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Transition Team for Nursery and Garden Industry reinvention announced

The Transition Team responsible for advancing the reinvention of NGIA to a new national hybrid organisation has been appointed following the meeting of the NGI Network last month.

The meeting of 12 November which was facilitated by Brian Ramsay of Inovact Consulting gave consensus to support a reinvention of NGIA and form a new hybrid national body whereby both businesses and state associations can be direct members. The focus of the new body will be to develop markets; reduce costs and protect investments.

From the meeting, a transition team of NGI members was to be identified before the end of 2018 to work to produce an Information Memorandum that articulates the proposed model and provides a basis for members to make a decision.

The team will liaise with State Associations and collaborate with Members to develop a practical transition plan and support its implementation.

The intent is for the Information Memorandum to be provided to Members for consideration in May 2019 for Member vote by June 2019.

NGIA Life Member Russ Higginbotham will chair the transition team of Glenn Fenton (VIC), Colin Groom (WA), Symone Mansfield (VIC), Andy Cameron (NSW), Robin McLay (QLD) and Chris Simon (SA).

“I feel honoured to have been asked to Chair the Transition Team in this reinvention of our national body, NGIA,” said Russ Higginbotham. “We have a large but worthy task ahead and do not take this responsibility lightly.”

“These representatives have been nominated to support the development of the Information Memorandum based on their membership, skills and expertise, industry standing, availability and wanting the best outcome for the nursery industry. I am confident the Information Memorandum we produce will provide ample information to support a positive outcome for industry.”

Terms of Reference for the group were finalised by Brian Ramsay and detail the group’s primary purpose to guide the successful formation of a new national organisation that is positioned for launch by 1 July 2019.

The Structure Review for the NGI network commenced in early 2016. Over the three years, industry has obtained independent research, completed two Member led reviews and obtained an independent business report. A copy of the Inovact Report is available on request to structurereview@ngia.com.au

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