

The Victorian Retail Planning Policy Review Committee

As reported in the last edition of the magazine, the MGA has been accepted along with a number of other industry groups to be a member of the Victorian Planning Policy Review Reference Group organised by Minister for Planning, Mr. Justin Madden.

This is an extremely important appointment, as it gives the Independent Grocery and Liquor supermarket channel a voice (the only voice) in the future direction of Retail Planning. This is an integral part of the Victorian governments 2030 Master Plan.

We have formed an industry committee made up of all key stakeholders who are vital representatives to determine the position we take, as an industry, on the reference group. To date we have had one meeting that provided for a very passionate discussion about independent retailing now and into the future. The discussions were most fruitful in developing our Statement of Purpose that reads as follows:

The Purpose of the MGA Retail Planning Policy Review Committee is to help shape Planning Policies that Protect and Grow Independent Grocery Retailers.

The learnings from this involvement are crucial for the MGA for future dealings on such important matters in all other states.



Some of our committee members and guests at the inaugural meeting - Back row from left – Trevor Richard, Christopher Burke & Nathan Ryan. Front row from left – Dominic Di Cesare, Tim Heath (Foodworks) Marie Brown (MGA), Rod Allen (MGA and IGA) and Nick Cook.

Committee members are as follows.

From the Foodworks Group:

- Dominic DiCesare - Foodworks Epping,
- Angelo Constantinou - Foodworks GBD Group
- Nick Cook - Foodworks Mt Beauty
- Simon Thompson - Foodworks Head Office.

From the IGA Group:

- Nathan Ryan – Ryans IGA,
- Allan Fisher – Fishers IGA,
- Brendon Goddard – Champions IGA,
- Fred Harrison – Ritchies IGA and
- Christopher Burke, IGA>D Head Office.

From the MGA:

- Rod Allen
- Jos de Bruin



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