

# LICENCE TO SERVE

## ISSUE 014

### News from the Liquor Licensing 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.

## Sound Splash

On 17 - 19 January 2020 Sound Splash hit Timaru!

The organisers were granted a special liquor license for the weekend and were happy to meet the conditions that were required by reporting agencies and all stakeholders (including FENZ). Preparing for the event, and making sure that everything went smoothly, meant a lot of work for everyone involved.

The organisers seemed happy, the public seemed happy, and the people that went to any part of the concert certainly appeared to be enjoying themselves.

As a Tri Agency, Liquor Licensing, Police, and Community and Public Health monitored the event over the two days that the venue was licensed to serve alcohol. The after party in town was also monitored.

A Temporary Liquor Ban was put in place which included the beach area and partway into the sea which worked well for the duration of the event.

Monitoring the event was enjoyable and the organisers had gone to great lengths to ensure everyone's safety and that everyone had a great time. There was plenty of security, St Johns Medics and a Health and Safety Officer on duty at all times. The organisation Deepspace set up camp stretchers and had personnel on hand to help with anyone that may have over indulged in some way.

Security staff at the gates were searching people on entry, which prevented some unwanted contraband being brought onto the site. There was no tolerance towards drugs which gave a lot of event goers a further sense of security.

The organisers held regular meetings with all relevant staff and stakeholders, and if a problem or issue was identified, it was dealt with swiftly and effectively.

As well as the great variety of music with three acts on at three different stages simultaneously, there was a wide range of food, refreshments and other entertainment.

Water was readily available and was welcomed because of the heat and some energetic dancing. The event was promoted as a family event, and as well as families it brought out some colourful characters.

This event was a great opportunity for Timaru to showcase Caroline Bay and our beautiful city.

## Dates for Easter and ANZAC Day Special Licence Applications

This year these days fall on:

### Good Friday

10 April 2020

### Easter Sunday

12 April 2020

### ANZAC Day

25 April 2020

Remember to have your special licence applications for your Easter or ANZAC Day events lodged with us as soon as possible. Special Licence applications will not be accepted for continuation of normal trading.

All applications must be made at least 20 working days before the event is held.

### Deadlines this year are:

■ Easter 2020 – applications must be received by Thursday, 12 March 2020

■ ANZAC 2020 – applications must be received by Wednesday, 25 March 2020

## Newsletter Library

If anyone is looking for any previous newsletters you can find these on our website now.

The link is:

<https://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/environment/liquor-control/liquor-licensing/tri-agency-newsletter>

# South Canterbury Alcohol Accord

On 18 February a Timaru Alcohol Accords meeting was held at the Grosvenor Hotel.

**For those folks that don't realise what the Alcohol Accords are about:**

- The Alcohol Accords' key objectives are to promote safe alcohol use and minimise alcohol-related harm.
- They can result in a reduction in crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. Reduction in alcohol-related harm in the community and an increase in public confidence regarding safety.
- Members can include the police, the local city or district council, public health units, representatives of both on and off-licensed premises, and other interested community organisations.
- We generally meet as required and feedback from members show that the meetings are interesting and helpful.



If you are interested in joining the Timaru, Temuka and Geraldine, or the Waimate Accord, please contact me:

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## POLICE UPDATE

Greetings again everyone from the Alcohol Harm Reduction Police Desk. Those that follow the news particularly in Canterbury and Christchurch lately may have noticed an increase in stories and incidents involving gangs.

While gangs have always been around for a long time, and Timaru itself still has something of a reputation as a 'gang town' due to events long before I donned the blue suit, they have always been a bit up and down in terms of presence and visibility.

Following two events in particular they have been noticed a lot more and their numbers are thought to have significantly increased in terms of both variety and pure numbers.

With Australia passing amendments to their immigration laws that send criminals back to NZ it is known to have returned many individuals that were associated, or members of, different gangs whilst they were in Australia.

The second is thought to be due to the rebuild in Christchurch following the earthquakes that brought an influx of tradies and labourers into the city including those that associate with gangs.

The latest to hit the headlines has been the Mongols who have been in the media multiple times of late for events in Christchurch.

The Mongols started in the USA and are the self-proclaimed "baddest bkie gang in the world".

They join the likes of the Headhunters, Hells Angels, Tribesmen, Bandido's, Rebels along with the traditional Black Power and Mongrel Mob and Killer Bee's amongst others.

Whilst there is nothing to suggest the gangs are infiltrating licensed premises and bars in Timaru I urge you all to be vigilant as they are great opportunities to meet, recruit and do 'their business'.



This would not only effect your business with customers but if known to frequent any establishment routinely could be viewed negatively in terms of suitability.

A good example of the risks that may come with association is the two businesses in Christchurch that have recently been damaged in apparent attacks. One having Molotov cocktails thrown into it and the other a stolen vehicle driven through the front window.

Whilst I have no knowledge of the details surrounding these incidents and cannot speculate the motives the media have no such qualms and have been giving them plenty of attention.

Throughout the history of gangs in the world there have been violent clashes between rivals and often these have occurred in bars or outside them. It may seem harmless enough allowing one group entry but it could quickly be beyond your control if a second rival group were to arrive.

Keep yourselves, your staff and your customers safe as we all work towards reducing harm in our community.

**Sgt Sam Winchester**

NZ Police

### Gang Patch Identification Flyer

Enclosed is a flyer that shows the different patches of the Gangs that are currently identified as possibly having some connection to the South Canterbury region. You may wish to pop this up on your noticeboard for your staff to become familiar with.

