

Liquor and Gaming News

July 2015

SEASONAL ALERTS

Football clubs – permits for finals series

Football club officials should check the conditions and nominated hours of their club permits to determine whether their permit is suitable for finals series games.

Clubs that are authorised by a club licence may need to obtain a permit during finals, if their own team is not playing and /or if they wish to sell liquor at outside booths.

[Applications can be made online](#) and should be made in advance at least seven days before the event.

REGULATORY NEWS

New Tasmanian Gaming Commission member – Leanne Topfer

Leanne Topfer was appointed as a member of the Tasmanian Gaming Commission in May 2015.

Leanne is a partner at the law firm of McLean, McKenzie & Topfer in Burnie and has practised in the city since settling there in 1986. She was President of the Law Society of Tasmania in 2006 and was a member of the Council of the Law Society of Tasmania from 2001 to 2012 and an Executive Member of the Law Council of Australia from 2010 to 2014. Leanne is also a member of the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal and the University of Tasmania Council. Leanne will bring a refreshing regional perspective to the Commission and we are very pleased to welcome her.

Licensing Board decisions

[Salamanca Fresh – Kingston – rejected.](#)

[Bottle Shop – Kings Meadows – granted.](#)

New message to “Ban yourself from gambling”

The latest posters targeting problem gambling are now on display at all gaming venues with one strong message – “Ban yourself from gambling”. The new posters have been developed by the Department of Health and Human Services to raise awareness of the Tasmanian Gambling Exclusion Scheme and to promote the option of being banned from gambling as a harm minimisation strategy for those most at risk. The exclusion scheme is also being promoted within the health and community sector.

If your venue requires additional posters, please contact the Branch on 6166 4330.

Amalgamation of the Tasmanian Gaming Commission and the Licensing Board and new decision making model for liquor regulation

The Liquor Licensing Amendment (Liquor and Gaming Administrative Restructuring) Bill 2015 received Royal Assent on 19 May 2015 and is to be proclaimed on 12 August 2015.

Liquor licensing functions currently being undertaken by the Licensing Board will be devolved to the Commissioner for Licensing:

- grant, cancellation and conditioning of liquor licences;
- liquor exemptions; and
- liquor restriction orders.

The Commissioner may refer liquor licence applications to the new Commission where it is in the best interests of the community to do so.

Applications currently with the Commissioner for Licensing, as well as any new applications, will be determined under the new decision making model from the proclamation date.

RSA register – up to date and available?

A licensee must not allow a person to serve liquor on licensed premises unless the person:

- has successfully completed an RSA course; or
- is enrolled to undertake a course within three months of commencing work.

The RSA Register and a copy of each employee's RSA statement of attainment or certificate is to be kept on the licensed premises and available for inspection on demand by an authorised officer, ie police or a Liquor and Gaming compliance inspector.

The Register and certificates must be kept together.

INDUSTRY DATA

- [Licence applications with the Licensing Board and recent Board decisions.](#)
- [Number of liquor licences on issue.](#)
- [Data relating to gaming and wagering.](#)

Disciplinary actions taken by the Tasmanian Gaming Commission March – June 2015

Licence holder	Section of Act	Breach	TGC Meeting	Outcome
Australian National Hotels Pty Ltd – Wrest Point Hotel Casino	98	Allowing a gaming machine to be played whilst it did not function in a manner in which it was designed or programmed to function.	1 April 2015	Fine \$17 500
Betfair Pty Ltd	76ZO	Failing to remit funds of a player no later than the first working day after the request was received.	1 June 2015	Letter of censure

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