Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2017

Policy Purpose

The Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy is made under the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 (the ‘Act). The Act was amended in 2016 to allow territorial authorities to have a policy that permitted shops to open on Easter Sundays. The changes do not apply to other holiday dates such as Easter Friday for which current trading restrictions will remain.

The Policy aims to meet demand for goods and services from visitors and residents in Whakatāne during the Easter Holiday weekend.

The Policy permits shops to open for trading on Easter Sunday within the entire Whakatāne District.

Interpretation

‘shop’ has the same as in the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990, that is:

a shop is a building, place or part of a building or place, where goods are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall or other subdivision of a market; but does not include –

(a) A private home where the owner or occupier’s effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise); or
(b) A building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them; or
(c) A building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling goods to people who are dealers and buy the goods to sell them again.

Policy

The Whakatāne District Council will permit shop trading in the whole of the Whakatāne District on Easter Sunday as provided for by the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.

The extent of the Whakatāne District is shown in the map below.
Review

The Act requires that the Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy must be reviewed no later than five years after the date on which it is adopted. Section 5C(4) of the Shop Trading Hours Act requires the use of the Special Consultative Procedure when undertaken a review and determining whether to amend, revoke, replace or continue the policy.

Council cannot delegate the power to make the final decision on whether to adopt, amend or revoke the policy.