



# PIDA

## AUSTRALASIAN PACKAGING INNOVATION & DESIGN AWARDS 2026

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# 2026 INDUSTRY PACKAGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CRITERIA



The Industry Packaging Professional of the Year Award is designed to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding achievements and contribution by an individual currently working within the Packaging industry across Australia and New Zealand. The judges will be looking for individuals who have demonstrated vision and leadership, shows innovation and not afraid to take risks. For significant and continued contribution of an Individual to the packaging industry over a minimum period of 20 years.

An interview will be undertaken with the finalists as a part of the judging. There will be one winner from Australia and New Zealand.

## CRITERIA:

The nominee has been actively involved in expanding packaging knowledge, supporting packaging education, and furthering an understanding of contributions that packaging makes to society in the following manner:

1. The nominee has contributed to the technical, marketing, and/or economic advancement of the field of packaging in the following manner. Other packaging community-related achievements include:
  - a. The nominee has demonstrated leadership within the organisation for which he/she has worked, the communities in which he/she has lived and in the packaging business in general in the following manner:
  - b. Other business achievements:
  - c. Other personal and community achievements regarding the nominee. The citation should highlight and articulate the candidate's achievements and impact upon packaging in their country or world region.
2. Describe your/or the nominee career path to date. Please include Degrees, areas of expertise, years in the industry and any patents.
3. What are the top four major achievements that you/or the nominee have attained over their career? Please provide detail.
4. What will be the one program/initiative/development/design that you/the nominee will leave as your/their legacy? Please provide detail.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Nominees must have two references attached to this submission.
- ✓ Nominees must reside and work in Australia and or New Zealand, and have worked in the industry for 20 years to be eligible for this award.

## SUBMISSIONS \*UPDATED:

All nominations for awards must be submitted via the online platform <https://pida.awardsplatform.com>. Once you have created a user account in the competition platform, simply fill in the submission form.

A 300 dpi jpeg portrait photograph of the nominee must be included in the submission. With the on-line platform you can save your entry and finish it later.

Don't forget to complete all sections of the form by the 27 February 2026.

## WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Winners will be announced at the 2026 Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards ceremony on the Tuesday 28 July, Aviary, Crown Complex, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

## RECOGNITION:

1. A trophy will be awarded to the Winner. Finalists will receive a Certificate.
2. The winner and the finalists will be recognised within the AIP Newsletter, website and communication channels, as well as within the wider packaging and processing industry trade magazines and websites.
3. The winner will receive a PIDA Award winner logo for use within their marketing material and promotions.





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