



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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POSTPONEMENT OF START DATE FOR NEW NSW / VIC / QLD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The date of commencement of the common retail tenancy lessor disclosure statement to apply in NSW, Victoria and Queensland ([Shop Talk 2/7/10](#)) is now anticipated to be 1 January 2011. It is understood the necessary regulations in each state will be gazetted soon. A copy of the draft new disclosure statement is available [here](#). This should be treated for information purposes only at this stage as the final version will contain some minor wording changes. We will publicise the final version when it has been gazetted.

NEW VICTORIAN LAWS BANNING THE SALE OF KNIVES TO PEOPLE UNDER 18

The Victorian Government recently passed [new laws](#) (the *Control of Weapons Amendment Bill 2010*), scheduled to commence on 1 January 2011, which makes it illegal for a retailer to knowingly sell any type of knife to people under 18 years of age. Retailers face fines of up to \$2,336. The new laws, targeted towards reducing knife crime and violence, include the sale of kitchen and cooking knives, plastic knives and cutlery, and thus cover a large range of retailers including department stores, supermarkets, and specialist kitchenware and knife outlets. There are no exemptions, including for people aged under 18 who intend to use knives for training or employment purposes (e.g. a hospitality course, employment in a restaurant). In such cases, an adult will need to purchase the knives. When in doubt, retailers will need to ask for proof of age identification such as a Victorian Proof of Age card, Driver's or Motor Cycle license, a Passport, or Keypass Card. Information for retailers, including guidance on signage and identification requirements, will be made available at the Department of Justice's [website](#) on the regulation of weapons.

JOONDALUP SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCT TO BEGIN ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2010

The WA Government has announced that the 'special trading precinct' at Joondalup in Perth ([Shop Talk 9/7/10](#)) will commence on 5 September 2010. The new precinct will permit trading until 9pm on weekdays and from 11am to 5pm on Sundays. Disappointingly the boundaries of the new precinct have been drawn narrowly, with the area limited to Moore Drive, Lakeside Drive, Joondalup Drive, Ocean Reef Road and the Mitchell Freeway.

WESTFIELD BREAKFAST RETAIL SEMINAR SERIES IN CAPITAL CITIES IN AUGUST

Westfield is again holding its breakfast seminar series this month, around the theme *Retail: The New Normal* with a range of experienced and successful retailers. Speakers include Terry White, Stuart Machin, John Charlton, Chris Beer, Jon Bird, John Batistich and Howard Saunders. Click [here](#) to register for Melbourne (17/8), Brisbane (18/8), Perth (24/8), Adelaide (25/8) or Sydney (27/8).

RTA WA SMART RETAILER SEMINARS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Retail Traders' Association of WA is holding three Smart Seminars, which will include innovative marketing and revenue generating strategies. The dates are 10 August, 31 August and 19 October. Click [here](#) to register or email rta@cciwa.com.

PCA SA SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGEMENT FUNDAMENTALS COURSE IN SEPTEMBER

A one-day course on Shopping Centre Management Fundamentals is offered by the Property Council in SA for 7 September. This is an intense course tailored to SA retail industry. Click [here](#) to register.