

KEY DATES & TIMES

MOVE IN



31 AUG-3 SEP 2026
MCEC MELBOURNE

MOVE IN: SPACE ONLY CUSTOM STANDS

Earlier access prior to the below dates has been allocated for select stand builders based on location.
Please contact the [Organiser](#) to confirm your access time.

Friday	28 August 2026	0800 – 2200	Space Only – Custom Stand Build Access
Saturday	29 August 2026	0800 – 2200	Space Only – Custom Stand Build Access
Sunday	30 August 2026	0800 – 1800	Space Only – Custom Stand Build Access

- Fine Food operates under a scheduled move-in managed by GEL Events. Timings above are the parameters in which the move in schedule operates.
- Anyone requiring the loading dock must [click here](#) to request a loading dock timeslot.
- Failure to book a move in time through GEL, may result in delays accessing the loading dock.
- No exhibitor will be allowed access outside their allocated time.

MOVE IN: SHELL SCHEME & WALK ON PACKAGE STANDS

If you are hand carrying items through the front doors or using the venue car park, you can access your stand from 1200 on Saturday 29 August. However, if you require the loading dock, you must [click here](#) to request a loading dock time slot.

Saturday	29 August 2026	1200 - 2200
Sunday	30 August 2026	0800 - 1800

- No exhibitors will be allowed access before their allocated time.
- Please refer to **Loading Dock Move In/Out Schedule** for further information.
- All vehicles under 1.8m will be directed the car park and instructed to use the lifts.

KEY INFORMATION

- Shell scheme stands will be ready to be occupied at 12pm on Sat 29th August.
- These times are for exhibitors to deliver their goods and set up their stands.
- All stands must be completely dressed, and rubbish removed from the venue by 1800 Sun 30th August
- No access will be given for stand build on the opening morning of the show.
- All stands must be completed and ready for the opening of the event by 1000 Monday 31st August.
- Exhibitor badges are to be collected between 1000 – 1800 on Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th August.

EVENT OPEN TIMES

Monday	31 August 2026	1000 – 1700	Exhibitor Access from 0800
Tuesday	1 September 2026	1000 – 1700	Exhibitor Access from 0800
Wednesday	2 September 2026	1000 – 1700	Exhibitor Access from 0800
Thursday	3 September 2026	1000 – 1500	Exhibitor Access from 0800

- If you require access to the loading dock during event hours, [click here](#) to request a loading dock timeslot
- Exhibitor's have access 1 hour after the event closes Monday – Wednesday to replenish their stand.

FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE EVENT.
THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE ABOVE TIMES

KEY DATES & TIMES

MOVE OUT



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To ensure a smooth move-out, please carefully read through the following information, taking note of when you must have all items removed from the venue.

Fine Food operates under a scheduled move-out managed by GEL Events. **Space only custom stand builders must be prepared to dismantle and work until midnight on Thursday 3 September.** If you would like to work throughout the night, permission must be granted by the Organiser. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please refer to **Loading Dock Move In/Out Schedule** for further information and [click here](#) to book a dock time.

MOVE OUT: SHELL SCHEME & WALK ON PACKAGE STANDS

PRODUCT REMOVAL

Thursday	3 September 2026	1530 – 2200	Product Removal
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- All Shell Scheme stands must be completely moved out by 2200 Thursday 3 September – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Loading dock access will open from approx. 1730
- Forklift activity on Thursday 3 September may be delayed until the site is deemed safe by the venue.
- Exhibitors with vehicles over 1.8m who require dock access, must book a move-out time with GEL.
- [Click here](#) to book a dock time. Failure to book a time, may result in delays accessing the loading dock.

MOVE OUT: SPACE ONLY CUSTOM STANDS

Thursday	3 September 2026	1530 – 1800	Product Removal Only
Thursday	3 September 2026	1800 – 2400	Build Dismantle. No Dock Access.
STAND BUILDERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO DISMANTLE & PACK UP THEIR FREIGHT <i>If you would like to work throughout the night, permission must be granted by the Organiser</i>			
Friday	4 September 2026	0000 – 0700	Tailgate Collection
Friday	4 September 2026	0400 – 1000	Stands ≤ 18m ² & Self-Built Custom Stands
Friday	4 September 2026	0500 – 1800	Stands ≥ 27m ²

- Timings above are the parameters in which the move out schedule works.
- **NOTE:** GEL Events will first be prioritising the delivery and return of empty product crates on Thursday 3 September. Empties for stand build components will be returned overnight.
- Stands who require dock access, must book a move-out time with GEL. [Click here to book.](#)
- Failure to book a move out time through GEL, may result in delays accessing the loading dock.
- Space Only Stands cannot commence build dismantle until 1800 on Thursday 3 September

KEY INFORMATION

- Move-out of product will begin 30min after the event closes, or once clear of visitors and it is safe to do so.
- Loading dock access will open from approx. 1730 and will be heavily controlled by GEL Events.
- If you need access to the loading dock, make sure you book a time slot with GEL Events. No slot, no access.
- **Shell Scheme Stands must be completely moved out by 2200 Thursday 3 September. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Tailgate vehicle access is ONLY between 0000 – 0700 Friday 4 Sept.** If this is not adhered to, delays will be experienced at the exhibitor's expense.
- **Space Only Stands 18m² or smaller, must be completely moved out by 1000 Friday 4 Sept. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Space Only Stands 27m² or larger, must be completely moved out by 1800 Friday 4 Sept. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- If you are unable to remove your entire product/stand by the time above, please contact the [Organiser](#).
- Delays are often experienced on the loading dock during build up and breakdown.

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