

## Nine month snapshot: Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct trial

### Background to the establishment of Drink Safe Precincts

The Queensland Government is committed to achieving healthy and vibrant night time economies where people can relax and have fun in a safe environment.

In 2010, the Queensland Government announced an important two year trial of Drink Safe Precincts (DSPs) to reduce alcohol-related violence in the key entertainment precincts of Surfers Paradise, Townsville and Fortitude Valley.

The Drink Safe Precinct trial, operating from December 2010 to November 2012, forms part of the Queensland Government's response to the recommendations of the bipartisan Law, Justice and Safety Committee's inquiry into alcohol-related violence. Background information about the establishment of Drink Safe Precincts, including the full inquiry report and the government's response, is available online.<sup>1</sup>

### Important notes

The following information should be taken in to account when considering the information and figures reported in the following snapshot.

### Significant events

A number of significant events occurred during the first nine months of the trials which may have had an impact on activity in the Drink Safe Precincts, including:

- festive season (e.g. Christmas and New Year's celebrations)
- Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi
- major events (e.g. Cowboys National Rugby League home games, V8 supercars)
- Operation Unite (i.e. two-day national high visibility police operation between 17-19 December 2010 and 13-15 May 2011)
- Australia Day
- Easter holiday period
- seasonal variations (i.e. winter months tend to be associated with fewer patrons frequenting entertainment precincts).

These events should be taken into account when considering the information provided in this snapshot.

### Comparisons between precincts and months

Comparisons between precincts and months may be misleading for a number of reasons, for example:

- there were four weekends in December, February, March, May, June and August and five weekends in January, April and July
- Drink Safe Precinct policing initiatives operate in Surfers Paradise and Townsville three nights a week, and in Fortitude Valley two nights a week
- in all three precincts support services are provided on Friday and Saturday nights, however, in the Surfers Paradise precinct the support service also operates on Thursday nights.

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<sup>1</sup> Report: [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/committees/LCARC.asp?SubArea=reports](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/committees/LCARC.asp?SubArea=reports)  
Government's response: [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/committees/LCARC.asp?SubArea=responses](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/committees/LCARC.asp?SubArea=responses).

## Availability of data

Data from a broad range of sources is progressively becoming available from partner agencies which will form the basis of the DSP evaluation.

Additional data available for presentation in this snapshot includes:

- Queensland Ambulance Service - calls for service
- TransLink – Fortitude Valley and Surfers Paradise bus patronage (first 7-months)
- Brisbane City Council – CitySafe CCTV incident register (Fortitude Valley only).

Again, caution should be exercised in interpreting the various data represented. Directly comparing figures from direct data sources should be avoided as the parameters of each set of data may differ (e.g. in terms of collection methods or time periods). Following the conclusion of the two year trial, overall conclusions can be drawn on the basis of analysis of the wide range of data obtained. At this stage the data is presented only to provide an indication of activity in the precincts.

## About the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct

Fortitude Valley – or the Valley as it is more commonly known – is one of Queensland’s most popular entertainment precincts. The area is renowned for its live music and band scene, fashion, markets, nightclubs and adult entertainment venues.

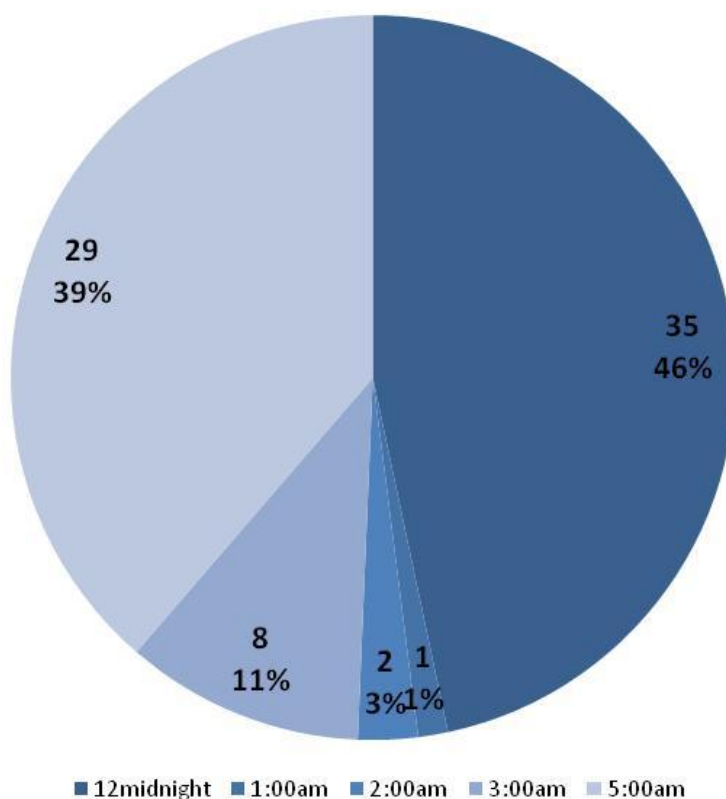
The Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct (DSP) extends from Saint Paul’s Terrace to Robertson Street and includes the Brunswick Street and China Town Malls. The Drink Safe Precinct includes most of the late night trading licensed venues located in the Fortitude Valley area.

It is estimated that approximately 50,000 patrons frequent Fortitude Valley on an average Friday or Saturday night. Just over 5,000 residents live in the Fortitude Valley suburb.

There are 75 licensed venues in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct. As shown in Figure 1:

- 35 of these venues (46%) trade until 12midnight.
- One venue trades until 1am, two venues close at 2am, eight venues close at 3am
- 29 venues are licensed to trade past lock-out (i.e. 3am) until 5am.

**Figure 1. Trading hours of venues located in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct**



Source: Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) 2011.

The Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct has been in operation since December 2010. Some information about what happened during the first nine months of the trial is described below.

