***A large drop in alcohol fuelled violence throughout Gympie over the past six months breathes new life into local nightclub***

Concerns over the recent night club closure on the 21st of August this year has left some residents troubled about a rise in alcohol fuelled assaults and related crime.

The closure of Tremors nightclub sparked concerns over merging the younger people with the older members in pubs where clashes of interest may cause problems.

However, this is not the case. Alcohol fuelled violence has been on the decline in the past five years, with a more rapid drop in the past three years.

Gympie senior sergeant, Greg Davey, believes that the biggest influence on the drop in crime is the *No Tolerance*, *One Punch* campaigns and cooperation between the local bar owners to reduce this problem.

New legislation passed earlier this year hopes to tighten the rules related to alcohol related violence.

Assistant manager of the Gympie Royal hotel, Linc Phelps, says:

“Alcohol fuelled violence has been in decline for about six months, even before the nightclub shut. With new lock out laws emplaced have seen last rounds at about one o’clock and no one is able to purchase a drink after two [A.M].”

With the new lock out laws in place, alcohol fuelled violence may be reduced further.

This certainly looks like good news for Tremors’ new owner and current Charlies’ bar manager, Paul Pilkington.

Pilkington has taken owner ship of the nightclub since purchasing it on August 1st and is in the process of renovation.

“[It] has been a really easy transition. There has not been many altercations at all since the nightclub shut which is a good thing,” he said.

Hopefully the reopening of this nightclub with the new laws will provide a safe place for young party-goers in the years to come.

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Paul Pilkington 52- manager of Charlies and owner of tremors

Originally I think there were some concerns about the local night club shutting and what that meant younger and older people mixing in pubs but there has been a real easy transition there has not been many altercations at all since the night club shut which is a good thing and when the night dose reopen I hope to make it a safer place for every one not just the younger scene

Linc phelps 24- assistance manager of the royal

Alcohol fuelled violence has been in decline for about six months with new lock out laws emplaced have seen last rounds at about one o’clock and no one is able to purchase a drink after two there were concerns about the people out on the streets all at the same time but police have been more omnipresent in the street at that time so I think ever one is on their best behaviour

Senior sergeant Greg Davey – officer in charge of the Gympie police

I think the lock out laws haven’t really applied much in Gympie as we are nowhere near as big as the coast I think the biggest help to drop in crime over the years has been the no tolerance and one punch campaigns that run through media outlets as well as the local bar owners getting together every month to talk about some of the problems

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