

No indulgence for the nuns

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The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are in uproar after two of their members were evicted from the Sacred Heart Hospice last week.

Sister Mary Desmond Three Three With A Bloody Good Tan and Reverend Stink Finger had been invited by Carole Ann King of the Luncheon Club to celebrate the hospice's 105th birthday at a 'staff appreciation day' function.

But the two — in full dress — did not get past the front desk.

"We were told we were not wanted there by one of the nuns and that we were 'inappropriately dressed' and were sending them up," said Sister Mary Desmond.

"We told her we had been invited and said it was not very christian of her to stop us going in but despite arguing about it she wouldn't budge and the other staff backed her up."

Mortified, the two retreated to the safety of the Beauchamp Hotel — and a much needed beer — and called for reinforcements.

"We were really angry and riled up," said Sister Mary Desmond.

Reverend Stink Finger said he felt "extremely upset" at the way they were treated.

After more of the Order arrived, they returned to the hospice and were blessed with more luck the second time round.

The mission director apologised for what had happened but said the person who had ordered them out was "not able to apologise".

The nuns attended the function where there was no sign of their challenger. The group said they did not feel welcome and still felt an apology from



No room at the inn: Reverend Stink Finger and Sister Mary Desmond Three Three With A Bloody Good Tan still smarting from their eviction.

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the offending nun was warranted.

"We were invited to a function and this woman accosts us and is backed up by six or seven other staff," said Sister Mary Desmond.

"There's a stack of homophobia going on there."

Ironically, the nuns regularly visit the hospice and also fundraise for the facility.

The hospice's chief executive officer Ian Mill described the staff member's behaviour as an "over reaction".

"One of our enthusiastic staff took offence and thought the sisters were mocking the lifestyle of our sisters.

"Look, there are always going to be people who are upset by them [the nuns]."

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