## What strategies are in place in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct?

### Security and Safety

- **City Safe Camera Network** – The Brisbane City Council has numerous CCTV cameras to look for, monitor and provide information about incidents to Queensland Police Service (QPS) and facilitate a fast response to incidents and the apprehension of alleged offenders.
- **Inter-venue Communication Network** – this radio network links the City Safe control room and licensed venues. The radio network is used to share information about incidents or people causing concern and facilitate fast responses to incidents.
- **Taxi marshals and security guards at Secure Taxi Ranks** – Taxi marshals and security guards are located at the nominated Secure taxi ranks on Friday and Saturday nights and on public holidays to ensure that patrons are loaded into taxis in a safe and efficient way.
- **Security at bus stops** – Security officers are located at bus stops on Friday and Saturday nights. The officers have been issued with radios that link them with the City Safe control room. If an issue arises they assist to diffuse the situation before it escalates or use the radios to request police assistance.
- **Security in the Valley Metro** – Security officers along with Railway Squad police patrol the Valley Metro (Fortitude Valley Railway Station) during and between hours of operations.

### Enforcement

- **Multi-agency operations** – Queensland Police Service, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and the Brisbane City Council conduct regular operations within the Drink Safe Precinct to ensure compliance across a number of areas including liquor related, fire related, workplace health and safety, and general council matters (cleanliness, patron safety, lighting). These operations are coordinated by the Brisbane Central District Liquor Investigation Unit.

### Communication and Training

- **Drink Safe Precinct Inspector and Liquor Enforcement and Proactive Strategy (LEAPS) officers** – conduct monthly meetings with the Valley Liquor Accord, Valley Chamber of Commerce and Valley Property Owners Group to ensure staff are trained and licensed premises have strategies in place. Officers from the Brisbane Central District LEAPS are also involved every weekend in enforcement strategies within the Drink Safe Precinct.
- **Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) forums** held in conjunction with licensees, OLGR is providing Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) forums to staff and management from licensed premises within the Drink Safe Precinct areas. The forums provide an opportunity for OLGR to discuss examples of RSA practices and provide contextual material complimenting RSA course content. Forums to date have been well received with attendees indicating their appreciation for the opportunity to receive further education and to discuss RSA issues with OLGR representatives.

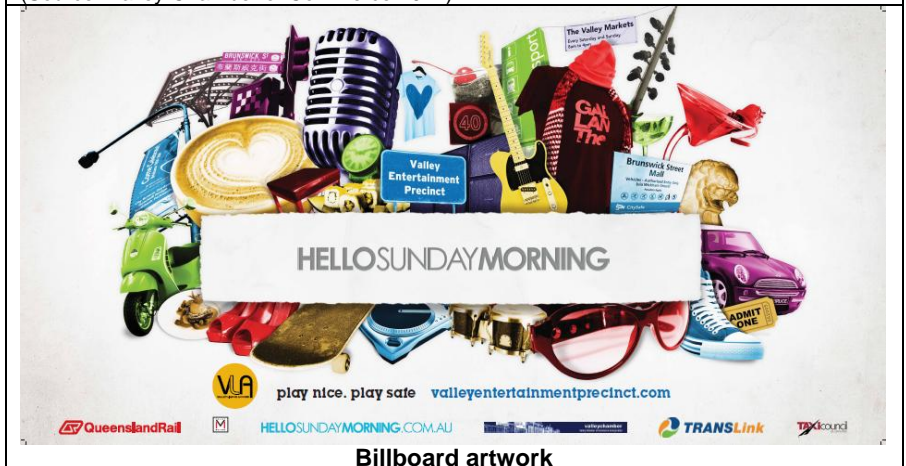
## What new strategies have been introduced in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct?

A number of new initiatives are in place in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct, including:

- **Establishment of a Chill Out Zone (Figure 3)** – Located in the heart of the precinct, the Chill Out Zone operates every Friday and Saturday night from 11pm - 5am. The Chill Out Zone is a place where patrons can go to rest, seek advice and take time out from a busy night.
- **Upgrade and installation of additional lighting (Figure 4)** to improve safety and amenity within the precinct.
- **Improved way-finding signage to transport (Figure 5)** - Introduction of GoBo projections (light projections on to the footpath) outside 11 late night trading licensed premises and two in the Brunswick Street Mall which direct patrons to public transport and taxi services.
- **Secure taxi ranks with taxi marshals and security guards** are located on Wickham Terrace, in Ann Street and at the FlatFare taxi rank in Warner Street on Friday and Saturday nights and on public holidays to ensure that patrons are loaded into taxis in a safe and efficient way. The Department of Transport and Main Roads has also established extra secure taxi ranks which operate on Sunday morning in the northern area of Brunswick Street outside the Valley Metro Plaza, in the southern area of Brunswick Street outside the Empire Hotel and in Ann Street outside Kathmandu to cater for the bigger crowds on the Saturday night and to give taxi patrons an alternative to the already busy secure taxi ranks.
- **Relocation of secure taxi rank** previously located outside the X & Y nightclub to outside the Royal George.
- **Relocation of bus stop for NightLink buses**, except for the N199 and CityGlider – buses now depart from opposite the Valley Metro on Brunswick Street, not Warner Street. This has centralised the 'Nightlink' bus service close to the Fortitude Valley Railway Station and separates the bus stop queues from patrons queuing for entry into licensed premises. The separation improves security and safety by reducing congestion on the footpath and conflict with patrons evicted from licensed premises.
- **Installation of LCD monitors** by Queensland Rail with real-time passenger information display at the entrance to Valley Metro so patrons can see when the next available train home is.
- **Provision of 'emergency' go cards** – TransLink have provided the Chill Out Zone with go cards to assist them in safely transporting stranded patrons from the precinct.
- **Distribution of 'Guide to drinking safely in Brisbane' posters prepared by the Queensland Police Service (Figure 6)** to licensed venues in Fortitude Valley.
- **Installation of a billboard (Figure 2)** – the Valley Chamber of Commerce and Valley Liquor Accord developed a billboard promoting the Valley Entertainment Precinct, featuring the 'Hello Sunday Morning' message – an initiative challenging people to take an extended break from alcohol consumption. The billboard has been installed at the Fortitude Valley Railway Station courtesy of Queensland Rail for 12 months from September 2011.

