



Te kaupapahere o te Wā Hokohoko o Te Aranga 2026 | Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026

DRAFT – FOR ADOPTION

Department	Policy, Partnerships and Governance
Policy Type	External
CM Reference	3164251
Resolution Date	TBC
Policy Effective From	1 July 2026 TBC
Policy Supersedes	Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2022
Review Frequency	Five-yearly or as required by Council or legislative changes.
Review Date	1 July 2031 TBC
Engagement Required	Special Consultative Procedure (Local Government Act 2002)



1. Te Kaupapa | Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy (Policy) is to enable *Shops* to trade on Easter Sunday if they choose to.
- 1.2 This Policy aims to meet demand for *Goods* and services from visitors and residents in the *Matamata-Piako District* during the Easter Holiday weekend.

2. Te marau me te tīmatanga | Title and Commencement

- 2.1 This Policy shall be known as the 'Matamata-Piako District Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy 2026'.
- 2.2 This Policy comes into force on 1 July 2026.

3. Horopaki | Background

- 3.1 The *Act* provides for restricted trading days, including Easter Sunday. The *Act* allows *Shops* selling certain types of *Goods* to remain open on the restricted trading days.
- 3.2 Types of *Shops* that can remain open on the restricted trading days include:
 - a) Dairies;
 - b) Service stations;
 - c) Pharmacies;
 - d) Take away bars;
 - e) Restaurants;
 - f) Cafes;
 - g) Souvenir stores; and
 - h) Garden centres.
- 3.3 *Shops* that are already permitted to trade on restricted trading days under Section 4 of the *Act* may continue to do so. This Policy additionally permits all other *Shops* in the *Matamata-Piako District* to open on Easter Sunday.

4. Te whakamana o te whakaturetanga | Enabling Enactments

- 4.1 This Policy is made under Part 2 (Subpart 1) of the *Act*, which allows councils to adopt a local policy permitting *Shops* to open on Easter Sunday.

5. Raupapa mahi | Scope

- 5.1 This Policy applies to *Shops* trading across the entire *Matamata-Piako District* (refer to Schedule 1 for a map of the *Matamata-Piako District*).
- 5.2 This Policy does not:
 - a) Apply to any day other than Easter Sunday.
 - b) Control the types of *Shops* that may open, or their opening hours.
 - c) Limit *Council's* ability to undertake its duties, powers or functions under any other legislation.
 - d) Apply to the sale and supply of alcohol, as this is regulated under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
 - e) Address *Shop* employee rights, which are governed by the requirements of the *Act*. For clarity, all *Shop* employees have the right to refuse to work on Easter Sunday without providing a reason to their employer. Employers must ensure

that this decision does not result in any disadvantage or repercussions for the employee's employment relationship.

- 5.3 This Policy neither requires *Shops* to open, nor individuals to browse or purchase *Goods* on Easter Sunday.
- 5.4 Enforcement of Easter Sunday *Shop* trading is undertaken by central government, currently by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under the *Act*. *Council* does not have enforcement powers under this Policy.

6. Kaupapahere I Policy

- 6.1 Any *Shop* is permitted to open on Easter Sunday throughout the *Matamata-Piako District*.

7. Te Arotakenga I Review

- 7.1 This Policy is a statutory review of the Local Easter Sunday Trading Policy 2022.
- 7.2 The *Act* requires that the Local Easter Sunday Shop Trading Policy must be reviewed no later than five years after the date on which it is adopted. Section 5C(4) of the *Act* requires the use of the Special Consultative Procedure when undertaking a review and determining whether to amend, revoke, replace or continue the policy. *Council* cannot delegate the power to make the final decision on whether to adopt, amend or revoke the policy.

8. Ngā Tautuhinga I Definitions

- 8.1 For the purposes of this Policy the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
<i>Act</i>	means the Shop Trading Hours Act 1990.
<i>Council</i>	means the governing body of the Matamata-Piako District Council or any person delegated to act on its behalf.
<i>Goods</i>	includes all personal chattels other than alcohol (within the meaning of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012), money, and things in action.
<i>Matamata-Piako District</i>	means the area of jurisdiction of the Matamata-Piako District Council.
<i>Shop</i>	means a building, place, or part of a building or place, where <i>Goods</i> are kept, sold, or offered for sale, by retail; and includes an auction mart, and a barrow, stall, or other subdivision of a market; but does not include – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a private home where the owner or occupier's effects are being sold (by auction or otherwise) a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling by auction agricultural products, pastoral products, and livestock, or any of them a building or place where the only business carried on is that of selling <i>Goods</i> to people who are dealers, and buy the <i>Goods</i> to sell them again.

Whakaritenga 1 | Schedule 1 – Description and Map of Matamata-Piako District where Shop Trading on Easter Sunday is permitted.

