

Liquor Industry Initiatives

The Northern Territory's widely-admired Living with Alcohol Program offers the following for the information of members.

In our last article, we mentioned the intersectoral nature of the Living With Alcohol Program (LWA). LWA funds positions in a number of agencies including the NT Liquor Commission, and the liquor industry is one of a number of key target areas for the program.

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Extracts from *NT Liquor Action*, July 1997.

Alcohol Consultative Committee (ACC) - The ACC was formed in 1992 by the then Chief Minister, Marshall Perron, who wished to have the benefit of a committee comprising relevant government departments and representatives of the liquor industry to assist in the development of guidelines to better regulate the liquor industry. The role of the ACC as a provider of advice to government and the Liquor Commission continues to this day - it will play an important role in the review of the *Liquor Act*, scheduled for completion late 1997.

Yirrkala Restricted Area Permits - About 50% of the larger Aboriginal communities in the Territory are restricted from alcohol by their own request. Under the *NT Liquor Act*, some of these communities can also arrange to allocate 'permits' to individuals within those communities to allow them to consume alcohol in their own place of residence. The community of Yirrkala earlier this year established a Permit Steering Committee responsible, along with the Police, to make recommendations to the Liquor Commission

on who should or shouldn't be given a permit.

18+ Card - This new 'proof of age' card was launched on 14th May. It is hoped that this card, with support from licensees and

retailers, will become widely used by young people in the Territory.

- Wendy Hunter
Dept of Correctional Services

LWA offered the following race card for the consideration of patrons of the recent Darwin Cup Racing Carnival:

THE OVERWORKED LIVER HANDICAP

Distance: 10 years of 'very social' drinking

ODDS		HANDICAP (Drinks/Day)
2	1. Fatty-Liver Early warning signs at trackwork, no action taken! Well beaten by 'Heavy drinking' last year. Since then however, this inside starter is likely to run at least a place over this distance.	8
3	2. Can't-Get-It-Up Did not perform well last Friday night. Too many drinks after work and then nightclubbingflopped on home turf. A shorter distance would suit better. Recommend go each way for a win.	7.5
1/2	3. Blackout-Bob Took a bad fall after sinking 12 heavies at St Patrick's Day races. Can't recall what followed - was that a good time? Some brain damage. Consistent on Fridays and Saturdays only.	7.0
5	4. Shrunken-Balls Once virile 19 year old, affected by too many binges. Can you handle one less? Stud career limited.	7.0
1	5. Cirrhosis Feeling tired over the last few months, broke down at training. With this handicap and over such a distance this is almost a sure thing.	6.5
6	6. Beer-Gut Used to be quick off the mark. However, slowed noticeably in recent starts. Some back pain. Showed distinct swelling of abdomen at trackwork.	6.5
2	7. Blood-Pressure's-High Showing bright red colours, this starter could prove true that red makes things go faster. Showed redness in face during last run and complained of headaches. A nervous starter.	6.5
12	9. Gastritis Reported pains in stomach at last meeting. Sired by 'Ulcers' which used to be a good chance over similar distances to this race. Recent form has shown potential for similar results.	6.0
40	11. Good-Memory Seems to have forgotten old magic, distinctly confused at training. Recent form is very inconsistent. Finds it difficult to keep up with improving paces set by less experienced opponents.	5.5
100	12. Clear-Head Used to perform well in the mornings. Could improve with less alcohol. Needs a reduced handicap and a late start, but not likely to be productive.	5.0
50	13. Time-With-The-Kids Outside chance, if more time is spent on home turf - before leaving the stables! Has potential to win one day - but don't hold your breath!	5.0