**Figure 2. Fortitude Valley Promotional Billboard**

(Source: Valley Chamber of Commerce 2011)



**Figure 3. Chill Out Zone in Fortitude Valley**

(Source: Chill Out Zone 2011)



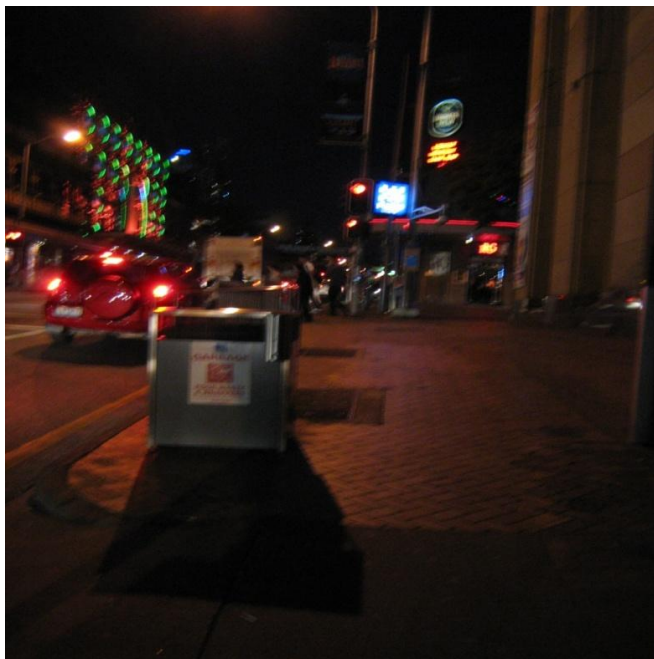
**Chill Out Van – Outside**



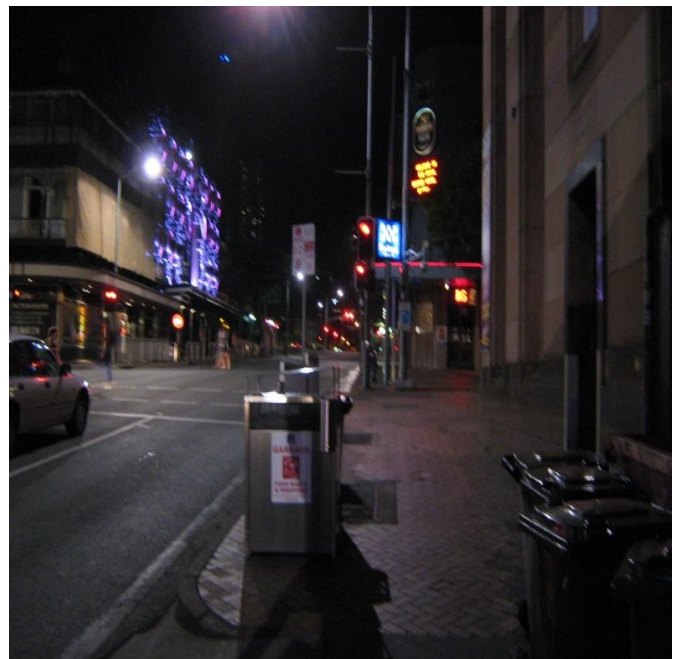
**Chill Out Van – Inside**

**Figure 4. Before and after lighting upgrades**

(Source: Brisbane City Council 2011)



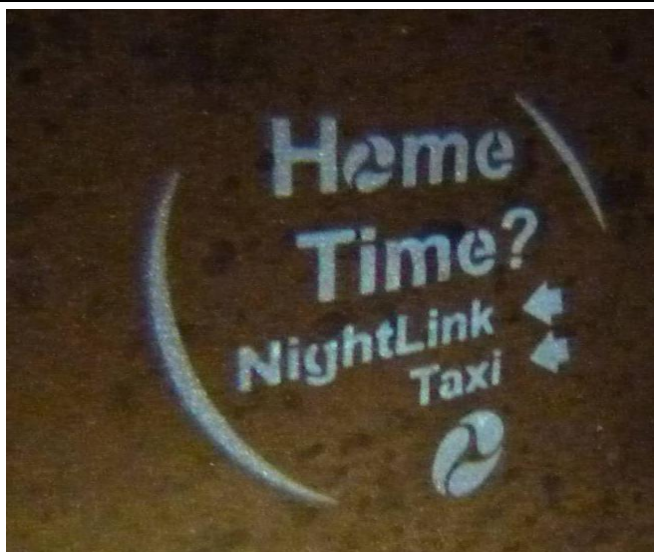
**Ann Street – Before**



**Ann Street – After**

**Figure 5. Way-finding signage**

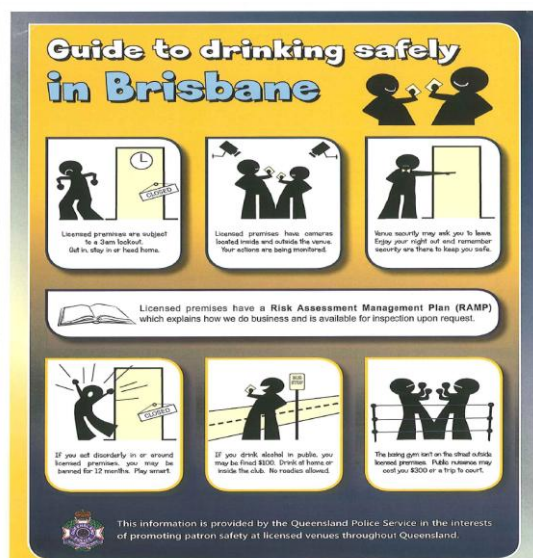
(Source: TransLink 2011)



