

Retail trading hours for National Day of Mourning

Tuesday, 13 September 2022

National Public Holiday to honour life and service of Queen Elizabeth II
Normal public holiday trading hours will apply for Thursday 22 September
Metropolitan Perth trading hours will be 11am to 5pm, in accordance with
the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* (WA)

The State Government will apply normal public holiday trading hours for the one-off National Public Holiday to honour Queen Elizabeth II.

The National Public Holiday recommended by the Commonwealth Government and agreed by National Cabinet is to commemorate Her Majesty's remarkable life and dedication to service over the past 70 years.

A National Day of Mourning Memorial Service in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra, will be broadcast live across the nation from 9am Western Standard Time on Thursday 22 September. The service will begin with one minute's silence and is expected to conclude before 11am.

General retail shops in the Perth metropolitan area will be able to trade between 11am and 5pm, as part of the standard public holiday trading hours, during the National Public Holiday on Thursday 22 September.

The retail trading hours for the one-off National Public Holiday are in accordance with the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* (WA).

Normal retail trading hours of 8am to 9pm will return on Friday 23 September. Extended public holiday retail trading hours of 8am to 6pm will apply for the annual Queen's Birthday (WA) Public Holiday on Monday 26 September as already gazetted earlier this year.

General retail shops in regional WA are ordinarily closed on public holidays, unless the local government authority has previously applied for an extension to their trading hours.

If traders in the regions want to open and do not have an existing variation order, they can apply to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection through their local government authority. For Consumer Protection enquiries call 08 6251 2466.

Comments attributed to Commerce Minister Roger Cook:

"The nation will pause on Thursday 22 September to honour the extraordinary contribution to public life made by Queen Elizabeth II.

"The public holiday agreed by National Cabinet will begin with a National Day of Mourning Memorial Service, broadcast live around the country at 9am.

"In line with normal public holiday trading hours, shops in the Perth metropolitan will be able to trade from 11am to 5pm on this one-off National Public Holiday."

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