

Important notice for clubs holding liquor licences.

As you are no doubt aware, there have been considerable changes to both licencing fees, and also limits on the available hours per week on new or altered licences.

Any club applying for any form of limited licence will get exactly that!, a Maximum of 4 days per week will restrict club opening their bars to only the nominated 4 days and hours may not be allowed if junior sport is in progress.

Clubs are advised to consider their current licence hours as these will remain the same if the licence is not altered, (you may have 7 days trading and long hours if you need them.). Any change to your existing licence , like going from a restricted or limited licence to a renewable limited, (as previously Recommended by me) will result in days limited to four a week, and the times restricted as well. There are also high fees payable for hours after 1 am in the morning.

Clubs should go onto the web through the Department of Justice, and read the relevant fact sheets available before making any changes to their licences.

Fines or convictions received by clubs during 2010 will also incur large additions to fees in 2011 of \$3000 to \$6000 plus. These are for offences like Serving underage, serving intoxicated persons or allowing drunks to remain on the premises. So you can see that doing the wrong thing could prove to be very expensive. Make sure that you know what you really want and check it out first.