AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND JUDGING COMMITTEE

AWARDS JUDGING CHAIRMAN

Pierre Pienaar (Prof) MSc, FAIP, CPP has a Master of Science Degree (Packaging Engineering/Technology) from Brunel University, UK. He has lectured in the technology and science of packaging at various universities for the past 28 years and is currently a tutor for the correspondence course being offered through the AIP, namely the Diploma in Packaging. Pierre is the AIP Education Director and the President of the World Packaging Organisation. He is a Certified Packaging Professional and Fellow of the AIP.

Pierre Pienaar’s interest in packaging started in 1984 after having studied pharmacy. Shortly after joining a large pharmaceutical company, Pierre became concerned about a number of packaging-related issues in the pharmaceutical world. Hence Pierre began his studies in packaging and his move within the same company to Packaging Research and Development. This combined field has taken him to the far corners of the world, always involving one or other aspects of research in packaging.

Scott Atkinson BEng (Mech) is a Professional Engineer and a member of the Institution of Engineers Australia (Mechanical) and an Affiliated member of AIRAH, with experience in the beverage (Tasmanian Breweries, Boags) and food (Simplot Australia) industries spanning 40 years. During Scott’s career, his roles have included Quality Control, Packaging and Warehouse Management, Plant Engineering, Project Engineering and Management, Equipment Procurement, and providing Technical and Engineering advice to Marketing and Packaging personnel. Scott’s packaging technology experience is wide ranging and include, frozen, chilled, MAP and shelf stable, with packaging types ranging from, glass (bottle & jar), can (aluminium & steel), flexible (Poly & Laminate materials) tray sealing & MAP processing. More recently Scott has been focused on developing his Project Engineering company dedicated to servicing the Food Industry.

Victor is the co-founder of Empauer, an international sustainability practice. His main area of focus is with EcoDex, a leading LCA software tool, that assesses the environmental impacts of packaging. He is formerly the CEO of the Sustainable Packaging Alliance and maintains a strong level of interest in packaging sustainability and the elimination of food waste.

Scott Atkinson BEng (Mech)
MIEAust, Affil.AIRAH.
Director
TWO33K Engineering

Victor Barichello
Co-Founder
Empauer
Tim Bateman has many years' experience in the Print and Packaging Industry. He has worked in both the Production of and as an End User of packaging. Tim has experience principally in Food and Beverage Packaging in many areas covering labelling, soft and hard plastics - cartons, corrugated, and display packaging. Tim also has extensive experience in decorating of all these packaging formats print and pre-press, of developing these formats from a production and end user perspective. He is very keen to work in developing, innovation and the use of new materials into providing sustainable options.

After starting his working life as an electrician and working in the electrical industry in various roles Burt Beaumont FAIP transitioned to the packaging industry. Burt has over 30 years’ experience in the packaging industry working for only two companies in this time. During his time in the packaging industry Burt has held positions as Product Manager Ink Jet and National Sales & Service Manager for Signet Identification Systems (now known as insignia). This was followed as Major Accounts & Sales Manager ANZ for Fibre King for the end-of-line packaging systems. Burt was also a Director and Treasurer of the APPMA for many years and only recently retired from full-time employment to further explore life. Burt is a Fellow of the AIP.

Keith Chessell FAIP has 46 years’ experience within the Food, Beverage & Confectionery industry (Cottee’s, Schweppes, Pepsi, Cadbury, Kraft/Mondelez) with the innovation and development of new products and the relaunch of existing products and packaging. In recent years his focus has been on sustainable packaging design and assisting the AIP & WPO on Save Foods initiatives and training support for Educational institutions. Judging packaging designs awards has been a great interest over the past 8 years and he has combined this with his ‘Sustainable Packaging Design’ consultancy and supporting AIP and industry in Sustainable Packaging Design & Save Foods initiatives and is the AIP representative on the LCA Standards Australia committee. Keith is a Fellow of the AIP.

Gavin Cox is a qualified mechanical engineering working exclusively in the food industry for twenty nine years. For the last fifteen years Gavin has been a director and partner of Metromotion and Metromotion Controls - project management, design, and installation companies that have successfully provided process, packaging, and control services to the local and overseas food industry. Having qualified as a mechanical engineer in 1986, Gavin’s started his engineering career with Cadbury Schweppes as a project engineer in Tasmania. During nine years spent with Cadbury, Gavin served on many local and overseas Cadbury sites delivering a range of projects and new products for the group. In his time in the industry Gavin has enjoyed delivering projects including Bulla Cream’s Colac Manufacturing Plant, Cadbury Twirl and Time Out lines, and the new Regional Kitchen center delivering meals on wheels to 20 of Melbourne’s councils.
Paul Drakeford has over 20 years experience in the packaging industry working in both rigid plastic and tin plate business segments. Previous experience in production and plant management, sales, project management and product development. Currently about to complete a general manager posting in Fiji with the next focus being on business development in the Australian plastics market. Paul has a keen interest in product innovation and process improvement.

Jason Fields FAIP has worked in Packaging Development for over 20 years with SC Johnson Wax, Colgate Palmolive, SunRice, Primo Smallgoods and now JBS. He has been with JBS for nearing 12 months. In his career he has been heavily involved in NPD, Margin improvement, vendor auditing, setting up the businesses vendor assurance system. Jason has a Bachelor of Applied Science – Applied Chemistry Degree and sits on both the QLD AIP committee and National Board, he was honoured with being made a Fellow of the AIP in 2011.

