

Selling and Serving of Food and Alcohol at your Event

If food and alcohol are sold at your event, it is important that you are aware of the Food Act 1984 Requirements.

The Victorian Food Act 1984 (Food Act) controls the sale of food in Victoria to protect people from food-borne illness. ALL temporary and mobile premises selling food and drinks (of any kind) must be registered or notified under the Food Act through the online state-wide registration and notification website – Streatrader.

<https://streatrader.health.vic.gov.au/>

The Streatrader website is a mass of information about Online registrations, Food Trucks, Market stalls and running a fundraiser BBQ. All food vendors attending events must register a 'Statement of Trade' (SOT) including community groups. As the event organiser you are responsible for the overall management of food vendors at the event including risk management, provision of services and amenities and site placement. Regularly check with the Council for a list of Streatrader registrations for your event so that you can track their registrations against your confirmed lists food vendors. Registrations with Streatrader are also required for alcohol providers.

Please note: A Section 40 CFA permit is required to run a BBQ on a total fire ban day. It is strongly suggested that as the CFA permit does some time to be issued, apply every year as a matter of business practice. Please follow this CFA website link which provides details information.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-ban-permits>

Gas bottles requirements at events: www.vwa.vic.gov.au and search for 'Handling LPG Gas'.

Liquor Licencing

A Liquor License is required to sell or serve alcohol at an event. Please refer to the following website: www.vcglr.vic.gov.au for a range of information on service of liquor. Advice can also be given by ringing 1300 182 457. Liquor Licenses belong to the provider of the liquor and should be valid.

Smoking

In 2017, the Tobacco Act 1987 was changed to ban smoking at all outdoor dining areas when food is available for consumption. This includes food fairs, events, street festivals and community events. 'No Smoking' signs are available from Council upon request. Please refer to website:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/tobacco-reform/smoke-free-areas/outdoor-dining>

It is up to the event organiser if a 'No Smoking' zone is provided however it must be 10 metres away from any food area.

If you are not sure about any of these points and wish to gain more information of running an event, please contact our Events Officer on 5232-9400.

