

THE HOSPITALITY MESSENGER

Your Western Australian liquor, hospitality, event and related industries news and information presented by Lavan

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REMINDER: Annual licence fees must be paid by 1 January 2017. Be sure to pay on time to avoid late fees, licence suspension or possible cancellation.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON RED TAPE!



The recently established Senate Select Committee on Red Tape is commencing its inquiry with a review of the sale, supply and taxation of liquor.

The Committee has called for submissions to this inquiry which are due by Tuesday 31 January 2017.

Click [here](#) to access the website for more information, including how to make a submission.

We can assist with your submission if you wish.

Quick top 10 checklist

During this busy period ensure you and your staff can tick all the boxes:

- Incident register – in the required form and continuously maintained
- Staff training register maintained
- Current licence and any permits on display
- Approved plans readily available
- Entrance signage current and accurate
- An approved manager on site at all times
- Name of approved manager on duty signage
- Harm minimisation policy documents on site
- Licence and permit conditions complied with
- Glasswashers at 75 degrees

New nightclub licence in Perth - the first in years

The Sewing Room nightclub licence was recently granted for premises situated at 317 Murray Street, Perth, in Wolf Lane.

The 300+ person live music venue has been approved subject to four pages of special conditions.

The conditions imposed include nine specific “amenity conditions”, a 3am lockout, installation of an ID scanner and the requirement that “the provision of recorded music presented personally by a person employed or engaged by the licensee is not to exceed 50 per cent of the live music performances at the venue”.

New contract laws for small businesses

Commonwealth legislation regarding unfair contract terms associated with small businesses came into effect last month.

The new laws are designed to protect small businesses from unfair terms in standard form contracts and have the potential to apply to a wide range of contracts involving businesses in the liquor, hospitality, tourism and event sectors.

The changes will affect new, renewed or varied contracts from 12 November 2016 where one party to the contract is a business which employs less than 20 people and the upfront contract price is no more than \$300,000 (or \$1m if the contract term is 12 months+).

If you run a small business, or if you enter into agreements with small businesses then the new laws are relevant to your business.

Small business will no longer be required to comply with contract terms found to be unfair under the new laws.

We invite you to contact us for more information and advice specific to your business.



Lavan is proud to have assisted in approvals of the following:



Upgrade of the Bar Lafayette licence from small bar to tavern restricted for increased patronage and grant of 2am trading permit



Moonlight Cinema Kings Park - 2016/17 summer season

Enjoy services at Bar Lafayette and Moonlight Cinema this summer.

FACT BOX

The Liquor Commission's recently published 2015/16 Annual Report indicates that six applications were heard on review from decisions of the Director of Liquor Licensing. Of those, three were overturned and three upheld.

Food truck frenzy

...avoid a foolish faux pas

Food trucks and pop-up hot dog or burger bars are all the rage. There are many appealing things about them. One great feature is the convenience for licensees or function and event organisers to arrange for a food truck or pop-up to come to a venue and thereby avoid otherwise dealing with everything involved with catering. But be careful not to breach licensing, or other laws in the process. For example, licensees must ensure they do not breach the fundamental obligation of retaining exclusive use and occupation of the whole of the licensed premises, or allow another business to be carried on at the licensed premises without approval.



We wish you “good tradings” for the Christmas and New Year period!



OUR TEAM

Your business is an important contributor to the Western Australian community and to WA's growing liquor, hospitality, events, tourism and related industries.

Are you getting the most out of your business? Are you fulfilling all of your ideas and enjoying business success?

If you have an idea for a new business, we would love to help you develop it.

We encourage you to obtain modern business solutions from us and receive the benefits of a life long working relationship to help maximise your business potential. Any expenditure with us is an investment in your business and its future.

We enjoy visiting our clients' businesses and will be happy to visit yours.



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