



the Gluten Free Food FestivalTM

Exhibitor Manual

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Important Dates and Times

Event Duration

Friday, 9th May 2025, 5pm – 8pm (exclusive preview session)

Saturday, 10th May 2025, 9am – 3pm.

Schedule

Your invoice is due	20 th of the month following invoice	
All invoices due in full	1 st April	
Unpaid invoices incur a 10% collection fee	9 th April	
Exhibitor information emails go out	1 st May	
Pack In – Indoor sites & attending food trucks	9 th May	10am – 4pm
Exclusive Preview Session	9 th May	5pm – 8pm
Pack In – Food Trucks	10 th May	From 7am
Main Festival Day!	10 th May	9am – 3pm
Pack Out	10 th May	3pm – 6pm

Contact List

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Addresses

Festival's Physical Address

Lincoln Event Centre

15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln

Canterbury

FESTIVAL PREPARATION

Courier and Shipments

You can courier your products to the festival site earlier if need be. All couriers however need to arrive on the **Thursday 8th** or **Friday 9th May**.

Address for delivery:
Lincoln Event Centre
15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln
Canterbury 7608

Access to the Site

Access to Lincoln Event Centre will be from 10am on Friday, 9th May (for indoor exhibitors and food trucks that are attending the exclusive preview session). Parking for set up is in the front carpark of the events centre, or at the side by the grassy area.

Access for food trucks attending the Saturday only will be from 6.45am Saturday 10th May.

Set Up

Indoor Exhibitors

Indoor exhibitors will need to be fully set up on the Friday before the start of the exclusive preview session at 5pm. You will be able to access the Lincoln Event Centre from 10am - 4pm on Friday 9th May, and will be given a set up window from one of the following:

- 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 12.00pm – 2.00pm
- 2.00pm – 4.00pm

When you arrive, head to the Info Desk to collect your Exhibitor Passes, wifi details, and anything you may have hired.

Food Trucks

You will be setting up on the morning of 10th May, unless you are also attending the exclusive preview session the night before. You can arrive anytime from 6.45am to 8.15am (allow yourself plenty of time to set up, prep, etc before the start of the festival at 9am).

If you are attending the exclusive preview session you can either take your food truck away and come back the next morning, or leave it there overnight. There will be some security onsite overnight, however Sapphire Events accepts no liability for any damage etc.

Car Parking

Exhibitor carparking will be nearby the Lincoln Event Centre. There will be parking wardens in high-vis on site to assist you.

You will need a parking permit to park in this area, which will be emailed to you with the Exhibitor Information email on 1st May.

Test and Tag

All electrical items used must be tested and tagged.

Furniture and Accessories Hireage

Tables and Chairs

Please email us at info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz if you need to hire tables (standard trestle, \$20+gst) or chairs.

Velcro Panels

If you would like more Velcro partition panels on your site, please email us at info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz before 19th April. Velcro panels are \$48+gst/1.2m, and the cost will added on to your invoice.

Extras

Hireage of any other extras will need to be undertaken yourself.

Peek Exhibition works regularly at the Lincoln Event Centre and are familiar with the venue; if you need any accessories, we recommend contacting them first.

Some examples of what you can hire:

- Furniture
- Electrics – spotlights etc
- Audio Visual – TV screens, ipads etc
- Plants
- Signage

Power

Lincoln Event Centre has a number of power points indoors. All exhibitors requiring power will have requested sites on the edge of the indoor arena, and we are working with an electrician to directly deliver power to each edge site.

If you would like power directly on your site* if it isn't already, there will be a \$60+gst charge. Please email us at info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz prior to the festival to organize this.

There will also be a "Power Hub" on the edge where middle exhibitors (those that don't have direct power access) can go to charge their Eftpos machines, phones, etc.

* Please note, sites D1 – D12 are unable to have direct power access.

