



## HOSPITALITY | CLUBS | Issue No. 4 | *Quick – let us help you strike gold in a safe night precinct!*

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**If your business is in a safe night precinct, you may have struck gold! There are 15 dedicated safe night precincts in Queensland, each with the ability to obtain over \$300,000 of government funding in the first year of implementation.**

The funding can be put towards implementing initiatives that will minimise alcohol and drug related harm, disturbances and public disorder within the precincts. This may include costs to set up an incorporated association for the safe night precinct, appoint a facilitator to manage operations and to pay for harm-minimising initiatives for which your business may be currently out of pocket, such as radio networks and ID scanner facilities.

### **Get incorporated**

Funding will not be available to a safe night precinct until it is incorporated. If you fall within one of the following safe night precincts and are not aware if an entity has been incorporated, contact us immediately so that we can help you to get started.

The quicker we get you started the more funding you will have access to, as the funding rounds will close on the last business day of February, May, August and November each year.

The 15 safe night precincts are located in:

- Airlie Beach CBD
- Brisbane CBD
- Broadbeach CBD
- Bundaberg CBD
- Cairns CBD
- Fortitude Valley
- Gladstone CBD
- Inner West Brisbane
- Ipswich CBD
- Mackay CBD
- Rockhampton CBD

- Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Caloundra
- Surfers Paradise CBD
- Toowoomba CBD
- Townsville CBD

### **Become a member**

Once your safe night precinct is incorporated, become a member. You may even be interested in getting on the management committee.

Once you are a member or on the management committee, we can then assist you to drive your commercial agenda and seek to reduce your business expenses for items which may be covered by the government funding.

### **Appoint a strong facilitator**

The safe night precinct will need to appoint a facilitator to communicate and collaborate with members and stakeholders, manage the plan and coordinate at least three meetings a year.

It will be important that you ensure your safe night precinct appoints a strong voice who will fairly represent your interest as a stakeholder so that funding is not wasted from inaction or on initiatives which you do not support. The facilitator position can be a paid appointment.

### **Get active at meetings**

It will be equally important for you to send a strong advocate for your business to meetings to ensure that appropriate initiatives are supported which are in the interest of your business. Having a strong advocate could mean the difference between having \$50,000 spent towards paying for or subsidising ID scanners and radio network systems instead of spending \$50,000 on safe night marketing propaganda.

When setting initiatives and plans, the safe night precinct should seek to support the safe night strategies and empower the police so that the policy is well supported by all stakeholders. This will greatly increase the chance of keeping safe night precinct funding here to stay.

**Don't lose the opportunity – let us help you!**

There is a strong police presence at safe night meetings and it is common for licensed venues to keep quiet to avoid being 'ear marked' for one reason or another. For this reason, our office can assist to chair meetings on behalf of the safe night precinct to ensure that all interests are fairly recognised and opportunities are not wasted.

We can also assist with education by presenting on important legal issues and running Q&A sessions which give legal advice, tips and guidance free to members.

We would love the opportunity to assist you and your safe night precinct to maximise the potential from this government initiative. Please call Jodie Lonard on 3224 0277 if you would like to discuss.



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