



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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JOONDALUP SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCT BILL PASSED BY THE WA PARLIAMENT

The [Bill](#) establishing a 'special trading precinct' (permitting extended mid-week trading hours and Sunday trading, from 11am to 5pm) at Joondalup, north of Perth, has now passed the WA Parliament ([Shop Talk 11/12/09](#).) Although indicative boundaries of the Joondalup special trading precinct were discussed during the [parliamentary debate](#), the Bill does not establish a boundary and this will now be determined by the Minister, following consultation. The Bills to establish special trading precincts at Armadale and Midland ([Shop Talk 18/6/10](#)) have now been introduced but will not be debated until Parliament resumes in August.

AMENDMENTS TO THE FRANCHISING CODE OF CONDUCT BEGAN ON 1 JULY 2010

Amendments to the Franchising Code of Conduct came into operation on 1 July 2010. These include new disclosure requirements for prospective franchisees; notification requirements prior to renewal of agreements; and strengthened dispute resolution provisions. The updated Franchising Code of Conduct is available [here](#).

SDA WANTS TO BLOCK BOXING DAY TRADING THROUGHOUT QUEENSLAND

The Shop Assistants' Union (SDA) has applied to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission to close non-exempt shops across the state on Boxing Day (Sunday 26 December) and on New Year's Day (Saturday 1 January.) The SDA argues that retail workers should be entitled to two days off, and there is "adequate opportunity for the post-Christmas sales to take their course" on 27/28 December. It would be absurd if Queensland retailers and consumers were to be put at a disadvantage compared to other key states.

QUEENSLAND RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS TO BE HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2010

The Property Council Queensland will host the 2010 Retail Property Awards in Brisbane on 24 September. Nominations are now being called for the three award categories – for excellence in sustainability, marketing and presentation – for all categories of shopping centres and precincts. This year there will also be a new award, the President's Award, for outstanding performance by individuals in the retail sector. The Shopping Centre Council of Australia is a sponsor of the Retail Property Awards. Please see [here](#) for award details and entry forms.

PCA WA LUNCHEON ON DIRECTIONS 2031 AND NEW ACTIVITY CENTRES POLICY

Don't miss the Property Council WA luncheon on Friday, 13 August. At the lunch the Chairman of the WA Planning Commission, Gary Prattley, will outline the final Directions 2031 urban growth plan for Perth and the revised Activity Centres Policy for Perth and Peel. Click [here](#) for registration.

LATEST URBIS RETAIL PERSPECTIVES FOR ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST NOW AVAILABLE

The latest Urbis *Retail Perspectives, Asia and Middle East* (Second Quarter 2010) has now been published. This edition includes articles on global retail trends and retail trends and economic conditions in a range of Asian countries. Click [here](#) to download the newsletter.

ICSC RECON ASIA TO BE HELD IN BEIJING ON 7-9 NOVEMBER 2010

The preliminary program and registration details for the International Council of Shopping Center's Asia RECon 2010 is available [here](#).