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# 2023 AIP AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING CONFERENCE

## PROGRAM



### 28-29 March - Crown Promenade, Melbourne

The AIP Australasian Packaging Conference will be held in person in March 2023. This will be the first time since the pandemic that the AIP has been able to run this important industry event in real life. 2023 is also a very special year for the AIP in that the Institute will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

The 2023 AIP Australasian Packaging Conference will be held at the Crown Promenade, Melbourne on the 28th & 29th of March and will be designed to deliver a two-day educational program that will cover a broad range of topics relating to the theme 2025 & BEYOND.

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### DAY ONE - TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023

#### 8.00 am REGISTRATIONS

#### 8.45 am KEYNOTE SESSION 1



**Jason Fields FAIP, CPP**  
President  
Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



**Prof Pierre Pienaar MSc, FAIP, CPP**  
President  
World Packaging Organisation (WPO)



**Nerida Kelton MAIP**  
Vice President  
Sustainability & Save Food  
World Packaging Organisation (WPO)



**Gian De Belder**  
Technical Director  
Procter & Gamble (P&G)

#### 10.00 am Morning Tea in the Partners Area

#### 10.30 am KEYNOTE SESSION 2



**Bill Heague**  
General Manager  
Mars Food Australia



**Bryan McKay FAIP**  
Head of Packaging  
Woolworths Food Company



**Karunia Adhiputra (Adhi) AAIP**  
Head of Packaging Oceania  
Nestlé Australia

#### 11.30 am KEYNOTE SESSION 3



**Rebecca Gilling**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Planet Ark



**Geoff Parker**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Beverages Council



**Tanya Barden OAM**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Food & Grocery Council



**Greg Griffith**  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Retail Association



**Chris Foley**  
Chief Executive Officer  
APCO

#### 12.30 pm Lunch in the Partners Area

#### 1.30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1A - 1D

##### 1A. Materials Now & Into the Future



**Darell Chung MAIP, CPP**  
Sustainable Packaging Manager - South Asia, Downstream  
Milliken Asia



**Kelly Taylor**  
Business Development Manager  
TrendPac



**Marlene Cronje-Vermeulen MAIP**  
Future Works Manager  
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners



**Ben McCulloch AAIP**  
Product Manager - MarPET  
Martlog Group

##### 1B. Future of Compostable Packaging



**Scott Henschke AAIP**  
Head of Sales and Marketing  
Confoil



**Rowan Williams**  
Regional Market Development Manager, Asia Pacific  
Biopolymers ecotiff® & ecovio  
BASF



**Michael Wood**  
Consultant  
Sacyr Environmental



**Ruby Schultz**  
Government Partnerships Coordinator  
APCO



##### 1C. Intelligent Packaging



**Daniel Cross**  
Group General Manager - Sales  
Detmold



**Marcel Sieira**  
Chief Customer Officer  
GS1 Australia



**Luke Wood**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Escavox



**Andrew Healy**  
Chief Executive Officer  
TLC Asia Pacific

##### 1D. Closed Loop Collection



**Scott Bryant**  
Circular Economy Coordinator  
City of Greater Bendigo



**Liza Vernalls MAIP**  
Packaging Innovation Manager  
Yates



**Adam Lindsay**  
Founder, Chief Innovation Officer  
Koh



**Steve Morriss MAIP**  
Founder/Head of Circular Economy Development  
Close the Loop Group

#### 3.00 pm Afternoon Tea in the Partners Area

#### 3.30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2A - 2C

##### 2A. New Designs for Beverage



**Bernard Waterson AAIP**  
Managing Director  
Metalprint Australia



**Mike Davies**  
Co-Founder  
Greenskin Wines



**Jacqueline Kay**  
Marketing Manager  
Browns Dairy



**Steve Mitchell**  
Principal Consultant  
Thinkstep - ANZ

##### 2B. The future of Fibre



**Keith Chessell FAIP**  
Education Team  
Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



**Ian Hayes FAIP**  
Packaging Specialist  
APCO



**John Bigley MAIP**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Zipform Packaging



**Sarish Shashidhar**  
Industrial Designer  
BioPak

