

# Bakery breaches continue



**Maurita Authentic Italian Bakery has been singled out by Queensland Health**

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AN Italian bakery at Nerang has been dragged through court three times in three years after council health officers found continual breaches of the Food Standards Code.

The Maurita Authentic Italian Bakery and Patisserie at Brendan Drive was fined \$12,500 last September for breaching the code by using dirty and rusting cooking equipment, storing unsealed food in the coolroom at the wrong temperature and having 'live pests' – including cockroaches – around the deep fryer.

The business, managed by Daminao Giammatteo and family, were also summoned to court twice in 2007 and ordered to pay \$11,500 in fines for similar breaches.

Council health officers began investigating in 2006 after a routine inspection revealed food was not properly stored and standards of cleanliness were inadequate.

During a subsequent inspection in late 2007, officers discovered fresh bread was being stored in grimy plastic trays and baskets.

In January and March 2009, officers found practices had worsened and named 14 areas in need of urgent cleaning.

Other breaches included:

- A failure to properly cover and store food.
- Live cockroaches in the kitchen.
- A failure to repair a cracked and broken rear glass door.
- A failure to keep the premises clean, allowing a build-up of food waste, grease, dust and surface grit.

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