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The Hospitality Messenger is very conscious of WA's liquor, hospitality, event and tourism industries being hit hard by the COVID-19 situation and is committed to providing as much support as possible.



COVID-19 TAKE-AWAY LIQUOR VOLUME RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Today the State Government revoked the restrictions that were introduced on 25 March 2020 and varied on 27 March 2020, in respect to limitations on the volume of take-away liquor that could be sold and supplied to the general public by packaged liquor outlets across Western Australia. Other restrictions in place prior, in relation to some licences, still apply.

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Don't forget the reimbursement of your 2020 annual licence fees. Licensees should be contacted by the DLGSCI to arrange return of fees, or click [here](#) to see how to fast track the process.

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Changes to business leasing laws

Last week the WA Premier announced that new legislation would be introduced into the WA Parliament to address commercial tenancies impacted by rental distress due to COVID-19. The proposed new law seeks to do the following for commercial rental agreements:

- Place a six month moratorium on non-payment of rental evictions.
- Freeze rental increases.
- Restrict penalties on tenants unable to trade or who reduce trading.
- Prohibit interest charges on rent arrears.
- Introduce a process of dispute resolution.
- Authorise a State code of conduct.

If it passes, this State legislation will supplement the National Cabinet Mandatory Code of Conduct that we reported on last week.



Will you be ready when trading resumes?

When the Government shutdown on hospitality venues is lifted, will your business be ready for the possible onslaught from customers busting to get out of their homes and into your premises. Businesses seem set for a busy period which may occur at an unseasonal time.

The current hiatus provides a most unusual but opportunistic time to double check, tidy and improve as many aspects of the business as possible.

There is no doubt that the impacts of the COVID-19 lockdown have affected almost every aspect of everyone's lives and arguably no sector more so than the hospitality industry. It is an understatement to say that these are trying times. The Hospitality Messenger is concerned for all of those that may be struggling under the weight and stress of the situation. It is vitally important to remember that help is out there. Listed below are the contact details of two particular organisations that might be able to assist you if you need extra help:

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or
lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
or beyondblue.org.au



The Hospitality Messenger has become aware of an application that has been lodged with the Liquor Commission to review a recently refused liquor store licence application. This review application, if it proceeds, is likely to provide first insight into the Liquor Commission's interpretation of the new packaged liquor laws. The Hospitality Messenger will publish the outcome of the matter and the implications of the decision in due course.

A comprehensive source of helpful information relevant to businesses in relation to COVID-19 has been produced by the Commissioner for Consumer Protection in the form "COVID-19 coronavirus Consumer Protection FAQ". This source, which covers many topics including retail, events, food delivery services, commercial tenancy, scams and other information, can be accessed [here](#).

OUR TEAM

Your business or club 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' places of business and will be happy to visit yours.



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