



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION PLANNING INQUIRY

The deadline for submissions on the Productivity Commission's [Issues Paper](#) for its inquiry into Planning, Zoning and Development Assessments has been extended until 31 August 2010 ([Shop Talk 28/5/10](#)). The Productivity Commission's deadline for reporting has been extended until April 2011.

VICTORIAN SHOP ASSISTANTS UNION PUSHES FOR NO ANZAC DAY TRADING

Following the Victorian election in 2002 the re-elected Labor Government suddenly removed Easter Sunday as a shop trading day in Victoria. It soon emerged that this was the result of a private commitment by the ALP to the SDA (the Shop Assistants Union) in return for an election donation. It is therefore concerning to read in a union publication the SDA Victorian secretary, Michael Donovan, boasting that, if the Brumby Government is re-elected in November, large shops will be forced to close for all of Anzac Day – currently shops can trade after midday on that day – and that Easter Sunday will also be a public holiday (as well as a non-trading day). Victoria once had the most progressive trading laws of any state in Australia but this is gradually being whittled away as a result of the SDA's influence and the Labor Government's acquiescence.

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR THE ICSC 2010 ASIA SHOPPING CENTRE AWARDS

The International Council of Shopping Centers will announce the 2010 Asia Shopping Centre Awards during the ICSC RECon Asia, in Beijing, on 7-9 November. The deadline for entries has been extended to 30 July. Details for online submissions and entry forms are available [here](#).

QIRC APPROVES NEW GOLD COAST SUPERMARKET TRADING HOURS

The Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) [last week](#) approved new allowable trading hours, effective from 29 August 2010, for supermarkets located in the 'Gold Coast Coastal Tourist Area'. The boundaries of the Gold Coast Coastal Tourist Area are defined in the decision. The new allowable trading hours are from 7am-10pm Monday to Saturday, and from 8am-8pm on Sundays and Public Holidays.

'GLOBAL RETAIL INSIGHTS' SEMINAR BY AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RETAIL STUDIES

The Australian Centre for Retail Studies is holding half-day seminars, *Global Retail Insight*, in Brisbane (3 August), Sydney (4 August) and Melbourne (5 August.) The seminars will highlight current retail and social media trends. Registrations [here](#).

PCA SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING COURSE NEXT MONTH

A reminder that the Property Council is conducting courses for the Shopping Centre Management and Marketing Diploma on 9-10 August (introduction), 24-26 August (advanced) and 25-27 October (diploma). Further information and registration details are available [here](#).

INSIDE RETAILING 2010 CHAIN DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE IN PRINT AND ONLINE

The Australian Retail Chain Directory (formerly known as Inside Retailing Directory) is the comprehensive guide to Australia's retail chains. The 2010 edition is now available by emailing subs@octomedia.com.au or click [here](#).