

LICENCE TO SERVE

ISSUE 010

News from the Liquor Licencing team



This newsletter is jointly produced by the Timaru District Council Alcohol Licensing Team, the Police Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer and the Community and Public Health Alcohol Licensing Officer.

We encourage all licensees to circulate this newsletter to all staff, especially Duty Managers.

ROAD SAFETY

with Daniel Naudé

Impairment: the state of being diminished, weakened, or damaged, especially mentally or physically.

This definition may look unusual for many because we are conditioned to think you only have to be drunk or stoned to be impaired.

Here is a list of what is included under the understanding of impairment:

Tired or fatigued, lack of sleep, distraction, emotionally upset, stressed, anxious or nervous, depressed, in pain, affected by any substance, be it alcohol, illicit drugs, medicine, prescribed medication, over the counter medicine, natural remedies, etc.

The list goes on for anything that may affect your reaction time or decision making abilities.

We may only think that impairment means being affected by one of these substances at a time. Taking a combination of small portions which on its own may not affect you, may push into impairment.

The physical and psychological demand needed to operate a vehicle safely on the road and to be able to identify potential hazards other road users may pose could be seen as a scale. This could be listed on a scale of 0% to 100% where at 100% a driver would be fully alert and unimpaired. The lower the level, the higher the risk of an incident. The faster the operating speed, the higher the risk for serious or fatal injury crash. This is just basic physics.

There are many incidents that happen as a result of impaired drivers – see attached crash map. This map only reflects reported crashes where impairment was a factor in the crash. As you will notice, there were many single vehicle crashes.

So the busier the road, the higher the potential for conflict with other moving objects. However, when the environment

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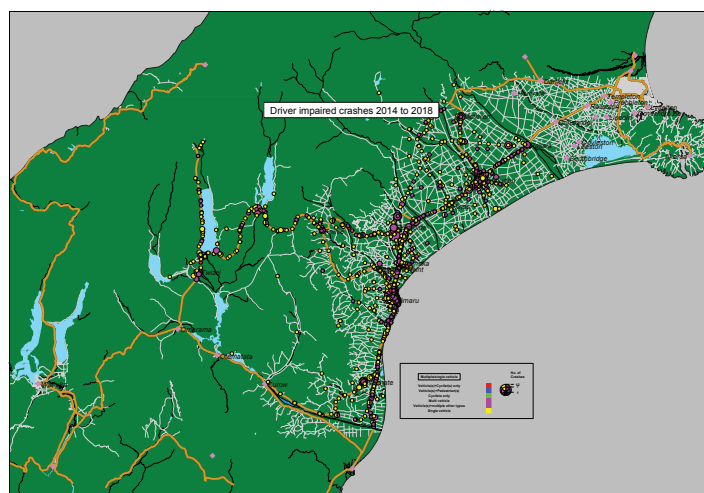
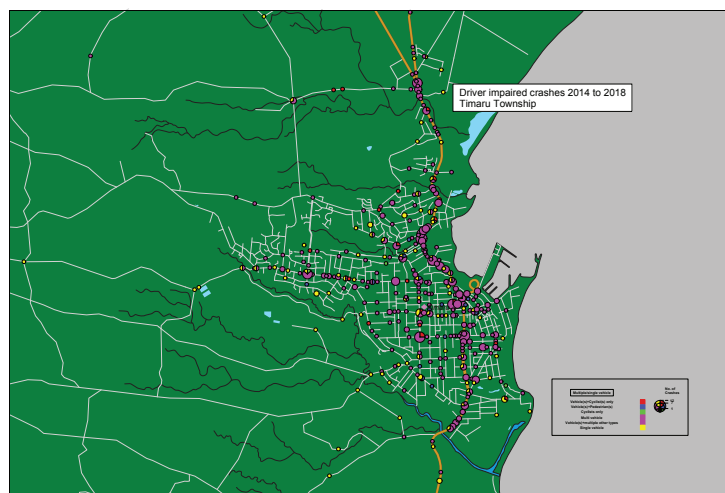
NEW Kiwi Access card

Police update

becomes less demanding, like travelling on a long straight road with no other traffic, the risk increases that the driver will relax and become distracted.

Studies show that we are more at risk within five kilometres from home or office after a long trip. That is because we relax when we enter familiar territory. Other studies show that drivers make tens of thousands of decisions an hour – some cognitively but mostly subconsciously.

Learn how to notice the affect things may have on you and avoid driving until you are completely unimpaired.



Club Project

It's that exciting time of year when the weather starts to cool and everyone is gearing up for a busy winter sports season.

It's a great time to get involved either as a team or an individual competitor and it's a time when the rest of the world has its eye on the top class international teams that New Zealand has to offer.

With many sports events, there has been a focus on alcohol advertising and consumption. New Zealand has had a reputation as a nation with a strong drinking culture, and I am pleased to see that many people and organisations are working towards changing that attitude. Many sports clubs have shifted their way of thinking in several ways by:

1. Reducing alcohol advertising and sponsorship (and seeking alternative sponsorship).
2. Providing alternative drinks such as milk or water after a game
3. Limiting the amount of alcohol after a sports event.
4. Providing food for the players after a game.
5. Alcohol free sports events
6. Strong promotion of sports as a family event.

Feedback from local sports men and women has revealed that by taking these measures, the members feel that the club has their best interests at heart and cares about them as people.

