



Media Release

Mildura CBD designated area order extended

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The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) has extended the designated area order in Mildura's city centre 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 Mildura CBD designated area order is bordered by Eleventh Street, Lime Avenue, Seventh Street, Orange Avenue and Risbey Lane in Mildura.

VCGLR Acting Chief Executive Officer Catherine Myers said designated area orders supported police efforts in addressing alcohol-related violence in and around licensed premises.

"Since the Mildura designated area order was established in 2012, it has greatly assisted police in addressing alcohol-related violence. There has been a significant reduction in alcohol related assaults with reported incidents down from 61 in 2013/14 to 44 in 2014/15."

Ms Myers said the VCGLR had received positive feedback from community and business groups including Mildura Rural City Council, Rotary Club and Liquor Accord members who wanted the order to remain in place.

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.

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.

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, Mornington, Traralgon, Shepparton, Warrnambool and entertainment hubs in Fitzroy, Knox, Prahran, St Kilda and South Yarra.

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

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