



Recent spate of armed burglaries

After a quiet beginning to the year, pubs and other entertainment venues around the country have been the target of a spate of armed burglaries in March and April. Police say that six recent armed robberies at Canterbury pubs are likely linked and an organised group of criminals could be responsible.

In response, Hospitality New Zealand South Island is set to hold a series of armed robbery prevention training alongside police. The training will cover staff safety, cash handling and what to do in a robbery. We urge venue staff who have not attended NZCT-organised training to take up this offer. All staff should also be familiar with the Robbery Safety Kit we have provided to all venues.

Christchurch Police lead investigator Detective Inspector Darryl Sweeney said, "We encourage bar owners to ensure they do their banking daily and remain especially vigilant around closing time."

We echo this to all our venues, and recommend banking on Thursday 13 April to reduce the amount of cash you're holding



on the following public holidays, especially if you'll be closed over Easter Weekend. You may also want to consider increasing security during this holiday period.

Compliance Update: Operating gaming machines over Easter

A reminder that gaming machines can be operated only while the 'primary activity' of your venue is offered and available. This primary activity may be restricted at times, such as over Easter.

Venues that are primarily or exclusively used for the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol, such as taverns and pubs, won't be considered to have their 'primary activity offered and available' if the alcohol licence doesn't allow the sale and consumption of alcohol by customers on the premises. As the primary activity of the venue is not offered and available, the venue isn't permitted to operate its gaming machines during these times. This applies even if alcohol is being served to diners on days, such as Easter Sunday, where the sale of alcohol is restricted.

For any venue, such as a hotel, pool hall, bowling alley or restaurant, where the primary activity continues to be offered and

available despite restrictions placed on the venue by its alcohol licence or other legislation, the venue can operate its gaming machines as long as all other obligations for Class 4 gambling operation are met.

Your venue licence will show what your primary activity is. If you're unsure whether you can open on certain public holidays, we recommend you contact your local licensing authority or legal advisor.

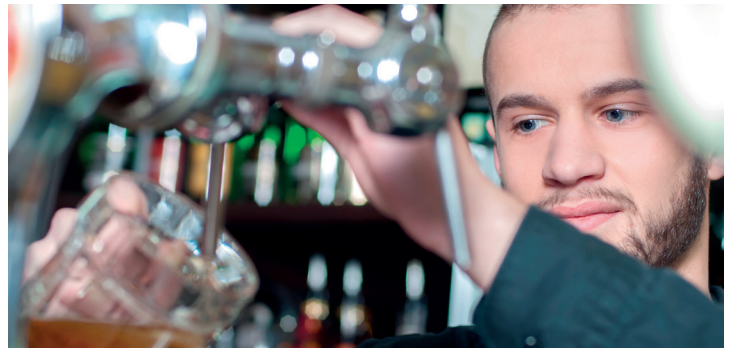
If you have any questions about banking days or gaming machine operation over the Easter period, feel free to call your NZCT Regional Manager.

Urgent information for Ezi Balance users

NZCT has been advised that Fortune, the supplier of the Ezi Balance software package, has gone into liquidation. There is no guarantee of ongoing support for the delivery of products or services from close of business on Thursday 13 April. So this means your Ezi Balance service could be affected from that time.

If you experience any issues with Ezi Balance, please call us on 0800 247 583 and we'll help you resolve them.

In the meantime, we're working to find a long-term solution to ensure continuing supply of the Ezi Balance service and will update you when we know more.



Good in the 'hood:

Netherton's hall gets a new lease of life

The small community of Netherton on the Hauraki Plains near Paeroa relies on its hall as a hub for community activities. Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from NZCT, the hall was able to be moved across the road from its original location next to the state highway to a safer site on the school grounds.

First built in 1908, Netherton Hall has had a colourful history, being blown off its foundations in 1910, used as a cinema during the early days of movies in the 1920s, and as a venue for farewells of departing servicemen in the Second World War. It has also been the home of weddings, indoor bowls and rowdy dances. More recently, the hall has hosted karate classes, motorhome rallies, children's birthday parties, first aid training and inter-school workshops.

The hall has had extensive upgrade work and the final phase involves completing the waste system, installing gas for hot water and cooking, new bathrooms, and upgrading the foyer and storage facilities.

Hall Association Secretary Tracey Adams said,

“ Our vision for the hall when it has reached full completion is to grow the use of it by the community for education, social and sporting activities. It is, and will continue to be, a central resource for the Netherton community and school. ”

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Industry Update:

Workers and their new health and safety duties

The Health and Safety at Work Act (HSW Act) has changed the focus from the employer–employee relationship to the person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) and the workers they must keep safe. There are many new responsibilities on PCBUs and their officers, but workers also have an increased role.

A 'worker' is a person who carries out work in any capacity for a PCBU. This includes not only employees but also contractors, subcontractors, employees of contractors and subcontractors, apprentices, trainees and volunteers. PCBUs need to identify who's working in their business. This isn't limited to the physical business premises, but broadly the work of the business or undertaking.

Workers while at work must:

- take reasonable care for their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that their acts or omissions don't adversely affect the health and safety of others
- comply, as far as is reasonably able, with any reasonable instructions given by the PCBU
- cooperate with any reasonable health or safety policy or procedure of the PCBU notified to workers.

Any person who breaches a duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act can be criminally liable. This includes workers.

For further information, read WorkSafe New Zealand's guidance on '[Duties relating to other people at work](#)'

NZCT The Wrap is a bi-monthly publication for NZCT venue operators. We welcome your comments and feedback about issues raised in this edition or topics you would like covered in the future. Simply speak to your regional manager or contact Tanya Piejus: tanya.piejus@nzct.org.nz