

BOCSAR TALKING POINTS (Quarterly figures til June 2012 over last 24 months)

- **Assault rates at licensed venues were already at their lowest levels in a decade... It's great to see them fall even further.**
- Hotels/pubs down 8.4%
- Clubs down 14.8%
- **Total drop of 9.3% (say almost 10%)**
- **This is due to the proactive work of hoteliers working with police, working with their communities and we are seeing the results...**
- Working on local solutions to local problems, look at the City North Liquor Accord where incidents of anti-social behaviour have dropped almost 30% in the last year (through working with the people on the front line, education campaigns etc)
- Assault rates in Kings Cross are also down, despite the impression out there in the community – down 37% over the last 5 years...
- **More needs to be done – we need zero tolerance out there on the streets, we need action on drugs...**
- Over the past two years the incidents of assault with a glass/bottle down by more than 20% across NSW.
- **What is alarming, however, is to see drug offences continue to trend upwards – possession and use of amphetamines is up 26.3% and possession and use of other drugs is up by 4.5% while importing drugs is up by 138.2%!**
- We have said for some time the drug/alcohol mix is a real problem in areas like Kings Cross and it is a problem that needs to be addressed urgently.
- The figures revealed April 2012 was the worst month in a decade for the offence of “discharge firearm into premises.”
- I know the number of shootings in Western Sydney is a big concern of AHA (NSW) members and we wish police every success in putting an end to this problem.