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EDITORIAL:

Merry Christmas from all of us at Alcohol Drug Association NZ (ADA) and our sincere best wishes for 2003!!

Where has the year gone to and what a year it has been. It has been a year of meetings as we have seen the fine-tuning of DHBs. Our world has continued to get smaller as the violence of the world increases and the financial markets fluctuate. Our future is not so secure as it once was or seemed to be and our children face uncertain challenges in health and education.

But, there have been other things that have buoyed us the support of colleagues, love of family and friends and these hold incredible weight against the tide of the world. It is good for this time of the year to alert us to a new focus ie take a break, spend some time with family and friends, celebrate safely and ensure that others do the same. Play games, laugh a lot, walk heaps, spend some time in quiet

reflection, read a good book and be thankful for what you have.

Christmas is a time where our focus can be caught up with being busy buying things and filling empty voids rather than rebuilding bonds and being more available to those we have often taken for granted when busy during the year. Do take stock of the year and what you wanted to achieve and seek your direction for 2003. Discern ways to include the important people in your life. Let's make a difference to the world by being people who make a difference through care, compassion, empathy and understanding.

To all of those in the Alcohol and other Drug sector and our allied professional friends, we sincerely thank you for your contribution over the year of 2002. We wish you all the best for this special time and hope you have a rewarding break. See you in 2003!!

Paul Traynor
Chief Executive ADA

ADA WEBSITE LAUNCH - www.druginfo.org.nz

To celebrate the addition of the Drug helpline service ADA has revamped its web-site and access for this is via www.druginfo.org.nz. ADA is thankful to the Suzanne Jones for her Project Management of the site and Innovation Media for their design and professional expertise.

ADA will launch the Directory On-line in early 2003. Due to some computer glitches we have not been able to be certain of 100% accuracy re information of AOD services. ADA apologies for this delay and will update the Directory of Treatment services with a stocktake profile in January and February 2003.

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UPDATE

YOUTH ACCESS TO ALCOHOL PROJECT

Youth Access to Alcohol Project promoted and support by ALAC has started in the six South Island communities. Updates will happen over the next twelve

months and beyond. These communities are Gore, Ashburton, Westport, Cromwell, Christchurch and Nelson.

LIAISON ON ALCOHOL DRUG (LOAD) FORUMS 2003

The first of these in 2003 will be in February and is dependant at this stage as to when SSSAL informs us about the timing of the South Island Alcohol and Drug Review Consultation. ADA has agreed to offer the LOAD forums for the AOD Review/ Consultation process but awaits confirmation from the various DHBs as to whether or not they wish to utilise these LOAD Forums.

ADA has listened to feedback from various regions and will change the format of LOAD Forums in 2003. The morning meeting will be networking and liaison for one hour followed by input from local people on

alcohol and other drug issues or related matters. Afternoon will be for consultation or outside workshop issues. We thank people for their feedback and for offering ways to enhance the utilisation of these Forums.

Part of listening to local needs has meant that ADA needs to work and respond to local needs in different ways. For example we are initiating a LOAD Forum in Oamaru in December and will also offer an opportunity for Blenheim to meet separately in 2003. Workshops in 2003 will take place in the major centres only while smaller centres will have two hour LOAD Forums.

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG OUTCOMES PROJECT (ADOP)

The Alcohol and Drug Outcome Project (ADOP) is a yearlong national project funded via the Mental Health Research and Development Strategy (MHRDS), by the Ministry of Health. ADOP was one of two areas supported by the MHRD Steering Committee for project work within the Alcohol and Drug area and came out of a meeting in May 2002 which was attended by a range of people from various sectors of the alcohol and drug field. ADOP is also congruent with the Mental Health Classification and Outcomes Study currently in progress. ADOP will undertake the groundwork for defining an outcome measurement system that is of benefit to alcohol and drug workers and consumers within everyday practice, as well as to policy makers and funders.

