



2008 Annual Report

No organisation can be successful without business partnerships built on a solid platform of trust and respect. MGA is no exception. On behalf of the MGA Board, I wish to acknowledge the following people who have assisted MGA develop and grow over the past 12 months.

John Markham has been involved with independent supermarkets for more than 30 years and is the driver behind MGA's marketing and promotion, publishing of the magazine, the MGA website and MGA "E-communication" tools to members. Phil Ibbotson, from Ibbotson and Moscatelli, Chartered Accountants, for the many hours of financial consultation in his role as MGA's Company Secretary and Company Accountant. Roger Pallant and Margaret Haines for their constant advice and seamless delivery of OH&S compliance training courses all over Australia. Sandy, Dana and the BLM team for their endless hours developing industry compliance solutions. Jenny Flanagan who has passionately represented MGA on various state based government committees and reference groups including liquor and OH&S. Steven Brady – Miles from William Angliss, Brad Beach and Vanessa Marsh from Gippsland TAFE for their dedication and commitment to assisting MGA with expert advice and guidance in regard to MGA's Compliance Management System, and Jim Studebaker who has been an independent advisor to the MGA board for 18 months. Jim's expert insights and strong general business background have been invaluable in assisting the MGA board with the processes of strategic decision making.

To all of our Associate Members, we thank you for your support and welcome you to join us in our future success as we continue to grow MGA into our industry's only truly national employer industry association.

The Board is very pleased to have someone with Jos de Bruin's commitment, drive and passion for our industry to be the CEO at the helm of MGA at this important and exciting time. He has gathered around him a team of highly qualified people who have been tireless in their efforts to provide the best service. As our CEO, Jos has covered thousands of kilometres in his efforts to spread the word and gain members from all over Australia and he has been remarkably successful.

Our sincere thanks go to him and his team for a job well done.

Finally, MGA's reason for being is you, our members, owners of independent supermarkets and stand-alone liquor outlets, around Australia. We have an expert team in place at MGA ready and dedicated to providing you with exceptional support and service.

So please make sure you call us as we are "Here to Help"

Rodney Allen
President MGA



Associate Members 2008-2009