**GoBo projection on footpath outside a venue**

**Figure 6. Guide to drinking safely in Brisbane**

(Source: Queensland Police Service 2011)



**Poster distributed to Fortitude Valley venues**

# The story so far in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct

## Queensland Police Service activity<sup>2, 3</sup>

### Summary

During the first nine months of the trial in Fortitude Valley:

- 1488 people were arrested – mainly for good order and liquor type offences
- 138 Notices to Appear were issued – mainly for good order and drug offences
- 415 tickets were issued – mainly for liquor and good order related offences
- 2788 street checks were conducted
- 590 Random Breath Tests (RBTs) were conducted
- 215 Traffic Infringement Notices (TINs) were issued.

During this period police conducted 2118 walkthroughs of licensed premises,<sup>4</sup> detected 370 breaches against licensed premises<sup>5</sup> and exercised tip out powers 1259 times.

### Diversionsary activity by QPS

As part of the trial, police in Fortitude Valley have started to record more information about the use of diversionary strategies and policing that resolves incidents informally, without recourse to the criminal justice system.

During the first nine months of the trial, police officers patrolling the precinct used diversionary strategies over 4500 times.<sup>6</sup> This included:

- taking 631 people to a designated place of safety or rest and recovery area
- using conflict intervention/tactical communication 2104 times
- diffusing 942 potential incidents through using de-escalation techniques
- issuing 700 move-on directions
- taking 124 people into detention for breaches of the peace
- 105 handovers to Queensland Ambulance Paramedics
- five handovers of defence personnel to military police.

### Assaults

During the first nine months of the trial, 70 people (including five juveniles) were arrested for assault-related offences in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct and 13 Notices to Appear were issued.

Thirty-three people (including one juvenile) were arrested and two Notices to Appear were issued for assaults against police during the first nine months of the trial.

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<sup>2</sup> The data presented here has been obtained from QPS nightly Returns Sheets and not from QPRIME which is QPS' principal crime recording database. There may be some discrepancies between Returns Sheet data and data obtained from QPRIME and where this occurs QPRIME is to be regarded as authoritative. It should be noted that the Drink Safe Precinct evaluation which is being conducted over the course of the two year Drink Safe Precinct trial will principally be based on QPRIME data. The Returns Sheets, however, provide some data that is not otherwise recorded in QPRIME or elsewhere and these data will also be used to inform the evaluation. The figures presented in this snapshot are based on the total amount of activity recorded on returns sheets (i.e. returns sheets completed by overtime and rostered personnel have been aggregated to provide a better indication of the total amount of police activity occurring in the precinct).

<sup>3</sup> Additional offences may have been detected by police, however, as they require further investigation before finalisation they will not be shown in these statistics.

<sup>4</sup> A walkthrough is where police conduct a foot patrol of a licensed premise and includes: maintaining a police presence; rapport building between police and patrons/venue management; and police observation of a venue's operation, for example, patron intoxication levels and behaviour, serving of alcohol to patrons, and compliance with relevant legislation.

<sup>5</sup> QPS figures for breaches detected against licensed premises do not necessarily mean that enforcement action was taken. Most of these breaches are reported to OLGR to action.

<sup>6</sup> Some interventions may have involved more than one person. For example, the use of conflict intervention/tactical communication may have been used to deescalate a possible assault occurring between two or more persons.

## Good Order Offences

During the first nine months of the trial, police arrested 652 people (including two juveniles) for good order-related offences.<sup>7</sup> One hundred and ninety-seven tickets and 37 Notices to Appear were issued for good order offences during this period.

## Liquor Offences

During the first nine months of the trial, police arrested 557 people (including 17 juveniles) for liquor-related offences.<sup>8</sup> Two-hundred tickets and 18 Notices to Appear were issued for liquor-related offences during this period.

## Drug Offences

Seventy-four people were arrested for drug-related offences, including two juveniles, during the first nine months of the trial. During this period, 14 tickets and 54 Notices to Appear were issued for drug-related offences.

## Drink or Drug Driving

During the first nine months of the trial, 17 people were arrested and three Notices to Appear were issued for drink or drug driving offences in the precinct.

## Other Offences

In addition to the offence categories listed above, police arrested a further 85 people and issued 11 Notices to Appear and three tickets for 'other' types of offences in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct – including property offences, traffic offences and prostitution offences.

## Banning orders

During the first nine months of the Drink Safe Precinct trial in Fortitude Valley, 28 people have been banned from entering the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct for between two and 12 months for offences including:

- serious assault
- common assault
- armed so as to cause fear or alarm
- assault occasioning bodily harm
- public nuisance
- re-entering a licensed premises after ejection.

During the first nine months of the trial, no breaches of banning orders from the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct were detected.

## Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Activity

As part of the Drink Safe Precinct trials, OLGR plan, co-ordinate and participate in multi-disciplinary compliance operations of licensed premises within the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct targeting Liquor and Security Provider Act compliance. During the first nine months of the trial, OLGR conducted nine joint operations targeting licensed venues located in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct.

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<sup>7</sup> Good Order offences recorded on the Drink Safe Precinct returns sheets include 'disobey move-on direction', 'resist, incite, hinder, and obstruct police', 'public nuisance' and 'public urination'.

<sup>8</sup> Liquor offences recorded on the Drink Safe Precinct returns sheets include 'consume liquor in non-designated public place', 'non-exempt minor in licensed premises', 'adult supply to a minor in public place', 'public drunkenness', 'disorderly on licensed premises', 'drunk in licensed premises', 'fail to leave licensed premises' and 'other Liquor Act offences'.

