

**Drug and Alcohol Interagency Strategic Framework
for Western Australia 2011-2015**

DEPARTMENT OF RACING, GAMING AND LIQUOR ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

In support of the *Drug and Alcohol Interagency Strategic Framework for Western Australia 2011-2015*, and to address a range of existing and emerging alcohol and other drug issues, the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor has identified a number of key initiatives for 2013/14. Outcomes are summarised below in the respective key strategic areas of the Framework.

Key Strategic Area 1: Focusing on prevention

Educating and encouraging individuals, families and communities to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills to choose healthy lifestyles and promote healthy environments.

Highlights for 2013/14:

- 14 liquor seminars were held at the Department to educate existing and potential licensees about liquor laws, including managing and supervising licensed premises responsibly and in accordance with the *Liquor Control Act 1988* ('the Act'). The total number of attendees at these seminars was 143.
- In addition to the above, a further 8 regional liquor seminars were conducted throughout the State during the reporting period. These seminars provided regional licensees with information regarding their obligations under the Act. Seminars were held in Geraldton and throughout the southwest region.
- The Department's Education and Advisory Officer conducted 235 visits to new licensees to provide education in relation to their obligations and responsibilities under the Act. A further 63 education sessions were conducted with licensees via telephone.
- There has been continued participation in local liquor accords. Officers from the Department attended 28 regional and metropolitan accord meetings. 22 seminars were also presented to a number of industry and community groups.
- When requested, the Department provided input on the development of educational materials and public health messaging in relation to alcohol harm and liquor control laws.

Key Strategic 2: Intervening before problems become entrenched

Implementing a range of programs and services that identify individuals, families and communities at-risk and intervening before problems become entrenched.

Highlights for 2013/14:

- The Department continued to provide input on initiatives to minimise the harm or ill health caused due to the use of liquor through the Senior Officers Group.
- Assistance was provided to a number of communities in implementing restricted area regulations to prohibit the bringing in, the possession and the consumption of liquor within those communities.

As at 30 June 2014, there were 16 restricted area regulations in place for the communities of Bayulu, Cheeditha, Irrungadji, Jigalong, Juwurlinji, Kunawarritji, Kundat Djaru, Koongie Park, Looma, Nicholson Block, Noonkanbah, Pandanus Park, Punmu, Wangkatjunka, Warralong and Yakanarra. A further restricted area regulation has since been approved that includes the communities of Tjuntjuntjara and Ilkurlka.

- Assistance was provided to a number of owner/occupiers of private premises to have their premises declared restricted, to prevent the possession and consumption of liquor at their properties. As at 30 June 2014, the Director of Liquor Licensing had declared 366 premises liquor restricted.

The following table outlines the locations of the premises that have been declared liquor restricted.

Kimberley	Pilbara	Goldfields-Esperance	Wheatbelt	Peel	MidWest	Metropolitan	South West
Broome (24)	Carnarvon (14)	Boulder (2)	Narrogin (1)	Piñjarra (2)	Beachlands (2)	Bayswater (1)	Katanning (2)
Derby (35)	Karratha (5)	Coolgardie (1)	Northam (2)		Cue (2)	Belmont (1)	Orana (1)
Fitzroy Crossing (27)	Marble Bar (1)	Esperance (1)	Toodyay (1)		Geraldton (3)	Brookdale (2)	Spencer Park (1)
Halls Creek (4)	Newman (13)	Kalgoorlie (14)	Wongan Hills (1)		Meekathara (25)	Hamilton Hill (2)	
Kununurra (60)	Port Hedland (4)	Laverton (21)			Mt Magnet (1)	Highgate (1)	
Warmun (13)	South Hedland (28)	Leonora (5)			Mullewa (1)	Koondoola (1)	
Wyndham (18)	Wickham (1)	Nulsen (4)			Rangeway (1)	Maddington (1)	
					Spalding (2)	Rivervale (1)	
					Wiluna (10)	Southlake (1)	
					Wonthella (1)	Willagee (1)	

Key Strategic 3: Effective law enforcement approaches

Reducing and controlling the availability of alcohol and other drugs and implementing strategies that aim to prevent or break the cycle of offending.

Highlights for 2013/14:

- The Department continued to collaborate with the WA Police on addressing alcohol related harm and anti-social behaviour due to the use of liquor. A system of voluntary liquor accords was established between licensees, police and other local agencies in some parts of the State where agreement was reached on a set of voluntary restrictions on the sale of liquor.
- Following a report lodged by WA Police the Director of Liquor Licensing invited licensees operating in Meekatharra, Cue, Mount Magnet, Sandstone and Yalgoo to provide feedback on whether imposing restrictions on the sale of liquor would address any harm related issues in these communities. Once submissions have been lodged the Director will consider what restrictions, if any, will be imposed on individual licensees. A review of the effectiveness of the existing liquor restrictions in Wiluna is currently being conducted.

The following table outlines the regional towns that currently have restrictions imposed on the sale of liquor from licensed premises.

Kimberley	Pilbara	Goldfields-Esperance	MidWest
Derby	Dampier	Agnew	Kumarina
Fitzroy Crossing	Karratha	Boulder	Meekatharra
Halls Creek	Marble Bar	Coolgardie	Mt Magnet
Kimberley Wide*	Mardie	Kalgoorlie	Wiluna
Kununurra	Newman	Kambalda	
Pardoo	Nullagine	Kookynie	
Sandfire Roadhouse	Onslow	Laverton	
Wyndham	Pannawonica	Leinster	
	Paraburdoo	Leonora	
	Point Samson	Menzies	
	Port Hedland		
	South Hedland		
	Tom Price		
	Whim Creek		
	Wickham		

* Container restrictions apply to licenses for premises north of 20 degrees south.

Key Strategic 4: Effective treatment and support services

Providing integrated, evidence based treatment and support services that promote positive and healthy lifestyle changes by effectively responding to an individual's use and those affected by someone else's use.

Highlights for 2013/14:

- This section is not applicable to the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

Key Strategic 5: Strategic coordination and capacity building

Providing improved and targeted responses to alcohol and other drug related problems through capacity building, workforce development, collaboration, evidence based practice, monitoring and information dissemination.

Highlights for 2013/14:

- There was continued development and implementation of strategies aimed at assisting remote communities in minimising harm caused due to the use of liquor. This included section 64 inquiries and the implementation and extension of section 175 restricted area regulations for communities seeking assistance to address alcohol related matters and restricted premises declarations for home owners/occupiers seeking assistance within their own homes.
- The Department's licensing staff and the Regional Community Engagement Officer continued to collaborate with the WA Police to assess and help facilitate all restricted premises applications.
- A review of the Act is being conducted with input from industry groups and government and community agencies to examine its effectiveness in meeting the changing community needs and attitudes while focusing on minimising harm and protecting at risk groups in the community. The recommendations for amendments are currently being considered by the Minister for Racing and Gaming.