Executive Summary

The Stratford District Council’s Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy provides shops with the opportunity to open and trade on Easter Sunday throughout the District.

Council’s Role and Responsibility

The Council may provide a policy stance on Easter Sunday Trading within the Stratford District. The Council is not responsible for the enforcement of this Policy. It is the responsibility of employers who want shop employees to work on an Easter Sunday to give notice to the shop employee of his or her right to refuse to work on Easter Sunday in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Shop employees who intend to refuse to work on Easter Sunday must also give notice to their employers of that intention in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Objectives

To enable all shops to open and trade on Easter Sunday within the Stratford District or parts thereof.

Requirements of the Act

Under section 5A of the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990, the Council may have a local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy to permit shops to open on Easter Sunday in an area comprising the whole of the district or any parts of the district.

Policy

1.0 Shop trading is permitted within the entirety of the District (see Figure 1) on Easter Sunday, as provided for under the Act.

2.0 This policy does not apply to the sale and supply of alcohol on Easter Sunday from licenced premises, which is regulated by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
Definitions

Act means the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.
Council means the Stratford District Council.
District means the area within the jurisdiction of the Stratford District Council (see Figure 1)
Shop means 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.

Review of Policy

3.0 This Policy shall be reviewed every five (5) years to ensure the policy is effective and efficient at achieving the objectives.