



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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NABERS SCHEME EXTENDS TO SIX STARS TO RECOGNISE MARKET LEADERSHIP

The NABERS scheme has been [extended to six stars](#), beyond the previous 'five stars' peak in place since the scheme's inception in the late 1990s (NABERS Retail commenced in December 2009). The sixth star recognises "market leadership". While this step is important, we hope that equal focus will be placed on resolving some technical rating issues which we have been urging the NSW Government to address, such as trading hours and larger centres. All rating issues will need to be addressed before policies that rely on the NABERS scheme commence, including the Commonwealth's Tax Breaks for Green Buildings Scheme ([Shop Talk 28/4/11](#)).

REGULATORY STATEMENT FOR NATIONAL REAL ESTATE LICENCE IS DELAYED

The Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed national licensing scheme for property occupations (including real estate agents), originally due this month, has now been delayed until October ([Shop Talk 9/6/11](#)). However there will still be a six-week consultation period once the RIS is released. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) reaffirmed last week that the new national licence for real estate agents will begin on 1 July 2012.

NO SPECIAL TRADING ADVANTAGES ON WA QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Queen's Birthday public holiday in WA was moved this year to Friday 28 October to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth. The SCCA made an application for members' shopping centres throughout the Perth metropolitan area to be able to open on this day but this has been rejected. As a result, only those centres located in the special trading precincts are permitted to trade on that day.

PCA WA SHOPPING CENTRE MASTERCLASS WORKSHOP IN PERTH ON 14 SEPTEMBER

The Property Council, WA, is holding a full-day *Masterclass Workshop* in shopping centre management and marketing in Perth on 14 September. This will be of interest to all centre management staff. Further information and registration details are [here](#).

PCA QUEENSLAND RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS DINNER IN BRISBANE 7 OCTOBER

The Property Council, Queensland's *Retail Property of the Year Awards* recognise exceptional performance in sustainability, marketing, design and presentation. For booking details for the awards dinner to be held on 7 October at the Hilton Hotel Brisbane, email: awilliams@propertyoz.com.au.

PCA VICTORIA HOSTS 'FUTURE OF RETAIL INVESTMENT' SEMINAR IN MELBOURNE

The Property Council, Victoria, will host a seminar on the *Future of Retail Investment* on 6 September in Melbourne. Click [here](#) to register.

REMINDER ABOUT RECON ASIA 2011 TO BE HELD ON 2-4 NOVEMBER IN SHANGHAI

The International Council of Shopping Centers' *RECon Asia* will be in Shanghai on 2-4 November. Click [here](#) for the program or to register [here](#).

LATEST EDITION OF SHOPPING CENTRE NEWS MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The latest edition of *SCN (Shopping Centre News)* is now on sale. This edition includes an application form for inclusion in the 2011 Mini Guns edition (for centres from 6,000 to 20,000 GLA). For details or subscriptions ring (02) 9555 7494 or email: subscriptions@shoppingcentrenews.com.au.