

Liquor and Gaming News

March 2015

SEASONAL ALERTS

Annual licence fee – a reminder

The annual liquor licence fee is payable by licensees by **31 March 2015**. If the annual fee is not paid by this date, an additional fee of 10 per cent of the amount payable is due.

Easter trading and Liquor and Gaming Branch office hours

The Liquor and Gaming Branch offices will be closed 3 April to 7 April 2015.

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

ANZAC Day Two Up

The game known as ANZAC Day Two Up can only be played on ANZAC Day, during the hours of 6 am to 6 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

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

[Legislation](#) is currently before Parliament to amalgamate the Tasmanian Gaming Commission and Licensing Board into the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission, and introduce a new decision making model for liquor regulation. [The purpose of the legislation is provided in the second reading speech.](#)

Licensing Board decisions

[Steve's Liquor Bottle-O Warehouse – Granted.](#)

[Cygnet Bottleshop – Granted.](#)

Gambling Support Program – Strategic Framework 2014 – 19

The Gambling Support Program Strategic Framework 2014 – 2019 guides the delivery of the Department of Health and Human Service public health response to gambling in Tasmania.

The Framework provides a platform for the Gambling Support Program's strategic direction, policy and services and the delivery of a wide range of initiatives to reduce harm from gambling in Tasmania over the next five years.

[A copy of the Gambling Support Program Strategic Framework 2014 – 2019 is available here.](#)

Social and Economic Impact Study of Gambling in Tasmania

Part A of the third Social and Economic Impact Study of Gambling in Tasmania was tabled in Parliament on 26 March 2015 and [is available on the Branch's website](#).

The report:

- provides an update of components from the first and second 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 in the same section of local government areas conducted for the 2011 study.
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Fingerprinting – special employee's licence applications

The Tasmanian Gaming Commission has determined effective **1 May 2015**, that, in keeping with national trends, it will no longer require special employee's licence applicants to have fingerprints taken. The Commission does however reserve the right to have applicants fingerprinted on a case by case basis if required. The Commission will continue to seek a National Police Certificate from Tasmania Police for all applicants.

As of 1 May 2015, special employee's licence applications will reduce to \$177.60.

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 November 2014 – February 2015

| Licence holder | Section of Act | Breach | Outcome |
|---|----------------|---|--------------|
| Peter Allan Williams – Cock and Bull Hotel | 50(2) | Failing to ensure that all staff performing the duties of a special employee were the holders of a current special employee's licence. | Fine \$560 |
| Urban Storm Pty Ltd and Doncor Pty Ltd – Commercial Hotel | 112S(1)(da) | Failing to take action as directed by the Commission in regards to compliance with the Commission's <i>Technical Standards for Recorded Surveillance in all Gaming and Wagering Premises – TGVCS004</i> . | Fine \$1 120 |

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