

# MGA Corporate Partners

## Diamond

British American Tobacco  
Australia



## Platinum



## Gold



## Silver



PHILIP MORRIS LIMITED



## Bronze



## Associate



## Warehouse and Brand Partners



# CEO Welcome

The end of another financial year is almost upon us all with MGA members well on the way to preparing for their end of financial year duties such as stocktakes and finalising their accounts for their accountants to work on. In case anyone hasn't noticed, there was an election called almost immediately after the Government's Budget that was handed down in parliament on the 2nd May 2016. The budget was very favourable and should be of some benefit to many MGA members. In the mean time we have an election looming for the 2nd July. An historic double dissolution election in fact. The whole of government is up for re-election – the House of Representatives and the Senate. The ultimate outcome for the 2 major parties is that they can govern Australia in their own right. As we have already witnessed, a hung parliament or a government without a majority can be unproductive and a waste of taxpayer's money as very little is able to be achieved.

MGA's Board of Directors has established a number of policies concerning the welfare of MGA members businesses and will support the party/s that supports these policies. MGA's policies are based upon the principles of fostering commercial and social prosperity for our members businesses by reducing business costs, reducing red tape and keeping business "simple to carry out".

MGA also supports positive government initiatives that generate economic growth and fosters consumer confidence. MGA will support political parties who support MGA's policies.

Members are advised that as from the 1st of July, the ATO will be conducting random audits of supermarket businesses with a particular compliance focus on Superannuation Guarantee funds, PAYG and Fringe Benefits Tax. Should members have any concerns please contact MGA. Members should also be aware that the ACCC has been tasked to regulate unfair credit card surcharges which will take place from 1st September 2016.

MGA's pursuit to have Sunday penalty rates reduced from 100% to 50%, together with a number of other industry bodies and retailers, continues in the Fair Work Commission before a full bench. We anticipate news of an outcome in September 2016. Thanks once again to all our members who made a contribution to this very important project.

The pace of issues being raised in the states and territories has also escalated with MGA being asked by state governments and departments to contribute to white papers, regulatory impact statements, private

members bills and so on. The main areas of consultation concern tobacco regulations, packaged liquor licensing matters, opposing deregulation of trading hours, planning and zoning issues, abolition of plastic bags and container deposit legislation.

As industry compliance training specialists, MGA has officially launched its MGA online training and compliance website – [www.mgaonline.com.au](http://www.mgaonline.com.au). Members are invited to go to this site to explore the many compliance training options available. They include accredited Food Safety training – basic / handlers and supervisors courses, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Work Place Health and Safety modules and Safe Work Instructions packages. Remember all proceeds from MGA training online will be put toward adding additional support services for the benefit of MGA members.

The next time you receive an MGA IR magazine the federal election will have passed, we will have a newly elected government and there will be more than 25 new faces, after retirements, sitting in the Parliament.

Until next edition – good trading.

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CEO – MGA Independent Retailers

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~IN TOWN~  
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**SUPERMARKETS & CONVENIENCE EXPO**  
17th – 19th July 2016  
Stand 194

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**SPAR**  
**TRADE SHOW**  
28th – 30th July 2016