



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SA BUSINESS COALITION CONTINUES TO FIGHT UNFAIR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL

The South Australian Business Coalition this week took out a [full page advertisement](#) in *The Advertiser* newspaper in its fight against the proposed [Statutes Amendment \(Shop Trading and Holidays\) Bill 2012](#) ([Shop Talk 16/2/12](#)). The proposed Bill gives effect to the deal between the Shop Assistants Union (SDA) and Business SA to allow public holiday trading only in the Adelaide CBD but at the cost of all employers in South Australia having to pay penalty rates of pay for work after 5pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve ([Shop Talk 24/11/11](#) & [10/11/11](#)). In some cases employers will have to pay 275% of ordinary wage rates on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. This week the Opposition spokesman, Rob Lucas MLC, said the Opposition would seek to amend the Bill in the Upper House – where the Government needs the support of at least four independent or minor party MLCs to pass the Bill – to remove the provisions declaring a public holiday on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. If the Opposition successfully amended the Bill it is doubtful if the Bill would proceed since this was the *quid pro quo* demanded by the SDA and foolishly agreed by Business SA – which has now forfeited any right to claim to represent business interests in SA. The Shopping Centre Council's concerns about the proposed Bill are detailed [here](#). The Bill was due to be introduced into the South Australian Parliament today.

GUIDE TO EASTER AND ANZAC DAY TRADING HOURS AROUND AUSTRALIA

Shop trading arrangements on public holidays vary around Australia. We have prepared [this guide](#) to trading arrangements in each state and territory over the Easter period and on Anzac Day (25 April) for 2012. Queensland arrangements are particularly complex because of the large number of trading hours zones and the guide includes a separate guide to Queensland arrangements which was prepared by the [National Retail Association](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR AMP/BRW RETAILER OF THE YEAR AWARDS CLOSE ON 7 MARCH

Nominations close on 7 March for the AMP Capital Shopping Centres/BRW magazine *Australian Retailer of the Year 2012* awards to be presented at a dinner in Sydney on 16 May. For further details, and to nominate, click [here](#). To cast a vote for the retailer with the best customer service, click [here](#).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ICSC ASIA PACIFIC 2012 SHOPPING CENTRE AWARDS

The International Council of Shopping Centers' Asia Pacific Shopping Centre Awards have been very popular with Australian shopping centre companies and Australia has been well represented among the winners ([Shop Talk 10/11/11](#)). The closing date for nominations for this year's awards is 1 June 2012. These will be presented on 12 September 2012 during the [ICSC Retail Real Estate World Summit](#) in Shanghai. Click [here](#) for information and [here](#) to nominate.

PROPERTY COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES FOR 2012

The Property Council has a very full program of PD courses in 2012. This includes courses on *Retail Property Management and Marketing*; the *Retail Leases Act* and *Leasing Fundamentals*. Click [here](#) for the *Leasing Fundamentals* program details; [here](#) to register for the leasing fundamentals course in Sydney on 19 March or Melbourne on 20 March; or click [here](#) for other course dates and venues.

ICSC ASIA PACIFIC SHOPPING CENTRE COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARDS

The [ICSC Foundation](#) established the Asia Pacific Community Support Awards to encourage and recognise an outstanding community service or corporate social responsibility campaign by a shopping centre in the Asia Pacific region. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to nominate. The deadline for entries is Friday 15 June 2012.