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# Hairdressers Registration Board of Western Australia

would like to wish you all a safe, prosperous and

## Happy Christmas and New Year

and welcome you to our last newsletter for 2006.

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The following is a letter that was sent to the Hairdressers Registration Board by a concerned Salon Owner and Registered Hairdresser:

*Hey fellow Hairdressers,*

*Just a few thoughts on the demise of The Hairdressers Registration Board. Having worked in the industry both overseas and in the eastern states, I found it easier to get a job, having trained in Western Australia. Such a regulatory board maintains a higher standard, that is not present in other parts of the country and the world. If the Hairdressers Registration Board loses its influence, sure we won't have to pay our registration fees, but do you really want four years of training to go to waste and your hard earned jobs go to unskilled workers who are willing to work for much less? This will also mean, many small businesses will be cut out of the market as unskilled 'hairdressers' work for large cut price retail chains for less. From personal experience, I have witnessed first hand in the eastern states the opening of a certain franchise across the road, providing inferior haircuts for the price of five dollars, practically crippling the business. Do you want this to happen to you? If this is allowed to happen in Western Australia, we will be forced to work under worsened conditions for less pay.*

*Think about it Perth!*

*The Dr.*

## Important information - Please take the time to read Fee structure in 2007

The HRB has listened to all of your comments about fee increases and **will not** be increasing your fees in 2008. As you probably know, HRB's fee structure is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and administration costs and they are always ratified in the month of July, five months before all hairdressers are invoiced. Unfortunately, because of this process we are unable to apply a nil increase to fees this year, therefore there will be a slight increase in your 2007 fees.



Thank  
you all!

Your support  
has been  
magnificent!

We have been overwhelmed by your support for our Position Paper that was circulated throughout the hairdressing industry in October this year. At this stage there has still been no decision made as to which Registration model is to be adopted for the future regulation of the Hairdressing Industry.

We will of course advise all registered hairdressers and salon owners of the outcome as soon as a determination has been made. We are confident that with the support that the HRB has received from all of you, the regulation of the Hairdressing Industry will move in a positive direction. So again, thank you to all!

## New HRB staff member

The Hairdressers Registration Board would like to welcome Naomi Allan to our team in the role of Inspector / Administration Assistant. Should you have any queries relating to inspections please do not hesitate to contact Naomi at the office on 9381 9966 or discuss your queries with Naomi when she visits your hairdressing establishment.



## Wages information

Please be advised that the HRB is not a party to the Hairdressers Award and therefore is not permitted to become involved in wages and industrial relations disputes. All enquires relating to industrial relations matters should be directed to the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) Labour Relations, or commonly known as WAGELINE, as the staff at the HRB are unable to respond to these queries. The contact details for Wageline are 1300 655 266 or you can go to their website at [www.docep.wa.gov.au/lr/default.html](http://www.docep.wa.gov.au/lr/default.html)

## HRB office hours

Please note the HRB office will be closed from Saturday 23 December 2006 to Sunday 7 January 2007. The office will re-open from Monday 8 January 2007.

Please also be advised that the HRB office hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm



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