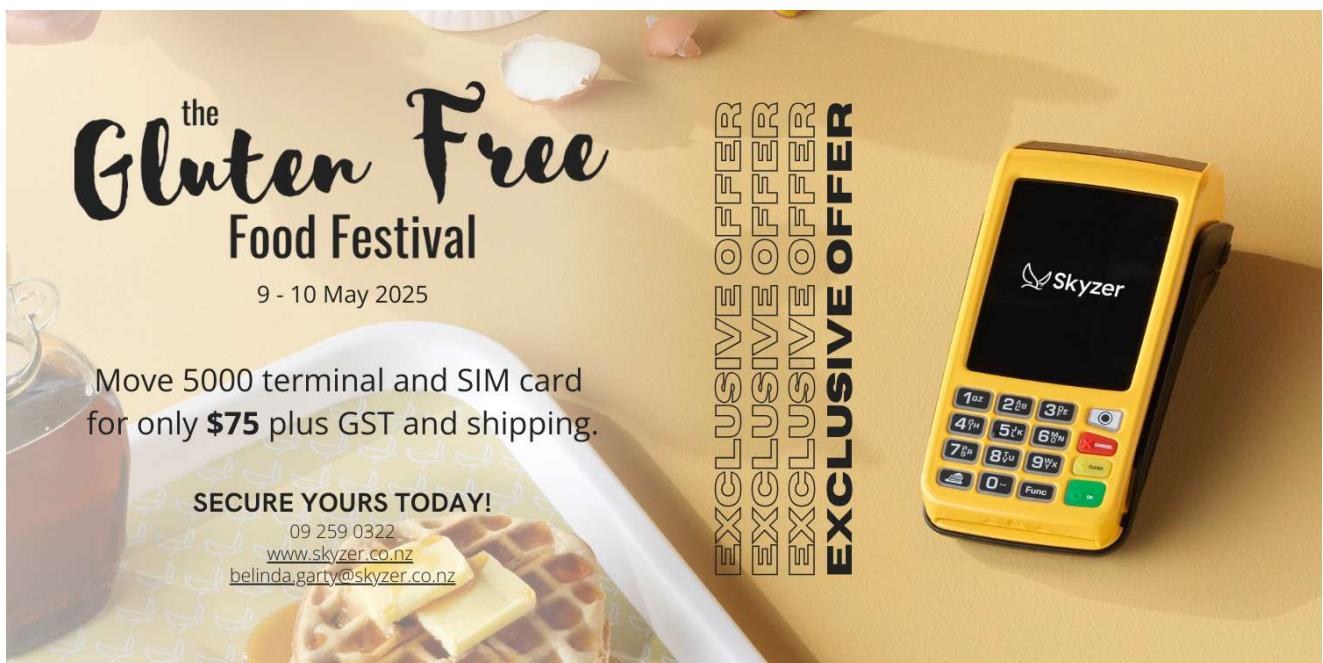
Eftpos

We have organized a fantastic exclusive offer with Skyzer Eftpos.

"Tired of boring Eftpos? Upgrade your customer experience with Skyzer's fantastic range of colourful machines, to suit your branding. You can even add your logo to the home screen!"

These terminals connect to the Worldline (Paymark) network. If you don't already have a connection in place you'll need to reach out to your bank to get the process started – it can sometimes take up to six weeks.

Contact Belinda at belinda.garty@Skyzer.co.nz to book your machine and quote "The Gluten Free Food Festival".



**the
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9 - 10 May 2025

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Display Chilled and Frozen storage

Please see the following options if you require display chilled or frozen storage on your stand at The Gluten Free Food Festival. We have organized quotes with a Canterbury hire company, to be organized through us.

Display Fridges	
<p>Double Glass Door Display Fridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 shelves • Dimensions 1280W x 2005H x 760D • Capacity: 1079L • \$230.00+gst 	
	<p>Single Glass Door Display Fridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 adjustable shelves • Light box (600W x 230H) • LED cabinet lighting • On castors • Capacity: 380L • Dimensions: 600W x 620D x 1925H • \$175.00+gst
<p>Small Display Fridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions (approx. only) 500W x 770H x 560D • 3 shelves • Capacity: 96L • \$120.00 + gst 	
Display Freezer	
	<p>Display Freezer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions: 1200W x 600D x 1000H (Internal: 1100W x 500D x 700D) • Capacity (approx.): 450L • \$115.00+gst

Please email us at info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz to book your display fridge or freezer.

Chilled and Frozen Storage

We will have a walk in fridge trailer and walk in freezer trailer available onsite if you need extra chilled or frozen storage. These will be located in the food truck area.

To book space in our walk in fridge or freezer, email us at info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz. Space costs \$80+gst for approximately 1m³.

