

Peter Malinauskas MP Premier

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Public holiday on September 22

Next Thursday, September 22, will be a one-off public holiday in South Australia, coinciding with a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Prime Minister announced the date yesterday and this has been endorsed by State Cabinet this morning.

Usual arrangements for public holidays will be in place, including the closure of schools, banks and the payment of public holiday penalty rates to workers, in accordance with their employment agreements.

Shop trading hours will be similar to Anzac Day, whereby shops stay closed until midday as a mark of respect. Larger shops in the city and suburbs will be permitted to open from 12pm to 9pm. An exemption to the Shop Trading Hours Act will be authorised for this purpose.

The State Government is currently working through arrangements in public hospitals to ensure as many elective surgeries can take place as possible. This is complicated by the closure of schools and childcare centres impacting health workers ability to attend work. Patients with bookings at public hospitals for next Thursday are advised to not contact their hospital until arrangements are in place, which will be finalised by Friday.

Quotes attributable to Peter Malinauskas

The death of Queen Elizabeth II is a significant moment in our nation's history – the last time our monarch died was more than 70 years ago.

The Commonwealth has announced a public holiday for a National Day of Mourning, which is appropriate given the magnitude of the death of the Queen.

Given the unavoidably late notice of this decision, there will be some disruption for some South Australians. The State Government is committed to ensuring to the extent it is possible, we minimise these disruptions to people's lives.

This will be an opportunity for all of us to come together, as a nation, to pay our respects to somebody who has made an unrivalled contribution to public life.