

Clear winner: Troy Turner guides Gondorff to the post to win yesterday's Goldfields Mining Expo Boulder Cup at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club. Full report, page 16.

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Golf course given liquor approval

THE City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has finally received a liquor licence for their heralded Kalgoorlie Golf Course, but the whole process has taken more than two months and has cost ratepayers \$60,000 in legal fees.

The *Kalgoorlie Miner* revealed in July the City's licence application with the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor had hit the rough after local police and the health depart-

ments labelled the bid as "high risk" and recommended strict conditions should be put in place if the licence was issued.

This proved to be a dampener on the opening of the long-awaited golf course and has since had restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcohol during golfing events.

However, in a piece of good news for the City, the DRGL confirmed it had issued a liquor licence late last week but would not release the details to the *Miner* because the City's law-

yers were yet to review it.

Mayor Ron Yuryevich said he was pleased with the development but would look closely at the conditions placed upon the golf course.

He was also fuming on the time it had taken to be granted.

Council lawyers and officers have been in discussions with the DRGL for the past two months at a cost of \$60,000.

In the next few months the liquor licences for the City's three other golf courses will be handed in.

"I am disappointed it has taken so long," Mr Yuryevich told the *Miner*.

"It does not say much for the bureaucracy of the system if it takes that long to produce a licence for what is really for a sporting club.

"It shouldn't have cost that much and I am just staggered that it takes this long to go from three licences to one."

Mr Yuryevich said while there was some understanding of the conditions of the licence, it would be confirmed

when the City took a closer look this week.

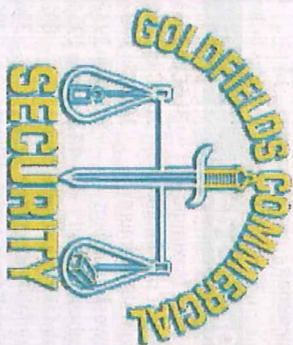
However, there was an agreement to only sell low-strength alcohol on the mobile drinks cart, which will be able to service the 18-hole golf course.

"You don't know what you have got until you read it," Mr Yuryevich added.

In the police's notices of intervention on the licence application, Goldfields-Esperance Alcohol and Drug Unit's Mick Germain raised concerns about monitoring alcohol consumption on the course.

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