Part of Fonterra’s Global Research and Development team, Chris Hartwell MAIP, CPP is based at the Fonterra Research and Development Centre (FRDC) in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Responsible for the identification and commercialisation of novel packaging and packing technologies, his role also encompasses the provision of packaging technical support to Fonterra’s global platform. Chris is one of Fonterra’s subject matter expert (SME) on global packaging regulations. He has worked in a number of roles within the packaging industry, the dairy industry and was a previous Packaging Manager for Unilever in New Zealand. As well as extensive industry experience he also holds qualifications in both Food Science and Packaging Technology and has recently received one of New Zealand’s first Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) designations through the AIP.

George Ganzenmuller FAIP holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Food Technology) from the University of Queensland, a Diploma in Packaging Technology and a Diploma in Business Management. He has been instrumental in the AIP for over twenty years and is a Past National President, State Chairman and National Board Director. George has worked in the packaging industry for 30 years and has extensive expertise in primary and transport packaging, regulatory compliance for packaging, packaging systems and product innovation. George was also recognised for his significant contributions and extensive knowledge to the packaging industry and has been awarded the Founders Award and a Fellowship of the AIP. He holds multiple patents and has won numerous Packaging Design Awards.
Dr Carol Kilcullen-Lawrence PhD, FAIP’s experience in the packaging industry spans over 25 years, starting with a technical role that underpinned the selection of the most appropriate label material to complement the packaging. This role was enhanced by a background in chemistry, including a PhD in polymer chemistry, gained at Loughborough University UK. She has expertise in assessing the environmental impacts of packaging label stocks to select sustainable raw materials, together with ensuring that where appropriate, mechanisms are in place for third party verification of their environmental credentials. Carol is the current National President of the AIP and a Fellow of the Institute.

Ralph Moyle FAIP CPP is an experienced food-packaging consultant with 40 years in the food processing industry and 20 years focused on packaging. Through a unique range of senior management experiences in Packaging, Operations, Technical and Quality Assurance in large and medium FMCG businesses, Ralph has brought increased value to many organisations through the value of smarter packaging at less waste. Ralph’s packaging knowledge has resulted in successful contemporary designs and material selections, improved shelf life, lower material costs, shorter supply chains and environmentally-friendly selections that have provided greater economic value. Ralph is a Past National President of the AIP, a Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) and a Fellow of the AIP.

Sandra Murphy has worked in the flexible packaging industry for more than 10 years, primarily in the FMCG market, starting out in Ireland. She has experience in snacks and confectionery; meat and dairy industry segments. She has also worked with many types of packaging and film structures from waxpaper to low barrier and high barrier films, plain and printed and the various performance criteria which are typically part of such projects. Now being a part of an extremely dynamic and innovative team in Multivac where upon they look at a range of solutions whether chamber machines, tray sealers or thermoformer solutions along with a huge array of agencies from Bizerba, Schroeter, Buhmann, Handtmann to Provisur and TVI. Being a part of the commercial aspects of the business is just the icing on the cake because, this, along with the technical aspects, gives Sandra a 360° view of their business and their customers’ needs.

Anthony Peyton MAIP became a Director of the AIP in early 2017 having worked within the packaging sector for over 20 years. He founded his consulting firm in 2001, which has provided a range of professional services including helping businesses prepare action plans and annual reports for the Australian Packaging Covenant. More recently, Anthony has lead the launch of the PREP, which is a software used by pack designers to design recyclable packaging; the PREP is now available to members of APCO to underpin the Australasian Recycling Label.
Greg Roberts FAIP, CPP has over 40 years global experience across all packaging material types and processes, working for blue chips companies and smaller start up companies helping with their initial packaging selections. His service offerings include packaging design, cost reduction, trouble shooting, shelf ready, artwork management/die lines, Covenant action plans/environmental assessments, supply chain value analysis, staff development/in house training, quality systems, HACCP programs/auditing, expert witness, continuous improvement, project management. Greg is a Certified Packaging Professional (CPP) and a Fellow of the AIP.

A member of the AIP, and Blackmores’ Sustainability Manager, leading corporate responsibility commitments, Jackie Smiles AAIP is committed to enhancing industry through education, networking and leadership, and participates in state and national forums and conferences. She brings more than 20 years of experience in the areas of procurement and supply chain to the AIP, along with industry achievements such as the iconic Blackmores Amber Bulk Pack. Taking seven years from design to commercialisation the pack went on to win several awards including a prestigious WorldStar Packaging Award. Jackie is the AIP Association Representative on the board of the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation.

Llewellyn Stephens FAIP has worked for Peters Ice Cream, Kraft, General Jones (Chiko), Beatrice (Patra), Pacific Brand Food Group (Latina, Fleury Michon, Simplot), ICM, Berri, National Foods before he retired, Lion in the food industry for forty years. His roles have been in quality assurance, technical, OH&S, manufacturing, procurement and packaging development. His working life has given him exposure to a variety of packaging formats and equipment options which makes him a generalist rather than a specialist in any one area. He has been heavily involved in the AIP since 2002 and was awarded the prestigious Founder’s Awards in 2012 for his significant contribution to technology, design and innovation in the packaging industry. Llew is a Past National President and Fellow of the AIP.

Associate Professor Karli Verghese FAIP is a Principal Research Fellow in the Industrial Design program of the School of Design, RMIT University, Melbourne. Her research projects have included the development of decision support tools for packaging, resource efficiency, food waste, eco-design and one currently being developed for Australia’s Antarctic research station (Casey). Research themes include the role of packaging, packaging sustainability, food loss/waste across supply chains, resource efficiency, waste management, and life cycle assessment. She is also the REDUCE Research Program Leader of the proposed Fight Food Waste and Fraud CRC. Karli is a Fellow of the AIP.