



Media Release

Mornington CBD and surrounds designated area order extended

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The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) has extended the designated area order in Mornington's city centre and surrounds for another 12 months. Designated areas are determined by the VCGLR in consultation with Victoria Police.

Designating an area assists police in addressing alcohol related violence in and around licensed premises. The designated area is bordered by Gordon Street, Drake Street, Mothers Beach, Mornington Pier, Royal Beach, King Street, Alfred Street, Empire Street, Wellington Street, Cromwell Street and East Ring Road and Gordon Street and covers Mornington CBD and surrounding areas.

VCGLR Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Catherine Myers said 'designating' an area assists police to address alcohol-related violence in and around licensed premises.

"The designated area order means both locals and visitors can enjoy Mornington's nightlife in safety. Victoria Police share the VCGLR's view that the ability to ban people from a designated area is an important tool in reducing crimes against individuals and their property."

"Banning notices are a valuable deterrent to would-be troublemakers, particularly during peak periods like the summer holiday season."

Ms Myers said the VCGLR had received positive feedback from community groups including the Mornington Liquor Accord and local council who support the order continuing.

Police can issue banning notices if they reasonably suspect that a person has committed offences including drunkenness, physical assault, property damage, offensive or obscene behaviour and failure to leave licensed premises.

In addition to banning troublemakers for 72 hours, police also have the power to seek a court order to ban repeat offenders from designated entertainment precincts for up to 12 months.

Rather than wait for something serious to happen, banning notices can be used to defuse situations and remove troublemakers from harmful situations.

Other designated areas throughout Victoria include Ballarat, Bendigo, City of Yarra, Colac, Dandenong, Docklands, Footscray, Frankston, Geelong, Knox, Melbourne, Mildura, Shepparton, Traralgon, Warrnambool and entertainment hubs in Fitzroy, Knox, Prahran, St Kilda and South Yarra.

Further information on designated areas, including designated area maps, is available online: www.vcglr.vic.gov.au

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