

# FLOWERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY BOARD ROOM  
THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012, 7.30AM – 8.15AM

## ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

### Flower's Advisory Committee Members

Geoff Maguire – Chairman  
John Boon  
Adrian Parsons  
Philip Mays

### DBI Representatives

Jane Niall  
Mary Baker

### MMA Representatives

Allan Crosthwaite – CEO  
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker  
Rozita Hana – Minute Taker

### Apologies

Greg Duffy – Member, Flower Advisory Committee  
Gisela Marven – Board Member  
Aurora Kostezky – Legal Counsel

Meeting opened at 7.30am.

The committee noted:

- There was varying feedback received from the flower grower community
- All noted that a less increase in rent is preferred
- Ballot process – most flower growers will want similar or same position as they currently have.

DBI noted:

- Construction of the flower market trading floor has begun. When construction is complete, a tour for the flower market community will be organised.
- The process going forward is, rents to be released, followed by an expression of interest and then the ballot process.
- It was noted that the Committee should think about the process for allocation of spare stands before the ballot process takes place.

Submission:

- Committee members provided a draft submission to traders in the national flower centre. This was distributed to all traders and members of the Committee spoke with them to gain feedback.
- After conducting this, the Flower Advisory Committee was able to provide a final submission to the Minister.
- It was noted that, the Minister will be pleased to know that Advisory members informed the flower market community of their submission.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- To be advised. – MMA
- Meeting closed at 8.15am