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Secretary's Message

The official launch of the Small Bar Association of W.A. Inc. on 20 April 2009 was an outstanding success. The function brought together many licensee members as well as our professional, industry and sponsor members. The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, the Chairman of the Liquor Commission, Jim Freemantle and Kate Lamont, Chairperson of Tourism WA all spoke in glowing terms of the formation of the SBA. Copies of the Lord Mayor's and my presentations are attached.

Many thanks again to our official sponsors Zanders Fine Food Catering, Gage Roads Brewing Company, WA Beverage Wholesalers, 121 Creative and Nutwork Designs for their generous contributions in respect of the launch.

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Member Survey

Attached is a survey giving all members the opportunity to provide feedback as to how they would like to benefit from the SBA.

Members are encouraged to complete and return the survey as soon as possible.

Subject to Members' feedback, the Committee in the first year has set itself the following goals:

- 1 to consolidate the licensee membership base;
- 2 to identify potential key industry and professional members and encourage them to join;
- 3 to hand-pick further suitable sponsor members;
- 4 to arrange for legal information to be emailed to members on an ongoing basis;
- 5 to arrange seminars;
- 6 to organise opportunities for tourism accreditation;
- 7 to invite the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Liquor to speak to members; and
- 8 to schedule social functions to provide members with the opportunity to network with various industry and professional figures.

Future Events

The SBA Committee is planning a series of educational and industry seminars which are designed to assist the licensee members.

Topics being considered are:

- local government issues;
- training requirements;
- accreditation; and
- liquor industry issues.

Members are encouraged to suggest topics and provide feedback by completing the attached SBA Member Survey.

Industry Information

The Red Tape Reduction Group (RTRG) was formed earlier this year. It is chaired by Government MPs Liza Harvey MLA and The Honourable Ken Baston MLC. The initiative, which is supported by the Department of Treasury and Finance's Regulatory Reform Unit, aims to identify the potential areas for reform as well as any regulations that should be removed altogether.

Alistair Jones, the Assistant Director of the Regulatory Reform Unit has encouraged small businesses, non-government organisations and consumers that have been directly

affected by regulation and red tape to make some formal submissions indicating:

- the costs of dealing with regulations both in time and money; and
- suggestions as to how to improve the design and administration of regulations.

Written submissions may be forwarded to the Red Tape Reduction Group by email at redtape.dtf.wa.gov.au or by post at Red Tape Reduction Group, c/- Small Business Development Corporation, GPO Box C111, Perth WA 6001. Alternatively, your submissions may be forwarded to the Small Bar Association of W.A. Inc. by email. Please note the closing date for formal submissions is 29 May 2009.

The SBA is in the process of drafting a submission addressing some local government and liquor licensing issues on behalf of the members.

Website

The official website of the SBA will be accessible from June 2009 and will allow members to access key dates for upcoming events, as well as other important industry information.



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