Alcohol Licensing

If you intend on selling alcoholic beverages at The Gluten Free Food Festival Canterbury, you will need to apply for a special license from council, using their form administered by Business Connect.

How To Apply

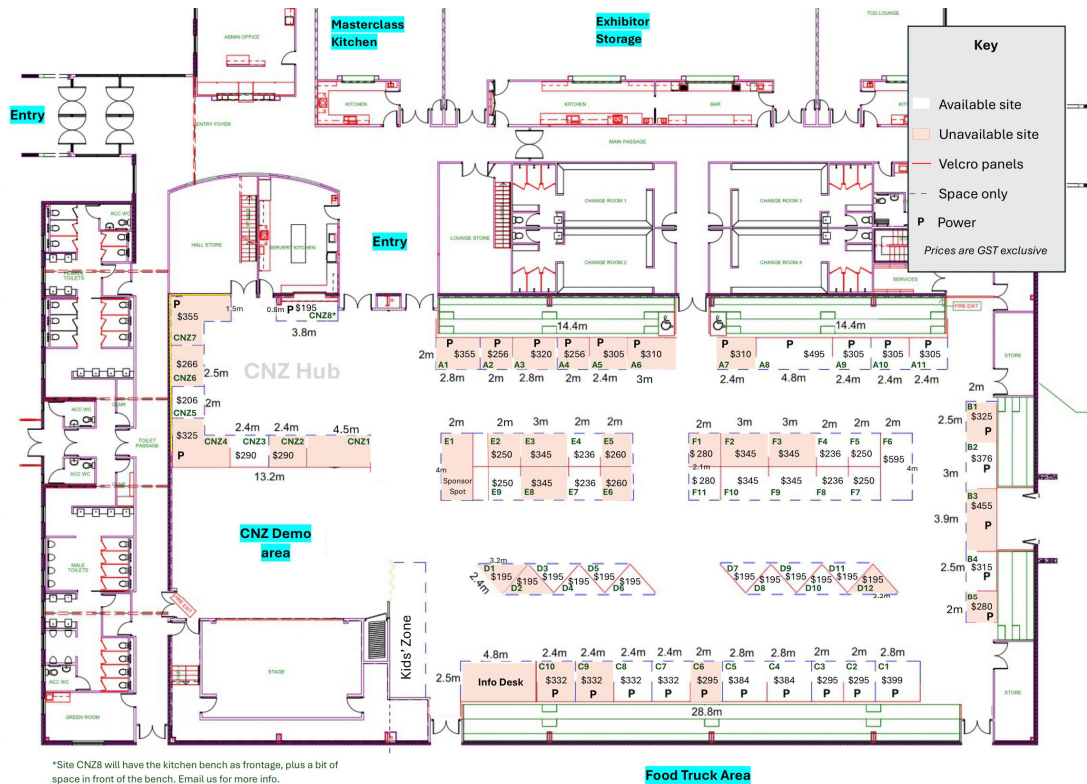
1. Head to [Business Connect](#)
2. Login using your RealMe account.
3. If you don't have a RealMe account or if it's your first time logging onto Business Connect, you will need to create an account using your email address. You don't need to verify your account, just need to confirm your email address.
4. Once you have done that, go to the Business Connect dashboard.
5. Click the Hospitality tab, and then Alcohol License tab.
Click the check eligibility button once you have read the information.
6. Start typing 'Selwyn District Council' in the 'Your Council' field and select.
7. Fill out the details.

Wifi

Lincoln Event Centre has free wifi available, if you would like to connect to this please see someone at the Info Desk where they will provide you with a wifi card.

Site Plan

Please note the below site plan is subject to small changes if necessary.



ON THE DAY

Emergency and First-Aid

All emergency services need to go through the event security to ensure that the emergency vehicles are given the correct information.

EMT will be on site during festival hours. If first aid is required, please come to the information desk (situated by the accessway to food trucks) or contact an event organizer.

Info Desk

The Info Desk/HQ area will be located by the accessway to the food trucks, inside the arena. If you need any help or have any questions, please ask a team member at the desk (or find one in high-vis).

The Info Desk will also have:

- First Aid
- Lost Children meeting point
- Festival prize and entries

Your Stand

Indoors

Stand sizes vary, you would have selected your preferred size upon application.

