



AUSTRALIAN FOOD SUPPLY SAFETY STUDY

The results of the 23rd Australian Total Diet Study (ATDS) were released by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) in November 2011.

The study confirmed that Australia's food supply is safe for consumers.

The ATDS investigated agricultural and veterinary chemicals, contaminants and nutrients in 92 foods commonly consumed in the Australian diet.

More than 1500 samples of food were tested as part of the study. The foods were tested as they would be eaten, for example apples were tested without cores

and chicken was cooked.

Estimated dietary exposures to all 214 agricultural and veterinary chemical residues tested were well below the relevant health standards, which is consistent with previous studies.

The study also detected no mycotoxins (toxins produced by fungi) in any of the foods analysed.

The next ATDS will look at acrylamide in food and issues such as chemical migration from food packaging.

Acknowledgement: Food Standards Australia New Zealand

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.

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2011 COUNCIL INSPECTIONS

Last year Councils' Environmental Health Officers carried out inspections of 893 of Yarra's 900 eateries (cafes, restaurants, takeaways and bakeries).

There were seven food businesses that were unable to be inspected, of these:

- Three businesses were not able to be inspected by the end of the year but

were scheduled in for January 2012. These businesses were last inspected in December 2010.

- Two premises were seasonal businesses and inspections were not able to be completed after a few attempts were made. These inspections have been scheduled in for the start of the season this year.

- Two premises were undergoing renovations when inspections were due and the premises were not opening until this year. Inspections have been rescheduled for later this year.



PENALTY INFRINGEMENTS

Councils' Environmental Health Officers issued penalty infringement notices to two Yarra food businesses last November.

The infringements were issued after the business operators had been advised several times about hygiene issues.

During a routine inspection of a North Carlton restaurant it was noted that hand washing facilities in the food preparation area were obstructed by a door, dishes and a staff member working at the nearby sink. No soap or paper towel was provided and the hand basin was not supplying warm water.

During a follow-up visit two weeks later it was found that these issues had not been addressed so Council officers issued the business with a formal order to comply with the Food Act.

During a third inspection, these issues had still not been addressed so the business operator was fined \$1122.

Council also issued a Fairfield café with a formal notice to comply with the Food Act. One of the issues was a lack of soap and paper towel at the café's hand basins.

At a follow-up inspection two weeks later, the business was found to have rectified these issues.

Council officers carried out another follow-up inspection four months after the initial inspection. At this time it was noted there was no paper hand towel or soap at any of the hand basins in the business. The food handlers were unable to effectively wash their hands after using the toilet and during food preparation.

The business operator was fined \$1122.

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TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS – LATEST RESULTS

A Richmond newsagency has been banned from selling cigarettes for one month after twice selling cigarettes to a person under the age of 18.

Council prosecuted the newsagency company and its two directors in the Melbourne Magistrates Court after one of the company's salespeople was caught selling cigarettes to a minor on two separate occasions last year.

The Court imposed a one month ban on the newsagency selling cigarettes. The company was also fined \$2000 and the company and its directors ordered to pay \$3000 in costs.

Under the tobacco test purchase program, young people are employed to attempt to purchase cigarettes from tobacco retailers.

During the most recent testing in January, two of the 27 shops tested (one in Collingwood and one in Burnley) sold cigarettes to the 16 year-old test purchaser. The two businesses were each fined \$489 on the spot.

This 7% sale rate was much lower than that recorded in September 2011 when six of 14 local retailers (including the Richmond newsagency taken to court) sold to a minor.

Tobacco sales – Percentage of retailers tested in Yarra who sold cigarettes to a minor

