

MGA'S MISSION

The mission of Master Grocers Australia is to deliver the best possible industry-specific business support services for independent grocery and liquor store members.

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The Award Modernisation process involves MGA attending hearings at the Australian Industrial Relations Commission as well as preparing preliminary and supplementary submissions. Retail awards will be addressed as a priority owing to the size of the sector and the many subsequent awards. MGA is closely monitoring this process to ensure independent supermarket's requirements will be met. MGA will keep all members informed of the progress being made in this area.

The MGA has been involved in the nationalisation or "harmonisation" of OH&S, the proposed Tobacco Act amendments in NSW and ACT, the AFPC wages review, and NSW Trading Hours. **All in all a very busy 8 weeks!**

As I say to all MGA members in every edition of this magazine, please make a point to contact the MGA team if you require any assistance with your workplace relations issues and opportunities, agreement making and compliance training. Please go to the MGA website for your information needs and if you cannot find what you are looking for, contact the MGA.

Until Next Edition – Good Trading... *Jos de Bruin*

MGA Now in the Northern Territory!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members from the Northern Territory (NT). At a recent Australian Liquor Stores Association Board meeting held in Darwin I had the good fortune of meeting with a number of independent supermarket owners.

Independent supermarkets in the NT are no different to the rest of the nation. Up until now, independent supermarkets in the NT have struggled on their own seeking assistance from a wide variety of non industry service providers.

The NT, specifically Darwin, is currently experiencing strong economic and population growth that is being reflected in strong independent supermarket sales growth. Our inaugural members in the NT are Lyle Mackay, from Palmertson and Faye Hartley from Stuart Park. Lyle is the President of the NT Liquor Stores Association and is a member of the ALSA board.

We welcome our retailer friends from the furthest north of Australia as MGA members and look forward to sharing some of their insights with all our members around Australia.



*Lyle and Dallas Mackay -
Palmerston*



Jos de Bruin with Faye Hartley - Stuart Park



*Jos de Bruin with Neville Pantazis
Parap fine foods*