



# OUTDOOR DINING AND TRADING FOR WYNDHAM BUSINESSES

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, Wyndham City is working with businesses to make it as easy as possible to welcome people safely back to our city.

All Victorian businesses need a COVID-safe plan and will need to follow Victorian Government restrictions on how many people can be within a building or space.

There are a number of ways that businesses can start using or increase the use of outdoor space to maximise the number of customers that they can serve.

## How can I extend my outdoor trading or dining area?

Wyndham City is providing businesses with free Footpath Trading Permits until 31 August 2021 to increase their outdoor trading area. This includes the use of things like tables and the display of goods and A-frame signs. The review of Footpath Trading Permit applications has been fast tracked to five business days. You can:

1. Apply for a Footpath Trading Permit.
2. Apply to extend an existing Footpath Trading Permit (eg additional furniture).
3. Apply for a Footpath Trading Permit in front of neighbouring businesses (with their agreement).
4. Apply for a Temporary Commercial Use of Public Space Permit.



## How do I apply for a Footpath Trading Permit?

Visit Council's website and read the Footpath Trading Guidelines and Public Health and Food Safety Guide to find out more about how footpath space can be used and complete the application form. You can find more information at [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/footpathtrading](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/footpathtrading). You will need to include:

- A copy of your Public Liability Insurance.
- A drawing of the site plan with measurements.
- Colour photos or drawings and measurements of proposed furniture.
- A copy of your Liquor Licence (if applicable).

## How do I apply for a Temporary Commercial Use of Public Space Permit?

Businesses in shopping strips, town centres and activity centres, may also apply to extend their outdoor trading or dining area with temporary use of Council-managed public space adjoining, adjacent or in close proximity to your business. This might include areas such as streets, carparks and open space within town centres or shopping strips. This excludes parks and reserves.

To be eligible your business must:

- Be located in a shopping strip, town centre or activity centre and seeking use of public space that adjoins, is adjacent to or in close proximity to your business; and
- Have a Footpath Trading Permit in place and be fully utilising the existing available space, including neighbouring properties (if applicable and with their approval).

Businesses that are not able to apply for a Footpath Trading Permit due to the width of the footpath, or for safety reasons, may also be eligible for a Temporary Commercial Use of Public Space permit.

The Temporary Commercial Use of Public Space Permit is a new permit and applications are free, with fees waived until 31 August 2021. Review of applications will be fast-tracked and businesses can expect a response within 10 business days. For more information, and to complete a free application, visit [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/outdoortrading](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/outdoortrading).

## What if my business is located inside a shopping centre?

If your business is located within a privately-owned and managed shopping centre contact your Centre Manager about options to extend your trading area.

## What financial support is available?

Businesses may be eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 through the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package. Grants can assist with the purchase of practical items, such as umbrellas and outdoor furniture. To apply, visit [www.business.vic.gov.au](http://www.business.vic.gov.au).

## What about liquor licencing?

Businesses will need to apply for a liquor licence for their new outdoor trading area or apply to vary an existing licence for extended areas. The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation have created a free, streamlined process to help existing licensees temporarily use public outdoor areas to supply liquor, with further detail at [www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/covid-19).