The Project Team is a collaborative research team, which includes members of the Clinical Research and Resource Centre (CRRC), Mental Health Services and Regional Alcohol and Drug Services (RADS), Waitemata DHB; the National Centre for Treatment Development (Alcohol, Drugs & Addiction) (NCTD), Christchurch School of Medicine and the Division of Applied Behavioural Science, University of Auckland. The Principal Co-Investigators are Dr Gail Robinson (CRRC) and Ms Daryle Deering (NCTD). Other team members are Mr Paul Robertson (Kai Tahu), Dr Helen Warren, Dr Grant Paton-Simpson, Mr Simon Adamson and Dr Amanda Wheeler. The team is a multi-disciplinary team, and all members have extensive experience within clinical settings. Two part-time research assistants, Meg Harvey based at NCTD and Gareth Edwards, based at CRRC have recently joined the Project Team. Supporting the Project Team is a

reference group which will link also with a Maori Expert Advisory Group, a Pacific Islands Reference Group, and consumers to ensure specific input from these sectors. Reference Group members are Jenny Wolf (Chair), Takarangi Metekingi, Delaraine Armstrong, Dr Francis Agnew, Sheridan Pooley, Ian MacEwan, Associate Professor Doug Sellman, John Challis, Dr Peter Adams.

How will ADOP ensure representation of the views of all key sector groups within the Alcohol and Drug field?

In addition to a focussed literature review and consultation with key overseas experts, Project Team members (supported by the reference group) will undertake an extensive consultation process. The object of this consultation will be to identify what is in place, what is important to measure and key issues in relation to introducing, implementing and sustaining outcome measurement. The Project Team welcomes contact via Meg Harvey (South Island-NCTD) meg.harvey@chmeds.ac.nz and Gareth Edwards (North Island -CCRC) gareth.edwards@waitematadhb.govt.nz from people with a particular interest in this project, as does Paul Robertson, in relation to specific input from Maori.

Project updates will be provided through the A & D netlink, ADA Connection and other forums throughout 2003, with an ongoing opportunity to have input and to provide feedback.

Daryle Deering & Gail Robinson
(on behalf of the ADOP Project Team)

UPDATE

NZPC/ YOUTH HEALTH TRUST

Closure of the NZPC/ Youth Health Trust Joint programme for young children and young people trading sex for favours.

It is clear that you have heard that the New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective, Youth Health Trust joint Child and Young Person's Prostitution Programme has been closed down from the end of November. The environment in which the programme has operated over the past six years has changed considerably making it difficult to continue funding the programme as a stand-alone project.

This decision was inevitable given that there is no ongoing funding available to either agency to support this work. Over the past 6 years the programme has been part-funded by the Department of Internal Affairs (which supported it for a record 5 years given the nature and success of the programme). The funding gap has been bridged by dedicated programme staff who have made a major contribution by providing an exceptional service for the young people involved on a shoestring budget, generous ad hoc charitable donations from concerned citizens and service clubs, two significant

donations from Community Trust and small grants and subsidies from CDC Employment Services and WINZ. New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective, Youth Health Trust, 198 Youth Health Centre have provided infrastructural support administration and management at no cost to the programme.

Over the past 6 years the programme has made a significant contribution to providing opportunities, support and advocacy for children and young people who engage in trading sex for favours or money to access mainstream health, welfare, training and employment. New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective and Youth Health Trust continue to have a strong commitment to working with and advocating for children and young people who engage in trading sex for favours or money.

New Zealand Prostitutes' Collective and Youth Health Trust have been privileged and proud to have been involved in this creative and innovative programme.

David Marra
Manager 198 Youth Health Centre

ADA'S PARENT DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMME UPDATE

EAS Ltd has expanded our services to include health promotion. We are contracted to ADA to deliver Parent Drug Education Programmes to parents either through their schools, marae and other community settings in the Christchurch City region. We take this opportunity to introduce our facilitators who will deliver the programmes and an overview of the programme that has been developed and previously conducted by ADA. Evaluation of the programmes will be ongoing in order for us to provide reports to stakeholders about the effectiveness of the programmes and any adjustments we will make in our delivery.

Our facilitators are Faye Hawtin, Helen Clyde-Smith and Malcolm Pitman. We are all parents and both Faye and Malcolm are grandparents.

Faye (a Registered Comprehensive Nurse) has worked both as a Public Health Nurse and a Community Mental Health Nurse in the Northland area. Her responsibilities included promoting health to schools and health initiatives and establishing and facilitating caregiver support groups. She also owned and operated her own business that involved developing training packages and presenting seminars to the health, business and education sectors in Christchurch. Faye's motto is "Putting Value on Your Health".

