

WHOLESALE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2012, 10.30AM – 11.30AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Wholesalers' Advisory Committee Members

Stephen Wirtz – Chairman, Wholesaler Advisory Committee
Grant Nichol
Shane Schnitzler
Vince Brancatisano
Harry Kapiris

DBI Representatives

Mary Baker
Jane Niall

MMA Representatives

Neil Lowe (Board Member), MMA
Allan Crosthwaite – CEO, MMA
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel, MMA
Marisa Di Pietro – Minute Taker, MMA
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker, MMA

Apologies

Meeting opened at 10.30am.

- The committee noted concerns over accuracy of the previous minutes as several issues which were discussed at the meeting had not been minuted.
- A committee member noted that it would be appreciated if the advisory member's names were mentioned in the minutes.
- Names will not be listed in the minutes.
- It was confirmed that draft minutes will be circulated to the advisory committee members first, within a fortnight following the meeting before they are placed on the website.

DBI gave a brief overview of the SUBMISSIONS received

- The committee requested time to consume the information, and make changes if necessary and for those representing the industry body, have Fresh State make their comments before the Wholesale Advisory Committee submission is signed off.
- It was noted that the Epping Market Committee will meet on Thursday morning (29 March) to discuss the submissions from the Advisory Committees and then the submissions will be given to the Minister for decision.
- An advisory committee member suggested a Fresh State representative should be on the Growers' Advisory Committee, as Fresh State members have stands as well and their interests may not be represented by the VGA members on the Growers' Advisory Committee.

MMA noted this request.

- The committee requested information on the overall internal store trading floor space at the Epping market compared to the West Melbourne site. – DBI to provide this information.

West Melbourne – Items raised by the Committee Members

- The advisory committee queried when they will be able to transfer their leases. The committee noted this is the subject of litigation which must run its course.
- It was noted that the Easter trading hours will be as follows:
 - Tuesday the 10th April will be a Monday's trading hours; given that Monday is a public Holiday.
- It was also noted that the MMA Wi-Fi performance issues are still being investigated.
- The committee requested information on entry card data, with no names, but a record of category of market user and time of entry and exit of the market users.
- The committee queried when winter trading hours were to start. The dates and trading times will be advised to the market community prior to any change.

Date of Next Meeting

- To be advised

ACTIONS ARISING

- Provide information on the overall reduction of internal store space at the Epping Market – **DBI**.

Meeting closed at 11.30am