



## MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE PERMITS

Council is proposing to introduce guidelines under which mobile food vans would be allowed to operate in Yarra.

The draft guidelines set out rules for hygiene and cleanliness, recycling, appropriate trading locations, and the management responsibilities for permit holders. More information about the draft guidelines is available at [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Business](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Business)

Council sought public comment on the proposed permit system in August and September.

The submissions that have been received will be considered at an upcoming Council Meeting at the Richmond Town Hall (333 Bridge Road, Richmond).

Interested people are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday 20 December, from 7pm.

At the meeting, Council is expected to make a decision about whether to introduce the guidelines and allow mobile food vans to operate in Yarra.

For more information, contact Council on 9205 5063.



## PROSECUTIONS

Council prosecuted three local food businesses for breaches of the Food Act during October. The charges against all three businesses mainly related to pest infestations and a lack of cleanliness, amongst other issues.

On 19 October, a Collingwood take away store pled guilty to 15 charges associated with rodent infestation and cleanliness witnessed in three Council inspections.

The proprietor was fined \$7000 and ordered to pay Council's full costs of \$2996. However, no conviction was recorded.

On 26 October, the proprietor of a Richmond restaurant pled guilty to 12 charges relating to cleanliness, pest problems, inaccessible hand washing

facilities that had no accompanying soap or paper towels, and lack of mechanical ventilation.

The proprietor was ordered to pay Council's costs of \$3581 and was fined \$1450. However, no conviction was recorded.

On 3 October, a Collingwood restaurant pled guilty to eight charges relating to lack of pest control, unclean premises, food not being stored under temperature control, lack of hand washing facilities in the food preparation area and poor standards of construction.

The Magistrate convicted the proprietor of Deccan Indian Restaurant, imposed a fine of \$2000 and ordered the proprietor to pay Council's costs of \$2000.

### Welcome

Welcome to **Food News** - a quarterly bulletin produced by Yarra City Council to keep businesses informed about current food safety news and health requirements.

Information on food safety is also provided on our website at [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au).

Would you like to receive a copy of Food News and other business information electronically? If so, please email your details to: [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

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## FOOD PREMISES CLOSURE

A recent inspection by one of Council's Environmental Health Officers resulted in a Fitzroy food business being forced to close temporarily due to a pest infestation and a serious lack of cleanliness.

The premises was issued with an order under the Food Act that prohibits the use of the premises for the preparation or sale of food until the order is complied with to the satisfaction of an authorised officer.

Council CEOs may also specify that a copy of a closure order be displayed in the window of a non-compliant food premises. Council did not enforce this condition in this instance.

In keeping with Council's policy on premises that have been issued with a closure order, the matter has been referred to Council's solicitors for prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

## ADVICE ON PINE NUTS

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has investigated consumer reports of a bitter, metallic taste after eating pine nuts. This aftertaste is sometimes referred to as 'pine mouth' and can last for a several days or weeks.

Apart from the bitter aftertaste, there are

no safety issues that can be identified at this time and there has been no evidence to date that the taste disturbances associated with pine nuts are the result of external contamination.

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## ENSURE YOUR BUILDING IS COMPLIANT...

Please note that business operators in Yarra generally require a building permit before beginning any new building works or making changes to the use of a building. This requirement covers such works as:

- Installation of a new range hood and/or flue
- Introducing residential accommodation to a building
- Any additions or alterations to the building such as verandahs, new rooms, shop front etc.
- Changing the building's use (e.g. from office to restaurant)
- Any structural works (e.g. removal or additions of internal walls or other structural elements).

A planning permit may also be required. To find out more, please contact Council's Building Service Unit on 9205 5095.

## ...HELPFUL TIP

A commercial dishwasher can save your business hours each week in cleaning. Not only will it wash your glasses, dishes and equipment in minutes, the dishwasher will sanitise as well.

Notice the exhaust canopy above the dishwasher in the photo at right. The exhaust canopy will remove the moisture and prevent condensation of the walls and ceiling, making the kitchen easier to keep clean.

For more information, contact the Public Health Unit on 9205 5166.

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