



The main topic the MGA covered and wished to emphasise was the need for retailer involvement in regard to the Australian Fair Pay Commission Junior Wage Rate / Trainee Wage Rate review. The MGA will be compiling retailer views from around the nation, by way of conducting industry questionnaires and industry retailer forums to ensure the submission that goes to the AFPC is truly representative of the Australian independent supermarket industry.

The MGA wishes to warmly thank the IGA team for the opportunity to meet and engage with IGA supermarkets.

NSW /Act Village Meetings

The MGA was privileged to be able to attend and participate in nine IGA Village Meetings (regions) in NSW/ACT over a three week period. This gave the MGA an opportunity to engage with NSW/ACT independent supermarket retailers (our members) to let them know the MGA is there to support and service them in the areas of Workplace Relations, Workplace Agreement Making and Legislative Training to name but a few. This opportunity also assisted the MGA to better understand the needs of our NSW/ACT members.

Michael Russell, MGA's National Training Manager covered the Villages of Dubbo, Wagga, Canberra and Batemans Bay. Judy O'Reilly, MGA Office Manager, visited Newcastle and Nambucca Heads whilst Jos de Bruin, CEO and Marie Brown, Legal Counsel participated with the North Sydney, Sydney West and South Sydney Villages.

Each of the Village meetings was conducted in a workshop environment, lead by Carl Salem, State General Manager IGA>D NSW. The workshops created a rich information flow and interaction with retailers generating new and creative ideas that could be taken back to their stores.



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