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## **Drakes Welcomes 68<sup>th</sup> Store with Acquisition of IGA Mount Compass**

Drakes is excited to announce the acquisition of IGA Mount Compass, marking its 68<sup>th</sup> store across South Australia and Queensland.

For over 24 years, IGA Mount Compass has served as a cornerstone of the local community, upheld by three generations of the previous owner's family. Drakes is committed to carry forward this legacy, with members of the younger generation of the family joining the Drakes team to continue the store's strong community ties.

IGA Mount Compass owner, Melita Hicks said, "The Hicks family would like to thank our community for their amazing support over the last 24 years. Without your backing and encouragement, we could not have made our store what it is today. We have been indebted to our staff for their hard work and dedication over the years and wish them all the best. We thank Drakes for retaining our wonderful team and wish them every success for the future ahead".

The Mount Compass community can expect a seamless shopping experience that maintains the values and exceptional customer service that has been instilled. Customers can look forward to an expanded range of products tailored to meet local preferences, including a wide selection of quality meats and fresh produce, supplied directly from Drakes Distribution Centre, Edinburgh.

"I know that we have big shoes to fill as the Hicks family has done an incredible job; but we will continue to deliver on customer service and hope to exceed customers' expectations", said Roger Drake, Managing Director of Drakes.

Drakes is dedicated to delivering exceptional value to the Mount Compass community, ensuring access to high quality products at competitive prices. The Drakes team is proud to uphold the outstanding customer service that IGA Mount Compass has built its reputation on.

The rebranding of IGA Mount Compass to Drakes will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **About Drakes**

Drakes Supermarkets is a family owned and operated grocery retailer of 68 stores across South Australia and Queensland. Drakes Supermarkets is Australia's largest independent grocery group employing over 6,000 people. Drakes Supermarkets remain committed to supporting local suppliers, farmers and the local community.

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