Included in your stand package is:

- Access to power, either directly or at the “Power Hub” depending on your site (10amp outlets)
- Exhibitor passes
- Website Profile page at www.theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz
- Free parking
- Some stands have Velcro panels included (this is shown in the site map).

Signage

Please take note on the map as to whether your stand has Velcro panel backing (indicated by a red line) or arena wall backing (indicated by a yellow line).

Velcro Partition Panels

You can use Velcro (the rough side) or drawing pins/thumb tacks to attach your signage.

Arena Wall

You can use 3M tape or hooks **ONLY** to attach your signage, or use freestanding signage. Please see the image below to see what the arena wall looks like.



Storage

Ambient storage space for exhibitors is located in the Baylis Lounge. There is plenty of space for storing pallets, boxes, excess product, and the like.

Security

We will have security onsite for set up, overnight and festival hours. However, the organisers will not be responsible for any loss of items whilst at the show.

Rubbish and Recycling

You will find several waste stations placed around the site, with options for recycling and general waste. Please ensure your customers are aware of the waste stations, and ensure you place your waste in the appropriate bins!

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Our Marketing and Promotion

We are advertising the festival extensively through the following methods:

Website | Social media | Event listings | Coeliac New Zealand magazine | Email newsletter
Newspapers & Magazines | Billboards & Signage | Bus Backs | Shop signage | Canterbury Weather
Updates social media and website

Your Marketing and Promotion

Create hype by sharing your attendance at the festival! You will find social media tiles [here](#), which you can download and share on your social feeds.

Use the hashtag #glutenfreefoodfestcanterbury on all your social media posts!

If you'd like to run a giveaway or competition for your customers to win free festival tickets, please email info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz to discuss options.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND INSURANCE

Food Health and Safety

These recommendations are a guide only and more specific food safety measures may be required for different stalls.

All food exhibitors should be registered with a council or directly with MPI.

For selling food or offering food samples, please be sure to read the following:

Food Sampling

The acceptable sampling sizes for food samples are as follows:

- Bite-sized portions
- Individually wrapped items (for off-site consumption only)

Sampling must be carried out in such a way that customers do not touch food that other people will eat, in order to minimise the risk of cross-contamination. The guidance below should be followed:

- Food should be placed to be sampled where the exhibitor can see it and therefore supervise customers
- Samples should be clearly segregated from other stock
- It is recommended that samples be offered to customers from plates or small bowls
- Customers should not be allowed to 'double dip' sampling sticks/spoons/food items

Food preparation and storage

- Ensure the food preparation area is large enough for the type of food preparation being carried out.

All equipment, tables, display cabinets etc must be in a good state of repair and made of smooth materials that are impervious and easy to clean.

Display and service

- Food being prepared or displayed must be protected against insects, dirt, people etc by means of covers, screens, sneeze guards etc.
- To help you achieve temperature control, keep the amount of food on display to a minimum. Good stock rotation is essential, when re-stocking displays ensure 'older food' is moved to the top of the pile. Avoid topping up 'bulk' displays as food on the bottom may be left for long periods.
- Any leftovers should be discarded – not reused.

Basic hygiene measures

- Keep jewellery to a minimum as it may enter and contaminate food.
- Ensure that cuts and sores are covered with a brightly coloured waterproof plaster. On some occasions, gloves may be required. Keep a first aid kit on-site.
- Do not attend the event if you are suffering from a communicable illness, such as diarrhoea and vomiting. Even a common cold can cause food poisoning.
- Different persons, e.g. one person to handle food and one person to handle money, should carry out different tasks if possible.
- Clean as you go – regularly wipe down surfaces with a clean cloth.

Travel and transport

- Travel straight to the event from your base kitchen thus avoiding long delays.
- Transport vehicles must be clean and food must be separated from other items being carried in the vehicle, such as cleaning chemicals and pets.
- All food must be wrapped, covered or placed in sealed clean containers whilst being transported to the event. This will prevent potential contamination with dirt and bacteria.
- Perishable food including cooked rice, meats (both raw and cooked), dairy products etc must be kept either hot (at least 60oC) or cold (at 4oC or below) whilst travelling to the event.

