



## MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY

**MARKET CIRCULAR NO: 560**

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**TO: All Market Users at the Melbourne Markets**

### **Important information for all fruit and vegetable store holders**

Store leaseholders are asking questions about the ballot for fruit and vegetable stores at Epping to be held later this year and what they have to do to prepare. This circular will provide you with important information, including information on assignments of stores made prior to the date of registration for the ballot.

#### **When will the ballot be held?**

We understand you require time to prepare. A registration date for the ballot will be set and you will be given at least four weeks' notice of the registration date. The MMA will contact all eligible leaseholders to advise them once a date for registration has been set.

#### **What do I need to do before the ballot?**

- Ensure your contact details are up to date with the MMA, including your postal address and contact phone number. If you would like to update your details please contact the MMA on 9258 6100.
- Regularly check the MMA website. All important information will be posted here.
- Check your mail box and collect any registered mail.

#### **How will acquisition of addition stores between now and the ballot affect my allocation?**

After advice from DBI, the MMA wishes to clarify the following:

##### **Acquisition of a store of equal size (medium or large stores)**

In cases where a leaseholder who has been allocated space at Epping acquires stores from another leaseholder who has also been allocated space at Epping, and both allocations are for stores of the same size at Epping, that leaseholder will be entitled to combine the allocations for the ballot.

For example, if a leaseholder has an allocation for one medium store at Epping and acquires another store lease at the current site that also has an allocation for one medium store, that leaseholder will be permitted combine the allocations into two adjacent medium stores. This means that the leaseholder will be entitled to register to participate in the ballot for two medium stores so that both stores will be next to each other. The same applies to assignments which relate to allocations of small and large stores. Please note, the acquisition of two medium stores cannot be combined into one large store.

### Acquisition of a small store

In the case of small stores, if a leaseholder has been allocated one small store at Epping and acquires another lease at the current site that has also been allocated one small store at Epping, that leaseholder will be entitled to combine its allocation to create one medium store. The leaseholder will be entitled to register to participate in the ballot for one medium store. Please note the location of all medium stores will be identified prior to the ballot.

### Acquisition of a store of a different size

In cases where allocations are for stores of different sizes at Epping (for example, one medium and one large, or two medium and one small) the leaseholder holding these combinations will not be entitled to combine the allocations. For example, in the case of a leaseholder holding one medium store and one small, they would need to participate in two ballots and therefore there is no guarantee that the stores will be co-located.

### **What will happen once we register for the ballot?**

Once the registration date for the ballot is reached, DBI and the MMA will know how many leaseholders are participating in the ballots for stores.

We will also know how many single and multiple stores (more than one store of the same size side-by-side) are required by leaseholders.

Details for the ballot will then be finalised and all eligible leaseholders will be notified.

### **I will be away or cannot attend the ballot. Can I send someone in my place?**

Please contact the MMA if you will be unavailable to attend the ballot in person.

You will be able to nominate a representative of your business to attend the ballot on your behalf; however you must notify the MMA of this change by the registration date.

### **For more information**

If you have questions regarding this notice you can phone the Melbourne Market Authority relocation information line on 9258 6199.

To subscribe to the MMA SMS updates and receive the latest information regarding relocation straight to your phone simply SMS the word INFO to 0488 238 247.



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