

# Food Safety News

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## Second Edition Recognition

It was decided by the Committee not to make changes to the FoodSafe® certificate and sticker with the implementation of the revised version so as to ensure consistency and continued recognition by the public of the FoodSafe® symbol. The original advice was to issue the premises with a new certificate that indicated a new date for when the FoodSafe® revision was implemented. This may pose some confusion as it may be thought that the premises has been operating on the program for a shorter time than they really have. To solve this it has been decided to keep the original date on the certificate and add the revised date underneath that date. It is advisable to put the word 'Revision' next to the revised date so that it's clear what the two dates mean.

Sure, this may mean a bit of messing around with your templates however you will agree that this will provide a complete picture of the premises FoodSafe® history.

## FoodSafe® Revision

It has now been 2 years since the FoodSafe® revision was launched. It is amazing how time flies and we are now approaching the end of the transition deadline for FoodSafe® businesses to upgrade to the revised program which is set for the 30 December 2005.

We are aware of some very successful programs that have been implemented through some local authorities in an attempt to encourage existing FoodSafe® businesses to implement the revised version within their premises.

To ensure consistency within the food industry and the integrity of the program we ask your assistance to continue to encourage your FoodSafe® businesses to implement the revision and remind them of the set deadline. FoodSafe® premises that have not implemented the revision by the 30 December will no longer be able to operate as part of the FoodSafe® program.

The revision supplement packs are currently in stock at the Merchandising office so please phone the Institute on 1800 093 000 to order more resources if needed.

## FoodSafe® Online

FoodSafe® now has its own website with a wealth of information at your fingertips. Jump online and go to [www.foodsafe.aieh.org.au](http://www.foodsafe.aieh.org.au). Various forms and policies are for public viewing, as well as a list of all FoodSafe® trained premises that has searchable functions.

The Institute will be looking into the practicality of online purchasing function so that food businesses are able to purchase all their resources online.

Your feedback with regards to the website and how it is used would be very helpful in the continuing development of the information contained in the site. Please contact the institute by email with your comments or suggestions.

## A Step Forward for FoodSafe®

As some of you might know the current FoodSafe® video has been around for some time now and with the rapid change in use of technology there has been a demand to provide an alternative format to the video.

As such the FoodSafe® video has now been converted to a VCD and will be compatible to your computer or your DVD player. But for those of you who do not have either of these do not despair, the FoodSafe® video format will still be available on request. Please contact the Merchandising office on 1800 093 000 to order a copy of the new VCD. The new VCD will cost \$20 as a separate item but will be a valuable addition to a FoodSafe® package.

To answer everyone's question on when will the video content be updated? We believe the current video still has its place in the food industry especially with food handlers who speak very little or do not understand English. However it was originally aimed at small food businesses as a basic form of training and now with its use by larger more specialised businesses there is a demand to update the content and format of the FoodSafe® video.

The FoodSafe® Committee is currently looking into the feasibility of this, however it is a fairly large project with many resources and time required. It is recognised as an important part of developing the program and it will be a priority within our association. We will endeavour to keep you informed on the progress of the new training material.

## Procedure for notifying AIEH of new FoodSafe® businesses

It is important that the Institute keeps up to date of all the FoodSafe® premises within the community. The general procedure for notifying the Institute of a new FoodSafe® premises is to email Michelle at the Institute office in WA with the following details:

1. Name of premises
2. Address of premises
3. Contact telephone number
4. FoodSafe Co-ordinator's name
5. Date of FoodSafe Audit
6. Officer undertaking audit.

Once this email is received a FoodSafe® certificate and sticker will be sent to you to be issued to the premises.

A similar notification procedure is required for FoodSafe® premises that have closed down, changed details or who have not complied with the requirements of the program.

We ask that you take the time to visit the new FoodSafe® website that details all food businesses that are operating under the FoodSafe® program. Please compare your local authority's list of FoodSafe® businesses with that on the website and should there be any discrepancies please contact Michelle at the institute either by phone or email.



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## Doon Doon Roadhouse achieves FoodSafe® accreditation

Doon Doon Roadhouse a newly completed roadhouse situated at the Woolah community some 120 Kms south west of Kununurra and Wyndham on the Great Northern Highway has achieved FoodSafe® accreditation. The Woolah Community, population 60, is located some 3000Kms north of Perth.

The roadhouse is the first aboriginal community food store and roadhouse to achieve this standard. The roadhouse store is managed on behalf of the Woolah Aboriginal community by Tony and Sharon Robinson and is staffed by aboriginal community members.

The Woolah community under Chairman Ron Macale is considered a leader and very progressive in community development having such enterprises as a cattle station (Dunham River), outback tours of local gorges and water holes and the Roadhouse, Food Store. The community also has its own school, Dawul Community School.

Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Environmental Health Officer, Aboriginal Communities, Greer Ashby has been involved with the community for the past 5 years and said "it was very satisfying to see Aboriginal communities such as Woolah achieve safe food handling standards together with other progressive achievements by the community".

The President of the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, Cr Barbara Johnson and several councillors travelled to the roadhouse on 7 February 2005 to present the award to the Management and Staff.



Not just good food but safe as well, staff of the Doon Doon Roadhouse.



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## Your FoodSafe® Committee

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If you have a FoodSafe® query for the committee please send an email to [foodsafe@aieh.org.au](mailto:foodsafe@aieh.org.au). We would appreciate your comments and feedback.

If you would like to be part of the FoodSafe® Committee and contribute to the research and development of the program please contact our chairperson.

## How do I let my customer's know that I am FoodSafe®

So you've done the hard work in training all your staff and are keeping your records on a daily basis and you are wondering 'How do I make all this hard work pay off?'

Well now that you have successfully completed your FoodSafe® audit you are able to use the FoodSafe® logo to promote to your customers and the general public that your business operates on the program. The FoodSafe® logo can be used on things such as menus, napkins and in newspaper advertising.

Keep in mind that the FoodSafe® logo cannot be used on any food product packaging as this contravenes food laws.

Each time you want to use the FoodSafe® logo in another form you will be required to complete another application. This is so that we are able to keep track of where the logo is being used.

All you have to do is complete the FoodSafe® logo application form which is in your 'Guide for Proprietors' or can be downloaded from the FoodSafe® website and either fax or email it to the Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH).

If you have any questions regarding using the FoodSafe® logo please phone 1800 093 000 or e-mail: [foodsafe@aieh.org.au](mailto:foodsafe@aieh.org.au)



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