Gluten Free

You will know by now that only **gluten free foods** are allowed for this event. Please read the below precautions to take:

If you handle gluten foods in your personal or commercial kitchen, please:

- Ensure your hands are thoroughly washed, clothes changed, and utensils thoroughly cleaned or new ones used before handling gluten free foods at the event
- Recheck all your foods to ensure they're gluten free
- Store all gluten-free foods separately to gluten foods when preparing for the festival.

Gas

Gas may be used to power food trucks and stalls providing you observe strict safety regulations in accordance with New Zealand Standard AS/NZ 1596:2002 – LPG Storage and Handling.

- Gas cylinders must be protected by a fireproof cover at all time and have a clear space of at least 1m around the appliance as well as 4m vertically.
- A 1kg dry chemical fire extinguisher per appliance is required and must be clearly visible at all times.
- Bottles must have a current date stamp.
- No spare bottles are to be kept on stands.
- Connections must be hard piper or an approved flexible hose (not rubber).

General Health and Safety

The following safety rules and procedures outlined ensure you are compliant with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

- All care should be taken with vehicles on-site with respect of other vendors and/or contractors and their equipment and personnel.
- Equipment used by either vendors or contractors should be placed in such a way that it does not create a hazard to other personnel on site. When the job is complete, surplus equipment should be removed from the site or stored in a way approved by the organisers.
- Before work is begun, vendors and contractors should identify where public phones, fire alarms, egress points and fire hoses are in the event of an accident or emergency.
- No alcohol is permitted to be consumed during the pack in or pack out of the festival.

- Children and animals are not permitted on the festival site during pack in and pack out (please keep them in the car until set up or pack out is completed).

Insurance and Liability

Exhibitors should have appropriate insurance cover for their business, including Public Liability Insurance. The policy will need to be valid for the duration of the show. Neither Sapphire Events, the venue or any staff, employees, agents, or other representatives of Sapphire Events or the venue, shall be held accountable or liable for any damage, loss, harm or injury to the vendor, employees, agents, or other representatives of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors should consult their own insurance companies and/or broker for proper coverage of their sites and display area. It should cover the total duration of the festival, including set up and pack down.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1: Exhibitor site fee: Pricing is as per the rates shown on the map, and are GST exclusive. Prices do not include licenses.
- 2: Payment details: Full payment is required by the 20th of the month following your application to the festival, however payment by instalments can be arranged if necessary. Email info@theglutenfreefoodfestival.co.nz. Any outstanding payments on 9th April 2025 will incur a 10% collection fee.
- 3: Festival hours: are from 5pm to 8pm on Friday 9th May (after set up) and 9am to 3pm on Saturday 10th May 2025. Exhibitors agree not to conduct any competitive classes, seminars, exhibits or similar activities, other than those provided for hereunder, within 110 kilometres of the festival on this date. Breakdown must not occur prior to 3pm on the day or a penalty charge will be incurred. If you run out of stock prior to 3pm, please approach the Info Desk to discuss your options with the event organisers.
- 4: Site sharing: Sapphire Events is comfortable with two businesses sharing a site as long as the exhibitor making this application states the other company's details on the application form and agrees to be invoiced for the whole stand. If you fail to notify Sapphire Events, they reserve the right to ask the second business to leave at any time.
- 5: Cancellation: A) In the event of the vendor cancelling all or part of their exhibit space applied for and contracted for hereunder, the following provisions shall apply: 1) If written notice of cancellation is received by the organiser prior to 1st January 2025 the exhibitor shall pay a cancellation fee equal to one quarter (25%) of the site fee 2) If written notice of cancellation is received by the organiser between 2nd January to 8th April 2025 the exhibitor shall pay a cancellation fee equal to one half (50%) of the site fee: 3) If written notice of cancellation is received by the organiser on or after 9th April 2025 the exhibitor agrees to pay a cancellation fee equal to the full amount (100%) of the exhibit space rental fee (see above). B) The vendor shall be responsible for

payment of the total site fee whether the exhibition is cancelled, delayed or relocated, in whole or in part, as a result of riot, strike, civil disorder, act of war, act of God or any other cause of any kind whatsoever, not within the organisers control.

6: Insurance / liability: It is essential that exhibitors make their own arrangements for appropriate insurance cover whilst at The Gluten Free Food Festival. This is including third party liability insurance. Vendors will be liable for any damage they cause to the venue and/or event gear.

Looking forward to seeing you on 9th and 10th May!