As well as conducting special joint operations, OLGR also monitors the compliance of licensed premises and routinely conducts compliance audits and investigations.<sup>9</sup>

During the first nine months of the trial, 173 compliance operations were conducted on licensed venues in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct.<sup>10</sup> OLGR conducted an additional 56 investigations in response to complaints from members of public, police and other sources.

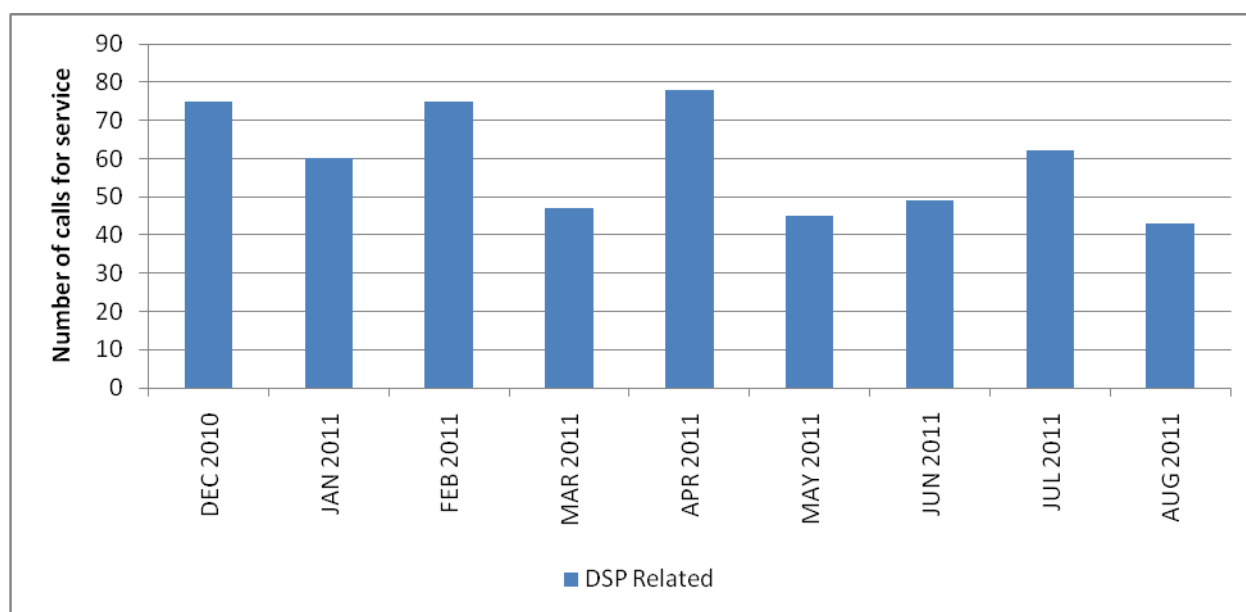
A total of 155 breaches against licensed premises were detected during this period.

In addition to this, OLGR, in conjunction with licensees in Fortitude Valley, conducted four Responsible Service of Alcohol forums during the first nine months of the trial.

### Queensland Ambulance Service calls for service

During the first nine months of the trials, Queensland Ambulance Service received a total of 1155 calls for service to the area covered by the Drink Safe Precinct. Of these, 534 (46.2%) calls for service may be considered, for these purposes, as being related to the Drink Safe Precinct.<sup>11</sup> The remaining calls for service (n = 621, 53.8%) occurred outside of the Drink Safe Precinct related hours and days of the week.

**Figure 7. Queensland Ambulance Service - Calls for Service – December 2010 to August 2011**



The Drink Safe Precinct related calls for service were most commonly for<sup>12</sup>:

- assault/sexual assault
- unconscious/fainting (near)
- overdose/poisoning (ingestion).

### Support services

Two main patron support services operate in the Fortitude Valley precinct:<sup>13</sup>

- Chill Out Zone (funded under the Drink Safe Precinct initiative)

<sup>10</sup> For the purposes of this snapshot, compliance operations include after hours inspections and day time inspections.

<sup>11</sup> As QAS do not record if a call for service is alcohol-related, this measure is based on calls for service to locations within the Drink Safe Precinct during 'high alcohol consumption times and days of the week' –Friday and Saturday nights 6pm – 6am. This is a preliminary measure developed for the purposes of data collection and will be revised following further analysis during the course of the evaluation.

<sup>12</sup> These categories are based on the code assigned by the QAS at the time an ambulance is dispatched using the Medical Priority Dispatch System. Calls are categorised on the basis of details provided by the caller.

<sup>13</sup> Some patrons may be 'double' counted in these statistics as they may be a client of both support services during the one 'event'. For example, NightWatch chaplains find a patron intoxicated and refer them to Chill Out Zone for management and care.

- NightWatch Chaplains (for which the foot patrol is funded under the Drink Safe Precinct initiative).

### Chill Out Zone

The Chill Out Zone includes a purpose built caravan where patrons can go to rest, recover and relax as well as a mobile foot patrol team that patrols looking for people who might be in need of assistance or referral to the Chill Out Zone.

The Chill Out Zone commenced operations in the precinct on Friday, 10 December 2010 and operates every Friday and Saturday night between 11pm – 5am as well as additional days as requested (e.g. special events). The Chill Out Zone is located in the Brunswick Street Mall, central to the precinct.