Helen (a Registered Comprehensive Nurse) has worked in the Alcohol and Drug field for over 20 years. She has considerable experience in lecturing to a

variety of audiences as well as facilitating small groups, both educational and therapeutic. She was also a Christchurch Polytechnic Nursing faculty clinical tutor supervising student nurses' learning opportunities at Queen Mary Hospital. Helen is committed to promoting safe and healthy life-style choices.

Malcolm is Maori. He is experienced in the field of addiction with skills including: group facilitation, health promotion, motivational interviewing and alcohol and drug educational lectures. His commitment is to helping others combat and understand the full dynamics of addiction. Malcolm is motivated to health promotion by his understanding that education helps people explore the power within to make healthy life-style choices.

Health promotion is about learning how to make informed life-style decisions. The ADA Parent Drug Education Programme neither promotes nor condemns the use of alcohol and/or drugs. The programme is divided into three two-hour sessions that cover society beliefs about alcohol and drugs, adolescent development and communicating with young people, and information about the drugs available to young people, how parents / caregivers can tell if their child / adolescent is using drugs and where to go for help.

The EAS Team is excited about this opportunity to conduct and offer this programme.
Please contact Faye Hawtin by email at fayehawtin@hotmail.com

UPDATE

HOME DETOX SERVICE

Operated by the Christchurch City Mission, a new home-based detox initiative has commenced. (In Christchurch on September 16th).

An advisory group, with representatives from relevant services, G.P.'s and consumers has been meeting over the last year to oversee the development of the Home Detox Service and its integration into other existing alcohol and other drug services. The aim of the service is to provide a planned detox within the home environment for individuals presenting with mild to moderate drug and/or alcohol dependence.



Jenny Bourke has been appointed to the position of home-detox nurse. As a registered nurse with many years of clinical experience she has of late been working in social detox. Jenny will work closely with Claire Gilbert of Women's Recovery Services who has previously worked as a home detox nurse and has been involved in the Alcohol and other

Drugs field for many years. Home detox is accessible to a broad range of individuals. It may be particularly suitable for women with children, the older person, those with disabilities and those with specific cultural needs. It aims to support friends, family / whanau / fono during the individual's detox and provides for continuity of care by the person's G.P. Jenny will work closely with G.P.'s in providing an individual detox plan. She will provide assessment, home evaluation, monitoring and treatment during home visits, support and information with referral on as indicated. Some individuals however will require residential detox due to - serious medical or psychiatric history.

* history of seizures

* inadequate social / family support

* unsuitable home environment

Home detox is an integral part of the detox services available in Canterbury. Jenny will have close liaison and linkages with these services - Kennedy Medical Detox and Thorpe House Social Detox.

The Home Detox Service is a mobile service based at the Christchurch City Mission and is accessible during the hours 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Jenny can be contacted on :

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NATIONAL ADDICTION CENTRE

From the beginning of 2003, the National Centre for Treatment Development (Alcohol, Drugs & Addiction) (NCTD), at the Christchurch School of Medicine & Health Sciences will be known more simply as the National Addiction Centre. In international correspondence the words Aotearoa/New Zealand will be added to differentiate it from the National

Addiction Centre, London. Doug Sellman, Director of the Centre says the simplification of the name is largely for convenience, but that it also signals the changing era in which the core funding of ALAC is being withdrawn. ALAC has provided core funding since its establishment in 1996 and this will end at the end of next year.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT FOR 2003

Presently, I have just completed a degree in Alcohol and Drug Studies, with Wellington Institute of Technology. I am also currently working 20 hours a week with a new programme called the Circles of Change, for women and children in treatment.

In my first year of study, I completed clinical practise, as part of my course requirements at the Taha Maori programme. In 2001, I completed clinical practise at Kowhai, Rolleston Prison. At that time, I began a women's recovery group at Hanmer Clinic, with a focus on support in early recovery, education, relationships and issues that were arising at the time for the women. This year, I am completing my clinical practise within my employment. This year, the 3rd year students, including

myself, presented at the Cutting Edge Conference in Nelson, as part of our Research Project, which I feel, was of great experience and learning for us all.