A lot of work is being done around the country to introduce Alcohol Management Plans and Sports Club Alcohol Policies. Some of our local clubs have already introduced them and are working well with noticeable differences with the players and the spectators.

If you are interested in introducing either or both of these, I have templates available and will be more than happy to help. We have some very talented sportspeople in our country, so let's do everything we can to look after them and keep everyone safe.

On the subject of sporting clubs, I have new lanyards available for bar staff. These are attractive and supplied by Sport Canterbury. They have a card attached to the lanyard with an intoxication assessment on one side and the questions bar staff must ask patrons in a club before serving alcohol.

If you are interested in some of these for your bar staff in your sports club, please call me on 03 687 2618 or 027 537 2321. These will be supplied free of charge.

Take care and stay safe,

Wayne Cummings

Liquor Licensing Health Promoter



New contact email address

We have created a new generic email for any electronic forms that you may wish to lodge. The email address is liquoradmin@timdc.govt.nz and this is accessible by the Alcohol Unit Team. This should only be used for lodging forms (be it new/renewal applications or even your Notice of Management Change Forms). We will be updating our forms in the near future to include this email address so watch this space.

LCQ Training Dates

I have received the dates for next year from ARA however please be aware they are open to change in case you have any staff needing to go through.

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| ■ 29 April and exam on 13 May | ■ 29 July and exam on 12 August |
| ■ 10 June and exam on 24 June | ■ 21 October and exam on 3 November |

As well as the ARA course there is also the online version which is done through another organisation called GetLCQ (located in Dunedin) and their website is www.getlcq.co.nz if your staff would prefer to do it online.

NEW KIWI ACCESS CARD

The all new Kiwi Access Card was launched nationwide on 14 January, and now replaces the current 18+ Card.

Launched by Hospitality New Zealand, the new Kiwi Access Card has been created to better facilitate access to goods and services for everyone, across all sections of society in New Zealand. It can be used as a proof of age and identity throughout New Zealand, and is available to both nationals and foreign visitors.

New security features include micro text, braille, guilloche, UV ink, embossing, selected points of transparency and holographic overlay. A fresh Hospitality New Zealand logo rounds out the slick graphics and elemental design.

Anna Halliday
Regional Manager
Hospitality New Zealand

We have included a flyer in this newsletter that you may wish to put on your noticeboard along side this newsletter for your staff to read.



Smokefree Enforcement Officers

In December 2018 two staff members from Community and Public Health (Timaru) Josh South and Wayne Cummings successfully completed the Smokefree Enforcement Officers Training Course in Wellington.

As a result both these members will receive delegation from the Ministry of Health which will give them the powers as enforcement officers to investigate complaints and breaches of the Smoke Free Environments Act 1990.

In March 2011 the Government agreed to "a long term aspirational goal of reducing smoking prevalence and tobacco availability to minimal levels, thereby making New Zealand essentially a smokefree nation by 2025".

Josh and Wayne will be responsible for helping the community work towards this goal by the education and compliance of retailers and hospitality staff with the safety of the public being paramount. In the future they will be assessing smoking areas in workplaces and licensed premises.



Determining whether your smoking area is compliant with the Smoke Free Environments Act 1990 can be very complex and confusing so, for any inquiries or complaints call :

Josh

03 6872615 or email josh.south@cdhb.health.nz

or

Wayne

03 6872618 or email wayne.cummings@cdhb.health.nz

POLICE UPDATE

In the last newsletter you would have seen that Constable Rory Chapman was the interim Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer for the Mid-South Canterbury area.

A permanent replacement has now been made, Sergeant Samuel Winchester will be taking up the role on the 11th March 2019 for a two year period. Sergeant Winchester is looking forward to the new challenges ahead and to meeting you all in the near future. Sergeant Winchester will be looking to build on the partnerships already in place with both members of the tri-agency, suppliers and providers. This will ensure that we are able to work well with all to reduce the harm caused by the misuse of alcohol and support responsible consumption.

With Easter and Anzac Day fast approaching we would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the trading hour restrictions that come in over this time.



CPO/Monitoring

- 1st November – Geraldine Summer Fete
- 18th January – CPO (Off Licences – Timaru/Mackenzie)
- 8th February – Claremont Garden Party

Future Topic Suggestions

Do you find the newsletter useful?

We are looking for suggestions from you as licensees as to what sort of articles or items you would like to see in future newsletters. If you have any suggestions please feel free to email me on sharon.hoogenraad@timdc.govt.nz

From the Secretary's Desk

Kai ora koutou

I have been the Group Manager Environmental Services here at Timaru District Council since mid-2017 and following Paul Cooper's move to Waimate District Council have been covering the role of Secretary to the District Licensing Committee. We have recruited a new manager, however due to a very unfortunate accident that person has not yet been able to return to work. In the interim I have been very lucky to be part of a professional and efficient team who deliver licensing services across the Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie districts. From my perspective the processes are running effectively with great support from the industry to ensure that together we protect our communities for alcohol related harm. Thank you for the role you play in this.

Change has felt a bit like the norm here over the past few months with changes of personnel for each of the members of the tri-agency recently however throughout this time a high level of service has been delivered thanks to all involved.

We are closer to being able to offer online advertising for licence applications and renewals with each of our member Councils considering the option and related charge as part of their annual planning processes currently underway. We are recommending this approach partly because it will be easier and more cost effective for applicants. We will know in early June if this recommendation has been adopted for the new financial year starting on 1 July 2019 and will update you accordingly.

Nga mihi

Tracy Tierney

