

## Media Release

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### Sunshine CBD added to the list of designated areas in Victoria

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) has declared Sunshine's CBD and surrounding areas a designated area for 12 months, effective from Saturday 12 September 2015.

The VCGLR made the determination after consulting with Victoria Police about the nature and impact of reported crime in Sunshine CBD.

VCGLR Chief Executive Officer Catherine Myers said designated area orders were an important tool in supporting police efforts in addressing alcohol-related violence in and around licensed premises. Once a designated area is declared police can ban a person from a designated area for up to 72 hours by issuing a banning notice.

"Local police have advised us that adding Sunshine to the list of designated areas for Victoria will be beneficial in providing another avenue for repeat offenders to be readily identified and placed before a court," Ms Myers said.

"Working with other police initiatives, the designated area order intends to reduce drunk and disorderly conduct in Sunshine's CBD. This means other patrons, visitors and the local community can enjoy an evening out in and around licensed premises in safety."

Victoria Police's application was supported by Brimbank City Council and the Brimbank Liquor Forum.

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.

The Sunshine CBD designated area is bordered by Ballarat Road, Leonard Street, Neil Street, Maryvale Street, Whitty Street, Derby Road and Anderson Road.

For further information, including a full list of designated areas in Victoria, visit [vcglr.vic.gov.au](http://vcglr.vic.gov.au).

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