Between December 2010 and August 2011, the Chill Out Zone offered support to patrons in the precinct on 77 nights – including regular Friday and Saturday nights as well as five additional days.<sup>14,15</sup>

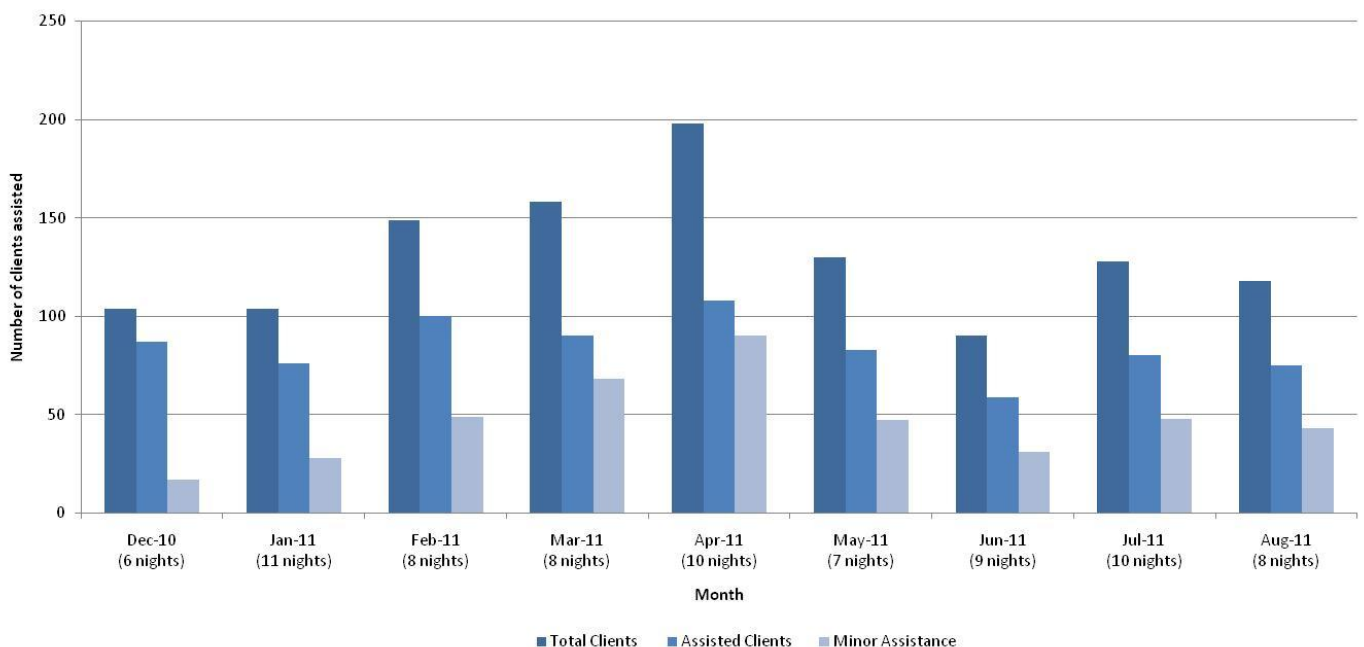
During this period, the Chill Out Zone provided support to 1184 patrons in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct, including:

- 761 ‘assisted clients’ – this includes patrons who require a higher level of care, such as those who are injured or sick
- 423 ‘minor assistance’ – this includes patrons who require a lower level of care.

This represents an average of 15 patrons per night that the Chill Out Zone operated during the first nine months of the trial.

Figure 8 shows the number of assisted clients and minor clients per month between December 2010 and August 2011. It is important to note that comparisons between months can be misleading due to variation in the number of nights that the service operated per month during the first nine month period of the trial.

**Figure 8. Support Service - Chill Out Zone - Clients Assisted**



Source: Chill Out Zone 2011.

Note: The figures in the brackets beneath the month show the number of nights that the service operated during that month.

In addition to providing support to patrons, the Chill Out Zone handed out 39 400 cups of water during the first nine months of the trial.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Sunday 26 December 2010, Sunday 2 January 2011, Tuesday 25 January 2011, Monday 25 April 2011 and Monday 12 June 2011.

<sup>15</sup> No service was offered over the Christmas weekend or Friday 22 April 2011 due to Easter trading restrictions. Due to a malfunction of the van, a restricted service was offered on Friday 27 May 2011.

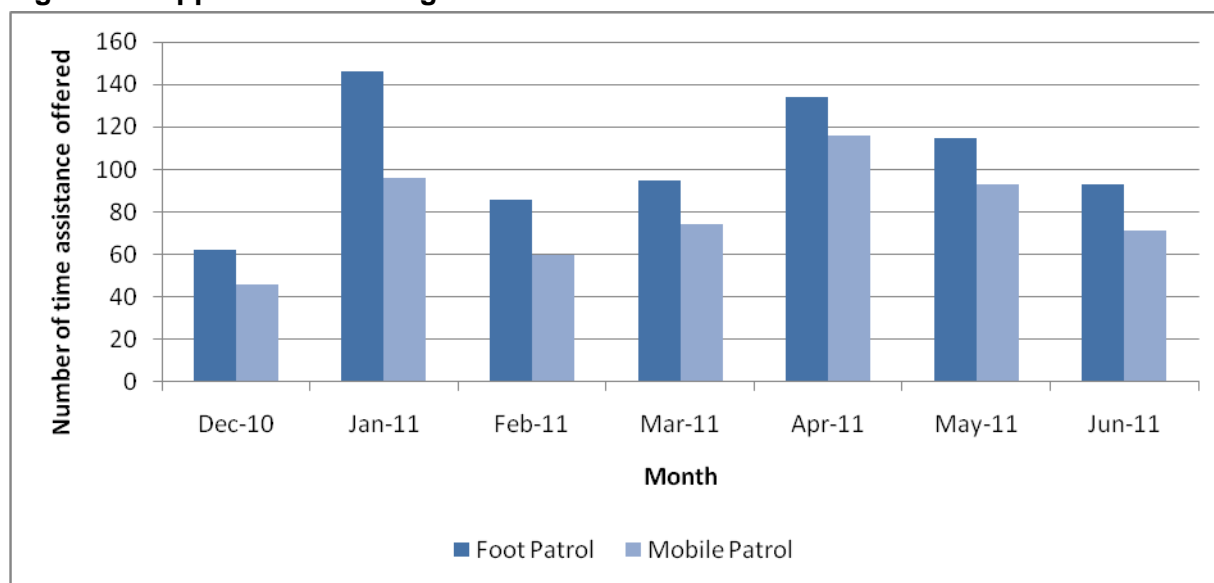
## NightWatch Chaplains

NightWatch Chaplains have operated a mobile foot and vehicle patrol on Friday and Saturday nights offering assistance to patrons in need in Fortitude Valley since 2004. NightWatch Chaplains continue to offer support and first aid to patrons in Fortitude Valley during the trial.<sup>17,18</sup>

