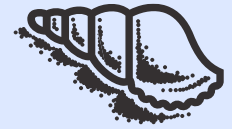


FACT FILE

MOBILE FOOD PREMISES



Mornington
Peninsula Shire

OVERVIEW AND FOODTRADER

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.

The Food Act 1984 allows an operator of a food vehicle to sell food in any municipality and operate under the one 'FoodTrader' registration. FoodTrader is a statewide 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 FoodTrader. To register on FoodTrader go to <https://foodtrader.vic.gov.au/>.

Food vehicles must be registered under the Food Act 1984, lodge notification of proposed food sales on FoodTrader and operate only at **permitted** locations. Mornington Peninsula Shire will not approve proposals on FoodTrader for roaming food vehicles (except for two roving residential permits each year). The proposed site address must be specified on the FoodTrader notification. Notification of proposed food sales on FoodTrader is **not** permission to use land. This consent must be obtained from the landowner 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 fit out, 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 refer to the Shire web site at [Register a Food Business – Mornington Peninsula Shire](#) or contact the Shire’s Environmental Health Team on phone 1300 850 600 for further information on Food Act registration.

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. Food Truck Policy; and
2. Community Amenity Local Law

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 refer to [Markets – Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](#). For further information on Events refer to [Event Planning – Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](#) or email event.permits@mornpen.vic.gov.au.

B. SHIRE PARKS, RESERVES, ROADSIDES AND FORESHORE AREAS

The Shire offers opportunities for mobile food vehicle vendors to add to the public’s enjoyment by allocating fourteen static foreshore permits and four roaming residential permits per year. Each allocation is valid for a period of three years. Nominated trading areas and fees for Mobile Traders are listed on the Shire’s web site at [Food Truck Permits – Mornington Peninsula Shire](#). For further information, contact property@mornpen.vic.gov.au or visit [Business permits – Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](#).

Food vehicle operators wishing to operate on Shire sporting reserves must seek consent from the tenant club/s and the Shire’s Sports Development Team.

Once all areas have been allocated, no further food vehicle trading will be permitted. Trading without a current Shire Permit can attract significant penalties under the Shire’s Community Amenity Local Law.

Food vehicles are not permitted to operate on other roadsides or road reserves managed by the Shire.

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 or on a regular basis may require planning consent and are not permitted if they contravene the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme or any planning permit conditions. Please refer to [General Planning Enquiry - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au) or contact the Shire at email planning@mornpen.vic.gov.au for advice on planning requirements.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please contact the Shire on phone 1300 850 600 or email customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au.