

FACT FILE – MOBILE FOOD PREMISES

OVERVIEW AND STREATRADER

Mobile food vehicles are a great way to take your food business to your customers. This Fact File provides a summary of the requirements for food vehicles proposing to sell food on the Mornington Peninsula. It includes contact details for the relevant areas within the Shire to assist food vehicle operators obtain thorough advice before selling foods on the Mornington Peninsula. It does not apply to community groups, fundraising activities or temporary food premises (eg Pop-Ups).

The Food Act 1984 allows an operator of a food vehicle to sell food in any municipality and operate under the one 'Streatrader' registration. Streatrader is a state wide online system for mobile food businesses to register and notify each Council of their proposed food sales throughout Victoria. Mobile food premises that are registered with PrimeSafe or Dairy Food Safety Victoria must also register and lodge notifications of proposed food sales on Streatrader. To register on Streatrader go to <https://streatrader.health.vic.gov.au/>

Food vehicles must be registered under the Food Act 1984, lodge notification of proposed food sales on Streatrader and operate only at **permitted** locations. Mornington Peninsula Shire will not approve proposals on Streatrader for roaming food vehicles (except for two roving residential permits each year). The proposed site address must be specified on the Streatrader notification. Notification of proposed food sales on Streatrader is **not** consent to use land. This consent must be obtained from the land owner or land manager.

FOOD ACT REGISTRATION

A mobile food business that conducts the following activities requires Food Act registration with the Council where it is normally garaged:

- preparing and selling food from a motor vehicle
- ice cream van
- mobile snack trucks
- mobile food trailers
- coffee vans
- other vehicles where foods are sold to the public

Mobile food businesses **do not** include food transport vehicles used to deliver food for catering, transporting food from a manufacturing business to a retail premises or for the home delivery of food.

The type of mobile food vehicle you plan to use may influence the type of foods that you are permitted to provide from that vehicle. For example, an ice cream van may not be permitted to sell other foods such as sandwiches and hot foods.

Please contact the Council where your vehicle is normally garaged to discuss Food Act registration requirements such as fitout, fees and the application process. Your vehicle must comply with National Food Safety Standards and will be inspected annually by the registering Council. If your vehicle is garaged within Mornington Peninsula Shire please contact the Shire's Environmental Health Team at food@mornpen.vic.gov.au for further information on the Food Act registration process.

Please note that your vehicle must also meet Energy Safe Victoria requirements for gas and electrical safety. For further information contact Energy Safe Victoria at www.esv.vic.gov.au

PERMITTED LOCATIONS

Food vehicles located on Shire owned or managed land must operate in accordance with the Shire's:

1. Itinerant Traders Policy and Tender Procedures; and
2. General Purposes Local Law No. 1

Guidance on permitted locations is provided as follows:

A. MARKETS AND EVENTS

Mobile food premises and food vehicles can operate at local Markets and Events with the consent of the organiser. For further information on Markets visit <http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Activities/Whats-On/Markets>. For further information on Events contact Community and Special Events at events@mornpen.vic.gov.au

B. SHIRE PARKS, RESERVES, ROADSIDES AND FORESHORE AREAS

The Shire's Property Operations Team provides opportunities for mobile food vehicle vendors to add to the public's enjoyment by allocating five static foreshore permits and two roving residential permits per year. In July of each year, the Team invites expressions of interest to appoint vendors to the sites for 12 months (November to October) to operate during daylight hours. The operating fee can range from \$1500 onwards, and is subject to change on an annual basis. Nominated areas for Itinerant Traders are listed on the Shire's web site at <http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Business-Economy/Permit-information/Mobile-Food-Vans>. Once all areas have been allocated, no further food vehicle trading will be permitted. Trading without a current Itinerant Traders Permit can attract significant penalties under the Shire's Local Law. For further information, contact property@mornpen.vic.gov.au or visit www.mpbusiness.com.au

Food vehicles are not permitted to operate on roadsides or road reserves managed by the Shire. Food vehicle operators wishing to operate on Shire sporting reserves must seek consent from the tenant club/s and the Shire's Buildings and Facilities Unit.

C. FORESHORE AREAS AND ROAD RESERVES MANAGED BY STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

To operate on foreshore reserves managed by Parks Victoria or other Government agencies please contact these agencies directly for approval.

Food vehicles are not permitted to operate on roadsides or road reserves managed by VicRoads.

D. PRIVATE LAND

Mobile food premises operating on any land within the Shire must comply with the provisions of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme. Food vehicles selling food from private land as a fixed location may require planning consent from the Shire and are not permitted if they contravene the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme or any planning permit conditions. Please contact the Shire at customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au for advice on planning requirements.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information please contact Customer Service on: 1300 850 600 or 5950 1000.