

Liquor and Gaming News

March 2018

SEASONAL ALERTS

Annual licence fee – a reminder

The annual liquor licence fee is payable by licensees by **31 March 2018**. If the annual fee is not paid by this date, an additional fee of 10 per cent of the amount payable will be incurred, with the total due no later than 30 April 2018.

Failure to make payment by 30 April may result in the suspension or cancellation of the liquor licence. Penalty notices will be sent in early April to liquor licence holders who have not paid their annual licence fee by 31 March 2018.

World Cup trading hours

Licensees looking to alter their trading hours during football World Cup games should plan now to make sure they have the proper out of hours permit arrangements in place.

Venues planning to open outside their currently licensed trading hours to show matches will require a short term out of hours permit. Application forms for extending trading hours can be found [here](#).

Easter trading and Liquor and Gaming Branch office hours

The Liquor and Gaming Branch offices will be closed from 30 March 2018 to 3 April 2018 inclusive.

Trading for licensed premises over the Easter break is the same as for any other trading week.

ANZAC Day trading hours

On ANZAC Day, gaming must not be operated between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:30 pm. An operator can be fined of up to 10 penalty units for breaching this requirement. An extract of the legislation can be found [here](#).

ANZAC Day Two Up

The game known as ANZAC Day Two Up can only be played on ANZAC Day, during the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and on permitted premises. No approval is required.

Permitted premises are those permanently occupied by an organisation where the majority of members are former members of the defence forces. These premises are predominantly RSL clubs. At no other time can Two Up be played at these clubs or any other premises.

REGULATORY NEWS

Responsible Gambling Mandatory Code of Practice for Tasmania

Changes to the *Responsible Gambling Mandatory Code of Practice for Tasmania* and associated Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission Rules are available on the Branch's website [here](#).

The revised Code and Rules will commence on 1 May 2018, with some requirements having a transition period of six months to implement. This date allows time for relevant operators to amend and seek approval of their operating procedures.

Off permits for sale of liquor

If you have an on licence, are selling liquor for consumption off your licensed premise (for example, under an occupational licence), and do not have an off permit, then please contact the Branch. A licensee was recently fined for selling liquor to patrons for consumption on tables outside the licensed premises without an off permit.

Commissioner for Licensing - recent written decisions

The written decisions of the Commissioner for Licensing provide his consideration of a number of aspects of liquor licensing that future applicants and representors may find useful for their applications and correspondence, and may be of interest to the broader community.

All decisions can be found at <http://www.treasury.tas.gov.au/liquor-and-gaming/about-us> by selecting the "Commissioner for Licensing" link or click [here](#).

Gambling advertising and the consumption of liquor

The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission has determined to amend the wording of section 1.8 of the 'Responsible Gambling Mandatory Code of Practice for Tasmania' and all related Rules, to bring them into line with the intention of the Australian Association of National Advertisers' 'Wagering Advertising & Marketing Communication Code'.

The Commission notified all relevant licence holders and provided in excess of 12 months' notice of the impending change, which will take effect from **31 March 2018** for all forms of gambling.

From that date, advertising must:

“Not portray, condone or encourage gambling in combination with the consumption of alcohol.

This does not apply to advertising that shows celebrating a win in a responsible manner outside of a gambling venue.”

Access to the amended documents will be available from the effective date of 31 March 2018 on the Liquor and Gaming Branch website: www.treasury.tas.gov.au

Social and Economic Impact Study of Gambling in Tasmania

The Fourth Social and Economic Impact Study of Gambling in Tasmania was publicly released by the Treasurer on 16 January 2018 and both volumes [are available on the Branch's website](#).

The report:

- provides an update of components from the first, second and third studies with an analysis of key trends and comparisons with other states, including, but not limited to an update of the gambling industry structure and characteristics; changes and trends in gambling behaviour; and revenue;
- undertakes a gambling prevalence study to enable comparisons with previous Tasmanian prevalence studies; and
- provides an update of the social and economic impacts of gambling on individuals and affected others.

INDUSTRY DATA

- [Licence applications with the Commissioner for Licensing](#).
- [Liquor industry data](#).
- [Data relating to gaming and wagering](#).

Disciplinary actions taken by the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission October 2017 – February 2018

Licence holder	Section of Act	Breach	Outcome
Pin High Investments Pty Ltd (Bridport Bay Inn)	50(2)	Allow staff to perform the duties of a special employee when not licensed to do so	Fined \$1 272
Kaylee Hattinger	164(1)	Providing false and misleading information	Fined \$3 925 and special employee's licence suspended for three months
Great Lake Hotel Pty Ltd (Great Lake Hotel)	92(2)	Non-compliance with the Commission's Surveillance Standards	Fined \$3 925 and licensed premises gaming licence suspended for 14 days

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Brett Doyle	2.3.1, 94(1)	Playing keno while on duty and extending credit	Fined \$3 975 and a letter of censure
Tracey Wade	2.3.1	Playing keno while on duty	Special employee's licence suspended for one month
Melissa Wade (Nubeena Tavern)	79(3), 92(2)	Allow keno tickets to be placed without a player present and allow a special employee to play keno while on duty	Letter of censure
Sotroy Pty Ltd (Country Club Hotel)	50(2)	Allow staff to perform the duties of a special employee when not licensed to do so	Fined \$1 272
Tasmanian Country Club Casino Pty Ltd (Country Club Casino)	92(2)	Allow a non-Premium Player Program member access to a Premium Player Program member-only automatic teller machine	Letter of censure
Ebet Gaming Systems Pty Ltd	112S(1A)	Supply of unsatisfactory gaming equipment	Letter of censure
Australian National Hotels Pty Ltd (Wrest Point Hotel Casino)	5A(1)	Permitted live operation of gaming equipment which was not authorised under the Act	Letter of censure
Tasmanian Country Club Casino Pty Ltd (Country Club Casino)	5A(1)	Permitted live operation of gaming equipment which was not authorised under the Act	Letter of censure
UBET TAS Pty Ltd	92(2)	Allow a radio advertisement to be aired without a responsible gambling message	Letter of censure
Susan Lawrence	2.3.1	Playing keno while on duty	Special employee's licence suspended for three months
Amanda Dixon	2.3.1, 94(1)	Playing keno while on duty and extending credit	Letter of censure

Disciplinary actions taken by the Commissioner for Licensing October 2017 – February 2018

Justin Parr (Waterman's Beer Market)	5	Sell liquor except as authorised by allowing liquor to be removed from licensed premises when not authorised	Fined \$795
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