

Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy

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The Principal, Staff and Interested Persons of Territory Schools,

Two years ago the Department of Justice appointed two School Liaison Licensing Inspectors for the Top End and Central regions of the Northern Territory. Sue Whyte who is looking after the Central Region is a Licensing Inspector at Alice Springs and Chris O'Brien is a Licensing Inspector based in Darwin.

Over this period of time we have worked successfully with a number of schools and have been able to prosecute a number of outlets in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol and tobacco to minors. We would like to remind you that we are still here to offer our services in relation to problems you may encounter in your school environment with the misuse of alcohol and tobacco products.

As part of our duties we are responsible for the regulating and licensing of Liquor, Tobacco, Gaming, Racing, Private Security and Escort Agencies within the Northern Territory.

In our role as, School Liaison Licensing Inspectors, our aim is to be a resource that School staff can utilise when they encounter problems with students' misuse of alcohol and tobacco. We are available to give advice, offer solutions and take action against any breach of Legislation involving the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors. With any of our dealings with students their welfare would be our utmost priority.

We want to hear from you if you know of a retail outlet that sells cigarettes and alcohol to kids. We want to hear from you if you have a particular problem with an outlet. We have a commitment to act promptly on any information we receive, and deal with it in a sensitive, but proactive way.

Central Region: Sue Whyte can be contacted on 0889518468 or emailed on Susan.Whyte@nt.gov.au.

Top End Region: Chris O'Brien can be contacted on 08 8999 1366 or emailed Christine.O'brien@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Whyte & Chris O'Brien

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