



MOBILE FOOD VENDING

Thinking of setting up a food van?

Make sure you have the right information before you start.

WHAT IS A MOBILE FOOD VENDING VEHICLE?

A mobile food vending vehicle is any means of transport, whether self-propelled or not or otherwise designed to be movable from place to place, and which is used for selling food, whether on land, sea or air.

It includes vehicles used for on-site food preparation (e.g. hamburgers, hot dogs and kebabs), one-step food preparation (e.g. popcorn, fairy floss, coffee and squeezing juices), and the sale of any type of food including pre-packaged food.

A person using a mobile food vending vehicle to store, prepare or sell food for human consumption, is deemed to be a 'food business'. This includes not-for-profit operations.

A Mobile Food Vending Vehicle is a Food Premises and must comply with the same legislation and standards as other food premises.

Copies of the Food Standards Code 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 are available at www.foodstandards.gov.au

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Notification

All food vending vehicles based within the Council area are required to notify Council and will be placed on Council's Food Premises Register.

Approvals

A Section 68 Approval to trade on public land, issued under the Local Government Act 1993, is required before you can operate on any public or Council land in the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council area.

Before Council issues the Approval, Council staff will inspect the vehicle to ensure that the construction and fit out meets the requirements of the Food Act and the Food Safety Standards.

Application forms to Operate a Mobile Vending Vehicle are available from Council.

Inspections

Council staff will also undertake inspections of the Mobile Food Van while in operation.

As a Food Premises operating within the LGA the Operator will be subject to Fees and Charges, as adopted by Council.

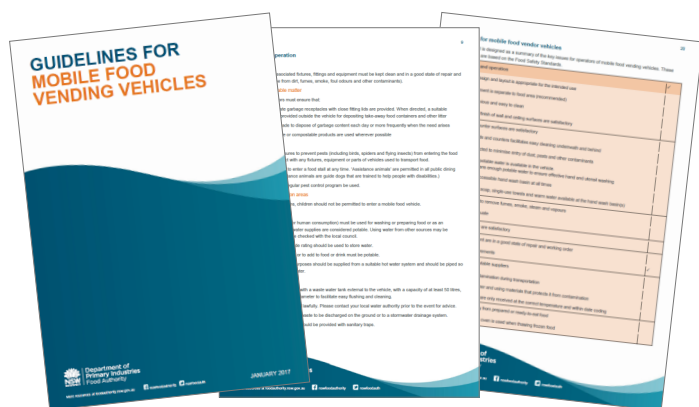
MOBILE FOOD VENDING GUIDELINES

The NSW Food Authority have developed a comprehensive Guideline for anyone thinking of starting a Mobile Food Vending business.

The Guidelines inform businesses selling food from a mobile vending vehicle in NSW of their legal requirements in relation to the NSW *Food Act 2003* (the Act) and the Food Standards Code (the Code).

The Guide provides information on basic requirements such as power supply and waste disposal, and suggests ways to maintain food safety.

Council recommends that before making any commitment to start your business that you read the Guidelines.



The Guidelines are available on the NSW Food Authority website
www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au

CONSTRUCTION OF A MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE

The vehicle must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the Food Standards Code 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 and the NSW Food Authority's Guideline for Mobile Food Vending Vehicles.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE CAN FOOD VANS OPERATE?

Council Reserves, Public Places & Roads

Operators need a Section 68 Approval from Council to operate in any of these areas. The Approval will include conditions which must be complied with, and may restrict where and when you may operate.

You may also need RMS Approval to operate on some roads.

Private Land

Permission from the property owner is required and registration with Council as a food premises must be completed. The operation must comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Development Codes) 2008.

CAN YOU PREPARE/STORE FOOD AT HOME AND SELL FROM A MOBILE FOOD VAN?

Development Consent is required to start a home based food business. A Development Application will need to be lodged with Council.

CAN YOU SET UP PERMANENTLY AT ONE LOCATION?

If you want to set up your van permanently in the one location you will need to discuss your proposal with Council to check permissibility and you may need to lodge a Development Application with Council.

CAN YOU HAVE SEATING?

No. If the vehicle is operating as part of a temporary event, the event organisers can arrange for seating.

For more Information

If you have any ideas or any questions, don't hesitate to contact Council staff on 1300 459 689



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