## Getting out in time

Can you guarantee, you, your staff and the public are able to get out of your building in an emergency?

The occupant of this building had trouble getting out due to the sliding door being faulty and unmaintained.

This photo was taken by the occupant seconds after he made it out.

- Are your buildings exits clear?
- Do exit doors operate efficiently?
- Do you check them every day?

Please don't hesitate to call me for any help needed or questions you may have relating to the evacuation of buildings.

**Craig Chambers**

Fire Risk Management Officer

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## Easter Trading Hours Compliance

Police will be actively monitoring licensed premises over Easter.

This year licensees can expect to see Police checking compliance over Easter with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 as it relates to alcohol sales.

The law is clear that 'casual drinking' is not permitted under any circumstances however if customers are dining they can have a drink to accompany their meal. The Act states:

### **47 Sale and supply on Anzac Day morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day restricted: on-licences**

- (1) *The holder of an on-licence must ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied on the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or Christmas Day, or before 1 pm on Anzac Day, unless –*

- (a) *it is sold or supplied while the holder also holds a special licence for the premises; or*
  - (b) *the buyer is a person of a kind described in subsection (2).*
- (2) *The kinds of person referred to in subsection (1) are –*
- (a) *people residing or lodging on the premises;*
  - (b) *people who are present on the premises to dine.*
- (3) *For the purposes of subsection (2), –*
- (a) *a person resides or lodges on licensed premises if he or she resides or lodges in the building in which the premises are situated as the guest, lodger, tenant, or employee of the licensee;*
  - (b) *a person is not present on licensed premises to dine if he or she is there at a time –*
    - (i) *more than an hour before he or she starts (or is due to start) eating a meal; or*
    - (ii) *more than an hour after he or she finishes eating a meal.*
- (4) *Subsection (1) is subject to section 173 of the Gambling Act 2003.*

Police are aware that in recent years there has been considerable pressure applied by a few casual drinkers to be served and Police expect licensees to have good systems in place to prevent this occurring.



## From the Secretary's Desk

Kia ora koutou

It's been a busy couple of months, with the festive season now behind us. We are however, still experiencing quite an influx of special licence applications.

The recent Local Government elections saw some changes to the District Licensing Committees for the respective District Councils. Below is an outline of DLCs for Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate District Councils:

### Timaru District Licensing Committee

- Sharyn Cain (Commissioner and Deputy Mayor Mackenzie District Council)
- Cr Peter Burt (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Gavin Oliver
- Mr David Jack

### Mackenzie District Licensing Committee

- Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain (Commissioner)
- Mayor Graham Smith (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Anne Munro
- Cr Murray Cox

### Waimate District Licensing Committee

- Sharyn Cain (Commissioner)
- Mayor Craig Rowley (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Sheila Paul

I would like to take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the new DLC members and to thank all DLC members for their dedicated service on the committee.

In recent weeks we have had some applicants request to speak with the Commissioner. These requests have had to be declined as applicants are not permitted to discuss any matter with the Commissioner relating to their applications or a decision. All enquiries relating to a decision, a hearing or an appeal are to be directed to myself as the secretary. Any queries or matters requiring clarification on an application can be directed to the Liquor Licensing Team.

The Liquor Licensing Team will be out and about monitoring events and licensed premises in the coming weeks, so please keep up the good work in host responsibility and harm minimisation.

Stay safe,

Ngā mihi, Debbie Fortuin  
Secretary

## Sports clubs' end of season prize-givings

A reminder to plan ahead for your end of season sports events. For clubs that don't hold a club licence you will need to apply for a special licence for any end of season prize-giving.

For licensed clubs prize-giving events often include the general public so a Special Licence is required if you wish to sell them alcohol. Unsure? Give the Alcohol Licensing Team a call and they will be happy to discuss this with you.

## LCQ Training Dates

In the Timaru / Waimate / Mackenzie district there are two providers that offer NZQA Unit Standards 4646 and 16705 training.

Everyone has different ways of learning for some it is face to face training in a classroom environment whereas some people prefer online. We have both available in our districts.

The ARA course dates for 2020 are below (however may be subject to change):

4th May, exam on 19th May	27th July, exam on 8th August
8th June, exam on 22nd June	19th October, exam on 2nd November

(The course runs 8.30am to 4.30pm on the first day and the exam starts at 1.00pm)

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

In previous newsletters we have discussed Servewise and this is excellent for those staff that you have working behind the bar who may not wish to go to the next level of obtaining their LCQ. This is a free training system and you can access this by going to [www.alcohol.org.nz](http://www.alcohol.org.nz) and search for 'Servewise'.

## Generic Email Address

We now have a generic email for any electronic forms that you may wish to lodge. The email address is [liquoradmin@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:liquoradmin@timdc.govt.nz) and this is accessible by the Liquor Licensing 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.

## 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](mailto:sharon.hoogenraad@timdc.govt.nz)

# CANTERBURY GANGS

There have been some changes (as you may be aware of) in the gang environment within New Zealand with the introduction of deportees from Australia (501s).

A fair percentage of these deportees have been, and still are, involved in Out Law Motor Cycle Gangs (OMCGs) and have introduced new gangs into New Zealand. Gangs such as, Mongols, Bandidos, Comancheros and Hells Angels.



We do not see that many Hells Angels gang members in the Canterbury area but membership within the new gang "Mongols" is on the rise and we are likely to see more of these gang members travelling through our area (Aoraki).