

## Welcome to the MGA

Last month the association welcomed the FoodWorks stores in NSW with several visits by both CEO Jos de Bruin, our Chairman Rodney Allen and magazine editor and member services consultant John Markham.

Over 21 supermarkets in the FoodWorks group were visited in a 'get to know you exercise', predominantly around Sydney. There was also a trip to Bathurst and a visit to the large store featured on top of the page opposite. Ian and Terri Bourke operate two stores in Bathurst, Ian is also a great contributor to the FoodWorks group.

Other retailers like Jay Sona at Quakers Hill and Wade Turner at Penrith were keen to learn more about the MGA.

One outstanding store was the compact Clovelly store in the crowded beachside area south of Sydney. Owners Charlie and Helen Koutsourais stock an amazing array of specialty foods in this modern delightful store.

A large supermarket, featured left, is Banana Joe's FoodWorks in Marackville. This store was the largest visited in Sydney with huge produce department and exceptionally illuminated produce displays covering a large portion of the store area. Their range of specialty foods was also extensive, catering for the very diversified ethnic customers in the area.

While there is quite a difference from store to store, in both physical size as well as locality, the one strong feeling coming from this group is the willingness to work together as a group and with the Master Grocers Association.

We look forward to catching up with all these stores at the free seminars scheduled in Newcastle on September 25 and Paramatta on September 26th.

## MGA Expanded Workplace Relations Team

We have significantly boosted the capability of the Workplace Relations Team at the MGA!

### Jessica Cohen

Firstly, please join me in welcoming Jessica Cohen to the MGA Workplace Relations Team. Jessica will take up the full time role of Workplace Relations Advisor. Jessica has recently been juggling the finishing of her studies, working in a law firm and working with a large retailer in the area of customer service. Jessica is currently finishing her articles and will become a fully qualified lawyer in November of this year. Welcome Jessica!

### Aneeqa Khan

It is with great pleasure to announce that Aneeqa Khan has accepted the Full Time role of MGA Work Place Relations Advisor on a six month contract. Aneeqa has been working for the MGA since March of this year, on a part time basis, coming into the MGA 3 days per week. During this time Aneeqa has gained a wealth of knowledge and experience about our members, our industry and of course Work Place Relations. Aneeqa's enthusiasm, leadership and approach to getting things done has been a wonderful support for Marie and the MGA Team. Aneeqa will become a Law Graduate in November 2007. Welcome Aneeqa!

Both Jessica and Aneeqa will report directly to Marie Brown our Legal Counsel - Workplace Relations.

**A big hearty MGA welcome to both Jessica and Aneeqa!**



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