



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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DISAPPOINTING DECISION BY SA GOVT ON CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR SHOP TRADING

The South Australian Government [announced](#) yesterday Adelaide will effectively be 'closed for business' at Christmas with non-exempt shops forced to close for three days (25-27 December) over the Christmas weekend and for two days (1-2 January) over the New Year weekend. [Compare](#) this to Brisbane, Melbourne, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin, where large shops will be closed on only one day and Sydney (except for the CBD), where large shops will be closed for two days. Although some concessions have been made, such as expanded trading hours (9am to 5pm) on Sundays in December leading up to Christmas, and expanded hours (9am to 9pm) on 28 December and 3 January, retailers will find themselves closed at the what is normally the busiest time of the year – a time when most retailers were looking to compensate for poor sales during much of 2010. Retailers and consumers pay a high price for the dominance of the Shop Assistants Union (SDA) in Labor affairs in South Australia.

WA ISSUES PAPER ON SUNDAY TRADING FOR CONSUMER DURABLE GOODS

In June it was [announced](#) that the WA Government and Opposition had reached agreement on allowing shops selling 'durable consumer goods' to trade on Sundays ([Shop Talk 25/6/10](#)). At the time, no-one could explain what was meant by a 'durable consumer good'. Since then the Department of Commerce has been trying to figure out how to legislate to enable such a nonsensical and highly discriminatory policy work. The WA Minister for Commerce, Bill Marmion, has now [announced](#) the release of an [Issues Paper](#) with options to amend the *Retail Trading Hours Act* to allow Sunday trading in 'whitegoods' and certain other 'bulky goods' or 'durable consumer goods'.

GADENS COMPENDIUM OF AUSTRALIAN RETAIL TENANCY LEGISLATION

Gadens Lawyers has produced a very useful and detailed compendium of comparative provisions of retail tenancy legislation in all jurisdictions around Australia. To review or download this publication, please click [here](#).

ICSC STUDY TOUR OF CHINESE SHOPPING CENTRES AND RECON ASIA PACKAGE

The International Council of Shopping Centers has arranged a tour of shopping centres in Shanghai, Dalian and Beijing from [2-6 November](#), prior to the ICSC Asia RECon in Beijing from 8-9 November. The tour of Beijing shopping centres on [6 November](#) can be organised separately for RECon Asia registrants who cannot participate in the entire tour. The 2010 RECon Asia will be held at the Beijing International Hotel. Program and registration details are [here](#).

PCA SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING DIPLOMA COURSE

The Property Council of Australia is conducting a new Shopping Centre Management and Marketing Diploma Course on 25-27 October. This three-day course is for professionals looking to drive the performance of their retail property. Please click [here](#) for further information and to register.

PCA SOUTH AUSTRALIA RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS IN ADELAIDE ON 30 OCTOBER

The Property Council Retail Property Gala Awards Dinner will be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday 30 October. A record number of entries were received for the Marketing Awards and 22 shopping centres entered the Presentation Awards. Email Kate on kpropc@bigpond.net.au to book tickets or phone Chris Hagi on 08 8236 0900.