

Gove Peninsula Harmony Group – Liquor Permit Review

General Information

Current Gove Peninsula Harmony Group (GPHG)

GPHG formed in August of 2019 with involvement from service providers, Government and non-Government and community members from Yirrkala, Gunyangara and Nhulunbuy. The group aims to work together to address community issues and to celebrate and share achievements which contribute to a healthy and sustainable community.

Liquor Permit Review

GPHG have been fortunate in securing funding from the NT Government to conduct a review of the liquor permit system. The system began in 2008 and there have been many changes on the Peninsula since then. The review will make sure the system still fits community needs and is working effectively. It will explore changes that might be needed.

COVID 19 – Surprising Positive impacts on communities

The review was particularly promoted by consequences that came from recent COVID lockdowns, along with the closure of licensed premises and restrictions placed on to takeaway alcohol. At the time there were:

- Fewer alcohol related presentations at the Gove Hospital
- Less alcohol related incident reports to Police
- Improved family relations and activities
- Reduced alcohol-related crimes and offences
- Fewer incidents of family violence

What will be reviewed

Consultations will take place across Yirrkala, Gunyangara and Nhulunbuy, through a survey and face-to-face meetings. The review will examine the liquor permit system and its processes in order to improve its appropriateness as an alcohol management tool on the Gove Peninsula. Consultations will focus on:

1. The structure and processes of the Permit Committees the committee to make decisions
2. The extent of restrictions placed on takeaway purchases and who they affect
3. Opportunities for greater local decision making about granting/withdrawing permits; and
4. Other issues related to permits and alcohol management.

If you would like more information on the liquor permit review process, please contact:

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