I am very passionate about this field, and with my past experience and my study qualifications combined, can only be an asset in the field of Alcohol and Drug Problems. I hope to further my study, as there is always more to learn and achieve. Education and research in this field is constantly evolving, I feel it is appropriate that I too also evolve as a worker in this industry.

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UPDATE

NATIONAL ADDICTION CENTRE

A survey of the field at the 2002 Cutting Edge conference in Nelson showed that a majority supported the continuation of a "National Centre" dedicated to treatment issues.

The NCTD (soon to be National Addiction Centre) is pleased to provide advanced notice of an upcoming 2 day seminar (5 and 6 March 2003) focusing on advanced application of MET and Motivational Interviewing. The seminar will be facilitated by Dr Theresa Moyers, a colleague of Bill Miller at the University of New Mexico. Dr Moyers is a senior clinical psychologist with considerable experience in the clinical and research application of Motivation Interviewing and Motivational Enhancement Therapy.

Numbers attending will be kept low to allow for an interactive process and the seminar will only be open to people with at least basic experience/knowledge of the principles and practices of Motivational Interviewing.

Please contact Lisa Andrews at lisa.andrews@chmeds.ac.nz if you would like to receive further details and registration information in the New Year.

Simon Adamson

Lecturer
National Centre for Treatment Development

Assoc Prof Doug Sellman

Director

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG CONSUMER NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGIONS

WESTCOAST

Thanks for the amazing turnout in Greymouth last month. Really got into it with Paul Rout, and hope you get a positive outcome for all coast consumers.

CHRISTCHURCH

Both consumer groups worked well last month and we are looking forward to our xmas party on Dec 17th. So if your in christchurch that day please come along the more the merrier.

DUNEDIN

Help... members needed in the south of the south. I've just visited Dunedin and the welcome and enthusiasm from Carmen and Glenn was awesome. Hope to get group formed and functioning in the new year. Thanks guys.

GORE

No group as yet but early days.

INVERCARGILL

Have made a good connection in Ross Thompson good on you Ross. The news is maybe we'll have a group formed early next year. Interested people contact us!

OAMARU

Good news from this region! With the help of John

we've been able to start a group in Oamaru, thanks for your help and support guys.

NELSON

Thanks to Nelson Marlborough consumers for your efforts during the year. Hope to see you next year take care of yourselves. Lets see if you can drum up some more consumers over the holiday break spread the word the more voices you have the stronger you become. I will be back at the end of January keep eyes out for flyers also if you can get the word out via flyers give me a quick call and I will get some to you.

TIMARU

Id like to welcome our two latest additions two our group from Caroline House. I am looking forward to getting a strong and informed consumer voice happening from Timaru. Hope you all enjoy the Xmas break will see you in the New Year.

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4TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE "DRUGS AND YOUNG PEOPLE"

May 26 to 28 - Wellington Convention Centre co-hosted by Australian Drug Foundation and ALAC.

This is the first time this conference has been held outside Australia and is a wonderful opportunity for

Kiwis to have access to international speakers including some of our own and share in this experience. Don't miss out - put your pennies away and get along to this event.

For further enquiries: www.adf.org.nz

UPDATE

ADA'S DRUG HELPLINE LAUNCHED 5 DECEMBER 2002



With funding from the Ministry of Health, Health Minister Hon Annette King MP launched the Drug Helpline at Parliament. ADA has linked this service in with the Alcohol Helpline

funded by ALAC and combined the resources to be the Alcohol & Drug Helpline 0800 787 797.

The launch is a significant event in the history of alcohol and other drugs in New Zealand. This is an official recognition that drugs cause concerns and problems for New Zealanders and there is a need for good quality information and a place where people can receive brief counselling, advice, support and referral. Annette King stated that "The expanded Drug Help Line is a welcome response to a range of drug-related problems and will provide easy access to accurate information - the very sort of information people have been looking for, and often failing to find, for a long time. It is also a timely development as everyone is becoming aware of the dangers caused by the increased use of so-called party drugs.

This is the first time there has been a national centre where young people, parents, health professionals, and schools will be able to access consistent and credible information on drugs. The expanded service will ensure New Zealanders will be able to obtain information from people who know what they are talking about and people who have the resources to make the service work.