During the first seven months of the trial, the NightWatch chaplains offered assistance to people 1,287 times through either their foot patrol ( $n = 731$ , 56.8%) or mobile patrol ( $n = 556$ , 43.2%) services. The foot patrol offered the services:

- in a public space (footpath, roadway, park or mall) 512 times (73.0%)
- at a transport node (taxi rank, bus stop or railway) 101 times (14.4%)
- outside a venue 62 times (8.8%)
- at a police station, shop, private property or other location 26 times (3.7%).

**Figure 9. Support Service - NightWatch - Offers of Assistance**



<sup>16</sup> This figure includes patrons assisted on Friday and Saturday nights as well as additional Drink Safe Precinct nights that may be allocated according to need on public holidays or for particular events.

<sup>17</sup> Please note the NightWatch foot patrol is funded under the Drink Safe Precinct initiative whereas the mobile patrol is funded through other means.

<sup>18</sup> Information about the number of clients assisted by NighWatch was only available for up until 30 June 2011 at the time of data collection for this snapshot.

**Figure 7: NightWatch Chaplains patrolling Fortitude Valley precinct**



Source: ChaplainWatch 2011.

## Transport

A number of transport options exist for patrons to get to and from the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct – including bus services, rail services, private transport and taxi services. Data is currently available on bus and taxi patronage.

### Taxi patronage

There are currently six secure taxi ranks in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct. The secure ranks are located at:

- Wickham Street
- Brunswick Street North
- Brunswick South (outside Empire)
- Ann Street (outside Royal George nightclub)
- Ann Street (outside Kathmandu)
- Warner Street NightLink FlatFare.

Three of these ranks (Brunswick Street North, Brunswick Street South and Ann Street – outside Kathmandu) were established in December in 2010 and commenced operations the same weekend as the Drink Safe Precinct trial (Friday 3 December 2010).

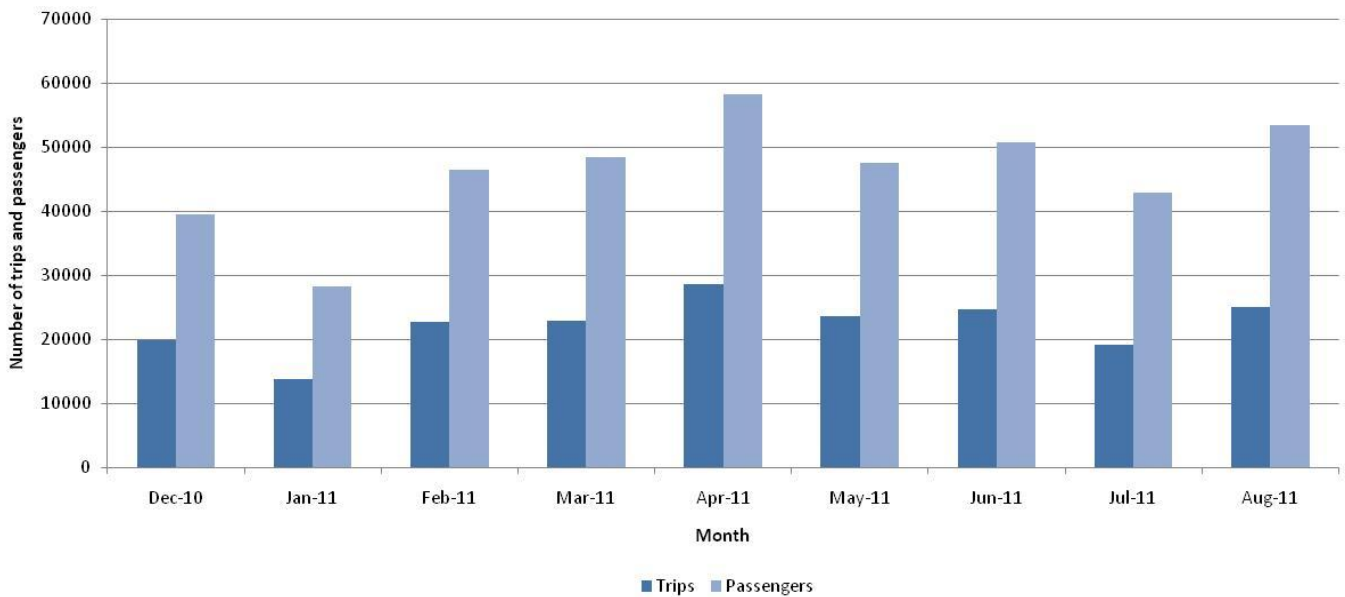
The secure taxi ranks in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct typically operate on Friday and Saturday nights between midnight and 6.00am, and during special events (e.g. public holidays). The secure taxi rank is staffed by rank marshals and security guards to help precinct patrons get home quickly and safely.

During the first nine months of the trial, the secure taxi ranks in Fortitude Valley operated on 76 nights – including regular Friday and Saturday nights as well as for three special events.<sup>19</sup>

Taxi services transported 422 151 people home from the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct during the first nine months of the trial.<sup>20</sup> More than 203 500 taxi trips departed from the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct during this period.

<sup>19</sup> Monday 25 April 2011, Sunday 1 May 2011 and Sunday 13 June 2011.

**Figure 8: Number of trips and passengers collected from the Secure Taxi Ranks inside the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct<sup>21</sup>**



Source: DTMR 2011.

