

Liquor (Special Event) Declaration 2026 (No 3)

Notifiable instrument NI2026–365

made under the

Liquor Act 2010, s 214D (Declaration of special event)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Liquor (Special Event) Declaration 2026 (No 3)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Declaration of special event — Act, s 214D (4) (a) (i)

The events specified in column 1 of schedule 1 are declared to be special events.

4 Date and time of special event — Act, s 214D (4) (a) (ii)

The date and time of the special events are specified in the corresponding row of column 2 of schedule 1.

5 Date and extended hours during which a licensee for licensed premises may supply liquor at the premises for the event — Act, s 214D (4) (a) (iii)

The date and extended hours during which a licensee for a licensed premises may supply liquor at the premises for the special event are specified in the corresponding row of column 3 of schedule 1.

6 Conditions — Act, s 214D (4) (b)

The conditions with which a licensee for licensed premises must comply for the special event are specified in the corresponding row of column 4 of schedule 1.

7 Expiry

This instrument expires on 30 March 2027.

Josh Rynhart
Head of Access Canberra
30 July 2026

Schedule 1 Special event declaration

Under section 214D (1) of the *Liquor Act 2010* (the Act), the Head of Access Canberra may declare an event to be a *special event*. This provides for extended trading where a licensee may supply liquor at the licensed premises during any extended trading period stated in Column 3.

A licensee must comply with any conditions stated in Column 4.

In making this declaration, the Head of Access Canberra is satisfied that an event stated in Column 1 is a significant event at an international, national, State, Territory or local level, and that it is in the public interest to make this declaration.

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AFL Round 22 match - GWS Giants v Gold Coast Suns	1:10pm Sunday 9 August 2026	Sunday 9 August 2026 extended until 2am Monday 10 August 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
AFLW Round 3 match – GWS Giants v Port Adelaide	12:35pm Sunday 30 August 2026	Sunday 30 August 2026 extended until 2am Monday 31 August 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP)

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Canberra Moon Festival	Friday 4 September 2026 – Sunday 6 September 2026	Friday 4 September 2026 extended until 2am Saturday 5 September 2026 Saturday 5 September 2026 extended until 2am Sunday 6 September 2026 Sunday 6 September 2026 extended until 2am Monday 7 September 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
NRLW Round 10 match – Raiders v Eels	6:15pm Sunday 6 September 2026	Sunday 6 September 2026 extended until 2am Monday 7 September 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.

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AFLW Round 6 match – GWS Giants v Richmond Tigers	12:35pm Sunday 20 September 2026	Sunday 20 September 2026 extended until 2am Monday 21 September 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
AFL Grand Final	Saturday 26 September 2026	Saturday 26 September 2026 extended until 2am Sunday 27 September 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Floriade NightFest	Thursday 1 October 2026 – Sunday 4 October 2026	Thursday 1 October 2026 extended until 2am Friday 2 October 2026 Friday 2 October 2026 extended until 2am Saturday 3 October 2026 Saturday 3 October 2026 extended until 2am Sunday 4 October 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the

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NRL and NRLW Grand Final	Sunday 4 October 2026	Sunday 4 October 2026 extended until 2am Monday 5 October 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
National Basketball League match – Sydney Kings v New Zealand Breakers	7:30pm Wednesday 14 October 2026	Wednesday 14 October 2026 extended until 2am Thursday 15 October 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Rugby Union match – Wallaroos v Scotland	7:30pm Friday 23 October 2026	Friday 23 October 2026 extended until 2am Saturday 24 October 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP)

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2026 Melbourne Cup	Tuesday 3 November 2026	Tuesday 3 November 2026 extended until 2am Wednesday 4 November 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
La Fiesta	Saturday 7 November 2026	Saturday 7 November 2026 extended until 2am Sunday 8 November 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
5 th T20 Cricket match - Men's T20 Series v England	7:15pm Wednesday 2 December 2026	Wednesday 2 December 2026 extended until 2am Thursday 3 December 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale.