Drug Help Line has the level of expertise needed to provide robust and informed advice that I hope will

minimise the harm that can be caused by drugs. Callers will be able to get the helping voice or helping hand they are seeking. The advice will be from real people who genuinely understand the issues and what help and assistance is available. In short, the service will ensure the right information gets to the right people at the right time. I am heartened by the commitment to work with Maori to offer improved services to help Maori with drug-related problems.

The expanded help line service fits neatly with the Government's philosophy of developing health services that emphasize early intervention and harm minimisation. This approach is at the heart of the New Zealand Health Strategy, the Primary Health Care Strategy and the National Drug Policy. It is important to seek proactive ways to minimise the harm caused by drug use and abuse.

I'm very pleased to be launching the Drug Help Line today. I am confident of the contribution it will make to people seeking support and confidential and accurate information. Congratulations again on your efforts and thank you for inviting me to be part of this celebration."



OTAGO DHB NEW CEO APPOINTMENT

Our best wishes to Dr Bill Adam who is departing the Otago DHB and being replaced by Brian Rousseau who starts up his position on 3rd February 2003. Brian is

currently Chief Operating Officer at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland and moves down to Dunedin with his family in the new year.

WOMEN'S DAY 2003

The Women's Day is a one day conference for women with an interest in alcohol and other drug issues. Alcohol and drug and mental health workers, consumers and allied health workers are invited to attend. Our theme is 'Celebrating Women' and the Day will include workshops on alcohol and drug, mental health and creativity/spirituality.

This event occurs two yearly and this year the conference is sponsored by ALAC. The likely date for

this one day conference is May 2003.

Anyone interested in participating in the planning is welcome to attend Women's Networking (next meeting 1 pm, 23 January at Women's Recovery Service, 275 Hereford St)

Contact:
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UPDATE

40% OF LIQUOR OUTLETS FAIL I.D. CHECKS

When the emotive issue of lowering the drinking age was first debated, those who supported the change maintained that tightening up the enforcement efforts would forestall any dramatic change in underage drinking. The results of the change have proved much to the contrary. Not only has the problems associated with underage drinking increased dramatically, the issue of checking I.D.s has obviously not been taken seriously, according to an controlled purchasing exercise conducted in Ashburton during the evening of Friday, 29 November 2002.

The Ashburton Police, in conjunction with Community and Public Health, the district licensing inspector and Ashburton Community Alcohol & Drug Services, (ACADS) conducted the exercise using two 17-year-old youngsters who attempted to purchase alcohol in 11 licensed premises in the urban area. "There was little doubt about the youthfulness of these young people, just by looking at them", according to Chris Clark, Deputy GM of ACADS. What made this exercise even more indicative of the attitudes of local liquor outlet operators is that they had been warned, by letter and other media articles, that exercises would be conducted spontaneously, sometime this year.

The result was that 3 out of the 6 on-license premises (or 50%) and 1 out of 4 off-license facilities (25%) visited failed the exercise by selling liquor to the underage youngsters. The operators of the failed facilities will face prosecutions.

ACADS is unique in that the service offers both clinical activities normal to a CADS and Health Promotions. Ms. Clark, also the ACADS Health Promotions Manager, conducts host responsibility checks for new and renewals of liquor license applications and visits facilities throughout the District, not only checking on compliance issues but offers training to staff on how to handle situations that might arise, either from someone trying to purchase alcohol underage or from those who might be drinking too much.

While the results of this check do not bode well in terms of outlet managers taking the requirements for checking I.D.s seriously, the issue of underage drinking cannot be laid exclusively at their doorstep. Other exercises, including The Think Before You Buy Them Drink Campaign, run last year, aimed at parents indicate they too are a major source of young people coming into possession of alcohol. Further to this is the problem of those 18 year olds, who can legally purchase alcohol, buying for their mates. Clark indicated the changes required to stem the flow of problems associated with underage consumption will take time and will have to be all-inclusive. "We don't have an adolescent problem - we have an adult problem", according to Clark, and "it will take the whole community to take a serious look at this issue and then get involved. The care and protection of all young people should be a high priority".

