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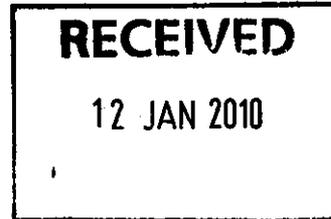
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Attention: Chair, Barbara Stone MP

Dear Ms Stone,

I have been involved in the hospitality industry for 37 years and in this time I have served alcohol responsibly even prior to Responsible Service of Alcohol initiatives coming into being and as I am staying in the industry and I will continue to do so. Unfortunately, with the continual media exposure of alcohol related incidents and the blame falling on to licensees in general my own integrity is being bought into question.

If at any stage I do not carry on my business in a responsible manner I will be dealt with severely by the authorities and rightly so. Why are these alcohol related issues not dealt with in the same manner? When are we going to get the support of the judicial system in depriving recurring offenders of their liberty, a conviction (which will restrict their world travel plans) or a very large fine? Maybe a name and shame column every Monday morning in the newspapers would be a way to utilize a media that has to date continually criticized licensees and police for actions of irresponsible individual that are not held accountable. The message will not get out and we will not change the attitudes of the next generation of offenders unless it is made clear to them that to offend will have a dramatic impact on their lives and that they will be personally accountable for their actions. It has to be seen to be a privilege to be on a licensed premise not a right.

Yours sincerely,

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Men queue before magistrate after crackdown on alcohol-fuelled idiocy

Court blasts boozers

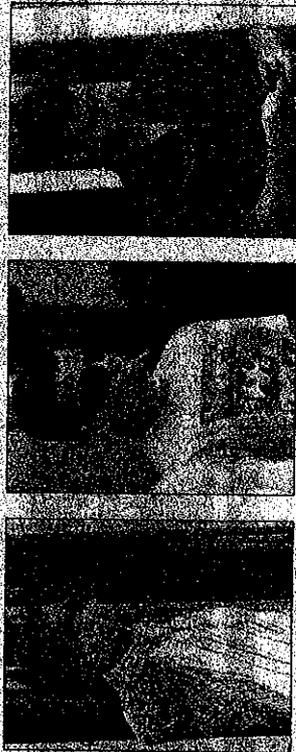
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A BRISBANE magistrate unleashed a tirade on 60 people picked up for public drunkenness after Operation Unite, a nationwide crackdown on alcohol-fuelled violence.

The group was accused of taxi queue brawls, public exposure and even passing out while atop some 10m-high scaffolding. Some of the men had allegedly entered a female toilet "to use the hand dryer".

Most walked away with fines of about \$300 and had no convictions recorded, but Magistrate Sherry Cornack gave them all a severe dressing down.

About 800 extra police officers flooded entertainment hotspots in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane City and



PUBLIC NUISANCES: Ford, Thompson and Teys face court yesterday

elsewhere from December 11 to December 13 during Operation Unite in educating people on anti-social behaviour, Mr Blair said.

Danny Blair was disappointed most of the time was spent more than \$300.

For some time to only be used. Thompson, who pleaded guilty to used the cost of two Big Day Out public nuisance, admitted grabbing a

girls buttocks in the Freedom nightclub in the Brunswick Street Mall on December 12.

He said it only became an issue because the woman's boyfriend turned up and described his court appearance as "bull—" before Ms Cornack warned him that swearing in court would not be tolerated.

"If you grabbed one of my female retainees on the buttocks, I'd want the book thrown at you," she said.

Thompson told an angry Ms Cornack that he had already "copped it from all sides" because his arrest had been captured by TV cameras.

Thompson was fined \$300 and Ms Cornack described him as a "disappointment", noting it was his fourth public nuisance charge in 12 months.

Auditor Felby Michael Measua, 35, of Algester, in Brisbane's south, was

also fined \$300 for obstructing police in the Valley.

Steven James Ford, 27, of Flinders View, admitted to public nuisance after pushing to the front of a taxi line outside upstairs nightclub Zumi in Brunswick Street. He then began punching an unknown male.

"You're a fool," he visibly shocked Ms Cornack, asked him "What will your boss think?"

Ford simply replied "Damn it tomorrow".

He was fined \$400 and a conviction was recorded.

Jordan Arthur Teys, 20, faced the court charged with fighting in another taxi queue.

"It was my mate's 21st and to be honest, I don't remember much of the night," he said in his defence. Ms Cornack also fined Teys

Aussie furry friends prove handy for Andy



Boy accused of violent attack on 7-year-old girl

Robyn Ironside

severe facial injuries, neck injuries, a broken arm and a damaged eye-socket.

The victim's father told reporters his daughter was in "very bad shape".

"She's got pins in her left elbow, she's got a fracture there and she's got a very swollen left eye," he said.

"Thankfully she's

A 14-YEAR-OLD boy appeared in Childrens Court at Richlands in Brisbane's southwest charged with a shocking attack on a seven-year-old girl.

Police charged the boy with grievous bodily harm and deprivation of liberty following the incident on

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