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## **No liquor licence for Epicurean Centre**

Liquor Licensing Victoria has refused Centrepoin't's Epicurean Centre a General Licence. No appeal against the decision appears to have been lodged within the 30 days allowed.

In talks with RHCA before the licence was applied for, the lessees agreed they required only an on premises licence for the restaurant and an off-premises licence for the wine tasting centre.

RHCA supports this, and opposes a General Licence.

Work at the Epicurean Centre appears to have stopped. RHCA was told the scheduled opening date is April-May.

## **Red Hill Brewery gets new opening hours**

Around the corner in Cherry Lane, VCAT has granted the Red Hill Brewery longer trading hours, and permission to open later on 12 days a year.

They may operate until 6pm (7pm during Daylight Saving) on Mondays during the Victorian school holidays and before the Melbourne Cup, and between 11am and 6pm (7pm during Daylight Saving) on no more than 12 days in a calendar year in addition to other nominated hours.

## **Your new committee**

At RHCA's Annual General Meeting held last November 22, your committee was re-elected unopposed.

The committee is: David Maddocks (chair); Bob Anselmi (acting vice-chair); Felicity

Jackson (secretary) and Jenny McIlroy (treasurer). Committee members are: Max Anderson, Jo Pittendrigh, Jenny Rowntree, Jenny Stidston and David Harrison. But ... we'd love some of you to nominate this year!

## **T'Gallant: is no news from VCAT good news?**

VCAT Members Gibson and Cibonis are still considering their verdict in the T'Gallant (Foster's Group) application to expand its restaurant from 60 to 274 patrons, plus 40 cellar door patrons.

A decision favouring Foster's Group will likely affect all Green Wedge zones around Melbourne: it could enable all sub-40 hectare sites with existing restaurants to expand hugely – way beyond the limits allowed for new restaurants proposed for the minimum 40 ha, which are allowed only 150 seats.

T'Gallant is sited on 15.81 ha. It admits its sewerage system is inadequate, but continues to operate well above 60 patrons and 41 vehicles on site at any one time. Mornington Peninsula Shire continues to ignore the breaches at this and other such restaurants, despite being told of them.

## **Our bright new service station may be dimmed**

Mornington Peninsula Shire has received a number of complaints about the dazzling price board at Red Hill's newly revamped service station. We believe United Petroleum, the service station operator, has been told the signage is being assessed.

The shire has informed one objector that the sign does not comply with its requirements for signage, possibly meaning that United put up the price board without a permit.

RHCA has lodged an objection to the sign. We believe it is a serious driving hazard and out of character with our village. It is identical to the sign United has at its well lit Moorooduc Highway service station – a quite different environment to Red Hill.

## **Shire gets green light for more happy campers**

Mornington Peninsula Shire has been granted Ministerial approval to allow up to 100 caravan and camping sites on 40-plus ha properties outside the peninsula's urban growth boundaries.

Some 120 properties are eligible to set up these new camp sites.

Up to 15 per cent of the accommodation can be 'cabins or the like', according to the shire's latest *Peninsula-Wide* publication.

The shire seeks feedback. Ring Sarah Davison (5950 1966) or go to [WWW.MORNPEN.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.MORNPEN.VIC.GOV.AU) for details, including a form for your written submission.

RHCA intends to make a submission detailing how we believe this scheme could impact on our beautiful rural environment.