



LIQUOR LICENSING

With summer and the festive season fast approaching, people are starting to plan where they want to celebrate, and it is important that venues also start to plan how they can best accommodate their patrons. An important part of that process is reviewing your liquor licence and considering whether you can take advantage of any of the extended trading permits, or whether you could apply for an occasional liquor licence.

Extended Trading Permit - Alfresco Dining

With more and more people wanting to dine outside to take advantage of the longer days and warmer weather, now is the perfect time to apply for an extended trading permit for alfresco dining.

An extended trading permit for alfresco dining will allow a licensee to provide liquor to patrons in an alfresco area adjacent to the licensed premises.

To obtain an extended trading permit for alfresco dining, the licensee will require consent from the owner of the land and potentially the local government. This process can be time consuming, so it is important to start the process as soon as possible.

Occasional Liquor Licences

If you do not hold a current liquor licence and are considering holding an event and selling liquor, it is highly likely you will need to obtain an occasional liquor licence to do so. The Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor have very strict time limits for applying for an occasional liquor licence. Depending upon the type of event and the number of people who will be attending the event, the time limit to apply for an occasional liquor licence could range anywhere from 14 days to 60 days before the event. With the number of applications that are lodged over the summer period and the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor's Christmas closure, it is essential that your application takes into account the above timeframe to ensure that it is considered in time for your event.

Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor's Christmas Closure

If you are considering applying for an extended trading permit or an occasional liquor licence, it is important to note that the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor will be closed over



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the Christmas period from 24 December 2018 to 1 January 2019 (inclusive) and applications will not be considered during this time.

If you would like any assistance with obtaining a liquor licence, an extended trading permit or an occasional liquor licence, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Murfett Legal on +61 8 9388 3100.

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