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John P. Hutchinson's, long standing relationship with the grocery industry ended in April when he passed away through illness.

John will long be remembered for his various positions in the industry, from Foodland to Composite Buyers and the many coach trips he captained with committees visiting retail stores around Victoria.

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Successful Dinner

Federal Minister for Small Business the Hon Fran Bailey addressed his year's Master Grocers' Retailer and Suppliers Dinner. (Pictured with Jennifer Flanagan, Master Grocers CEO, and Mr Roger Arwass, Policy and Programs Director from the Victorian State Government Office of Small Business).

Minister Bailey is a passionate and committed supporter of small business who spent the evening mixing freely with MGAV members and guests. To quote Toohey's executive Mr. Jos de Bruin, 'Fran Baily is a wonderful speaker with enormous passion.

Passion is synonymous with the words 'Independent Retailer'!

This year's event was also attended by State Liberal spokesman for Small Business the Hon Bruce Atkinson, MLC, and Victoria's Small Business Commissioner Mr. Mark Brennan.

In her opening address, Master Grocers' CEO Jennifer Flanagan said that small business too frequently bemoans a lack of contact with government and this MGAV function provided an opportunity for retailers, suppliers and government representatives from several levels to meet and discuss issues in an informative, friendly environment.



At a business briefing at Parliament House, Opposition leader Mr Robert Doyle, and Small Business spokesman Mr Bruce Atkinson presented Master Grocers immediate Past President Mr Geoff Gledhill, and wife Angie with an engraved plaque in recognition of the time, effort and personal commitment Geoff (with the support of Angie) gave the independent retail sector during his time as President of the MGAV from 2001 until 2005.

Geoff Gledhill dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort in support of this trade sector over the past four years. His continued support and advice to me personally, and to the staff at this office played a significant part in the success and growth that we have enjoyed in the past few years.

Thank you Geoff and Angie - a recognition well deserved.

Jennifer Flanagan

