



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## NSW RETAIL TRADING AMENDMENT BILL 2012 PASSES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The *Retail Trading Amendment Bill 2012*, to permit universal Sunday trading on Boxing Day in NSW, has passed the NSW Legislative Assembly ([Shop Talk 29/3/12](#)). The Bill also makes a number of other changes, including requiring that shops that open on Boxing Day must be staffed by employees who have freely elected to work on that day. At the time of writing, the Bill was still to be debated in the Legislative Council. Click [here](#) to view the Bill and [here](#) for the second reading speech in the Legislative Assembly.

## SA PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED ADELAIDE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BILL

The controversial [Statutes Amendment \(Shop Trading and Holidays\) Bill](#) has [passed](#) the SA Parliament. The Bill will allow only shops in the Adelaide CBD to open on most public holidays in return for converting Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve into part-day public holidays, from 7pm ([Shop Talk 22/3/12](#), [8/3/12](#) & [1/3/12](#)). This will increase employment costs, and limit job opportunities, in a range of industries throughout South Australia.

## WA SUNDAY TRADING BILL HAS NOW PASSED THE LOWER HOUSE

The [Retail Trading Hours Amendment Bill 2012](#), which will allow all large shops in the Perth metropolitan area to open on Sundays (from 11am to 5pm), and on most public holidays, has now passed the Western Australian Legislative Assembly. The Bill will now be debated by the Legislative Council after it resumes sitting on 1 May. Contrary to claims by opponents, the [Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Act](#) already provides that tenants in shopping centres cannot be forced to open on Sundays and also provides that tenants who do not open on Sundays cannot be charged for centre operating expenses on that day.

## MIKE SINKUNAS APPOINTED AS THE NEW SA SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER

Mike Sinkunas has been [appointed](#) as Small Business Commissioner in South Australia. His Deputy, on a part-time basis, is Frank Zumbo ([Shop Talk 9/2/12](#)), who has been Acting Small Business Commissioner, pending the appointment. Mr Sinkunas, the former Director of the SA Office of Small Business and Regional Development, played a key role in the development of the [Small Business Commissioner Act 2011](#).

## NEW MINISTRY IN QUEENSLAND WAS SWORN IN THIS WEEK

The new Queensland Premier, Campbell Newman, has [announced](#) his Ministry. Deputy Premier, Jeff Seeney, is Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (with responsibility for the Major Projects Office); Ian Walker is Assistant Minister for Planning Reform; Tim Nicholls is Treasurer; Jarrod Bleijie is Attorney General; Jann Stuckey is Minister for Small Business; and David Crisafulli is Minister for Local Government.

## LATER START FOR TRADING ON ANZAC DAY IN TASMANIA THIS YEAR

Until this year large shops in Tasmania were not permitted to trade until 12 noon on Anzac Day (25 April). The Tasmanian Parliament has now amended the *Shop Trading Hours Act 1984* to prevent trading before 12.30pm on Anzac Day.

## VALE PHILIP SPENCE, A FRIEND AND MENTOR TO MANY

A memorial service was held this week for Philip Spence. Phil was an outstanding Senior Centre Manager, most recently at the Macquarie Centre, and was a friend and mentor to many in the industry, including many retailers. Our sympathies go to his AMP colleagues and to his family.