

FLOWER' MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES



HELD AT THE MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY MMA BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2013, 08.10AM – 09.15AM

ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Flower Advisory Committee Members

Geoff Maguire – Chairman
Adrian Parsons
Greg Duffy
John Boon
Phillip Mays

DBI Representatives

Mary Baker – Stakeholder Relations Manager
Melanie Bond - Legal

MMA Representatives

Mark Maskiell - CEO
Aurora Kostezky – General Counsel
Megan Sandiford – Minute Taker

Apology

Gisela Marven - MMA Board Member

DBI noted the following:

- The Epping licence does not differ substantially from the current West Melbourne licence. The terms continue on in the form of a new licence at Epping.
- The licence will be renewed every 12 months. 60 days before the end of a term, the MMA will write to each licence holder stating the fee and if the licence holder wishes to renew the licence they send back a notice to the MMA.
- The first four (4) years of the licence will increase by the higher of 4% or CPI. After four years, the increase is the higher of 2.5% or CPI. Written termination can occur with 1 months' notice.
- Licensees can transfer or assign.
- There will be no right to sublease/sublicense.
- The same obligations as the current licence will remain; public liability, keeping the stand and cool room clean.
- The cut-off date for eligibility for the ballot is 31 January 2012.

The committee noted the following:

- Whether the MMA could one insurance policy to cover all flower stand holders for public liability. It was noted that it is more costly to take out one policy than separate policies for stand holders and there is an issue of whether the negligence on the part of one stand holder should be shared across the entire flower market.
- All stand holders should be up to date with paying their rent prior to the ballot. The MMA confirmed that unless the lease/licence is terminated, all eligible stand holders are permitted to take part in the ballot.
- The Committee queried whether there is some capacity to provide single stands and a single cool room. DBI to look at if possible.

- The Minister's Statement relating to rents was released today; the committee noted the following;
 - It was a positive statement and if all goes well, tenants in the market may be eligible for further reductions elsewhere; and
 - The committee welcomed the idea of more regular information to the market.
 - A meeting with the Minister and committee will be arranged in the near future.

Update of rear doors at Epping

The Advisory Committee were advised the rear doors will be fixed.

West Melbourne site

- The committee were advised that the MMA are continuing to monitor the person selling flowers off the back of their truck in the car park on flower market trading days.
- The MMA has confirmation that further action can be taken against tenants falsely signing statutory declarations.

Meeting closed at 9.15am.