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LATER TRADING FOR VIVID AND SPORTS EVENTS

The NSW Government has extended hotel and club trading times for upcoming cultural and sports events including Vivid Sydney, the FIFA World Cup, State of Origin and NRL Grand Final, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

“The trading extensions are part of the NSW Government’s support for major cultural and sports events that boost our State’s economy, and create jobs and tourism opportunities,” Mr Toole said.

“This is the first time later trading has been granted for Vivid Sydney, reflecting its status as a major national festival.”

Hotels and clubs in the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross areas will be able to trade until 11pm on the three Sundays during Vivid: 27 May, 3 June and 10 June.

Standard 10pm Sunday trading has been extended to midnight across NSW for State of Origin game 2, to be held in Sydney on 24 June, and also for the NRL Grand Final on 30 September.

Statewide trading extensions will apply for a number of FIFA World Cup matches for venues showing live broadcasts during June and July, applying to matches featuring Australia as well as the World Cup Final.

Sunday night extensions until midnight have also been granted to local venues for the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft (10 June) and the Bathurst 1000 (7 October).

Mr Toole said the later trading will enable hotels and clubs to cater for expected increases in patronage for these special events.

“We recognise the key role licensed venues play in providing entertainment options to help people enjoy major cultural and sporting events,” Mr Toole said.

Mr Toole reminded venues and patrons to adhere to responsible service and consumption of alcohol so everyone can enjoy a safe night out.

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| Special event | Extended trading times | Type and location of eligible venues |
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| Vivid Festival | 10pm to 11pm on Sunday 27 May Sunday 3 June Sunday 10 June | Hotel and clubs in the following parts of City of Sydney Council LGA:: Sydney, The Rocks, Barangaroo and Potts Point |
| Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft | 10pm to midnight on Sunday 10 June | Hotels and clubs in Coonamble Shire LGA |
| State of Origin Game 2 | 10pm to midnight on Sunday 24 June | Hotels and clubs statewide |
| FIFA World Cup: Group Game Australia v Peru | Midnight to 3am on Wednesday 27 June | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Round of 16 (only if Australia is playing) | Midnight to 4:30am on Sunday 1 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Round of 16 (only if Australia is playing) | 3:30am to 5am on Monday 2 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Quarter final (only if Australia is playing) | Midnight to 4:30am on Saturday 7 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Quarter final (only if Australia is playing) | 3:30am to 10am on Sunday 8 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Semi-final (only if Australia is playing) | 3:30am to 5am on Wednesday 11 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Semi-final (only if Australia is playing) | 3:30am to 5am on Thursday 12 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Third place play-off (only if Australia is playing) | Midnight to 4:30am on Sunday 15 July | Hotels and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| FIFA World Cup Final | Midnight to 5am on Monday 16 July | Hotel and clubs statewide showing a live broadcast |
| NRL Grand Final | 10pm to midnight on Sunday 30 September | Hotels and clubs statewide |
| Bathurst 1000 | 10pm to midnight on Sunday 7 October | Hotels and clubs in the following parts of the Bathurst Regional Council LGA: Abercrombie, Bathurst, Eglinton, Kelso, Llanarth, Mitchell, Mt Panorama, Orton Park, Perthville, Raglan, South Bathurst, West Bathurst and Windradyne |

Venues already approved to trade during or beyond the extended hours are not impacted by these special arrangements, and can continue to trade as usual. The extended trading will not change Sydney's last drinks and lockout laws, or the cut off times for the sale of takeaway alcohol statewide. Licensees must still comply with any individual trading restrictions or other special conditions that apply to their licences under the Liquor Act.