### Bus patronage

Bus services in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct are coordinated and funded through the Translink Transit Authority. In addition to regular services, 'NightLink' bus services depart the Drink Safe Precinct between 1am and 5am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The 'NightLink' services depart from two locations in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct, depending on the route:

- Ann Street, near Birdie Num Num's – stop 216 (Valley Island) (N199, CityGlider only)
- Brunswick Street, opposite Valley Metro (railway station) – stops 211 and 212 (all other services).

During the first seven months of the trial,<sup>22</sup> 67 258 passengers travelled from the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct on regular and 'NightLink' bus services on Friday and Saturday nights between 6pm and 6am.

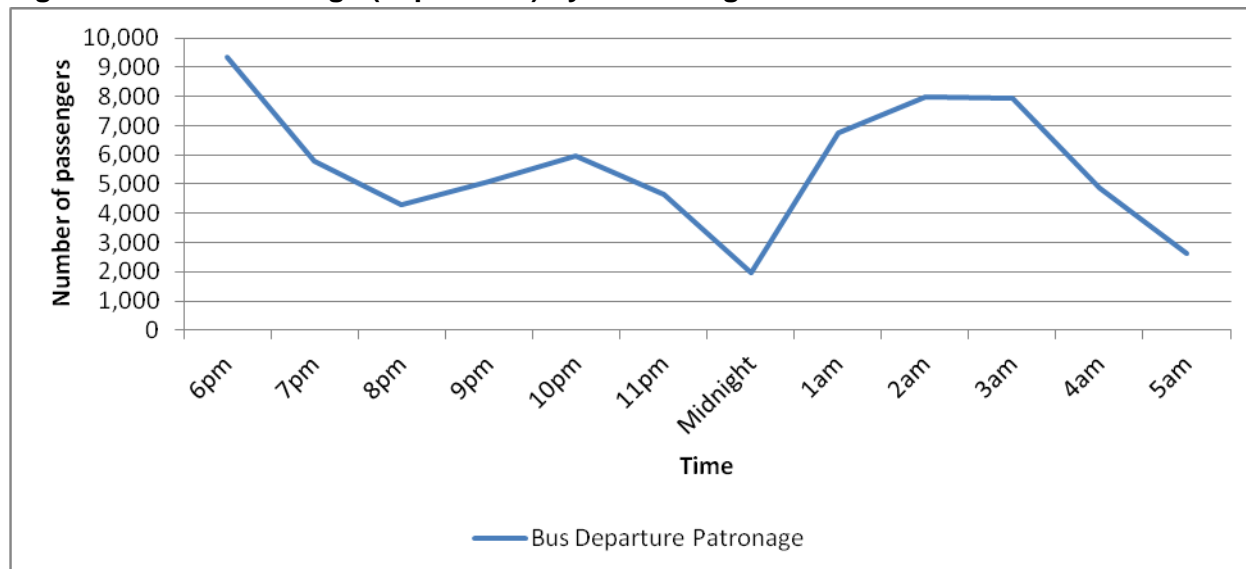
The level of bus patronage across the Friday and Saturday nights is presented in Figure 10, showing that patronage is highest at around 6pm (which indicates after business hours travel), with a second smaller peak between 2am and 4am (which shows the DSP travel peak).

<sup>20</sup> These figures only include passengers and trips that departed from Secure Taxi Ranks in the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct and do not include trips or passengers that were collected in other parts of the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct (e.g. by hailing a taxi).

<sup>21</sup> Please note that comparisons between months can be misleading for a number of reasons, including the impact of the festive season and Queensland Floods on operating hours of rank and patronage. Note the secure ranks operated on seven nights in December, six nights in January, eight nights in February and March, eleven nights in April and nine nights in May.

<sup>22</sup> TransLink Transit Authority patronage data is provided on a financial quarter basis, as such, the latest data available is up to June 2011.

**Figure 10. Bus Patronage (departures) by time of night - December 2010 to June 2011**



Source: Translink Transit Authority 2011.

Note: Counts passengers boarding outbound buses from stops located within the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct.

### CitySafe Incident Register

The Brisbane City Council operates a network of CCTV cameras throughout the CBD and Fortitude Valley area that are monitored 24 hours, seven days a week. The CitySafe control room has radio contact with security providers at licensed premises and other locations, such as major shopping centres. During peak times, an officer from the Brisbane CBD Police Beat will join the CitySafe control room to facilitate rapid communication and coordination between police units and the CitySafe control room.

During the first nine months of the trial, the CitySafe control room logged 1353 incidents between 6pm and 6am on Friday and Saturday night within the Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the incidents by type and night.

**Table 1. CitySafe Incident Register - Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct**

Type of incident	Friday	Saturday	Total
Accident	2	4	6
Alcohol Offence	70	83	153
Drug Offence	4	4	8
Fire	2	0	2
Medical	23	34	57
Police Request	31	56	87
Personal Offence	27	44	71
Property Offence	10	18	28
Public Order Offence	379	530	909
Sexual offence	0	1	1
Social Issue	16	10	26
Weapons Possession	1	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>566</b> <b>(41.8%)</b>	<b>787</b> <b>(58.2%)</b>	<b>1353</b> <b>(100%)</b>

### Where to from here?

The range of data available to the Drink Safe Precinct evaluation continues to grow as partner agencies provide data extracts from their systems. It is anticipated that a 12-month snapshot will be released in early 2012 which will continue to build on the data presented in this snapshot.

## Have your say

A further round of surveys capturing the views, experiences and perceptions of patrons, licensees, business owners, support service workers and residents is planned for early 2012. The survey will be available on the Queensland Government's 'Get Involved' website ([www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au](http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au)) and promoted through a broad range of sources, including the 'Get Involved' social media sites.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> 'Follow' <http://twitter.com/consultqld> or 'Like' <https://www.facebook.com/ConsultQueensland> to be informed when the survey is released.