

Police hail soft drink initiative

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Positive message ... Craig Allan with a free soft drink poster at Caboolture Sports Club.

A PROGRAM offering free soft drinks to designated drivers at local pubs and clubs has helped reduce drink-driving offences, Caboolture police say.

Crime figures directly linked to offences around licensed venues taking part in the Caboolture Corridor Liquor Industry Action Group (LIAG) program show a marked decline in drink-drivers since the initiative began in July last year.

For the December-January period, a peak time for drink-driving infringements, 18 motorists were charged with being under the influence. That compares favourably to when the program started.

“It is travelling nicely and is doing some good work and achieving good results,” Caboolture operations manager Sergeant Mark Ryan said.

“Obviously there are a number of issues which affect crime and how, when and if it occurs.

“But I believe the work that the LIAG has, and is doing, impacts on that.

“I am very impressed with the level of commitment.”

The program is supported by 22 venues in the Caboolture area.

It entitles designated drivers to non-alcoholic drinks “on the house”, once they register with the venue’s program.

Participating members: Trader Dukes Caboolture, Bribie Island Hotel, Caboolture Sports Club, Centenary Lakes Sports Club, Bribie Island RSL, Bribie Island Sports Club, Morayfield Tavern, Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club, Bribie Island Surf Lifesaving Club, Woodford Village Hotel/Motel, D’Aguilar Hotel/Motel, Burpengary Tavern, Narangba Valley Tavern, Two Pink Pigs (Hog’s Breath), Caboolture RSL, Beachmere Tavern, Club Tavern, Kilcoy Exchange Hotel, Best Security, Big Fish Tavern, Shaun’s Tavern and Academy Hospitality Australia.

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