

# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION RELEASES DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

The Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) has launched its [Draft Greater Sydney Regional Plan – A metropolis of three cities](#). The draft Plan details a vision for greater Sydney to become ‘three connected cities’ comprised of a Western Parkland City, a Central River City and an Eastern Harbour City. The draft Plan seeks to establish a 20-year plan to “manage growth and change”, assist infrastructure agencies align plans to “place-based” outcomes and inform the private sector of the vision for greater Sydney. The draft Plan reiterates the benefits of activity centres, as well as co-locating major retail centres with rail transport hubs. Shop Talk readers may recall the ‘precautionary approach’ detailed in the draft District Plans relating to the rezoning industrial land ([Shop Talk 25/11/16](#)). While the draft Plan doesn’t specifically mention this principle, it does detail the potential use of a ‘net community benefit test’ as part of a review process for ‘exceptional cases’ to develop new centres in industrial areas “where there is a prevalence of retail”. The draft Plan also sets the framework for the [District Plans](#), which have been updated to reflect ‘three connected cities’ vision. Submissions on the draft Plan, and the updated draft District Plans, are being welcomed until 15 December 2017. The Draft Plan was released alongside [Future Transport 2056](#) prepared by Transport for NSW. The GSC Chief Commissioner, Lucy Turnbull, said in a [media release](#) that “the plans were the first long-term land use and transport strategies to be developed both collaboratively and concurrently”.

## SA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES EXTENDED CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

The South Australian Government has [announced](#) extended Christmas trading hours for 2017. For retailers in the Greater Adelaide Shopping District, this includes 9am-5pm trading on every Sunday in December, including New Year’s Eve. Retailers will also be able to trade until midnight on Thursday 14, Thursday 21, and Friday 22 December. Shops will also be allowed to trade for an extra hour on Saturday 23 December, with a closure of 6pm.

## NOMINATIONS WELCOMED FOR INAUGURAL FRANK LOWY FELLOWSHIP

The Shopping Centre Council is pleased to announce that nominations for the inaugural *Frank Lowy Fellowship* are now being [welcomed](#). The Fellowship, which recognises the contribution made by Mr Frank Lowy AC to the Australian shopping centre industry, will be awarded to a talented person working in the Australian shopping centre industry who has demonstrated both distinction in their professional field and a commitment to shopping centre industry excellence. The Fellowship recipient will receive a cash contribution towards a professional development pursuit or industry event of choice. This could include reasonable anticipated expenses to travel to and attend an opportunity overseas. Announced in 2016 on the occasion of Mr Lowy stepping down as Chairman of Scentre Group ([Shop Talk 12/5/16](#)), this initiative is intended to foster and celebrate the next generation leaders, collaborators and innovative thinkers that will ensure Australia’s shopping centre industry continues to be a world leader. The Fellowship is proudly supported by Scentre Group. The nomination period closes on Friday 24 November 2017. For more information visit the [Frank Lowy Fellowship website](#).

## 2017 SCCA MARKETING AWARDS: HIGHPOINT SHOPPING CENTRE WINS SABINA RUST PRIZE

Congratulations to all the [winners](#) at the 2017 SCCA Marketing Awards! Winners were announced at the Gala Dinner this week at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf. Special congratulations to the 2017 Sabina Rust Memorial Prize winner for Campaign of the Year, ‘Think West’ by Highpoint Shopping Centre, owned by The GPT Group and The GPT Wholesale Shopping Centre Fund, as well as the runner-up, ‘Stage 40 Development – Chadstone Tailor Made’ by Chadstone – The Fashion Capital, owned by Vicinity Centres and the Gandel Group. Each of the lucky winners in the Community category will receive \$5,000 from the Shopping Centre Council to donate to a charity or community organisation that is important to the shopping centre and its community. Thank you to the Award sponsors for making this year’s event possible.

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