

## Mobile Food Vehicles

Mobile food vending vehicles, often called food vans or food trucks, are vehicles that are fitted out to sell food at events such as a fete or festival. They may also trade individually within Georges River Council with the relevant approval.



The setup and operation of a mobile food vehicle business must comply with:

- [NSW Food Act 2003](#),
- [Food Regulations 2015](#),
- Food Standard Code - specifically, [Standard 3.2.2](#), and
- [Guidelines for Mobile Food Vending Vehicles](#).

### Before Trading – Get a Food Permit

Before trading at any event in the Georges River Council area, mobile food vehicle operators must hold a current Food Permit regardless of the type of food sold. A [Food Permit Application](#) is available on Council's website. Application fees apply in accordance with Council's [Fees and Charges](#).

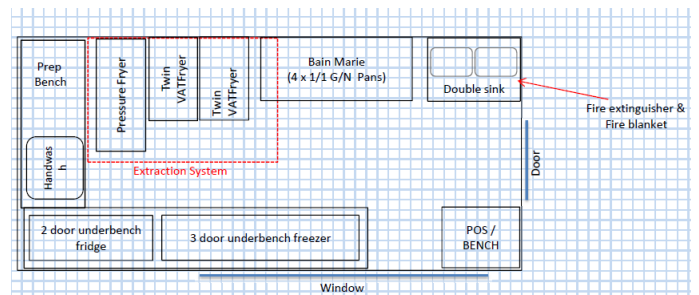
Successful applicants will receive a "Lifetime Food Permit". Mobile food vehicle operators can use this

Permit to apply to attend any events held within the Georges River Council area.

A Lifetime Food Permit does not require renewal, however, the Permit is not transferable. Once the business is sold, the new owner will need to apply for a new Food Permit.

Mobile Food vehicles that reside in the Georges River Council area after trading must be inspected by Council's Environmental Health Officers as part of the application process.

### Mobile food vehicle construction and fit-out



Typical Food Vehicle floor plan

The construction and fit-out of a mobile food vending vehicle must:

- ✓ Be appropriate for the type of food stored, prepared, and sold.
- ✓ Have enough space for all equipment and food handling activities, including storage.
- ✓ Can be easily cleaned and sanitised.
- ✓ Able to prevent the entry of pests.
- ✓ Have a hand wash basin for the washing of hands, face, and arms only.
- ✓ Have a separate wash-up sink to wash any unclean utensils or equipment.
- ✓ Have access to power and drinkable water.
- ✓ Have a working hot water system.
- ✓ Have adequate waste bin/s.

## Food Handling Requirements:

During trading, a mobile food vehicle must comply with the following:

- ✓ Display an appointed [Food Safety Supervisor \(FSS\) Certificate](#). For FSS requirements, visit [NSW Food Authority website](#).
- ✓ Food is stored in food-grade containers.
- ✓ Disposable eating utensils, straws and napkins are stored and protected from contamination.
- ✓ Have a digital probe thermometer with an accuracy of +/- 1°C that is readily accessible to measure the temperature of [Potentially hazardous food \(PHF\)](#).
- ✓ Keep PHF under [temperature control](#) at all times. This includes delivery, storage, display, and transport of food. Keep cold food at 5°C or colder and hot food at 60°C or hotter.
- ✓ Have a process in place to avoid contamination when handling both food and money.
- ✓ Food handlers must wash and dry hands thoroughly and regularly using the hand wash basin and paper towels.
- ✓ Food handlers should avoid picking up food, especially ready to eat food, with their bare hands. Use utensils like tongs or wear clean gloves.
- ✓ Regularly check to ensure the vehicle equipment and food contact surfaces are in good repair and kept clean and sanitary.
- ✓ [Food grade sanitiser](#) is available and used on all food contact surfaces and equipment.
- ✓ Animals are not permitted to enter mobile food vehicles at any time.

## Labelling of Food

Food that is ready to eat but is not prepared in the stall on the day must be labelled. For [labelling information](#), visit the NSW Food Authority website.

## Preparing Food at Home:

If food for sale is being stored and/or prepared from home, it is considered a [home business](#). A home business that involves food requires approval from the Council. For more information, contact [Council's Duty Planner Service](#).

## Inspection of Temporary Food Premises

Council's Environmental Health Officers may conduct inspections of temporary food premises. These inspections are unannounced, and an inspection fee will be charged to the mobile food business owner in accordance with Council's [Fees and Charges](#).

## Other approval

- A [Section 68 application](#) approval must be obtained by the event organiser or individuals who wish to trade on public land.
- A Development Application under Environmental and Assessment Plan 1979 may be required for some reoccurring events on private or Council land.

## Trading during COVID restriction

For temporary changes to trading during COVID, visit [COVID-19 Mobile Food and Drink Outlets factsheet](#).

## For Further Information

- For development application, contact [Council's Pre-lodgment Advisory Service](#)
- For ongoing operation and fit-out of the mobile food vehicle, contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on

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