



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SYDNEY'S LORD MAYOR WRONG TO ENDORSE 'BUY NOTHING NEW' CAMPAIGN

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, is right to point out the many ways in which the Sydney City Council has supported the retail industry in Sydney. She neglects to point out, however, that most of this support has been funded from council rate income; most of that rate income comes from Sydney businesses; and a significant proportion of those rateable businesses are retail property owners and retailers. That's why the effective endorsement (by granting free campaigning space) of the nonsensical 'Buy Nothing New' campaign is a stupid decision. The campaign aims to encourage customers to buy nothing new for the month of October (and is presumably meant to encourage a lifelong habit). This kick in the teeth to Sydney's retailers should be reversed before it undoes the Council's previous good work in promoting the retail industry.

ADELAIDE IS NOW THE CAPITAL WITH THE MOST RESTRICTIVE TRADING HOURS

It is expected that the WA Government will very soon announce the commencement date for the legislation permitting universal Sunday trading in Perth ([Shop Talk 21/6/12](#)). The Minister for Commerce, Simon O'Brien MLC, has confirmed that "shops will be able to trade on most public holidays, with the exception of Good Friday, Christmas Day and Anzac Day". Once this legislation begins in Perth, the unfortunate mantle of the capital city with the most restrictive trading hours passes to Adelaide. Nearly a decade after Sunday trading began in Adelaide, the Sunday trading hours still remain 11am to 5pm and the vast majority of retailers in Adelaide are still forced to close on all public holidays. In Perth, the Labor Party and the Shop Assistants Union (SDA) supported the recent reforms. In Adelaide, the SDA still remains the stumbling block to consumer-friendly trading hours and the SA Labor Government still takes its instructions from the SDA.

SUBMISSION TO SAFE WORK ON TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN SHOPPING CENTRES

[Safe Work Australia](#), the national statutory body funded by Federal, State and Territory Governments to develop policies on work health and safety, is developing model regulations, codes of practice and guidance material to support the new national [Work Health and Safety Act](#). As part of this task, Safe Work Australia has released for public comment a [Draft Code of Practice on Traffic Management in Workplaces](#) and an accompanying [Draft Guide Traffic Management: Shopping Centres](#). The Shopping Centre Council of Australia has lodged a [submission](#) on both documents.

WESTFIELD WORLD RETAIL STUDY TOUR IN LATEST INSIDE RETAILING MAGAZINE

The June/July issue of *Inside Retail Magazine* is now available. This issue includes extensive coverage of the 2012 Westfield World Retail Study Tour as well as a feature on retail salaries in 2012. Click [here](#) for subscriptions (\$59.95 a year for 6 issues).

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RETAIL STUDIES EXPLORES THE FUTURE OF THE STORE

The Australian Centre for Retail Studies will hold breakfast seminars in Sydney (on 1 August) and Melbourne (on 2 August), focusing on the role of the physical store within the context of multichannel retailing, exploring what customers expect from the store of the future. Click [here](#) for further details and [here](#) to register.

PCA QLD RETAIL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING INTRODUCTION COURSE

The Property Council Academy will be running a two-day introduction course on Retail Property Management and Marketing, providing an overview of the business of a retail centre. Click [here](#) to register for the course on 16-17 July, in Brisbane.