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Spilt Milk Canberra	Saturday 12 December 2026	Saturday 12 December 2026 extended until 2am Sunday 13 December 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Big Bash League – Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers	7:15pm Wednesday 16 December 2026	Wednesday 16 December 2026 extended until 2am Thursday 17 December 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.

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National Basketball League match – Sydney Kings v Cairns Taipans	7:30pm Thursday 17 December 2026	Thursday 17 December 2026 extended until 2am Friday 18 December 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-Assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Christmas Eve	Thursday 24 December 2026	Thursday 24 December 2026 extended until 2am Friday 25 December 2026	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
New Year's Eve	Thursday 31 December 2026	Thursday 31 December 2026 extended until 2am Friday 1 January 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the

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Big Bash League – Sydney Sixers v Adelaide Strikers	7:15pm Sunday 3 January 2027	Sunday 3 January 2027 extended until 2am Monday 4 January 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Big Bash League – Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars	7:15pm Monday 11 January 2027	Monday 11 January 2027 extended until 2am Tuesday 12 January 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Australia Day Events	Monday 25 January 2027 – Tuesday 26 January 2027	Monday 25 January 2027 extended until 2am Tuesday 26 January 2027 Tuesday 26 January 2027 extended until 2am Wednesday 27 January 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP)

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Australian Tennis Open • Women’s Final • Men’s Final	Saturday 30 January 2027 – Sunday 31 January 2027	Saturday 30 January 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 31 January 2027 Sunday 31 January 2027 extended until 2am Monday 1 February 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
National Multicultural Festival	Friday 5 February 2027 – Sunday 7 February 2027	Friday 5 February 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 6 February 2027 Saturday 6 February 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 7 February 2027 Sunday 7 February 2027 extended until 2am Monday 8 February 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Lunar New Year	Saturday 13 February 2027	Saturday 13 February 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 14 February 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale.

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100 th Royal Canberra Show	Friday 19 February 2027 – Sunday 21 February 2027	Friday 19 February 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 20 February 2027 Saturday 20 February 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 21 February 2027 Sunday 21 February 2027 extended until 2am Monday 22 February 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale.
Belco Bowl Jam			Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Enlighten Festival • Opening weekend • Closing weekend	Friday 26 February 2027 – Monday 8 March 2027	Friday 26 February 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 27 February 2027 Saturday 27 February 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 28 February 2027 Sunday 28 February 2027 extended until 2am Monday 1 March 2027 Friday 5 March 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 6 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.

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Women's 1 st ODI match – Australia v New Zealand	Saturday 6 March 2027	Saturday 6 March 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 7 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Canberra Cup 2027	Sunday 7 March 2027	Sunday 7 March 2027 extended until 2am Monday 8 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the

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Canberra Day	Monday 8 March 2027	Monday 8 March 2027 extended until 2am Tuesday 9 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
Canberra Comedy Festival • Opening weekend • Closing weekend	Wednesday 10 March 2027 – Sunday 21 March 2027	Friday 12 March 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 13 March 2027 Saturday 13 March 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 14 March 2027 Friday 19 March 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 20 March 2027 Saturday 20 March 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 21 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.
150 th Anniversary Test Match – Australia v England	Thursday 11 March 2027 – Monday 15 March 2027	Thursday 11 March 2027 extended until 2am Friday 12 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale.

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National Folk Festival	Thursday 25 March 2027 – Monday 29 March 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027 extended until 2am Friday 26 March 2027 Friday 26 March 2027 extended until 2am Saturday 27 March 2027 Saturday 27 March 2027 extended until 2am Sunday 28 March 2027 Sunday 28 March 2027 extended until 2am Monday 29 March 2027	Extended hours apply only to drinks sold for consumption on premises, not off premises sale. Licensees subject to an approved Risk-assessment Management Plan (RAMP) must continue operating under the procedures and risk controls as set out in the RAMP.