##### 2C. Container Deposit Schemes



**Shannon Doherty AAIP**  
Sustainability Manager  
Australian Beverages Council



**James Dorney**  
Chief Executive Officer  
TOMRA Cleanaway



**Tim Cusack**  
Chief Executive Officer  
WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd

#### 5.00 pm CLOSE OF FIRST DAY

#### 6.30 pm Pre-Dinner drinks for PIDA Awards Gala Dinner

#### 7.00 pm PIDA AWARDS GALA DINNER

Dinner proudly supported by



## DAY TWO - WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023

### 8.00 am REGISTRATIONS

### 8.45 am KEYNOTE SESSION 4



**Dr Liz Goodwin**  
Director, Food Loss and Waste  
World Resources Institute (WRI)



**Brianna Casey**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Foodbank Australia



**Brooke Donnelly**  
General Manager, Sustainability  
Coles Group

### 10.00 am KEYNOTE SESSION 5



**Lindy Hughson**  
Managing Editor & Publisher  
PKN Packaging News



**Azadeh Yousefi MAIP**  
Packaging Designer  
Production Packaging Innovation



**Anhely Millán MAIP**  
Founder  
Sustainability for Kids



**Maria Becerril Roman AAIP**  
Packaging Technologist - R&D Packaging JANZ & GC Chocolate  
Mondelēz International

### 11.00 am Morning Tea in the Partners Area

### 11.30 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3A - 3C

#### 3A. Product Stewardship: a tool to enable a circular economy



**Nicole Garofano PhD, AAIP**  
Head of Circular Economy Development  
Planet Ark



**John Gertsakis**  
Director  
Product Stewardship Centre of Excellence



**Paul Klymenko**  
Chief Sustainability Advisor  
PlanetArk



**Kelvin Davies MAIP**  
Global Projects Manager  
Nextek



#### 3B. SME's and their Journey to 2025



**Brett Henderson**  
Growth Facilitator - Entrepreneurs' Programme  
AusIndustry



**Campbell Chesworth**  
Business Development  
The Little Big Dairy Co



**Judith Raj**  
Operations Manager  
DentalLife

+ Update on the Australasian Recycling Label Marketplace for SME's by AIP.



#### 3C. Upcycling & the Australian Food Pact



**Rose Gooding**  
Sustainability Manager  
Goodman Fielder



**Sam Oakden**  
Voluntary Agreement Manager  
Stop Food Waste Australia



**Raquel Said**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Nutriv



**Francesca Goodman-Smith**  
Transform Project Leader  
Fight Food Waste CRC



### 1.00 pm Lunch in the Partners Area

### 2.00 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4A - 4C

#### 4A. The Future of Retail



**Bonnie Marshall**  
Policy Officer  
National Retail Association (NRA)



**Ebony Johnson**  
Policy Manager  
National Retail Association (NRA)



**Naira Gimenes**  
Sustainability Manager  
Retail Food Group



#### 4B. Circular Plastics Australia & Collaboration



**Andrew Smith**  
Executive General Manager, Recycling  
Pact Group



**Sarah Cook**  
Chief Procurement and Sustainability Officer  
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners



**Andrej Rakow**  
Head of M&A and Innovation  
Cleanaway



**Kirsten Sturzaker**  
Group Head of Sustainability  
Asahi



#### 4C. Packaging that Saves Food



**Nerida Kelton MAIP**  
Executive Director  
Australian Institute of Packaging (AIP)



**Gilad Sadan MAIP**  
Managing Director  
N.A.V.I. Co Global



**Gary White**  
Innovations and Compliance  
Caps & Closures



**Lukas Parker PhD**  
Associate Professor - School of Media and Communication  
RMIT University

### 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea in the Partners Area

### 4.00 pm KEYNOTE SESSION 6 - The future of Plastics Recycling for the region



**Barry Cosier MAIP**  
Sustainability Director  
Australian Food & Grocery Council (AFGC)



**Andrea Baldwin**  
Team Leader Waste Management  
AlburyCity



**Darren Thorpe**  
Managing Director  
APR Plastics, APR Kerbside & Australian Paper Recovery



**Julie Russ**  
Senior Manager, Service Delivery and Infrastructure  
Waste and Recycling Division Environment, Climate Action & First Peoples Group  
Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action



**Richard Smith FAIP**  
Director Sustainability - Asia Pacific  
Amcor Flexibles Asia Pacific



**Andrea Polson**  
Marketing Director  
Licella



### 5.00 pm CLOSE OF CONFERENCE





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