

Media Release

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New Year's Eve trading hours extended

Trading hours for a selection of licensed premises will be extended on New Year's Eve following a decision from the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.

The extension of trading hours is as follows:

- All general, full club and on-premises liquor licences are varied to allow for sale and consumption of alcohol on these premises up to 1am
- All BYO permits are varied to allow for the consumption of BYO liquor up to 1am
- All on-premises licences with restaurant conditions and all restaurant and café licences are varied to allow for the sale and consumption of liquor on these premises up to 3am.

The extension does not apply to packaged liquor, late night, vigneron, restricted club, pre-retail or limited renewable licences or to any sale of packaged liquor for off premises consumption.

Licensees wanting to trade beyond this extension of time still need to apply for a limited licence and should apply as soon as possible to allow time for the application to be processed.

In the inner-city municipalities of the City of Melbourne, the City of Yarra, the City of Stonnington and the City of Port Phillip, where Ministerial Guidelines concerning trade after 1am apply, applicants must demonstrate exceptional circumstances to be considered for the granting of a temporary licence.

Licensees that already trade beyond the extension hours through their pre-existing liquor licence are not affected.

VCGLR CEO Jane Brockington said New Year's Eve is an opportunity for hospitality and entertainment businesses to hold special events and trade later, but it is an opportunity that must not be abused.

"Our compliance inspectors and Victoria Police will be out in force ensuring licensees stick to the rules and manage their events responsibly," she said.

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