Jere Bunn, General Manager

PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY ADA FOR HEALTH RESEARCH COUNCIL

November 2002 to March 2003 - Models of Practice in Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services in New Zealand: A stocktake ("who receives what services from whom and how?").

My name is Yvonne Mohr; I am currently undertaking work for the Alcohol Drug Association New Zealand (ADA). Currently this organisation is engaged in a Project for the Health Research Council of New Zealand.

The aim of this stocktake: is to obtain up to date information of key elements of Alcohol and other Drug Services in New Zealand and to document the "models of practice" that are currently used in services.

Phase 1 is to conduct a brief literature review of any previous stocktakes that have been undertaken in New Zealand. In this context, we define an Alcohol and other Drug Stocktake one that considers the following information such as:

- Agency/Service information
- Staff information
- Client information
- Assessment process

- Interventions used
- Client outcomes/monitoring
- Client feedback
- Consumer input
- Staff training/supervision
- Research
- Liaison with other Mental Health Services
- Barriers to service use
- Suggested improvements to the service

What ADA would like to know is:

1. Do you have knowledge of or references to previous stocktakes undertaken in New Zealand and/or
2. Knowledge of other organisations or persons that can provide this information.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance please contact me at the address below.

Yvonne Mohr

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CONTROLLED PURCHASE OPERATIONS

A number of communities are reporting on the use of Controlled Purchase Operations (CPO) over the past couple of weeks. It seems timely to consider some of the frequently asked questions around CPOs.

1. What is a CPO?

A controlled purchase operation is a planned programme using volunteer purchasers aged under 18 to attempt to purchase alcohol from licensed premises. In one evening it is often possible to monitor a large number of premises very efficiently. Usually a CPO involves two or more of the agencies involved in monitoring the Sale of Liquor Act. I am not aware of any CPOs run without Police involvement.

2. Why run CPOs?

Monitoring the sale of alcohol, particularly from off license premises is a time consuming task. To run observations on a large number of premises would tie up enforcement resources beyond what is practically possible.

3. Are CPOs legal?

The simple answer is "Yes". There are enough decisions from both the LLA and the High Court to support the use of volunteers aged under the age of 18 to test whether licensed premises are breaking the law. The legal question hinges on whether the young person is breaking the law; the Onehunga decision from the LLA was the first to set out the guidelines for use of young people in the operations. Any community looking to introduce a CPO would be well advised to be checking the legal decisions and the guidelines used in other centers.

4. How does a CPO differ from a Pseudo-patron survey?

A pseudo-patron survey uses volunteers aged over 18, but often look younger, who attempt to purchase alcohol without showing their ID. CPOs use a volunteer aged, and looking, under 18. Because a purchase by someone under 18 is a breach of the Sale of Liquor Act the monitoring agencies can decide whether to use the CPO results as an educative tool or take action against

sellers, managers and/or licensees. Some communities have run pseudo-patron surveys. Pseudo-patron surveys provide an indication of whether licensed premises are routinely asking for ID before serving young looking people. They have potential for education and publicity purposes, but no breaches of the Act can be detected.

5. Do the volunteers actually purchase? (and what happens to the alcohol if they do?)

To be able to prosecute it needs to be established that a breach of the Act did occur. Some agencies believe that a completed purchase is the key to this. How the purchase is completed can vary. Some agencies are of the opinion that a failed EFT-pos may have the same effect - shows intention to sell. It is unlikely a failed EFT-pos would meet the evidence necessary for a District Court prosecution.

Whatever happens to the alcohol - the young person shouldn't keep it!

6. Should every CPO result in prosecutions?

There is no right answer to this. Each community needs to determine the most appropriate course of action. Many agencies have used their first CPO as an educative tool and let all licensees know the results.

Some agencies have gone a little further and brought sellers, managers and licensees before a panel to issue a warning. Some believe that there is no need for warnings, if a volunteer is able to purchase then the law has been broken and enforcement is the logical consequence. Where second and subsequent CPOs have been run then enforcement proceedings for breaches is the logical step. Until such time as the Appeal Court hears the Karera Holdings case there is some discussion as to whether enforcement should be at District Court or LLA level. So far there have been few District Court convictions for breaches of the Sale of Liquor Act.

Sandra Kirby

ALAC Youth Programmes Manager

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