

# Sunday Shopping



## Fast Facts

- There are 137,800 people employed in the retail industry in Western Australia.
- Sales per square metre at major WA shopping centres have grown faster than any other State since Sunday trading was introduced.
- The introduction of seven-day trading has influenced the decision of major retailers such as ALDI to expand into WA and contributed to a strong pipeline of shopping centre developments and expansions, including Garden City and Karrinyup.

## Reform

Since 2008, the Liberal-led Government has introduced a series of incremental reforms to the State's trading hours aimed at providing greater choice and flexibility for consumers while creating a fairer, more competitive retail sector in Perth. Importantly, staging these reforms has allowed time for small businesses to adjust to the changes.



## The Liberal-led Government has:

- Extended weeknight trading to 9pm.
- Relaxed the staff cap on small retail shops that are allowed to open 24 hours a day and allowed small retailers to own more stores. These changes assisted more than 7,000 small retailers in WA.
- Introduced Sunday trading from 11am to 5pm and abolished confusing 'special trading precincts', creating a level playing field for retailers.
- Amended the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987 to address some anomalies in the current system, including removing limitations on the types of goods that can be sold at petrol stations and abolishing the need for market stalls to apply for trading permits under the Act.
- Undertaken to extend trading hours for general retail shops in the metropolitan area from 7am to 9pm on weekdays and from 7am to 6pm on Saturdays, and amend restrictions on what hardware stores can sell.

These changes reflect Perth's maturity as a city and, coupled with reforms to liquor licensing that allow restaurants to serve liquor without a meal, have added to the transformation of our capital city into a truly world-class tourist destination.

## Our Commitment

If re-elected, the Liberals will immediately extend Sunday trading so retail stores in the Perth metropolitan area can open at 9am.

The practical effect of these overdue changes is that Western Australian consumers will have greater choice and shops will open in line with other capital cities.



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