower breast shape, height, and gradient and orientation.

Currently, they say, the size and volume of a B cup on a small ribcage, for example, is different from that on a large chest. It could correspond not only to a 34B, but sometimes to a 32C or a 36A.

By using the DWR method, they aim to increase the number of existing bra sizes by between eight and 16 size combinations, offering more choice.

"This is the first time that a bra-sizing system protocol has been proposed based on 3D nude breast characteristics," they say. **TELEGRAPH**

PLA welcomes a new board member and farewells inaugural board member John McDonnell

Assistant Commissioner Peter Barron is the PLA's newest member of the Authority and replaces inaugural member Assistant Commissioner John McDonnell, who retired after 50 years service with the Queensland Police Service.

A/C Barron joins the board as a police officer of at least the rank of superintendent nominated by the commissioner.

We congratulate A/C Barron on his appointment and wish him well in his role with the PLA.



PONDERISMS

It's not what you do in life that is important but what you finish! Katherine Hepburn

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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

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
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120 Robinson Road East
Geebung Q 4034
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