

Liquor Licensing Fact Sheet ANZAC Day trading hours

Late night trading venues such as nightclubs, pubs and bars across the state that would normally trade between 3am and midday are required to cease the supply of alcohol at 3am on ANZAC Day.

ANZAC Day is a time of respectful commemoration for all Australians. To protect the solemn observance of this day, trading hours for licensed venues are restricted on the morning of ANZAC Day.

The restrictions achieve a balance between the commercial interests of the industry and community expectations. Applications for temporary limited licences and major event licences for ANZAC Day will be considered if the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) is satisfied that the supply of alcohol is in connection with commemorative activities and consistent with the solemn observance of the day.

In particular, to ensure commemorative events are not affectred, RSL clubs and sub-branches may apply for temporary limited licences to supply alcohol before midday.

Details on how to apply for these licences are available at vcglr.vic.gov.au.

Exemptions to ANZAC Day restrictions	
RSL clubs and sub-branches	RSL clubs and sub-branches must apply for a temporary limited licence to trade between 3am and midday.
Wineries	Wineries that are currently authorised to begin trading at 10am on ANZAC Day will still be able to open at 10am as normal.
Residents and guests of residents in licensed premises as well as guests of licensees	Supply of liquor in these circumstances is not considered to disturb the public commemoration of ANZAC Day.
Liquor supplied by airlines aboard aircraft or by duty free retailers	The servicing of aircrafts and the sale of liquor through duty free outlets to international travellers will not be affected.
Pre-retail licence	Since pre-retail licensees cannot supply liquor to the general public, they are not considered to pose a risk to the commemoration of ANZAC Day.

Note: Late night venues should check their trading hours for the day before ANZAC Day to ensure they are authorised to trade. For example, should ANZAC Day fall on a Sunday, a licence that shows Saturday trading until 5am the following day is not authorised to trade past 3am.

Licensees with enquiries should contact the VCGLR at 1300 182 457.

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