

Liquor Licensing Newsletter

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Consultation on Noise Management in Queenstown Town Centre

Queenstown Lakes District Council is investigating the need to change the way the District Plan deals with noise in the Queenstown town centre. The town centre is a vibrant environment that is home to a diverse mixture of activities. However this very vibrancy and diversity can create conflicts over issues such as noise.

This process is about the Council hearing about noise issues in Queenstown town centre from the community and different users of the town centre.

A discussion document and consultation questionnaire is be available at Council, Lakes Environmental offices, the library and on the Council website: www.qldc.govt.nz.

Consultation on the discussion document will close on **4 February 2011**.

If you have any questions about this strategy please contact Ralph Henderson on ralphh@qldc.govt.nz or (03) 441 0493.

Alcohol Reform Bill Submission due by **18th February 2011**

The Alcohol Reform Bill has been released for public consultation submissions for this will close on the **Friday 18th February 2011**.

This provides an opportunity for anyone to make a public submission.

The working party has decided that they will not be making a joint submission. We encourage all licensees to put in a submission to reflect your point of view on the Alcohol Reform Bill. Queenstown Lakes District Council will be making a submission.

For further information please go to: www.parliament.nz

Promotions

Over the past few months, promotions are creeping in more and more.....

Just a reminder that;

- Alcohol promotions must not be discount drinks by more than 50% of the normal retail price
- The Queenstown Lakes District Liquor Licensing policy (<http://www.qldc.govt.nz/Policies>) only allows "happy hour" style promotions for 60 minutes within a 24 hour period, and happy hours are not permitted after 10.00 pm.

These are monitored by our Liquor Licensing Inspector on a regular basis, for those who are repeat offending, enforcement action may be taken. If you have any questions about promotions please contact Mary Rose Fitzgerald on maryrose.fitzgerald@lakesenv.co.nz or 03 450 0335.

NZ POLICE

Well the Christmas / New Year period is now over and we hope to get back to our "normal" routine.

There were about 20 arrests on New Years Eve in central Queenstown and by all reports everyone had a reasonably good time. I was 'lucky' enough to work in the cell block area from 9.00 pm New Years Eve until 7.00 am on New Years Day. Most of those being processed were in average condition but there were are still a few that will have no recollection whatsoever of the last night of 2010.

I would ask front line bar staff to keep up the good work of refusing service and ejecting those people who are showing signs intoxication either upon entry into or by observation of them in your bar. I am aware some places are very strict on this while others turn a blind eye as to who is in their premise. Intoxicated Persons in licensed premises will not be tolerated and I intend to take more action against this type of offending this year.

I still have duty managers getting caught drink driving coming home from work this behaviour is simply not acceptable and frankly those getting caught should know better.

We have also been having good results of offenders being "caught in the act" on CCTV for various offending inside bars. Please if you don't have any CCTV please consider it in this years budget.

On a positive note it was good to see lots of food getting consumed while patrons are drinking, and yes you can make good money out of supplying good food to your punters.

- Sergeant Keith Newell

Drink Safe Workshops

We would like to thank the following premises/licensees who helped make the drink safe workshops possible; Tanoa Aspen Hotel, McGregors on Reece, Cardrona Hotel, Bombay Palace, Kai Whakapai, Hattaway Hospitality, Coronet Peak, Johnny Barrs, New World- Wakatipu, Flame Bar and Grill, Walnut Cottage and The World.

The next drink safe workshops will most likely be scheduled for June 2011.

If you would like to help make these happen and can help us out with a location please contact Mary Rose Fitzgerald on maryrose.fitzgerald@lakesenv.co.nz or 03 450 0335.

Easter Trading.. Special Licence

The Easter Bunny is on its way...

This year Good Friday falls on April 22nd 2011 and Easter Sunday falls on 24th April 2011. As you will hopefully be aware, these are Sacrosanct Days under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, and a number of premises are not permitted to be open for the sale of liquor.

Please check your liquor licence to find out if your premises will be affected. Remember you can only trade if you are open for the purposes of dining.

If you are affected and intend to apply for a special licence for an event or occasion, please tell us as much as you can about the event, and how it will be managed. Please note special licences **ARE NOT** granted for an extension of trading hours.

As always, applications will be considered on their merits. The decision in respect of a special licence application rests with the District Licensing Agency. If your application is opposed, you have the opportunity to be heard at a public hearing before the Agency. If this is the case, 40 working days is a statutory requirement for processing time.

We will endeavor to process all applications within the time frames we have.



Farewell - Libby Sudden

Hi,

After seven years the time has come to say 'Good Bye'. Its been great working with you all 'Thanks for everything' over the years . I will be finishing with Lakes Environmental on 18th March 2011. . Kind Regards, Libby



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