

National Awards



The South Australian Romeo family have for the second time in ten years won the IGA Retailer of the Year National award

The Mitcham Foodland IGA, featured in this magazine after it's opening in 2007. The store is only 50 metres from a Woolworths supermarket – and we beat them each day, says Joseph Romeo. “You set your goals and live the dream,” he said.

Mitcham store is strongly focussed on its fresh offer has met and exceeded the customer's needs in the area and this has helped the family secure this major national award.

IGA retailer of the year was Brad Hopper of IGA Cleveland, Queensland, who also won produce and deli awards with this magnificent re-launched store. Brad is no stranger to awards as his other stores have received awards in the past years in Milton and Manley.

IGA X-press retailer of the year is Steve Saunders of Buronga IGA X-press, while actually situated in NSW, this store is part of Victoria for these awards represented again by multi award winning store manager Robyn Morrison.

South Australian Greek-born brothers Nick and John Chapley were inducted into the Dr Thomas S Haggai Hall of Fame, recognising their contribution to the grocery industry. The Chapley family own Adelaide's Finest Supermarkets with massive award winning stores in Adelaide. Their stores eclipse any other independent in the country with regard to size and turnover.

IGA store manager of the year was Darren O'Keefe of Champions Supa IGA, Kangaroo Flat, Victoria. This former chain manager, was credited with boosting the store's sales by \$100,000pw last year making the relatively new store a huge success for the group.

This years 'Local Hero Award' went to Mark Crutcher of IGA in Grenfell, NSW, who built a small store turning over less than \$25,000pw into a focal point of the town and has since opened two further stores in the region.

Other national Award Winners...

IGA meat: Ed & Jacqui Lauder, Lauders IGA Plus Liquor, Tumbarumba, NSW.

Supa IGA meat: John Gaylard, Fairley's Supa IGA, Shepparton, Vic.

IGA bakery: Peter & Cate Brodie, Helena Valley, WA.



The Produce team at SA's Mitcham Foodland IGA

- Supa IGA bakery: Chris Somas, Gwelup Supa IGA, WA.*
- Supa IGA produce: Karellas family, Blaxland Supa IGA, NSW.*
- IGA Express fresh: Steve Saunders, IGA X-press, Buronga.*
- IGA grocery: Ed & Jacqui Lauder, Lauder's IGA, Tumbarumba, NSW.*
- IGA dairy/freezer: Theo & Anita Vlassis, City East IGA, SA.*
- Supa IGA dairy/freezer: David May, Robert De Sauty & Martin Sullivan, Bright Supa IGA, Victoria.*
- IGA GM: Mark & Michelle Burgess, Nagambie IGA, Victoria.*
- Supa IGA GM: Ritchies Supa IGA, Boambee.*
- IGA checkout/service: the Calvert family, Anglesea IGA, Victoria.*
- Supa IGA checkout/service: Ritchies Supa IGA, Rutherford, NSW.*
- IGA Express grocery: Craig Careswell, IGA X-press Runcorn, Queensland.*
- IGA liquor department of the year: Ritchies Supa IGA, Ballina, Queensland.*

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