

## Victorian Retail Policy Review

The MGA has been successful in being accepted on the Victoria Retail Planning Review reference group that will allow the MGA to represent the views of its Independent supermarket members.

The Minister for Planning, the Hon. Justin Madden, announced a planning review for the retail sector on Thursday 10 May 2007. The purpose of this review is to provide clearer guidelines for locating and designing future retail developments. This is the first review into retail planning guidelines by the Victorian Government in over ten years and is a commitment outlined in the Governments Melbourne 2030 strategy.

The Retail Policy Review is about identifying what criteria retailers should be working to when planning, designing and locating future retail outlets throughout Victoria. The focus is on all retail development including centre and out-of-centre development and the review will be comprehensive and will analyse the overall state of play in the retail sector in Victoria.

The review will consider all aspects of the statutory framework that supports retail policy, including the land use definitions, zoning controls and other related provisions applying to retail use in planning schemes.

Scheduled to be finalised by May 2008, the review will be conducted over four stages:

**Stage 1: Background research**

**Stage 2: Draft Position Paper**

**Stage 3: Consultation**

**Stage 4: Implementation**

The outcome of the review has the potential to greatly alter the retail planning landscape in Victoria and MGA is endeavouring to take a proactive role in the consultation process and to be involved in the review from its commencement.

Our industry, will be represented by retailers attending two Department of Sustainability and Environment workshops on the 10th and 11th September, 2007.

## All Membership Application Forms are Now Required

Just a reminder to all new members, please fax or post your new member application forms to the MGA.

Also please visit our website, it has all the latest information you require posted to it. If you have misplaced your password and username please contact us and we will assist you.

## Up and Coming Events!

The Master Grocers Australia's training team has put together a one day Occupational Health and Safety course plus an industrial relations information session which we will be bringing to a town near you in Victoria, New South Wales/ACT and Western Australia.

## Have You a Story to Share?



Last month we asked for stories from the stores and this is what we received. A picture is worth a thousand words. Where's the Staff Uniform Neal!



## Know Your Web Access Code

Members are reminded that if you have not received your user name issued in the recent membership kits, please contact the office and we can re-issue it to you.

The web page is a vital link for a wide range of industry specific information to assist members with the day to day issues within our industry and has all the vital secure information that is required to meet compliance requirements.