

Recognition

As with most things 'the proof of the pudding is in the eating - not the presentation.'

A follow up "recognition" consultation is offered as part of the free consultation process. This service is designed to assess how effective the implementation of the initial report findings has been in the store and takes approximately 2 hours to complete. To receive recognition all initial findings must be adequately addressed.

A potentially daunting proposition, this follow up has only been requested by 1 store of the 65+ that have taken advantage of the initial free consultation offer.

Our congratulations and the congratulations of IGA and the Victorian WorkSafe Authority go to Paul's SUPA IGA East Ringwood. Not only were they brave enough to take up the challenge but they were competent, focussed and committed enough to meet it.

"Congratulations to Paul's IGA Ringwood East, who used this program to improve their workplace health and safety. A simple safety action plan can help the workplace understand what they need to do to fix safety issues. An independent consultant can help you set up a step by step approach for your workplace quickly and easily."

"We are pleased to see the leadership and commitment MGA has shown to the health and safety of its members. It is particularly positive to see MGA use the results from individual workplaces to develop industry specific guidance. The whole sector can benefit from this initiative, which will raise the standard towards injury free workplaces."

"We need to protect our next generation of workers, many of whom get their first taste of employment in this sector. 15-24 year olds have the highest rate of injury in the state, and their injuries are more likely to result in hospitalisation. They need to have proper training, supervision and equipment. An employer really needs to be confident that young workers are really aware of what they are doing. The Small Business Safety program is a simple and practical way in which the safety of young workers can be considered specific to each individual employer."

....Trevor Martin, Director Manufacturing, Logistics and Agriculture, WorkSafe Victoria.

Are you up to the challenge?

If your store has less than 50 FTE employees and you would like to improve your safety systems contact the MGA on 03 9824 4111 or log on to the website and download an 'Expression of Interest' form.

WorkSafe Victoria has made available a further 80 free consultations for the 2008/09 FY.



Pictured at the presentation. Top: Roger Pallant MGA Trainer, Richard Versteegen VWA, & Trevor Martin VWA.

Centre: Trevor Martin VWA, Andrew Florey and Arthur Corcoris Paul's Supa IGA Ringwood East owners and MGA's Training Manager Michael Russell.

Bottom: Trevor Martin, Michael Russell and Roger Pallant.