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One of our newer groups of independent retailers, pictured above in front of their now internationally acclaimed Long Gully (Bendigo) supermarket. Monica Goddard, Setve and Vicky Shipp, Brendon Goddard, Stella and Michael Zervakis.

Independents are the Real Champions

This group of three successful family-run businesses recently joined forces under the Champions name and now run several stores throughout central Victoria.

The store has recently been awarded the International IGA award, this is a huge boost to the group and recognition of the strength of Australian independent supermarkets on an international basis. This comes on top of taking out the Supa IGA store of the Year both for Victorian and nationally last July at the Metcash Conference

Well done to the whole team of Champions at Long Gully SUPA IGA.

Asian Tsunami Disaster Relief

The incredible story following shows how the community really is so greatly supported by independent retailer champions. Significant pledges have been made by both IGA and the AUR/FoodWorks groups both on behalf of their retailers and as a part of their corporate bodies, along with the millions of dollars pledged by Australian businesses and residents alike.

The 700 strong Australian United Retailers Limited network of supermarkets and convenience stores have set a cash donation target of \$250,000 for Tsunami relief. An initial donation of \$100,000 was made immediately and it is to be followed by a further \$150,000 committed through a late January promotion and fundraising efforts through their store network. The donations are being divided equally between World Vision and The Australian Red Cross.

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