

The demise of Barbeques Galore
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I started in the barbecue industry in the late 1980s, and since that time, I have seen lots of different BBQs, BBQ retailers and suppliers come and go.

The recent development of Barbeques Galore closing the doors of their 62 stores, came as a real shock, I must admit. I thought that a buyer would be found and, after a significant restructure, they would be saved and still be in business.

My business, BBQs Plus, has had a long-standing mutual respect for Barbeques Galore. They didn't sell what we did, and we didn't sell what they did, which meant that we could, at least, send a customer somewhere else to find a spare part or product we couldn't help with, and vice-versa.

Between both BBQs Plus and Barbeques Galore, customers had a great range of products from different manufacturers to choose from, and now that choice will be far more limited - I don't think that is a good thing for our BBQ industry.

There are plenty of small specialist independent BBQ retailers, like me, out in the marketplace. Family run businesses, employing local people, and generally making a go of it, selling quality brands such as GrandFire, Weber, Big Green Egg, Napoleon and Beefeater. I will always recommend to anyone, looking to make a BBQ purchase, to seek out the independent specialist retailer for better service and product range

I fear for the hundreds of Barbeques Galore staff who have suddenly lost their jobs, especially in these more difficult times. BBQs Plus will be advertising for new staff in the coming weeks, and we have already extended an invitation to the Barbeques Galore Moorabbin store for their staff to send us their resumes.

In addition, as Barbeques Galore Gift Cards will only be honoured at their Barbeques Galore stores until the 30th of June 2026, BBQs Plus would like to extend this following offer to all Barbeques Galore customers:

Until the 24th of December 2026, BBQs Plus will honour Barbeques Galore Gift Cards with anyone making a purchase, in store only, at our Moorabbin or Port Melbourne Stores.

BBQs Plus will, as a discount, honour the value of the Gift Card being redeemed, up to 5% of the total transaction value and only 1 Barbeques Galore Gift Card per transaction. Terms and Conditions apply. The redemption offer explicitly applies to the Recommended Retail Price (RRP) as deemed by BBQs Plus. The redemption offer does not apply to any “Bundle Offers” offered by BBQs Plus.

As an example, to redeem a $50 gift card, a customer is required to make a total purchase of $1,000. A $100 gift card can be redeemed at the RRP of $2,000 etc. The offer of redemption is not guaranteed and only honoured at the agreement of the Store Manager. This can be spent on any items available at BBQs Plus stores. The offer may be terminated or extended by BBQs Plus Management at any time. We hope this offer might assist customers in some small way.

The end of Barbeques Galore is the end of a significant era for the retail BBQ sector in Australia and we wish those affected all the best as a new era emerges.

Signed

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